

# RAMBLINGS December 2000

By Keith Sinclair, HMS Section Director

Several matches listed below still need council approval, and are mentioned here to advise of what dates we are working around. For the latest information check NZPA's web site [www.pistolnz.org.nz](http://www.pistolnz.org.nz) under coming events, or contact myself if you do not have Internet access. The HMS sections web page has been redesigned by David Tomlinson, have a look, always interested to hear suggestions good or bad.

Scheduled events for 2001 starts with a sanctioned match at Wairarapa Pistol club February 10-11. South Island HMS championships Nelson Pistol club March 3-4, there is plenty of room on range for camping as well as a bunkroom for anyone wanting to keep costs down. Awakeri Shooting Federation, North Island HMS championships, April 27-29. Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, round one of the Winter Series May 19-20, with round two scheduled for June 16-17. 2001 HMS Nationals are currently being planned for November 8-11 but dates may change a week either way, as the intention is to hold them the weekend before the Oceania shooting games, once Oceania's dates are finalized we will then seek council approval.

Taupo Pistol Club sanctioned match October 21-22, perfect weather both days and so hot, by mid afternoon a mirage simmered from the berms and targets were getting a little hot to handle. Graeme Anderson shot several good scores 25x40 SB standing and 29x40 FP Scope, Evan Sanders 36x40 BB revolver, Philip Dickson 39x40 BB production, Keith Sinclair 59x160 FP aggregate and Peter Kelly won A grade FP scope 23x40. Taupo is one of those places that has something for the whole family, and with the range being close by, is an ideal location for a shopping-shooting weekend.

18th NZPA HMS National Championships held at the Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, November 16-19 2000. Complex members did a great job organising and running the competition, and obviously a lot of hard worked had gone into preparing all seven ranges. New BB hardened steel Pigs and Turkeys were installed, BB firing line roof extended backwards to accommodate spectators, ablutions block finished and the kitchen completely relined. Complex members also put on BBQ's Thursday and Saturday nights with a hangi Friday night, and the Tokoroa Junior Marching team provided lunches as a fundraiser. Weather for the first three days was reasonably good but gusty winds caused targets to be clamped at different times. On Sunday the weather deteriorated, a cold wind drove rain directly into the BB firing line making life miserable, and anyone scoring over 38x40 did well. Several excellent scores were shot over the four-day competition, Murray Templeton 40x40 BB production, Graeme Anderson 39x40 BB revolver and Tony Jericevich 40x40 BB unlimited, as well as 2nd place 138x160 BB aggregate. Keith Sinclair 39x40 half size scope, shot this the hard way by missing his first chicken. Rex Oulds 30x40 NRA unlimited standing, Tony Gillan 29x40 FP scope and new shooter to silhouette David Gwerder shot a commendable 26x40 BB unlimited. George Liska won the Veterans trophy 39x40 second year running, and both Ladies trophies went to Michelle Felton, 20x40 High Score & 57x160 Ladies 22 aggregate. I would like to thank TSSC Pistol Section President Mr Carl Degan for presenting the medals and trophies, Match Director Warrick Felton and Michelle Felton for running the score board, range officers Ken Staples and Rex Devantier, TSSC club members for resetting the ranges, and also the competitors, as without their attendance this would not be possible.

Overseas trips being organised for next year are the IHMSA Australian Nationals being held Toogoolawah. The competition is set to begin September 20 and will be held over eight days with the last day reserved for shoot off's. Plan is to fly into Brisbane and hire a car or van depending on numbers, then drive to Toogoolawah which is located approximately 100K north west of Brisbane, or looking at a map due west of Caboolture. I am currently obtaining prices and should have an idea of costs shortly, also the HMS section will process all export import permits for firearms.

The IHMSA News has recently under gone several changes, new features include four coloured pages and the paper is full of interesting articles on load development, scopes, firearms, latest products and match results. If anyone is interested a number of memberships are due for renewal in January, subscription is \$25.00 US per year and I am more than happy to process any new memberships at the same time.

I would like to thank Match Directors for their support in running matches and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Until next time safe shooting.  
Keith Sinclair