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UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- Sat 2** **Sth Waikato Open @ Putaruru (B7#5)**
Sun 3 Indoor Nationals @ Howick (Satellite)
Wed 6 Interclub Round 5 @ Auckland
Sun 10 **BSA & Auckland v Waikato @ Hamilton**
Sat/Sun 16/17 North v South @ Marlborough
Tues 26 Interclub Round 6 @ Waitakere
Sat 30 **Waitakere Open (B7#6) @ Waitakere**

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 8 Interclub Round 7 (Final) @ Howick
Sat 6 Tauranga Area Open @ Tauranga (p.m. only)
TBA Candyman Cup @ Howick
Sat 20 North Island Open @ Palmerston North
Sun 21 N. I. v Scotland @ Palmerston North
Sat 27 **Thames Valley Open (B7#7) @ Hamilton**
Sat 27 Inter Sec Schools Match @ Venue TBA

OCTOBER

- Wed 15 Champion of Champions @ Auckland
Sat 25 TSNZ Conference @ Wellington

NOVEMBER

- Sat 1 Sth Waikato 50m @ Tokoroa TBC
Sun 2 Taranaki 50m @ Eltham TBC
Sat 15 Petane 50m @ Napier TBC
Sun 16 Sth Hawkes Bay 50m @ Norsewood TBC
Thurs 27 TSA AGM/Awards night @ Howick Range

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Are you no longer visiting your club?

This is directed to all of you who have for some reason decided not to shoot anymore or visit your club as often as you used to. Shooting has always been an individual sport and the social aspect over the years has slipped away. This is something we want to bring back. To those of you who no longer shoot or are on a timeout from shooting, can you answer a simple question for us still here. Why did you stop?

The reason for this question is to find out why and how shooters slip away from shooting and no one notices. If the above question applies to you, can you please drop me an e-mail with your answer. There are no strings attached to this question. Any assistance you can give will be appreciated. Replies to rob.dixon@clear.net.nz or phone/text 021 389892 mbl.

Achillies and Owairoa Shields

At the last Interclub round hosted by Howick, these two shields were contested for by Howick and Waitakere. A closely fought battle resulted in Howick taking away both shields, the Achillies by 8 points and the Owairoa by 2 points. Congratulations to the members of the Howick teams.

TSA coaching evening

You asked for them and we delivered. From the reports I have received, the evenings have been an enormous success. So much so that a third session is planned for 28th August at the Howick Rifle Club with options for more throughout the remainder of the season. The numbers attending the second evening were considerably larger than the first however everyone was positive about the evening and came away feeling they were a little more knowledgeable about their shooting.

Interclub

The latest results can be found on the TSA website www.tsa.org.nz. This year it has been encouraging to have a number of people complete make up cards to keep them in the Individual Competition. Should you require to do a make up for a round, all you need do is contact the TSA Secretary either by e-mail or phone/text 021 389892 mbl and arrange a day to complete the cards.

From our Publicity Officer

Well yes again, time has flown, since the last TSA Newsletter in May. Many things have happened since.

The Howick Open was held the week after the Teams of Ten shoot. TSA members to excel were:

M Grade: Steve Petterson (Howick) 2nd in Master 299.27 and 1st in Open with 499.41
A Grade: Mike Hedley (Howick) 2nd

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- B Grade: Lawrence Moodie (Waitakere) 1st
Sel Howell (Howick) 2nd
- C Grade: Talia Waetford (Auckland) 1st
Justin Keene (Howick) 2nd
- D Grade: Cara Newcomb (Waitakere) 1st
Catherine Theunissen (Howick) 2nd
Mike Waetford (Auckland) 3rd

The TSA Open was held in June and the TSA members who placed were:

- A Grade: Bruce Millard (Waitakere) 2nd
- B Grade: Lawrence Moodie (Waitakere) 2nd
Sel Howell (Howick) 3rd
- C Grade: Emma Stanton (Howick) 2nd
- D Grade: Cara Newcomb (Waitakere) 3rd

For full score lists for both Opens, look up TSNZ Events and Results.

A few members of TSA nominated for various sections of the North Island Team to shoot this year in Blenheim. Brrrrrrrrrrrr. Well of course the cold days and nights here in Auckland have prepared those who have been selected to go. As I look up the names I see only Kieren Stanton made the grade for the North Island Junior Team, with his sister Emma on call. I do know the person who nominated for the North Island Vets Team withdrew his nomination at the last minute so he'll never know.

North Island team member lists are in the TSNZ website, under Other Events and Results.

Coming up on the 30th August is the Waitakere Open at Swanson. The poster for that will be distributed through Secretary Rob's email network.

Before that Auckland Rep shooters from all grades will be shooting Inter Assn Postal cards at the end of July, and a shoulder to shoulder match against Waikato Association at Hamilton on Sunday the 10th August.

I understand it was President Bruce who arranged the recent Coaching clinic/sessions at Howick. They were well received by all accounts and have proved very successful for all who attended. It is hoped they become a more regular event.

While I didn't attend, but maybe I should have, I did write up a promotion for Stevie P in Waitakere Clubs Weekly Ramble. The feedback I have received is that Steve Petterson delivered two good coaching sessions, practical and verbal. I'm really pleased as Steve is a man of few words usually. People were telling others about what Steve had said and they were quite vocal about this and that. Comments like 'I'll try that' and 'It makes sense' were regularly made.

I encouraged our club members to go and listen to Steve as he is arguably still the best shooter in New Zealand and has been since the mid eighties. Never mind other out of town wannabes holding coaching sessions about the place, Steve's knowledge and achievements would out shine anyone. He is the most successful .22 shooter NZ has produced.

I just want to mention to members, don't forget to look up the TSA website that Steve O puts together. There is a diary that Steve writes up when anything doing happens in the NZ and Auckland shooting world and beyond. Links are added here and there and they are very informative. The site has all sorts of info, if you look around it. Yes I hadn't had a

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good look around it until last week. I just usually look for certain results and then leave the site. So yes he keeps you up to date with the .22 shooting world.

Lawrence Moodie
Publicity
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The Last Item

Congratulations to Kieren Stanton and Emma Stanton for selection to the North Island Junior Team and being first on-call for the Junior Team respectively. Good luck at the event 16/17 August in Marlborough.

Rob Dixon

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