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### **NRANZ Winter Newsletter 2022**

#### **Electronic Targets at the National Championships**

At the recent NRANZ Council meeting the decision was made not to go to electronic targets for the National Championships. The issue was not with the target systems trialed, but the cost of having and running secure systems, which would require dedicated electronics at the mound, plus the maintenance costs of it all. The all up cost of having a 15 target system that you could run international standard events on would be in excess of \$100,000. Electronics also have a limited life so would require considerable on-going costs.

Using E Targets for the National Championship would not make the entry fees go down.

The three target systems that were purchased for the trials are now for sale, 2 x Silver Mountain G8, 2 x Silver Mountain Solo's, and 2 x Shotmarker's.

#### **Remits**

Due to a technical hitch the Remits did not reach the membership. They have now been resent and will be considered by the Council on a zoom meeting later in September. This will allow clubs and members time to discuss them and relay their wishes to Councillors prior to the meeting.

#### **Clubs and Ranges Regulations**

The Legislation covering Clubs and Ranges came into effect in June. The Regulations, which are the nuts and bolts of it, are still being drafted and are not expected to be gazetted until December.

It is just a continuation of the shambles that the whole process has been.

Thank you to those of you that submitted on the Regulations. It is hoped that there will be some roll back of the proposals and that recognition will be given to the role that the National Shooting Organisations, such as NRANZ, have in governing and regulating their sports.

NRANZ currently have 4-5 Shooting Range Inspectors that have been through the training programme run by Police.

NRANZ have decided that it will cover reasonable costs of these NRANZ Shooting Range Inspectors when certifying NRANZ club ranges.

NRANZ will be producing templates for much of the documentation that will be required.

Clubs are also going to have to redo their Constitutions. This is as much to do with the new Incorporated Societies Act requirements as it is to do with the new Arms Legislation.

Again NRANZ will get template documents done.

Please be patient as we cannot do these documents until we finally see the Regulations later this year.

## **Club Promotion**

Clubs that undertake paid promotion work to get new members can get their reasonable costs reimbursed from NRANZ up to a maximum of \$500. There are some conditions. Refunds will be based on copies of original invoices the club has paid. It cannot be used to refund members expenses such as time/travel spent. It cannot be spent on ammunition or hardware. This is a one-time offer.

If you are looking for some inspiration, I can strongly recommend the NRAA website, go to Publications and then Members Toolbox. There are 9 articles about promotion and recruitment. I am sure there are some ideas that you can use. The biggest thing with new members on your range is to have one person responsible for looking after them, and not leaving them alone.

## **Range Officer Qualification**

NRANZ has an on-line course for Range Officers on the website. The course is being updated to fit with the new Regulations. Your club will be required to have qualified RO's on duty at all times. It is a good idea for as many of your members as possible do the course once it has been updated.

## **Affiliation Fees**

There is no change to the Affiliation Fees for this coming season.

## **Sponsorship**

1<sup>st</sup> time entries for the National Championships will again have a discount from the total fund of \$1000 spread across all of the first timers – to a maximum of the Championship entry fee.

Also the \$150 sponsorship of all New Zealand Under 25 entries for the National Championships has been renewed.

## **Components**

The next shipment of powder has arrived and will be out to clubs as soon as possible. Please have your next component order into the office by 1 August – the sooner we get orders in the more likely we are of receiving close to full orders. Be aware 2209 powder will still be issue.

NRANZ has Berger projectiles ordered. These include 6mm, 6.5mm and 7mm, as well as 308. This will be the first time that NRANZ has stocked F Class projectiles. Delivery date is not known but they have been ordered since March.

Primers, currently, are a bit more of a problem but we are working on it.

## **Zoom meetings**

NRANZ has a Zoom account. If your club or association wants to have a zoom meeting, at no cost, using the account, get in touch with Helen at the NRANZ Office.

With the week of the Nationals so busy we would ask the 300 Metre, Ladies, F-Class, Veterans and Provincial Club to consider having their AGMs via Zoom. We can set up Zoom meetings with easy-to-follow instructions, so everyone has a positive experience. Contact Helen for more information.

## **Club AGMs**

With the AGM season upon us, that is the best time to decide how you are going to promote your club and how you are going to look after new members. You can grow your club, but it takes the whole club to be committed to it. It is much more fun shooting with lots of people.

Many of our clubs are getting new members from the FPR type shooters.

Malcolm Dodson  
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