



NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all and welcome to a belated newsletter, mainly my fault as we were very busy leading up to Congress and just got side tracked. I promise it won't happen again as I won't be in charge!!!

Firstly TRV would like to send out a congratulations to the Victorians that attended the World Bench rest Championships in Finland this month.

Annette Rowe, Kai Matczak, Scott Kiddle, Richard Lightfoot and Darcie George.

More than a special mention goes to Darcie with her first trip overseas to a World event and coming home with medals. An article in this edition will explain her success. And I am sure it will be the first of many.

Congratulations everyone and welcome home.

Congress was held in July at the Shotgun club at the Werribee International Shooting Complex (WISCI). It was held there so our member clubs see the possible site of our state range, rather than simply hear about it from us.

Discussions were held on the possible build and costings going forward and concerns that Council have to achieve this goal.

To help give us the information we need, a survey has been sent to all members to help us gauge and gather data on the likely usage of the facility. If you didn't see the survey, [**click here**](#) to see it.

The survey closes on the **5th of September** and to date about a fifth of our membership has completed this survey.

Council positions that were up for re-election were filled by the existing councillors.

This is something that everyone should be concerned about that we are still struggling to get volunteers at all levels of what we need for TRV.

Please have a think if you have spare time that you would like to give back to your sport in whatever capacity you would like to do. It would be greatly appreciated.

And finally after a long time TRA have adopted a new Operating Manual for the running of the TRA Nationals.

There has been a change that will now see 3 separate TRA Nationals per year, basically what we have now been doing here in Victoria for the last 2 years.

Next year there will be a ISSF-based Nationals, an All-Range Nationals on paper targets and the usual RBA Nationals.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Two of these events will be held in Victoria. The ISSF event will be at MISC and the All Range Championships at Lake Gilleard at Warrnambool in August.

Flyer and full details will follow in the near future. Hope everyone is excited about the changes and hope to see you at one or more events.

Cheers

Julie Holcome - President

THE VALUE OF GOOD CLUB JACKETS

Many clubs will have jackets for visitors and club members who may not yet have their own equipment.

In the case of my club, Camberwell, the jackets we had were quite old. Most were 30 or 40 years old, if not more. While they suited their original purpose, they didn't offer support, especially for holding slings, in what is now a very different technical environment.

Plus, worn old jackets aren't a good look for people shopping around for a sport in 2025.



We took the plunge by investing in 3 new jackets, a couple of slings and gloves for a bit over a grand -and with immediate results.

Our members who relied on the old jackets were quick to note improvements in their groupings.

The stronger construction enabled them to find more secure positions, leaving them to focus on ironing out other things to improve their scores.

It has also helped to update the look of the club - and leave a better impression on visitors.

Updating club jackets is not a panacea, but something other clubs might want to think about as they update their look & feel for members and visitors alike.

Local grants are often available to help clubs update their equipment - which is a topic I'll be covering in the next newsletter.

Neil Jenkins - Camberwell TRC

DARCIE'S FINNISH BENCHREST ODYSSEY

"The thrill of standing up in an Australian uniform, alongside a large team of like-minded people, has been incredible. Winning medals was more than I imagined possible."

- Darcie George



Ready to compete against the world's best in Finland

For young Warragul shooter Darcie George, the recent WRABF World Cup at the Ruutikangas Shooting Centre in Finland, was more than just a competition.

Competing against some of the best shooters from 26 nations, Darcie showed remarkable resilience and skill across multiple disciplines.

Her results, including several podium finishes, demonstrated her talent and ability to adapt under intense pressure.

In the Light and Heavy Air Rifle events, Darcie placed a commendable 4th in Juniors for both.

This demonstrated her determination to fight whatever nature threw at her, including fighting against an intense storm that arrived while shooting the third card in the Heavy Air Rifle event.

The International Sporter Rimfire event was one of the highlights of Darcie's campaign.

In that event, she stayed ahead of French junior Maxence Martin to claim her first silver medal in Juniors, behind Aussie teammate, Stella Dunn.

For someone competing internationally for the first time, it was an extraordinary achievement.

In the Light Rimfire Rifle event, Darcie managed to claim her second junior silver medal, holding her ground with consistent results on all of her cards.

The Heavy Rimfire Rifle event showcased her mental toughness, after a sighter shot broke into the scoring box following a scope change, costing her a six-point penalty

Despite this, Darcie still managed to climb back into second place, scoring a 249.11, just two shots behind Martin who took the gold. This gave Darcie her third international Junior silver medal.



Darcie taking silver, with fellow Aussie gold medalist Stella Dunn & French medalist, Max Martin in the sporter rimfire event



Darcie fighting through difficult conditions

DARCIE'S FINNISH BENCHREST ODYSSEY

Teamwork on the Line

Beyond the medals, one of the strongest aspects of the trip was the team spirit among the Australians.

Her success wasn't just individual, with the team pooling resources, working together on the firing line to call conditions, supporting each other, helping each other with flags, as well as sharing insights.

Lessons from the World Stage

International shooting competitions are not only about scores and medals.

They're about learning to read unknown ranges, dealing with unpredictable weather, and handling the nerves that come with wearing your nation's colours.

Darcie embraced all of it. The challenges – from last-minute storms to high-pressure relays – became stepping stones in her growth as a competitor.

More importantly, the friendships and cultural exchanges left her with what her father, Richard, described as:

"a thirst to see more of the world and its people."

Darcie's journey is a powerful reminder of what is possible in shooting.

International competition may seem distant, but the pathway is open to anyone willing to put in the work at local and national levels.

Richard sums up Darcie's Finland experience this way:

"She really enjoyed the team experience and the international competition. The friendships, pressure, and thrill of being out there in the Australian uniform – is something that will stay with her for years to come."



Darcie with fellow Aussie and bronze medalist, Andrew Dunn



With her Heavy 22.

AS THE WEATHER WARMS UP



Spring marks the return of more “shoulder-to-shoulder” competitions, with the Glenelg / Hamilton shoot in mid September, Kyabram Long Range shoot in October and Lilydale supported 10m event and Albury Classic all coming up before November.

Shoulder-to-shoulder is simply another way of saying you shoot alongside other shooters at the same venue.

It means you’re all facing the same conditions – and getting out and about a bit more to enjoy your sport.

Don’t forget the postal competitions too.

The Camberwell 600 has just started, with Leongatha’s 600, and even some online shooting events before November.



People new to shooting might think they aren’t good enough to enter these comps.

That’s completely wrong!

All these competitions are a great way to find out what the sport offers, how to improve your own scores –and get to know the many other friendly TRV members who are quite happy to share their knowledge.



It’s also a great way to have a weekend away somewhere.

More often than not, heading away for a weekend comp is as much about just having a break than the competition itself.

.. and the good news is that you can go away several times a year without leaving the state (except for Albury, of course)!

Even if you don’t have your own gear, have a chat with the President of your club to see if you can borrow it – especially if they’re going to the same competition.

For information on all these events, go to the calendar page at TRV’s website (trv.org.au), or by **clicking here**.

ISSF CLOTHING CHANGES

Last month, the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) released **a statement** about proposals for changes to rifle discipline clothing. It says that changes will include new testing tolerances for rifle jackets, trousers and shoes.

It stressed that the proposals are not finalised and may require more consideration, and are currently recommendations from the ISSF Technical and Athletes Committees.

The statement says the intention is that shooters will be able to use existing clothing as the measures are implemented. If the clothing meets the new tolerances, then no adjustments will be needed. Otherwise some adjustments may be required.

It says the proposals will be further discussed and developed during the rest of this year through the relevant ISSF discipline and responsible Committees. They are likely to be ratified for implementation on 1 January 2026.

We appreciate you may have a lot of questions about this, however, we have little more detail than that at this stage. We will send out more information through this newsletter when it becomes available.

STATE RANGE USAGE SURVEY

The dream of a TRV owned state range remains alive with a proposal to develop a site in Melbourne's west that will eventually enable TRV to host state and national events at its own venue.

While the details of what will be funded were discussed at this year's Congress in July and are yet to be finalised, TRV's Council wants to know what the level of usage is likely to be.

This information will then help member clubs better understand what the costs and benefits of the proposal are so they can then vote on whether they do or don't support it.

Is a state range something you'd use?

To let us know, we set up a survey which was emailed to members a couple of weeks ago.

If you haven't completed the survey, please take a few minutes to do so because the information will help us better understand the business case that will underpin the investment.

If you didn't see the email or have lost the link, simply **click here** or to go to tinyurl.com/TRVWISUsage. The survey will remain open until **Friday 5 September**.

Thanks for your help!

TRV PINS



Get your lapel TRV badge – for just \$10!

These measure 3cm by 1.8cm – and have the pin clasp for ties, jackets – almost anything you can wear!



Order yours by emailing Julie Holcombe at **president@trv.org.au**

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER ...

As our President, Julie Holcombe, said, TRV needs volunteers to run every aspect of what we do.



Doing this can be very rewarding, especially when you can see it help grow and develop our sport.

Whether that's coaching, judging, running a club or dealing any of the admin tasks, every little bit helps – so we can enjoy our sport going forward.

As I take on this newsletter, I'm hoping those of you who run the clubs or get to the shoots can share your stories with the rest of TRV.

This is especially helpful for the newer members who may have never been to a competition and would like to find out more about what TRV offers.

If you've got a story about something that's been great for your club, maybe one of the longer term members whose got a great yarn to tell, let us know.

We would also love to hear from those of you who can share useful tips. Everything from finding a better position, to maybe a better set up at the firing point – and that elusive better sight picture – is more than welcome.

Or maybe your club has an upcoming prize meeting we can feature here?

We're also happy to hear from any one who wants to buy or sell gear, rather than let it collect dust. Let us know by return email.

Neil Jenkins – Editor (Email: editor@trv.org.au)



OLIVIA HEADS TO ISSF WORLD CUP & CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Olivia Cartwright for her selection to compete at the ISSF World Cup at Ningbo, China in September – and the ISSF World Championship in Cairo, Egypt in November.

Olivia is set to do us proud in the women's 10m Air Rifle and 50m 3 Position events. Joining her are Charlotte Bland in 10m Air Rifle and Jack Rossiter in the Men's 10m Air Rifle and 3 Position events.

So well done on your selection, Olivia – and best of luck!



TRV RBA STATE TITLES – WANGARATTA

Welcome to the North East!

Pulling out of the garage on the Saturday morning of the Vic State Titles, the fog was so heavy and morning so cold, it was hard to even get to the gate.

Working our way to the club tucked down behind the scout hall at Barr Reserve, it was great to soon have the heaters on full and fireplace welcoming everyone to the range.

The weekend started with Air Bench and this is where Zali proceeded to remind me *"why did you have to have a metal air rifle"* as her finger started to turn blue. It was big coats and beanies for most and then we always have that one person who had shorts on. Conditions for Air were tricky enough that you had to make sure you had your eyes open and a quick acquisition of point of aim already planned in your head.

Despite the cold and gloom of the fog to start with everyone was in great spirits and a great weekend was started.

Everything ran smoothly and professionally, as the fog lifted and the sun emerged. Along with hot coffee and good food provided by Wangaratta club you could see that all that travelled far and wide for this event were enjoying themselves.

With Air rifle completed and the help of all the shooters, the range was cleared and ready to enter into the 50m Rimfire events. Scores came out in a very timely fashion so. I didn't see the scorers tucked away in the little scoring room so can only imagine the frantic work that they were doing. A big thank you to the scorers and very well done on your efforts all through the weekend.

Then it was time for the Rimfire events, kicking off with International Sporter. Conditions by now had warmed up to *"I can take off the beanie"* level, but with this also came the wind and for the rest of the day, the switches and gusts didn't let off.

TRV RBA STATE TITLES – WANGARATTA

Sitting on the sidelines watching and listening, I always have a smile as you hear “the wind said this, but bullet said – nope I’m going over here” stories. However despite all the stories there were some very nice scores posted.

With day finishing and pub booked, people packed up to go and made sure the heating stayed on before heading out to a meal and inevitable yarns.

Sunday morning started a little differently as sun came out and this one was WHITE. Every thing was frozen, the grass and even the flag poles put out the night before. However Sunday reflected the way things were run on the Saturday, and the Wangaratta club made everyone welcome yet again.

With jackets and beanies still firmly in place, the wind was doing its thing and shooters who were patient were the ones rewarded as conditions constantly changed.

I learnt the hard way that pushing your luck risked pushing a shot out into the 8 ring as the wind switched before the flags moved.

In Light Rifle we saw some nice scores posted and it was really nice to see a Junior give us old farts a run. But I will say that Kurt and Darcie were in a league of their own with consistency, putting them well ahead. With Light Rifle done, and rimfire and Heavy Rifle to go, conditions once again remained challenging.

At the end of the first card of the Heavy Rifle event, the intensity of the conditions had lifted and scores reflected this – along with the raising of banter and discussions. Rumours were already out that the 250’s were there to be shot – and they were.

There were just 6 points between 1st and 11th, so yes you had to bring along the A game.

Reflecting back on the weekend, it reminded me of why I have always enjoyed shooting sport. When you need help there is always someone there to give it. It doesn’t matter if it is a little bit of coaching or equipment that needs a tickle up right down to packing up the range everyone will give a hand.

Thank you to the organisers, and in particular, Peter Anderson and Dennis Peacock. I am sure there are more to mention, for a well run event at a great regional facility.

Lastly thank you to Wangaratta Smallbore club for opening your facilities, providing the catering and keeping us warm. For everyone else, thanks for coming along and reminding me why I still enjoy shooting as a fun and friendly sport.

Jaegen Peet – Albury SBRC

TRV PRESENTATION DINNER

The TRV Presentation Dinner being held at Melbourne International Shooting Club on Saturday, November 29. It's the premiere annual event where all the prizes you've enjoyed shooting for are awarded, including the coveted team events

We will be covering this in more detail in the next newsletter, but with the end of the year fast approaching, you might want to pencil it into your diaries before you forget!

To book your spot, check out the flyer by [clicking here](#) or go to: trv.org.au/results/2025/2025-TRV-Marathon-Dinner.pdf.

To make the trip worthwhile, it will be held on the same day as the TRV Marathon Match at the range. Details are on the same flyer.

TRV CLOTHING

You can get TRV branded clothing available. If you wish to purchase any items please Email secretary@trv.org.au with details of the items you want and the size.

Women's Sizes: 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22

Men's Sizes: S, M, L XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, 5XL



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DELIVERIES CAN BE ARRANGED TO MOST PRIZE MEETINGS, WARREN POTENT MATCHES
AND COUNCIL MEETINGS IF ORDERS ARE PLACED BY THE PRIOR WEDNESDAY EVENING