

# ISSF NEWS August 2006

By Debbie Wakker, ISSF Section Director

Hi everyone. I hope that you have all managed to get to the range despite the wintry weather. The last few weeks have been rather busy.

## **NZ Shooting Federation complex at Ardmore**

It has been officially announced that this marvellous facility that we have been using since 1990 will no longer be available to us after October 2007. This of course, brings to mind two questions – where do we go after it is closed and what about the High Performance Programme?

As this news is fairly recent, clubs within Auckland are only just starting to think about alternative venues. Land within Auckland is at a premium so setting up somewhere else will not be cheap. I will keep you posted about this over the coming months. The other aspect is the High Performance Programme – the NZSF will still operate from another location so the programme will continue, however training camps and coaching will need to involve different venues. Again this will be discussed further once a HPS Coach/Manager is appointed early next year.

## **Nationals 2007**

These will definitely be held at the Ardmore complex on the weekend of the 02–05 March. This will be the Section's final large scale event at Ardmore, so put it in your calendar now (including the Saturday night dinner) and I'll see you there.

## **High Performance Squad**

Many of you will have seen in the news that SPARC funding has been cut to a number of sports within NZ. As yet we have not heard what funding will be available in 2007, but the NZSF and I have put many hours into our application to SPARC. Until the end of 2006 Greg Yelavich has been appointed as Coach/Manager for the ISSF Pistol section of the NZSF. In order to make the squads for 2007 you need to shoot minimum qualifying scores (MQS) at selected matches. A score must be shot twice within a match at any of the following matches. (Note that some of these matches have already occurred, and that the 2006 Nationals were compulsory).

Matches at which MQS scores can be shot:

28-29th January 2006 Auckland Anniversary  
24-26th February 2006 ISSF Pistol Nationals  
2-3rd September 2006 Northland Open  
30th Sept, 01st Oct 2006 Hamilton Open & Graded  
14-15th October South Island Champs  
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**WOMEN'S** Entry into the Entry into the

**EVENTS** 2007 A squad 2007 B squad

Air Pistol 376 368

Sport 567 562

<b>MEN'S EVENTS</b>	Entry into the 2007 A squad	Entry into the 2007 B squad
Air Pistol	574	566
Free Sport	542	536
Centre Fire	572	567
Rapid Fire	563	560
Standard	559	552

### **Judges Course**

Thank you to the 11 people who attended the Judges course. By the time you read this the weekend will have just finished. The Judges course requires quite a bit of work and is an intense three days, but is a great way to keep up to date with the latest rules. I appreciate the time put in by the attendees and look forward to working with you at matches in the future.

### **Calendar**

Since the last issue of this magazine there have been a few changes to the calendar. Timaru has offered to host the SI Champs (thank you Timaru Pistol Club and Linda Anderson for this), Dunedin have offered to host a regional match and the Hamilton Open and Graded (or HOG shoot as it is affectionately known) has been moved forward a week. The calendar is as follows: (don't forget the Northland Open and Graded is fast approaching).

2-3rd September 2006 Northland Open, Whangarei  
 30th Sept, 01st Oct 2006 Hamilton Open & Graded  
 30th Sept, 01st Oct 2006 Dunedin Open & Graded  
 14-15th October South Island Champs  
 10-12th November 2006 North Island Champs  
 27th-29th January 2007 Auckland Anniversary Shoot  
 02nd-05th March 2007 2007 ISSF Nationals

### **Thank you**

I want to thank all those people who have assisted me with the role of Section Director. When I took it on there were a number of things I needed to learn... and quickly. Fortunately during the first year Ray Brummell worked with the HPS and sorted out the calendar. Since Ray's departure my job has probably doubled in size. I now spend quite a bit of time talking to (and visiting) the NZSF at Ardmore to oversee the HPS programme, as well as organizing the calendar, trying to get the Secondary Schools programme off the ground and dealing with other Section matters. There have been a number of changes over the past year and my thanks go to all those people who I have rung or emailed for advice and assistance. A number of projects have only just started, so I have decided to stand again for Section Director so that I can continue working on them.

Please feel free to contact me about anything regarding the Section – the best way is by email at [issf@pistolnz.org.nz](mailto:issf@pistolnz.org.nz)

Enjoy your shooting!!

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