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## **TSA NEWSLETTER #1 / 2021**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **APRIL**

Thr 1            1<sup>st</sup> day for 2021 grading  
**Wed 7            Interclub Round 1/7 @ Auckland**  
Sat 10           Rotorua Open @ Rotorua  
Thr 22        \*    TSA Training night @ Howick  
Sat 24        \*    Te Aroha Open @ Cambridge

#### **MAY**

Sat 1            Bay of Plenty Open @ Te Puke (BIG7 #1)  
Mon 3           Interclub Round 2/7 @ Howick  
Sat 8            Sth Akl Open @ Hamilton (BIG7 #2)  
Thr 13        \*    TSA Training night @ Howick  
**Sat 15           Teams of Ten @ Palmerston North**  
Sat 22           Howick Open (BIG7 #3) @ Howick

#### **JUNE**

Tue 1           Interclub Round 3 @ Waitakere  
Thr 3        \*    TSA Training night @ Howick  
Sat 12        \*    Waitomo Open @ Te Awamutu  
Sat 19           Cambridge Open @ Cambridge  
Thr 24        \*    TSA Training night @ Howick  
Sat 26           TSA Open @ Howick (BIG7 #4)

**NB: Items marked with \* have changed from TSA General Programme version 1**

### **NDC Competition 2021**

Well.....where do I start? The short version of this, we will **not** be taking part in the competition this year.

The events that have lead to this are as follows:

TSNZ decided in 2020 to change the format of the B League to a scaled down version of the A League, without consulting the teams effected (e.g. Auckland). The changes are, reducing the Open team to 5 (previously 6), the Graded team to 3 (previously 4) and adding a Junior team of 2. Note that Juniors were catered for in the previous competition format and the teams who utilized them (because the shooters were good), got bonus points to their overall team score. TSA has protested the change seeking a return to the 2019 style of competition; however TSNZ have declined the request. TSNZ also recently changed the dates of the matches, all now 1 week later than originally published. This means the Howick Range is no longer available. The full set of NDC rules can be found on the TSNZ website [www.tsnz.nz](http://www.tsnz.nz) however the relevant rules that TSA have referred to are:

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- “Rule 5 B-League - There must be the ability to field consistently a team of 10 members in 3 squads...”
- “Rule 1.3. The range must be available on set nights as per the Event Dates. (See Rule 13)”

So where does this leave TSA competition wise? We still have scheduled matches against Waikato (Open, A, B, Ladies and Junior), Hutt Valley teams of 5 (B Grade), Titipounamu (A Grade), TSNZ postal competitions (Open, A, B, C, D, Ladies and Junior) and of course Teams of Ten (Open). There are still a large number of Open Championships (3 in Auckland) throughout the season.

On a positive note...not being involved in this year's NDC, we will be running coaching nights on the published days on the TSA General Programme (version 2). These will be at Howick and the Auckland coaches will be available to give feedback or improvements that can be made to your shooting.

### **TEAMS OF TEN 2021 (there is a question at the end of this piece for you)**

This year's event will be hosted by Manawatu Association in Palmerston North on Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be the same as previous years, 10 person Open team plus a reserve. All selected shooters will be seeded and they will shoot in reverse seeded order, detail 1, 10<sup>th</sup> seeds, detail 2, 9<sup>th</sup> seeds etc. Each shooter will shoot 1x20 shot match and then a 2<sup>nd</sup> 1x20 shot match when their seeded number comes around again (usually 4 hours between shoots). All squading is pre-done and published prior to the match.

The team members will be required to travel to Palmerston North on the Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> and accommodation will be advised closer to the date.

Auckland has a long and proud history at this event. It would be great to have the trophy back in our cabinet again.

**The question from the Auckland Selectors is....who of you wants to be considered for the team?** This is an indication only at this time, however saying NO and you will not be considered. Say YES and you will be however you can still say no later for your own reasons.

Answer either YES AVAILABLE or NOT AVAILABLE, no later than April 9<sup>th</sup> to allow time for the selectors to work their magic. If you do not reply in time, I will be making contact with you to find out why!!! So make my role easy and send me your reply either by email: [secretary@tsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@tsa.org.nz) or text 021 389892.

### **AUCKLAND PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2021 (aka the BIG 7)**

Let's try this again as last year we did not get out of the start blocks. There are 7 Open Championships throughout the season, 3 in Auckland (Howick, Auckland and Waitakere) and 4 in the Waikato district (Te Puke, Hamilton, Putaruru and Te Awamutu). You will need to shoot in 5 of the 7 events to qualify and have a chance of winning trophies. Your best 5 graded scores count so if you do more than 5, you will be able to remove a low score. Usually those who shoot 6 or 7 events have the best chance of taking home the trophies. The first of the BIG 7 events is at Te Puke on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## **INTERCLUB**

The first round of this year's competition is on Wednesday April 7<sup>th</sup> hosted by Auckland Club at the Waitakere Range. There will be 7 rounds this year (fingers crossed no lockdowns) and your best 5 scores will be added together to see who wins the trophies (one in each grade including a top junior trophy). Again, as with the Auckland Provincial Championship, the more rounds you shoot the better as you will be able to discard 1 or 2 bad scores. Keep an eye on the TSA website [www.tsa.org.nz /results](http://www.tsa.org.nz/results) to see how you're doing. If you are unable to shoot on the designated night, let me know and you can do a makeup to keep yourself in the competition.

## **OFFICAL GRADING STARTS**

Fun time is over. All scores count from April 1<sup>st</sup> up to and including September 30<sup>th</sup>, unless you nominate the card/s as a "practice" prior to shooting them. Bugger! So keep a record of your scores...all your scores.

## **LAST BIT**

TSA Office bearers:

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Vice President	Steve O'Donnell
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Publicity	Selena Maxwell
Statistics	Steve O'Donnell
Coaches	Steve Petterson, Steve O'Donnell, Chris Erasmus, Gavin Riddle

If you have any questions regarding TSA and how it runs, just ask one of the above and they will assist.

*Rob Dixon*

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