



Top Shooting

Jenna MacKenzie with all the trophies she won at North Vs South with some excellent shooting.

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Presidents Report

The annual North V South match took place recently in Masterton. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lindsay and his team on an extremely well organised and run event. The help of a lot of past and non-members was tremendous, and shows what good teamwork can achieve. Not only that, it was good to catch up with old friends.

There were some anxious times with all the storms over the previous week, not knowing whether our south island members would make it. However the sun god smiled on Thursday and produced excellent weather for the whole four days.

There were some fantastic scores shot, as can be seen on the website, with no less than four new records being set.

Also there were eleven new Silver Ferns presented. My heartiest congratulations go to those members, and will remind you all that this brings a responsibility. This is that you represent TSNZ with pride, passion and distinction at all times, as I know you all will.

Those members deserve recognition, and are; Ian Hutchings, Peter Neilson, Richard Sampey, Pratik Tailor, Sarah Wright, Jeanette Kinsey, Kilsey Shepherd, Jack Cavanagh, Dean Phillips, Susan Sharpe and Blake Gibbs, absolutely well done and deserved.

There are only a couple more championships to attend, then it's on to conference. I hope you all relax and enjoy the next couple of months.

Grant Taylor

North vs South

Having just spent the past weekend at Masterton at the North v South Island shoot, assisting with marking, I would like to congratulate the Wairarapa Assn., on a very well organised event.

Letter to the Editor

Everything ran smoothly with a minimum of fuss. A special thanks to the kitchen ladies for keeping the marking room fed and watered. It was very much appreciated.

Julie Johnson
Life member.
TSNZ

New Zealand Schools vs British Schools

The British schools have shot their leg of the postal match and our Young Kiwis have done us proud and beaten their British counterparts. The full results are on the TSNZ website but the NZ team had a very tidy 1950 compared to the British team's 1935. Well done to the team.

North vs South

There will be a more detailed report next month and full results are on the TSNZ website. The results are:

Open
North 7911.434 South 7910.398

Womens
South 5905.287 North 5880.248

Juniors
North 3926.202 South 3899.162

Rapid Fire

The Editor's

By the sounds of it North vs South was a good event. Well done to the winning teams. We will have more of a detailed spread on North vs South next month.

We have a slightly different piece this month with a poem from a shooter. I thought it was quite neat, so I have included to share with you all. If there are other poems or limericks that our more literary gifted members have written, please feel free to send them in. Maybe it can become a regular feature.

The end of the season is nearly here and wind ups and prize givings are just around the corner. I enjoy



Peter Sharpe

Two Cents

prize givings, it is great time to celebrate how well some of our shooters have done. They have put the time and effort in so they should be recognized for their achievements.

Over the off season, talk the sport up with your peer group, show some enthusiasm and help get the message across to everyone that we have a great sport. The worst case scenario is more people know that we exist. The likely scenario is a few people come along to try and even if they don't get hooked they will know what we are about.

Peter Sharpe

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Poetry Corner

Wow 50 sounds an awful lot,
 Will they put me on a shelf?
 But what the hell does 50 mean?
 I'm thinking to myself.
 I wonder of the things I did,
 Just what in life I've done,
 Been action packed, I've got to say,
 In 50 round the sun.

Was born during test match rugby,
 The All Blacks verses France,
 We thumped the frogs by 30,
 My Dad was in a trance.
 The radio that was passing on,
 The words on how we won,
 Was high technology,
 In my first year round the sun.

It wasn't long then TV came,
 And I went along to school,
 Where a favourite occupation,
 Was swimming in the pool.
 Was numbers that I really liked,
 But not cross country runs,
 I specialised in coming last,
 At ten times round the sun.

My education finished,
 I came back to the farm,
 My lifetime occupation,
 It had a certain charm.
 As did a girl in town,
 Whose heart that I had won,
 My wife that I was smitten in,
 Year 20 round the sun.

I've had so many interests,
 With you I must confide,
 Rotaract was most important as,
 It helped me find my bride.
 Shooting was another as,
 I'd got my Grandpop's gun,
 My Tuesday nights were sacred,
 At 20 round the sun.

Did marriage, kids and busy things,
 Third decade is a blur,
 And farming on our own account,
 With mortgages incurred.
 Though busy doing what we did,
 We sure had lots of fun,
 But we didn't get a breather,
 After 30 round the sun.

We sent the kids to boarding school,
 And thought we'd get a spell,
 But then in cars we travelled more
 To catch the high school bell.
 To sport and other interests,
 Kids had us on the run,
 But we had a damn good party,
 At 40 round the sun.

Then at last, they flapped their wings,
 And peace, it did ensue,
 It seems they come in two's now when,
 They pop in out of blue.
 I've taken up the masons,
 That's another phase begun,
 And done a bit of travel,
 Before my 50 round the sun.

Now and then, down through the years,
 I've put some words to rhyme,
 It's been quite entertaining,
 And helped me pass the time.
 So here I am, my time has come,
 I'm batting half a ton,
 I wouldn't change but anything,
 At 50 round the sun.

So what have I got coming?
 To help me fill my day?
 I'm sure it won't be boring,
 Whatever comes my way.
 Could it be relaxing?
 Should be kinda fun,
 It all sounds rather scary to,
 Go more times round the sun.

The Norseman

Andrew and Faulkner

It is always an anxious time for the organisers when a temporary range is used for an event like this. Although every effort goes into making sure all the bases are covered, the reality is the whole setup is untested until the first competition shot is fired.

Russell Burt arrived early to carry out the range inspection and as there was no backup plan, if he proved to be unhappy, we were in deep trouble. It was with considerable relief that he gave the OK and even produced a signed certificate by the time the first round was finished.

We were pleased he was away writing the certificate when our red flashing light failed to respond to the remote on/off button at the start of the first round. Although this meant a short delay while a more hands on solution was used (pulling the plug) and later a long cord to a manual switch, it was only a small glitch. As shoot director I had a fairly easy day with only small issues to deal with.

Once the shooting got started all interest was on the results. Leading into the shoot, NDC form is about the only guide and on that we expected Ashburton and Christchurch, the two division one teams to be front runners closely followed by Marlborough, East Otago and probably North Canterbury. Nelson which won it last year have had a miserable NDC but have always done well at the A&F and couldn't be discounted, they take this shoot very seriously. Southland is divided into four teams for this shoot and with the talent pool spread around it was always going to be difficult for one of them to be in the running.

As shooting progressed it was obvious that the real Nelson team had indeed turned up and with a 200 from Ian Hutchings and some other solid scores showed they were going to be a contender. As expected neighbours Marlborough were right there with Ashburton and East Otago. Christchurch was a bit off the pace with North Canterbury.

At the end of the doubles Marlborough had a one point lead over Nelson with Ashburton and East Otago a further five points behind. It was close but with only a single left there was no room for error.

As far as the individuals were concerned there were three 200's with Jenna MacKenzie and our own Earnie Herman laying down the challenge to Ian Hutchings for top individual honours.

In the junior teams Northern Southland had a one point lead over East Otago after the first round.

In the singles Ashburton had the best shoot but it was not good enough to bridge the gap and it was

Nelson that held their nerve best to overhaul Marlborough to win by four points with Ashburton third. In the juniors Northern Southland outshot East Otago by two points a person on the singles to win comfortably.

Jenna MacKenzie was the only one to hold it together for the individual honours with a 100.7 to go with the 200.14. The \$2 side bet she had with Earnie was just enough to keep her focused.

The A&F gets a bit complicated as there are another two competitions going on in the background. Each team is divided into two and there are separate battles going on for the top 5 (off the rifle) and the bottom 5 (handicap). The top five was won by Marlborough which proves the point that teams events are not won by the performance of your best shooters. The bottom five trophy unfortunately called the "Ass" trophy was taken home by a comfortable margin by Ashburton.

Robbie Gilchrist

Open

Nelson	2945.135
Marlborough	2941.120
Ashburton	2939.126
East Otago	2934.119
Christchurch	2920.105
North Canterbury	2916.126
Northern Southland	2915.109
Southern Southland	2910.117
Timaru	2909.99
Ashley	2909.92
North Otago	2902.116
Ellesmere	2901.111
Central Otago	2900.94
Eastern Southland	2897.106
South Otago	2893.106
Invercargill	2878.97
West Coast	1424.34

Juniors

Northern Southland	1444.55
East Otago	1433.45
Eastern Southland	1424.37
Nelson	1416.38
Timaru	1415.43

Rising Stars

The Northern Junior smallbore rifle shooting team of Jenna MacKenzie, Bridget Johnson, Ben Neumann, Tom Stokes and Hamish Barrow showed they were right on target last weekend when they won the Junior section of the Andrew and Faulkner Shield (A and F).

Northern President Alistair Campbell said that an excellent start by New Zealand representative Jenna MacKenzie who managed to put the first 200 on the board for the day provided a good base for the team and was supported by good accuracy from all the young shooters, "Jenna then went on to achieve top score for the event with 300.21 and take out the Individual title."



The Northern Southland Junior Team with the Trophy

It has been 11 years since Northern last won this event, and a memorable occasion in itself for Campbell who was a member of that winning team. Back in 2000, the event was held in Gore and was the first time a Junior competition had been held as part of the A and F Shield. "It has been a long time between wins," he said. "Our young shooters did very well on this occasion, and really excelled in winning this event to take out the Junior title."

For young Tom Stokes who made his debut at the age of 11 for the Northern team, it was a delight to be competing in an event that he had looked forward to since being named in the Junior side back in mid July. "Young Tom Stokes did us proud, as did Jenna, Ben, Bridget, and Hamish," Campbell said. "It was a marvellous event to be part of on a great range and to have our Juniors come through and take out this title made all the practicing well worthwhile."

Mossburn and Northern Coach Ken McBride was particularly proud of the younger team members, all of who have benefitted from his years of experience and coaching knowledge. "All our juniors shot as good or better than expected," he said. "There were certainly some excellent scores achieved by them on the day which helped towards winning the Junior title."

Trish Mackenzie

Tom Stokes

At 11 years old, Balfour's Tom Stokes was one of the youngest shooters ever to compete at the South Island Inter Provincial Indoor Target Shooting team shoot held in Invercargill with teams vying for the coveted Andrew & Faulkner Shield.

Tom who shoots for the Mossburn Club, was one of the five member Northern Junior A and F team alongside Jenna MacKenzie, Bridget Johnson, Ben Neumann and Hamish Barrow.

Tom took up shooting in 2009 at the age of nine, and his interest, confidence and ability in the sport has grown steadily since then. Trish Mackenzie caught up with Tom about his shooting.



Tom Stokes all ready to go

What do you enjoy about shooting? - *It's challenging and competitive, although we shoot individually, it's still a good team sport that I enjoy.*

Who is your coach? - *Dad is my coach. Ken McBride and John Healy also help me with some tips here and there on club nights.*

Why did you take up the sport of shooting? - *It all started when dad took me out rabbit shooting. I found that I was quite accurate and I enjoyed shooting. Dad and I then went along to Mossburn smallbore rifle club so that I could improve my accuracy and learn how to use a rifle safely.*

What goals have you set yourself? - *I am currently shooting in D grade, so each year I would like to improve my shooting average so that I can move up the grades.*

What inspires you to succeed in the sport? - *I would like to represent New Zealand one day at the Olympics, and be as good as Jenna MacKenzie.*

What competitions have you competed in and what are your scores for these? *In 2010 I shot in the Northern Southland champs at D grade, my score was 141/200.20. "Phew, I'm pleased that my scores have improved dramatically since then". This year in May I shot at the Northern champs and achieved a total of 178.05 and I shot again in July at the Southland championships and got 189.05. I was also chuffed to be selected to represent Southland in the 'postal' shoot this year.*

What is the highest score you have achieved so far in club or competition? *Recently my club scores are around 94, but my highest score was achieved at the Southland champs with a 95.2 & 94.3.*

How did you feel when you were named in the team for A and F this weekend? - *I was delighted to be selected to be part of the junior team representing Northern Southland. I hope that I perform well on the day and do my team proud.*

What do you hope to get out of this weekend of competition? - *I hope to achieve a new personal best score, and I hope our team wins.*

What age were you when you started shooting? - *I started attending Mossburn club in 2009 when I was 9 years old, and shot using a block. The year after that I was taken off the block and had to use a sling, my scores dropped quite a bit because I had to support the rifle myself and it's heavy. Now that I've turned 11, my technique has improved and this has shown in my scores.*

And anything else..... *Rabbits and Hares no longer stand a chance!!!!*

Trish Mackenzie

Triple S Champs

The scores are in for Round 3 of the Triple S Champs.

At the Brooklyn Club we often find our best school shooters are involved in a lot of activities outside of shooting. Add to that their schoolwork and it's often the case of squeezing competition shooting in. Many of the Triple S shooters found that was the case for round 3 and unfortunately some missed the deadline. However I know a lot of coaches went the extra mile to ensure their charges managed to get their cards shot on time and I'm sure their school and team members appreciate their efforts.

With only one round to go and the top positions still being up for grabs, tension must be building. You wouldn't know it from the Round 3 results though, as many of the shooters have shot very well.

In D Grade we have Joel Edge and Jessica Grant fighting it out for 1st and 2nd with a further six shooters all within 5 points of 2nd place.

In C Grade Nick Goodwin and Taylor Winsloe only have 2 points separating them with another three shooters all less than 5 points further back.

In B Grade Anne-Marie Shaw shot an impressive 100.5 (and is now 3rd overall) and that sees her 6 points clear of Tom Webber and Otilie Morrison.

In A Grade Rory Leonard is now leading the whole competition but only 2 points ahead of Jack Cavanagh who top scored for the round with 100.7.

In Master Grade, unfortunately Sarah Wright was one of those very busy in the weeks before the Round 3 deadline and as unable to find the time to shoot her card. This is a real shame as I was looking forward to seeing how the competition between her and Rebecca Gibbs would pan out. Now Rebecca has her work cut out to try and catch the top A and B Graders for the overall winner.

The ungraded shooters are also having a tight competition with Hamish Low and Hamish Dalzell in first and second.

In the teams event Rangiora High School and Palmerston North Boys' High School have a handy lead over Southland Boys' High School. Rangiora's placing and scores are very impressive given three team members are D Graders.

Full results can be viewed at:
<http://www.bsbc.wellington.net.nz/SSSChamps/>

There is now just one round to go. This is a 20 shot and is due by 23 September.

I'm very keen to get any feedback (positive and negative). Being the first year of the competition we are learning as we are going and are very open to making changes that the shooters and managers all feel will add positives to the competition.

Feedback can be sent to me at:
(littleei@ihug.co.nz).

Evan Little

NDC Round 6

Division 1 –Semi Finals

	Open	Composite	Juniors	Team Total	Team Points	Bonus Points	Points Total
Manawatu Marauders	2972.157	1465.064	591.028	5028.249	13	2	15
vs							
Hutt Valley Hawkes	2969.144	1462.056	580.023	5011.223	0	2	2
The Plainsmen	2955.150	1462.054	589.025	5006.229	13	2	15
vs							
Waikato Thoroughbreds	2953.144	1446.058	585.023	4984.225	0	1	1

Top Scores

Rodney McDowell **300.22**, Lindsay Arthur **300.21**, Roy Herbison **300.21**, Janet Hunt **300.19**,
Duncan Carmichael **300.18**
Juniors - Daniel Morris 198.11, Mathew Brill 198.09, Elizabeth Gardiner 197.07

Division 2

	Open	Composite	Juniors	Team Total	Team Points	Bonus Points	Points Total
Marlborough Suns	2953.147	1432.045	580.018	4965.210	0	2	2
vs							
Alpine West	2957.140	1458.048	584.210	4999.398	13	2	15
Southland Centurions	2937.131	1435.041	578.019	4950.191	0	0	0
vs							
Wellington Tigers	2946.146	1463.066	585.024	4994.236	13	1	14

Ladder Results after Round 4	This Week	Previous	Total
Alpine West	15	16	31
Marlborough Suns	2	29	31
Wellington Tigers	14	10	24
Southland Centurions	0	7	7

Top Scores

Sarah Stackhouse **300.20**, Jenna MacKenzie 299.22, Val Wadsworth 299.21, Adrian Black 299.19,
Leon Griebel 299.18
Juniors - Pratik Tailor 198.12, James Briden 198.05, Sam Teeling 197.07

Division 3

	Open	Composite	Juniors	Team Total	Team Points	Bonus Points	Points Total
Taranaki Tigers	2970.165	1457.055	593.029	5020.249	13	5	18
vs							
Otago Blue & Golds	2956.126	1442.041	579.016	4977.183	0	2	2
Wanganui Warriors	2941.124	1442.050	578.015	4961.189	0	0	0
vs							
Nelson Gunz	2949.129	1464.065	585.024	4998.218	13	3	16

Ladder Results after Round 4	This Week	Previous	Total
Taranaki Tigers	18	30	48
Otago Blue&Golds	2	29	31
Nelson Gunz	16	2	18
Wanganui Warriors	0	0	0

Top Scores

Bruce Cameron **300.26**, Dave Fake **300.20**, Steven Lye **300.18**, Kevin Barton 299.24, Ian Hutchings 299.19
 Juniors - Sam Gooding **200.14**, Blake Gibbs **200.11**, Phoebe Lye 198.09

This round has been a bit unusual with every single match being a clean sweep.

Division 1

Manawatu continue to dominate the competition and cleaned out Hutt Valley. It was a bit closer than it looked with only 3 points separating the open teams and 3 in the composite. However the total of 5028 is right up there.

The Plainsmen dealt to Waikato fairly easily although there was only 2 points in the open teams match. This prompted Bryan to break out the good stuff for afters.

Divison 2

Marlborough got tripped up by Alpine West which put in a solid effort just 1 point short of the 5000 mark. These two will fight out the final and although Alpine West won this one Marlborough are certainly capable of turning the tables in the final.

Southland suffering from an A&F hangover never raised a gallop and got routed by Wellington. They will be hoping they can pick it up for the annual grudge match against Otago on Saturday.

Division 3

Taranaki have put up division 1 scores since finding themselves in division 3 and gave Otago no chance. The 5020 total was second only to Manawatu this round and with 3 x 300's and 1 junior 200 collected 5 bonus points as well. Otago will be up against them again in the final and will have to find something extra to beat them on this form. Nelson backing up their A&F win easily accounted for Wanganui who haven't been able to score a point in the last three rounds.

There was some great shooting this round. A 300.26 from Bruce Cameron which might be the best we have seen in the NDC and a 200.14 from Taranaki junior Sam Gooding which included a 100.9. What are they putting in the water up there???

There were 9 x 300's. Others were from Rodney McDowell, Lindsay (that's five) Arthur, Roy Herbison, Sarah Stackhouse, Dave Fake, Janet Hunt, Duncan Carmichael and Steven Lye. There were two junior 200's; the other one being from Blake Gibbs.

This is great shooting and it is looking good for a great North v's South match next weekend. Good luck for all of you who are involved.

Robbie Gilchrist

Results

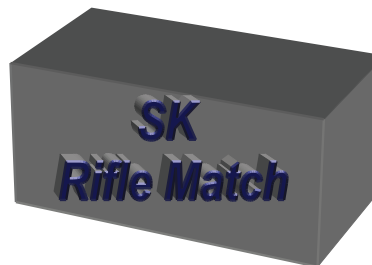
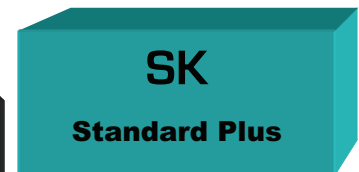
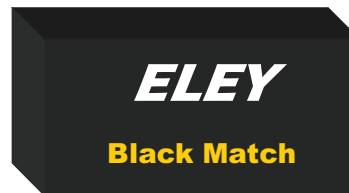
Horowhenua Champs

	1 st		2 nd		3 rd	
Master	Helen Freiman	300.21	Grant Taylor	300.17	Ryan Taylor	299.25
A Grade	Amber Edmonds	296.11	Edwin Bode	295.17	Liz Taylor	295.11
B Grade	Kelly Burdon	298.18	Ann-Marie Shaw	296.14	Jeanette Kinsey	293.15
C Grade	Michael Gimblett	290.13	Kerry Lee	284.5	Dianne Belworthy	280.6
D Grade	Florian Virtosu	292.5	Jessica Baker	287.6	James McLeod	274.8
Rest	James Atkinson	184.04				
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	Date	Event	Location
September	3	Waitakere	Waitakere
	10	Inglewood	Inglewood
	17	Hawkes Bay	Hastings
	24	North Island	Palmerston North

	Date	Event	Location
October	1	Westmere	Wanganui
	1	Thames Valley	Te Aroha
