

## 2016 – Captains Report - Natives Rifle Club

This year was another good one for Natives. Membership of the club continues to rise and this year we welcomed Scott Morley, Craig Pratt, Josh Pratt, Wayne Blair, Michael Halpin, Lucas Easton, Michael Vanka to our flock. Many new members cite the reason for choosing Natives was the friendly manner in which they were treated and the welcoming nature of all members. Keep it up.

We did a little better in fixtures this year snaring the Pennant Grade and B Grade. Only 3 points separated 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in A Grade with Natives 3<sup>rd</sup>. Good effort by all teams and thanks to all the coaches.

In the Champion of Champions shoot offs Ro McNaught was both the MDRA and QRA U/25 Champion. Brian Pickles was F Standard Champion MDRA and George Constantinou was the F TR Champion MDRA. A great effort.

Congratulations to the Club Champions – A Grade Kim O’Lughlen, B Grade Luke Baker, C Grade Craig Meldrum, F STD Brian Pickles, F Open George Constantinou. We all had a great presentation night at the QRA bar and café. Food and service were excellent.

The Carina Leagues awards night was a big success with Natives having the most members present of any sporting club. Winners of the CLC Awards were Don Thompson A Grade, Luke Baker B Grade, Craig Meldrum C Grade, Brian Pickles F Std, George Constantinou F Open. Carina Leagues Club continues to provide great support to Natives Rifle Club.

Many members attended numerous Queens and Prize meetings around the country. Notable performances came from Ro McNaught 1<sup>st</sup> in B grade at the QRA Queens and Wayne Latham 2<sup>nd</sup> in F Std B at the Grand Agg at the Canberra Queens. Results can be found at the NRAA website and the HEX website where events were shot on hex targets. The QRA hosted their first Queens on Hexta electronic targets this year. It was a resounding success and your captain assisted throughout the event as an ET Assist coordinator along with many others from S1 and S2 clubs. The assistance ensured a well-run event and feedback was excellent.

Natives had two representatives, Wendy Latham and Sharona Muxlow in the Queensland Ladies team which competed in Sydney and came second to New South Wales in very trying conditions. Well done ladies.

The Queensland Under 25 team was managed by Dom Whalan and Natives were represented by Ro McNaught and Will Blackmore. They came second to New South Wales overall, but were winners in one match.

The Natives prize meeting in June attracted 89 entries. The two day Agg is now called the Les Perrin Match in honour of long time member Dr Les Perrin. Les’ family kindly donated a perpetual shield to the club for the winner of the match. This year the winner of the shield and A grade was Matt Pozzebon from University. Des Voght North Arm won B Grade, Derek Sharp Mariners C Grade, Brian Pickles Natives FStd A, Kyle Wood Natives F Std B, Josh Reid Ipswich F Open, Jason Mayers Brisbane FTR. The Affleck belt (top 10 shoot off at 1000 yds) was won by Graeme Bolland from Pacific. Bob

Cramp gave invaluable assistance to Natives again this year and his input is greatly appreciated. This year Bob set up a competition page in the Hex system which allowed real time uploading of results and showed progressive winners across the two days. The great assistance provided by sponsors of our prize meeting is acknowledged and our thanks go to the Perrin family, the Canty's, the Latham's, the Menzel's, Carina Leagues Club, 7mm.com, Tingalpa Landscape Supplies, Australia Snack Foods, The Q Store and others.

Thanks to Leigh Marett - Vice Captain, Luke Baker - Secretary, Marcia Canty - Treasurer, Brian Pickles - Providor, Wayne Latham - Webmaster, Jeff Leung - Stats and uploading results to the newspaper each week, and the committee. And of course the grass doesn't mow itself – Kim O'Lughlen does. Thank you Kim.

All the Natives are a friendly bunch and as a result more and more shooters want to join our ranks. This is a great thing and it's down to you all. Keep up the good work. Help others and be respectful and I am sure the club will continue to grow.

Good shooting in 2017 and hopefully we will bring home some more fixtures pennants.

John Menzel – Captain

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