

'GOLDEN OLDIE'



John Harding (Chairman WARA) congratulates Merv Concanen

Merv Concanen, **“The Golden Oldie”** is celebrating 50 years in rifle shooting and at the 2008 City of Subiaco Rifle Championships was presented with a WARA 50 Year Membership Certificate by Dennis Marsden OAM, President WARA.

Upon accepting the certificate Merv paid tribute to his early mentors. Larry Gorman for his shooting skills, Bruce Franklin – close friend and confidante for technical advice in armouring, the sport of rifle shooting itself for giving him the opportunity to meet and accumulate an enormous number of friends at both ends of the age scale and most importantly his wife Betty, his closest pal and councillor for when the bullets don't fly straight.

Merv's shooting career has had many outstanding highlights such as a three-way tie for the 1967 WARA Queens, ultimately finishing with a Bronze Medal following a shoot off with John Heffernan and fellow Subiaco Club member & close friend Tom Gilmore (Tom won the Queens), Subiaco Club Champion 1971, selection and excellent performances in State/District/Club Teams.

And even now, in shall we say his twilight years, with hard won skills and determination Merv still gives many new and younger shooters a good run for their money! To this day Merv is still a real competitor

giving others, both young and mature, the inspiration to keep on competing and enjoying the sport of rifle shooting.

Throughout his fifty years Merv has always been and is still considered by his peers to be a most generous person giving his time and energy freely to the sport. He has never been one for sitting on his hands and in an honorary capacity has served as Chairman, Councillor & President of the WARA, President & Councillor of the Metropolitan District Rifle Association and Captain & President of the City of Subiaco Rifle Club.

For his outstanding voluntary service Merv has been awarded Life Membership of both the WARA & City of Subiaco Rifle Club.

Merv – we all say thank you and well done!