

Members' Update



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Welcome to the NRA of NZ 2012 winter edition of the Member's Update. This newsletter hopes to provide the membership with the latest on what's coming and going within the New Zealand Fullbore Shooting scene.

NRA Chairperson. The midyear meeting of Council was held the weekend of July 14&15. The nomination of John Wilkins by the Karori Rifle Club for the position of Secretariat Chairperson was welcomed and fully endorsed by Council. Congratulations to Jon for putting his name forward for this office.

Shooting Rule Remits. A number of shooting rule remits governing the conduct of shooting at our National Championship were considered by Council. The following outcomes were achieved: F-Open competitors will be score "6" for V-bulls, F-TR competitors will remain scoring 5.1 for V-bulls. The 1000 yards will remain as part of the belt qualifying series of matches. A Super-V scoring ring will not be introduced into the scoring system. We will now all have 5 minutes of preparation time made available prior to starting to shoot, once the firing point is available from the previous shooter.

Regional Fixtures List 2012/13. A list of regional meetings for the 2012-13 shooting season has been published. The full fixtures list is available to members at: http://www.nranz.com/events_list

Those of us responsible for organizing each of these events can now forward to the NRA Secretary details of meetings, entry, sponsors, times, conditions, trophy winners, etc. These conditions will be posted to each event once received by the NRA office.

Championship Levy. Council has agreed to an increase of the championship levy. This levy is applied to the entry fees of our regional and national meetings. The Champ Levy is a "per day" charge and it now set at \$5. We need to keep in mind that as each levy is received at the NRA office, the gst component is removed, \$1.50 is lodged with the Overseas Team Fund and the balance is attributed to the NRA general fund.

An invitation has been sent to the NRA of Australia inviting teams to our 2013 National Championship. At this stage we anticipate a Ladies Team to contest the Collinson Shield, a Senior Team to contest a NZ Match and an Under 25 Team. Confirmation is expected soon.

The first Commonwealth Games trials are being held in Brisbane this August. The first stage is the Queensland State Queens Prize Meeting with trailists earning points for their placing in the Queens. The second stage is a one day shoulder to shoulder trial firing ten shot at 300, 500 and 600 yards, then fifteen shot at 900 and 1000 yards. This trial is shot Bisley style with two shooters per target. Ten shooters are taking part in the first trails. They are Mike and Di Collings and Brian Carter from Te Puke, Rob Johansen – Gisborne, Tony Loughnan – Hawkes Bay, Charlotte Flanagan and Gareth Miller – Karori, Malcolm Dodson – Blenheim, Bevan Mehrtens – Malvern and John Snowden – Ashburton.

F-Class Team to Bloemfontein. Nominations of interest are about to be called for those F-Class competitors who wish to put their name forward to attend and compete in the 2013 South African Open Bisley Championship and teams matches, to be held at the General de Wet Rifle Range, Bloemfontein early April 2013. It is understood that the Australian F-Class Rifle Team selected to attend the 2013 FCWC's in Raton will also attend the Bloemfontein meeting. Please see the attached link of the NRANZ home page notice; http://www.nranz.com/news/call_for_f_class_team_nominations_sabu_april_2013 As time is short interested shooters are requested to submit their nomination as soon as possible please.

World F-Class Champs at Raton. Four nominations have been received to attend the 2013 F-Class World Champs (FCWC's) in Raton. Shooters; Nik Chiew – Clevedon RC, Jim Yates – Clevedon RC, Colin Brown – Karori RC and Les Grimsley - Bruce RC. All four nominees were fully endorsed by Council. Congratulations and best wishes to each of the four with your participation at these world champs.

Affiliations. With the new shooting season almost upon us the annual process of gathering and remitting affiliation fees to the national body is about to begin. Council gave the matter of affiliation fees considerable thought at the mid winter meeting. The National Assn will show a small loss on last season's end of year financial reports. Taking in to account that during this financial period a 30 year license to occupy and use the Seddon Rifle Range was negotiated with NZ Defense Force, a new championship computer software programme was developed and put into use, also a brand new NRA Webb Site was developed and went live. Council was very conscience that fees had increased significantly for the last two seasons and was unwilling to implement yet another increase. With this in mind fees have been set as follows: Full - \$125, New Member - \$65, Student - \$65 and Associate - \$35. The full list of affiliation fees is located under Forms and Notices in the Members Area. You will need your member login to access this notice.

<http://www.nranz.com/user> http://www.nranz.com/members/forms_and_notices

A reminder that Associate Affiliation provides limited entitlement for those who choose this membership. An Associate member has the same privileges of full members except that Associate members may only participate in five club shoots per season, are not permitted to enter regional, national or international competition. Associate members are not permitted to vote in the annual postal vote to appoint council delegates nor do they add to club numbers at annual or general meetings of the Assn. Associate members are not allocated a national grading.

The NRA office has been tasked with producing a current list of affiliated members, this list being made available to organisers of regional meetings and will be used to vet individual entries. The bottom line for accepting entries at our regional events being, if you are not affiliated, you do not shoot. It's as simple as this.

Ballinger Belt Final. The number of shooters taking part in the final has been set as 20% of the Target Rifle Entry to a maximum of 20 shooters, ie 75 TR shooters = 15 targets, 100 TR shooters = 20 targets, 140 TR shooters = 20 targets. There will be 30 Open place badges presented.

Appointment of the 2015 NZ Palma Rifle Team Captain. Congratulations to Malcolm Dodson of the Kaituna Blenheim Rifle Club who was recently appointed as Captain to the 2015 NZ Palma Rifle Team. Malcolm plans to visit and complete at the Camp Perry event in the coming season.

Plans to Develop the Seddon Rifle Range for the 2019 World Champs. A number of invited guests had the opportunity along with council to view a presentation of plans to upgrade the Seddon Rifle Range in time for the 2019 World Long Range Champs. This preliminary plan will see the adoption of electronic target sensors and the construction of a single covered firing point at the current 1000yd line. These plans also include the construction of a new pavilion on and to the rear of the 1000yd firing point and the redevelopment of the existing shooting village.

Range Inspections. Member club rifle range inspections and five-year certification programme is progressing. Approximately 11 rifle ranges have been inspected to date. Reports, range documentation, and eventual certificates are at various stages of completion. All clubs were recently requested to provide key information needed to finalise certification, many clubs are still to provide this information. As a reminder the following key information is required to complete each range certification inspection report and eventual five year certificate:

1. Confirmation of Club Lease, Tenure or Ownership of the range area, or none if range area occupation is based on a gentlemen's agreement.
2. Confirmation of Club Lease, Tenure or Ownership of the range danger area if different ownership type to the range area, Lease or other tenure, or none if range danger area occupation is based on a gentlemen's agreement.
3. Confirmation of Club planning approval for the range (in most cases this is not required depending on local District Plans and existing use rights).
4. Confirmation whether Clubs already have Range Standing Orders?
5. If Club Range Standing orders are available, Clubs to forward a copy of these orders to the NRA office. (Electronic copy)
6. Confirmation of the procedures in use by the Club to ensure there are no people in the Range Danger Area (RDA) and that all signage, danger flags etc. are in place before shooting starts, and
7. Confirmation of the medical equipment available on the range while range is in use, and the emergency contact numbers that also need to be available while range is in use.

2013 NZ National Champs. Planning for the 2013 national champs is well under way with fine weather anticipated for this coming January. The online electronic entry form is up and available for use. Advertising has been placed in the NRAA Target Rifle magazine promoting the January Champs. A number of overseas competitors have confirmed their attendance and have entered so expect to see our regular Australian visitors plus a few others. Get your online entry in today.

http://www.nranz.com/competitions/national_championship

Ballinger Scholarship. A trust has been established to support and encourage the attendance of young, first time NZ junior attendees at the national champs. If your club has a junior or a new shooter who would consider attending the January champs at Trentham, then your club needs to get on and place an application with the NRA Office on their behalf. Click the following link to view the criteria and application process. You will need your member login to access this notice.

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Ammunition Components. Sales of Lapua projectiles have taken a significant jump in recent months. A reminder to club Ammunition Officers that only one consignment per season will be freight free to club locations. Subsequent shipments will incur a charge for freight. Club Ammo Officers are reminded to canvas your members widely prior to placing your annual pre-season component order.

http://www.nranz.com/news/nosler_custom_competition_bullet%20in_stock

Members are encouraged to consider the purchase of the Nosler competition projectile, which is available ex stock now. A great projectile at a really good price.

NRA Veteran's Badge. Council has confirmed the award of the NRA Veterans Badge to a number of individual members, all having deemed to have met the criteria for this award. Being; must have reached the age of 65 years, been a member for 30 years and are recommended by their clubs.

Council extends their congratulations to the following recipients:

Colin Simonsen – Onslow RC,
Trevor Oliver – Onslow RC,
Wally Hewitt – Onslow RC, and
Don Gallop – Whangarei RC.

Stalwart Gore Rifle Club member Merv Briggs recently passed away. Merv was a well known character that both the Gore club and the sport will miss dearly. Merv was a great supporter of fullbore shooting in the South Island and an NRA councilor for many years.

NZ Shooter at the Olympics. At the Olympic Games starting 27th July, New Zealand has one shooter in the 50m Prone Rifle event, Ryan Taylor from Levin. For those who are interested Ryan will be completing 3 August with live coverage on www.issf-sports.org. NRANZ wishes Ryan all the best for this tournament.

TV One News. Greta and Bill Beck of the Upper Hutt Rifle Club made TV One News the other night with Greta traveling on the first Electric Train on the Wellington Johnsonville line in 1938 as a 7 year old. 70 years later and earlier this month Greta travelled on the same line and the last scheduled service of the old English Electric units. Well done to Greta and Bill.

The NRANZ President and Council extend to all members their good wishes and hopes for a successful 2012-13 season. Let's get on with the challenges of the coming year, but most of all remember to have fun.