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TSA NEWSLETTER #4 / 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

Sat 11 Rotorua Open @ Rotorua
Mon 27 Commonwealth Cities @ Howick Range TBC
Mon 27 Inter Assn Postal @ Howick Range TBC
Tue 28 Inter Assn Postal @ Waitakere Range TBC

AUGUST

Sat 1 Sth Waikato Open @ Putaruru (B7#5)
Sun 2 Indoor Nationals @ Howick (Satellite)
Wed 5 Interclub Round 5 @ Auckland
Sat 8 BSA & Auckland v Waikato @ Howick
Sat/Sun 15/16 North v South @ Wanganui
Tues 25 Interclub Round 6 @ Waitakere
Sat 29 Waitakere Open (B7#6) @ Waitakere

SEPTEMBER

Mon 7 Interclub Round 7 (Final) @ Howick
Mon 7 Achillies & Owairoa Shields teams shoot @ Howick
Sat 5 Tauranga Area Open @ Tauranga (p.m. only)
Sat 19 North Island Open @ Palmerston North
Sun 20 N. I. v Scotland @ Palmerston North
Sat 26 Thames Valley Open (B7#7) @ Hamilton
Sat 26 Inter Sec Schools Match @ Wellington

OCTOBER

Wed 14 Champion of Champions @ Auckland
Sat 24 TSNZ Conference @ Christchurch

Other Important Dates on the TSNZ Calendar

July 31 Scores to be at TSNZ for Individual and Interclub postal
August 2 National Indoor Championship – entry on day @ Howick
August 31 Scores to be at TSNZ for Seasons Agg Postal
Sept 30 Last scoring day for 2015 grading
Oct 31 Indoor grading return (Club Secretaries) due at TSNZ

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Interclub Round 4

It was Howick's turn to host, with the honors evenly split. Howick took out Division 1, and Waitakere won Division 2.

Current team standings:

Division 1. All tied up between Howick and Waitakere (Howick has found its rhythm and looks unstoppable from here onwards)

Division 2. Waitakere "A" has a commanding lead (can they snatch defeat from the jaws of victory or will they master the pressure?)

Current Individual leaders:

M Grade Steve Petterson

A Grade Rob Dixon

B Grade Steve O'Donnell

C Grade Courtney Wooller

D Grade Luke Harron

A full set of results is available on the TSA website. www.tsa.org.nz

Round 5 will be hosted by Auckland Club on Wednesday 5th August.

TSA run coaching evening

It is that time again when a little coaching could make a big difference in the closing out of the season. Put this date in your diary, **Thursday 6th August 7.30pm**. Steve Petterson will be running the evening. If you have anything you would like to discuss regarding your shooting bring it along to the evening for all to share. Steve can be contacted outside normal hours at stephen@skp.co.nz for assistance.

TSA Open 2015 post mortem

Firstly and most importantly, a big thanks to all TSA shooters who competed and also to those people who helped out during the day. The event ran like a smooth Anschutz action. The saying is true...many hands make light work.

Congratulations to the following TSA shooters who achieved greatness on the day:
(From Howick unless otherwise stated)

Steve Petterson 2nd Master Grade & 1st Overall

Rob Dixon 3rd A Grade

Anna Shum-Pearce 1st B Grade

Marc Dumont 2nd D Grade

I hope you all had a good time and to those first time competitors, now you know what an Open Championship is all about, perhaps we will see you at more events.

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The next "BIG 7" event (#5 of 7) is the South Waikato Open hosted at Putaruru on 1st August. Waitakere Open (#6 of 7) is on 29th August. The final Open of the "BIG 7" is the Thames Valley Open hosted by the Hamilton Rifle Club on 26th September.

Auckland V Waikato match

On Saturday 8th August is the annual Auckland V Waikato match. This year it is our turn to host and we'll be using the Howick Range.

It is a day of 2 halves. First half will be the BSA Representative Team shooting. This is a combined team of the best 12 shooters from both Auckland and Waikato and the team will be selected the previous weekend at Putaruru (Sth Waikato Open BIG 7 event#5) when the Auckland and Waikato selectors sit around the table.

The Second half of the day will be the Auckland V Waikato match. This is a large team made up of a group of small teams. There will be 10 people in the "Open" team, 5 people in the "A Grade" team, 5 people in the "B Grade" team, 5 in the "Ladies" team and 5 in the "Junior" team. Some of you will be lucky (good) enough to be selected in a maximum of 2 teams. Format of the shoot is 2x10 shot cards per person per team (easy day at the office). The great part about this event is you'll be shooting in teams (i.e. both sides "B Grade" teams in the same detail) and your firing mounds will be pre allocated. You'll probably be shooting next to a Waikato shooter each detail so try not to make them feel too welcome as they are the enemy during this shoot.

As we are hosting, I ask that everyone (all team members) bring a plate of food for lunch/afternoon tea as we currently do for an Interclub night.

The teams list is being compiled by the Auckland selectors as we speak and as soon as I get a copy, I'll distribute to you all. To assist with the running of the day, if you're not selected for a team, can you make the time to help run the day's event, e.g. Range Officer, target changers, markers.

Closer to the time and in conjunction with the team's announcement I'll send out more info on the day's event.

Around the Clubs

Howick:

A great core of shooters attending each Monday evening and 3 new members have joined in the last couple of weeks. The overall numbers are down from previous years however on the plus side, shooters can leave their gear on the mound between their details. Shooters can even shoot 4-5 details in an evening which has got to help the scores...we keep telling ourselves that. Enjoying mixed results at Interclub however individuals are putting in strong performances at recent Open Championships e.g. TSA Open mentioned earlier. The club has a relaxed happy vibe and shooters are enjoying their shooting. For those who have been away for a while, now may be the time to get the rifle out of storage and come and have a go again.

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Waitakere:

Club is shooting with a big influx of new members, all shooting inter-club and attending working bees. With Lawrence "got another stamp in the passport" Moodie overseas again ticking off another item of the "to do bucket list", the email has been quiet. He is currently travelling through Germany. Another have ago/coaching clinic is being held on Sunday 12th July. Thanks to Graham Barnes who is fixing the sinking foundation of the target wall and now the footing needs to be re-poured to complete the job.

Auckland:

Graham Barnes will be out of action for a little while as he is due to have an operation on a sore foot. We wish him a fast recovery. At the club it is quiet times as usual. Getting the occasional visitor passing by, however of late a few of the "old guard" have drifted off into the moonlit night and not returned....come back we miss you!!! The current low numbers on club nights does allow people to leave gear on their mound. There are a few (not too many) vacancies, or as we like to call them mounds that are yet to be occupied, so get in quickly as they will fill up fast.

The Last Item

I mentioned in the previous Newsletter, I have a number of rifles and assorted gear that is for sale from shooters who are no longer involved in our sport. Over the recent weeks a number of rifles and gear have been sold however I still have a good variety to cover most people's levels.

Current list:

2x BSA Internationals Mk2

1x Walther (suitable for club use)

1x Walther KK Match

1x Anschutz 2013 in Aluminum stock and accessories

1x FWB 2700 with accessories

Variety of scopes, jackets, gloves, slings.

If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested drop me a line for more info.

Remember this... the more you shoot the luckier you get.

Rob Dixon

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