

Natives Rifle Club - 2015 – Captains Report

In 2015 Natives enjoyed another successful year with increased membership . We welcomed Ro McNaught, Kyle Wood, Alex Bruin, Will Blackmore and David Schutz to the club in 2015. Existing members are providing training and support for these members. The club membership is still growing at around 10% per year and our 2015 membership stands at 60 of which 26 are F class.

Natives were not successful in any of the MDRA fixture grades in 2015. Natives did have the top shooters in 2015 with Kim O’Loughlen in A grade, Luke Baker in C grade and Wayne Latham in F Std. Ro McNaught was the MDRA U/25 Champion of Champions for 2015. Excellent shooting by you all. Individually we do very well. Team shooting however needs work.

Club champions for 2015 were A Grade Kim O’Loughlen, B Grade Markku Ahonen, C Grade Luke Baker, F Std Wayne Latham F Open George Constantinou. Well done to you all.

Natives remains an associated sporting club of the Carina Leagues club and each year we receive a generous grant from this organisation. In October members attended the Carina Leagues sporting awards night. Awards this year went Kim O’Loughlen in A Grade, Markku Ahonen in B Grade, Luke Baker in C Grade, Wayne Latham F Class Std, Tom Canty F Class Open .

A final shot ceremony was held for Les Perrin in October and Les’ family attended and appreciated the gesture. The club also acknowledges the generous bequest from Les.

Members attended most Queens throughout the country and numerous prize meetings with varying levels of success. Local highlights were Wayne Latham won the lead up in the QRA Queens and Luke Baker won the lead up in the Nationals. Many Natives were in the badge lists around the country. Results can be viewed on the web page.

The club now has a facebook page thanks to Kate Constantinou and this is being well received by members and others. Apparently likes are important so if haven’t liked our page please do so. If you have anything you want share with your clubmates feel free to put it on facebook.

Natives held its first prize meeting this year on electronic targets. This was the first big try out for the targets and the 2 day shoot went without a hitch. Bob Cramp from Pacific gave up his weekend to assist and this is gratefully acknowledged. Dimitri Kazokov was also in attendance to fine tune any hitches but there were none. Feedback on the electronic prize meeting was very positive. Winners were Mirko Teglassi A Grade, Tina Thornhill B Grade, Luke Baker C Grade, Peter Drew F Std A, Joe Koch F Std B, Lowell Tillack F Open and Mark Fairbairn FTR. Kim O’Loughlen won the Affleck belt with a fine 35.7. it was also the first prize meeting where we used the NRAA programme. Kate Constantinou entered all the results on the day and it worked a treat. In acknowledgment of Les Perrin’s generosity the 2 day Agg in our prize meeting from now on will be called the Les Perrin Match.

Natives continue to be a part of the electronic target syndicate. With over a year’s shooting on them the targets have outperformed most people’s expectations and are a valuable asset to the club.

My thanks go to Leigh Marett Vice Captain, Marcia Canty Treasurer, Sharona Muxlow Secretary, Jeff Leung Stats, Brian Pickles Providore, Wayne Latham Webmaster and the committee for their

support throughout the year. Thanks also to Kim O'Loughlen for keeping the grounds around the club house looking good.

Thanks always go to all members who make Natives the club that it is. We are one of the largest clubs and coming into our 115th year we can be proud of our achievements over this period. I encourage all members to assist each other in any aspect of the game and to mentor new members without being asked, so they get the best from the game. I also encourage members to put new ideas forward. If any newer member feels we should be doing something different let the captain know. It's our club and it's up to all of us to make Natives stronger going forward.

I wish all members good shooting for 2016 and look forward to another great year of competition .
Go the Natives in 2016!

John Menzel