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The Olympics

As I write this article Yang Wang has already been in China training and preparing himself for the Olympics Games for over a month. Last week Greg Yelavich traveled to China to assist Yang with this. As you read this article the Olympics will have finished and Yang's result will be known. On behalf of all the shooters I want to thank Yang for his commitment and dedication in preparing himself for the Games. His inclusion in the team has raised the profile of pistol shooting with both SPARC and the NZOC. This has reinforced to them that we have talent amongst our shooters.

Oceania 2009

Yesterday I received some news regarding the upcoming Oceania Championships. It has been decided to downgrade the competition to a "Grand Prix" event only. It is not a quota year, and as the emphasis for 2009 is on development, it was decided downgrading the event and not having to have drug testing would suit the Oceania nations. This also means that any individual making the final will be able to shoot the final, regardless of their team position. Number of shooters that can contest each event will also not be as limited as in previous Oceanias. The ISSF pistol events will be held at SISC in Sydney.

Section Director Position

Due to work commitments I have decided not to continue in this role on the PNZ Council for the coming year. I want to thank all of you for your support for the past 4 years and wish you all the best with your shooting in the future. Jason Wakeling has offered to take on this role from the AGM, so the Section will be well looked after.

Other competitions coming up are:

13-14 Sep - Northland Open (Whangarei)

18-19 Oct - HOG shoot (Hamilton)

8-9 Nov - South Island Champs

6-7 Dec - North Island Champs (Napier)

Enjoy your shooting and all the best for the coming events.

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