

Rifle Rod & Gun Club Manawatu Incorporated



July / September

Presidents Report

I would like to thank all the members who turned up for the working bee and got stuck in, it was a record turnout of about 30 members which was fantastic. We managed with the help of some heavy machinery (thanks !!) to remove the concrete pads in front of the fire pit, dig it out and clear the area including relocating the ISSF compressor hut further opening up the access to the rear range, we still have some work levelling the area to ensure no ponding in wet weather, we were also able to finish painting the tractor shed, and sighting in gates, replace the clear lite windows at the back of the clubrooms, strip off the old roofing iron and broken clear lite from the veranda which will be replaced in the near future. The morning ISSF group also replaced all the target backings on the pistol range, in addition to General maintenance that was completed with extensive weed eating in all areas.



The tractor shed is in its final stages for power and lighting - this will ensure the tractor/mowers have power to start every time. This also incorporated the painstaking task of burying the power cable to the power box which is now compliant and ready for connection.

In the near future, we still need to complete the plastering of the cowboy wall and all the nails on the clubroom roof require to be lifted rustproofing applied and fixings replaced which should give us another 10 years +

At the end of the day we were beaten by available daylight, and after two truckloads of debris, it was a highly successful result with the range was looking much tidier.

On behalf of the committee we really appreciate everyone efforts.

Many thanks

Matt



Editors Report

We had our AGM in May and the new committee is Matt B President, Graham B Vice President, Ian F Treasurer, Rose F Secretary. General members are Martin H, Chris V, Richard H, Carolyn F, Michael G, Maria B, Scott G, and Kevin R. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact one of these committee members.



Also, at the AGM Alan C became a life member. Thank you to Alan for all the work you have done and are still doing for the club.

The next working bee is on Sunday the 29th of September, come and join in. Many hands make light work. Please remember to keep your membership card on you at the range. Anyone can ask to see yours at any time to make sure you are a member.

Cleaning for the coming months:

July: Action Aug: Black Powder Sept: Archery Oct: Cowboy

The range gate code was changed on the 30th of May. This code is available to club members only.

Anything for the newsletter send it to Carolyn Carolyn.fulton@xtra.co.nz

Next newsletter September 2019

Carolyn

Law Changes / Prohibited Parts

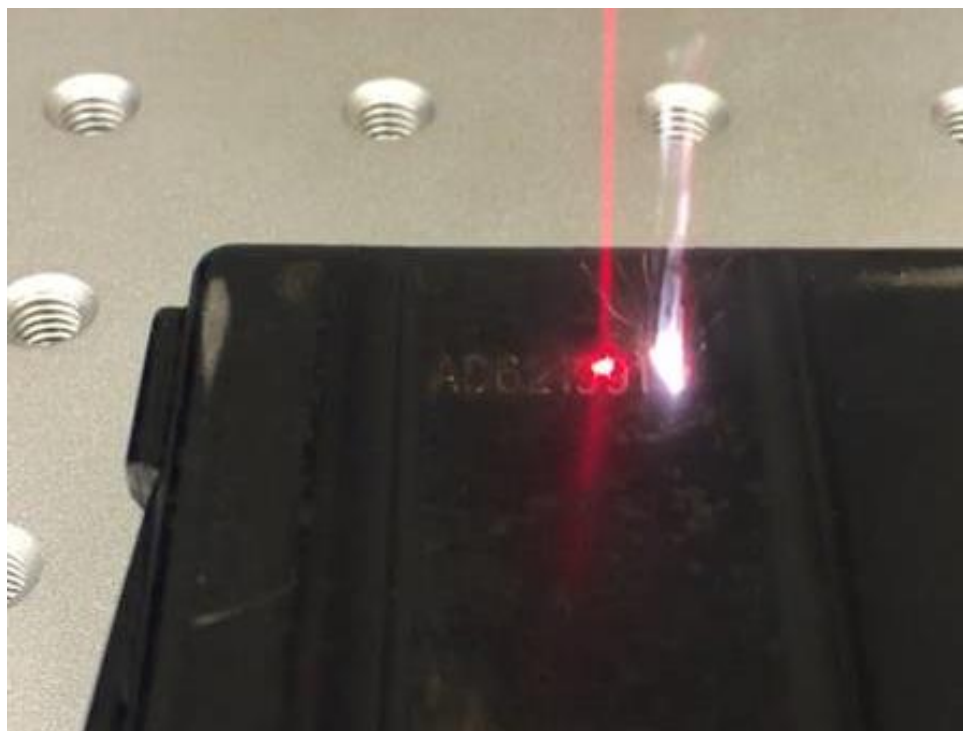
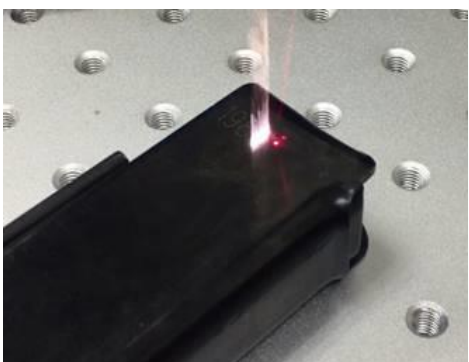
With the new "**pending**" law changes , (**as seen on the new collector licence app forms**), members that have in their possession high capacity magazines (or prohibited parts)- which are now classified as "prohibited items" so are either in line for the buyback confiscation or if you are a bonified collector / authorised pest controller / Museum or theatrical actor there is a requirement to have serial numbers on these Magazines or items.

After a lot of research as to the best means to have this done, in keeping a professional result (not an untidy hand engraver). I'm happy to report we are lucky enough to have a local business that has a solution.

Trophy Specialists in Taonui Street, Palmerston North has just received in the last 2 weeks a brand-new Laser Engraver , with this new technology they are able to etch perfect serial numbers in various types of magazines of various metals - the cost of this for our members is \$ 6 per magazine, (for 4 or more otherwise min charge is \$20). This includes set up, the front, numbers & letters and sizing of your choice - a small price to pay for a perfect job.

Please make your self-known to the Manager Martin Eagle to obtain this pricing, also please let him know in advance if you are bringing in restricted items Rocket launchers (m72 etc..) or firearm uppers so this can be done immediately.

Matt



Calendar

JULY

Action Rifle cleaning

- Sat 6 Smallbore / IPSC 1.00pm
Sun 7 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am/IPSC 1.00pm / Speed Steel 1.00pm
Sat 13 Black Powder / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / CAS 9.30am
Sun 14 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sat 20 Smallbore / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm/ Multi-gun 1:30pm
Sun 21 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Action Rifle 1:30pm
Sat 27 Black Powder / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sun 28 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Action Rifle 1:30pm

AUGUST

Black Powder cleaning

- Sat 3 Smallbore Range 2 / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sun 4 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Speed Steel 1.00pm
Sat 10 **Black Powder Spring Shoot** / IPSC 1.00pm / CAS 9.30am
Sun 11 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC 1.00pm
Sat 17 Smallbore Range 2 / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Multi-gun 1:30pm
Sun 18 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sat 24 Black Powder / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sun 25 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Action Rifle 1:30pm
Sat 31 Smallbore Range 2 / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm

SEPTEMBER

Archery cleaning

- Sun 1 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Speed Steel 1.00pm
Sat 7 Smallbore Range 2 / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sun 8 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am/IPSC 1.00pm
Sat 14 **Archery vs Wellington AA**/ IPSC 1.00pm / CAS 9.30am
Sun 15 **Archery vs Wellington AA** / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sat 21 Smallbore Range 2 / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Multi-gun 1:30pm
Sun 22 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Action Rifle 1:30pm
Sat 28 Black Powder / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sun 29 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / **Working Bee 1pm all ranges closed.**

OCTOBER

Cowboys cleaning

- Sat 5 Smallbore Range 2 / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sun 6 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Speed Steel 1.00pm
Sat 12 Black Powder / IPSC 1.00pm / CAS 9.30am
Sun 13 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sat 19 **Smallbore Range 2 TSNZ JDS** / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Multi-gun 1:30pm
Sun 20 **Smallbore Range 2 TSNZ JDS** / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sat 26 Black Powder / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm
Sun 27 Archery 9am / ISSF Pistol 9am / IPSC Pistol 1.00pm / Action Rifle 1:30pm

Indoor Smallbore: Each Tuesday Totara Road Range 7.30pm.

Archery: Each Tuesday and Wednesday 2:30 - 5pm. For Archers with their own equipment.

IPSC Pistol: Sundays for Holster Qualified members only.

Working Bees: Every 5th Sunday of the month (if one) from 1pm. All ranges closed.

Please note: If you want to go to the range to show other people what we do please make sure that the range you use is open to be used. If it is not your normal day, please make sure there is no one on the range behind. Thank you.

Range Calendars now Available Online and Live

We are now making the Range Calendars available to you online any time. You can now check immediately if the range you are wanting to use or has been booked. This is important specially if we need to close any or all the Ranges for maintenance or for an outside booking.

This calendar is available on your computer, laptop, tablet and phone. On the computer or laptop put the following address into a browser and go. Remember to bookmark the page

<https://teamup.com/ksevb85dpt24ttvdpp>

On you tablet or phone you can download the app. You will need to search "Teamup". Download the app, open it and enter [ksevb85dpt24ttvdpp](https://teamup.com/ksevb85dpt24ttvdpp) in the box that appears.

Once you have the calendar running, I recommend that you change to Month view. If you want to look at just 1 or 2 ranges you can deselect the ranges you don't want by clicking/tapping on them and leaving just the ones you want to view.

Any questions or feedback please contact Ian F at treasrrgc@gmail.com

Ian F

Treasurer



Shared Calendar for Groups

Action Rifle

Hi All

Action Rifle is back! Or will be.. After winter..

Who? Where? What is Action Rifle anyway? A couple of years ago we got together with some enthusiasm to shoot rifle matches based on NZ Service Rifle Assn but without the strict rules regarding rifle specifications – and chose the name 'Action Rifle' to differentiate from NZSRA – and allow some freedom to shoot whatever type of matches we could devise. Things went quiet for a while but we're out of excuses and it's time to get back on the range.

Action Rifle comprises two classes; Iron sights and Open Class (Optics set to 4x, no bipods) with any centrefire rifle up to the maximum calibre allowed on Range 2. This includes all bolt, lever & pump actions. Bring out your hunting rifles, cowboy guns or fancy tactical setups and anything you have. Expect to fire 30-50 rounds in an afternoon in 2 or 3 matches depending on time & attendance.

We'll still be shooting over the winter months but nothing serious as we try out some new matches and test some new target frames. Range 2 on the fourth Sunday of every month commencing at 1pm. Join the mailing list for updates and scores : email nzbenwilkin@outlook.com

Regards

Ben W



IPSC Section Report

Hi everyone,

In my last column I wrote about how IPSC Rifle and Shotgun were taking off...so, yeah, my hat tasted fine thanks very much. All is not lost though. By the time you read this the IPSC Shotgun Nationals will have gone ahead albeit with capacity-neutered shotguns. Rifle however is suffering. More law changes are coming and if the last lot were anything to go by, assume nothing is safe, including pistol.

We all hope the government sees some sense and restores the ability for legitimate sport shooters like you to own Prohibited Firearms for internationally recognised competitive shooting like the EU and UK do. So, what can you do? Write to your MP and remind them that you are a highly vetted, fit and proper person who wants to be able to participate in safe, well organised shooting sports like your overseas counterparts can. Tell them how much your sport means to you and how effective and thorough the B Endorsement process is.

Anyway, enough of that for now. IPSC pistol is carrying on as normal. RRGC shooters braved the torrential rain and cleaned up at match 1 of the Whanganui Winter Series with Kevin, Sam and Bevin winning Classic, Production and Open respectively. Andy shot his first away match and I suspect it won't be his last! There will be two more matches in this series. They are one day matches with a \$30 entry fee so they are great matches to get your foot in the door with if you've never shot an away match.

The Double Tap is coming up in Rotorua and the Nationals are locked in during September, so get out there in get stuck in because as we have seen recently, we can never be sure that there will be another chance.

Shoot fast. Shoot straight. But most importantly shoot lots!!!

Sam

TIP OF THE MONTH:

This time I want to talk about safety on the range. The most dangerous situation that can occur in IPSC is the range going hot while people are still downrange restoring the targets etc. This might sound crazy, but I've seen it happen at Nationals with rounds fired. I've called the range live with people downrange and had others call it live while I've been downrange. The most

dangerous stages are ones where the RO can't observe the whole range due to the positioning of props/walls.

Any stage that has solid vision barriers is a **high-risk** stage. Here are some tips for ROs:

- Consider the risk posed by each stage before you call the first shooter forward and come up with strategies to mitigate any risks you identify.
- Make sure you are the last one off the range between shooters.
- Don't get distracted with patching. Stand somewhere where you can observe the whole range and then follow everyone back up-range.
- If you can't see everything from one spot, wait for one side to clear and then clear the other side on your way back.
- Alternatively appoint a deputy RO to monitor the part you can't see. They should report the area clear to you before you go live.
- Call "range in use" loudly and listen for any replies.

Tips for shooters:

- Keep your ears open especially if you're patching targets in an area where the RO can't see you. If you hear a "clear the range" or, worse, "range in use" call back loudly.
- Help the RO. Note if there are people still patching when you walk back. If you haven't seen them when return when the RO calls the next shooter let the RO know.
- If you need to go downrange after the RO has walked back (maybe to restaple a target) tell the RO first and then check in with them when you return.

Sam



ISSF SECTION REPORT

The ISSF division is still experiencing growth in membership, we are seeing close to 20 participants per shoot with a good mix of beginners coming through the ranks.

I would also like to thank and acknowledge Pete L's work in emailing out the weekly scores and maintaining the ladder for the group.

For the new shooters please use the expertise of some of the senior shooters for tips, stance, trigger hold, grip position- we have charts on the wall illustrating impact patterns on targets and how to correct them – remember don't make too many changes at once , you won't know what you have done to fix it! Also, the ammunition we recommend is the CCI Standard velocity, available locally at Hunting & Fishing ... yes there are other brands which are slightly cheaper, but you run the risk that they won't cycle. For the use of the club guns for beginners there is a cleaning/usage charge of \$2.00 for B cat holders using the club guns whilst looking for one to purchase there is a fee of \$5.00, this has worked well and has helped fundraise for New pistols.

There is room for more advertising signs @ \$680 each for a 3 year contract, this includes printing and installation, so if you know of a business that would be keen to support the club please make contact with rgcissf@gmail.com

Matt



Cowboy Section

In May we held the club cowboy champs. Doc Sorebones won the cowboy side and Sarges Daughter won the cowgirl side. Congratulations!

The cowboy section has been out shooting in matches around the North Island. Some of us went to the North Island CAS Championships Buffalo Ben came 2nd Cowboy, Sarge's Daughter came 4th Lady Wrangler, Talullah Belle came 5th Lady Wrangler and Calamity Carrie came 1st Lady Duelist. We also went to the Memorial Shoot in Napier Big Rat came 1st Cowboy, Buffalo Ben came 2nd Cowboy, Doc Sorebones Came 1st Duelist, Paden Sackett came 6th Duelist, Iron Rider came 2nd Frontiersman, Loosey Bloomers came 1st Lady Frontier Cartridge, Sarge's Daughter came 2nd Lady Wrangler, Talullah Belle came 4th Lady Wrangler, Calamity Carrie came 1st Lady Duelist.

We have had a great time traveling to other shoots as well as shooting here on club days. We have also had a working bee to put the roof on our pole shed as you can see, they have finished the roof and it looks great!

Calamity Carrie



Working Bee

We have a working Bee in September remember that this is your club as well and many hands make light work. Meet outside the sighting in range and see what you can help with. Ranges are closed all afternoon on Sunday 29th of September from 1pm for the working bee. Great to see you there, make a note of that in your diary.



MEMBERS IN ACTION

Please remember to email in your photos in action for the newsletter secrrgc@gmail.com

