

# PRACTICALLY SPEAKING

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The IPSC North Island competition held recently was a success with an outstanding attendance of 68 shooters in all, this was great to see - we must be doing something right. It seemed that everyone enjoyed the weekend.

By the way, if you didn't already know, when you entered the North Islands you were automatically entered in the Nationals - no, just joking! Seriously though, is there a reason most of you won't be there? It will be the same only bigger. If you're a new shooter, don't be afraid to attend as we all had to start somewhere. People are there to enjoy themselves and it's a good way to gain shooting experience.

This leads me on to the topic of squad selection. I'd like to make all shooters aware that the squadding for future Island events will be mixed. By having a mixture of skill levels in each squad the top shooters will be more able to help out the newer shooters. If someone in your squad asks for help, please take the time to help them if you can. It'll benefit the sport overall in the long term.

The Nationals will include Super Squads as well as mixed. There will be new style attendance pins for participants (another incentive to come and shoot!).

Shooters please check your grades on the web page before you send in your entry form(s) to any of the shoot's, as it is up to date and true.

Of course you might not like what you see but that is what you have being shooting, so don't sell yourself short.

The age classes are as follows:

- Super senior- 60+ on the first day of event
- Senior - 50+ on the first day of the event
- Junior - under 21 on the first day of the event

I hope this helps clear things up a bit amongst you fiercely competitive oldies out there.

Anyone, or any club out there willing to host next year's North Islands, please get in touch. The 3 Gun Nationals will most likely be held at Awakeri Pistol Club. I don't have the exact information yet, but as soon as I get it, it will be up on the web site. So keep checking.

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