

# 1998 National Match Rifle Championships - Corryong

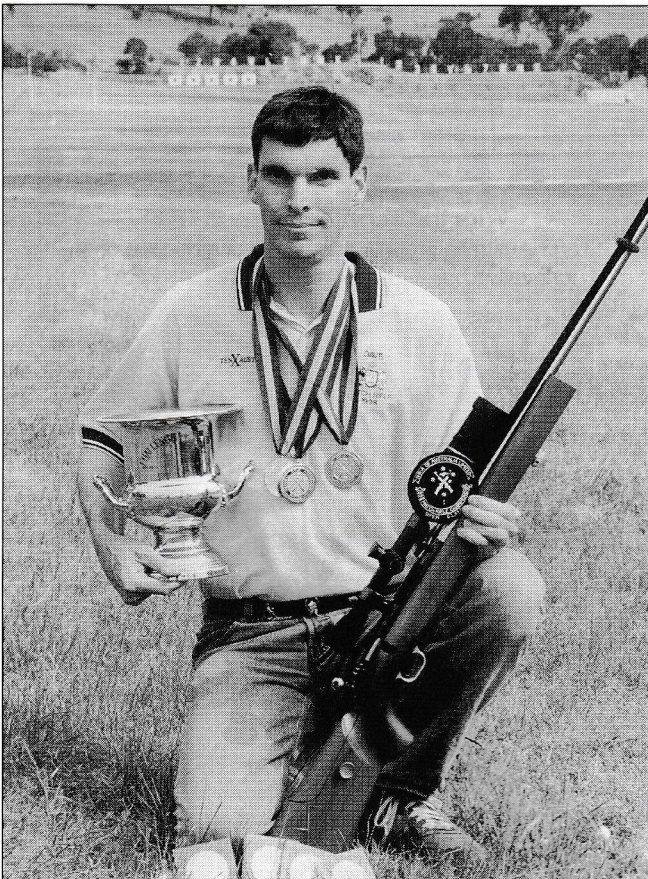
What a week. The Championships were held on the Upper Murray Rifle Range near Corryong from the 7th to 12th November 1998. The range was in excellent condition thanks to the efforts of the Upper Murray Rifle Club.

The weather was perfect and the competition keen. There wasn't a cross word all week (apart from the Chief Range Officer Stan Edwards) and everyone had an absolute ball. And, to stop the gossip, there is no foundation in the rumour that the appearance of the Police search and rescue helicopter had anything to do with Raeburn's missing bullseye.

A practice day was conducted on Saturday 7th followed by four days of individual competition over 1000, 1100 and 1200 yards. Weather conditions were perfect with high scores the order of the day. From the outset it looked like a battle between John Myles of Darwin and David Bullen of Canberra with David taking out the honours four points clear. He used a Remington Model 788 with a 1:12 twist Schneider barrel and 36 power telescopic sight.

The week concluded with the Freebairn teams match and the State Team titles contested by Victoria, Tasmania, New South Wales, ACT, South Australia and Northern Territory.

On Thursday 12th the weather changed dramatically with heavy rain through the night and into the morning, and for a while it looked like the competition might be cancelled. Fortunately the weather cleared and the State Team titles com-



David Bullen, at home in Canberra, with his booty from Corryong. (Photo courtesy of Keith Hills)

menced at 1000 yards. The early leaders were the Tasmanians by one point from the Northern Territory. The Victorians shot the best score at 1100 yards but were still behind with the Northern Territory in the lead. They followed up with a good hit at 1200 yards to be clear winners with 862.60 from South Australia (859.57), Tasmania (856.54), Victoria (840.56), ACT (840.49) and NSW (832.52).

History was made at 1000 and 1200 yards as until this day a perfect score had never been shot at these ranges. Graham Mincham of South Australia shot a 75.8 and John Myles of the Northern Territory shot a 75.6 respectively.

On the social side, a "meet and greet" was held at the Court House Hotel in Corryong on the 8th and a presentation dinner at the Corryong Sports Club on the 12th. Both functions were well attended with the presentation dinner at the Sports Club capping off a perfect week of competition.

Seven sponsors supported the Championships and we thank

## A Floggin'

*There was movement on the mound, for the word had passed around*

*That the shot on No.5 had got away,*

*It had joined the other misses - it was worth the daily agg*

*And all the scorers gathered to the fray*

*All the tried and noted shooters from the ranges near and far,*

*Had mustered to do battle at the longs,*

*For the shooters love one thousand, and 1200 is no bar*

*But for some it was to prove a mite too far*

*There was Hallett who won a Queens, although long ago*

*Who brought a cocky, feathers white as snow*

*And few could shoot beside him when the wind would fairly blow*

*But at Corryong he wouldn't have a go*

*And Reg Rowlands came from Orange, came down to shoot a group*

*If he could win it would be called a scoop,*

*At 1200 he really tried, his bullets far and wide*

*And had a score that really looked like poop*

*And one was there, a young one, a blond well mannered lad*

*Who with no trouble easily beat his dad*

*His father tried like fury, he wouldn't dare say die*

*But in the end, another Rotary pie*

*And they all tried single handed, their very best to win*

*The dreaded miss was always on their mind*

*An ounce of luck and with a good shot*

*A bullseye they might find*

*It took six days to show, that wind would puff and blow*

*And many said that 15 was too long*

*They had centres, bulls and inners - a magpie and a two*

*And misses could be said were more than a few*

*And next time round the ranges*

*With the bull and stories long*

*They can boast to others proudly*

*I GOT FLOGGED AT CORRYONG*

Written by Tom Lowndes  
(Apologies to A.B. Paterson)

Trueflite Barrels of New Zealand, the Maloney Family, the Hallett family, Len Houghton, the Victorian Match Rifle Team, the Upper Murray Rifle Club and Corryong Rotary.

Many thanks to all those people who contributed to the success of the meeting. Special mention to the Upper Murray Rifle Club and the Wodonga Rifle Club whose members performed so many tasks that had to be done at such short notice.

The Victorian Rifle Association would like to thank the people of Corryong and district for their support of this event.

Mark Sewell

**Individual Match Rifle Championships**

**Match 1.**

<b>Open</b>		
1	Peter Robinson	75.10
2	John Myles	75.09
3	Fred Moojen	75.06

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	John Oddy	71.07

**Match 2.**

<b>Open</b>		
1	Adrian Rix	73.09
2	David Bullen	73.08
3	James Freebairn	73.06

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	Andy Daebler	68.05

**Match 3.**

<b>Open</b>		
1	David Bullen	73.08
2	James Freebairn	72.04
3	Stephen East	69.04

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	John Oddy	68.02

**Match 4 Aggregate**

<b>Open</b>		
1	James Freebairn	219.17
2	David Bullen	218.25
3	John Myles	214.15

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	John Oddy	205.11
2	Andy Daebler	180.07
3	Greg Phelan	162.04

**Match 5**

<b>Open</b>		
1	Stephen East	74.05
2	Gil Walker	74.05
3	John Myles	73.02

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	John Oddy	65.03

**Match 6**

<b>Open</b>		
1	Fred Moojen	74.08
2	John Myles	74.07
3	Wilf Wright	73.07

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	Andy Daebler	68.04



*The winning Northern Territory Team with the impressive Reg Rowlands Trophy*



*The Freebairn teams was won by L to R: Nigel Paul (Tasmania), Jim Wishart (Tasmania), Gil Walker (Tasmania), and Bob Dyer (Darwin) with an aggregate score of 277.15.*

*The two gentlemen holding the cup are Bill and Jim Freebairn.*

**Match 7**

<b>Open</b>		
1	Bill MacFarlane	75.10
2	Phil Bain	75.06
3	John Myles	74.11

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	John Oddy	72.03

**Match 8 Aggregate**

<b>Open</b>		
1	John Myles	221.20
2	Bill MacFarlane	217.21
3	Fred Moojen	217.18

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	John Oddy	202.10
2	Andy Daebler	200.12
3	Greg Phelan	174.03

**Match 9**

<b>Open</b>		
1	Phil Bain	75.09
2	Bob Dyer	75.06
3	Fred Moojen	75.02

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	John Oddy	71.07

**Match 10**

<b>Open</b>		
1	David Bullen	73.06
2	David Appleby	73.05
3	John Hyndes	73.04

<b>Reserve</b>		
1	Andy Daebler	65.03

**Match Rifle continued**

**Match 11**

**Open**

1	Gil Walker	74.06
2	Raeburn Trindall	71.05
3	Stephen East	70.06

**Reserve**

1	John Oddy	70.05
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**Match 12 Aggregate**

1	Gil Walker	219.17
2	David Bullen	216.18
3	Lew Horwood	216.12

**Reserve**

1	John Oddy	205.13
2	Andy Daebler	196.05
3	Greg Phelan	195.07

**Match 13**

**Open**

1	Stephen East	97.05
2	Glen Waddle	96.03
3	Fred Moojen	95.05

**Reserve**

1	John Oddy	92.06
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**Short Range Aggregate**

**Open**

1	John Myles	223.25
2	Phil Bain	223.17
3	Fred Moojen	223.16

**Reserve**

1	John Oddy	214.17
2	Andy Daebler	201.07
3	Greg Phelan	176.08

**Mid Range Aggregate**

**Open**

1.	John Myles	217.
2	David Bullen	216.
3	James Freebairn	215.

**Reserve**

1	Andy Daebler	201.
2	John Oddy	195.
3	Greg Phelan	179.

**Long Range Aggregate**

**Open**

1	Stephen East	310.
2	David Bullen	308.
3	Gil Walker	305.

**Reserve**

1	John Oddy	295.
2	Greg Phelan	264.
3	Andy Daebler	258.

GRAND AGGREGATE		
<b>Open</b>		
1	David Bullen	743.61
2	John Myles	739.52
3	Gil Walker	734.49
4	James Freebairn	732.54
5	Stephen East	732.45
6	Fred Moojen	729.46
7	Phil Bain	729.45
8	Graham Mincham	728.50
9	Lew Horwood	728.35
10	Bill MacFarlane	723.44
<b>Reserve</b>		
1	John Oddy	704.40
2	Andy Daebler	660.29
3	Greg Phelan	619.16

**Reg Rowlands Teams Match**

Name	1000	1100	1200	Agg
<b>Northern Territory</b>				
J. Myles	74.08	72.08	75.06	221.22
J. Hyndes	73.07	72.05	68.03	213.15
G. Waddle	74.04	70.05	73.05	217.14
B. Dyer	72.05	70.04	69.00	211.09
<b>South Australia</b>				
J. Freebairn	72.04	68.05	69.02	209.11
A. Rix	70.03	69.03	73.04	212.10
G. Mincham	73.07	75.08	73.05	221.20
W. Freebairn	71.03	73.05	73.08	217.16
<b>Tasmania</b>				
M. Pearce	75.08	69.01	72.08	226.17
J. Hope	73.07	68.01	71.01	212.09
G. Walker	73.05	74.06	65.03	212.14
N. Paul	73.08	71.02	72.04	216.14
<b>Victoria</b>				
L. Horwood	59.05	71.01	72.05	202.11
D. Appleby	71.07	72.05	68.04	211.16
K. Maloney	63.01	73.02	70.03	206.06
S. East	74.09	74.10	73.04	221.23
<b>Australian Capital Territory</b>				
R. Trindall	71.04	71.06	67.01	209.11
B. McFarlane	70.03	70.04	69.05	209.12
K. Hills	72.05	70.04	65.01	207.10
D. Bullen	72.05	73.05	70.06	215.16
<b>New South Wales</b>				
P. Bain	71.02	71.04	71.07	213.13
W. Wright	69.04	72.08	67.03	208.15
J. Skinner	68.02	66.05		134.07
J. Oddy			63.2	63.02
F. Moojen	72.04	71.07	71.04	214.15

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**Sydney International Shooting Centre**

From the commencement of the main building contract on 11 July 1998, construction is approximately 45% completed with the project expected to be finished according to schedule in mid 1999. When completed the SISC will provide shooters with the most modern complex in the world. ....

**Volunteer - Update**

Approximately 200 shooting specific people have expressed their interest in volunteering for the Games. This number will be increased when details of the General Volunteer Recruitment Programme are released. If you have not expressed your interest in being a shooting specific volunteer and would like to do so, please contact Shooting Administration Manager Gina Di Lullo on (02) 9297 3765 and Gina will arrange for you to receive an Expression of Interest form which would need to be completed and returned as soon as possible.

In the new year we will be commencing our identification of persons for

positions for the Test Event in March-April 2000. The Test Event otherwise known as the ISSF World Cup, is where we will obtain our Olympic and Paralympic National Technical Officials and shooting specific volunteers. The Test Event is expected to be the largest International Shooting competition ever conducted in Australia with athlete numbers expected to be in the vicinity of 800 plus officials. It will also provide an introduction of the experience of being an Olympic and Paralympic Shooting Volunteer in 2000.

**Tickets**

General Admission tickets for all Shooting sessions are priced at \$50 with competition commencing on September 16 concluding on September 23.

**Tickets 'n' Transport**

The Olympic transport system will operate 24 hours a day for the general public during the 16 days of the Olympic Games.

Olympic spectators will have free travel on the Olympic transport system for the entire day of their Olympic event and until 4am the following day.

This free travel will be available on the City Rail network and the special Olympic bus routes, but will also include unlimited travel for other purposes over the relevant period.

**Torch Relay**

The Torch will visit all States and Territories and will journey within one hour's drive of 85% of Australia's population.

The Sydney 2000 Olympic Torch Relay will have 10,000 Torchbearers throughout Australia with each torchbearer carrying the Torch by foot for up to a kilometre, with the average slot length 500 metres. Included in the 10,000 will be Olympians, community representatives and a wide cross section of people from all walks of life.

In 1999 a National campaign will be launched for anyone who wishes to apply to be a Torchbearer.

**SOCOG Information Centre**

Enquiries regarding competition programme, volunteer forms, Torch Relay etc, can be answered for the cost of a local telephone call.

For easy access to information about the Sydney 2000 Games, call 136 363

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