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Presidents Blog

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 Wanganui in May. The rifle will need to be coming out for a clean soon.

The Outdoor Season finishes with the Nationals in Mana from the 15-22nd February, good shooting to all attending. Hopefully some results will be posted on the web.

I would like to thank everyone for their condolences on the passing in January of my Mother. Rob Dixon attended her funeral on your behalf and I appreciate the effort required to get to Wellington and for the support.

Congratulations to the Waitakere Club on applying for Trust funds and getting enough to re-roof the Waitakere Range, hopefully now no leaks on the mound when shooting.

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

Bruce Millard
TSA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Clean the rifle and prepare for the season

APRIL

Wed 9 Interclub Round 1 @ Auckland
Sat 26 Bay of Plenty Open (B7#1) @ Te Puke

MAY

Sat 3 South Auckland (B7#2) @ Hamilton
Mon 5 Interclub Round 2 @ Howick
Sat 9/10 Teams of Ten @ Wanganui
Sat 17 Howick Open (B7#3) @ Howick

JUNE

Mon 2 Achillies & Owairoa @ Howick
Tues 3 Interclub Round 3 @ Waitakere
Sat 7 Waitomo Open @ Te Kuiti
Sat 14 Cambridge Teams of 4 @ Cambridge
Sat 21 Auckland Open (B7#4) @ Howick
Sat 28 Whakatane @ Te Puke
Sat 28 Cut off date for Nth V Sth Selection

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Publicity Report

The 2014 season is almost upon us. Time flies. Seems like only yesterday the 2013 season finished.

The Waitakere range has just been fitted with a new roof. The one it replaced used to be the roof of a chicken shed in Lincoln Road before 1972.

Shooters must be itching to get back into it. There may have been some sorting out by members in the interim with their shooting gear. I am one.

All TSA clubs will be underway by the first week of March. Some have started earlier.

Several people were showing interest at the end of the last season for Waitakere, and I gather the Auckland Club had gained a few members as well.

Solid numbers of visitors are going along to Howick. Their range over the summer break had its annual clean up with numerous items that needed attention taken care of in preparation for the coming season.

The HRC AGM is penciled in for March 10th at the range with a 7pm start time. I understand there may be a few changes to the committee for 2014/15 season.

The Teams of Ten is being held in Wanganui this year, so people should be settling down to some good scores to impress the selectors.

For all Open Champs and other efforts that TSA members take part in around NZ this year, please advise me of the scores so I can make a story for the free area rags, etc.

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Interclub 2014

What follows is an extract from the TSA AGM held November 2013 on the subject of Interclub.

- Interclub format for 2014 – the current format of Division 1 shooting 1x10 & 1x20 against the Division 2 shooting 2x10, has proven to be an issue when teams change at late notice due to no shows. The ensuing discussion covered items as to individuals not showing up and team selections. It was accepted that generally those in either Master or A Grade prefer to shoot 20 shot cards, while this is not a preferred option for D or Junior graders. The current format is working well and will continue for 2014. Travelling between the clubs is something that requires attention.

The numbers attending Interclub last year were down a little on previous years, however this could be attributed to the lack of travelling shooters are doing today. Our sport is a very individual style sport with little opportunities for being involved in team events. On our schedule the number of team events, other than Interclub, amounts to 3. It is well known that shooting is normally so individually orientated, so when team events come along it creates a whole different attitude for some people i.e. nerves. Competing at Interclub is a great way to learn to control those nerves and participate in a team. There are only 7 Interclub rounds in the season, effectively 1 each month. There are shooters who do not have a firearms license and use club gear. To assist with the travelling costs, perhaps set up a car pool? The benefits are less cost and more people to talk to. This is a good way for shooters to mix (network) and gets the new shooters to the events. There is more than 1 range in the Auckland area. **A question for you** ... did you join your shooting club solely for the shooting or was it also partly for the social contact within the club?

Auckland Provincial Championship 2013

Round 1 of the "BIG 7" for 2014 is being held at Te Puke on 26th April. The Auckland Provincial is a combination of Open Championships held within the Auckland and Waikato area through the season, 7 to be precise. This again amounts to effectively 1 per month through the season, not that often and only for a day or part of. Auckland shooters are becoming increasing lethargic when it comes to travelling. This could also be attributed to work and home life taking more of a role these days. **Another question for you** ... If the Open championships that make up the "BIG 7", were to be changed to be Sunday events, would that make it any easier for you to attend? Remember to be in the running for the Auckland Provincial title for your grade you MUST shoot a minimum of 5 of the "Big 7" events, shooting them all is even better, as your 2 worst scores are dropped and your top 5 scores count.

2013 Winners:

Grade	Shooter	Total Score	
		(out of 1500.150)	
Master	Roy Herbison	1489.96	(shot all 7 events)
A Grade	Bruce Millard	1471.65	(shot 6 events)
B Grade	Terry Duncan	1460.69	(shot 5 events)
C Grade	Chris Erasmus	1443.55	(shot all 7 events)
D Grade	Kacey McCabe-Shaw	1422.39	(shot 5 events)

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Teams of Ten 2014

The 2014 competition is being hosted by Wanganui Association on Saturday 10th May. Auckland has entered a team and may consider another should the selectors feel there are enough shooters putting their hands up to attend. The selectors are Bruce Millard and Steve Petterson so let them know you want to be considered for the team. Remember this is a team event and those selected will be representing Auckland.

What follows is an extract from the TSA AGM 2013.

- Mike Hedley suggested a training program be undertaken in preparation of next year's Teams of Ten competition being hosted by Target Shooting Wanganui. A suggestion from Steve Stanton was that this could also incorporate the Auckland V's Waikato annual match with the hope of improved results.

The Auckland coach, Steve Petterson, is always available to give advice should you need it. Just ask him and he will help.

Last Item

Are you interested in nominating for the North Island team to shoot against the South Island team later in the year? There are now 4 divisions you may be eligible for depending on your age and gender, Open (everyone is eligible), Ladies (self explanatory there), Junior (under 21 years of age as at 31 December 2014), and now Veterans (over 60 years of age). Over the years there have been a number of occasions where a shooter thought they had nominated and in fact hadn't. Just because you nominate now does not commit you to going to the event. Circumstances change. Better to nominate and have the option rather than wish you had.

SEND YOUR NOMINATION DIRECTLY TO TSNZ – THEY MUST RECEIVE IT BY THE 30th APRIL 2014

Now the final Last Item

Some of you may not have heard, TSA Life Member Gordon McKenzie has been very ill and recently spent time in hospital. Unfortunately the treatment he was receiving for his long term illness has ceased, however the illness has not. It would be great to see him at a range again soon however this may not be possible. I know he will be trying to make an appearance though. Another TSA Life Member Hans Schramm has also been on the not so well list. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Rob Dixon

Secretary
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