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REPORT TO NRANZ MEMBER'S – Long Range World Championship 2019 - #6

Dear Members

Welcome to another update on the way to the 2019 Long Range World Championships.

Well, things are certainly starting to heat up and it's only just over six months to go!!!

Entries Are Now Open

Team entries opened on 1 June and were due in by the 30th June. Individual entries opened 1 July and we would appreciate as many people as possible to enter by 1 August. This will allow us to know how many people we need to cater for. Invoices will then be mailed out and need to be paid by 1 November. Any entries received after 1 December will incur a late entry fee of \$50.

Please note;

- Individual entries are only required from competitors NOT in a Palma, Veterans or Aged Team - Team entries have been received and will be processed together.
- The NZ Championship is the Masefield + Ballinger Belt (these cannot be entered separately for this year).
- Everyone can enter the NZ Championship – TR, FTR & FO. There is no restriction on numbers for this championship.
- Only TR can enter the Individual LRWC. There is a maximum of 400 places open to A & B grade shooters so get your entries in early.

International Teams entered so far are;

- ✓ Australian Palma Team
- ✓ Australian Under 25 Team
- ✓ Australian Under 21 Team
- ✓ Australian Veterans Team
- ✓ Canadian Palma Team
- ✓ Canadian Veterans Team
- ✓ Canadian under 25 Team
- ✓ Channel Islands Palma Team
- ✓ Great Britain Palma Team
- ✓ Great Britain Veterans Team
- ✓ Great Britain Under 25 Team
- ✓ Great Britain Under 21 Team
- ✓ Japanese Goodwill Team
- ✓ Kenyan Palma Team #
- ✓ South African Palma Team
- ✓ USA Palma Team
- ✓ USA Veterans Team
- ✓ USA Under 25 Team

- ✓ USA Under 21 Team #
- ✓ USA Goodwill Team

have indicated intention to enter, still to actually confirm.

Team sizes vary as some competitors will be included in more than one team. Veterans and Age Group Teams will shoot at a different time to the Palma Teams. So far a total of 307 international competitors have entered with more to come from South Africa who are definite and Kenya not quite so.

Despite initial indications of interest, nothing further has been heard from Germany, Holland or the West Indies and contact persons have not responded to enquiries.

Volunteers and Markers;

- This was identified as a red flag component in the review of our 2018 event and more effort has been put into ensuring sufficient capable people are available. The Match Director, Geoff Smith attended the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games as an Official and recruited a number of Australians who are keen to volunteer. These have been followed up and commitment has been secured from 20 people who volunteered for the shooting events at the Commonwealth Games and are keen to help with our event and will travel at their own cost.
- The Wellington Cadet Forces Co-ordinator has been approached and they are very keen to participate by providing markers as a fund raising venture for their units. They are currently surveying their members in order to identify numbers available.
- In addition we are actively contacting past markers and local schools and youth organisations for any additional interest.
- Emails have gone out to clubs nationally asking for volunteers and a form has gone on the website to receive nominations and preferences for dates and duties.
- So if you think you can help even for just a couple of days, get on the website and put your name forward - <https://www.lrwc2019.nz/volunteer/>

Seddon Range Upgrade

A funding bid for the capital works required for targets 1 & 2 and 49 & 50 from the Community Trust was declined. A new bid has been submitted to the NZ Racing Board who funded the extension to the 1000 yard mound last year. Some work has already commenced on targets 49 & 50 which has involved pile driving some poles in place to support earthworks. Work on targets 1 & 2 cannot commence until the ground dries out sufficiently in any event and this is usually around November.

Sponsorship / Grants

This has proven to be very challenging so if anyone has any suggestions please contact the secretary so they can be followed up.

New Sign

Signage outside the range intended to inform locals about the event as part of the Marketing and Publicity Plan will be erected very soon. This will stay up until after the event.

Conclusion

All is tracking pretty well but we are fast getting past the talking and planning points and into the doing things time. Again if you think you can help we would love to hear from you, this includes helping prepare the range in the two weeks before the start.

All the best
Rob Morgan
LRWC 2019 Committee Chairman