

IN THE BLACK

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Hi all

I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas break and feel the need for some Black Powder smoke in the nostrils.

The Grey Pistol Club has their West Coast Black Powder Weekend coming up in February. With a combination of pistol, rifle, shotguns and even cannons, this shoot has it all. Some precision shooting, some Cowboy Action shooting, and a whole lot of good company this weekend has become a 'must do' event on the Muzzle Loading calendar.

Speaking of competitions the NI Pistol NZ M/L Champs at Wanganui in May have now been combined with the NZBPSF Nationals so it will be a double banger with plenty of shooting for everyone.

Please make sure if you are shooting the BP Cartridge matches that you check the new rules on the Pistol NZ website (or give me a call for a printed copy). These have all the categories and which guns can be used for each category ie. In the Aggregate match revolvers are classified as Frontier, Bisley or Unlimited. If a revolver does not qualify for either Frontier or Bisley because of target sights, coil springs, altered or non original grips etc it may be used in the Unlimited class. However in the 13 Shot match there is only one class for Frontier Revolver which is defined as any original or replica single action revolver with single case ejection, fixed or drift adjustable sights only.

Finally, the Kuchenreuter Replica Team event has been accepted by the MLAIC and named the "Forsyth". Both these were proposed by the NZ Pistol Team. Alexander Forsyth was the inventor of the pepper pot priming system, the forerunner of the percussion cap ignition system.

Keep your powder dry.

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