

# TSA NEWSLETTER #1 / 2013

Another season is fast approaching. Hopefully the evening temperatures will cool soon and we can begin shooting. Interclub starts in April with the Teams of Ten in Levin in May. Rifles will need to be coming out for a clean soon.

The Outdoor Season finishes with the Nationals in Christchurch from the 16-23rd February, good shooting to all attending. Hopefully some results will be posted on the web.

One of our past Patrons, Arthur Golding, was recently hospitalised. Our thoughts are with him and his family.

Hopefully everyone had a great summer and I look forward to catching up with you on the range.

Bruce Millard TSA President

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **FEBRUARY**

| Fri 15-23 NZ Outdoor Nationals @ Chris | hristchurch |
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#### **MARCH**

1-31 Club shooting (practice before grading starts)

#### **APRIL**

| Mon 1  | First day of official grading season                     |
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| Wed 10 | Interclub Round 1 @ Auckland                             |
| Sat 27 | Bay of Plenty Open @ Te Puke (Round 1 of Akl Provincial) |

#### MAY

| Sat 4  | Sth Auckland Open @ Hamilton (Round 2 of Akl Provincial) |
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| Mon 6  | Interclub Round 2 @ Howick                               |
| Sat 11 | Teams of Ten @ Levin                                     |
| Sat 18 | Howick Open @ Howick (Round 3 of Akl Provincial)         |

### **JUNE**

| Mon 3  | Achillies & Owairoa Shields @ Howick               |
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| Tue 4  | Interclub Round 3 @ Waitakere                      |
| Sat 8  | Waitomo Open @ Te Kuiti                            |
| Sat 15 | Cambridge Open & Teams of 4 @ Cambridge            |
| Sat 22 | Auckland Open @ Howick (Round 4 of Akl Provincial) |
| Sat 29 | Whakatane Open @ Te Puke                           |
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# TSA AGM 2012 – who is doing what

Firstly thanks to all those who attended the meeting.

Two members of the TSA Board chose not to seek re-election. One replacement was found and we welcome Kieren Stanton to the Board of TSA.

Our resident TSA Coach, Gordon McKenzie, has stepped down from a full time role and will be a mentor/advisor to the coaching staff. I understand we will still be getting those handy coaching articles from Gordon.

- President Bruce Millard
- Vice President Chris Wadham
- Secretary Rob Dixon
- Treasurer Jo Stanton
- Publicity Anne Howell
- Board members Steve O'Donnell, Mike Hedley & Kieren Stanton
- Selectors Bruce Millard and Steve Petterson
- TSA Coach Steve Petterson
- Match Coordinator Sel Howell
- Statistics Steve O'Donnell & Rob Dixon

#### TSA Rifles for sale

Currently TSA has 4 BSA Mk2 rifles in its stock. These are surplus to requirements and are being offered for sale to TSA members prior to being listed for sale to the public on March 1. We have test groups for each rifle. Price is \$300.00 (or near offer) for each rifle. They can be viewed at the Howick Rifle Club armory. Any questions relating to the rifles, contact TSA Secretary.

If you are looking for a more current modeled rifle to move up to, I have been informed of a couple of very good quality rifles that have recently come onto the market. Contact me (TSA Secretary) for further details/contact numbers of the seller.

# **Auckland Teams – Are you interested?**

The TSA General Programme 2013/14 is out and you may have noticed there will be a limited number of selected Auckland Teams as there is no NDC this year.

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The selectors will be naming teams for the following:

- Teams of Ten (Open grade)
- Titipounamu (A Grade)
- Inter Association Postal (all Grades, Ladies & Junior)
- Hutt Valley Teams of 5 (B Grade)
- Commonwealth Cities (Open grade)
- BSA & Auckland v's Waikato (Open, A, B, Ladies & Junior)
- Candyman Cup (winner of the Teams of Ten competition)

What can I do to get in these teams I hear you ask? Nominate yourself by letting the selectors know you what to be considered for a team/s.

## **TSA Logoed Hats**

The next item of clothing is now available, the every fashionable hat. Lawrence Moodie has a couple of examples and will have them with him when he is at a range. Price is to be advised. Earlier last year we got a batch of shirts for members, which are still able to be ordered if you're interested.

#### **Ammunition Indent Order**

The ammunition ordered on indent from TSNZ for this season, is scheduled to arrive in NZ mid March and therefore distributed towards the end of March.

#### **Last Item**

How can I improve my shooting? This can be answered by one word – coaching.

Remember when you first started shooting, you received coaching and improved. Those who made it to the Olympics received coaching and they improved. So why is it we shy away from it when we all still need to improve? Is it because we get to a level that suddenly we are happy with and now feel we do not need coaching because we are able to self coach? There lies the problem...maybe?

The TSA Coaching staff will be putting together coaching sessions for everyone no matter what level of shooter you are, throughout the season. Days and times will be advertised. What harm could it do to partake?

Rob Dixon

Secretary Target Shooting Auckland