

RAMBLINGS June 2003

By Keith Sinclair, HMS Section Director

Please take note of the following dates, as there have been several changes due to problems with range bookings. Both rounds of the Winter Series are being held at Tokoroa, July 26-27 and August 16-17. The HMS Nationals are scheduled for November 7-9, and the range will be available on November 6 for sighting in shots. Oceania HMS events are being held November 17-19 at Tokoroa, and the competition program is as follows. November 17, 10am onwards, the range will be open for sighting in shots. November 18, morning, 2 centre fire matches. Afternoon, 2 rim fire matches followed by 1 field pistol match. November 19, morning, 2 centre fire matches. Afternoon, 2 rim fire matches followed by 1 field pistol match.

The HMS North Island championships were held at Awakeri April 11-13. Weather was perfect all weekend, with lots of sunshine and hardly any wind. While numbers were slightly down on last year, over 124 matches were shot. Full credit goes to Match Director Dave Mackenzie, Robert Molesworth and fellow club members, for the many hours spent preparing the venue. Surprisingly, there was only one 40x40 shot all week end, and that was by Rex Oulds in BB unlimited, using a Thompson Contender 7TCU. Rex also won the Lake Trophy for BB unlimited high score, well done. BB production high score went to Murray Templeton, 39x40. Peter Kelly top scored in BB revolver AA grade 29x40, and also BB unlimited AAA grade 38x40. In Small Bore events, Peter Payne shot 34x40 in revolver AA grade, Evan Sanders 18x40 AA grade standing, and Phillip Murphy 30x40 A grade unlimited. It was also pleasing to see some of our newer shooters, Peter Wright and Sarah Murphy starting to shoot well. We must foster such interest, and help these new shooters whenever possible. Five shoot offs were required to break first place ties in different events, which is always an exciting way to finish off a great weekend of shooting. The BB aggregate went to Tony Jericevich 138x160, Small Bore aggregate winner was Graeme Anderson 134x160, and Field Pistol aggregate Peter Brindle 54x80. Peter also provided several amusing moments on the motorcycle while resetting targets. I would like to say thanks to Dave, club members and competitors for attending, planning is already underway for next year, either the weekend of April 9-11 or April 16-18 2004.

Until next time safe shooting.

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