

RAMBLINGS February 2002

By Keith Sinclair, HMS Section Director

The South Island HMS championships are being held at the Nelson Pistol club March 9-10, please get your entry forms in ASAP. There is plenty of room on range for camping as well as a bunkroom for anyone wanting to keep costs down. The North Island HMS championships are being held at Awakeri, April 26-28.

Oceania Games. The Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex did a great job running the two-day competition. Unfortunately the weather was not the best, and while we did get some heavy rain, it could have been a lot worse. The overcast skies and low black clouds made targets hard to see, and considering the conditions some good scores were shot. Teams from Australia, New Caledonia and New Zealand competed, with Big Bore events being shot in the mornings and Small Bore events in the afternoons. The competition was run to IMSSU rules, and being a team's only event, all first place ties are resolved by count back. At the medal ceremony Chef de Mission Mr Chester Burt spoke to those present, and the mayor of Tokoroa, Mr Gordon Blake presented the medals. In the BB events Gold went to Australia, Tim Anderson, David Dewsbury and Ken Stokes, with a team score of 426/480. Silver to New Zealand A, Graeme Anderson, Keith Sinclair and Murray Templeton, 399/480. Bronze to New Zealand B, Philip Dickson, Warrick Felton and Rex Oulds, 386/480. In the Small Bore events gold went to Australia, Bill Ayers, Bruce Dunbar and Kim Emery, 396/480. Silver to New Zealand A, Graeme Anderson, Keith Sinclair and Evan Sanders, 375/480. Bronze to New Caledonia, Eric Baudouin, Eddie Marcon and Yvan Serve, score 332/480. Also I would like to congratulate Rex Oulds for shooting his first 140/160, this included a 40x40 in BB unlimited. Well done. Thanks go to Rex Devantier for running the ranges, Carl Rofe for keeping track of the scoreboard and TSSC members for resetting the ranges in unpleasant conditions.

Until next time safe shooting.

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