

## National Teams Championships – Bendigo 2014

The inaugural Commonwealth Teams Match was fired in 1926 for the Cheylesmore Memorial Cup, named after Major General Herbert Francis Eaton Cheylesmore KCMG, KCVG, CBE (Chairman of the NRAGB 1903-1925). In 1948 this match was renamed the Sir Charles Merrett. Although the National Teams Championship has grown to now also comprise additional matches and aggregates titled the Bruce White, Denzil Macarthur Onslow, Neville Holt, Alastair Macpherson, Sweet, McGowan and Gordon Highlanders, The Merrett is held by most shooters as “the one to win”. There is also a President’s Trophy which is awarded to the highest individual score in the Merrett Match.

The Under 25 Teams competition was first conducted in 1978 in Adelaide. Their matches and aggregates (with the equivalent senior match in brackets) are the West Australian (Merrett), Tasmanian (Bruce White), New South Wales (Denzil Macarthur Onslow), South Australian (Alastair Macpherson) and the Victorian (Neville Holt), with the West Australian being “the one to win”. As it turned out, the NSW Under 25 Team won all events. The West Australian results are tabulated below.

Under 25 - WA Match		300	600	900	1000	Total
NSW	Jess Bale	48.05	50.03	49.02	43.02	190.12
	Brendan Parkins	50.03	48.04	49.04	47.00	194.13
	Alex Davies	49.04	50.02	49.03	47.01	195.10
	Mitch Bailey	48.02	47.04	50.01	45.03	190.10
	Ro McNaught	48.05	50.05	50.06	43.02	191.18
	Total	243.21	245.18	247.16	225.08	960.63
QLD	Eric Young	48.04	48.04	49.05	47.03	192.16
	Dean Enslin	49.05	50.04	50.03	45.03	194.15
	Ryan Biss	47.03	47.01	49.06	42.04	185.14
	Nick Rees	46.01	47.03	43.02	45.02	181.08
	Adrian Robinson	50.05	49.03	47.04	49.04	195.16
	Total	240.18	241.15	238.20	228.16	947.69
SA	Jasmine Traeger	47.03	48.00	49.03	43.00	187.06
	Harley Hill	45.02	50.04	45.05	41.02	181.13
	Nathan Tucker	39.01	44.03	39.01	43.02	165.07
	Abbe Burke	47.03	46.03	49.03	47.03	189.12
	Bradley Podger	47.02	46.06	46.04	40.01	179.13
	Total	225.11	234.16	228.16	214.08	901.51

On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March, after practicing at all the Teams Championship ranges of 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards, the Bruce White was shot at 300 yards. This comprised teams of ten shooters with 15 shots to count and was won by the QRA with 369.41, with the VRA one point and a few centres behind on 368.36.

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the much coveted Merrett was shot over all four ranges, comprising teams of ten shooters with 10 shots to count. As detailed in the tables below, this was won by the VRA with 1957.193, with the NSWRA just two points behind on 1955.194.



Back row: Brett Thurtell, David Black, Greg Tomorad, Keith Toh, Keirin McCamley, Peter Maher  
 Middle row: John McDiarmid, John Kiefer, Tony Barker, Geoff Grenfell, Barry Wood, David Brewster  
 Front row: Susan Ryan, Rob Sandlant, Geoff Doig

1. Victoria - <b>Captain:</b> Tony Barker <b>Coaches:</b> John McDiarmid / Geoff Grenfell					
	300	600	900	1000	Total
David Brewster	50.04	49.06	50.07	50.07	199.24
Keith Toh	50.09	50.02	50.07	47.04	197.22
Keirin McCamley	49.06	50.04	50.06	46.02	195.18
David Black	49.07	50.07	49.05	49.03	197.22
Tony Barker	48.04	50.03	49.05	47.01	194.13
Greg Tomorad	50.04	50.07	50.05	49.02	199.18
John Kiefer	48.04	49.03	49.03	47.03	193.13
Ros Sandlant	50.07	49.05	50.06	48.03	197.21
Barry Wood	45.02	47.00	48.06	46.05	186.13
Geoff Grenfell	50.07	50.06	50.08	50.08	200.29
<b>Total</b>	<b>489.54</b>	<b>494.43</b>	<b>495.58</b>	<b>479.38</b>	<b>1957.193</b>

2. NSW - <b>Captain:</b> John Baxter <b>Coaches:</b> John Ashton / Ken Cooke					
	300	600	900	1000	Total
Duncan Davies	50.07	50.07	50.04	44.02	194.20
Tony Moon	49.07	47.05	49.05	48.01	193.18
Mike Chad	47.04	50.04	44.01	46.02	187.11
Andrew Wilson	50.06	50.08	50.06	49.02	199.22
Ben Emms	50.06	50.02	50.07	48.03	198.18
Jim Bailey	50.08	50.08	50.05	43.03	193.24
Nick Cock	50.07	50.05	49.05	49.03	198.20
Rob Sweegers	50.07	50.06	50.05	48.04	198.22
Mat Pozzebon	50.08	50.08	50.05	47.04	197.25
Angus Bell	49.03	49.03	50.03	50.05	198.14
<b>Total</b>	<b>495.63</b>	<b>496.56</b>	<b>492.46</b>	<b>472.29</b>	<b>1955.194</b>

3. QRA - <b>Captain:</b> Geoff Grosskreutz <b>Coaches:</b> Bill Baker / Rob Cadden					
	300	600	900	1000	Total
Peter Schafferius	49.04	49.05	49.04	45.01	192.14
Ash Bidgood	50.06	50.05	50.07	47.04	197.22
Gillian Webb-Enslin	50.07	50.09	49.06	48.03	197.25
Mijo Brdjanovic	49.05	50.05	50.04	48.04	197.18
George Edser	49.04	50.08	48.04	49.05	196.21
Darren Enslin	48.02	50.06	50.05	47.05	195.18
Lee Robinson	50.05	50.03	45.02	44.03	189.13
Kim O'Lochlen	50.05	50.05	47.03	45.02	192.15
David Brown	49.04	50.05	49.02	49.03	197.14
Tim Berry	50.05	50.05	50.07	49.05	199.22
Total	494.47	499.56	487.44	471.35	1951.182

4. WA - <b>Captain:</b> Reg Wagland <b>Coaches:</b> Janet Wagland / Doug Attwood					
	300	600	900	1000	Total
Mark Milentis	50.07	50.03	50.06	43.00	193.16
Paul Watkins	49.05	50.05	48.05	48.04	195.19
Steve McShane	50.08	48.06	48.04	44.01	190.19
Dave Felton	49.06	46.03	50.04	49.04	194.17
Mick Forsberg	49.05	50.04	48.04	48.04	195.17
Garry Craigie	50.07	50.07	47.04	47.04	194.22
Rodger Brown	49.04	48.01	49.05	49.01	195.11
Peter Watkins	50.04	49.08	50.06	49.03	198.21
Peter Collins	49.01	48.06	49.03	50.04	196.14
Rob Cuthbert	49.07	49.08	50.05	49.06	197.26
Total	494.54	488.51	489.46	476.31	1947.182

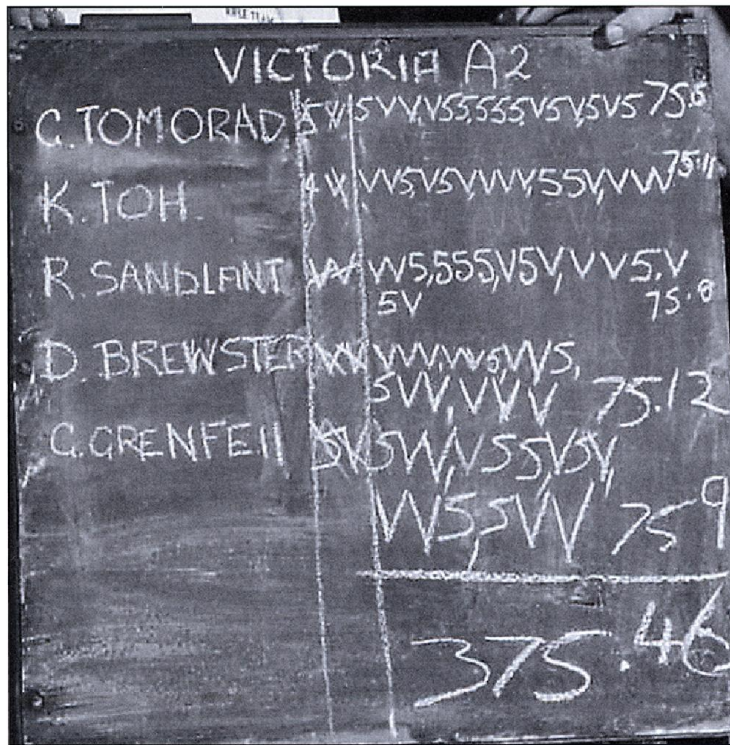
5. SA - <b>Captain:</b> Jim Caspers <b>Coaches:</b> Gordon Harrison / Geoff Stauwer					
	300	600	900	1000	Total
Kym Muller	49.04	49.04	49.08	48.03	195.19
Greg Traeger	50.06	50.06	50.04	50.04	200.20
Flav Konieczny	50.06	49.05	50.08	44.02	193.21
Brad Semmler	50.08	50.02	50.06	41.01	191.17
Frank Pinyon	48.05	50.04	50.07	47.04	195.20
Bill Naismith	49.06	49.06	49.03	45.00	192.15
Ian Noll	50.07	50.05	50.06	44.01	194.19
Jake Stauwer	50.08	46.02	49.03	47.04	192.17
Tim Anderson	49.06	49.04	50.04	47.02	195.16
Paul Savage	50.05	49.05	50.05	50.06	199.21
Total	495.61	491.43	497.54	463.27	1946.185

6. NQ - <b>Captain:</b> Jim Harding-Smith <b>Coaches:</b> Trevor Deed / Ian Bell					
	300	600	900	1000	Total
Gareth Stewart	49.03	48.04	48.03	49.03	194.13
Doug Pollock	50.07	48.03	47.03	46.03	191.16
Frank Chester	45.04	48.02	47.03	47.03	187.12
Ann Chinery	50.05	48.05	45.01	48.04	191.15
Eric Christie	49.06	49.05	49.06	49.04	196.21
Elliot Ross	50.06	49.05	49.05	43.03	191.19
Jim Harding Smith	47.03	48.02	48.04	45.02	188.11
Peter Barry	49.06	48.02	45.00	45.02	187.10
Bob Kennedy	50.04	46.03	47.02	45.01	188.10
Dudley Ford	49.06	47.01	48.02	44.05	188.14
Total	488.50	479.32	473.29	461.30	1901.141

7. ACT - <b>Captain:</b> Steve Negus <b>Coaches:</b> A.Pederson / R.Jones / D.McIntosh					
	300	600	900	1000	Total
Graham Aitchison	50.04	50.05	47.03	47.02	194.14
Brent Flohr	48.03	46.01	42.03	40.02	176.09
David Higgins	48.05	50.02	45.02	48.04	191.13
Steve Negus	50.05	50.08	50.02	47.04	197.19
David Daniels	50.04	50.06	46.04	41.02	187.16
Mark Wilson	50.03	45.01	50.06	48.03	193.13
Shane Wingrove	47.01	46.02	44.02	37.01	174.06
Chris Maher	50.05	49.04	48.04	46.02	193.15
David McIntosh	50.04	47.02	49.08	49.03	195.17
Ray Jones	49.04	49.03	47.02	49.01	194.10
Total	492.38	482.34	468.36	452.24	1894.132

8. NT - <b>Captain:</b> Jan Dyer <b>Coaches:</b> Jan Dyer / Ron Betts					
	300	600	900	1000	Total
Paul Mulligan	46.05	49.03	49.06	44.02	188.16
Garry Gee	49.04	50.03	49.03	43.02	191.12
John Myles	50.07	49.02	46.02	45.02	190.13
George Loch	46.04	45.01	42.04	42.02	175.11
Frank Baldwin	48.03	47.00	48.03	45.03	188.09
Jan Dyer	49.06	49.02	45.02	40.03	183.13
Kathryn Blain	50.04	48.02	48.02	45.01	191.09
Nathan Richardson	46.02	47.02	49.05	47.04	189.13
Tim Letts	49.02	47.04	41.03	41.02	178.11
Bob Dyer	46.03	43.02	50.01	44.04	183.10
Total	479.40	474.21	467.31	436.25	1856.117

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April the final three single range matches were shot. The Macarthur Onslow was shot at 900 yards, comprising five shooters firing 15 shots. This was won by the VRA with a perfect score of 375.46 ahead of the WARA on 372.47. This is thought to be the first time a possible has been shot in this match. See the score board below.



VRA recorded a perfect score in the Macarthur Onslow

The Alastair Macpherson was next, a 10 shot match for ten shooters also at 900 yards. This was won by the QRA with 495.51, two points ahead of the NSWRA on 493.52

The final match was the Neville Holt at 1000 yards, 10 shots from ten shooters. The winner was the NSWRA on 477.38, well clear of the VRA on 464.37.

The resulting aggregates are tabulated below.

National Teams 2014	Merrett	Bruce White	Macarthur Onslow	Alastair Macpherson	Neville Holt	McGowan	Gordon Highlanders	Sweet
ACT	1894.132	355.024	366.028	484.037	454.024	721.052	938.061	3553.245
NT	1856.117	358.028	352.024	460.028	447.023	710.052	907.051	3473.220
NQRA	1901.141	359.031	352.024	480.036	446.018	722.073	970.090	3662.357
NSWRA	1955.194	365.033	372.040	493.052	477.038	737.073	970.090	3662.357
QRA	1951.182	369.041	370.043	495.051	460.024	739.084	955.075	3645.341
SARA	1946.185	366.035	365.036	490.049	463.028	731.071	904.076	3581.332
VRA	1957.193	368.036	375.046	491.047	464.037	743.082	955.084	3655.359
WA	1947.182	365.028	372.047	492.048	453.020	737.075	945.068	3629.325

The President's Trophy was won by Geoff Grenfell (VRA) on 200.29, with Greg Traeger (SARA), 200.20, being the only other shooter with a perfect score in The Merrett.

The next teams event is scheduled for September 2015 in Western Australia.