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### NRANZ August 2017 Newsletter to Members

The new season is rapidly approaching. Your club AGM is coming up. The AGM is the best time to decide the direction of your club for the upcoming season and what you want to achieve. Are you going to promote your club and your sport to others? What do you have to offer? How will you handle new shooters? New shooters are an injection of enthusiasm into your club. The strength of the club lies in its current members and the work they are prepared to do – make sure the work is shared.

The affiliations are the same for new season as they have been for a number of years. The full affiliation is \$150, the student and first year \$75, and the associate \$35. An associate is someone that shoots no more than 5 times a year and does not shoot any championships. The \$30 levy to fund the 2019 World Long Range Championships is there for one more season.

Our National Championships are starting later in January 2018, on the 26<sup>th</sup> with the 300 metre, and finishing on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February with a mini Palma Match as a prelude to 2019. We are expecting up to 120 overseas shooters this coming Nationals as countries send advance parties to scout out and train on Seddon range prior to the World Championships. The Council have agreed to a wage increase for Markers and range staff, to accommodate this there will be a small increase to the entry fee.

We are also hosting a Trans-Tasman FTR and F Open team's match. Our F Open team is captained by Nik Chiew and the FTR Team by Chris Brown. This team's match will take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January, alongside the TR International matches.

The 2019 Long Range World Target Rifle Championships are approaching rapidly. The event starts with our National Championships from January 27<sup>th</sup>, followed by international teams' matches for Veterans, Under 21 and Under 25 teams, the Long Range World Individual, and then the Palma Match, which is the big international teams match, finishing on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2019.

The organising committee, headed by Rob Morgan and his committee of 15, are meeting monthly. There is a lot of work to do to get Seddon range up to standard to hold this event. The range is going to be fully utilised with all 50 targets needed to cope with the expected 400 competitors. There are earth works being undertaken to extend the 1000 yard mound to give a good safe working, shooting, assembly and spectator area. The depth of the flat area on the top is going from 5 metres to 12 metres, with a retaining type wall and seating along the back. Much of this work is being funded by successful applications for funding.

There have been a number of successful funding applications with a significant one from the Ministry for Business, Innovation and Employment which is helping to fund the administration and the support structure needed to run this event. The levy on our members has been a significant factor in obtaining funding. Our organisation is seen to be contributing to the cost of the event.

The Palma team selection process has seen a large squad being reduced for the final trials, with the team being named later this year. The Palma team comprises 26 people so it is a big team.

There is a call out for nominations for the Veterans team Captain and Manager for 2019 with nominations closing in mid-October. The age to be a Veteran for the World Championship is 60 on the day of the match, 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2019.

There is a training programme under way for anyone eligible for the Under 21 and 25 teams. The age limit for these, is not be over the age on the day of the match, 3<sup>rd</sup> of February 2019. There is a training weekend at Trentham on October 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> for anyone interested. If you have shooters that would be eligible, notify the NRANZ secretary. The training weekend is for all in the age group irrespective of ability.

NRANZ has a Distinguished Service Medal. The medal can be awarded to a member or associate that has given outstanding service to the organisation, be it at club, district or national level. The full criteria is on the website. There are members around the country that deserve this award for the work they have done over the years. You need to nominate them.

The selection process to find our two nominees for the Gold Coast Commonwealth Games is nearing the end. The contestants have shot two Queens in Australia with one to go, and have shot 5 shoulder to shoulder trials with one to go. The NZ championship also counted toward it. Brian Carter and John Snowden have dominated throughout and should be the two nominees to go to the NZOC for selection in the games team.

In early July NRANZ life member Peter McLaughlan passed away. Peter was a past Treasurer of NRANZ. He took the NRANZ accounts from paper to the computer age, getting the accounts onto MYOB. Peter also served as the NRANZ Secretary for a period in the mid 1990's. This was when the World Championships were last held on Trentham.