

## **RAMBLINGS** October 2002

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Coming events, sanctioned match Taupo October 19-20. The HMS Nationals are being held at Tokoroa, November 15-17, with the range being open on Thursday 14 for sighting in shots. There is plenty of room on range for camping, and the complex has all of the modern amenities. Entry forms are in this edition of Bullshooter, and can also be down loaded from the NZPA web site.

Approved dates for 2003. The South Island Championships will be held at Nelson Pistol Club, March 8-9, and the Awakeri Shooting Federation is hosting the North Island championships April 18-20. Long term planning, Oceania is scheduled for the week of November 17-22 2003, current thinking is to have the HMS nationals the weekend before, and follow on with the Oceania HMS events, November 17-19. I would be interested to hear any comments or other suggestions.

Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex hosted both rounds of the Winter Series, July 13-14 and August 17-18. There was a good turn out of members and 213 matches were shot. Round one saw a cold wind blow directly into the Big Bore firing line, requiring pigs, turkeys and rams to be clamped. Weather for round two was much improved and the competition ran smoothly. While a number of good aggregate scores were recorded, there was surprisingly only two 40x40's shot, one by Philip Dickson and other by Rex Oulds, both in BB unlimited. The highest aggregate was Rex Oulds BB unlimited score of 118x120, a great effort, especially when the worst score being dropped off is a 39x40. Peter Brindle shot a AAA grade BB production aggregate of 101x120, and Bryan Batty 60x120 in Field Pistol AA grade. I would like to thank TSSC members for running the Winter Series, and hope more will attend next year.

Carterton sanctioned match September 14-15, Trevor Searancke match organiser. The range was very busy with Cowboy action as well as Silhouette events, weather was great, and although numbers were down, everyone had a good time. Philip Dickson shot another 40x40 in BB unlimited and a BB aggregate of 136x140, Deborah Sinclair 38x40 in BB unlimited AAA grade, George Liska 38x40 BB production and John Hart 29x40 BB revolver.

The HMS selection criteria for 2003 has not been changed from last year, the HMS Nationals plus best three aggregates scores 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. As far as team selection for Oceania is concerned, the last competition will be the North Island championships in April.

Until next time safe shooting.

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