

Members' Update



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Welcome to the NRA of NZ member's up-date where we let the membership know what has happened and what is coming up in the Fullbore Shooting world.

At the AGM of the NRA there was a change in President with Bruce Millard being elected.

Owen Whiteman has been elected to the NRA Council as a postal vote delegate.

President:

I would like to thank everyone for their condolences over my Mother's death during January, a difficult time for my family but it was good to be there at the end. Thank you to all for the faith shown in me to take on the presidency and I hope to live up to your expectations.

Thank you to Darryl Crow for all his work over the last 5 years as President of the NRA. Darryl has been filling the role of Chairman during this time too. This is not the first time that he has filled the Chairman's role, having done it during the 1990's, which also included running the 1996 Palma Match.

During the last 5 years he has got the long term lease of the Trentham Range sorted with a 30-year lease now in place. He has written the history of the NRA so that it is clearly documented. This history is now published in the NRANZ book: "Fullbore Rifle Shooting". He has done a whole lot of work and spent endless time for the NRA, probably to the detriment of his business. Darryl, your efforts are appreciated.

Mike Collings and John Snowden were the top qualifiers from the selection trials for the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow later this year, and their nominations have been forwarded to the Shooting Federation.

Cyrill Scollum of the Akarana-City rifle club turned 100 years old in January and members of his club, members of the Clevedon and Franklin Clubs, and his family attended an afternoon tea. Congratulations to Cyrill for reaching this milestone.

Kenneth Willingale is coming to New Zealand from the USA for the 2015 Nationals and is looking to borrow a Target Rifle (TR) rifle and ammunition for the week. Can anyone be of assistance please?

Palma Match training and selection trial is on 15/16/17 March. This is the second training weekend this season and the final one before the Palma and Under 25 teams are selected for the USA in August 2015. The weekend will be used as a guide for the selectors. The teams will be selected and announced by the end of the season. There will be a nomination form published by this weekend.

The Taranaki Championship has been shifted to Saturday 8th March, with the South Auckland Championship on Sunday 9th March, both at the Otorohanga Range.

Saturday will be 300, 500, 600 and 1000 yards for the Taranaki Belt and on Sunday shooting will be 10 shots at 600 yards, then 2 x 15 shots at 1000 yards for the SARA Belt. Shooting will be on electronic targets

The National Champs has been contested for 2014. Congratulations to Di Collings for winning the Ballinger Belt for the 3rd time, Colin Brown for winning F Open, Rob Kerridge for winning FTR, Jason Williams for B grade and Alan White for C grade.

The World Long Range Championships and Palma Match are being held in New Zealand in 2019. Planning is underway with a committee still to be confirmed to start working on this major event. A competition was held and judged over the Nationals to choose a logo to represent this event with some excellent artwork produced.

Barnard Precision Regional Championship has started with \$1500 prize money up for grabs. Selected Championships, which you contest before Christmas 2014, earns you qualifying points in the draw. Details are on the NRA Website.

Clubs need to take advantage of the all opportunities to attract new members. Websites are available through the NRA or with free sites such as Sportsground, help is available to set up these websites up for your club. A lot of clubs are now on Facebook, another great way to contact potential members, have a look at Upper Hutt, Petone and Clevedon Rifle Clubs facebook pages. Also available are the NRA pamphlets and club cards. Talk to your local police arms officer and ask if your club can leave some with him as members are obtaining licenses all the time and asking these guys' where they can shoot. Sport shops are also a great opportunity to take in some pamphlets or cards. There are hundreds of members out there who just need a push in our direction. Your club needs someone to answer phone and e-mail contacts, be positive and get them out to the range.

The NRA raffle for a Barnard Action still has ticket available at \$15 per ticket, it will be drawn at the end of the current season, limited to 200 tickets.

NRA history books and NRA polo shirts and hoodies are still available, but going fast, so place your order now. Details on the NRA Website: www.nranz.com