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The **2020 Nationals** are approaching rapidly. They start on Friday 10th of January with the 300 metre and ending on Saturday 18th with the inter club teams match and the Belt finals.

Get your entries in as soon as possible as this helps with the organisation and planning once the numbers are known. The secretary would like them before the 15th of December.

There are some programme changes for 2020 with 2 x 800 yard matches back into the Belt series and a 300 and 500 yard match being dropped.

Affiliations.

A reminder from the secretary that affiliations are now overdue.

Firearms Legislation.

I know that many of you have made submissions on the second tranche of firearms legislation which is nearing the end of the select committee hearing process. Thank you for making the effort.

I was horrified to read that Police want to take over certification of ranges and what their estimation of the cost of doing this is, it is \$2500.

The legislation also proposes that clubs have to be registered with Police and that clubs have to have a license to operate. Police's estimation of the cost of registration was \$500 and re registration is \$800.

Imposition of this kind of cost structure would bankrupt many clubs and lead to the loss of ranges around the country.

Our submission was strongly opposed to Police doing the certification that we currently do ourselves.

Our submission also proposed that affiliation to a National Shooting Sport body, such as NRANZ, be accepted as registration and a license to operate. This would recognise that we operate under a set of rules and have good processes in place.

The safety record on shooting sport ranges in New Zealand is exemplary, and this should be recognised, not penalised.

The legislation also proposes very onerous record keeping on the supply of ammunition. It is aimed at commercial retailers but shooting clubs also supply ammunition and would be caught up in the requirements.

Should registration of firearms be introduced, there needs to be a system that can allow club owned rifles to be used and held by multiple people.

The whole process that is proposed for clubs and ranges in the legislation looks like nothing more than an empire building exercise and an attack on the very groups that provide the safest facilities to use firearms.

An **F Class training weekend** was held in early October with 15 attending. The first day was mostly spent inside and the second day on the range at 1000 yards.

Another F Class training weekend is planned for the 22nd and 23rd of February at Trentham.

The **F Class World Championships** which are being held in South Africa are now only 16 months away in April 2021.

There is a notice on the website calling for nominations for Captains for FTR and F Open

teams, and a Manager for New Zealand teams to attend the F Class World Championships. Nominations close during December and the Captains will be named at the NZ Nationals. The call for F Class team member nominations will be made after the Nationals, closing at the end of March.

Great Britain are hosting an **Australia Match** at Bisley in July 2021. This is a TR teams match for 10 firers over 300, 600, 900 and 1000 yards. There is a call for expressions of interest in a New Zealand team attending on the website. If there is sufficient interest, a meeting will be held during the Nationals.

With the successful 2019 TR World Long Range Championships and Palma Match behind us, it is now time to look forward to the next version in South Africa in 2023.

There is a call for nominations for the **Palma Team Captain** and Manager on the website.

If you want to be involved in the **North vs South Teams Match** which takes place on the Monday at the Nationals you need to get your nomination in to the NRANZ Secretary. Along with your name you need to include your Class, F Open, FTR or TR. Whether you want to shoot, coach or be the Captain, and the team you are nominating for. Hopefully everyone that wants to be involved will be included in a team, there will not just be number one teams. These nominations need to be in by the 28th of December.

Association Name

At the NRANZ AGM in January this year there was a remit to change the name of the organisation to the New Zealand Target Rifle Association. The motion was left on the table until the 2020 so that clubs could discuss the remit. The NRANZ Council discussed the name at the winter meeting and proposed that we go back to our original name of the New Zealand Rifle Association.

The name will be discussed at the January AGM so make sure your President or your Delegate knows your opinion.

I hope you all have a good festive season, with time to relax and refresh for the new year. I look forward to catching up with many of you during the National Championships in January.

Malcolm Dodson
NRANZ President

