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## **TSA NEWSLETTER #3 / 2016**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **JUNE**

Tues 7 Interclub Round 3 @ Waitakere  
Sat 11 Waitomo Open @ Te Kuiti  
Sat 18 Cambridge Teams of 4 @ Cambridge  
**Sat 25 Auckland Open (B7#4) @ Howick**  
Sat 27 Cut off date for Nth V Sth Selection

#### **JULY**

Sat 2 Whakatane @ Te Puke  
Mon 4 Interclub Round 4 @ Howick  
Mon 4 Achillies & Owairoa @ Howick TBC  
Sat 9 Waikato Open/Closed @ Venue TBA  
Sat 16 Rotorua Open @ Rotorua  
Mon 18 Inter Assn Postal @ Howick Range  
Tue 19 Inter Assn Postal @ Waitakere Range  
Mon 25 Commonwealth Cities @ Venue TBC

### **Teams of Ten 2016**

Another event bites the dust. On a positive note we finished one spot higher than last year. This year's placing was 9<sup>th</sup>. The rebuilding is working. The overall scores from all the teams were considerably lower than last year. A full list of the scores, are available from the TSNZ website under the "what's new" section.

The events leading up to, on the day and after the event were enough to make a short film from.

It started with Steve P's gear bag (not his rifle but all the accessories that we use) not arriving in Wellington on his flight. The bag was tracked down in Dunedin...a conspiracy? His bag eventually arrived at the Motel 10.00pm Friday evening. Phew!  
Steve O'D drove down and on the way punctured a tyre between Foxton and Sanson (just north of Palmerston North). Under normal conditions an easy fix, except new Audi's do not carry spare wheels, they come equipped with an inflation tool. This however did not fix the tyre and left Steve stranded on the side of the road in the early evening. He was eventually able to get his car to Palmerston North, however no one was able to repair the tire. Lucky for us Steve's brother lives in Palmerston North and was able to lend him a car so he could get to the range early Saturday morning. No need to re-juggle the team order. Phew!  
Bruce and Lawrence arrived on the last plane into Wellington only to find the car rental firm had already rented out the car booked for them. A quick bit of paper work and a car was provided. Phew! A minor problem compared with what has already been covered.  
On the day of the event the weather was one of those days you would be happy to be in Wellington...clear skies, light to no wind, very comfortable temp. They really did have mother-nature on their side that day. As there was not enough room for everyone to be in

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the one building, separate buildings around the site were used. Very glad it was not a rainy day as walking across an open area in full shooting attire would have been a potential disaster. Phew!

The after match function was held at the Petone Working Mens Club. A good venue and nice meal was put on. Although the speeches lasted longer than normal, combined with a sizable number of extra awards handed out that were not associated with Teams of Ten, everyone enjoyed the evening. The strange part of this was at the beginning. I experienced something that in 30+ years of shooting in this event I've never seen before. The Auckland team was the first team to the venue. For the younger generation we are normally the last.

The homeward portion of the weekend still had a few surprises install. Manager Elizabeth's bag did not make it to Auckland on the same flight as her. It too went on another trip and eventually got home late Sunday evening.

Bruce and Lawrence arrived at the airport to check in literally seconds before the flight closed. What this meant was they got on the plane however their bags did not. On arrival in Auckland the pair had to wait for the arrival of the next flight from Wellington which their bags were on.

To finish the weekend off, Sel was feeling off color and by late Sunday evening it was apparent he was heading for a stint in hospital. He was finally discharged Tuesday last week. He's getting better every day. I know you will all be wishing him a speedy recovery.

In summary, everyone got where they were supposed to be with all their bits. The shooting scores need improving for next year's event, however a very good time was had by all.

The 2017 event is in Napier, a little closer to home. The 2018 event will be hosted by Waikato.

### **Interclub 2016**

Round 2 was completed on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May with another good turnout of shooters. Howick took the honors in Division 1, while Waitakere "B" took the honors in Division 2. With Waitakere "A" finishing 4<sup>th</sup> on the night, this round of the competition has brought everyone back into line with 2 points separating the first 3 teams. Round 3 is on 7<sup>th</sup> June at Waitakere. If you want to see a full set of results, go to our website.

[www.tsa.org.nz/results](http://www.tsa.org.nz/results)

### **Around the Clubs**

#### **Howick:**

At a recent committee meeting a new plan to assist members was hatched. The focus is now on building up the skills of our current members. Visitors will now only be accommodated on the last Monday evening of every month, and new membership for those other than returning members is closed for a period of 6-8 weeks.

Everyone is enjoying their shooting and the scores are creeping up. A couple of members have recently changed rifles or obtained one of their own for the first time. What a difference that has made.

A very successful Howick Open was held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. A big thanks to all those supported the shoot and also to those who assisted with running the day.

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**Auckland:**

All quiet in the Western Club. A mix up of days meant a no show at the recent round of Interclub. They will be there on 7<sup>th</sup> June. Membership numbers are holding firm and club nights are on occasions more social and less shooting. Still enjoying themselves though.

**Waitakere:**

Lawrence produces a weekly ramble after each club night and emails it to all on his mailing list. If you would like to be included on this list, drop him a line as he will gladly add you on. His email is [lmacpfc@extra.co.nz](mailto:lmacpfc@extra.co.nz)

**OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP POSTERS**

**WAITOMO OPEN  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**Hosted by the Waitomo Small Arms Society Inc.**

Te Kuiti Road, TE KUITI

**SATURDAY 11TH JUNE – details starting from 10:00am**

Please note – entries close and compulsory squading starts at 1.30pm

Re-entries MUST BE paid for before entry closing time  
(no practice on re-entry)

Entry \$20.00 (Includes one practice)

all grades – 3 x 10 shot cards

Entry \$5.00

B, C, D - 20 shot challenge

M & A - 20 shot match

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP OVER 3 X 10 + 20 SHOT  
75% pay-out plus legendary trophies to be won.

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## **TARGET SHOOTING AUCKLAND OPEN** **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016 @ Howick Rifle Range.**

The Target Shooting Auckland poster is attached for your info.  
Thanks to Tony Walker of Tony Walker Graphics for producing the poster.

Put the date in your diary, I-pad, Smartphone or even on the fridge as a reminder.

As in past years, this event is a TSA run event and all the clubs and members of TSA are asked to assist on the day as well as shoot. It is Round 4 of the Auckland Provincial Championship, the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 shoots hosted close to home. The remaining 4 rounds are in the Waikato area.

The day will be split into 2 shifts, Howick will run the shoot from opening to 12:30pm and then the West clubs will take over until the end. Jobs to do will be Range Officer, marking, target changing, writing scores on the viewing sheets. The Treasurer roll will be handled independently. We plan to conduct a couple of raffles so if you have any ideas let me know before following through with them.

### **Last bit**

Compete – the definition being (off, with) strive in rivalry, contend for, vie with.

In our sport this can be related to Olympics, Commonwealth Games, World Championships, NZ Nationals, North Island Championships (or South Island), Provincial Championships, Interclub or even a club night against another member or you against the target.

For the majority of us, the first 3 mentioned are but a dream, however everything afterwards is possible. To compete is the fundamental basis behind our sport. It is human nature to get a good feeling from winning, even to the extent of you against the target e.g. shooting a personal best.

Where is he going with this I hear you ask? Well, I hear all too often shooters saying I enjoy shooting at club level but don't like competitions. This to me is a little strange given what I have mentioned above. As humans we compete in every part of our lives, even driving in rush hour, which is pointless 99% of the time. When we shoot on a club night we are competing...competing against ourselves and the target, so why not take it up a level and try Interclub or a local Open Championship? The TSA Open is on the 25<sup>th</sup> June at the Howick Rifle Range for those wanting to take up the challenge.

Something for you to mull over ... Don't you find it a little difficult to gauge how good you are when you do not have any competition to measure against?

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