



DISPATCH RIDER

Newsletter of the Wellington
Service Rifle Association

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BRING A FRIEND TO A SHOOT

Wellington weather is never too bad for Shooting!

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WSRA Range Calendar 2008

July 6th	Sunday	Best of American	Kaitoke
August 3rd	Sunday	CQB Shoot (afternoon)	Kaitoke
August 24 th	Sunday	Two Gun	Kaitoke
September 7th	Sunday	Red Star Day	Kaitoke
October 12th	Sunday	.303 Day	Kaitoke
Nov 16th	Sunday	3 Gun Match (KPC am/WSRA pm)	Kaitoke
December 6th	Saturday	Din Collings Trophy Shoot	Brancepeth

President's column

July 2008

Hi All,

Well the year is burning by and the AGM is looming so take this as your head's up for remits. The year has been busy for us but everything has gone smoothly with the club doing well in all areas. We are up in income and membership plus shoots are well attended.

We are hosting the Nationals next year and have set the dates as January 8th & 9th 2009, to be immediately followed by the Charles Upham on the 10th and 11th. We will be using the Gladstone and Brancepeth ranges for all events so it will be a Wairapa shoot fest to start the year off. We fully expect a heavy turnout so will need all the help we can get and I fully expect the committee to collapse into a nervous heap at the end of it all. We will be seeking a permanent butts crew and are approaching some sports clubs to supply bodies, however we will need a lot more people to assist in setup, admin, targets ROing etc. so please contact either myself or Steve if you can help on any or all the days.

We are heading into some other of the more popular club shoots with Jamie running BOA, myself doing Speed shoot and John L on .303 day. We still need helpers for other matches so chase up Jamie in you want to assist in running a shoot. You will be provided as much help as you need and it gives you a real insight into what makes WSRA tick. We would also like to run a few long range shoots at Brancepeth but need someone to "own" the organising of them. There are enough fruity DMR and tactical rifles in the club that we'd better get out and use them so again, contact the committee if any of you are willing to take this on.

Hot Barrels

Gerry,

For sale:

2 x Highland 7.62 x 54 factory ammo 180gr RN \$30 a packet of 20

1 x Redding 7.62 x 54 FL reloading die set

Ph John L 5262007

Rifles

- Type 56S 7.62x39 with two magazines E category
- NO4 Mk1* Longbranch GC
- SMLE Mk3* GC x 2
- SMLE Mk3 GC

Pistols

- Ruger 10" blued bull barrel
- Bernadelli Practical VB 3x mags and Red dot GC
- Contender blued, 14" 30/30 GC

Phone Gerry 0274461520.

BOLT ACTION DAY – 8 JUNE 2008

While watching the All Blacks play Ireland at the cake tin on Saturday night (7 June) in the freezing cold rain and wind, my mind wandered to the day ahead. Was it going to be crap like tonight? But what a day it turned out, apart from hitting a patch of ice on the summit (now that's a ring puckering experience driving on ice)!

Henry, surprisingly early, myself, Duncan, then Steve to open the gate, then we were underway for a great days shooting. A sixty round course of fire with a bolt action is just about the best thing for a Sunday except for perhaps?

A fair sprinkling of rifles – No.4s, P14s, S.M.L.E, John H's Ross, a M14 and AR15. What the hell are they doing at a bolt action day?

Gerry's P17 was sent home for being naughty and not firing it's bullets properly. But back he came with his P14 whistling the theme from Dad's Army to take the trophy home. Well done Gerry.

Duncan's daughter was doing very well shooting a 22 but her father must have had a hard night because he had trouble counting – loading nine for a ten round match.

And we know why I am writing this report. My S.M.L.E and myself became bridesmaids again!!

Thanks to Henry for match direction, Chris for scoring, Gerry for scoring and RO. What a great day. Thanks guys.

Murray H

Carbine day Shoot report.

Carbine rifles go back a long way, even before the 2 great wars that originated most of what we used for this shoot. Way back before the 1900s, carbines filled the gap for the need of a lighter and shorter rifle for the cavalry to relieve the high weight and awkwardness to fire from horseback. Fast-burning smokeless powder soon negated the lesser velocity issues, and thus the ramp up in its usefulness in WW2 onwards where mobile battles were commonly fought in cities, forests, or other areas where mobility and visibility were restricted. Basically it came down to lighter arms versus lesser range and power.

What better way to understand this by experiencing it all on Carbine Day ?.

Carbine day on 11th May 2008 started with a miserable southerly 9C rain in many parts of Wellington, and despite this Sunday being Mother's day (Hi mum!) 15 shooters with 12 carbines turned up for the event. The weather held me up a little, but by the time I got to the range, the targets were already set up and the sight-ins had already started. Kudos for those few brave club members that braved the pails of cold rain to get things going!

First match: Application where only V's count. The weather cleared to a dying light drizzle, so we took this chance to start off before the weather could open up more. John with his notoriously accurate AR15 took first place with 9 V's out of 10 scored. Murray with his rare Egyptian Rasheed and me tied for 2nd with 6 out of 10, while Jamie and Steve tied for 3rd with 4/10. Personally I note that lower visibility on a bitter cold cloudy day makes it much harder for the soul and aim than usual!

Second match: Squatting. This event tested our ability to be mobile and snap at the target when under contact - and though squatting with lighter carbines proved easier than long arms, quick target acquisition was vital. Again John and his AR15 took first dips, myself coming in second with less V's, and Jamie gained 3rd with his No5 jungle carbine.

Third match: Officer and Grunt. Personally, I like this event because it pushes the limits of a carbine to the challenges of its known limits - the ease of holding a light weight rifle does not mean one may shoot accurately at longer ranges. What more other than to test it with a standing position for 100m steel plates smaller than the whites of my eyes? It was here that the bolt-actions shone, with 1st and 2nd going to the No5 shooters Jamie and Tony respectively, and John's AR15 getting third. Special honourable mention goes to the open category shooters Duncan (No4) and Brendon (10/22) who scored more than any of us carbine folks.

Fourth match: Advance. The highlight of this event was to simulate a series of advancing positions that allowed shooters little time and choice in positions, hands, and eye in shooting the target. For example, the 1st and 3rd stage at 100m/50m simulated firing out of the side of a cover (door, building, tree) opposite to one's stronger firing hand - you can imagine that insisting on firing with the master hand would probably expose our predecessors full away from a good cover! Yours truly managed to grasp the top, while John got 2nd with his once again notorious AR15 carbine, and Matt got third. This event

CQB 2008

(a.k.a: Don't bring a bolt gun to a machine gun shoot)

August 3rd 2008 start 1 pm (Yes, afternoon only) Fee \$10.00

MD: Gerry CRO: TBA

Match One: Mad Trinity

Start with hot rifle loaded with 15 rounds in the standing position safety on. On command fire 5 rds standing, five kneeling, 5 prone. 35 secs. Figure 12 target.
Optics = No 3 ring



Match Two: Double W

Start with hot rifle in the standing position, safety on and with 2x 10 round magazines. On the start engage target with 4 rounds, drop prone, fire 4, adopt standing and fire your last 2, reload fire 2 more, drop prone fire 4 then stand and fire your last 4. 60 seconds Figure 12 target. Optics = No 3 ring.

Match Three: Kaitoke Turnaround

Start positions:

- 5.56 & 7.62 x39 semis have magazine loaded but not inserted, bolt closed on empty chamber
- 7.62 x51 (or similar calibre semis) to have magazines in, chamber loaded, safety on.
- A cat semi autos can start with mag in and chambered.

Start standing 2 meters back from rifle facing away, on signal engage target. 20 seconds .Optics = No 3 ring

Match Four: Shotgun steel plates (if time permits)

Usual format 10 steel plates 12 shots 6 in the magazine to start.

Rules:

- Any rifle/any sights/any configuration in either open or service configuration is eligible. Feel free to hang as much bling off your secret ninja project as possible. DMR, sniper, IPSC I don't care, bring them all on and use them in anger for once.
- Shotgun as per usual SMC rules.
- All movement must be done without the finger being inside the trigger guard.
- All shooting to be done unsupported
- No whinging, crying or hissy fits.

There can be only one!

Best of American 2008

Kaitoke range, Sunday 6th July 2008.

Setup 08:00, sighting in 08:30 to 09:00. Range briefing 09:15.

Competition from 09:30 onwards.

MD: Jamie "Blood 'n' Guts" Falconer RO: Gerry



Match 1: Heartbreak Ridge

Start position: Any

Rifle: Unloaded and in hand

Match: On whistle, load 8 rds and engage start plate then engage swinging targets from the standing position with unlimited rounds.

Time: 45 secs

Target: SOB Swingers

Score: Start plate 5 pts, target score will be given by doubling the lowest scoring target value. This match will be changed to an Action M if weather is crap!

Match 2: The (deeper) Sands of Iwo Jima

Start position: Prone

Rifle: Loaded with 8 rds. Extra Ammo in supplied ammo can in clips or mags of no more than 8

Match: On whistle, engage Fig 12 at 100 yds with 8 rds. Clear rifle and on command run to the 100 yd mound, climb to top, open ammo box and identify allocated plates and Hun's head target (max of 5 shots to be scored on Hun's head target) . Unlimited rounds.

Time: 30secs + 75 secs

Targets: 1 x fig 12, 1x Hun's head, 5 x steel plates

Score: Plate down 5 pts, fig 12 as per hits, 5 pts per hit on Hun's head.

Match 3: Back in Black for AR15 rifles

Match: Le Mans.

Rifle: On mat with mag out action closed on empty chamber.

Match: Start in car park to rear of rifles. On whistle run to rifle load and engage fig 12 from standing position with unlimited rounds in any size mags. On cease fire make safe and advise RO of number of rounds fired. 3 points deducted for each round off target.

Time: 30 secs Targets: 1 x fig 12..

Match 4: Pork Chop Hill - Kaitoke Turnaround for Garands & M14s

Start: Standing facing away 2 meters from mat

Rifle: Loaded on mat with safety on, extra ammo in clips. Drop prone, load and fire on whistle. Unlimited rounds

Time: 30 secs

Target: fig 12

Score: As per hits.

Match 5: Overlord - M1 carbine match

Start: at 50 yds mark facing away from targets behind rifle

Rifle: Magazine loaded with up to 10 rds. Magazine in and with chamber empty. Another 10 rds loose back at start mound.

Match: On whistle, engage fig 12 with first 10 weak hand in any position, place rifle on ground pointing downrange, run back to start mound retrieve ammo, run back to 50, load and engage Hun's head from standing position.

Time: 90 secs Score as per hits on fig 12 and Hun's head.

Match 6: Negotiations - .45 ACP pistol match

Start: Loaded in the 45 position, max 15 rds.

Match: 8 x steel plates

Score: Time. Plate up = 5 secs

Match 7: Trench Broom

Shotgun speed plates x 5 usual format. I.e. Start with 6 rds loaded LEAD SHOT ONLY

Match 8: Speed trinity

Start: Standing with hot rifle. Ammunition: 3 x mags or clips of 5 rds each.

Position: 5 rounds standing 5 rounds sitting, kneeling or squatting 5 rounds prone

Exposure: 60 secs for semis, 75 seconds for bolt actions. Scored as per hits on Fig 12 target.

Comments: Shot as a serial with no breaks, load only when in position.

BOA is matches 1, 2, 7 & 8

Back in Black: Match 3

M1 Carbine: Match 5

Garand: Match 4

M14: Match 4

.45 trophy match 6

Marine trophy: Best .30 score for BOA

If you don't have a .45, one can be supplied, ammo is 0.30 per round. No 9mm pop guns allowed. Bring ammo, ear protection; safety glasses for steel matches, gloves for handling steel plates because everybody is going to help aren't they! Rakes and shovels to fix mound.

Note: Iron sights only- I.e. No optics!

Questions to Jamie (0272109525) or Gerry (0275461520).

