

Chairman's Report

2021 January Council Meeting Ross Mason

A year of infamy.

The Executive has battled on in its usual efficient way this year. Shooting and everything associated with it came to a grinding halt in March with the Covid Lockdown.

Sheds and Range

The shed has had a bit of a shakeup this year along with everything in it. A rearrangement has seen a more efficient use of space and tractor parking. The shed door is about to be replaced. It is becoming bloody hard to open and close and has had more and more jams recently. A decision was made to install an electric door which should make things a lot easier. The tractors have been usefully employed keeping the range tidy and shifting dirt. One of the ride-on mowers has had some issues with keeping it going. It is the oldest and suffering from no reverse or brakes. It is on its last legs and we should be looking for a replacement. A new drive chain is proving hard to obtain and drive belts are a right pain to replace because of lack of knowledge of what are the correct belts. It was out of action for half of last week right in the middle of range preparation. Relying on the one other could have meant a poor job of presenting the range this year. With Alan Whitemans health issues see more tractor instruction taking place.

Targets and ETargets

Targets and faces have been maintained. NRANZ has obtained four SMT targets to test with the view of assisting the decision as to whether to introduce ETargets for the Nationals here on Seddon. Two Solos and 2 G8s are in use on clubdays with anyone wanting to use them can. All Wellington Clubs now use the new Server installed in the NRANZ hut which has resulted in significantly fewer problems with connections. The first attempts at calibration and checking against

hard targets shows significant improvements in accuracy using the Solos and G8s compared to the original G2 5 mic systems most clubs have installed. Further tests will be carried out over the next couple of months to ensure a good comparison can be made. This will include as many weather conditions as possible, different distances and ammunition types. The tests will include measuring the differences between shots on target and displayed shots from the ETargets.

Shop

Helen and Coby continue to ensure the shop is kept up to date and trying to ensure hard to come by components are shared around. Sources of powder and primers are a concern at the moment. Steve Collings Wholesalers shipments have not been full orders but we have been assured NRANZ will obtain a fair batch of powder in the next shipment.

Police

I continue to attend the FCAF meetings with Police. The new batch of legislation is rolling out and there will be more coming. This includes buybacks and range issues. Along with John Snowden as the NRANZ representative, I attend as Target Shooting New Zealand's representative are members of the Police Range Committee looking at the future requirements for certifying ranges. They have discovered there is a broad range of disciplines out there. Initial investigations suggest that disciplines will do their own inspections but will get checked off by the Police Commissioner. Police seem to have a preference to include as much of Pistol New Zealand's ranges, firearms legislation and regulations into other disciplines. The rewrite of the Police Range Manual is in progress at the moment. It is interesting that two Zoom meetings have had extensive discussion coming up with a definition of a "range". They range from Seddon type, Pistol, Clay Target, Indoor ranges, one person zeroing ranges all the way to shooting off the back of a boat.

In conclusion it is a given that the Executive will strive continue to support all clubs in the NRANZ