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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

Tues 5 Interclub Round 3 @ Waitakere
Thr 7 NDC Round 3 @ Howick
Sat 9 Waitomo Open @ Te Kuiti
Sat 16 Cambridge Teams of 4 @ Cambridge
Sat 23 Auckland Open (B7#4) @ Howick
Thr 28 NDC Round 4 @ Howick
Sat 30 Cut off date for Nth V Sth Selection
Sat 30 Whakatane @ Te Puke

JULY

Mon 2 Interclub Round 4 @ Howick
Mon 2 Achillies & Owairoa @ Howick TBC
Sat 7 Waikato Open/Closed @ Venue TBA
Sat 14 Rotorua Open @ Rotorua
Mon 16 Inter Assn Postal @ Howick Range
Tue 17 Inter Assn Postal @ Waitakere Range
Thr 19 NDC Round 5 @ Howick
Mon 23 Commonwealth Cities @ Venue TBC

As you can see from the above calendar, there is a quiet patch now until June 5 being the next round of Interclub. After that it's back to a full programme with regular shooting each weekend and mid week. Is it time to possibly make a small change to your position or to the rifle or just train hard?

Interclub 2018

Round 3 is on Tuesday 5th June and will be hosted by Waitakere Club. After the first 2 rounds competition is very close both in the Teams event and also the Individual competitions. If you're interested in finding out how you're going, visit the TSA website www.tsa.org.nz/results.

A reminder - if you are not able to attend a round, the option of a makeup is available. The requirements are that you advise the TSA Secretary (that's me) and you shoot the required cards on the range of the round you missed, before the next round. Let me know your scores and I'll ensure they are added to the Individual competition.

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Teams of Ten 2018

Not the successful event that we had dreams about. We finished 9th which keeps us in the top division for next year. Te Puke range was the venue for this years event. They had to add another layer to the shooting range to accommodate all the teams at relatively short notice. Previously the range was a single level. Over a short period they completed the facility and the day went off without any major problems. Overall scores were a lot lower this year and this may have been from the range being 20 yards. A full set of results is available on the TSNZ website www.tsnz.nz. We did however win an event (some would say of little to no importance), our team won the race to the after match function. We will take the win no matter how small it may seem to others.

Around the Clubs

Auckland Club

Numbers are on the increase. They are still able to leave rifles on the mound for the night however they way things are going this may not be possible in the near future. Jonathan Gill shot the perfect card 100.10 a couple of Wednesdays ago and it did not have any testers. A couple of past members have come back over recent weeks. Welcome back to James and Hugh Cheeseman. Selena Wright had success at the recent Howick Open placing 3rd in D Grade. There is a good vibe at the club and the members are enjoying their shooting.

Waitakere Club

Mr Secretary i.e. Lawrence Moodie sends out his weekly ramble in the wee small hours of Tuesday night, after the events at the club. If you haven't seen one of these rambles ask either Lawrence or one of the Waitakere members for a copy or to be added to the mailing list. Members who had success at the Howick Open were John Dyer 2nd in B Grade, Revel Drummond 1st in C Grade, Mark Russell 2nd in C Grade. Solid numbers attending each night combined with the odd training day is seeing good results.

Howick Club

Member numbers are also on the increase. The visitor policy of hosting once a month is paying off. Each month around 6-8 come along and the current members are all pitching in to assist with making visitors feel welcome. Changing the start time for the visitors to 8pm has also assisted as members can start earlier and then help out. A post mortem over a cup of tea/coffee assists with the welcoming nature of the club. At the recent Howick Open all the club members chipped in to make the day run very easily. A big thanks to all. Those who succeeded on the day, shooting wise were, Steve Petterson 1st Master and 1st Grand Agg, Gavin Riddle 1st 20 shot, Rob Dixon 2nd A Grade, Suanne Kanzig 1st D Grade and 1st 20 Shot, Yvette Lentner 2nd D Grade.

A highlight last Monday was seeing Suanne shooting her first 100. Congratulations. It won't be long before others reach that milestone. Suanne will be bringing the customary chocolate cake in the coming weeks.

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Auckland Open 23rd June 2018

This will be the next round of the "BIG 7" Auckland Provincial Championship. It will be at the Howick Rifle Club and all TSA members are asked to assist in the running of the event. The day will be divided into 2 halves. Up to 12:30pm will be Howick members doing things like marking, changing targets, range officer and posting scores on the sheets in the lounge. From 12:30pm until finish will be Waitakere and Auckland members. Catering will be from the local Adventurers Group who did the catering at the Howick Open. A poster for the Open will be coming out shortly. Please make time to support this event and as it is the 2nd of 3 events of the "BIG 7" being held in Auckland, there is little travelling required. Support your local.

Last bit

NDC (National District Championship)- On 17th May we had a match against Ashburton. The results were a clean sweep to us, winning both Open and Composite teams. This was not an official NDC match but a "friendly warm up match". Ashburton are in the same position as us in that to produce an 18 person team every 3 weeks is not possible. As our League does not start until 28th June, when we shoot against Ashburton again, another "friendly" is being arranged for Thursday 7th June at Howick. The idea is the more competition we do the better we will get. A team list will be released shortly.

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