

IN THE BLACK

December, 2003

The 2004 World Muzzle-Loading Championships will be held at the Tri-County Sportsmen's shooting range outside of Batesville, Indiana on Sunday, August 22, through Saturday, August 28, 2004. Batesville is located in the southeastern section of the state, and is about one hour from two major international airports - Indianapolis (Indiana) and Cincinnati (Ohio). A large variety of international flights arrive and depart from both airports, making either one good choice for incoming participants. The fall national matches at Friendship, Indiana, will be held from September 11 through 18, which should be convenient for those who would like to extend their stay in the country to attend those matches, as well. Friendship is approximately one-half hour from Batesville. The selection matches for the World Champs will be the Nationals at Greymouth in Feb 2004, the NZBPSF Nationals at Easter 2004 and the 2003 Trans Tasman.

The general rules for international black powder competition are pretty simple. All firearms must be either original, or replicas of original arms in the spirit of the original. Changes that do not improve performance, such as a stainless steel barrel, are acceptable. Changes that do improve performance, such as glass bedding, are strictly prohibited.

For pistol events, the course of fire is 13 shots on the ISSF 50 metre Precision Pistol target, in 30 minutes. No sighter rounds are fired, but the lowest-scoring three shots are dropped from the scoring.

PISTOL EVENTS

No 5 Cominazzo - Individual O & R - Team No 25 Wogdon (O & R mixed)

- A) Pistol: Free single shot smooth-bore flintlock or original matchlock
- B) Sights: Contemporary sights
- C) Target: ISSF 50 metre Pistol target
- D) Position: Standing
- E) Distance: 25 metres

No 6 Kuchenreuter - Individual O & R - Team No 18 Boutet (Originals only)

- A) Pistol: Free single shot percussion pistol, rifled, any calibre
- B) Sights: 19th century contemporary sights
- C) Target: ISSF 50 metre Pistol target
- D) Position: Standing
- E) Distance: 25 metres

No 7 Colt - Individual O - Team No 30 Adams (O)

- A) Pistol: Free percussion revolvers, original only
- B) Sights: Contemporary sights. Height of fore-sight unlimited but profile must be of original style
- C) Target: ISSF 50 metre Pistol target
- D) Position: Standing
- E) Distance: 25 metres

No 12 Mariette - Individual R - Team No 13 Peterlongo(R)

- A) Pistol: Free percussion revolvers, replicas only
- B) Sights: Contemporary sights. Height of fore-sight unlimited but profile must be of original style
- C) Target: ISSF 50 metre Pistol target
- D) Position: Standing
- E) Distance: 25 metres

No 28 Tanzutzu - Individual O & R - No Team event. Rule change 2002

- A) Pistol: Free matchlock pistols, smooth-bore, Japanese type, any calibre, European type, large bore as per originals.
- B) Sights: Contemporary sights. Profile must be of original style
- C) Target: ISSF 50 metre Pistol target

- D) Position: Standing
- E) Distance: 25 metres

Pistol Team Events

No 13 - Peterlongo: Teams of 3: No 12 Mariette rules (R)

No 18 - Boutet: Teams of 3: No 6 Kuchenreuter rules (O)

No 25 - Wogdon: Teams of 3: No 5 Cominazzo rules (O & R mixed) No 30 -Adams: Teams of 3: No 7 Colt rules (O)

Island Events

I have not received any applications for Island champs at this time. If your club is considering holding these events please get your applications into me soon. The application forms are downloadable from the Pistol NZ website.

Keep your powder dry

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