

RAMBLINGS

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Coming events, round two of the Winter Series is being held at Tokoroa August 16-17, and plans are to hold a match at Taupo in early October. The HMS Nationals are scheduled for November 7-9, and Oceania events, November 17-19.

Round one of the Winter Series was held over July 26-27, and although weather forecasts predicted some rain, none fell. Saturday and Sunday started with a heavy frost, but apart from that, soon warmed up with blue skies and no wind. There was a good turn out of members and several personal best scores were shot. Mike Rounthwaite 37x40 SB unlimited, John Hart 33x40 SB revolver, and Sarah Murphy 18x40 SB production. Evan Sanders using a new Sprinter barrel shot 35x40 in half size scope, and Warrick Felton with his 308 Remington unlimited gun, 4 sighting targets. Bit much push at both ends maybe? A more detailed list of results will appear in the next Bullshooter, after round two.

Overseas competitions, the IHMSA Australia nationals are being held at the Sporting Shooters Pistol Club, Canberra. Dates are, Practice day for Small Bore and Field Pistol events, is Friday October 3rd, and competition days are Saturday October 4th, to Monday October 6th. Practice day for Big Bore events is Tuesday October 7th, and the competition days are Wednesday October 8th, to Friday October 10th. Closing date for entries is September 5th 2003; please contact me for the entry forms and any other information that is required.

The HMS Selection trials for Oceania 2003, were the Nationals plus best three aggregate scores shot within a 12-month period. This finished with the North Island championships held in April 2003. Top six in small bore are, Keith Sinclair 548, Graeme Anderson 529, Murray Templeton 470, Evan Sanders 444, Deborah Sinclair 436, and Mike Rounthwaite 383. Big bore results are, Rex Oulds 538, Philip Dickson 526, Murray Templeton 519, Evan Sanders 491, Gregg Burrows 491, and Peter Sloane 428. Field Pistol, Peter Brindle 157, Evan Sanders 153, Peter Payne 153, Rex Oulds 151, Peter Kelly 136, and Murray Templeton 134. Congratulations to everyone on a great effort.

This is my last article for Ramblings as I am stepping down after nearly six years as section director. The job has consumed a lot of my time, but has also been a very rewarding experience. I would like to say thanks to everyone on Council and fellow shooters for the support given to me over the years.

Until next time safe shooting.

Keith Sinclair