

PRACTICALLY SPEAKING

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Happy New Year everyone!

Sorry I've been a little quiet lately, thanks for your patience and support, I'm back and keener than ever! I know I shouldn't tempt fate, but the weather looking good and with matches on the calendar there's a great summer of shooting in 2005.

First up is the Pistol NZ South Island Champs at Cable Bay, Nelson on the 26/7 Feb (entry forms on the Pistol NZ web site) with 18 stages and 290 rounds minimum we will have fun!

Wanganui is the venue for the Pistol NZ North Islands over the 2/3 April. This is the final selection match for World Shoot and the teams will be announced just after. Jim Gauldie has a challenging match organized so I hope to see plenty of shooters at there.

Taupo are again holding their popular 3 Gun Match on the 16/17 April. The match has been rescheduled to avoid clashing with the North Islands.

World Shoot XIV Ecuador

We have had initial slot allocation, which as usual was not enough to cover the two representative teams, however I'm confident that we will get our 8. Organizers are expecting nearly a thousand shooters to participate and the main match is scheduled over 7 days! There will be a prematch, held over the 17-19th August, and if anyone wants to attend please contact me ASAP at nzl@ipsc.org. Match fees are USD\$400 and I have to have a non-refundable deposit of USD\$50 for me to apply on your behalf. I cannot guarantee main match slots, but the Match Director, Victor Ferrero seemed confident that the prematch wouldn't be sold out.

You have until March 20th. The travel options are either through LA, or Chile, and prices are around NZD\$3000. We will be freighting ammunition. Organizers have match ammo available to buy manufactured by Armscor, but the deadline for orders is before we will get slots allocated or the teams announced.

Unfortunately Debbie Wakker, our Team Manager, is unlikely to attend World Shoot. If anyone thinking of going would like to be considered for that role please register your interest. I'll let you know what the job entails and what we can do to assist you.

IPSC Global Village

IPSC have launched an on line forum called the Global Village. It's the most comprehensive site of its kind, encompassing news and views from top shooters, like Eric Graufel, Angus Hobdell and Saul Kisch, and the main movers and shakers, Match Directors and Range Officers from around the world. You can find it at <http://ipsc.invisionzone.com/index.php>

"Funny, you know people are writing books about how to be better in IPSC, maybe I should write a book about how to have more fun, meet more friends and generally have a great time." I found these comments on that site from Angus Hobdell who currently shoots for Team CZ in Production Division and thought they were worth thinking about!
Have Fun, and shoot safely.

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