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## NRANZ Newsletter December 2023

The 2024 National Championships are nearly upon us.  
Entry numbers are looking good.

Thank you to those that have entered early, it makes it a lot easier for the office organising squads, Markers and a myriad of other things.

It eases their workload over the Xmas New Year period so they can have a bit of a break too.

It is good to have a resumption in international shooting at Trentham with Australian F Open and FTR Teams here for Trans-Tasman matches, as well as some individual international visitors.

The teams' format is for two x 5 shooter teams in each class.

The F Open team have had 3 training weekends and are looking strong.

The F Open team members have a real appetite for international team shooting since competing in the World F Class Championships in South Africa in March.

The FTR teams have had one training together and are up for the challenge against their more experienced opponents.

The Trans-Tasman matches will be held alongside the North v South Teams match on the Monday.

The course of fire for the day is 15 shots at 800, 900 and 1000 yards instead of the normal 10 shots at 300, 600, 900 and 1000.

With the numbers involved in the F Class international match, it is not possible to have any F Class North Island v South Island match for 2024.

On the Friday morning, the Regional Teams Match is now a coached club teams match for a team of 5 shooters. The team can be made up of any class of shooters. The 10 shot matches at 900 and 1000 yards will be decided by the number of points down and the number of centres added up.

An F Class score of 58.4 and a TR score of 48.4 are both 2 points down and 4 centres up. This format has been used at some other team shoots and has proved successful.

The New Zealand 2024 Palma Team to South Africa are running a couple of fundraising events at the Nationals. The Friday night dinner which is on the programme as a BBQ but it is more than a BBQ, it is a full meal. Thanks for those that have booked in advance.

The second event will be an interesting one. You purchase a score card, and it is a 10 shot match. Your 1<sup>st</sup> counter is your 1<sup>st</sup> counter in the Ballinger Belt series (Kings) at 300. Your 2<sup>nd</sup> counter is your 2<sup>nd</sup> counter in the 500 yard match. And so on until your 10<sup>th</sup> counter is your final shot at 1000 yards.

Like the team's match on Friday, it is points down and centres up so all classes are equal.

The prize pool is scratchie and lotto tickets (for the 13<sup>th</sup> of January) with potentially \$7-800

worth as first prize so you could win a million. The team would appreciate a donation if you do win big 😊.

The prizes will go down to 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be \$20 and on sale on the range.

The NRANZ AGM will be held on the Wednesday 10 January 2024 at the Provincial Rifle Club rooms starting at 7:00pm.

The new Incorporated Societies Act has now come into effect. All incorporated clubs will have to re-register with Incorporated Societies. There are many requirements before you can re-register. Your constitution will need a rewrite as the new Act requires quite a number of clauses such as a dispute resolution process which many currently don't have.

There are templates available on the Sport NZ website and Incorporated Societies website. To put a new constitution in place requires a lot of planning and work as it has to go through the club approval process, which is an AGM or Special General Meeting, and needs to be well circulated beforehand. The deadline to have it all in place is 2026 and that is now only just over two years away.

At the 2025 NRANZ AGM we will have a new draft constitution to put before the members. It may well be the 2026 AGM for it to be fully approved and ready to go to Incorporated Societies.

One of the parts of the new act which is causing some concern is that club officers names and addresses are to be publicly available on the Incorporated Societies website.

For shooting club officers this is a serious concern as it is publishing a list of locations where firearms are probably held as most club officers are licence holders.

A club can apply to have this information withheld. There is an effort in motion to try and get a blanket exemption for shooting clubs on safety grounds. There is support from NZ Police for this.

More to follow on this.

Component supply is still causing many headaches.

Supply of all components is erratic at best with long lead times, and rapidly escalating prices. I am sure that you are all aware of how the prices are jumping up.

NRANZ spends a lot on components and at times pays for some on shipping, and predelivery to us, to try and get the best price for you.

As an example of what is spent, our first Berger order several years ago was for about \$175k. We do purchase in bulk which also helps to keep the price down to you the members.

It was disturbing recently to have one of our wholesale suppliers come to us saying that our prices were out there on social media and that some retailers were complaining back to him about us.

Our prices are for our members, and our members only.

Please do not put component prices on social media as we don't want to upset our suppliers.

With the change of government has come the prospect of the Firearms Regulations being changed. One of the first parts for review in the coalition agreement was Part 6.

Part 6 is the Clubs and Ranges Regulations section.

I am sure that we would all like to see some roll back in terms of what we are currently required to do, but it could take quite a while until there is something before Parliament.

The Bill will then all have to go through the submission process until it is finally passed. I think we are unlikely to see any changes until at least late 2024, and then it will depend on the implementation date.

As with all the Firearms law changes over the last four years, we will be involved in the submission process.

In the meantime, you are required to follow the current regulations.

The range inspections are continuing, and they are especially focussed on your record keeping.

This is my last newsletter as NRANZ President as I am not seeking re-election.

I have been blessed to work with a lot of people who are very dedicated to our sport.

The Executive Secretariat of Chairman Ross Mason, Vice Chairman Andre Doyle, Secretary Helen Morgan and Treasurer Coby Snowden has been unchanged for the entire time.

This very capable group bring a huge amount of knowledge to our sport and put in a tremendous amount of time and effort into managing the sport on a day to day basis.

They are well supported in the background by our Chief Range Officer and past president Rob Morgan.

I have had three Vice Presidents that have all been a great support.

Firstly Bevan Mehrrens, then Owen Whiteman briefly, and for the last six years Brian Carter.

The Council are a diverse group and a pleasure to work with.

All matters are robustly discussed but everything is done with the sport at its heart.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A wish that your bullets all find the centre and that we have enough of them to shoot.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Trentham in January.

Malcolm Dodson

NRANZ President