

Graeme Walton Berman 1931 - 2023





South Australia 1992



New Zealand Queens 1991



South Australia 1999



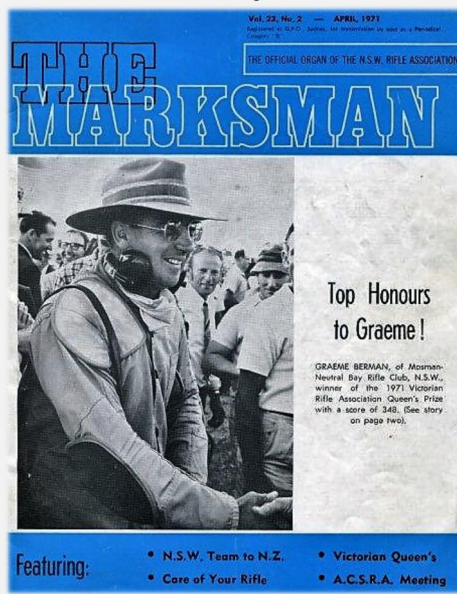
North Queensland Queens 1992



Victoria Queens 1976



Victoria Queens 1971



Graeme's first No. 1 Queens Badge plus some of his 123 Badges



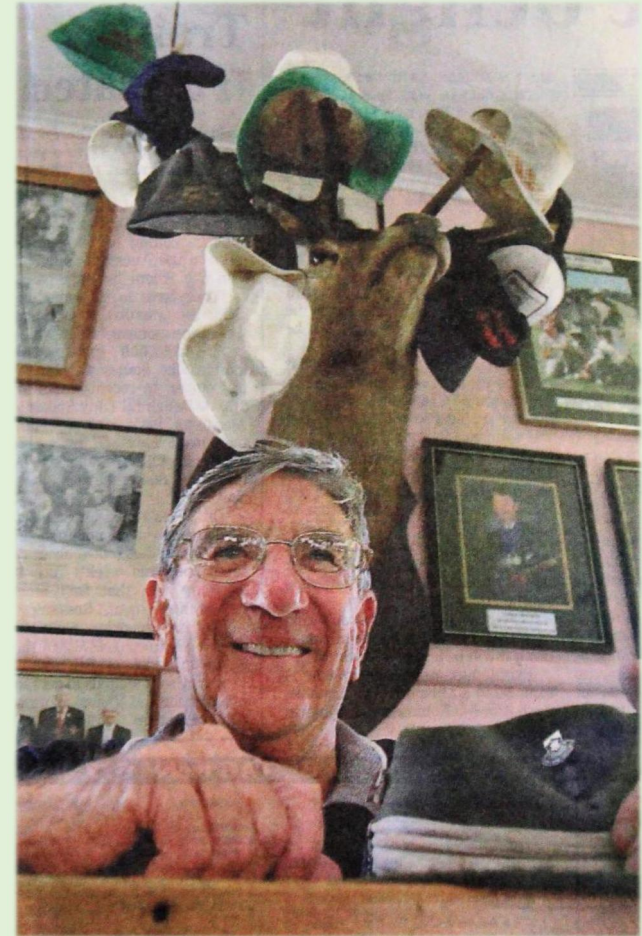
Graeme's Queens Wins

<i>1999</i>	<i>South Australia</i>
<i>1992</i>	<i>North Queensland</i>
<i>1992</i>	<i>South Australia</i>
<i>1991</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>
<i>1976</i>	<i>Victoria</i>
<i>1971</i>	<i>Victoria</i>

*New Zealand Queens - Ballinger Belt 1991
Winning after 7 attempts,
he was 3rd two years prior.*



*New Zealand in 2001 Graeme was interviewed in the
Upper Hut Rifle Club, as he had been competing at
Trentham Rifle Range since 1964 and stated;
"it was the best range in the world".*



"Hats off to Graeme"

The "Fletcher Trophy" is open to overseas competitors, the Bisley Bible states that; "which becomes the property of the competitor winning it three times". (1983, 1987, 1993) The prize is a Challenge Trophy which was presented for the first time in 1928 by Commander Sir Lionel Fletcher. In 1993 Graeme Berman was the winner of the Fletcher Trophy with a score of 75.9 for 15 shots which is held concurrently with the Prince of Wales competition. He was the only possible score, second place being 74.13. Graeme achieved something that not many, if any, competitor at Bisley has ever achieved. This had created some dismay with the then current Chairman of the NRA Colin Cheshire, to allow the trophy to be taken home to Australia. This trophy has pride of place in Graeme's cabinet.



*NRA Journal - Autumn 1987 Article
Graeme Berman takes the Fletcher Challenge
Cup as a reward for 30 straight bulls.*



Trentham New Zealand NRA Queens Final 1984

Graeme Berman had a number of successes during his yearly treks to Bisley.

He made the Grand Aggregate Top 50 on 11 occasions winning the Silver medal in 1984. He had a score of 591, the winner had 594. The medal is proudly displayed in the Mosman Neutral Bay club hut, which is the medal that was presented to Graeme.

He also made the Queens Final Top 100 on 11 occasions, which means he has 11 Bisley Queens badges, a tremendous result. He also made the St Georges Top 25 Final on 6 occasions.



*St Georges
Top 50 Results*

<i>1976</i>	<i>- 18th</i>
<i>1981</i>	<i>- 12th</i>
<i>1984</i>	<i>- 25th</i>
<i>1985</i>	<i>- 12th</i>
<i>1996</i>	<i>- 7th</i>
<i>1999</i>	<i>- 15th</i>



*Australian Bi-Centennial 1988
at ANZAC Range, Malabar
3rd stage winner with 150.14
There were over 900 competitors
Graeme won 6th Badge in the Queens*



2000 Bisley Queens Final - Top 100

Graeme with Mosman N'Bay club mates Karen & Wendy all making the Final 100



*Trentham New Zealand with Club & Australian team member Ken Lee both in the top 3,
hard conditions with only one score over 70 out of 75*

QUEEN'S SHOOT 1989

PLACE	COMPETITOR	TARGET																TOTALS				
			S	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	RANGE TOTAL	BELT AGGREGATE	TOTAL
	MEADE K.T.	CV	3	5	4	5	5	5	5	4	4	5	V	V	V	3	4	4		68.3	480.53	548.56
1	BERMAN G	C6	Q	V	V	V	4	5	5	5	V	V	2	V	V	3	3	4		66.7	480.41	546.48
3	SUTHERLAND T.N.	C4	4	4	4	4	4	5	V	3	4	V	4	5	V	5	4	4	4	65.3	479.50	544.53
6	JACOBS R.	C7	2	4	5	3	4	4	V	4	4	3	2	5	2	3	4	5	5	58.1	479.47	537.48
	O'DONNELL K.	C3	2	4	4	4	4	3	5	4	V	3	3	3	V	3	5	4	V	60.3	479.44	539.47
	WHITEMAN J.R.	C8	5	V	3	V	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	V	V	3	5			62.4	479.42	541.46
8	JOHNSTONE J.S.	C2	3	5	5	V	V	4	V	4	V	4	2	5	4	3	V	4		65.5	479.41	544.46
7	FUGLISTALLER H.E.	C9	V	2	5	5	4	5	4	3	5	4	5	3	V	4	4	4	5	65.5	479.41	544.46
	DOYLE A.P.	C1	5	4	5	3	5	5	4	3	V	4	4	4	4	5	V	4	4	64.2	478.51	542.53
	NEAL V.	CX	4	4	3	V	4	5	5	3	4	5	V	2	V	5	4	4	0	59.3	478.35	537.38
2	LEE K.	D1	3	4	4	5	V	V	V	V	5	4	5	V	4	V	V	5	4	71.7	477.38	548.45
4	COLLINGS D.R.	BX	3	5	4	5	5	5	5	3	5	5	4	V	V	4	4	V		69.3	477.35	546.38
	DODSON J.F.	D2	3	4	4	V	4	4	5	5	4	4	5	5	4	5	4	3	4	65.1	476.47	541.48
	NIVEN A.	B9	2	3	4	5	5	4	V	4	5	V	5	3	5	5	3	3	3	64.2	476.35	540.37
5	MARSHALL A.A.	D3	3	3	4	4	5	5	5	V	V	3	V	V	V	4	4	V	5	69.6	476.35	545.41

Commonwealth Games Trials 1993 for Commonwealth Games to be held Victoria, British Columbia in 1994, he came 3rd



*Graeme with some of the best shooters in Australia :-
Billy Martin, Spencer Dunstall, Bert Bowden, Geoff Grenfell, Andrew Powell, Neil Gibbins, Mark Buchanan, James Corbett*

NSW Teams

Graeme represented NSW 15 times as a shooter and coach in Merrett matches between 1970 to 1985, winning on several occasions. He received 'baggy blue' number 338.



1972 NSW State Team Canberra



Score board shows only 3 points down Graeme with two Mosman Neutral Bay Club mates



1973 NSW State Team Williamstown Victoria



1974 NSW State Team Pontville Tasmania



*1975 NSW State Team Belmont, Queensland for National Teams
Winners of the Bruce White Trophy*

NEW SOUTH WALES RIFLE TEAM
NATIONAL RIFLE TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS — 1975-76
Duncan Memorial Rifle Range, Belmont, Brisbane
"BRUCE WHITE TROPHY WINNERS"



Back: M. R. Thomas, P. J. McMillan, J. H. Brooker.
Middle: A. F. Powell, S. J. Golinski, F. E. McDermott, R. A. Rowlands, G. V. Hahn, G. P. O'Keefe.
Front: G. W. Berman, A. M. Burrows (Coach), N. S. Holt (Captain), D. F. Shepherd (Coach), P. A. Chaplin (Manager).

MOSS STUDIO PHOTO



1982 NSW STATE TEAM - Williamstown VICTORIA

Winners of Merrett: Sweet (grand aggregate): Bruce White: Snap: Service Aggregate

Another team full of legends

**NEW SOUTH WALES RIFLE ASSOCIATION STATE TEAM
NATIONAL TEAMS MATCH – QUEENSLAND 1984**



Winners: "Merrett" – "Northcote" – "Bruce White" – "McGowan" – "Dewar" – "Sweet".
Back: F. McDermott, B. Swindle, R. Rowlands, O. Pattinson, P. Robinson.
Centre: G. Hahn, A. Powell, S. Golinski, A. McGuigan, P. McMillan.
Front: G. Berman (Coach), K. Lee (Captain), W. Barratt, G. O'Keeffe (Coach).

*Graeme was Coach for the 1984 winning "Merrett Match"
Graeme with four Mosman N'Bay Club mates
and a couple of legends*

*1985 NSW State Team to Swanbourne WA
Graeme was a coach with Reg Rowlands
And four Mosman N'Bay Club mates*





*1970 Graeme's first NSW State team
Letter to represent in South Australia*

"JAMIESON HOUSE"
ANZAC RIFLE RANGE
Circular No.
RA 14/70.

MAROUBRA, N.S.W. 2035
TELEPHONE: 601-4932
AFTER HOURS: 630-1847

NEW SOUTH WALES RIFLE ASSOCIATION
ESTABLISHED 1860

22nd July, 1970.

NSW RIFLE ASSOCIATION STATE TEAM
1970/71 AUSTRALIAN TEAMS' CHAMPIONSHIPS
ADELAIDE, S.A. - OCTOBER, 1970.

Reference is made to the June, 1970, issue of "The Marksman", in which nominations were called from Members of Rifle Clubs affiliated with the NSW Rifle Association for selection in the State Team to represent the Association in the Australian Council of State Rifle Association's Australian Teams' Championships to be conducted on the Dean Rifle Range, PORT ADELAIDE, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, on 13th, 14th & 15th October, 1970, under the auspices of the South Australian Rifle Association, (Inc.), immediately following the Annual Prize Meeting of that Association.

I have to advise that the following State Team to represent the NSW Rifle Association in the above Championships has been selected from the twenty six (26) nominations received:-

Team Captain: Lt.-Col. E.A. GREEN, (RL), Marrickville Rifle Club

Coaches: H.W. IRVING, Rockdale Rifle Club
K.F. LEE, Mosman-Neutral Bay Rifle Club


Members: G.W. BERMAN, Mosman-Neutral Bay Rifle Club
E.F. DOOHAN, Lithgow SA Rifle Club
G.V. HAHN, Lyndhurst Rifle Club
K.G. KING, Cronulla L & W Rifle Club
O.C. PATTINSON, Prospect Rifle Club
B.J. PRIDE, Mosman-Neutral Bay Rifle Club
R.A. ROWLANDS, Lyndhurst Rifle Club
J. SIMPSON, Orange Rifle Club
E.C. THOMPSON, Hurstville VDC Rifle Club
K.A. THOMPSON, Hurstville VDC Rifle Club

Reserves: A.J. THURTELL, Orange Rifle Club
R.F. BAILEY, Sydney VDC Rifle Club

Members of the Team are listed alphabetically, but the Reserves are shown in order of preference.

The Team will travel from SYDNEY to ADELAIDE by air, departing from Kingsford Smith Aerodrome, MASCOT, NSW, on Tuesday, 6th October, 1970, at 7.15 P.M. Detailed arrangements regarding travel etc., will be advised later to all concerned.

Team Members not already in possession of a NSW Rifle Association or NRA of NSW State Team Blazer should order their requirements as soon as possible from Messrs. Ambrosoli & Thompson Pty., Ltd., Manufacturing Tailors, Hibernian Building, 342 Elizabeth St., SYDNEY, NSW. Team Blazers are the responsibility of the individual member concerned and not paid for by the Association. However, the NSW Rifle Association will pay for the Badged Pocket for new Members and also for the embroidered current date (1970/71) for those Members already in possession of State Team Blazers.


Secretary,
(J.D. ROWTELL)

1995 National Queens Canberra and all the badge winners. Graeme in the centre as he came 2nd in the third stage.



Australian Teams

Graeme was coach and Captain in Team matches for Australia at Bisley. He represented in the Kolapore match on seven occasions, the first being in 1974 as shooter then finishing in 2015 as Captain. He top-scored in the winning 1976 team and shot again in the winning 1978 team shown below. The Australian team also won the Empire (now Australia) match in each of those years. He was Captain and Coach of the winning Australian team in the Mackinnon match in 1996.



1974 Australian Team Canberra



1976 Australian Team Bisley, winning the big triple, Kolapore, Mackinnon and the Empire match





August 1974 article :
 Mr Graeme Berman who is part of the Australian Rifle team arrived back from Canada today. The team also competed in England at Bisley in the Queens's Prize rifle shoot in which Mr Berman came 13th

1974 Australian Bisley-Canada Team



Standing (Left to Right): B. JOHNSTON, G. MALE, P. HALLETT, J. McDERMOTT, S. HAYES, G. KERR, A. IRELAND, G. HAHN, G. BERMAN, G. O'KEEFFE.
 Seated (Left to Right): D. HIRTH, E. BUBB (Coach), A. C. PENWARN (Adjutant), J. H. COLLINSON (Captain), J. CALLAGHAN (Coach), E. CONDON.

WINNERS OF THE DOMINION TROPHY

1972 was the first time Graeme competed at the Bisley Queens where he finished 8th.
 Now in 1976 for his 2nd time to Bisley, he is part of a 19-strong Australian team.



1974 Telegram from Mosman Members

Charges to pay		POST OFFICE		No. OFFICE STAMP	
Tariff £		TELEGRAM			
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Total £		D1204 FOL 121 OAC 787			
RECEIVED		TL 3251		GBLX HL AASV022	
From		Sydney		To	
By		22 26 1455		By	
TO LT Graeme Berman					
Bisley Brookwood Woking UK					
Congratulations your shooting					
Keep it up Congratulations					
Phil too and Hank					
for his 103					
MOSMAN MEMBERS					
For free repetition of doubtful words telephone "TELEGRAMS ENQUIRY" or call, with this form, B or C at office of delivery. Other enquiries should be accompanied by this form and, if possible, the envelope.					

*1972 Australian Team Canberra
Pan Pacific Teams event between Australia, New Zealand & Canada
Captain Jim McIntosh holding trophy after winning. It had been 40yrs since this trophy had been presented
This teams match was held before the 1st NRA Queen*



Pan Pacific Match 1974 at McIntosh Range Canberra

GREAT BRITAIN v AUSTRALIA
At McIntosh Range, Canberra
 10 shots each over the 300,
 600, 800 and 823m ranges:
GREAT BRITAIN 1468 (N Fyfe
 47 46 45 49—187 J Killian 49
 48 47 43—187 K Pilcher 46 48
 46 46—186 K Pugh 49 42 49 45
 —185 A Chown 47 46 43 48—
 184 J Spaight 49 46 43 44—
 182 D Evans 46 46 44 44—180
 E Harrison 46 43 46 42—177) bt
AUSTRALIA 1450 (G Berman 48
 43 45 48—184 J McDermott 50
 47 40 47—184 G Kerr 47 46 45
 45—183 G Hahn 49 44 46 43
 —182 J Reilly 47 46 44 44—
 181 G O'Keefe 47 44 47 41—
 179P Hallett 47 47 44 41—179
 D Hirth 47 43 46 42—178).

JAPAN		PAN PACIFIC MATCH 1976		AUSTRALIA		NEW ZEALAND		
CAPTAIN	M. KATO	CAPTAIN	N. SCOTT	CAPTAIN	A.R. GRIMWOOD	CAPTAIN	A.R. GRIMWOOD	
COACH	G. MALE	T. KUSHIZAKI	COACH	J. REILLY	COACH	J.C. CAMERON	COACH	J.C. CAMERON
COACH	R. ROWLANDS	S. YUKAWA	COACH	A. BURROWS	COACH	D.J. FLYNN	COACH	D.J. FLYNN
T. SUGITA	49 47 46 49 131	G. BERMAN	49 50 49 48 196	R. BARROW	47 50 47 41 185			
I. SATO	47 48 46 43 184	B. HEATH	47 47 48 47 189	M. CALLAGHAN	49 48 47 49 193			
T. SATO	50 45 47 49 191	L. NELSEN	49 49 48 48 194	M. JUDKINS	49 48 48 47 192			
N. HASHIMOTO	44 47 48 44 183	A. POWELL	49 48 45 49 191	A. LOUGHNAN	48 48 46 48 190			
T. ONO	45 47 48 44 184	K. SADLER	49 46 48 50 193	M. MCCARTHY	49 47 49 46 191			
I. SHIMODA	47 43 41 43 174	M. SWEET	49 47 48 49 193	A. MARSHALL	50 46 47 49 192			
T. ISHII	48 46 45 50 189	D. BROWN	49 48 47 47 191	N. PEACH	48 47 46 47 188			
O. HARA	49 48 49 45 191	M. HOBBS	50 50 48 49 197	G. SMITH	49 45 46 48 188			
Y. YAMAGISAWA	48 44 46 44 182	B. TITCOMBE	48 50 49 49 196	B. THOM	50 48 48 46 192			
M. FUJII	48 46 45 46 185	P. HALLETT	49 48 50 49 196	J. WHITEMAN	48 48 48 47 191			
TOTALS	475 461 461 457 1854	TOTALS	488 483 480 485 1936	TOTALS	487 473 472 469 1901			
PROGRESSIVE TOTALS	334 1337 1854							



1974
 Graeme was the best placed
 Australian at Bisley, he smiles
 as he collects part of
 his reward
 a kiss from his wife, Moire.
 Graeme finished with the 3rd
 highest score
 Article quote

Pan Pacific Match 1975 at ANZAC Range

**RIFLE SHOOTING PAN PACIFIC
 COMPETITION at Anzac Range,
 Malabar:**

10 shots at 274 548 731 and
 823 metres ranges: Australia
 1918 (E Thompson (Tas) 49 49
 49 49 195. P Hallett (Vic) 49
 50 49 48 194. D Hirth (Vic) 49
 47 50 48 194. F Affleck (Q) 48
 48 49 48 193. G Berman (NSW)
 49 47 50 47 193. G Hahn
 (NSW) 49 47 49 47 192. G
 Warrian (WA) 49 46 49 47 191
 N Neilson (SA) 49 48 47 46
 190. R Richard-Mousley (SA) 45
 45 50 148 188. D Price (NSW)
 47 47 48 46 188) b Canada
 1875 (G Higgins 193 C Ambrose
 192 R Hampson 190 R Pitcairn
 J McCulloch, N Beckitt 189 J
 Cramar 187 M Walker 185 D
 Daines 183 W Lightburn 178) and
 P a u a-New Guinea 1716
 (McCarron 191 G Norris 187 J
 Windridge 182 Psaltis 173 Rivett
 172 Van Kanven 170 Coregal
 167 Bissi 163 Denmead 162 Bull
 149).

Captain Graeme Berman - one of many times he was the captain for Australia. This team won with a record score.

Presented by Mosman-Neutral Bay Rifle Club to honour the performances of club members Graeme Berman and Tony McGuigan in the Australian Rifle Team to Bisley, 1996.



2007 NSW Bisley Team Graeme was the Master Coach



2015 Australian Team, Graeme was team Captain's for the Kolapore, Team with their Bisley bling...



1996 Club Presentation dinner, where a photo of the Australian Bisley team was unveiled in a presentation. Graeme was the team Captain winning with a record score



2019 Australian Bisley Team



*Thru the years ...
Bisley*



New Zealand



Tasmania



1972 Mosman N'Bay Commonwealth Match Winners with a Record Score



Graeme had participated in the Kolapore Team in Bisley over the following years:-



*1974 Team was 2nd
Graeme equal top scored with 145
1976 Team was 1st
Graeme top scored with 149
Which was a record score
1978 Team was 1st
Graeme score was 146
1983 was a NSW team
Graeme was one of the coaches
1996 Team was 2nd
Graeme was one of the coaches
2014 Team was 3rd
Graeme was one of the coaches
2015 Team was 3rd
Graeme was the Captain*

Another Australian Bisley team Graeme participated in was the Mackinnon



*1974 Team was 2nd
Graeme score was 91
1978 Team was 2nd
Graeme score was 89
1996 Team was 1st
Graeme was the Captain and coach
2014 Team
Graeme was the main coach
2015 Team
Graeme was the Captain*

At Bisley



1974 Article

RIFLE TEAM PLACE

Graeme Berman, from Mosman - Neutral Bay Rifle Club, has gained selection in the Australian team for a series of matches to be fired at Bisley, England, next year.

A 42-year-old industrial chemist of Balgowlah, Berman has been a regular member of the State team since 1970.

Only son of the late Mr. H. W. Berman, of Cremorne, who was a marksman of rare ability, he has a number of outstanding individual performances to his credit, including the Victorian Queen's Prize in 1971.

The team, which includes two other New South Welshmen, will be away for about two months, returning via Canada, to take in the Governor - General individual matches and teams events against the Dominion, at Ottawa.

*Victorian Queens Win
North Shore Times Article 1971*

Mosman-Neutral Bay rifleman, Graeme Berman won the Queen's prize in the Victorian open championships held at Williamstown, Melbourne, last week.

Berman scored 348 points out of a possible 355.

Although near the leaders throughout the match it was not until the final shoot from the 900 yards mound when he scored 10 bulls to score 50 that he reached the lead.

He had drawn with another Sydney rifleman, Jim Sweet of Maroubra.

In the shoot-off, again from 900 yards, Berman scored another 10 bull possible to lead Sweet by one point.

Graeme and friends...



*Graeme 1976 winning Queens Badge No 22
He was in the Australian team*



Bisley Article 1984

BERMAN HOLDS OFF COLEMAN

By LESLIE HOWCROFT

GRAEME BERMAN, one of the Australian contenders for the Queen's Prize later this month, won the Commonwealth Aggregate Gold Medal, the overall championship of the British Commonwealth Rifle Club meeting, at Bisley over the weekend.

He beat off a constant challenge from one of Britain's younger internationals, Danny Coleman, 20, the former Surrey champion.

In a series of six events ranging from 300 to 1000 yards Berman scored 337 out of a possible 350 to beat Coleman by four points.

A former Queen's Prize winner, Andrew Tucker, also a Surrey county and international, finished level with Coleman on 333 but the younger man took second prize because his 1,000 yards total, which also won him the long range aggregate, was the higher.

In the opening events of the Combined Services meeting, which continues throughout the week, Chief Petty Officer Alan Ball of Royal Navy Air Command won the Navy target rifle championship.

COMMONWEALTH AGG.—G. Berman (Australia) 337.
DOMINION AGG (Short range).—

Graeme at Bisley 1976



1984 Australia Team to compete in the Empire Match held at Cannon Hill, Belmont, Queensland



1984 Bisley Graeme placed 2nd in the Grand Aggregate

GRAND AGGREGATE				
1	BITLOCK T -11	26	ALEXANDER WHC	BRIGLI
2	BERMAN -14	27	DAWES P	ROSLING R
3	WINGLE -15	28	WONG SHUI	BRAMLEY PD
4	RELTHER	29	BROMLEY PB	THOMPSON JMA
5	TRENT PG -16	30	FUSSEY	MALLETT C
6	RICHARDS DFP -17	31	BARWISE -23	KENT ML
7	BLOOMFIELD	32	DEANE JR	MCCULLOCK
8	BEST RG -18	33	FARMICHAEL	VAN NIEKERK
9	OSMELLEH J	34	BURGER	COOPER D
10	COLEMAN	35	ROOTH	CLARKE TP

Graeme made the Grand Aggregate Top 50 on 11 occasions

1974	- 6 th	
1976	- 9 th	
1978	- 18 th	
1979	- 7 th	
1981	- 24 th	
1982	- 7 th	
1983	- 16 th	
1984	- 2 nd Silver Cross	
1986	- 32 nd	
1990	- 16 th	
1996	- 34 th	

*Graeme receiving a Top 100
Bisley Badge, you can just see in his hand*



*Winning a Bisley badge is a significant
achievement especially when you are starting with
1,200 competitors. Below are his 11 badge places:*

- 1972 - 8th*
- 1974 - 13th*
- 1976 - 22nd*
- 1981 - 4th*
- 1982 - 80th*
- 1985 - 72nd*
- 1990 - 59th*
- 1992 - 39th*
- 1997 - 88th*
- 1998 - 67th*
- 1999 - 19th*

A Couple of Interesting Highlights

- 1971 Winning Victorian Queens with an usual record of not using one sighter*
- 1974 Canada - won the Governor General, and 5th in the Grand Cross*
- 1978 Bisley - won the Sudan Gold medal which is shot at 900y & 1000y, plus 18th Grand Aggregate*
- 1981 Competed in the first ever World Target Rifle Championships at Bisley*
- 1981 Bisley Queens 4th Badge, St Georges 12th and Grand Aggregate 24th*
- 1982 2nd in the NRAA Champion of Champions*
- 1982 Competed in the World 300m Championships in Venezuela after 1 weeks practice at Fort Benning, Georgia*

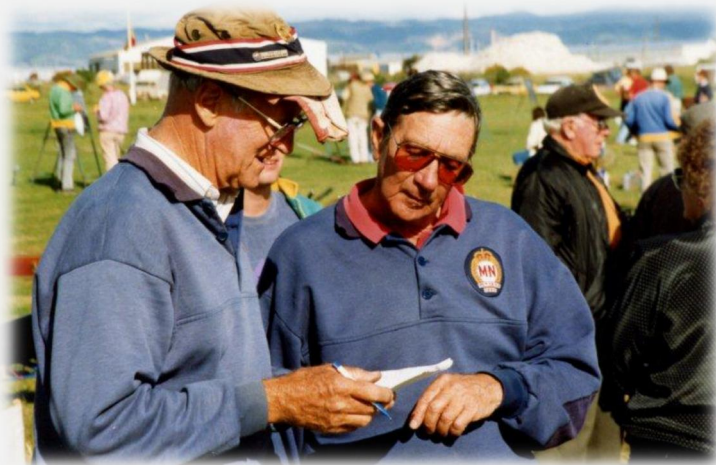


Graeme with one of his Bisley trophies and Lt Colonel Larry Orpen-Smellie

Graeme with Frank McDermott & Jack Buchanan



Graeme with Ken Lee, most likely looking at the stats



Part of Graeme's Mosman N'Bay Successes

Graeme Berman won the Open Club Championship 6 times the first time in 1968 thru to 1994. His father Bert Berman won the Small-bore (Miniature) Club Championship 5 times in a row between 1935 to 1940, plus the Target Rifle (Open) Championship once in 1948-49. Below is an article from 1968.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE ...

By ALAN SPLIERS

THIRTY-FOUR years have elapsed since Bert Berman carved a small niche for himself in that board of honour reserved for riflemen.

Berman, a sniper with the Australian forces at Gallipoli, won the first stage of the 1934 Queen's Prize shoot at Anzac Range, Liverpool.

He was right on target—recording for the first time in Australia a possible 105 points on the three ranges.

It mattered not when Berman "blew up" to finish with the also-rans. He had had his moment of glory.

Yesterday old-timers at the Long Bay Rifle Range where this year's Queen's is being held had cause to recall Berman's feat.

Shares lead

His son, Graeme, 37, was one of five marksmen sharing the lead on 103 points after the first stage.

Berman junior (Mosman Neutral Bay) recorded scores of 33 and possible 35s on the 600, 800 and 900-yard ranges.

His co-leaders going into today's second stage are: Ken Thompson (Hurstville V.D.C.), Gordon Shepherd (Metropolitan), John Holt (Parramatta) and Gary Miller (Maroubra).

Berman yesterday won a shoot-off to take out the day's Aggregate.

Miller, competing the "B" series, was not eligible for the shoot-off against the other four leaders. But he is well in calculations for the Queen's itself.

Graeme Berman yesterday used a rifle owned by his father which he recently retrieved from the back of an old cupboard and refurbished.

He said after winning the shoot-off: "Queen's has never been won by the first-stage leaders."

On yesterday's display Berman may just be the first to do it.

In the opening match over 600 yards, Maurie Irwin (Albury) was declared the winner after reeling off a four central bull 35.

John Dodds (Central Brisbane) won the 800 yards match with a five central bull finish.

The final match over 900 yards went to Collingwood (Vic.) marksman Charlie Tackle, recording a four central bull 35.

1988 Bi Centenary Sponsor 1st Stage Queens

Graeme Berman is an internationally noted shooter having represented Australia on many occasions as shooter and coach. Graeme competes regularly at Bisley where he has been very successful and represented Australia in the World Championships in Venezuela. One of the few 'top shots' who has successfully combined his shooting and the administration of his sport. Graeme has provided some history on his father's shooting career along with an insight into his personality which will be

known as a "short-range specialist" and established a number of record scores when it was the fashion to carry on shooting after scoring a possible until an inner was scored. He won a number of King's Badges in N.S.W., Victoria and Queensland and in 1934 won the First Stage of the King's, known then as "The Prince of Wales" with a perfect score of 105/105. He had quite a day that day because he also shot 40/40 in the Service Match.

"My father continued to shoot im-

"As a young boy I was taken many Saturdays down to Chatswood Rifle Range. The Chatswood Club was full of characters who were like many before the war, poor but happy. I well recall being taken shooting rabbits behind the butts by Ben Hardy, a club-mate of my father's.

"I was taught to shoot with a SMLE with a .22 Lithgow barrel and in 1947 joined Mosman-Neutral Bay Rifle Club and commenced shooting .303's. My interest in shooting waned and it was not until my return to live in Australia in

SPONSOR PROFILE THE BERMAN FAMILY

interesting reading to those of us who do not remember Bert Berman, and a touch of nostalgia for those who knew him.

"The Berman family decided to sponsor the First Stage of the Bicentennial Queen's Prize in 1988 in order to perpetuate the name of both my father and myself as previous winners of the event.

"My father H. W. (Bert) Berman was born at Uralla (N.S.W) in 1894. He joined the 1st A.I.F., his regimental number being 799, and as a member of the 4th Battalion landed at Gallipoli on 25th April, 1915. As a member of Chatswood Rifle Club he competed in many King's Prizes before the start of the Second World War. He was

mediately shooting resumed after the war, joining Mosman-Neutral Bay Rifle Club, but ill health plagued him and his latter years before his death in 1972 were not comfortable.

"My father was an interesting character, being a great experimenter so far as shooting was concerned. He fiddled constantly with his rifles, with bedding techniques and different barrels. He had a most unusual position with an exceptionally short sling brought about by his shooting with the butt on his upper arm rather than on his shoulder. The photograph of him on the mound with his SMLE will interest younger shooters as it shows him using a "double arm sling", shortly to be banned.

1967 that I became a serious competitor. At the 1967 "Vale Anzac" Queen's Prize at Liverpool I was counted out for a badge but won a Wynne and Grand Championship spoon. The first Queen's at the new Anzac Rifle Range at Malabar took place in 1968. The first Stage was 7 shots at 600, 800 and 900 yards and my 103/105 put me into a 4-way shoot-off which I managed to win.

"It is this win, together with that of my father's, that I seek to recognise by the sponsorship of the Bicentenary First Stage."

Preliminary Programme

The programme below is a preliminary programme only and subject to alteration. Publication of the programme at this stage is in response to interest shown in the Shoot.

April, 1988

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th
Australian 300 metre Championships
(Teams and Individual)

Monday 11th
Practice

Tuesday 12th
Practice

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th



Graeme makes another Cover 1991

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RECENT QUEENS WINNERS

Top left: Graeme Berman New Zealand Queens.

Top right: Tony Moon North Queensland Queens.

Bottom: Jim Wood Tasmania Queens.

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*Highlights of Graeme's participation
in Club teams matches*



1990 Cessnock Teams



1991 Cessnock Teams



*1975 Commonwealth Postal
Winning Team*



1985 British Commonwealth Teams



A number of NSW Queens Teams



*Mini Palma Teams at Stockton over a number of years with Graeme and Frank McDermott
1985 Win*



Bi-Centenary Queens 1988

*All Australia Team Members or
a No 1 Mosman N'Bay Grade Team*



*Mosman Neutral Bay No 1 Grade Team
at 800m 2004 to win the MDRA Grade*



*Graeme mentioned to a club mate :-
2016 marked his 70 yrs of Grade
Competition. He was very proud of this fact.*

1970 Central West DRA Championship Mudgee winning by 1 point, this Competition was the 2nd biggest in the State after the NSW Queens



MUDGEE AGGREGATE						
NAME	1 DAY	300	TOTAL	500	TOTAL	500
1 G BERMAN	116	39	153	37	174	38
2 J FAULMUR	116	37	153	40	193	38
3 B WILLIS	114	37	154	37	191	38
4 M WILDE	113	40	153	38	191	38
5 S THURTELL	114	36	152	39	191	38
6 M COCK	114	38	152	39	191	38
7 R KRAVITS	116	38	154	37	191	38
8 J PAGE	115	37	154	38	192	36
9 A BORG	117	38	155	37	192	36
10 K LEE	114	39	153	39	192	36
11 M FLOYD	115	40	155	38	193	35
12 G PONSERE	116	38	154	37	191	36
13 J MOORE	115	35	150	40	190	37
14 B DOCHAN	114	37	151	37	190	37
15 B MURPHY	116	37	153	37	190	37
16 N RICHARDS	116	38	154	37	191	36
17 T M VEIGH	110	37	147	39	188	38



1978 North Shore DRA Championships
Winning the Grand Aggregate with 220/220



Graeme's the champ!

Leading rifle shooting administrator Graeme Berman is the new Mosman-Neutral Bay club champion.

Berman, chairman of the NSW Association, took out the title despite a mediocre score at Anzac Range on Saturday.

He shot 92 from a possible 100 from the final 900 yard mound—but then so too did his arch rival Andy Powell.

After 12 months' shooting, Berman emerged with 981 points to Powell's 979.

Consistent Arthur Samuelson was placed third with 975 points.

Powell, at the age of 25 the most exciting young shooter in Australia, had won the club championship for the last two years.

Berman had previously taken out the title in the 1968-69 season.

The club's new B grade champion is Ian Young with Mark Rea finishing at the head of the field in C grade.

The handicap aggregate winner was Brian Pepperell by a point from Samuelson.

But that's now all ancient history—on Saturday it's in to the 1977-78 season with a shoot from the 300 yard mound.

1992 New Zealand Queens
Club Teams



Graeme's score at the last range
VVVVVV

1976-1977 Mosman N'Bay Club Championship Win

London Middlesex Club (Graeme was a "social" member)



Berman's at Bisley 2010



Akarana Rifle Club where Graeme shot for 3yrs when he was working in New Zealand, returning to Australia in 1967.



1971 competing at the Short Range Championships on the Ardmore Range in Auckland NZ. Graeme is with the President Mr Schollum of the Auckland Rifle Association



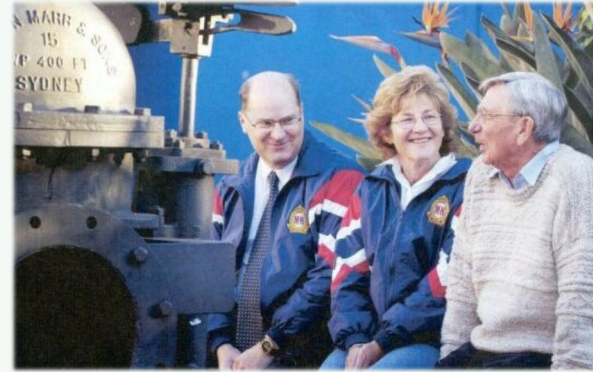
Graeme & Frank McDermott with their Bisley Trophies



*Celebrating the 90th Anniversary in 2005 with lunch
Graeme gave a wonderful speech*



*2004 Graeme was interviewed on the clubs results.
For 18 yrs straight the clubs A grade team had won the MDRA
championship, then outgunned for 2yrs. Then the A grade team redeemed
itself by winning the championship. Graeme who was still competing at
the age of 72 stated :- "It is a fantastic result and ranks as one of our best
moments in shooting"*



*Celebrating Mosman N'Bay 100th
at Mosman Library*



*Being presented ... or presenting ...
Mosman N'Bay Club Championship Trophies
2003 2022*



*Mosman Neutral Bay 100th Anniversary Dinner
March 2015*



100th Anniversary Dinner with a speech from the Club President



*In 1989 Graeme became a Life members of the club, and
You can just see his badge*



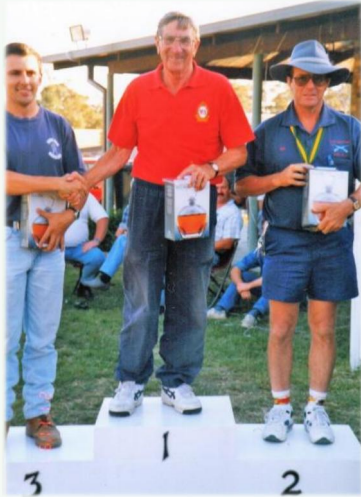
*Graeme with Barry Combden, an old club member,
at the Mosman N'Bay 100th Dinner*

Celebrating at the 100th Anniversary



Couple of Graeme's winning moments

Stage Win in NSWA Queens Malabar



Canberra



*1995 at 300m Graeme shot a
50.10 then a 50.9*



1999 City Team Graeme and four club mates



*1994 Graeme with Reg Rowlands and their
'baggy blue'*



2007 Pontville Tasmania



2010 Bisley with Bob Cadden



Graeme at Canberra

For the 1997 NRA Queens, placing him 30th one of many leader boards he appeared on

NATIONAL QUEENS 1997										
1	DUNSTON S.	117	130	251	249	4	300	495	349	25
2	BUCHANAN M.	116	130	250	149	4	299	450	349	28
3	BAILEY J.	117	130	252	148	4	300	474	347	30
4	ASHTON J.	117	131	248	150	4	298	478	346	31
5	WARRIAN G.	117	131	248	150	4	298	478	346	31
6	POWELL A.	118	130	249	150	4	299	464	345	31
7	REILLY J.	116	131	249	149	4	298	474	345	31
8	HILLS K.	115	131	248	149	4	298	474	345	31
9	TRACEY D.	117	130	249	150	4	299	464	345	31
10	NEGUS S.	117	131	249	149	4	298	474	345	31
11	WHATLEY H.	116	131	248	150	4	298	474	345	31
12	MACE C.	117	130	249	149	4	298	474	345	31
13	SCHAFERBUS J.	118	130	247	149	4	296	474	345	31
14	WHATLEY S.	118	130	247	149	4	296	474	345	31
15	NOBLE J.	116	130	247	150	4	297	464	345	31
16	SHERWOOD K.	116	131	247	149	4	296	474	345	31
17	HEALD W.F.	115	131	247	148	4	296	474	345	31
18	HEALD D.	115	131	247	148	4	296	474	345	31
19	CROUSE G.	117	130	247	148	4	296	474	345	31
20	HOBBS A.	117	130	247	148	4	296	474	345	31
21	GRIFFITHS H.	116	130	247	147	4	296	474	345	31
22	PREAD	118	131	247	147	4	296	474	345	31
23	COURTNEY R.	117	131	247	147	4	296	474	345	31
24	ROBINSON P.	117	131	247	147	4	296	474	345	31
25	MCINTYRE A.	115	131	247	147	4	296	474	345	31
26	DOIG J.	116	131	247	147	4	296	474	345	31
27	WRIGHT D.	118	131	247	147	4	296	474	345	31
28	DOOKE K.	119	131	247	147	4	296	474	345	31
29	CARSEMARY P.	114	131	247	147	4	296	474	345	31
30	BERMAN G.	119	131	250	147	4	297	444	341	28
31										
32										
33										

Graeme in 1995 with Mosman N'Bay Members competing at Bisley



One of those many "Graeme stories" we all have

The conditions of the shoot-off were as follows: 5 shots each and if after this the competitors were still even, then shot for shot would be fired until one of the competitors scored a shot of lower value than the other.

Both Sweet and Berman shot 5 bullseyes for a start. Then happily Graeme turned on another 5 while Sweet only managed 2. The result, the Queen's Prize for 1971 to Graeme Berman.

The Social Committee are arranging for Graeme to demonstrate his skill by shooting apples off the tops of the heads of the Board in the lounge during the forthcoming General Meeting.

*1995 - NSW Queens
Graeme 7th Badge & Karen 8th Badge*



WINNING SEEMS TO COME EASY FOR THE BERMANS

With the help of Cedric May, among other things, I ran the leader board at the NSW Queens. On day one of the McIntosh leadup, evergreen Graeme Berman had scored a triple possible and he asked me what the leading central count was. I can still see the look of amazement on his face when I told him 150.22 was leading at the time, I think Graeme had around nine centres.

Graeme, one of the fiercest competitors on the Queens circuit, realised he would have to lift his game if he was to remain competitive with the much younger marksmen and women using the newly introduced 155 grain match ammunition!

What ever he did, it was enough to place him ahead of some of the best marksmen in Australia on day one of the Queens which he won with 150.22, a feat he had achieved in the NSW Queens 30 years ago, way back in 1968.

Graeme's ability has rubbed off on daughter, Karen, a superb markswomen in her own right. Having shared a target with her at a Queens, I noted she shows calmness and ability beyond her tender years! Editor.



Karen Berman teamed with her father Graeme to win the hotly contested Families Match, fired concurrently with Queens Stage One. I have the right range in the background, but the photograph is a number of years old. I feel sure the Berman's will not mind.

**Aussie girls are
target for
bra thief**

BY GRAHAM MACLEAN
WIVES at a shooting championship have become the target for a Peeping Tom who sets his sights on their undies.

All but one of 12 women living in a dormitory have had bras or panties rifled from washing lines. They have even seen the pale-faced intruder who wears black gloves.

Mrs Moira Berman, who had a bra stolen, said yesterday: "If we catch him, we will keep him to ourselves for a while—just to see what makes him tick."

Furious

She is hoping for support from Pauline Sadler who was furious when one of her bras vanished.

The women are wives of Australians shooting in the international at Bisley Surrey.

Mrs. Joy Golinski, wife of Stan Golinski, a leading member of the Australian team, said:

"The girls are not really alarmed. In fact, we think it is quite funny."

"It has got to the stage where one of the girls said: 'Oh dear, my bra has gone.' Then she corrected herself, saying: 'No, it's all right. I've got it on.'"



Pauline Sadler . . . her bra disappeared.



Moira Berman . . . "what makes him tick?"

In Bisley July 1976

*The headlines
were :-*

*"Undies Rifled At
Bisley!"*

2011 Graeme & Karen with her Bisley Badge



Graeme at the 2013 ACT Canberra Queens



Still competing in the following Queens

2016

Canberra

NSWRA - Malabar

2015

NSWRA - Malabar

Canberra

2014

Canberra

Tasmania

Won 3rd day aggregate



The culmination of his competitiveness :-

Qualified in the Club Championship each year for 28yrs

2017-2018 - Top scored on 3 occasions

2016-2017 - Top scored on 2 occasion

Won the 2016 Christmas Shoot

2015-2016 - Top scored on 3 occasions

Some of Graeme's NSW 'Sargard' winning teams

1974, 1975, 1983 & 2002

Some of Graeme's Mosman N'Bay Grade results with his MDRA winning Grade badges

Range	2002/3	2003/4	2004/5	2005/6	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11
300m	63.06	68.07	67.07		67.05	70.08		68.07	64.06
400m	65.04	70.08	69.06	69.05	69.03	70.09	70.04	69.05	
500m	69.05	70.08	69.04	69.05	67.06	67.07	68.10	69.07	
600m	70.08	69.08	67.04	67.07	69.04	69.09	70.07	69.03	70.05
700m	67.04	69.08	70.08	67.07	67.03	70.10		69.09	67.03
800m	67.06	70.09	70.05			63.03	67.06	59.04	
Totals	401.33	416.48	412.34	272.24	339.21	409.46	275.27	403.35	201.14
The Team	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st



1998 Graeme in No 1 Grade Team at 700m Club winning the 1997-98 MDRA Championships

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT RIFLE ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES
City of Sydney Rifle Teams Championship
Range 700
Date 23 MAY 1998
Grade A
Mosman N-Bay No.1
Block G4

ORDER OF SHOOTING	FULL NAME INITIALS TO BE SHOWN	SHOOTING														Total	Previous Total	Grand Total	CHECKED BY			
		5	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12					13	14	
1	G. SOMERVILLE	5	5	V	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	8			
2	N. GIBBINS	V	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	12			
3	K. BERMAN	V	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	8			
4	G. AYLING	V	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	7			
5	G. BERMAN	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	2			
6	S. NEGUS	V	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	8			
7	W. MCGILGAN	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	9			
8	A. MCGILGAN	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	5			
9																						
10																						

This is to certify that the persons named above did attend on this date and obtain the score recorded against their names.
Team's Total (Best Scores) 497
Team's Previous Aggregate 2380
Team's Grand Aggregate 2877
Grand Total checked by

IMPORTANT - This score card must be totalled and after being checked and signed by a member of the opposing team, handed to a Range Officer immediately after conclusion of shoot and before leaving range.

2001 Graeme in No 1 Grade team at 700m Club winning the 2000-01 MDRA Championships

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT RIFLE ASSOCIATION
NEW SOUTH WALES
City of Sydney Rifle Teams Championship
Range 700
Date 31 MAR 2001
Grade A
Mosman N-Bay No.1
Block F8

ORDER OF SHOOTING	FULL NAME INITIALS TO BE SHOWN	SHOOTING														Total	Previous Total	Grand Total	CHECKED BY			
		5	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12					13	14	
1	G. BERMAN	5	5	5	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	9			
2	A. SHANNON	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	7			
3	M. REA	5	5	5	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	5			
4	W. MCGILGAN	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	9			
5	K. BERMAN	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	3			
6	A. BROWN	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	5			
7	G. SOMERVILLE	5	5	5	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	7			
8	A. MCGILGAN	5	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	X	70	6			
9																						
10																						

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Team's Total (Best Scores) 497
Team's Previous Aggregate 1944
Team's Grand Aggregate 2441
Grand Total checked by

IMPORTANT - This score card must be totalled and after being checked and signed by a member of the opposing team, handed to a Range Officer immediately after conclusion of shoot and before leaving range.

Graeme's first badge was in 1968 being No 47 which was the 1st NSW Queens shot at Malabar. He also won the first Stage over 600, 800, 900 yds in a 4 way shoot off



Some of Graeme's Badges and medals, this is only a small snap shot during his shooting career, for example Australian Queens Lead-up, Grand Agg + Spoons approx 96, awarded 32 Bisley Ribbons and 31 HPS Crosses

1st Medal is a Bisley ribbon that has 3 bars awarded for 10th in the Alexandra, 32nd in Donegall and 40th in the Baldwin Agg, plus a Bronze HPS Cross followed by a NSW Grand Agg Badge No 5, 300m World Championship participation medal, a couple of NSW spoons, His medal for winning the 3rd stage of the 1988 Bi-Centenary Queens, Next is the 1993 Commonwealth Games Trial medal, then another Games Trial Medal 1978



Graeme contributions to our Sport

For many years Graeme served on the Metropolitan DRA Committee as Treasurer and then on the NSWRA Council. Graeme was elected Chairman of the NSWRA from 1976 to 79 and held the role of President of the NSWRA in the 1990s. It was during this period that the Federal Government raised a threat to the use of ANZAC Rifle Range by Rifle Clubs. As President, Graeme was instrumental in negotiations that allowed the NSWRA continued use during the period of discussion and court actions taken. Graeme was later made an Honorary Vice President and Life Member of the NSWRA. He was also a Director of Firearm Safety & Training Council Ltd. He also volunteered at the Sydney 2000 Olympics, collating the shooting results.



Family and Career

After school, Graeme studied Chemical Engineering going on to a successful career in Australia and New Zealand. He was later involved with Blackmore's pharmaceutical and health company and enjoyed the fruits of its success. One story has it that Graeme introduced Tiger Balm to Australia.

Graeme married Moire in 1956 and raised Peter and Karen. In later life, Graeme and Moire enjoyed cruising the world on the big ocean liners one being the Queen Mary. Graeme was still scoring double possibles in 2018, his last shoot with the club was in February 2020. He then donated all his gear to young shooters.





*June 1998 Graeme and Karen both competed in the NSW Queens finishing in the top 20, Graeme 5th and Karen 17th
In a newspaper article Graeme stated:-
“it was good fun having his daughter at competitions.”*

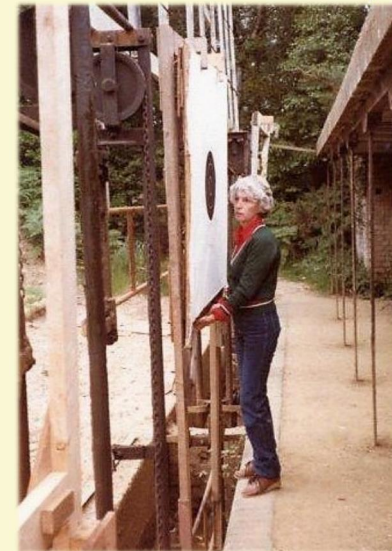


1975 Graeme with his 17 year old son Peter, spending Saturday afternoons together shooting at ANZAC Range, Malabar.

Moire waiting with Graeme at Bisley to compete in a shoot off in 1982



A wonderful “Marker” at the Bisley zero range







Final Shot Ceremony at ANZAC Rifle Range 6th May 2023

'Thank you everyone for attending this special final shot ceremony for our good friend Graeme Berman. Interestingly Graeme was not a fan of ceremonies like this. He thought Final Shot ceremonies interrupted the days shooting, and he loved his shooting.

So, Graeme, we will be brief.'



When news of Graeme's passing reached the UK, their respect for him was demonstrated by the flags on the NRA office in Bisley being lowered to half-mast.

Neil as MC said a few words on Graeme's achievements and his daughter Karen fired the final shot. There was a minutes silence to provide an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own personal memories of Graeme and then the target was lowered for the last time.

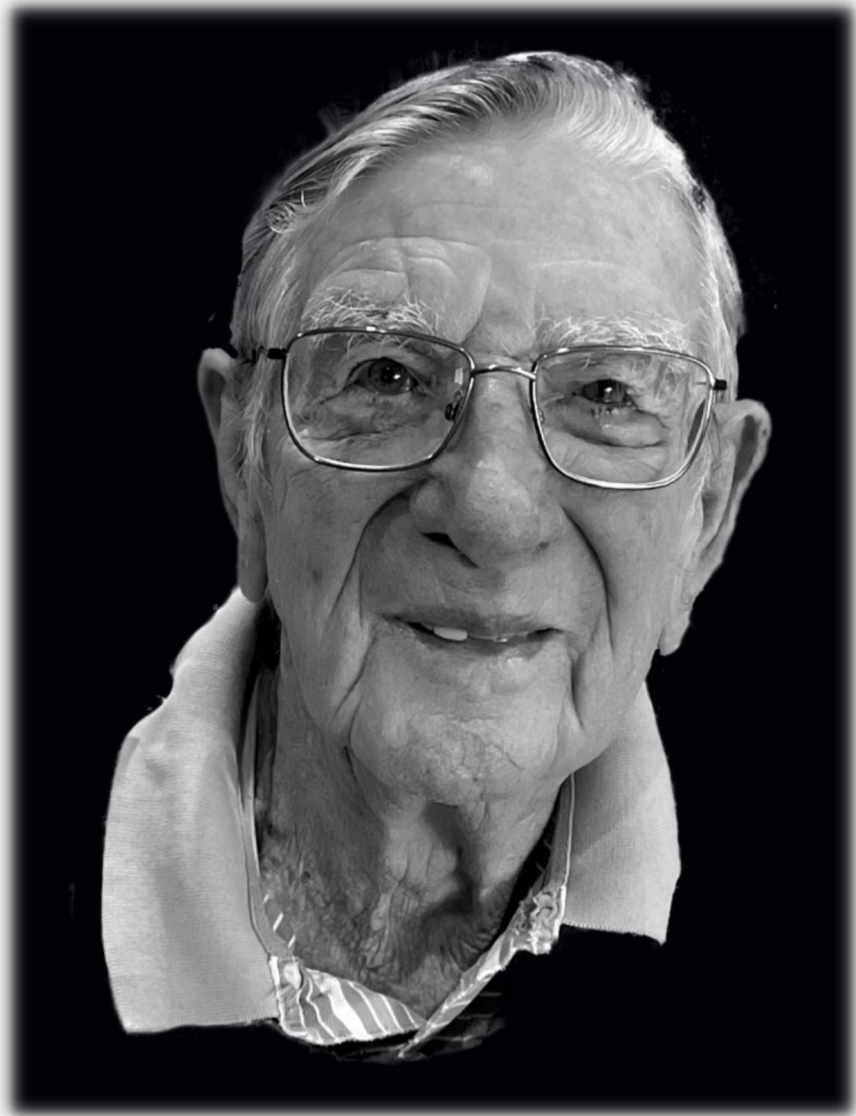


Graeme's friends were invited to join the family in the Mosman Neutral Bay club house for food and drinks, something we know Graeme did enjoy.



We all miss Graeme's presence on the mound and in the clubhouses around the world

Links to the "Last Shot" on Mosman N'Bay web page
<https://mosmanneutralbayrifleclub.com/final-shot-berman/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bh8pQM9QXJg>



Photograph taken by his daughter Karen on Graeme's 91st Birthday

