

ACTION SECTION NEWS

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It's a busy time of year for shooting, with match's being held all over, recently we have had the Service Pistol Nationals at Hamilton, Whangarei Pistol club held their Cowley Cup and Super league (once again a top shoot). Coming up we have the National Speed Championships at the New Plymouth ranges on Oct 11. In action match the calendar is very full, with the final two selection match's for the Oceania team's, the National Action pistol championships, Kiwi Cup and Oceania Shooting Championships all being held at Hamilton. The clubs which hold these match's put a hell of a effort to make these match's a success and we need all you shooters there. So how about bringing, some of your club members to the next one.

OCEANIA

With the final selection match's at Hamilton and the nationals, the positions for the three teams are starting to sort themselves out. Well done all you who have attained the required score and I'm sure that the other trialist's will over the next two trial's. My thanks goes to Graeme Purves for his continued effort as manager coach.

WORLD SHOOT 2004

The next world shoot will be in the United States. It will be held during the Bianchi Cup Columbia MO, in May 2004. Then rotate the championship every two years to another country, returning to the United States every 8 years. Extensive planning and funding will be required to ensure that we have team's at this important event.

Congratulations to Jason Wakeling for winning the service pistol nationals with a score of 830, also to Richard Munt, Rob Scott and Kevin Tisch for breaking grade in action pistol.

In each issue of the Bullshooter, I will be asking a section member to give a short report, on recent events, competitions and what they would like to see happening in Action shooting. Brent Millard is my first victim, you may be my next.
See you at the next match.

Ian Lochore

Action Section Director

Cowley Cup & Superleague, Whangarei Pistol Club

Whangarei Pistol Club's Cowley Cup is an event looked forward to each year on the calendar, this year like many others provided two days of good shooting and plenty of socialising. Every year the club members and their families provide two cooked lunches and a roast dinner, now its hard to beat....for quality or quantity.

The event was run over saturday day with 24 competitors shooting the four Bianchi events (Mover, Practical, Plates & Barricade) and a side event.

The Cowley Cup is a perpetual trophy presented to a different grade each year, taking it home this year from High master grade was Harry Hoover from Hamilton with a very respectable 1918, 173x, do check out the results page ...

Sunday had us shooting Whangarei's round of the Super league competition.

This time around many shooters opted to swap from open class pistols to stock class, the two match weekend format gives shooters plenty of opportunity to shoot the main event one day and then change over.

Well the finish was tight with only 5 points between 1st and 5th place, top off gun was Paul Loftus 1912-153x.

While waiting for the results to be compiled we shot a side match "long distance plates", same time to shoot the six plates but double the distance....this made for some great entertainment, a leveller is that each grade is given bonus plates to provide a level playing field, WOW what a finish too Harry Hoover just pipped by Junior shooter Warren Piper.

Action Pistol Shooters Fund - Its up and running.....but what is it?

Its a fund organised by Action Pistol shooters.

Its aim is to provide support and encouragement to Action shooters.

To date it has been funded by donations, currently at \$500.

Well over some time a group of Action shooters could see a need for a fund to support clubs running Action pistol competitions. Currently the fund will be able to help sponsor events (say with prizes) but in the future we would like to be able to sponsor & promote much more, events such as celebrity shooters, training, juniors, competitions and teams.

Funding is to be sourced from running side events at competitions, hosting competitions and approaching both companies and organisations.

We would appreciate you supporting side events - you will be helping to sponsor Action pistol and enjoying yourself too.

Many thanks to those who have currently donated funds. The first event we will be involved with will be the Action Nationals in Hamilton, October. We will be providing a number of prizes and organising side events.

Brent Millard, Waiuku Pistol Club