



## TSA NEWSLETTER #2 / 2015

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APRIL

Sat 25 Bay of Plenty Open (B7#1) @ Te Puke

#### MAY

Sat 2 South Auckland (B7#2) @ Hamilton

Mon 4 Interclub Round 2 @ Howick

**Sat 9 Teams of Ten @ Dannevirke**

Sat 16 Howick Open (B7#3) @ Howick

#### JUNE

Tues 2 Interclub Round 3 @ Waitakere

Sat 6 Waitomo Open @ Te Kuiti

Sat 13 Cambridge Teams of 4 @ Cambridge

Sat 20 Auckland Open (B7#4) @ Howick

Sat 27 Whakatane @ Te Puke

Sat 27 Cut off date for Nth V Sth Selection

#### JULY

Sat 4 Waikato Open/Closed @ Venue TBA

Mon 6 Interclub Round 4 @ Howick

Mon 6 Achillies & Owairoa @ Howick TBC

Sat 11 Rotorua Open @ Rotorua

Mon 13 Inter Assn Postal @ Howick Range

Tue 14 Inter Assn Postal @ Waitakere Range

Mon 20 Commonwealth Cities @ Venue TBC

### Interclub Round 1

Thanks to Auckland RC for hosting the first round of this year's completion. From the results on the TSA website [www.tsa.org.nz](http://www.tsa.org.nz) Waitakere RC have drawn first points. Round 2 will be at Howick on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.



## **Teams of Ten 2015 in Dannevirke**

After a lengthy selection process, the selectors have announced the Target Shooting Auckland team for this year's event.

In alphabetical order:

Mark Clapson

Robert Dixon

Mike Hedley

Sel Howell

Bruce Millard

Lawrence Moodie

Steve O'Donnell

Steve Petterson

Anna Shum-Pearce

Chris Wadham

The final seeding will be sorted closer to the event. Congratulations to those selected and may the marking be on your side.

## **Auckland Provincial Championship 2015**

This year's "BIG 7" is about to start. The first of the 7 events will be hosted by Te Puke SRC on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April. To get the event off to a flying start, the first 3 of the 7 events are taking place within a 4 week period, Te Puke, Sth Auckland Open hosted by Hamilton RC 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and Howick RC Open on 16<sup>th</sup> May. You may be thinking, 'it is so early in the season I'm not ready to compete yet'. Who is! Everyone is in the same boat. We all have ups and downs with our shooting scores, but we do have good days and if they should happen at a competition, all the better.

The "BIG 7" is an aggregate competition where your best 5 scores count (discard your 2 worst). The scores I am referring to are the 3x10 shot cards you shoot in your grade. Combine the best 5 event scores to make a total (out of 1500.150) aggregate. There are 3 events hosted by TSA Clubs and 4 hosted by Waikato Clubs. This means that a little travelling is required, not a bad thing as it does give you a change of scenery (travelling), and also exposure to shooting on ranges other than the 2 we have in Auckland, not to mention the social aspect.

If you are not able or keen enough to travel around to these shoots, I do ask that you support the 3 events within the TSA region, Howick, TSA Open @ Howick, and Waitakere Open. The clubs need your support.

**TSA Committee**

A reminder of your committee for 2015:

President – Chris Wadham (Howick)

V/President – Steve O'Donnell (Waitakere)

Secretary – Rob Dixon (Howick)

Treasurer – Jo Stanton (Howick)

Committee – Bruce Millard (Waitakere), Kieren Stanton (Howick), Sel Howell (Howick)

Selectors – Steve Petterson (Howick), Bruce Millard (Waitakere)

Publicity – Lawrence Moodie (Waitakere)

Should you have any questions relating to TSA, all the committee are willing to assist, just ask.

**The Last Item**

Where have all the shooters gone? It has become more apparent than ever that we are losing members faster than gaining them. All clubs and sporting groups go through "slumps" when referring to membership numbers. The key is to find out why and turn it around. Our sport is perhaps a little different than others in that it can take up to 6 months of shooting (or more) to get a new shooter to a level they can operate without 100% supervision. This directly impacts on the shooting of those coaching, however to all the coaches, thanks. It normally takes 1-2+ years to get the shooter to a level they are comfortable with, before they put their name up for selection for representative duty. Losing the top order before the replacements are ready causes a lot of added pressure on the remaining few with even less time to effectively train and compete. So why are the senior shooters (I am referring to long time shooters and not just Master and A Graders) not continuing?

I've seen a larger than normal number of rifles listed on Trade-Me and have also regularly been advised of others that are for sale. An alarming trend! Those for sale are not because shooters are upgrading their gear as in years gone by; they are giving up the sport. The big question is why?

Last year I asked for those who have stopped shooting over the years to drop me a line with their reason why. Thanks to those who replied.

I now ask you, the current and past members the question 'what can we do to bring past shooters back to the sport and also bring new people in?' Can you please e-mail me your responses to either [rob.dixon@clear.net.nz](mailto:rob.dixon@clear.net.nz) or [secretary@tsa.org.nz](mailto:secretary@tsa.org.nz) . Your responses will be discussed at the next TSA Committee meeting.

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