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Natives Rifle Club No 4 Inc

Captain's report for 2022

2022 was an exciting year for Natives on a few levels. Membership grew yet again, several members were selected in the Queensland team, three great wins in fixtures, a Natives member wins the Compton cup and more.

Membership now stands at 82 and this year we welcomed David Li, Max and Dennis Van Roo, Hannah Pearce, Ivor Davidson, Pieter, Lu and Zyden Wiid, Sam and Terrance Crook, Thomas Kitching, Ray Berger and Jan and Kai Renner. Welcome to all the new Natives. I have noted that members who need training and assistance are well supported by the more experienced members.

Seven Natives members were selected to contest TR Teams matches in Sydney. I can't think of an occasion where so many members from one club were selected for a Qld team. They were Leigh Marett, Josh Pratt, Steve Smith, Jess Crawford, Bob Crawford, Bas Hopkins, Kim O'Loghlen. Made the captain very proud.

In the MDRA fixtures Natives had a clean sweep in all the TR grades winning A, Reserve and C grades and the Pennants. The Natives F Class teams finished second. An excellent result for the club. In the MDRA Peter Compton Cup Leigh Marett was the TR winner for 2022 and John Stevens was the top MDRA shooter in FTR. In the 1000 yds shootoff with Pacific Natives won the TR scotch but had to hand over a bottle of bourbon for F class.

Club Champions for 2022 were Leigh Marett in TR and John Stevens in F Class.

Grade Champions were TRA Leigh Marett, TRB Isaac Brinin, TRC Rob Bell, F Std A Wayne Blair, F Std B Scott Morley, F Open George Constantinou, FTR John Stevens. Well done to all. Across all our championships there is a very high quality of shooting.

The 2022 Natives Prize Meeting was another success. Thanks to all the members who make this a great weekend of shooting. This year there were 109 entries making it bigger than some Kings around the country. The prize meeting winners were: TRA Geoff Grenfell, TRB Steve Small Grafton, TRC Pieter Wiid Natives, FSA Henk Doggen Beaudesert, FSB Peter Drew Murwillumbah, FO Brett Bunyan Boddington 214, FTR Paul Kearney Carnarvon65. The Affleck Belt was won by our very own Bob Crawford. The Wild Dog Custom Rifles Trophy was won by Andrew McKillop FS, Brett Bunyan FO and Frans Knox FTR.

Numerous Natives travelled to various Kings/Queens throughout the year. Best performing Natives at the Qld events were:

Nationals Presidents – TRA Mirko Teglassi 11th, TRB Dom Whalan 2nd, FO Oliver Ploch 12th, FTR John Stevens 5th.

National Kings – TRA Kim O’Loghlen 9th, TRB Reilly Pitt 1st, TRC Warwick Thomas 2nd, FSA Wayne Latham 15th, FO Danny Kelly 13th, FTR John Stevens 5th.

QRA Duncan – TRA Leigh Marett 8th, TRB John Caske 1st, TRC Warwick Thomas 2nd, FSA Gordon Craick 7th, FO Oliver Ploch 15th, FTR John Stevens 2nd.

QRA Queens – TRA Bob Crawford 6th, TRB Dom Whalan 3rd, TRC Warwick Thomas 4th, FSA David LI 8th, FSB Scott Morley 1st, FO Oliver Ploch 26, FTR John Stevens 5th.

NQRA lead up – TRA Bob Crawford 13th, TRB Dom Whalan 7th, FSA Kris Crawford 10th.

NQRA Queens – TRA Jess Crawford 4th, TRB Dom Whalan 7th, FSA Kris Crawford 1st.

Excellent shooting by the Natives.

Carina Leagues remain a great supporter of Natives Rifle Club. This year their annual Sports Awards night was held at the Alexandra Hill Hotel and was well attended by Natives members. Our winners were our 2021 club champions. Target Rifle was Josh Pratt and F Class was Gordon Craick.

The end of year presentations was a most entertaining night and the Captain wasn’t sick this year so was able to attend. Probably the best fun I have seen the members have away from the mound all year. The younger members put forward a pirate themed night and I have to say nearly everyone supported it. The photos posted by Wayne and Michelle Dick say it all.

A huge shout out to our sponsors – Carina Leagues Club, Warwick Thomas (Securcom), the Perrin Family, Wild Dog Custom Rifles and the Menzel Family. The club is indebted to Warwick for the donation of a high end security system for the club house and shed. Thank you Warwick.

The committee as always has been a big support to the Captain. Thanks to Wayne Blair Vice Captain, Wendy Latham Secretary, Lyle Vinter Treasurer, Kim O’Loghlen, George Constantinou and Bas Hopkins Committee members. Thanks to Wayne Latham who looks after the stats and website. I have to say that his running leaders pages make it very easy when organizing the club champions trophies. And I have to acknowledge the great support from Cath Vinter who does an amazing job in assisting Lyle with treasury matters. Being such a large club the treasurer’s job is formidable and these two do always manage to keep on top of things. It’s a thankless job and the best way we can support them is to pay our bills on time.

It’s been a great year. The club is going from strength to strength. Support each other, be respectful, have fun and have a great 2023 shooting year.

John Menzel