



DISPATCH RIDER

Newsletter of the Wellington
Service Rifle Association

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WSRA Range Calendar 2008

May 11th Sunday	Carbine Day	Kaitoke
June 8th Sunday	Bolt Action Day	Kaitoke
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

May 2008

Hi All,

I hate to start on a sad note, but we recently lost a valued club member. Ian walker passed away leaving a huge hole in our club and in KPC. I had known Ian for some 25 years and introduced him to the sport he loved so much. I know I miss his company and so will others. Life goes on and I had the very real pleasure of winning the SLR trophy at ANZAC day with his L1A1. I know he'd be both pleased and bloody annoyed!



Contrary to common belief, we have been busy. Auckland hosted the rifle nationals this year and had a good turn out. 10 WSRA members took the time to compete and a good time was had by all.

Our own Jamie Pintle Mount Falconer took top honours despite moaning that he had ammo of unknown origin, didn't get all his shots away and was constantly worrying about world hunger during his range time.

As you read this, our team is returning from South Africa after putting on a sterling show at SACRA this year against 300 other shooters by getting 8 kiwis into the top 100. We are trying to be a team of four together to compete in Australia in early November so if bolt guns are your thing, the Aussies will supply a rifle and have ammo available to purchase so let me know if you wish to take part and I will forward you the details.

Anzac day fielded some 45 shooters; yours truly managed to tip Jamie into report writing place, a small comfort after the spanking he dealt out to me earlier in the year but all the sweeter since I also beat him with his weapon of choice the SLR! (Yes, I finally figured out how to shoot the horrible things!) Many thanks go to Ted Rogers for donating the spot prizes this year and all those who helped. I felt a bit like a one armed paper hanger with tennis elbow since we were down on the usual helpers but all went well apart from all of us forgetting to make up the badges!

Ted's Auction is rapidly approaching so remember to put your hand up to assist. The committee has confirmed that the club will pay entry fees to a max of two national events per year to active (and financial) club members who also take part in fund raising activities. An application form is being made up for members to use.

Service match Code 4.0 is nearly ready for draft release so watch this space.

Hot Barrels & Safe shooting,
Gerry.

NZSRA National Champs 2008

Shooter Name	#	Rifle	Trinity	Acton M	TTR	200 Sust	200 Snap	200 R apid	200 2 to 1	300 Sust	300 Snap	300 Rapid	500 Sqr Nick	500 Sust	Total	Pos
Jamie Falconer	25	AR15	75	32	71	49	38	46	44	49	39	36	45	47	596	1
Nick Abrahall	19	AR15	73	43	67	48	43	33	49	42	43	43	44	43	563	2
Greg Brideson	2	SIG	73	34	69	43	47	36	38	43	45	41	45	43	562	3
Jason Wakeling	31	AR15	63	48	72	28	48	46	42	43	45	41	42	42	559	4
Geoff Cederman	29	AR15	73	45	75	38	49	45	34	47	35	43	40	38	555	5
Colin Welch	11	AR15	75	40	72	37	48	35	43	30	45	34	46	44	543	6
Jason Davis	4	AR15	67	39	74	45	46	34	46	45	35	33	44	35	539	7
Craig Mahoney	18	AR15	71	45	63	36	41	35	42	39	38	39	45	45	535	8
Bruce Hickman	1	AR15	73	50	68	34	44	35	39	48	49	27	46	47	534	9
Gerry Veugelaers	32	AR15	74	35	55	35	42	38	28	46	44	41	45	42	534	1
Matt Shelton	13	AR15	74	34	72	43	47	38	43	43	34	21	39	35	526	10
Ralph Cerecke	10	AR15	66	47	71	26	45	33	44	45	27	34	38	43	503	11
Gerry Veugelaers	22	AR15	74	43	71	33	29	29	44	19	36	23	44	39	491	12
John Herbert	23	SIG	60	44	64	28	41	44	28	33	38	18	36	40	476	13
Robert Irving	17	AR15	71	47	59	36	47	24	39	24	35	44	47	42	475	14
Peter Miles	28	AR15	68	0	74	33	36	26	24	40	30	45	30	40	472	15
Giles Wildy	6	AR15	66	37	63	32	47	38	43	34	15	12	39	45	464	16
Peter Brown	20	AR15	59	37	68	8	36	34	29	45	35	32	36	37	460	17
Chris Parnell	12	AR15	72	46	56	18	32	25	30	30	37	19	42	43	437	18
Paul de Montalk	8	AR15	70	43	53	26	41	15	29	38	39	26	33	32	413	19
Mark Boyt	24	AR15	60	49	68	13	39	39	35	37	19	23	26	0	403	20
Dave Von Elling	16	R4	55	30	37	21	34	39	28	35	41	15	21	37	398	21
Blair Walter	3	SLR	65	47	64	47	37	23	20	27	32	17	23	16	391	22
Stuart Hayman	21	AR15	64	50	52	30	27	16	25	26	35	31	28	22	382	23
Steve Ilkiw	30	AR15	65	49	64	33	22	36	35	0	0	0	0	0	314	24
Michael Keane	15	M1	56	30	0	21	15	8	24	36	16	15	20	29	267	25
Giff Goldsmith	27	M14	60	36	28	23	33	12	11	24	14	12	6	0	234	26
Richard Cleghorn	33	Mini 14	47	0	34	28	22	26	30	0	0	0	0	0	226	2
John Bryce	26	AR15	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	35	29	22	44	34	164	27
Sharl Short	5	M14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	23	32	28	24	110	28

It is long been a principal of ours that one is no more armed because he has possession of a firearm than he is a musician because he owns a piano. There is no point in having a gun if you are not capable of using it skilfully.

Jeff Cooper



Anzac Day 2008



ANZAC day, it felt strange turning up to the range, something was different! No there weren't hoards of volunteers ready, waiting and early to help set up. No, just the usual faces. It wasn't the sleep stinging my eyes from attending the dawn service earlier in the day, nor was it the fact that we now had our own container on site with nothing in it. No I felt like I had forgotten something, but what? That's right I had no gumboots or wet weather gear for the usual torrents of rain that goes hand in hand with ANZAC day shoots!! Finally we had a fine day to shoot in.

After a quick set up, sign in, rifle scrutineering and zero the MD and CRO for the day gave us all a range brief outlining the day's events and expectations. Like voters listening to Michael Cullen hoping to hear news of tax cuts we stood riveted by his every word, each wondering if today would be the day that they would end with eternal glory and victory over the dreaded rimmed round of despair! There can be only one, of course and Gerry V predicted that as he was the MD, CRO and was helping out with the scoring it was a forgone conclusion that he would win and "Falconer" would come second! The man is like Nostradamus!!

After a moments silence for the fallen we set about making some noise with match one, Trinity. No pressure here, no real time handicap just point and pull. As it turned

out nobody pointed or pulled better than Nicole McKee with an arse kicking 75 & 8 Roy Biddle wasn't far behind on 73 & 12, Chris Parnell in third with 73 & 6.

Snap was next which was only fitting as nothing brings a shooter back down to earth quite as much as watching their foresight waving at the target like the participants of a hero parade waving back at the crowds. The results would tend to back me up on this as no one stood out with any score of wonder. Gerry V took top honours with 40 & 2 and both Murray H and Matt S scored 39 & 2 so someone missed out with a count back. I was happy just to get all ten on target.

With our minds now truly focused we readied ourselves for the mad minute, always a crowd pleaser. I for one love to read the expressions of absolute despair on the faces of luckless shooters as they battle with sticky bolts, ammo that hasn't been fully resized, the inability to count to five and reload, the sudden lose of strength in the thumb of the loading hand as you try to strip rounds from chargers that are insanely tight, the ubiquitous rim over and of course having hands like feet when trying to grab said charger of ammo in the first place! All this to think about without the added stress of someone shooting back at you and worrying where you can get some clean undies to replace the ones you have just crapped because you are so scared!!!! Well Roy Biddle proved he was no stranger to dealing with soiled underwear and took top honours with 70 & 4 from Sam Stephenson on 68 & 7 and finally me with 67 & 10.

The SLR (sexy looking rifle) match was next. Buggar me if we didn't have twenty shooters for this match! We got ready for the speed trinity match, again not a pressure cooker of a match, but judging from some of the scores that was a good thing. When the scores were totalled Gerry V shooting Ian Walkers rifle had reined supreme with 70 & 8 from me and black beauty 65 & 6 and D3 on 64 & 6. Well done Gerry.

With the pack up completed all that was left was the scoring and the lamenting of missed chances and getting in good excuses before the results were read out. In first place with 176 & 12 was your friend and mine Mr. Veugelaers. Well deserved, and bear in mind he had the added pressure of running the show, ROing and scoring. If you think this has no effect on how you shoot give it a go. I have and it ain't as easy as it was made to look! Yes John Leith, second place does write the match report as you well know!!!! That was me on 174 & 17 and third with a number 5 was Nicole McKee with 171 & 20. Well done Nicole, perhaps you could do me a favour and beat me into third place at the very least next year, so I don't have to do this again please!

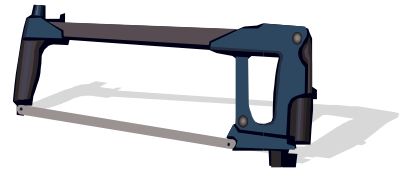
A big thanks to all who turned out and helped with the days events, to Christine for giving up shooting for a day to score and to everyone who organized a great days shoot and held range appointments.

Jamie Falconer

Perpetual competition bridesmaid.

Name	Class	Rifle	Club	Trinity	Vs	Snap	Vs	Mad Minute	Vs	Total	Vs
Gerry Veugelaers	s	P14	Y	69	6	40	2	67	4	176	12
Jamie Falconer	s	P14	Y	68	7	39	0	67	10	174	17
Nicole McKee	s	No5	0	75	8	30	1	66	11	171	20
Roy Biddle	s	SMLE	0	73	12	20	0	70	4	163	16
John Leith	s	No4	Y	69	5	36	1	57	4	162	10
Murray Higginson	s	SMLE	Y	49	1	39	2	66	6	154	9
Sam Stephenson	s	No4	Y	57	5	26	0	68	7	151	12
Phil de Joux	s	No4	Y	63	2	24	0	62	7	149	9
Matt Shelton	s	No4	Y	58	3	39	2	48	0	145	5
Geoff Collins	s	P14	0	53	4	20	3	67	8	140	15
David Young	s	No5	0	58	2	25	0	55	2	138	4
David Craze IV	s	SMLE	0	48	1	25	1	64	6	137	8
John Herbert	s	P14	Y	63	4	24	1	46	5	133	10
John Worth	s	Vol	Y	40	0	28	1	65	5	133	6
Steve Bain	O	P14	Y	54	7	26	1	50	4	130	12
Dave Davies	s	No4	0	58	4	21	0	51	3	130	7
Stuart Moody	O	Open	0	68	6	31	1	27	1	126	8
Chris Parnell	s	No4	Y	73	6	20	0	33	1	126	7
David Craze III	s	No5	0	41	2	31	0	52	6	124	8
Matthew Porritt	s	No4	0	57	3	22	0	41	4	120	7
Alwyn Davies	s	No4	Y	48	3	19	1	53	1	120	5
Johathan Wilkins	s	No4	0	62	6	16	0	38	2	116	8
Stuart Moody	s	Vol	0	57	2	22	2	36	1	115	5
Mark Brown	s	SMLE	0	46	2	27	1	36	3	109	6
Haden Old	s	No4	0	42	1	25	2	41	1	108	4
Alex Beesley	s	No5	0	53	2	6	0	49	1	108	3
Simon Hatfield	s	SMLE	0	59	4	9	1	39	1	107	6
Scott Baldwin	s	No4	0	55	4	17	0	31	1	103	5
Grant Hannen	s	SMLE	0	50	4	14	0	30	1	94	5
Hugh Robertson	s	No4	Y	61	3	21	1	12	1	94	5
Lindsay Keats	s	SMLE	0	46	1	22	2	23	0	91	3
Tobin Bradwell	O	No4	Y	44	1	21	0	25	2	90	3
Brian Newth	s	P14	Y	53	2	18	0	17	1	88	3
Tomas Kriha	s	P14	Y	27	3	34	4	14	0	75	7
Rhys Old	s	No4	Y	32	5	4	0	36	3	72	8
Clint Walker	s	SMLE	0	46	5	12	0	10	0	68	5
David Cornick	s	No4	0	55	4	4	0	8	0	67	4
David Jones	s	No4	0	46	1	21	1	0	1	67	3
Stuart Wilson	s	SMLE	0	11	1	13	0	43	1	67	2
David Craze IV	s	No4	0	19	0	26	2	20	0	65	2
Richard Clough	s	SMLE	0	39	1	10	0	16	0	65	1
George Skinner	s	No4	0	47	3	9	0	7	2	63	5
Jan Serfontein	s	No4	0	36	1	9	1	16	0	61	2
Reuben Paku	s	No4	Y	30	1	7	0	17	1	54	2
David Craze III	s	No4	0	24	1	3	0	16	0	43	1
Henry Firmston	s	Vol	Y	28	1	7	0	0	0	35	1
Richard Chadwick	s	SMLE	0	10	0	4	0	3	0	17	0
Glenn Tasker	O	O	Y	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	0

Carbine Day 2008



Sunday May 11th at Kaitoke.

Match Director: John Herbert **Chief Range Officer:** TBA

Setup 08.30 practice until 10.30, matches start at 10.35

Please note for the purposes of this match a Carbine is defined as the shortened version of an existing rifle or a rifle that has a barrel length of 20 inches or less. Note there are some exceptions: The standard AR15 with a 20 inch barrel is not designated a carbine nor is the K98 Mauser with a 24 inch barrel. The match is also an Iron sight only match. If you have any queries as whether your rifle qualifies as a carbine please contact me. All rifles are welcome but only military carbines will be eligible for the trophy. john_megan@xtra.co.nz

Match 1 Application:

Get your shots on target but remember only and Vs count, all other shots scored as zero. 10 rounds. 1 minute exposure. Figure 12 target. 100m

Match 2 Squat for the Shot:

When the whistle goes drop to the squatting position and fire 2 shots. 5x, 8 second exposures, 10 rounds in total. (223 semis have 5 seconds) Figure 12 target.

Match 3 Shoot the Officer then take out the Grunts.

One steel plate at 100 m and one figure 12 at 100m. You have 12 shots, when you hit the plate you can engage the fig 12 with your remaining rounds. As soon as the plate is down any remaining rounds may be shot at your figure 12. 45 seconds for semis 1 minute for bolt guns. Position is standing.

Match 4 Advance:

Start at 100m fire 5 shots prone from the weak hand. At 75 m fire 5 shots sitting. At 50m fire 5 shots kneeling or squatting from the weak hand. At 25m fire 5 shots standing. Times are as follows 100m 20secs for semis 30 seconds for bolts. 75m 18seconds for semis 26 seconds for bolts. 50m 12 seconds for semis 18 seconds for bolts. 25m 7 seconds for semis 12 seconds for bolts. Yes it's a bit tough and no I don't have any sympathy. Figure 12 target

Match 5 Rimfire Special.

20 Rounds shot from the standing position, 2 minutes. Figure 12 100m, All 22 LR rifles welcome.

Match 6 Shotgun steel plates:

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

Carbine Day Trophy is for matches 1-4

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 one 10 round magazine. 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!**

BOLT ACTION DAY 2008

Date .8th June.

Set up 8:30. Start time.9:30.

MD Henry F

RO. TBA.

Match 1. Maginot Line, a "Trinity" match @ 100 yards. Fig 12 target. 5 rounds standing, 5 rounds sitting or kneeling, 5 rounds prone. 60 seconds per position adequate time between positions to reload etc.



Match2. Eben Emael, an "Action M" match. 2 x 5 round clips or magazines 75 seconds for bolt action rifles Start standing behind unloaded rifle.

Match 3. Blitzkrieg! 15 rounds in three five round clips. Le Mans start. Rifle unloaded on mound. 5 rounds prone @ 100 in 40 seconds. Clear rifles. On command advance 25 yards and fire 5 rounds sitting, in 40 seconds. Clear rifles and place on ground. On command retire to mound collect 5 rounds return to collect rifle and advance another 25 yards. Fire 5 rounds sitting in 50 seconds. NB all times **include** running time!

Match 4. Arnhem. An "Application" match, 10 rounds @ 100 yards, prone, slings allowed. Time limit 120 seconds. Huns head target.

Match 5. Remagen. A "Snap" match 10 x 4 second exposures, @ 100 yards. Standing position. A slight pause will occur between the 5th and 6th rounds, to allow reloading to be done..

Range fee \$15.

If the matches are starting to look too much like the last match, don't just sit there, write a CoF. Include some matches you like, invent a new match! It's your club too.

"The more I practised, the luckier I became."