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The new season is getting closer and AGM's are starting to be held, or being planned. Your AGM is the best time to decide on a plan of action for your club for the coming season. How do you attract new members, and more importantly how do you look after them to keep them coming along and joining the organisation. New members need a commitment from club members to look after them, teach them the rules and safety procedures, and generally mentor them. If they are cared for, they will keep coming. It is not a job for one person in the club, it is a whole of club commitment.

The new Regulations for Club and Ranges have now come into full effect. Record keeping is going to be the thing that needs the most attention. The full guide is available at NZ Police, Shooting Club Guide V20. It is worth printing off a copy.

All clubs and ranges should expect a visit from Police at some time. What they will be looking hard at is your records and record keeping. Police may inspect, print, copy or remove any documents that they reasonably believe are the clubs. A breach or non-compliance could see your club lose its licence to operate, as in shut down.

You need to get it right from now, so set up the processes at the AGM if you have not already got them in place. All records can either be electronic or hard copy.

1. You must have an up-to-date list of current members and their FAL number if they have one.
2. You need a record of incidents or safety breaches that occur during any shooting activities that did not result in personal injury or death but had the "potential" to do so.

Do this record as soon as reasonably practicable after the event. This record must be kept for five years. The word "potential" is open to interpretation and is open ended, be sensible. Any club member running a business will know about these types of records.

3. A club member who sells or supplies ammunition does not need to register with Police as an ammunition seller provided:
 - a. The club member who is selling ammunition to club members, or on the club premises, must have the approval of the club. Nominate and approve this person/people it at the AGM.
 - b. This could be your club ammo steward if they do the club loading (the word 'sale', includes barter or supply).
 - c. The revenue is used for the benefit of the club.

4. The club must keep a record of the ammunition sales.
For each sale record:

- a. The name and FAL number of the person who sold the ammunition.
- b. The name and FAL number of the person who bought or received the ammunition.
- c. If the person receiving the ammunition does not have a FAL, the name of the immediate supervisor of that person, and the supervisors FAL number.
- d. The type and quantity of ammunition supplied.

e. This record must be kept for 10 years.

Components are NOT ammunition.

In my own club we are now using two invoice books for the Club Ammunition Steward.

One is for the sale of components or other club invoices and is changed with each financial year.

A separate invoice book is used for the supply of club ammunition, this is the record of all ammunition sales.

In your club's Range Standing Orders there is the requirement that you must have a suitably trained Officer on Duty/Range Officer on duty at all times when the range is in use.

This OoD/RO must hold a FAL and be appropriately qualified.

A record of the OoD/RO (one or more) who were on duty each day must be kept for two years.

The NRANZ Range Officer course is available on the NRANZ website again, after being rewritten in the wake of all the regulation changes. Thanks to our NRANZ Chief RO, Rob Morgan, for his work in setting up this course and for marking the test papers. To make it easier to run your club, I would suggest as many suitable members as possible do the course and get qualified.

Component supply is an ongoing issue with up to a year of lead time for some orders. We are now ordering before previous orders have even arrived. It is not just a New Zealand problem, it is worldwide.

With constricted supply there is a bit of profiteering going on in the supply chain too. For 308 TR projectiles, we no longer have an Australian projectile manufacturer, which we have had since we started using the 308 instead of the 303 in the 1970's. We are now dependant on mainly American sourced projectiles.

For TR we have the Nosler 155 which has proven to shoot well but struggles at 1000 yards as its BC is not as good as newer types. We have the Hornady ELD-M 155, and the Berger 155.5, which are both good out to 1000 yards.

For F Class we have Berger Hybrids in 6mm 109gr, 7mm 184gr (both in stock) and 6.5mm 144gr, 308 200gr (both currently out of stock). We have more on order.

Primer supplies are erratic at best and are the main worry with supply currently. Powder shipments have been coming in from Australia but disappear fast so preorders are needed.

With all the price hikes in components that have been going on, and inflation etc etc, you will be pleased to know that NRANZ Affiliation Fees and the National Championship Entry Fees are unchanged for the coming season.

There are Australian F Open and FTR teams coming to the National Championships in January. They are 5 shooter teams but there are two in both F Open and FTR. Our F Open shooters, after their recent experiences in South Africa at the World Championships, are keen for more international competition.

This is a chance now for our FTR shooters to get some international experience too. There is no reason that FTR Classic shooters cannot be in the FTR team, the rifle rules are the same. The call for team nominations will be out soon.

Congratulations to Peter Kynoch who has been appointed as the Captain of the F-Open squad.

The 303 Championship at the Nationals will be held on Friday the 5th, after the 300 metre match.

The only other change to the Nationals programme is for the Regional Teams Match on Friday morning. It will now be a coached club team of 5 shooters at 900 and 1000 yards.

Malcolm Dodson
NRANZ President