

RAMBLINGS December 2001

By Keith Sinclair, HMS Section Director

Scheduled events for 2002 starts with a sanctioned match at the Wairarapa Pistol club, February 9-10. Some Cowboy matches will also be available so bring your lever action rifle. South Island HMS championships are being held at the Nelson Pistol club over March 9-10, there is plenty of room on range for camping as well as a bunkroom for anyone wanting to keep costs down. The Awakeri Shooting Federation is hosting the North Island HMS championships, April 26-28. Camping sites are available on range, and the Awakeri Hot Springs are close by.

19th NZPA HMS National Championships held at the Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, November 9-11 2001. Complex members did a great job organising and running the competition, and everyone was kept well fed. Weather over the three days varied from being dull and overcast, to rain then sunshine and back again. We had a good turnout of competitors shooting 191 matches. While many good scores were shot, there are several worthy of a mention. Deborah Sinclair achieved a long time goal, by shooting her first 40x40 in BB unlimited, she then went on to win the shoot off's, and take the gold medal as well as the Ned Kelly trophy. Congratulations Deborah, and well done. Graeme Anderson top scored in BB revolver with the only 40x40 in that event, and BB production went to Keith Sinclair after a shoot off with Philip Dickson, both tied on 40x40. Small Bore unlimited shoot off's turned into a marathon with five competitors tied on 39x40. Top three placings were, first, Australian shooter Kim Emery 39x40+20, Keith Sinclair 39x40+19 and Tim Anderson also from Australia 39x40+11. George Liska shot well in Half Size Scope to win the gold medal with a 36x40, and Rex Oulds top scored in FP iron sight with 29x40, as well as 27x40 in NRA unlimited standing. In AA grade BB unlimited, Alan Murray shot an excellent score of 39x40. I would like to thank the President of NZPA Mr David Tomlinson for presenting the medals and trophies, Warrick Felton for his duties as Match Director, Michelle Felton for running the score board, Range Officers Rex Devantier, Peter Payne, Bryan Batty, and also the competitors for attending.

Scheduled International competitions for 2002. Firstly, the IMSSU world championships are being held at Uzes June 26 to July 10, this is near Montpellier, which is on the Mediterranean coast side of France. Expressions of interest are required by December 20, as being a holiday resort, it is almost guaranteed to be fully booked by February. The IHMSA Internationals are being held at Tusco, Ohio. Timing will be around June-July, and the Australian IHMSA Nationals are planned for Adelaide in October. As soon as these dates are confirmed they will go onto NZPA's web site www.pistolnz.org.nz

Well that's about it for this issue of Bullshooter, I would like to say thanks for the support throughout the year, and wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Until next time safe shooting.
Keith Sinclair