

ACTION SECTION NEWS

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Hi to all again to those I have seen at the various competitions around the country, to those I haven't seen "Where are you?". There have been some great matches lately, and the ones I have been able to attend have been great fun, regardless if you shot well or not. These matches take a lot of effort to put on, by the organisers and match sponsors, but the numbers turning up to these events has been disappointing. The question must be asked, "If we don't support our sport by turning up, then why should our competition organisers and sponsors?". The answer and our future is in our own hands.

The year's shooting for the Action Section has come to a close, with the running of the Kiwi Cup at Hamilton, the Cowley Cup at Whangarei, Superleagues at Hamilton and Whangarei and the Speed Nationals at New Plymouth. Congratulations to the winners and those who took part. See the results page for details. It was good to see the number of people shooting both Open and Stock guns. Shooting Stock certainly makes your open score look good no matter how bad you shot.

We look forward to full calendar of events for 2005. I am calling for clubs to hold National and Island events in Action, Speed and Service Pistol.

OCEANIA

Oceania 2005 is being held at Brisbane in October/November, with two teams being up for selection. The first selection match was the Kiwi Cup, the next two being the Thames Valley Superleague in February and the Nationals in Hamilton in April. I will be talking to the Australians about shooting both Stock and Open and will keep you posted on the results.

ACTION RULE CHANGES

Once again the NRA are changing the rules for Action Match. The proposed changes, which are to be ratified in January, are:

- That there be a new firearm category, Open Modified, in which pistols and revolvers with scopes and comp's but no barricade wings will compete. (ie: IPSC and Speed guns)
- (2) You will be able to go prone at the 25 yard position on Plates and the 25 and 50 yard positions in Practical
- (3) A non-US citizen may win the US National title and the Bianchi Cup.

See you on the ranges

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