

RAMBLINGS June 2006

By Peter Payne, HMS Section Director

Since last Bullshooter the only match was shot and that was the North Island Championship held at Awakeri.

One thing interesting that came out of this match was one a protest too two shooters by one shooter.

Two shooters were shooting Big Bore Unlimited everything was going well up until the end of the Turkeys, they both had 30 each then when they shot the rams they both hit all ten, one knocked one over and the other knocked two over.

Both claimed a 40 x 40 but there was a protest and the protest was up held so they lost the targets that did not fall.

Under Rule Section IX 4(D) a target must fall over when hit which in this case they did not.

After checking targets to see if they were set right it was found they were not, there were set far to forward.

They club cannot be blamed as it was a volunteer shooter from another club who had inadvertently set them wrong.

After the shoot when I got home I got in touch with Rob Able the Australian IHMSA Director who was the IHMSA Vice President up until last year and is one of IHMSA'S most experienced with the rules.

What he came up with was, (due too some similar situations, that have happened in the States, where targets were reset and re-shot thus creating a precedent of sorts) the shooters were disadvantaged by the fact that the targets presented had very little possibility of being knocked over, so what should happen given that there is nothing in the rules for this situation is that all parties be consulted and the targets that were left standing be shot again after being set properly.

Which I thing is fair way of doing it as the shooters came along way to shoot and paid there entry fee to shoot at legally set targets.

So you Match directors remember this one in case it happens to you at one of your shoots, we just want a fair result and everyone happy at the end of the day.

Other than that instance the Shoot went off very well and there was some very good shooting there was four 40x40, Evan Sanders International Unlimited any sight, Rex Oulds AAA Unlimited any sight, Murray Templeton AAA Small Bore Unlimited and Bryan Batty Small Bore Unlimited any sight, this was Bryans first 40x40 so congratulations and will be looking forward to seeing more.

The winter series this year is 1st-2nd of July and 5th-6th of August so hopefully will see you there.

The closing date for entry forms for the World Champs at Bloemfontein South Africa is July 16th so if any one has changed there mind about going I have all the Entry Forms and Import Permits that you will need.

At the writing of this article I do not no where 2007 HMS Oceania Games will be shot, I am of the believe that it will be in New Caledonia , I will not no until the President of New Zealand Shooting Federation returns from his holiday in Europe in a couple of weeks, selection matches should be in #182 Bullshooter, all going well./

Entry Form for 2006 HMS Nationals should on the PNZ Web Sight when you receive This Bullshooter.

That's all for now until next time, safe shooting

Peter Payne