



WASRA NEWS

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WASRA's General Committee is very pleased to announce it has fill both vacancies from October's Annual General Meeting.

**WASRA's
New
STATE SECRETARY**

is
Cameron Rolfe

PUBLICITY OFFICER

is
Leith Taylor

WASRA welcomes the affiliation of a new club

WA Smallbore Precision Shooting

A BIG welcome also to all WASPS
new members who have joined
WASRA since the club's formation

WASRA worked closely with its club management to foster this popular and more contemporary F Class scoped rifle shooting.

We hope the club has a long and successful history

All dates are PROVISIONAL and subject to General Committee or Club endorsement

26 st JANUARY	Australia Day Celebration twilight shoot — Whiteman Range – 5pm
20 th FEBRUARY	Three Range Open— 20m, 50m, 90m ISSF ,Bench & F-Class – Whiteman Range – 9.30am
12 th —13 th MARCH	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 1 : 3PCompetition
13 th MARCH	Swiss Cup – 60 x 50m ISSF & Benchrest – Whiteman Range – 9.30am
26 th —27 th MARCH	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 1 : Air Rifle, Prone, Benchrest
13 th —18 th APRIL	Australian National Championships - Belmont Range — Brisbane — Queensland
23 rd —26 ^h APRIL	Australian Masters Games 2022 - Whiteman Park Range — Perth — West Australia
26 th APRIL	State Postal Championships Entries—Closing date
1 st MAY	State Postal Championships – Start Date
14 th —15 th MAY	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 2 : 3P
14 th —15 th MAY	Kalamunda Shoot - 60x50m - Sat Prone and F-Class – Kalamunda 10am + (Potent Rnd 1) - Sun Benchrest – Kalamunda 9am +
28 th —29 th MAY	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 2 : Air Rifle, Prone, Benchrest
4 th —5 th JUNE	Subiaco Open Shoot - Sat 60x50m Prone, Bench & F-Class – Whiteman Park 9:30am - Sun Dual Range (20m/90m) Prone, Bench & F-Class – Whiteman Park 9:30am
19 th JUNE	Post-Tels Open—Dual Range (20m/90m) Prone, Bench & F-Class – Whiteman Park 9:30am
9 th —10 th JULY	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 3 : 3P
17 th JULY	Murray Open - 60x50m Prone, Bench & F-Class – Whiteman Park 9:30am + Potent 3 rd Rd
30 th —31 th JULY	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 3 : Air Rifle, Prone, Benchrest
14 th AUGUST	Champagne Shoot - 60x50m prone benchrest & F Class Whiteman 9:30am + Potent 4 th
31 st AUGUST	State Postal Championships – Finish Date
10 th —11 th SEPTEMBER	Kalamunda 90 - 60x90m - Sat Prone and F-Class – Kalamunda 9am - Sun Benchrest – Kalamunda 9am
10 th —11 th SEPTEMBER	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 4 : 3P
24 th —25 th SEPTEMBER	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 4: Air Rifle, Prone, Benchrest
SEPTEMBER	Warren Potent (Winchester) Postals 5 th Rd– Whiteman Park Range 9:30am
15 th & 16 th OCTOBER	State Championships - Whiteman Park Range - Prone 50m and Dual Range Matches
22 nd OCTOBER	WASRA Annual General Meeting - Whiteman Park 3pm
22 nd & 23 rd OCTOBER	State Championships - Whiteman Park Range - Benchrest 50m and Dual Range Matches
12 th —13 th NOVEMBER	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 5 : 3P
26 th —27 th NOVEMBER	TRA Online Competition Series Rnd 5: Air Rifle, Prone, Benchrest

WASRA GENERAL COMMITTEE 2022

President:.....	Peter Hug	Snr Vice President:.....	Greg Carson
Secretary	Cameron Rolfe	Treasurer:	Kevin Brice
State Coach:	Peter Oliver	State Captain:	Garry Easton
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TRA Delegate:	Tricia Van Nus	WPISC Delegate	Peter Hug

WASRA web site— www.wasra.asn.au - under new management

Material for publication is invited and should be received not later than February 15th 2022.

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Firstly I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable and safe festive season.

Another year has gone by and the Association is going well. We have a new Secretary to replace our long serving office bearer in Owen. And we are very happy to announce that Cameron Rolfe has offered his services as Secretary and we are grateful for Cameron's offer. From an Association point of view our Secretary is one of the most important positions on our Committee. So once again thanks Cameron. I am sure everyone will assist him in fulfilling the position.

Any that has visited the range will have seen the new lawn that has been laid on the 20m outdoor range. In my opinion it now looks like it has finally been completed. It is also reticulated to ensure that we are able to maintain it in its current condition. So thanks to the band of members that have taken on the lawn maintenance. Without them it would not be possible to maintain the magnificent outlook from the firing point.

Range usage is also on the way up with the indoor air range now being used on a Tuesday night and from all reports it is proving very popular. WASRA has purchased some new air rifle which are due to arrive very soon. So anyone wishing to come and try air rifle will be able to. Air rifle is a growing sector of our sport and I would encourage any members who may be interested to contact the members who are offering their time to help re-establish this discipline.

Another big plus has been the establishment of a new club, WASPS, They shoot on Thursday nights and has been having very good numbers attending. It is actively promoting the uptake of F Class as well as benchrest and prone if you wish. The club has added nearly 20 new members to WASRA headcount which is a fantastic effort on their behalf.

With the new WASPS club and air rifle there is now opportunities to enjoy our sport on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday evenings as well as the range being open on Tuesday and Saturdays for practise. What more could we as Members want?

So all I can request is that all members avail themselves of the increased opportunities to utilise our Whiteman Park range to help WASRA keep growing. It deserves to be a shooting facility that people aspire to visit and utilise.

Don't forget please contact me if there is anything you wish to discuss

Peter Hug
President

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EDITORIAL

Well I hope everyone found somewhere cool to spend all those very hot days between Christmas and New Year. It is just as well we didn't need to think about shooting in those temperatures. It reminded me of our drive after Christmas in 2019 in similar temperatures towing our caravan from Port August up to Darwin. Because it was so hot we didn't want to stop each day. Can we be lucky and don't see any more of those hot days.

In this newsletter there is lots to learn about our shooting in 2022. But I will leave it for Peter, our President, to tell everyone all the big news and some of it was really good news for me.

Also included with this newsletter is WASRA's 2022 Calendar of Events card. But for a few you got it hand delivered recently. Please let me know if you need another one. If you don't need it then it would be good if you can get it back to me.

In this issue there is details of a new monthly TRA on-line competition. To use our Whiteman Park electronic target system "decimal" scores will be needed. For our normal "ring" scores paper targets must be used. Let Garry, State Captain know if you think you might want to shoot in these competitions.

Lets all hope that we can have another year here in WA where this horrible COVID doesn't stop our shooting again. I am really glad we didn't need to be wearing masks for too long like everyone in the east. I really hate my glasses fogging up all the time when I'm breathing. I should have had my booster about the time I need to come to the first competition.

Do we need everyone on our ranges to be double vaccinated? So many of us are in the vulnerable older age group and many have some risky underlying health issues.

But what would be terrific is if lots of entries can come from the east to our Australian Masters Games in April. If you're over 35 you can enter. There are links for you to get an updated program and revised entry details include in this newsletter.

Hope to see you all on the range again soon at the Australia Day twilight shoot.

Kerryanne Oliver
Editor

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD

What is it and why a WASRA Member may need one explained

Whenever you need to undertake duties for WASRA or any club where you need to make contact with Children you will need a **Working with Children Card**.

If you are a coach, range officer or a person performing a role in a club and having other communications with children under the age of 18 years. This includes face to face, emails, telephone or any other means of communication.

To analyse whether you require a Working With Children Card (WWC) there is a very helpful and informative Working with Children website www.workingwithchildren.wa.gov.au. You can get most answers and other helpful information in its "Applicants & Card Holders" area. If still not sure you can contact WASRA Working with Children Co-Ordinator, Susan McKenna 0419 646 656 or catch up with her on a Wednesday night at Whiteman Park.

To make your first WWC Application you will need to get and completed its application form from any Post Office. Then it must be signed off by Susan McKenna. After it has been endorsed by Sue it can be lodge and small application fee paid at a Post Office.

Each Card is valid for three (3) years. All future card renewal applications can be on online once you have a registered WWC account. Renewal on line must be completed before the expiry date on the WWC. And Sue is required to also endorse your renewal on-line.

Anyone who still holds a valid WWC from another sport or because of their employment (i.e. teacher) should provide its details to their WASRA club or Sue McKenna, our WWC Co-Ordinator . Usually all that is needed is a scanned copy of both sides of the card. This will ensure you, your club and WASRA will be compliant with the law with any WASRA duties.

"The Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 was passed by WA State Parliament on 26 November 2004, and then proclaimed on 1st January 2006. Since proclamation a number of amendments have been made to the Act and Regulations."

Failing to comply with any requirement of the Act can result in fines for the person and the Association. There have been prosecutions that have resulted in large fines.

This is also why when anyone who applies for WASRA membership and is under 18 years old must provide a completed and signed WASRA PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM.

It should also be remembered that anyone taking photographs which include a child under 18 then parent/guardian permission must be obtain before it can be used, posted on a website or be published elsewhere. Do not take it for granted that this permission will be given.

SPORTWEST— 2021 RAC SPORTS AWARD

WASRA Nominees

WASRA has submitted three nominations for West Australia's prestigious RAC SportWest Sports Star Awards.

- Senior Sports Star **Peter Oliver** A worthy nominee supported by his stellar medal winning performances across the 2021 year with record breaking efforts in our State Championships
- Junior Sports Star **Michael Pintabona** Recognition of significant skill improvements competing mostly in senior competitions with an outstanding State Championship results.
- Service to Sport **Owen Oliver** Recognition for all his voluntary contributions across 2021 before retiring after decades in many senior WASRA management positions.

NEW—TRA 2022 ONLINE COMPETITION

For both Individuals and State Teams

TRA acknowledges that the requirements will preclude or make it difficult for some locations/athletes to compete in every round. However, with only 3 scores needed to register a result, hopefully most people can make it to at least the 3 events at their closest suitable range throughout the year.

1. Disciplines

Separate competitions for each discipline on either Decimal—Electronic target (Sat.) or Integer—Paper targets (Sun.)

- * 10m Air Rifle
- * 10m Supported Air Rifle (60 Shots)
- * 50m Prone
- * 50m TRA Benchrest
- * 50m 3P #

Only one event and electronic or paper scores can be submitted

2. Competition Dates

Dates of the five rounds can be found in the calendar of events inside the newsletter cover. Some dates clash with WASRA Open competitions.

3. ISSF and TRA Supplementary Rules apply.
4. Each round must be shot on the scheduled weekend.
5. Each site where athletes are competing must have a non-shooting official to supervise the event and certify the results.
6. Results must be emailed to competition administrator at competitions@tra.org.au by 8pm Sydney time on Sunday of the applicable round.
7. Targets and score sheets must be retained until the competition is complete.
8. Random check of targets may be undertaken during the course of the competition.
9. There is no entry fee for this competition. However, local fees may be payable. This will be dependent on where each athlete is shooting.

10. Awards

Individual:

There will be 3 individual categories in each discipline:

- Open (including men, women, WSPS)
- Junior under 21 (including men, women, WSPS as per ISSF rules)
- Junior under 18 (including men, women, WSPS as per ISSF rules)

Individual's results for the series will be the sum of their top 3 scores throughout the series.

Junior age eligibility will be determined as per ISSF Rules 7.4.12 & 7.4.13.

For this competition that means their age as 12 Mar 2022 (the first day of competition).

State Teams:

This will be based on the sum of the best 3 scores (as per the individual competition) for the top 3 athletes from each State

11. Notes

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However, with only 3 scores needed to register a result, hopefully most people can make it to at least the 3 events at their closest suitable range throughout the year

12. Questions

Any questions for local arrangements should be made with your Club Captain, State Captain, Garry Easton or TRA web site.

WHITEMAN PARK RANGE OPEN

FOR PRACTISE

EVERY SATURDAY

between 10am and 3pm

EVERY TUESDAY

between 9am and 1pm

STANDARD RANGE FEES APPLY

All outdoor 20m, 50m, 90m ranges open

AIR RIFLE SHOOTING

Happening now at Whiteman Range

**EVERY
TUESDAY NIGHT**

**@
6:30pm**

Come and Try

You can shoot

- Standing— unsupported (ISSF)
- Standing— rest supported (TRA)
- Seated— unsupported (TRA/WSPS)
- Seated— rest supported

Range Fee—is just \$15

This fee can include

- use of an air rifle
- Stand /rifle rest,
- pellets,
- Targets.

**You're never too young or too old
to come and try
air rifle shooting.**

Friendly Expert Coaching is
available to help you get started.

WA FIREARM LICENSE

**Club Support,
Firearm Awareness &
Firearm Serviceability**

CERTIFICATES

These can be provided by
your club for rifles you
want to license for club use.

LEAD MONITORING

Whiteman Park Indoor Range

Performance of the air management system of our Indoor Range has been independently monitored by Robert Allock, an Edith Cowan University student, as his honours project.

Until recently the effectiveness of all the extra air flow management components installed as part of the original range building project could not be tested because live firing in the range was not possible.

The range was ready for use after all the “workshop” materials and tools had been cleared out for wall painting. WASRA was then able to finally accept Subiaco Member, Magda Wajrak, earlier offer to get some baseline monitoring of the air quality before the range began being regularly used. And we thank Magda for being able to arrange it for us.

To make this testing possible we also needed shooters to come and spend a whole day shooting on the range, both from the bench and prone positions. So it was great that enough volunteers turned up across the day and did lots of live shooting on our indoor range. WASRA thanks everyone who help make it possible.

We now await the outcome of all Robert's analysis of his air flow measurements; strategic surface swabs at various location; and filters worn by shooters and range officials. Until we receive a copy of his report we won't know how effective the whole system is to improve the safety and health of users in the confined space of our indoor range while its used for live firing.

Just out of interest, Robert is still actively enjoying his archery out on Whiteman. He also returned a week or so later to donate some items that he no longer had any use of from his time rifle shooting.

Everyone, including Robert, seemed to enjoy their shooting on our indoor range. Lets hope the report supports us doing lots more of it in the future on those cold windy winter's nights.

Did You Know?

Shooting Australia has a wide range of policies that cover things like *Fairness, Respect and Diversity* and *Gambling, Integrity and Match Fixing*. TRA also have others that WASRA and Members are required where appropriate to promote, comply and enforce. Details of these policies are posted on their web sites <shootingaustralia.org/about/policies/>

AUSTRALIAN MASTERS

Now scheduled for 23-30 April 2022

NOW OPEN

Early Bird Registrations (saving \$30) for anyone who still wants to enter any event in the postponed Australian Masters Games are

Link to a Registration Form is on the WASRA Web site.

EVENTS PROGRAM

Our revised program of events is:

Saturday 23rd April

- 20m TRA Prone
- 20m TRA Benchrest — Class 1 and Class 3
- 20m Any sights Prone
- 25m WRABF Air Rifle Benchrest

Sunday 24th April

- 90m TRA Prone
- 90m TRA Benchrest — Class 1 and Class 3
- 90m Any sights Prone
- 10m Wheelchair Sports PS Air Rifle Benchrest

Monday 25th April — ANZAC Day

- 50m TRA Prone
- 50m Wheelchair Sports PS Prone
- 50m Any sights Prone
- 10m ISSF Air Rifle Standing
- 10m Supported Air Rifle Standing

Tuesday 26th April

- 50m ISSF 3 Position (half course)
- 50m Wheelchair Sports PS 3 Position (half course)
- 50m Benchrest — Class 1 and Class 3

REGISTRATION

Entry fee for each match is just \$20 after registration into the Games. This will give you entry into all the other exciting social events of the Games. To enter go on-line and follow the steps at australianmastersgames.fusesport.com/registration/1392/edm/

You can get more up-to-date details of what's on offer as part of the event by going to the official Games Web site at australianmastersgames.com/

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

To register as a WASRA Volunteer to help run this event you can do this by simply sending an email to trwa@bigpond.com with dates and times you are available.

CLUB RANGE OFFICER

Accreditation Course

WASRA is planning to hold another course soon for any Member to get TRA Level 1 Range Officer accreditation. A Range Approval condition of our Whiteman Park range is that all Range Officers must be trained and accredited.

It only takes firstly a few hours in your own time to complete TRA's new on-line work book. Send your completed workbook to WASRA's Tech Delegate, Owen Oliver. Then attend a 1 day course to learn some additional sport specific items to become an accredited Range Officer. Find the workbook at <https://tra.org.au/participation/technical/>

SWISS CUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

**9.30am SUNDAY
13th MARCH 2022
WHITEMAN RANGE**

60 x 50 METRE

**PRONE, F CLASS
& BENCHREST**

Seniors \$25.00 &
Juniors \$20.00

PRIZES

**All three classes
Prone, F Class & Benchrest**

1st Off Rifle
1 – 3 thru Grades
1 – 3 Juniors

**CANTEEN *
LIGHT LUNCHES *
TEA/COFFEE BISCUITS**

AUSTRALIA DAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

5pm Wednesday January 26th
@ Whiteman Park Range

Standard 2 Match Format

5.00pm **Match 1** 20 shots @ 50m ISSF / TRA Benchrest

Followed by a Barbeque Tea Salad, Rolls and nibbles provided but
BYO meat and alcohol.

Then **Match 2** 20 shots @ 50m Club Class

Awards Balanced Divisions in Prone, F Class and Benchrest

Come enjoy the company of fellow shooters on this important day for Australians

THRU THE RANGES

9.30am—SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2022

WHITEMAN RANGE

**20 SHOTS AT EACH RANGE,
20M, 50M & 90M**

(all three ranges will again be operating concurrently all day)

SENIORS \$25.00 & JUNIORS \$20.00

PRONE -

1ST OFF RIFLE
1-3 GRADES
1-3 JUNIORS

BENCHREST

1ST OFF RIFLE
1-3 GRADES
1-3 JUNIORS

F CLASS

1ST OFF RIFLE
1-3 GRADES
1-3 JUNIORS

CANTEEN * LIGHT LUNCHES * TEA/COFFEE BISCUITS

Pre-event entry by 1st February requested.

Entry form can be got from your Club Secretary or soon on the WASRA Web site