

# Members' Update



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Welcome to the NRA of NZ member's up-date.

The Council held it's two day meeting recently.

The remits around the scoring for F Class were considered and the 6 point scoring system was adopted. A normal V bull is now worth 6 points in the F Classes. The "Super V" was also adopted for the F Classes. This is an additional scoring ring half the diameter of the normal V ring. Shots hitting the ring will be scored 6.1. On conventionally scored targets the value of the "Super V" will indicated by an orange value disc. It is hoped to be able to source some quik stick centres with the "Super V" on them for the start of the new season. A program update is available for the electronic targets.

Starting next season will be an F Class Postal Teams Match for clubs, with 4 members shooting over 500 and 2 x 600 yards.

NRA Headquarters building is in need of replacement, options are being look at and funding sort. The building dates from the Second World War and is very cold and damp in winter. The nra is also looking for suitable Cups and Trophies to add to the National Championship, if your club has a suitable trophy that is not being used and gathering dust in a cardboard, take a photo and send it in to the NRA Secretary.

An invite from an Australian F Class Team has been accepted and planning is underway to hold a Trans-Tasman F Open and FTR Matches. The Australian's won the World F Open title at Raton last year so will be tough competition. Mondays Teams matches at the National Championship will be 15 x 800, 900 and 1000 yards. Nominations for a New Zealand Team and further detail available soon on the NRA Website.

John Snowden, Mike Collings, Bev Metrhens and John McLaren are shooting the Imperial Meeting at Bisley, England starting in mid July. This is Mike Collings and John Snowden final build up for the Commonwealth Games. At the conclusion of the Bisley Meeting, John Snowden, Mike and Bevan as Manager head straight up to Glasgow for the Commonwealth Games. The Commonwealth Games shooting is from the 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> of July at the Barry Buddon Range. We wish them safe travelling, straight shooting and an enjoyable time at the Games. Report on progress will be on the NRA website as soon as received.

The ISSF 300 metre World Championships are being held at Granada in Spain with the matches from the 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September. Lindsay Arthur, Irene Cameron and Rob Johansen are competing in their respective men's and women's prone events, Lindsay is also shooting 50 metre, Smallbore. Safe travelling and good luck with their shooting also, Shooting reports also on the NRA Website.

The NZ Rifle Team and the Under 25 Rifle Team to contest the World Long Range Championship at Camp Perry next August have been announced and are published on the NRA Website, congratulation to all selected with the training beginning soon.

The programs of National and provincial events are listed on the NRA website. Each days attendance at nominated events earn entries into the Barnard Regional Championship, this will be drawn at the NRA Prize Giving with 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$1000 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of \$500. Details on the NRA website.

New Zealand is the host for the 2019 World Long Range Championships and Palma match. There is a lot of work to be done on the organising side and there will be some up grade work to do on the Trentham range, the mounds being one of the main ones. We already have a Committee of 10 working on this project. Probably the first thing to note for most New Zealand shooters is that the National Championships will start on the last weekend of January for 2018, when we will run a lead up event and for 2019 event. The 2019 event will run for over two weeks also starting the last weekend in January.

Club 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. Also available are the Nra pamphlets and club cards, talk to you local police arms officer and ask if your club can leave some with him, members are obtaining licenses all the time and asking these guy's 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, start them off F class shooting. Another option which has proved successful is to run a learn to shoot programme for a fixed number of weeks, say 6, at a fixed cost, don't subsidize it, and with a limited number of participants, maybe as few as 2 or 3. Depends on how much gear and members are available to help. Allocate one member to each participant for the length of the programme to get their gear organized and coach them.

Nra history books and NRA polo shirts and hoodies are still available, but going fast, so place your order now

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