



WASRA NEWS

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TRA CLUB INSTRUCTOR COURSE

Sunday
20th March

- ◆ TRA Coach Pathway first step
- ◆ No previous experience needed
- ◆ Its free to WASRA Members
- ◆ Booking is essential

Contact - Tricia Van Nus traus@westnet.com.au



Your Last Chance
to join in all the fun

APRIL 23RD—26TH ENTRY CLOSING SOON

Be apart of the first national event on our Whiteman Park
Smallbore and Air Rifle Range

- Prone, • Benchrest, • Air Rifle, • 10m, 20m, 50m and 90m



Full details inside or to enter go to
the Australian Masters Games site

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

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 +
21 st MAY	Willowbrook Retirement Village Corporate Day—Instructors needed. -Whiteman 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

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FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

Since my last contribution to the newsletter there has been some very interesting challenges being dealt with by the Committee.

It would seem I wasn't the only one very pleased with the state of our new lawned area out past the 20m targets. The local Kangaroo population have found it to be an excellent site to feed from every night except when the sprinklers disrupt it. So their slow feeding movement across the range is a major disruption to every detail shot at night. Their little black deposits left all over the surface are also not a good look.

However when they are determined to get somewhere keeping them out is a big problem and it is proving to be very hard. A trial of some electronic deterrents devices has had degree of success but don't seem to be the total solution.

The Australian Masters Games are now going to be held in April. But with all the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the closed WA border it has left very little time to get everything ready. As expected there isn't many entries coming from the east because it is just 4 days after the Nationals in Brisbane. So very soon some tough decisions about which events will be run will have to be made. A small number of members have volunteered to assist with running the events. But once we know what events will be run we may need more. With so much COVID in our community it will make it tough to run them safely but I am sure organisers at all levels will do their best.

WA Health are also making directive and changing definitions about close and casual contacts which also increases the risks with running club activities and competitions. I sincerely hope everyone sees the sense with being fully vaccinated to our shooting safer for everyone, especially our older members that have underlying health concerns.

In closing I thank Greg and Trish who have been working with other ballistic Associations to develop an exciting opportunity of using a shared Development Officer funded by WA Government for a year to support and grow our sports. I hope to share that news with you soon.

Peter Hug
President

EDITORIAL

It is just as well that Owen and me have decided not to travel to the National Championships in Brisbane over Easter this year. It is sad that this will be our first one we miss since 1996. This newsletter has got a bit of everything that is happening WASPS growing at a rapid pace, the Australian Masters Games are back on, a new TRA Postal Competition is starting and of course the WA Border is now open again with COVID everywhere now.

I should firstly extend a big welcome to all our new WASPS Members to WASRA. With my Registrar hat on I can say processing Applications from our new club has kept me very busy for a few months now. The new club has already grown to about forty affiliated members and is now WASRA's second biggest club.

The on again off again Australian Masters Games is now back on and leaves a lot of work to get ready in just a matter of weeks. An early bird entry discount has been extended until the 11th March. And I have already got my appointment to collect the uniform. If anyone else wants to volunteer then you better call Owen quickly to be added to our volunteer roster. There is a small number of entries coming from the east but so far only six events have enough entries to run the event.

Get your entries in quick. The current program is in this newsletter but also up on the Games web site.

The TRA Nationals in Brisbane are also going ahead on the Belmont Range. They are still taking entries but I won't be there to help organise things for anyone. Onsite accommodation may still be available and seats on a plane shouldn't be a problem.

Anyone who has been to Whiteman HQ since late February will have driven out thru the new little round-a-bout on Beechboro Rd just down from the Hennessey Rd exit. Everyone has to use it because Beechboro Rd is closed for over a year between it and Marshall Rd while they build the Ellenbrook rail line and the new station near Potters House.

If anyone would like to get this newsletter via email then please let me know. There is already a few members who prefer to get it electronically instead of getting a hardcopy in the normal post.

Kerryanne Oliver
Editor

WHITEMAN PARK HQ

Recent Upgrades

Solar Powered Car Park Lighting

The installation of six solar powered flood lights to the outer edge of our Whiteman Park HQ car park was done by the International Shooting Complex as part of a WA Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) capital works upgrade grant.

Target Frame Replacements

A new set of timber target frames have been built by the Kensington Men's Shed. They enable the use of core flute to mount a wide range of targets.

The new frames replaced frames that were originally used on Harrison Range from the early 90's. And may be getting restored for Kalamunda's Club range.

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

\$15 Range Fee—can include use of:

- A club 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.

WHITEMAN PARK HQ

COVID 19 Situation

Our Members should be grateful that Directions made by our WA Government's under its Emergency Management Act 2005 has kept everyone at a relatively low risk of being infected by COVID-19 and there has been very low levels of disruption to our participation in normal club activities.

WA Government's decision to open our border to allow fully vaccinated visitors into WA has also come with a whole lot of new measures to contain the spread of this virus. Everyone must comply with its new directions. Sporting clubs like WASRA, that has a range, have extra obligations to meet. So WA Health's expectation is that facilities and sports will need to play a more involved role with providing communications as per all its guidance available on their web site.

Firstly it is important for all members to understand that WA Health definitions used to classify levels of exposure risks have been significant changed, especially its "close contact" and there is no definition for casual contact. Also a need to isolate for defined periods has been lifted for any casual contacts expected with sports activities.

The reasons that necessitated these changes is WA Health has understood the Omicron variant will cause high caseloads and it needs to focus its resources for the greatest public benefit and protection of at-risk populations.

SportWest reviewed these WA Health changes in a sporting context and then prepared a summary and offered some recommendations for Sports Associations to consider.

WASRA Exec has reviewed the position for smallbore clubs and in particular the use of Whiteman Park HQ. From the advice it has received from SportWest:

- Within Smallbore shooting it is highly unlikely that there will be any close contact during any event.
- Close contacts are more likely to result when off the sporting arena like eating with teammates or in clubrooms.
- WA Health will only contact positive cases and will not notify anyone deemed just a close contact.
- Each sport needs to make a determination when advised of a positive case as to whether there has been an unlikely Close Contact situation and how it will use appropriate messaging to communicate the outcome to those involved. This notification is purely so people can monitor for symptoms.
- WA Health QR Code or manual login sheet will continue to be used on arrival and masks to be worn when not shooting.
- The 2sqm rule will apply on all ranges and in clubrooms while WA Health has adopted the high-risk settings. If the extreme-risk settings are imposed then the 4sqm rule will need to be used.
- All participants must disinfect the surfaces with appropriate wipes or spray provided of any shared benches, tables, range equipment, spotting scopes, at the conclusion of each use.
- WASRA encourages all participants to be fully vaccinated but it is not a requirement to be on the Whiteman Park range. Clubs may want to impose their own conditions but it will need to advise everyone and manage their own compliance.

SHARED WA SHOOTING DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Appointment of a shared WA Shooting Development Officer in Perth for a year will be announced soon.

The Sports Minister in May 2021 approved a \$150k project grant to be shared by five ballistic State Sports Associations of Clay Target, Smallbore Rifle, Sporting Clays, Pistol and Archery who will jointly share the services of a Sports Development Officer.

For nearly six months two WASRA Executives with Delegates from those ballistic sports have been met to scope and define roles and sundry other selection and HR responsibilities to manage this position.

Once an appointment is announced more details about the key activities and role of this Development Officer to support and encourage the growth of all the ballistic sports will be known. We do know all the business will be run from a suitable location in the newly opened SportWest Sports Hub in Floreat.

The next newsletter should have more exciting details that can be shared with our members.

NEW—Target Rifle Aust Online Competition Series

TRA will trial a new National Online Individual and State Teams competition series in 2022.

1 Disciplines

The following disciplines will be available. Electronic or paper targets can be used.

- 10m Air Rifle
- Competition Dates
- 10m Supported Air Rifle (60 Shots)
- 50m Prone
- 50m TRA Benchrest
- 50m 3P (3x40)

2 Competition Dates

There are 5 scheduled weekend rounds when each discipline will be shot.

3. Supervision

Each round must be shot under the supervision of a non-shooting official

Any member interested to contact State Captain

TARGET SPORTS PARTICIPATION PROJECT

Target Rifle Australia is seeking to appoint a State-Based Project Officer in your State to assist with the delivery of the Target Sports Participation Project.

Each State-Based Project Officer will work closely with Mr Phil Martin (TSPP Manager) to coordinate and deliver ongoing TSPP training for key stakeholders within the state as well as developing connections and links to the TRA affiliated club network in conjunction with other key stakeholders in the project.

The Target Sports Participation Project will commence on 1st March 2022 and continue until 30th June 2023

Each State-Based Project Officer shall be remunerated by an honorarium payment of \$6,000, which will be paid in four (4) x instalments of four (4) months \$1500.00. Each appointment will be subject to a Service Agreement. This honorarium is based on a part-time commitment at a level to meet the current requirements of TRA is estimated to be an average of three (3) hours per week for the duration of the project. Some weekend commitments may be required from time to time.

A long-term sustainability plan will be developed as part of the project which may provide ongoing engagement opportunities for State-Based Project Officers following the conclusion of the initial phase of the project in June 2023.

It is preferable that those appointed to the State Project Officer Role should:

- Be an active member of that State Association
- Support the use of Laser Rifle Technology as a means of introducing newcomers to the sport of Smallbore and Air Rifle Target Shooting.
- Have an understanding of the variety of Smallbore and Air Rifle target shooting disciplines including Target Sprint.
- Be able to liaise with a variety of key stakeholder to facilitate links to TRA affiliated clubs in the State.
- Be able to lead and conduct Active Target, Target Sprint and Precision Target Shooting activities with a variety of community groups.

Member organisations are requested to canvass their members and invite them to submit an expression of interest in the role of TSPP State-Based Project Officer.

**Expressions of Interest should be forwarded to the
TRA Executive Officer**

2021 SPORTWEST SPORT STAR AWARDS

WASRA Congratulates its three nominees to the prestigious SportWest Sport Star Awards held recently at Optus Stadium.

Senior Sports Star—Peter Oliver

Junior Sports Star—Michael Pintabona

Service to Sport—Owen Oliver

Their nominations were in recognition for their combined successful achievements in all 2021 competitions.

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Did you hear the good news?

THE GAMES ARE ON!



SMALLBORE & AIR RIFLE EVENTS
April 23rd—26th

WA's border is open and the 2022 Australian Masters Games are going ahead in Perth from 23-30 April 2022.

To celebrate, Australian Masters Games have extended the \$30 Early Bird discount to Friday 11 March 2022!

They're also offering all participants registered by the end of Early Bird the chance to **win a \$1,000 voucher** (Ts & Cs apply) to their choice of the following unique stays in WA:

- Crown Perth
- The Ritz-Carlton Perth
- Rottnest Samphire Resort

Join us for an unmissable week-long festival of sport with the beautiful city of Perth as the playground.

Visit the Games website for more info or to **enter**:

www.AustralianMastersGames.com

Social Program includes 9 nights of festivities:

- Friday 22nd April—Optus Stadium Opening Ceremony
- Wednesday 27th April— Port Beach mid-week function
- Saturday 30th April - Closing ceremony WA Museum

All entries close on 25th March so you need to move quick

If you want to volunteer to help WASRA run the events then please contact Owen Oliver or Tricia Van Nus.

EVENTS PROGRAM

<u>Saturday 23rd April</u>	20m Prone 20m Benchrest Class 1 20m Any Sights Prone WRABF 25m Air Rifle Benchrest 20m Benchrest Class 3
<u>Sunday 24th April</u>	90m Prone 90m Benchrest Class 1 90m Any Sights Prone 90m Benchrest Class 3 10m WSPS Air rifle
<u>Monday 25th April</u>	50m Prone 50m WSPS Prone 50m Any sight Prone 10m ISSF Air Rifle Standing 10m Supported Air Rifle Standing
<u>Tuesday 26th April</u>	ISSF 50m 3 Position x 20 (½ course) 50m WSPS 3 Position x 20 (½ course) 50m Benchrest Class 3 50m Benchrest Class 1

AUSTRALIA DAY 2022 RESULTS

PRONE

1st Off-rifle— Owen Oliver 382.15

Division 1	ISSF	Club	Agg.
1. Owen Oliver	191.8	191.7	382.15
2. Coral Walters	184.4	193.9	377.13

BENCHREST

1st Off-rifle— Peter Oliver 400.37

Division 1	ISSF	Club	Agg.
1. Peter Oliver	200.17	200.20.11	400.37.11
2. Cameron Rolfe	199.15	200.20.6	399.35.6
3. Maureen Edwards	198.17	200.20.8	398.37.8
4. Bob Heasman	198.13	199.17.6	397.30.6
5. Michael Pintabona	197.9	200.17.2	397.26.2
6. Clive Ibbotson	196.14	200.17.3	396.31.3
7. Reg Johnson	195.8	199.16.3	394.24.3

Division 2	ISSF	Club	Agg.
1. Natalie Hilderstone	196.6	198.14.1	394.20.1
2. Zoe Morris	194.10	197.7.2	391.17.2
3. Kevin Brice	189.7	199.13.2	388.20.2
4. Sue McKenna	187.3	199.14.1	386.17.1
5. Deborah Carson	187.5	199.11.4	386.16.4
6. Tony Halliday	189.5	195.8.0	384.13.0
7. Bill McAllan	188.9	193.6.2	381.15.2

F CLASS

1st Off-rifle— Kipper Puzey 398.34

Division 1	ISSF	Club	Agg.
1. Kipper Puzey	198.16	200.18.7	398.34.7
2. Greg Carson	197.13	200.18.2	397.29.2
3. Keiton Puzey	197.12	200.15.4	397.27.4
4. Chris Stuart	195.9	200.16.1	395.25.1
5. Adrian La Macchia	196.10	199.11.1	395.25.1
6. Tim Gill	196.9	198.13.0	394.22.0
7. Initiaz Ali	191.7	200.17.4	391.24.4
8. Ben Cobbold	195.9	196.11.2	391.20.2
9. Seane Ratcliffe	185.2	196.10.0	381.12.0
10. Martin Angelatos	186.3	190.7.0	376.10.0

THRU THE RANGES 2022 RESULTS

PRONE

1st Off-rifle— Terry Mangan 566.11

A Grade	Total	20m	50m	90m
1. Terry Mangan	566.11	192.7	188.4	186.0
2. Owen Oliver	559.10	194.4	187.6	178.0
3.				

D Grade	Total	20m	50m	90m
1. Terry Gordon	546.7	187.5	181.2	178.0
2. Michael Hooley	542.6	190.5	170.1	182.0
3. Roy Shiers	535.6	186.4	173.1	176.1

BENCHREST

1st Off-rifle— Alex Timms 594.31

A Grade	Total	20m	50m	90m
1. Cameron Rolfe	592.34	200.16	199.17	193.1
2. Peter Oliver	591.29	200.18	197.10	194.1
3. Maureen Edwards	589.34	200.17	197.14	192.3

B Grade	Total	20m	50m	90m
1. Alex Timms	594.31	200.11	198.14	196.6
2. Clive Ibbotson	589.34	200.16	196.13	193.5
3. Seane Earnest	589.30	200.16	195.10	194.4

D Grade	Total	20m	50m	90m
1. Ethan Fitzgerald	581.32	199.14	196.16	186.2
2. Len Blongiorno	573.22	199.13	191.8	183.1
3. Graeme Forbes	394.17	197.9	197.8	DNF

F CLASS

1st Off-rifle— Casey Crisp 575.13

Sporting Rifle	Total	20m	50m	90m
1. Casey Crisp	575.13	187.3	193.9	195.1
2. Tim Gill	572.19	197.11	193.8	182.0
3. Sean Ratcliffe	562.9	189.6	188.2	185.1
4. Natalie Hiddlestone	553.6	186.1	185.5	182.0
5. Paul Donohoe	482.3	165.1	136.1	181.1

Open Target Rifle	Total	20m	50m	90m
1. Carson Bascombe	568.11	195.2	191.8	182.1
2. Dean Jorge	566.12	194.6	189.5	183.1

2022 STATE POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

ENTRY FORMS

Are now available for both the Prone and Benchrest State Postal Championships.

You choose a day a range is open between beginning of May and end of August to shoot each match as stipulated in the conditions.

PRONE EVENTS

- MATCH 1** 50 Metre ISSF (60 shot)
- MATCH 2** 90 Metre (60 shot)
- MATCH 3** Combined 20 Metre Open plus 20 Metre Handicap (60 shot)
- MATCH 4** 20 Metres x 5 person Team (60 shot)

BENCHREST EVENTS

- MATCH 5** 50 Metre (60 shot)
- MATCH 6** 90 Metre (60 shot)
- MATCH 7** Combined 20 Metre Open plus 20 Metre Handicap (60 shot)
- ENTRY FEE** \$15.00 each Open Match, plus \$5.00 each sub-category (Men's, Ladies, Junior & Handicap)

NOTE: All shooters must enter the Open Match before entering a sub-category.

RETURNS Entry forms and cards to be sent to: Competitions Organiser.

CONDITIONS: The Entry Form contains all conditions, the list of prizes and a lot more details.

(The Competitions Committee reserves the right to alter prizes according to entries received)

CLUB INSTRUCTOR Sunday 20th March -Whiteman

A free elementary coaching course to help our members who want help visitors to our clubs.

GET THEM SAFE....GET THEM SHOOTING

A one day workshop to improve the Skills and Confidence of club members to ensure:

- compliance with general firearms safety and range rules.
- Visitor gets to enjoy their introduction to our style of shooting—Prone, Benchrest.

Registration is essential so please call or email

Tricia Van Nus traus@westnet.com.au

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/Class
1 – 3 Juniors

*** CANTEEN ***

*** LIGHT LUNCHES ***

*** TEA/COFFEE BISCUITS ***