

IN THE BLACK

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First up, what a brilliant weekend we had at the West Coast Black Powder weekend on the 25-26th February. Thanks to Neal and the Grey Pistol Club for organising it and Rose for the catering and also to Gavin for RO'ing all weekend. Also to Chris for the fantastic meal on Saturday evening.

Up coming events are the North Island ML Champs at Greater Wellington ML Club on 3-4th June and the PNZ ML Nationals at New Plymouth on 7-8th October. A host for the South Island Champs is still being sought so contact me if your club is willing to hold this match.

After watching the BP cartridge shooters for a number of years I have succumbed to the temptation and ordered a new 1873 45LC. Now to try and make it run on black powder! Watch this space.

Speaking of BP Cartridge match, I would like to simplify the firearm classification for the aggregate match and just have the 'frontier' for all pre 1900 guns and 'unlimited' for all modern guns. The Bisley class was originally there to cater for the previous match rules which had a time restriction on loading and firing. I would also like to have these two classes in the 13 shot match to allow for the not quite replica guns that are available. Please contact me with any comments.

Till next time

Keep your powder dry

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