

RAMBLINGS May 2001

By Keith Sinclair, HMS Section Director

Scheduled matches for the next few months. Round two of the winter series Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex June 16-17, and Wairarapa Pistol club August 18-19. Entry forms for the 2001 HMS Nationals are now available, and can be viewed and printed from the HMS sections web page, any problems please contact myself for a copy.

South Island HMS Championships, Nelson Pistol Club March 3-4, Rex Holland Match Director. Weather was great all weekend and a good time had by all. Everyone was kept well fed throughout the day and Nelson club members put on BBQ's each night. Breakfast was also available for those camping on range and with the hot showers made for a pleasant stay. Only two 40x40's were shot over the weekend, one by Graeme Anderson in S/B unlimited and the other by Murray Templeton in B/B unlimited. Murray went on to shoot the top B/B aggregate score of 139x160. Ian Gillespie shot consistently within his grades posting a 79x160 B/B aggregate, and I was pleased to see new shooter to silhouette Rodney Clark having a go in S/B standing. Thanks to Nelson Pistol club for putting on such a well-run competition and hope to see more attending next year, scheduled dates are March 9-10, 2002.

North Island HMS Championships Dave Mackenzie Match Director. The Awakeri Shooting Federation hosted the North Island Champs April 27-29, weather conditions were good apart from a little rain falling late Sunday afternoon. We had a good turn out of members and several excellent scores were shot. First of all congratulations go to Murray Templeton for shooting his first B/B revolver 40x40, Murray used a Dan Wesson 44 magnum with cast bullets, well done. Tony Jericevich added another B/B unlimited 40x40 to his collection, and Philip Dickson after suffering last ram syndrome in his B/B unlimited event, finished with a personal best aggregate of 137x160. Evan Sanders won AAA grade S/B unlimited 36x40 and the F/P aggregate went to Keith Sinclair 66x80. Planning has already started for next year, and as soon as the dates are approved will be placed on the sections web page.

Round one of the Winter Series was held at Tokoroa May 15-16, weather was cold both days and we had to endure heavy rain at different times over the weekend. While this is the half way point in the series, one shooter who excelled in round one was Rex Oulds. Rex shot two 40x40's in B/B unlimited, one Saturday and the other Sunday, and now receives an International grading. Well done Rex, and well done to spotter Jenny Oulds who nearly stressed out on the last ram.

Important information, the 2001 HMS nationals scheduled for November 9-11, have been approved to run under the 2000 IHMSA rulebook. This change affects two items: Firstly, maximum allowable gun weight for unlimited events is 4 1/2lb, and secondly, maximum allowable gun weight for unlimited any sight events is 5 1/2lb. Just to clarify what this means, the above does not affect any unlimited category firearms currently being used in New Zealand, it is to stop the heavier firearms from being used until the whole issue can be resolved at the HMS nationals. If you have any constructive comments please contact me, as we need your feedback.

Until next time safe shooting.
Keith Sinclair