

Where has July August and September gone?

We finished the 18/19 shooting year knowing our champions. Since then its like chasing rabbits with members going here, there and everywhere.



Early July we had our juniors in South Australia for a development camp and competing in the SA Championships.

Mid July seen five of our members in the Australian team heading to Bisley, England for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary Queens meeting and teams matches.

August we had members at the QRA Queens at Belmont and a competition match with Goulburn. We finished August with the Champion of Champion matches held between Canberra and Bungedore champions.

In September our FTR team headed out to West Australia for the State teams competition and members attending local open prize meetings

With all the results and feedback its worth taking the time to READ the more detailed summaries of events courtesy of our roving reporters.

Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to the ACT competitors who travel and represent the ACT at the many competitions and prize meetings.

Now through October we will be in the spotlight as we prepare for our ACT Championships in November. Don't forget to enter !

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### **Junior F Class development squad and the South Australian Queens**

Well done to the CRC representatives at the SA Queen's; James Hughes, Russel Le Maitre, Isabella Greer, Cameron Le Maitre and Emma Le Maitre. The Queen's offered a unique experience where TR started at 300m in a traditional SA Queen's format, however F-Class started at 500m and appeared to have more 15 shot matches than 10; an intriguing idea but according to the NRAA website a statistical nightmare!

Following the Queen's Isabella, James and Emma attended an F-class development camp. Across the board from SA, the results for all Canberra members were good but the stand out has been the exposure and experience gained from travelling to, shooting on and learning the intricacies that a new range offers.

#### ***James Hughes a junior squad member summarised:***

*During the SA Queens Prize, the ACT contingent had a great team atmosphere, both at the range and during dinner at the local pub.*

*Although conditions were challenging at times and everyone had at least one flogging, morale was still high and everyone had a ball.*

*This was partially helped by the weather, which although it was quite chilly in the mornings, was beautifully warm (for winter). Every evening of shooting the team met up for dinner, where there was plenty of laughter to go along with a variety of foods, ranging from Greek Yiros, to pasta at the pub, and take-away noodles. It was great to be part of a team that stuck together socially as well as during competition.*

*After the Queens, the team participated in a coached f-class training camp/competition, where we all both shot and coached very successfully, and finished being only beaten by NSW. Everyone was thrilled about how they went, especially considering that it was the first time that everyone had wind-coached and the first time shooting in a teams match for many of us.*

*Overall our time in Adelaide was brilliant, and was a trip that I think everyone would be eager to go on again. It's great to be part of such a great club, both in the relationships formed because of it, and the support provided by it, as well as all of the great people who make it.*

'Well done James'

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## **Bisley in England**

### ***Firstly an extract from our club captains report on Bisley:***

Congratulations go to our five representatives as members of the AustralianTR team to Bisley - Graham Aitchison, Chris Maher, Donna and Stephen Negus and Shaun Wingrove (who was also a member of the Australian Match Rifle Team – both Coaching and Shooting).

The TR team won the Dominion Prize. In the Kolapore Match, Steve was Master Coach, Shaun a Wind Coach with Donna and Graham shooters in the 8-person Australian Team. The Aussies nearly knocked over the might of Great Britain, losing only by a single point and giving them a good fright.

The Aussies also shot in the America Match on the hottest day in the UK for 100 years; Angus Bell was top shooter on the range with a 299/300, coached by Shaun Wingrove.





Notably Steve Negus finished 67th in the Queen's Final, 28th in the Grand Aggregate and 73rd in the St. George's Final.

Steve also won the Athelings Centenary Aggregate, Pavey and Faunthorpe trophies.

A number of Australian's did quite well with several in the top 50 in the grand aggregate, the Queen's Final and the St. George's Final.



***From the Manager of the Australian Team :***

*The ACT had five representatives at Bisley this year, being Graham Aitchison, Chris Maher, Donna and Steve Negus and Shaun Wingrove. Claire Maher also travelled to provide moral support. Shaun acquitted himself well in Match Rifle (MR), firstly coaching then shooting in the Woomera team, but alas without success this time.*

*From several lead-up events before we arrived in Bisley, the Target Rifle (TR) events were forecast to have equipment issues due to the ammunition brass cases stretching when fired. This had the impact of dislodging or even breaking extractors and ejectors, particularly on Barnard actions.*

*All of us used Barnards, with four of us being impacted. Donna became a 'frequent flier' to have her bolt repaired at the free armouring service which the NRA put in place. Allegedly over 400 competitor incidents were recorded. This was very frustrating to have disruptions and having to be 'rodded out' in the middle of matches. On top of that, despite the ammunition being generally quite accurate, there were occasional fliers and Donna suffered from two low magpies at 300 yards. Chris' rifle seemed to suffer more than others, with most of us having some good shoots here and there.*

*Steve shot consistently to make the Queens and St Georges finals and to win a cross for top 50 in the Grand Agg, along with three silver trophies for minor matches. In the Kolapore Match, Steve was Master Coach, Shaun a Wind Coach with Donna and Graham shooters in the 8-person Australian Team. We nearly knocked over the might of Great Britain, losing only by a single point and giving them a good fright.*

*The NRA changed its rules to allow a bonafide Canberra Rifle Club team to enter the concurrent team matches. Whilst we competed valiantly, we were no match for the might of the locals.*

*We also shot in the America Match on the hottest day in the UK for 100 years. It was a good thing the Guinness was cold at the end of the day! Despite all this, there is something special about competing in Bisley! We'll be back.*

## QLD Queens Series.

Well done to the BRC and CRC representatives at the QRA Queen's, Piers Cambridge, Cedric May and David Phipps. Notable performances included: Dave Phipps finishing 4th in FSA in the Queens.

Full results at: <https://qldrifle.com/queens/queens-2019>

## Canberra and Goulburn Inter Club Shoot

Recently we hosted Goulburn RC for an interclub shoot on the morning of 17th August at 800m in the morning for 15 shots and then two 15 shot matches at 600m in the afternoon alongside the normal club shoot.

The match was well supported with 8 FO, 3 FS and 1 TR from Canberra and 7 FO, 2 FS and 1 TR from Goulburn. The numbers were evened out for the final scores and it was Canberra just in front of Goulburn to win the Canberra-Goulburn cup.

Well done to Russell Le Maitre for organising with Tony Weston and all those who participated.

Canberra	Goulburn	Name	Club	Class	800	600 Total
	6	R Bailey	Goulburn	FO	86.08	178.20 264.28
1		R Le Maitre	Canberra	FO	87.04	176.09 263.13
11		G Barron	Canberra	FO	86.03	176.11 262.14
10		David Groves	Canberra	FO	87.07	174.15 261.22
	1	T Weston	Goulburn	FO	88.07	173.15 261.22
2		Cam Le Maitre	Canberra	FO	85.05	176.13 261.18
12		Stuart Thomson	Canberra	FO	86.07	171.15 257.22
	10	B Wray	Goulburn	FO	86.06	171.15 257.21
	3	R Eager	Goulburn	FO	87.04	169.08 256.12
	2	I Wilson	Goulburn	FO	80.04	175.12 255.16
3		Em Le Maitre	Canberra	FO	83.04	171.12 254.16
7		P Krebs	Canberra	FO	77.02	169.07 246.09
5		J Hughes	Canberra	FS	81.02	164.04 245.06
6		T Daniel	Canberra	FS	77.01	165.06 242.07
4		B Greer	Canberra	FO	72.05	168.10 240.15
	4	D Manning	Goulburn	FS	80.03	158.06 238.09
	8	D Sinclair	Goulburn	FO	74.02	160.06 234.08
	5	Les Hoskins	Goulburn	FS	77.00	153.07 230.07
	7	W Bailey	Goulburn	FO	81.04	141.11 222.15
8		Merv Chappell	Canberra	FS	81.01	139.05 220.06
9		P Spencer	Canberra	TR	71.02	144.08 215.1
	9	R Brodie	Goulburn	TR	68.03	142.10 210.13
					<b>Canberra</b>	<b>Goulburn</b>
					FO	12 FO 3
					FS	0 FS 5
					TR	0 TR 2

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9		P Spencer	Canberra	TR	71.02	144.08 215.1 2459.39
10		David Groves	Canberra	FO	87.07	174.15 261.22 Remove Low Scores
11		G Barron	Canberra	FO	86.03	176.11 262.14 2507.37
12		Stuart Thomson	Canberra	FO	86.07	171.15 257.22 2967.58
	1	T Weston	Goulburn	FO	88.07	173.15 261.22
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					FO	8 FO 7
					FS	3 FS 2
					TR	1 TR 1

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## Champion of Champions

Congratulations to our Champion of Champions.  
In Target Rifle Piers Cambridge finished ahead of David Daniel;  
F Class Standard David Phipps finished ahead of Tony Daniel;  
F Open Derry Crisp finished ahead of Stuart Thomson; and  
F/TR Stephen Sharp finished ahead of Daniel Sly.

Discipline	Name	300	600	700	800	Total
<b>TR</b>	<b>P Cambridge</b>	<b>48.04</b>	<b>49.03</b>	<b>50.08</b>	<b>45.04</b>	<b>192.19</b>
TR	D Daniel	48.05	48.04	48.04	46.02	190.15
<b>FS</b>	<b>D Phipps</b>	<b>58.03</b>	<b>53.01</b>	<b>56.03</b>	<b>54.01</b>	<b>221.08</b>
FS	T Daniel	49.00	54.01	54.03	51.02	208.06
<b>FO</b>	<b>D Crisp</b>	<b>60.05</b>	<b>58.02</b>	<b>59.02</b>	<b>58.03</b>	<b>235.12</b>
FO	S Thomson	59.05	59.03	57.05	58.01	233.14
<b>FTR</b>	<b>S Sharp</b>	<b>57.05</b>	<b>51.01</b>	<b>58.03</b>	<b>55.00</b>	<b>221.09</b>
FTR	D Sly	53.01	55.04	56.02	49.01	213.08

The event was reasonably close across most of the divisions; thank you to all those supporters who helped with range setup and moves in addition to scoring.

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## NRAA National F Class Teams - West Australia

In September the ACT FTR team representatives with Captain: Stephen Sharp, Manager: Shane Dowling, Coach: Anthony Pedersen, Shooters: Sharon Dowling, Dennis Formiatti and Daniel Sly embarked on their trek across Australia to represent the association in sandgroper land at the National F Class teams competition.

and compete in the WARA Queens series. . the Wild West to compete in the State teams competition at Pinjar Range commencing on Monday. We wish all our shooters all the best and hopefully they can bring home the silverware.

Held at the Pinjar range renowned for its tricky conditions the WARA Queens proceeded the NRAA National F Class Teams competition. The conditions for the 20 shot long range match were quite difficult as reflected by the scores. The ACT team performed admirably in the Queensland Match, in the pack of team vying for second place, with Queensland well out in front. Well done to all those involved and sure they will have some stories to share on their return.

Results can be found at:

<http://www.nraa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/National-F-Class-FTR-Teams-Results-2019.pdf>



**Explorers Rifle Club - Lockhart** - *(Courtesy Paul Simmons)*

Canberra was well represented by Laura Brindley, Cederic May and Paul Simmons as entrants in TR-B and F-TR respectively; all of us flying our colours proudly.

While many reading this may be quite familiar with shooting on the Riverina plains, as first timer to Lockhart I was amazed by the challenge of the conditions; rapid and sharp wind changes and mirage thick enough you could walk on it! This range kept many fine shooters honest, ensuring that all points scored on the range were hard won.

While many shooters (myself included) were left pondering the challenge before us, one man rose above the field to perform at the level required to tame this slippery target. Scott Brindley was the exception to the rules of the day, imposed by the conditions, and absolutely dominated A grade. Grudgingly dropping one shot all day, Scott hit very impressive possibles in the two final stages of the day in worsening conditions. Given prevailing conditions this performance deserves to be called and acknowledged. Great Shoot Scott!!