

RAMBLINGS June 2005

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I thought I would start off with a little bit of history of how silhouette shooting started for the new shooters and any one thinking of giving silhouette shooting a go.

Years ago in Mexico a group of shooters started putting live animals (chickens, pigs, goats etc) out to different distances and shooting them as part of a social event. When an animal was killed it was butchered and cooked after the match.

Eventually, on humanitarian grounds because of the occasional injured animal, these shoots ceased, leading to silhouettes being cut of steel, in the shape of chickens, pigs, turkeys and rams. Formal silhouette shooting started in the mid-1970s in the USA.

If anyone is interested in going to the IHMSA Australia National Champs on October 28th- November 4th, could you get in touch with me as the importing of guns into Australia has changed. The cost per match is AUD\$10.

The Oceania Team to go to New Caledonia in October is Evan Sanders, Murray Templeton and Phillip Murphy, the reserve is Peter Payne. Next year the IMSSU World Champs is in South Africa so if you are interested in going get practising and let me know so we can organise import permits.

The North Island Champs Aggregate results are Big Bore - Tony Jericevich 133, Small Bore - Evan Sanders 122, Field Pistol - Rex Oulds 65 and NRA - Murray Templeton 87. The Lake Trophy for Best Unlimited shooter went to Philip Dickson. I would like to thank the Awakeri Club for putting on a good shoot, the weather was fine, and a special thanks to Judy Baker for all the work she did.

The 2004 National Champs, 2005 South Island Champs and 2005 North Island Champs results are on the Pistol NZ Web sight to view. If any club would like a free CD Video on silhouette shooting from IHMSA, could the secretary get in touch with me and I'll send a copy. Keep the original and burn off copies for members and new members. The CD is only about 5 minutes long but very informative about silhouette shooting.

A reminder of the Winter Series 18th-19th June and also August 6th-7th. That's all for now, until next time safe shooting.

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