

# RAMBLINGS October 2001

By Keith Sinclair, HMS Section Director

Scheduled matches for the next few months. Taupo Pistol Club October 27-28, this is an ideal family weekend with plenty of shops and restaurants available. Closing date for the HMS Nationals is October 19, so please get those entry forms in ASAP.

Wairarapa sanctioned match August 18-19. Although some parts of the South and central North Islands were recovering from a dusting of snow, the weather in Carterton was pleasant all weekend. I am told this is because being on the east coast side of the Tararua Ranges provides for a milder climate. Turnout was a little disappointing, considering the huge effort Trevor and fellow club members had put into range improvements. Since February a new firing line shed had been constructed on the 200-metre range, this provided more than ample room for shooters, spotters and spectators. On the scoring side, Murray Templeton had some bad luck in BB unlimited, with the bullet drifting just over the last ram for a 39x40. George Liska shot consistently all weekend producing several good scores, and Trevor Searancke earned a leg up in SB unlimited C grade, 19x40. Philip Dickson was all smiles after shooting his first BB production 40x40, and to make it more remarkable he accomplished this without a spotter, well-done Philip. I would like to thank Dave Anderson of Motorcycle & Marine Masterton for the use of a four-wheeler to reset the range, and Dave Cadwallader for organising lime for the target berms. Trevor is currently looking into holding another match sometime in February 2002, it would be great to see more Wellington based shooters attend.

Listed below are the top six aggregates in each category from the 2001-team selection trials. This process is now on going, the HMS Nationals plus the best three aggregates count. Every score shot at a sanctioned match is recorded, and scores older than 12 months are removed. Results from overseas competitions can be used, providing the competition has a ranking equal to, or better than the NZ match being replaced. This system rewards those who are prepared to put the effort in, and of course the more matches attended the greater the chance for improvement.

**Small Bore** Keith Sinclair 550, Graeme Anderson 532, Evan Sanders 487, Murray Templeton 468, Mike Rounthwaite 361, John Hart 287.

**Big Bore** Keith Sinclair 582, Graeme Anderson 555, Murray Templeton 539, Rex Oulds 536, Philip Dickson 522, and Evan Sanders 468.

**Field Pistol** Keith Sinclair 248, Graeme Anderson 218, Evan Sanders 157, Murray Templeton 144, Peter Kelly 124, Rex Oulds 108.

Until next time safe shooting.  
Keith Sinclair