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TSA NEWSLETTER #3 / 2013

Presidents Blog

Another Indoor season has passed. I hope that everyone is happy with their grading score. We can now only improve our shooting in the coming seasons.

I would like to congratulate Nick Dyde on making the NZ Oceania Team to Sydney in November, shooting in Air Rifle. Julie is also shooting in the event. Good shooting to you both.

TSA has its AGM and Prize Giving on 28th November hopefully you will all attend and have your say in the future of the organization.

I hope that you all enjoy summer when it gets here. Good luck to all shooting outdoors and have a safe and relaxing Christmas & New Year.

Bruce Millard
TSA President

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

Sat 26 TSNZ Conference @ Christchurch

NOVEMBER

Sat 2 Sth Waikato 50m @ Tokoroa (to be confirmed)

Sun 3 Taranaki 50m @ Eltham (to be confirmed)

Sat 16 Petane 50m @ Napier (to be confirmed)

Sun 17 Sth Hawkes Bay 50m @ Norsewood (to be confirmed)

Thurs 28 TSA AGM & Awards night @ Howick Range

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The year that happened at Waitakere SRC

2013 has been a reasonably good year for the Waitakere Smallbore Rifle Club. Three new members have joined this year with more in the process. Of course some from last year have apparently lost interest as is the case in all sports.

New members for 2013 are: Cara Newcomb, Tyrell Newcomb-Bareman and Peter Toy. All 3 have represented TSA in graded teams for 2013. Congratulations. Others in the process of joining are: Milla Carlderon, Damon Gilberd, Erikka Griffiths-Keam, and we have our mascot Kryn Newcomb who is looked after by chief coach Allan (Data.Com) Manson. Leonie Moodie has appeared a couple of times and looks like she might be joining next year. Leonie handled all the entries and the score boards at our Open on the 31st August.

The new secretary person for 2013 writes a weekly ramble that informs all the members and others of all the news and views of what's going on in the club. As a result only two newsletters have been written up, as all the information has been sent out by the weekly ramble. Other information on the club can be seen on the Waitakere Smallbore Rifle Club's website, including the calendar for the club's shooting season.

An upcoming job for the club members will be to even out the slope down to the range car park. One is wise to tackle it with a 4 wheel drive. Rumor has it the secretary person actually changed his reliable Daewoo Lanos for a Rav4 AWD especially for the dreaded slope. The downside of the Rav 4 is that it doesn't do the economy mileage as the Daewoo did.

Mark Clapson, Bruce Millard, Steve O'Donnell and Lawrence Moodie, were all part of the Auckland Rep team for the Teams of Ten held this year at Levin. Bruce was also a member of the Auckland Province's BSA team which shot at Howick on the 10th August.

In the Interclub we won both Division 1 and Division 2. We also won the Owairoa Shield a month or so back.

Great improvements have been seen from several members of the club:

- Peter Toy bought a new rifle and all the gear soon after joining as he showed a lot of promise very early. Peter has been a D Grade Rep for Auckland as well as entering several champs including the Hawkes Bay Open.
- Matthew Sutherland has been improving in the latter part of the season, in fact just a bit below the secretary person's efforts.
- John Dyer has had a good year generally. I'd be surprised if he doesn't make B Grade.
- President Allan (Data.Com) Manson has improved a lot this year with some great shoots. I think that taking back ownership of his new Feinwerkbau rifle has made all the difference.
- Bruce il Mil has really improved as the year has gone on. I'm told it's due to a new sighting set up.

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- Cara Newcomb who brought her 13 year old boy along to give him an interest got the bug and joined first. Cara has gradually settled into things and is now consistently in the nineties.
- Tyrell Newcomb-Bareman. Well Tyrell came along to have a go at the beginning of the year and really struggled to find a group. But now near the end of the season has found some form and is shooting C Grade scores.
- Ken Snowden bought a new rifle at the beginning of the season and now his scores are more consistently in the higher nineties. In fact it will be touch and go to stay in B grade or go to A Grade for 2014.
- Richard Baalham took possession of another BSA this year and is now shooting even better scores.

The secretary person has had a reverse year. He rejoined in 2011 in B grade. 2012 saw him in Master Grade and then it's been all downhill. A Grade this year and now back in B Grade for 2014!! But of late has been helped by Bruce il Mil with a better sighting set up and hopefully can arrest the slide at least.

Coaching days are held each month and shooters who are having trouble can be processed with the SCATT computerised position and shot analyzer.
Also live fire position training is carried out for all other members who attend.

Thanks to the tea `ladies' Warren and Brent who make a good cup of tea each night.

Thanks to Steve Stanton who helped out at our Open, marking targets in the latter part of the day. That was after our own Steve O'Donnell stopped to do his own shooting. This left the slower marker, (who happened to be that secretary person), on his own. The best auxiliary marker in TSA or even TSNZ thankfully gave a hand, thanks Steve.

Lawrence Moodie
(the Secretary person)

Interclub 2013

The TSA Board has reviewed the 2013 Interclub and assessed that the numbers are consistent with previous years which is a good result. The format again resulted in a closely fought battle between Howick and Waitakere with Waitakere taking the honors in both Division's 1 & 2. Congratulations Waitakere Club.

Congratulations to the top individuals in each grade (best 6 scores of the 7 rounds count).

Grade	Top Individual
Master	Mark Clapson
A Grade	Bruce Millard
B Grade	Malachy Carey
C Grade	<i>No one completed the series</i>
D Grade	Matthew Sutherland

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Auckland Provincial Championship 2013

This championship was concluded in Hamilton (Thames Valley Open) on 27th September with good numbers finishing the series in all grades. Once again the benefit of completing at least 6 out of the 7 events showed through, as it is the best 5 scores out of the 7 events that count. Being able to drop 1 or 2 "bad scores" can really make a winning difference.

Congratulations to the winners:

Grade	Shooter	Total Score (out of 1500.150)	10 Shot Average
Master	Roy Herbison	1489.96	99
A Grade	Bruce Millard	1471.65	98
B Grade	Terry Duncan	1460.69	97
C Grade	Chris Erasmus	1443.55	96
D Grade	Kacey McCabe-Shaw	1422.39	94

There maybe a few people changing grades next season.

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. Remember this is a team event and those selected will be representing Auckland.

TSA AGM Information

Mark the date 28th November on your calendar. An agenda, minutes of previous meeting and notice of the meeting will be heading your way shortly. As the President has mentioned in his "Blog", this is the time to have your say on the future of YOUR Association. You may even feel it is now the time to stand up and become part of the TSA Board in some way as all positions are available.

Last Item

TSA Trophies – it is that time of year again when all those trophies you were awarded at last year's TSA AGM/Prize giving are to be returned (polished please) to the TSA Secretary.

I require them back by 1st November to allow enough time for the engravers to work their magic.

Rob Dixon

Secretary
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