



# ON TARGET

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## Two Possibles in a weekend!

We have never had two possibles shot at the same shoot before but we did at the February Nioka Match. Paul McCarthy achieved his at 1100 yards and Paul Radin at 1000. There is a special 10/10 Pin awarded for that achievement.

Saturdays match was over 200/300/600/800 and 1100 yards (Nioka is a 1000 yard range but the 1000 yard butt is 100 yds up range so it becomes 1100 if you move back).

Sunday was a Creedmoor shoot over 800/900 and 1000 yards.

The range has some new facilities that were tested for the first time, particularly a new roofed area which is a great improvement.

Overall winner was Paul Radin with Gavin Dignam 2nd and Rob Jones 3rd.

	Sat	Sun	Total	
Paul Radin	21	13	34	1st
Gavin Dignam	18	12	30	2nd
Rob Jones	19	10	29	3rd
Paul McCarthy	17	11	28	
Havilah Hanns	16	11	27	
Peter Tooley	8	13	21	
Gary Vandersluis	10	7	17	
Cheryl Jones	12	4	16	

Luke Dignam and Ken Hawes only shot the Saturday match

**Pics: Top. Paul Radin won both matches at Nioka. Centre. Paul didn't get it all his own way as Peter Tooley matched him in the Creedmoor Match but lost on a countback. Bottom. Paul McCarthy gets his 10/10 pin from President Gavin Dignam**



## New Member

Welcome to Ken Hawes who has just joined BRAA and shot in his first match at Nioka in February. Ken, who lives at Tintinhull near Tamworth, is pretty new to our type of shooting and is busy setting up a 45/120

## Young Shooters

There have been a couple of interesting articles recently on gun crime. One, which would have been funny if it was not serious, talked about people who let young kids (under 12 or unlicensed) use their rifles and then published the picture on social media, presumably to show how clever their kids were. No recommended!

The other article gave some Victorian statistics that are worth remembering. I quote. Your typical firearms offender is a 34 yo male with a criminal history and/or a problem with drug abuse (mostly methylamphetamine). In other words, not a licenced gun owner

81% of offenders sentenced for firearms offences fitted this category. About 1/2 of the convictions were for possession of ammunition by an unlicensed person (3770 out of 7052 cases). Next (1724) was possession, carriage or use of a firearm by a prohibited person and 3rd (1040) insecure storage of a firearm by an unlicensed person.

## Quigley 2020

We have four BRAA Members off to Montana in June to compete in the Quigley Match .

Gavin Dignam, Gary Vandersluis, Paul Radin and Bill Sherman (me!) are going and will shoot both the Quigley competition at Forsyth and a match at Baker (100 miles or so up the road) the following weekend.

That assumes, of course, that the spread of the coronavirus doesn't cause the match to be put off.

Already there are signs for concern. United Airlines for example have just announced that all of there fares, regardless of ticket type can be changed free of charge, which presumably means in the event of a postponement.



## Diary Note

**28/29 March 2020**

## Cooyal Match

**Range will be open from lunchtime Friday**

**Usual arrangements for accommodation,  
food and ablutions**

**Full details to follow**