

RAMBLINGS December 2002

By Keith Sinclair, HMS Section Director

Scheduled events for 2003 starts with the South Island HMS championships, being held at the Nelson Pistol club, March 8-9. 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 18-20. Camping sites are available on range, and the Awakeri Hot Springs are close by.

Taupo Pistol Club sanctioned match October 19-20, weather was good Saturday but on Sunday there was a cold wind with patches of rain. Graeme Anderson shot several good scores 37x40 SB revolver and 38x40 SB unlimited, Philip Dickson 36x40 BB revolver, Murray Templeton 39x40 BB unlimited and Keith Sinclair 142x160 SB aggregate.

20th NZPA HMS National Championships were held at the Tokoroa Shooting Sports Complex, November 15-17 2002. Club members did a great job organising and running the competition, and obviously a lot of hard work had gone into preparing the complex. Weather for the first two days was reasonably good, but gusty winds and rain caused a few problems on Sunday. We had a slightly lower than expected turnout of competitors, and 173 matches were shot. While many good scores were recorded, there are several worthy of a mention. Graeme Anderson top scored in BB revolver with the only 40x40 in that event, second year running. Keith Sinclair shot 40x40's in SB unlimited, BB production and BB unlimited. Gregg Burrows 40x40 in BB unlimited and Rex Oulds 40x40 in BB unlimited, Rex went on to win the three way shoot off and received the Ned Kelly trophy and gold medal. Deborah Sinclair won both Ladies trophies, 38x40 BB unlimited high score and ladies 22 aggregate 114x160. Veteran's trophy went to Cliff Hinricks and Peter Sloane won SB unlimited AA grade with 38x40. I would like to thank TSSC Pistol Section President Mr Carl Degan for presenting the medals and trophies, Match Director Warrick Felton, as well as Michelle Felton and Carl Rofe for running the scoreboard.

Well that's about it for the last issue of Bullshooter for 2002, I would like to say thanks for the support throughout the year, and wish everyone a merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Until next time safe shooting.

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