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2023 National Championships

The end of the year is approaching rapidly.

The planning and preparation for the 2023 National Championships is well in hand.

If you are planning on attending, can you please put your entry in as soon as possible.

There is an entry form on the NRANZ website.

Late entries make extra work at a busy time of year.

For first time attendees, there is a fund of \$1000 which is divided across them to reduce the entry fee. The subsidy will not exceed the value of the entry for the Masefield & Belt series.

We again have the \$150 sponsorship for all Under 25 entries.

The 2023 Nationals celebrate 100 years of being the National Rifle Association of New Zealand.

There is a celebration dinner on Friday the 13th of January which is free to all attending.

Numbers are needed for catering and this box is on the Nationals entry form.

Clubs and Ranges Regulations

The regulations which came into force on 24th of June this year have still not been published.

The Police website says publishing December and coming into effect in January 2023.

The delays are pretty indicative of how poorly drafted the proposals were that we submitted on earlier in this year, and how little Police understood about how civilian ranges operated.

Not to mention a lack of understanding of the Incorporated Societies Act.

On the Police website there are *exposure drafts* of Shooting Range Standing Orders, the Application for Certification of Shooting Ranges, and the Shooting Range Inspection Report.

At this time there is *no exposure draft* of the Club Registration template.

Just google NZ Police Clubs and Ranges, then scroll to shooting range forms and resources.

Please take the time to read through, and get the information together that you need to complete the forms. These are exposure drafts and there could well be changes, but there is a lot of paperwork involved. The SRSO exposure runs to nine pages with 39 clauses and 3 annexes.

The headings that are used in the draft are all compulsory, you must use their numbers and headings. If something does not apply, put NA.

If you share the range with another discipline, there can only be one set of SRSO for the range.

All our Clubs and Ranges will need to have completed the requirements and lodged these with Police by 23rd June 2023.

Once the regulations are finalised NRANZ will get a draft set of guidelines done for our type of ranges, but you will need to get legal descriptions etc.

NRANZ have got a group of members that are Police Approved Range Inspectors. They are spread around the country and will help clubs where they can. NRANZ is financially supporting them to do this work. Contact the NRANZ Secretary if you want to contact one.

Clubs need to be prepared for Police to be charging for Range Certification and for Club Registration. There were some numbers in the original proposals, over \$1000, and these were strongly opposed, but beyond that we have no control or say in what those charges will be.

Firearm Registration

The proposed regulations which will govern firearms registration were out for public consultation with them closing in October. These regulations will come into force mid 2023.

Nowhere in the proposals was it clear on how club-owned firearms will be registered. There is only individual registration, with an exception for DoC.

It also has proposals around ammunition, the sales of which in the club situation is still unclear. The registration regulations are the last part of the new Firearms Legislations which was all railroaded through Parliament in 2019.

Components

The supply of components is a worldwide issue.

The supply of ADI powder seems to have settled and availability of most types is ok.

Projectiles seem to be taking up to a year to come through from the time of ordering which means we are ordering projectiles when we have not received the previous order.

The Optimus HBC 155 projectile, is no longer available with the factory closed so the bulk of our Target Rifle and FTR Classic shooters will be faced with a projectile change in the next year or so.

Primer supply is also difficult with long lead times again for supply. These have also basically doubled in price in the last 18 months, and not just in NZ.

When supply of anything gets short, people start hoarding or buying excessively which then compounds the supply problems. This is happening everywhere. Shooting wars don't help either. The net result of all of the supply issues, and changing sources, means the cost of ammunition components is climbing rapidly.

2208 Powder

Results with Labradar and from electronic targets used at 1000 yards it appears that the two shipments of 2208 powder which have been supplied this year are slower burning than earlier batches. Indications are that for the same load with powder from previous years, the muzzle velocities are down 50-80 feet per second. This can be enough to put bullets into the transonic range especially for 900 – 1000 yard shooting. The electronic targets are less accurate when the bullet speed on the target gets down to 1200 ft/sec or lower.

Muzzle velocities at or above 2950-2970 ft/sec for the 308 with 155 projectiles are normally recommended for long range shooting.

If you decide to change your loads, please take care when increasing the powder charge, and measure the results using a chronograph.

F Class Team

Our F Class Team going to South Africa for the World F Class Championships in March 2023 have had a number of training camps. The planning and practices are going well under the guidance of Captain, Ian Hughes and Manager, Frank Duckett.

Team Nominations

Nominations have been called for the NZ Rifle Team and the Under 25 Rifle Team to attend the Target Rifle World Championships and Palma Match in South Africa in March 2024.

Nominations for these teams close on the 21st of December 2022.

The call for nominations form was sent to all Club Secretaries.

Nominations for the North vs South teams matches at the Nationals are also on the Nationals entry form. If you want to be in these teams, get your entry in.

For those not in the number one teams, every endeavour will be made to get them into a team so they can shoot.

There are Target Rifle and F Class teams.

NRANZ Councillors at Large

Voting papers for the election of two Councillors at Large have been posted out. Although it creates work for the office, it is good to see an election being held with three people standing. The elected councillors serve a two year term.

NRANZ Officers and AGM

The Secretary has sent out the call for nominations for the Office Bearers of the Association for the coming year.

These need to be into the Office by the 28th of November to allow for circulation prior to the AGM.

The AGM, which is held during the National Championships, has been shifted to the Wednesday evening from the Tuesday. With the Tuesday being the Masefield, and it is often late finishing with five ranges being shot. The Wednesday is an easier day with four short ranges.

Summary

It seems like this newsletter is a list of things to do but life is like that at times.

Early entries for the Nationals are really appreciated by the Secretary and Meeting Organiser.

Especially for things like target requirements, squadding, catering, and last but by no means least, being able to have some time off to enjoy family and friends during the festive season.

All that is left for me is to wish you all a great festive season with good times with family and friends. Enjoy the time and have a happy new year.

Malcolm Dodson
NRANZ President

