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UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Fri 14-23 NZ Outdoor Nationals @ Christchurch

MARCH

APRIL

Wed 8 Interclub Round 1 @ Auckland
Sat 25 Bay of Plenty Open (B7#1) @ Te Puke

MAY

Sat 2 South Auckland (B7#2) @ Hamilton
Mon 4 Interclub Round 2 @ Howick
Sat 9 Teams of Ten @ Dannevirke
Sat 16 Howick Open (B7#3) @ Howick

JUNE

Tues 2 Interclub Round 3 @ Waitakere
Sat 6 Waitomo Open @ Te Kuiti
Sat 13 Cambridge Teams of 4 @ Cambridge
Sat 20 Auckland Open (B7#4) @ Howick
Sat 27 Whakatane @ Te Puke
Sat 27 Cut off date for Nth V Sth Selection

Presidents Report

Dear Auckland Shooters

Welcome to the New Year and I hope you all enjoyed a good break. It's not just a new calendar year of course, it's a new shooting year!

The old year closed on a very sad note for Auckland shooters with the passing of Gordon McKenzie. We will all miss him and his generous encouragement of young shooters and some of us who are not so young! May we all be inspired by his memory as we enjoy our shooting this coming year.

The programme which Rob sent out a week ago contains a lot of events. Early in the season is the Teams of Ten at Dannevirke, so please bear that in mind and try to get a place on the team. It is a great thing representing Auckland at that event.

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At our last meeting, the AGM, back in December, there was a lot of discussion about the falling level of membership and what could be done to address it. One of the specific suggestions was that to understand the issue we need feedback from former shooters about why they stopped taking part in the sport. That is one of the things which board members will give their attention to during this year. It's not an easy topic and as we also discussed at the AGM, shooting is not the only sport having to compete with so many other things for our time but it's important that we don't give up. I can't promise you any easy answers but we'll give it our best shot!

And talking of shots, the issue of targets is another thing we want to give our attention to. It was another of the topics which was discussed in depth and some felt was a possible contributor to a fall-off in shooter satisfaction. This is a more technical subject but it is also worth our attention.

We would welcome feedback from any member on those subjects, or any other relating to Auckland shooting. Please send this to Rob at:-
rob.dixon@clear.net.nz

Please visit our TSA website which is maintained by Steve O'Donnell who would welcome more contributions during the year. If you have taken some shooting selfies on your smart phone, let's get them out there for others to share.

Here is the link:-

<http://www.tsa.org.nz/>

My special thanks to Bruce Millard for all his hard work as President, and to all those who have given up so much of their time to support Auckland shooting.

I wish you all a very enjoyable year with memorable scores.

With best wishes

Chris Wadham
TSA President

Commonwealth Cities Postal Match

Final scores have been received and are as follows.

	Est	Final
Graham Barnes	192	192
Mark Clapson	190	190
Robert Dixon	195	194
John Dyer	188	188
Chris Erasmus	184	183
Matt Gardner	187	188
Mike Hedley	187	190
Sel Howell	186	187
Bruce Millard	195	194
Lawrence Moodie	188	188

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Steve Petterson	197	197
Anna Shum-Pearce	192	191
Ken Snowden	192	192
Kieren Stanton	196	196
David Woods	189	191
Total	2858	2861

We placed 2nd behind Melbourne, Australia 2914. We won't let that happen again...will we!

Reports from the clubs

- Howick – Finding it a still a little too warm to shoot however planning a working bee 16th February with a members "opening day" on 2nd March. The doors will be open to visitors 16th March which gives members a couple of weeks of own time to sight back in. They are also working on a change to the way visitors are handled this year that will give more time back to club members for their shooting.
- Waitakere – Now running visitor days on a Sunday to take the pressure off club nights. Getting lots of interest and will be running their first "have a go day" on 15th Feb @ 10:00am
They are also doing maintance to the range during the summer months and you will notice no carpet on the mounds for 2015. Mats, as what Howick has, will be used from now on.
- Auckland - As like Howick finding it to warm to shoot. Planned "opening day" is set for 18th February.

TSA AGM

Thank you to all those who attended last year's meeting on 27th November. A number of items were discussed and the incoming committee will be addressing those at their first meeting which will be late Feb/early Mar.

A reminder of your committee for 2015:

- President – Chris Wadham (Howick)
V/President – Steve O'Donnell (Waitakere)
Secretary – Rob Dixon (Howick)
Treasurer – Jo Stanton (Howick)
Committee – Bruce Millard (Waitakere), Kieren Stanton (Howick), Sel Howell (Howick)
Selectors – Steve Petterson (Howick), Bruce Millard (Waitakere)
Publicity – Lawrence Moodie (Waitakere)

Should you have any questions relating to TSA, all the committee are willing to assist, just ask.

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Round 1 is on 8th April and will be hosted by Auckland SRC at the Waitakere Range. This year's event will be the same as last years, both the Teams and Individual competitions.

Remember: For the Individual competition your best 6 scores from a possible 7 Rounds count. If you cannot make it to a round, you can do a make-up by letting me know either before the night or afterwards. You will however need to shoot your make-up cards at the range where the Interclub round was missed and prior to the next round.

The Last Item

This item is directed at those who have been around shooting for a considerable period of time. Cast your mind back to the Mt Richmond Rifle Club clubrooms. There was a portrait painting hanging of the founder of the club Mr. Andy Bain. When the clubrooms were destroyed by fire it was thought that this painting, which was the work of the late Gordon McKenzie, was lost along with so many other items. For a reason we will never know Gordon removed the painting and it has been in storage at his residence ever since. It is a large painting with a lot of history about it. Andy Bain had a son Gordon Bain and this is where the executors of Gordon's estate would like to see the painting end up. One small problem is no one knows the whereabouts of Gordon Bain. Do you? If yes can you drop me line so we can possibly arrange for the painting to be delivered to a deserving recipient.

The Last Last Item

With the passing of TSA Life Member Gordon McKenzie who was the front person of the Mt Richmond Rifle Club Trust, the new contact is Mick Mosheim. His details are 19 Acmena Lane, Pakuranga, Auckland 2010, phone 5768543, mickmosheim@outlook.com

Rob Dixon

Secretary
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