

Action Section Report

by Jack Sims, Action Director

Super League – is it time for change?

Originally the Super League was created as a means of generating a series of competitions, hosted in turn by participating clubs. At this time, and no doubt still, many of us suffered from “match nerves”. The rationale being, the more you shoot, the better you become.

In principle, the following criteria were agreed upon;

- The Super League would consist of a series of graded competitions concluding with a Grand Final.
- Overall and grade results would be based on “best three averaged scores posted during the series”.
- Patched targets and a reduced entry fee, to cut down operating costs.
- Grade promotion would only be affected if an individual broke grade twice.
- Host clubs would supply a BBQ style lunch.
- Super League medals would be sourced and issued to host club via a Super League coordinator.
- Scores would be recorded and calculated by an appointed Grading Officer.

Although the Super League is still part of our annual shooting calendar, we do seem to have drifted off much of the original structure and format. We are in fact losing ground in our bid to attract more club interest and involvement surrounding competitive Action Pistol shooting. Is it time for a Super League re-birth?

Of late I have received numerous recommendations suggesting how we can get our Super League competition back on the road, these include; Let's get the Super League running as a series again - but not with medals or prizes for every hosted event. Rather seek a \$5 contribution from each entry fee collected at a series hosted event. These funds pooled and used for medals/prizes to be awarded at our Grand Final.

Most of the other original concepts listed could be maintained.

A Level #2 Super League competition.

We have lots of clubs that although possibly interested in Action Pistol Shooting are unable to host an NRA Action event because their particular club does not have the range space or required target systems available. The four regular NRA matches - Practical, Barricade, Plates and Mover create problems for clubs without a 50 yard range, barricades, a set of falling plates or a Moving target setup. What I am proposing is a level #2 Super League competition that allows a host club the ability to choose two or more NRA matches that they can accommodate on their ranges. I am sure we can establish a separate scoring system and offer any help and encouragement that is requested.

Annual Calendar of Action Pistol Shooting Events.

The growth of our section is not solely the responsibility of an elected Section Director. Without the cooperation and support of clubs, all the best intentions, suggestions and recommendations fail at the first hurdle. I fully agree with those who say we need to set and achieve goals. One of such is an annual calendar of Action Events. Traditionally, we tend to hold our major events during certain months of the year. For example, North Island Champs in March, Nationals / Kiwi Cup in October, Cowley in September – strangely, almost all during winter months! Be nice to do more shooting during the warm summer months. Maybe this would be a good time to focus on the Super League series. I don't think it is too soon to be compiling next years calendar of events. With this in mind, may I request motions of interest in hosting our major and Super League events during 2010. Send me your clubs intentions please - action@pistolnz.org.nz

John Cameron Memorial Cup Postal Shoot 2009 - New Zealand Results

Name	Grd	Pract	Barr	Mover	Plates	Match
Enrico Hoover	HM	480-38	480-42	478-36	480-48	1918-164
Roger Parris	M	471-21	478-32	472-30	480-48	1901-131
John Agnew	HM	476-35	480-42	456-18	470-47	1882-142
Jack Sims	M	466-30	480-41	478-24	450-45	1874-140
Bruce Harvey	SS	447-24	459-27	442-17	470-47	1818-115
Carl Franicevic	HM	460-25	468-40	448-17	450-45	1826-127
Warren Piper	M	440-14	463-12	468-17	430-43	1801-86
Brent Millard	HM	456-14	478-34	465-17	390-39	1789-104
Peter Curness	MK	271-5	350-6	346-5	200-20	1167-36
Hud Cameron	E	430-23	445-29	450-23	440-44	1765-119
Vanessa Sands	MK	343-9	457-20	366-6	310-31	1476-66
Karl Piper	HM	462-21	454-10	400-15	260-26	1576-72
Dave McCormick	M	427-13	476-36	432-17	370-37	1705-103
Keith Docherty	M	468-26	472-24	451-17	410-41	1801-108
Chris Ackerman	E	307-7	389-4	349-3	320-32	1365-46
Stuart Hayman	E	358-11	400-10	440-13	350-35	1548-69
Craig Clark	MK	208-6	303-5	275-4	210-21	996-36
Allan Longmire	MK	445-18	454-21	447-18	440-44	1788-101
Colin Nichol	MK	325-7	272-1	308-12	330-33	1235-53
Jim Anderson	MK	145-0	185-0	205-2	130-13	665-15
Howard Green	SS	350-8	466-16	386-2	390-39	1592-65
Ron Milne	MK	455-14	452-17	414-13	470-47	1791-91
Steve Cresswell	M	396-13	478-34	448-20	440-44	1762-111
Mark McKendry	U	407-15	418-13	425-17	390-39	1640-84

Overall: H. Hoover – R. Parris – J. Agnew
Metallic: C. Ackerman – P. Curness
Ungraded: M. McKendry
Senior: C. Franicivic – R. Milne – P. Curness
.22: V. Sands – C. Nichol

Next Scheduled Action competitions include;

- The 15th Cowley Cup – Whangarei 19th September
- Super League – Whangarei 20th September
- Open & Metallic Sights Nationals – Auckland 24-25th October
- We may see the Kiwi Cup held in Hamilton in November – to be confirmed.

Sorry to hear that Jim Stitt (Whangarei Pistol Club) is not enjoying the best of health. From us all Jim, all the very best, see you at the Cowley Cup.

Cheers, Jack

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