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Shooting report

Dear Auckland Shooting Club Members

With the ASAR15 finished, I am now able to focus on the newsletter to reflect on the year. It has been a massive year with a lot of things happening, especially the six of us who travelled to Switzerland trying to compete with the best.

The Auckland Swiss Club's shooting participation presents itself as follows:

Obligatorisch:	57 Shooters (+12)
Feldschiessen:	57 Shooters (+12)
Einzelwettschiessen:	47 Shooters (+8)
Swiss Abroad:	47 Shooters (+8)
Swiss Abroad Nachdoppel:	47 Shooters (+11)
Completed Competitions:	47 Shooters (+11)

You may remember that last year I had to report a decline of approximately 6-8 shooters. This year however we had an increase of 8-12 shooters which is quite promising for the years ahead.

Our traditional Swiss Shooting Competition naturally also produces great winners:

Main Competition:

1. Andrea Matysik	373 points
Winner of Gold Medal & V+T Mason Trophy	
2. Martin Fitzi	373 Points
Winner of the Silver Medal	
3. Ernst Lanz	362 Points
Winner of the Bronze Medal	

Lady's Competition:

1. Andrea Matysik	372 Points
Winner of the Lady's Trophy	
2. Erika Lanz	352 Points
3. Melissa Lanz	343 Points

Andrea has now won the competition twice in a row. However, in the second part of the competition she had to shoot with a Swiss army rifle. First she tried the PE90 but soon gave up due to her (poor) eyesight. She then got hold of her dad's K31 and finished in style. Congratulations to Andrea, Erika and Melissa who made it into the first three.

Junior Competition:

1. Martin Fitzi	373 Points
Winner of H.&H. Leuenbergers's Junior Trophy's	
2. Marcel Lanz	350 Points
3. Kevin Gretener	350 Points

Over the last few years the Hamilton junior shooters have produced some very good scores. We from the Auckland Club are so lucky to still have Marcel Lanz to fight for our pride.

Any Sights Any Rifle (ASAR):

We had a good turnout with 197 competitions being shot. ASAR had its 3rd year with the online booking system. David Latham has done a terrific job again. It makes the life of the organizing committee much easier.

During this year it became apparent again that a few shooters book their spots but then disappointingly do not turn up at all. In future those shooters will be charged the range fee. My team and I put in a lot of effort to create an opportunity for shooters to shoot their rifle in a safe environment. Their noncommittal booking stops other shooters from registering their name on the roster. From now on, shooters that miss their booked slot will be closely monitored and I will not hesitate to remove noncommittal shooters from future booking schedules. I don't care who they are or what status they carry in society.

Top Score:

1. Christian Neubauer: 200.15 (New Range Record)
2. Michelle Riva: 200.10, & Andrew Wakker: 200.10,
4. Mike Young: 199.14

Field-Championship Medal

Please check if you are eligible for such a medal too. You need 8 White and 8 Green Cards (Anerkennungs-Karte)

Working Bees

Working-Bees are part of a shooting range and it is something that just needs to be done to keep on top of the ageing process. Unfortunately I am always on the lookout for more helpers. Some of you were part of replacing the shooting hut roof under the management of Martin Beskid. The whole roof was replaced in one day with a terrific effort from all helpers. Thank you all that came up and helped.

Andre, Daniel and I refaced the targets for the last ASAR shoot and also refaced the B-Targets to be ready for the 2016 shooting season. It was a great day's teamwork. Thank you Andre and Daniel. There is now also a handed down medal cabinet from one of our late shooters (Arthur Müller). The medal cabinet has found its special place in the shooting hut and all non-collected medals and scoring cards will be stored in there.

PE90/PE57

There are now a few of us shooters that own a PE90 or a PE57. In the meantime the club "owns" a PE 90, which is registered to Ernst Lanz and a PE57, which is registered to myself. These rifles need a lot of TLC after shooting. It would be really nice if the other shooters show a little interest and help clean these rifles. Thank you!

Eidgenössisches Schützenfest 2015: Raron/Visp, Wallis, Switzerland.

For some of us the main highlight of the year was the trip back to Switzerland to compete in this 5 yearly event - around 40'000 shooters participated this year. The shooting range was set up on an old army airport in the beautiful Rhone valley. The main range contained 140 electronic targets next to

each other. The only problem was the wind that blew through the range like a TGV train at full speed. We were lucky to shoot at a more secluded shooting range (20 targets) that was much better protected from the wind. Melissa, Alexandra, Ernst, Othmar and Daniel thank you for making this trip the best ever. It was an absolute pleasure to be part of your team.

20 Years

Auckland Swiss Club Riflemaster

I never thought that I would last 20 years in this position. It has been an eventful 20 years.

Highlight 1:

Every Eidgenössisch Schützenfest, Year 2000 part of the team were Terry and Valerie Mason and the first time being part of the traditional "Umzug" (parade). Year 2005 when Orlando (13years) and Isabelle (11years) took part in the shooting competition. Year 2010: Part of the team: Hans, Sylvia and Mario Enzler and reaching the 5th place in the team competition. Year 2015: being part of an awesome team reaching the 6th place in the team completion.

Highlight 2:

The visit from the Swiss Shooting Federation, where the shooters organized the shooting competition for some 40 people including the evening party for about 100 people on the farm.

Highlight 3:

Making the ASAR the outstanding event that it is today. Not many clubs can show off with a shooting competition that attracts 200 shooters a year over 3 weekends especially not in the southern hemisphere, which is organized and run by just a few dedicated members.

Highlight 4:

All of you that have found time to be a part of our little organization. My admiration goes out to all the shooters, especially the ones that do not hit the target as they would like to. I herewith would like to thank you all for your help during our shooting days. But some of you have done more than expected - dedicated helpers are the backbone of our club. Without them there would not be any shooting. Thank you: Ernst, Melissa, Andre, Lorraine, Erika, Martin, Alexandra, Simon, Sofia, Daniel and last but not least Steyn.

Highlight 5:

The surprise party organized for the riflemaster's anniversary. There is not much to say except: Thank you everyone for putting this together. Best party ever! Special thanks to the Hamiltonians who came up for this surprise event. I was so glad I did not have to drive home!!!!

Henry