

## **RAMBLINGS** April 2002

**By Keith Sinclair, HMS Section Director**

The next scheduled competition is the North Island HMS championships, being hosted by the Awakeri Shooting Federation, April 26-28. The range is located just south of Whakatane, and will be open on the afternoon of April 25 for sighting shots. There are plenty of sites available for camping, and the Awakeri Hot Springs are close by. Entry forms are in Bullshooter, or I can fax and e-mail extra copies if required.

Wairarapa sanctioned match February 9-10. Weather was fine both days and there was a reasonably good turnout of competitors, although surprisingly, no one from the Wellington area. Rex Oulds shot the highest scores in FP production, 27x40 and BB unlimited, 39x40. Deborah Sinclair was high lady with 37x40 BB unlimited, and Peter Kelly, 20x40 in FP scope A grade. Peter Wright high scored in SB production C grade 20x40, and John Hart with his trusty Dan Wesson's, 27x40 in SB production and 25x40 BB revolver. I would like to acknowledge the efforts and time Trevor Searancke has put into organising and preparing the range for these matches. Hopefully more will attend the next sanctioned match.

South Island HMS Championships, held at the Nelson Pistol club, March 9-10. Nelson club put on a great competition. They provided everything from accommodation to breakfasts, lunches, BBQ's at night, hot showers and there was plenty of room on the range for camping. While the weather was good all weekend, we were almost eaten alive by sandflies during the day, applying bug repellent each morning was a must. Philip Murphy shot an excellent unclassified score in BB unlimited, 31x40. SB standing INT grade was won with a score of 1x40, yes that's ONE. No names will be mentioned, and it was pleasing to see four new shooters from the Nelson area attend. Although first timers to silhouette, they only competed within the grade that their first scores set. Top BB aggregate went to Warrick Felton 120x160, after a shoot off with Evan Sanders also on 120x160, third was Peter Kelly 102x160. Small Bore events, Keith Sinclair 105x160, Evan Sanders 98x160 and Philip Murphy 72x160. Field Pistol aggregate went to Evan Sanders with 42x80. Thanks go to Match Director Rex Holland, Trudy for running the scoreboard, and Nelson club members for their hospitality in making it an enjoyable weekend.

International competition dates just to hand. New Caledonian Big Bore Nationals August 23-25, Small Bore August 30 to September 1st and Field Pistol September 14. Pistol Australia Big Bore Nationals are in Canberra September 20-22, and the Australian IHMSA Nationals are being held in October, at the Virginia State Shooting Complex, Adelaide. Please contact me if you require any assistance with firearms permits to attend these competitions.

Lastly, congratulations go to Graeme Anderson, Murray Templeton, Rex Oulds and Keith Sinclair for attaining Elite Competitor status for 2002.

That's about it for this issue, until next time safe shooting.

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