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Dear Auckland Shooting Club Members!

Newsletter 2013 / 2014

Once again it is time to reflect on the past shooting season, and put the findings and thoughts on paper. The Auckland Swiss Club's shooting Section Membership presents itself as following:

Obligatorisch:	54 Shooters	-/+Shooters
Feldschiessen:	54 Shooters	-/+ Shooter
Einzelwettschiessen:	44 Shooters	-2 Shooters
Swiss Abroad:	44 Shooters	-3 Shooters
Swiss Abroad Nachdoppel:	44 Shooters	-30 Shooters
Completed Competitions:	44 Shooters	-3 Shooters

Participation in the Obligatorisch and Feldschiessen categories has stayed at the same level as last year. There was a slight drop in the other two competitions (Einzelwettschiessen and Swiss Abroad). The big decrease happened in the Nachdoppel competition. This may have been simply due to not enough time being available for more events. I use the Nachdoppel opportunity as a good and competitive training exercise. The medal count for this competition is entirely calculated based on participation, not on scored points. With 30 fewer competitors than last year, about 10 fewer medals will be handed out.

Our traditional Swiss Shooting Competition produces a number of winners. Here they are:

Main Competition:

- Robert Frischknecht** 378 points
Winner of Gold Medal & V+T Mason Trophy
- David Fitzi** 378 Points
Winner of the Silver medal
- Henry Werffeli** 375 Points
Winner of the Bronze Medal

The 2013 competition produced the third highest final score since the competition format changed in 2008. The first two positions could only be separated by age. I am sorry to say that this is a Swiss ruling and not made up by me. I have found myself in the very same position many times when I was still shooting in Switzerland.....I used to say: "Too young to win"!

Ladies' Competition:

- Melissa Lanz** 368 Points
Winner of the Ladies' Trophy
- Erika Lanz** 345 Points
- Alexandra Beskid** 341Points

Melissa's score is two points up from the Ladies' winner of last year. In actual fact, this is the second highest score since the new championship format was launched in 2009.

Junior Competition:

- Martin Fitzi** 347 Points
Winner of H.&H. Leuenberger Junior Trophy
- Kevin Gretener** 334 Points
- Mathew Kaiser** 325 Points

All three top junior shooters scored lower than last year's winners. However, Kevin Gretener increased his personal score by 12 points. Well done.

Summary:

Scoring this year was down again. As a result, our submitted medium club result is quite a bit lower than last year's. I actually recalculated it twice over to make sure that I got it right. The 2013 shooting season has been marked by some noticeable changes. For the first time in the club's history, there was more GP90 than GP11 ammunition used, mainly due to the fact that more and more privately owned PE90s are used by club members.

Any Sights Any Rifle:

Any Sights, any Rifle had its first entrants in 1998. Over the years, we have had a steady increase in participants' numbers. Due to the numbers of participants during last year, Daniel and I decided that we would like to further modernise and mainstream this event. With the help of David Latham, we created an online booking system which works a treat. We have also extended the two weekend competition to a three weekend event. After all the powder smoke had settled, it was time to go over the books and reflect.

♦ Total Competition shoot = 206

- ♦ Top Score: 1. Shane Willis: 200.11 (new Range Record)
2. Suzy McCall: 200.09.

Over the three weekends, I have seen some very high scoring. The first 14 position had a score of 196 points and more. You can check the Any Sight, Any Rifle scoring list or the traditional Swiss Shooting Championship on the Auckland Swiss Club website, subfolder "Shooting".

Nominated Points and Round Robin (knock out) Competition and the Round-Robin-Shooting Competition

Both competitions have been cancelled due to the third "Any Sight, Any Rifle" weekend. I also felt that I wanted to give our neighbours a break from the shooting noise. Some of you will be aware that some rifle range related questions have been asked by some of our neighbours which I would like to address in the near future.

Field-Championship Medal

This year, I have processed the cards of Fritz Scheidegger, Arthur Winterton and George Russenberger. Shortly, they will receive their bronze medal for their efforts. Congratulations! For all the other long time members of the shooting section, just have a look - if you have 8 white and 8 green cards, hand them in to me and I will send them to Switzerland next time.

Working Bees

There will be one if not two working bees coming up. Firstly, we need to re-face all the targets. Further, I would like to do some work at the shooting hut in regards to noise and sound pollution. I was able to get hold of some free acoustic rated product and would like to insulate the roof space of the shooting hut. Lorraine, Daniel, Andre and myself have measured noise levels during a shooting exercise across the shooting range, as well as down by the neighbours. Findings: Noise levels are still below those which the Riverhead Deerstalkers range has to maintain. The noise level inside the hut was between 125-135 decibels. Down at the neighbours, the readings were between 42-45 decibels. Luckily, I also have one of our club members taking an active interest, helping out and making suggestions. Thank you Neil!

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Clarification of the use of a .223 Rifle used by other than Junior or Lady Shooters.

History:

Originally the .223 rifles were introduced for our junior and lady shooters to take part in the Swiss Shooting competition, as handling the karabiner was too unfamiliar to them and as a result, they could not take part or were severely handicapped.

Part of my job as Riflemaster is also to promote our National shooting sport. Therefore, we built the .223 rifle in to give junior and lady shooters a chance to take part in our Swiss Shooting competition. It also gives junior and lady shooters a fair chance to compete with us, the more accomplished shooters.

Present Situation:

Over the years, the .223 rifles have been increasingly used by participants other than junior and lady shooters. This has created an unfair advantage of these shooters over the ones using the karabiner.

Previously, I did not see a problem giving the .223 rifle to a less accomplished shooter. However, the situation has now changed and therefore the ruling on the .223 rifle needs to be clarified.

Clarification of ruling:

As of the shooting season 2014, the following rules will apply when the .223 rifle is used by other than junior and lady shooters. Junior and Lady Shooters will always have priority on the use of the .223 rifle. Any non Junior and Lady Shooters will be exempt from being recipients of any Interclub Championship Medal or Championship Trophy if they shoot with a .223 rifle.

The scores will still be recorded and processed as normal for all non junior and lady shooters that are using the .223, and will still receive the medals and scoring cards awarded by the Swiss Shooting Federation.

PE90

We are still no further with the club-owned P90, mainly due to the wording of the rules on semi-automatic rifles. Strictly speaking, one can only shoot a semi-automatic rifle that has his or her name registered to that rifle. The club has entered a tricky situation where a number of rifles are privately owned and not club owned, which will restrict some shooters. These rifles naturally carry a big price tag by the time they are finally in New Zealand and not all the new owners will let them be used freely by others, which is quite understandable.

Eidgenössisches Schützenfest 2015:

Raron/Visp, Wallis, Switzerland

Dates 11.06.14-12.7.14, Swiss Abroad Day: 27 June 2014

Yes, the big one is coming up and it is time that we get organised. The event will be held in the beautiful Rhône Valley in Switzerland, on an old army airport.

Anyone interested, please let me know of your intention early, as quite a lot has to be organised.

I will be organising a training program for you to attend (Mandatory! Henry's Law). You will also need to book accommodation as I have only limited space available at my sister and brother-in-law's holiday home in Bürchen. Right in the centre of that village is a nice sport hotel mainly used by the winter sport enthusiasts.

I think that this could be quite a good alternative, as usually hotel beds are rarely close to the shooting centre.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

Thank You!

I would like to extend a big "THANK YOU" to all the help I have received from you on the day on the range over the past shooting season. I could not have done it without you all.

I especially would like to mention a non shooter and thank him for the endless hours he has put into the new online booking system. I think that you have created an outstanding online booking system.

Thank You David Latham!

Shooting Dates for 2014 are as follow:

Obligatorisch Competition	15 + 16 February
Feldschiessen Competition	15 + 16 March
Einzelwettschiesen	12 + 13 April
Hamilton Day	24 + 25 May
Swiss Abroad Competition	14 + 15 June
Any Sights, Any Rifle Competition 1.Weekend	20 + 21 September
Any Sights, Any Rifle Competition 2.Weekend	11 + 12 October
Any Sights, Any Rifle Competition 3.Weekend	01 + 02 November
Round Robin Competition	22 November

To all of you and your family, on behalf of the Auckland Swiss Shooting Club, I wish you a Wonderful and Prosperous 2014

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Swiss Border Control Report

Five Germans in an Audi Quattro want to enter Switzerland. "Not possible", says the Customs agent: "Quattro means four, and it's the five of you". The Germans show the car registration and insist that the car is allowed to carry five passengers and that they want to speak with the boss. "Not possible" says the Customs agent: "He is currently fighting with a couple in a Fiat Uno".

