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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Sat 26 Thames Valley Open (B7#7) @ Hamilton

Sat 26 Inter Sec Schools Match @ Wellington

Wed 30 LAST NIGHT FOR GRADING CARDS

OCTOBER

Wed 14 Champion of Champions @ Auckland

Sat 24 TSNZ Conference @ Christchurch

NOVEMBER

Outdoor shoots start

Thr 26 TSA AGM/Awards night @ Howick

Other Important Dates on the TSNZ Calendar

Sept 30 Last scoring day for 2015 grading

Oct 31 Indoor grading return (Club Secretaries) due at TSNZ

Interclub Round 7

This was the final round for the 2015 season. This round was the most contested round of the year which resulted in an extremely close battle in Division 2 between Waitakere A and Howick A. The honors by the slimmest of margins, just 10 inners, went to Waitakere A. This win also secured them the Division 2 title. The Division 1 title went to Howick.

The Individual Competition winners are as follows:

M Grade	Steve Petterson
A Grade	Rob Dixon
B Grade	Peter Toy
C Grade	Courtney Wooller
D Grade	Mark Russell

Congratulations to the Teams and also the Individual winners.

Check out the TSA website for a full set of results. www.tsa.org.nz

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Last Representative team for 2015

This is the Commonwealth Cities Match which is a postal competition involving all the cities of the Commonwealth. Last year we finished 2nd so there are high hopes of an improvement this year. The team will shoot this match at the Howick Range on Thursday 24th September. Congratulations to the following team members:

Steve Petterson, Robert Dixon, Mike Hedley, Chris Wadham, Marc Dumont, Malachy Carey, Sel Howell, Chris Erasmus, Mark Clapson, Ken Snowden, Bruce Millard, Courtney Wooller, Peter Toy, John Dyer and John Ke.

Auckland Provincial Championship

The last round of this years' competition, the Thames Valley Open, will be held on Saturday 26th September at the Hamilton Rifle Range, Dey Street, Hamilton. Coincidentally, this will also be the last competition scores to count towards your grading for next year given the TSNZ grading period runs from 1st April to 30th September inclusive. Therefore it could be your last chance to influence your 2016 grade. Why not have a go.

Auckland V Waikato match

Saturday 8th August was the Annual Auckland V Waikato Match at the Howick Range. The day ran the smoothest it has run the since the last time Auckland were the hosts (2 years ago). A huge thanks to all those who helped out during the day, you are a credit to TSA.

On the shooting front, a positive was we won B Grade, however Waikato took home the Open Grade, A Grade, Women, Junior and Top Scorer for the day. With the talent we have now coming through next years' competition will be ours for the taking.

Around the Clubs

Howick:

The number of club members showing up each week is up and down more than a yoyo. We have a regular group of D Graders who are showing real progress with some impressive scoring. Those in B grade seem to be enjoying a little internal competition nightly. There are a small number of members who are unable to be at the club for too long on club nights and have set up an earlier start time. This helps getting everything set up for the remainder of the evening. Those of us that can stay to the end, take care of the cleanup portion of the evening.

A solid turnout for the last round of Interclub, although not able to secure a win in Division 2 the warning signs are there that Howick is to be a force to be reckoned with next season. We welcomed back Sonya H who has been away recuperating, however recently Matt G has sustained an injury that will stop his shooting for possibly the remainder of the year.

Auckland:

Quiet nights at the club. The influx of members early on in the season has come to a halt and the club has unfortunately now gone from a position of strength, to being delicately poised. If there are any past members of the club thinking about getting back into the sport again now is the time.

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Waitakere:

There have been a few improvements around our club, new lighting etc. We hosted another successful Waitakere Open. A total of 32 registrations and the day ran smoothly. August "have a go day" saw 30+ people come through. Many thanks to Bruce for his efforts to getting advertising in the Western Leader. Not as many in September but still a huge influx in interest which is great for our sport. We said goodbye to two members Father and Son Aaron and Jack who have moved to Upper Hutt and will join that club. Our D graders are shooting well and their commitment is outstanding. A club relies on help from all, it's really awesome to see our people putting in the effort with working bees, Interclub's etc. Henderson High school who have been attending our club fortnightly have now finished up after competing in the Eley Challenge.

On the injured list is now Lawrence who banged his head on the upper landing and blacked out falling backwards onto the #5 mound, just missing Mark C's rifle. This resulted in a torn muscle/ligament in his right shoulder which has now put him out for the rest of the season.

TSA AGM & Awards evening

This will be held on Thursday 26th November at the Howick Rifle Club. The format for the evening is yet to be finalized by the TSA Board members however I will be sending out a formal Notice of Meeting shortly. If you are interested in being part of the team that runs TSA for the membership, either drop me an e-mail or I'm happy to chat face to face if that is easier. The TSA Board is made up of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, 4x Committee members, Publicity Officer and 2x Selectors. If you want to help grow TSA, give a little time to the sport, this is your opportunity to get involved.

For Sale

Current list:

2x BSA Internationals Mk2

1x Walther (suitable for club use)

1x Anschutz 2013 in Aluminum stock and accessories, a quality rifle.

1x Anschutz 1913 in a 2013 stock and accessories perfect for new shooter.

1x Walther KK Match and accessories, a very good rifle.

Variety of scopes, jackets, gloves, slings.

Also I have a sizable amount of ammunition particularly Eley Black Match and Tenex for sale from a past shooter.

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

Remember this... practice will not make you perfect, perfect practice will.

Rob Dixon

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