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BRING A FRIEND TO A SHOOT

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WSRA Has A New Web Site

Check out the clubs new web site at www.wsra.org.nz. News articles, results and courses of fire will be updated to this site regularly.

Over the coming weeks enhancements and improvements will be made and once the site is working correctly we plan to add the site to other NZ web sites, improving the sites rating within the Google search engine and hopefull attracting new interest in our club and the clubs activities.

If you have any feedback or would like to provide articles to be posted on our web site, contact the webmaster@wsra.org.nz a new club e-mail account which will be checked regularly for both club and none club user feedback.

Feedback & Articles for our News Letter

Send feedback and any news articles you would like to share with our members to the webmaster@wsra.org.nz



WSRA Range Calendar 2008

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|-----------|------------------|----------|------------------------------|------------|
| January | 5th | Saturday | Charles Upham | Brancepeth |
| January | 6th | Sunday | Charles Upham | Kaitoke |
| January | 27th | Sunday | Family Day (afternoon) | Kaitoke |
| February | 17 th | Sunday | Shotgun Special (afternoon) | Kaitoke |
| March | 2nd | Sunday | Best of European | Kaitoke |
| April | 6th | Sunday | Best of Commonwealth | Kaitoke |
| April | 25th | Friday | ANZAC Day .303 Match | Kaitoke |
| May | 11th | Sunday | Carbine Day | Kaitoke |
| June | 8th | Sunday | Bolt Action Day | Kaitoke |
| July | 6th | Sunday | Best of American | Kaitoke |
| August | 3rd | Sunday | Speed Shoot (afternoon) | Kaitoke |
| August | 24th | Sunday | Two Gun | Kaitoke |
| September | 28th | Sunday | Red Star Day | Kaitoke |
| October | 12th | Sunday | .303 Day | Kaitoke |
| November | 23rd | Sunday | 3 Gun Match (KPC am/WSRA pm) | Kaitoke |
| December | 6th | Saturday | Din Collings Trophy Shoot | Brancepeth |

Upcoming Matches

Courses of Fire (CoF)

WSRA would like to invite you to make your presence felt at:

BEST OF COMMONWEALTH SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2008

Course Director: Steve Bain
Range Officer: TBA

Set up and sighting in: 8.30am- 9.15am
Competition Start: 9.30am

1 TRINITY

Usual format- 3 x 5 round clips or mags, one minute per position with adequate time to reload and change position.

2 FAST and FURIOUS

Start standing, rifles loaded on ground with actions open. On command 5 rounds are fired from prone position then change to sitting/kneeling, to fire another 5 rounds. Position change must be carried out before reload.

Semi's 60 seconds/ Bolt guns 75 seconds.
2 X 5 round clips or mags required

3 CASSINO

Application style match. 10 rounds, prone. Slings allowed

4 ADVANCE

Bayonets fixed- if no bayonet then shoot all actions standing!

Start sitting on mound. 25 seconds to fire 5 rounds. On command 35 seconds to advance to 75 yard mark, kneel/sit and fire 5 rounds. On command 35 seconds to advance to 50 yard mark and fire remaining 5 rounds standing.

Rifles must be clear with actions open during advances

5 STAND TALL

Snap at 100 yards. 10 x 4 second exposures. Pause for reload after 5th exposure.

6 KAITOKE TURNAROUND for 30 CAL.

Semis 20 rounds max/ bolt guns 10 rounds. As usual start 2 yards away facing away from targets, rifles on the mound, semis loaded with actions closed on an empty chamber and bolt guns loaded with actions semi ready.

On command turn and engage targets. Semis score will be halved but you all have a **GENEROUS 30 SECONDS.**

7 TWO MAN SHOOT

Time permitting. 1 standing and 1 prone or kneeling/sitting. Unlimited rounds. Each shooter must knock down a starting plate at 100 yards before knocking down 20 randomly placed plates in 75-100 yard zone. Fastest time wins. Any plates left standing is a DNF.

Range fee \$15.00 with tea and coffee provided

Matches 1-6 are for any service rifle but trophies are for 30/303 calibre iron sighted rifles as issued to Commonwealth forces.

ANZAC Day .303 Shoot 25 Apr

Open to All .303 rifles

Venue Kaitoke Range, Upper Hutt
 Date Friday April 25th 2008
 Sign in / practice 8:30 - 10:30
 Remembrance 10:45
 Competition 11:00 onwards

Match Director John Leith
 CRO Colin Welch



The main prizes are reserved for the 'As Issued' rifles. Matches 1, 2, &3 are for the ANZAC day Trophies. Match 4 is a stand-alone event

**Food and .303 Ammo
 for sale**

Range Fees \$15.00

NO POPPY = NO SHOOT

Match 1 Trinity

Figure 12 target 5 Shots standing, 5 Shots sitting or kneeling, 5 Shots prone. One minute per position.

Match 2 Snap Shooting

Figure 12 target. 10 x 4 sec exposures, standing

Match 3 The Mad Minute

Figure 12 target, 5 Rounds in magazine plus 10 rounds loose or in charger clips. One minute exposure, prone, Penalty for rounds left over

Match 4 SLR Match – Rapid Trinity

UIT target, Start with 5 shots standing, then 5 shots sitting or kneeling, finish with 5 shots prone. 90 seconds. reload only after position change

Open to as issued Commonwealth L1A1 rifles with Iron Sights Only.

Prizes Include; NZ Volunteers trophy, ANZAC Rifleman's Trophy, Cassino Trophy, Best No.5, Maadi Trophy, Johnny Newton Memorial Trophy, Chunuk Bair Trophy, Open .303 Cup, Ranfurly Rifle Volunteers Cup. L1A1 SLR Trophy. Western Front Trophy

ShootGun Special Shoot, Sunday 17 Feb

Have just spoken to Jamie who is organising this shoot. Jamie says to bring along 7 solids- 2 sighters and 5 scorers, plenty of birdshot and you will be ok.

If he gets a COF sorted prior I will send it out straight away via e-mail. Don't forget it is an afternoon shoot and seeing as nobody has range booked in the morning we will be setting up from 11.30am and ready to go at 12 o'clock. If you are talking to our none email members let them know start time etc

Best of European, Sunday 2 Mar

Course of fire to be advised shortly. Setup and practice will commence from 8am to 9.30am with matches starting shortly after.

Match Results

Charles Upham Results, Jan 2008

Another good turn out over two days.

One of the main shooting events on the yearly calendar with competitors shooting for the Cavalry Champions Belt which was won this year by Jamie scoring 381 with 42 V Balls. Well done Jamie.

Two shooting classes included:

- Open Class (Any modified military rifle or non military rifle)
- Military Class (Military non modified rifles)

Open class was won this year by Harry scoring 405 points with 45 V Balls. Well done Harry.

Captain **Charles Hazlitt Upham** VC and Bar (September 21, 1908 – November 22, 1994) was a New Zealand soldier who earned the Victoria Cross twice during the Second World War: in Crete in May 1941, and at Ruweisat Ridge, Egypt, in July 1942. He was only the third person to receive the VC twice, the only person to receive two VCs during the Second World War and the only combat soldier to receive the award twice (the other dual recipients, Arthur Martin-Leake and Noel Godfrey Chavasse, both served in the Royal Army Medical Corps in the First World War). In late 2006 it was announced that a film portraying the life of Upham was to be made.

| Name | Class | Rifle | Club | Galatas | Shooter No. | Bersheba | V | R/undown | V | Snop 300 | V | Sgt Nic | V | 500 rapid | V | Day One Totals | V balls | Trinity | V | Action M | V | Rapid 100 | V | Katoko Turnaround | V | Day Two Total | Vs | CJ Totals | V balls |
|-----------|-------|---------|-------|---------|-------------|----------|---|----------|---|----------|---|---------|---|-----------|---|----------------|---------|---------|----|----------|----|-----------|-----|-------------------|-------|---------------|-----|-----------|---------|
| Jamie F | s | AR15 | WSRA | N | 20 | 47 | 4 | 35 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 44 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 148 | 6 | 68 | 11 | 48 | 4 | 74 | 11 | 43.0 | 10 | 233.0 | 36 | 381 | 42 |
| Matt S | s | AR15 | WSRA | N | 22 | 45 | 4 | 39 | 3 | 32 | 1 | 33 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 149 | 9 | 73 | 7 | 41 | 4 | 73 | 10 | 40.5 | 4 | 227.5 | 25 | 377 | 34 |
| Enrico H | s | AR15 | NZSRA | Y | 21 | 31 | 2 | 38 | 1 | 41 | 1 | 47 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 7 | 73 | 8 | 42 | 2 | 74 | 9 | 30.5 | 2 | 219.5 | 21 | 377 | 28 |
| Dan W | s | AR15 | WSRA | N | 26 | 44 | 6 | 34 | 1 | 44 | 4 | 42 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 164 | 12 | 71 | 9 | 46 | 6 | 65 | 7 | 29.0 | 4 | 211.0 | 26 | 375 | 38 |
| Jason W | s | AR15 | ASRA | N | 9 | 48 | 5 | 42 | 5 | 34 | 2 | 45 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 169 | 16 | 68 | 7 | 43 | 5 | 59 | 8 | 34.5 | 3 | 204.5 | 23 | 374 | 39 |
| Gerry V | s | AR15 | WSRA | N | 28 | 34 | 1 | 33 | 1 | 33 | 2 | 42 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 142 | 6 | 73 | 9 | 48 | 6 | 70 | 9 | 38.0 | 9 | 229.0 | 33 | 371 | 39 |
| Peter M | s | AR15 | ASRA | Y | 4 | 43 | 7 | 40 | 3 | 34 | 2 | 40 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 13 | 69 | 10 | 50 | 4 | 65 | 6 | 26.0 | 5 | 210.0 | 25 | 367 | 38 |
| Jason D | s | AR15 | WSRA | N | 15 | 38 | 1 | 34 | 2 | 25 | 1 | 37 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 134 | 6 | 71 | 11 | 41 | 4 | 66 | 6 | 48.5 | 12 | 226.5 | 33 | 361 | 39 |
| Dave V | s | AR15 | ASRA | Y | 23 | 42 | 2 | 33 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 47 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 8 | 74 | 11 | 42 | 3 | 73 | 6 | 35.0 | 4 | 224.0 | 24 | 355 | 32 |
| Colin W | s | AR15 | WSRA | Y | 10 | 40 | 3 | 32 | 1 | 23 | 1 | 42 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 137 | 8 | 72 | 9 | 39 | 0 | 64 | 5 | 35.0 | 6 | 210.0 | 20 | 347 | 28 |
| Giles W | s | XM15 | ASRA | Y | 27 | 40 | 2 | 34 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 39 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 5 | 70 | 12 | 49 | 4 | 69 | 0 | 28.5 | 3 | 216.5 | 19 | 344 | 24 |
| Chris P | s | AR15 | WSRA | N | 17 | 42 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 5 | 64 | 3 | 43 | 6 | 59 | 5 | 44.0 | 6 | 210.0 | 20 | 326 | 25 |
| Chris M | s | M14 | ASRA | Y | 30 | 33 | 0 | 38 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 141 | 0 | 54 | 4 | 38 | 2 | 62 | 6 | 25.5 | 4 | 179.5 | 16 | 321 | 16 |
| Graham P | s | No4 | IMAS | Y | 33 | 33 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 22 | 1 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 108 | 1 | 73 | 9 | 45 | 4 | 68 | 8 | 18.0 | 1 | 204.0 | 22 | 312 | 23 |
| Trevor J | s | AR15 | NZSRA | N | 14 | 34 | 3 | 17 | 0 | 25 | 0 | 34 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 5 | 65 | 7 | 47 | 3 | 57 | 0 | 32.0 | 4 | 201.0 | 14 | 311 | 19 |
| Ian W | s | AR15 | WSRA | Y | 19 | 33 | 1 | 31 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 4 | 72 | 11 | 41 | 6 | 71 | 8 | 22.5 | 1 | 206.5 | 26 | 311 | 30 |
| John W | s | AR15 | ASRA | N | 29 | 33 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 35 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 99 | 4 | 69 | 6 | 41 | 3 | 74 | 9 | 22.5 | 2 | 206.5 | 20 | 306 | 24 |
| Hilary H | s | AR15 | NZSRA | N | 11 | 35 | 4 | 21 | 0 | 32 | 2 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 6 | 72 | 10 | 35 | 2 | 46 | 2 | 26.0 | 4 | 179.0 | 18 | 300 | 24 |
| Stuart H | s | AR15 | ASRA | Y | 1 | 30 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 3 | 60 | 6 | 41 | 6 | 66 | 5 | 36.0 | 8 | 203.0 | 25 | 293 | 28 |
| Graham P | s | SLR | IMAS | Y | 5 | 29 | 1 | 25 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 1 | 73 | 7 | 36 | 1 | 56 | 5 | 22.5 | 3 | 187.5 | 16 | 288 | 17 |
| John B | s | P14 | IMAS | N | 16 | 38 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 32 | 1 | 43 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 119 | 4 | 57 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 5 | 27.0 | 2 | 147.0 | 10 | 266 | 14 |
| Mark B | s | AR15 | WSRA | N | 24 | 31 | 1 | 20 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 102 | 2 | 67 | 2 | 27 | 1 | 62 | 6 | 4.0 | 2 | 160.0 | 11 | 262 | 13 |
| Chris M | s | K98k | ASRA | Y | 2 | 29 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 32 | 1 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 110 | 3 | 60 | 7 | 37 | 3 | 42 | 2 | 9.0 | 0 | 148.0 | 12 | 258 | 15 |
| Steve B | s | AR15 | WSRA | Y | 12 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 44 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 3 | 65 | 6 | 42 | 3 | 48 | 1 | 24.0 | 3 | 179.0 | 13 | 244 | 16 |
| Reuben P | s | SLR | WSRA | N | 8 | 22 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 1 | 46 | 2 | 33 | 2 | 28 | 3 | 23.5 | 1 | 130.5 | 8 | 210 | 9 |
| Michael K | s | LK.SLR | NZSRA | Y | 6 | 24 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 0 | 65 | 4 | 37 | 4 | 15 | 2 | 15.5 | 3 | 132.5 | 13 | 194 | 13 |
| Tobin B | s | incoM | WSRA | N | 7 | 13 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 1 | 51 | 3 | 29 | 1 | 53 | 4 | 6.0 | 1 | 139.0 | 9 | 187 | 10 |
| Giff G | s | M14 | IMAS | Y | 18 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 0 | 44 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 12.0 | 0 | 110.0 | 1 | 151 | 1 |
| Brendon L | s | 0 | WSRA | N | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 3 | 24 | 2 | 40 | 1 | 7.0 | 1 | 120.0 | 7 | 120 | 7 | |
| Harry H | o | AR15 | NZSRA | N | 32 | 48 | 3 | 41 | 5 | 46 | 3 | 42 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 177 | 12 | 74 | 10 | 48 | 7 | 74 | 12 | 32.0 | 4 | 228.0 | 33 | 405 | 45 |
| Jason D | o | AR15 | WSRA | N | 34 | 41 | 3 | 46 | 3 | 31 | 1 | 34 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 152 | 9 | 68 | 11 | 47 | 5 | 67 | 5 | 31.0 | 4 | 213.0 | 25 | 365 | 34 |
| John H | o | Sig 550 | WSRA | N | 25 | 48 | 4 | 30 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 45 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 145 | 10 | 67 | 4 | 36 | 4 | 69 | 6 | 20.0 | 4 | 192.0 | 18 | 337 | 28 |
| Duncan M | o | L39 | NZDA | N | 3 | 41 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 47 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 7 | 50 | 2 | 37 | 1 | 66 | 8 | 15.0 | 2 | 168.0 | 13 | 283 | 20 |
| Andrew D | o | AR15 | 0 | N | 13 | 21 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 1 | 38 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 29 | 2 | 7.5 | 0 | 90.5 | 5 | 151 | 6 |
| Stuart H | o | 0 | ASRA | N | 31 | 17 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 1 | 54 | 1 | 25 | 3 | 33 | 1 | 0.0 | 0 | 112.0 | 5 | 147 | 6 |
| Kerry M | o | SL8 | WSRA | N | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 13.5 | 4 | 113.5 | 7 | 114 | 7 |

Family Fun Day 2008

Well I was late, what a surprise? I had every intention of being on time; it's one of my favourite shoots. I had told Steve that I could bring a couple of spare rifles. It's obviously been sometime since I last shot, because I couldn't find my keys! I spent an hour looking. I even loaded some other stuff, hoping that not thinking about it would let my sub-conscious work on the problem. Sunday seems to be my brain's day off? I did finally find the keys and set off for the range only an hour late!

Thank you, Steve, Alwyn and Ian, who got the range set up and kept the others from going home before I arrived. It was good to see some new faces and best of all some juniors and ladies keen to try their skills at shooting.

We started the day with a practice session, which included some pistol club shooters introducing other shooters to the challenge of shooting a pistol. It's not like the movies is it? Much harder than it looks! After about three practices we had a short, range briefing and began to work through the CoF.

I think I was a little generous with the number of extra rounds I allowed the ladies and junior shooters, as there was a tie for first place in several matches. In the "Iron Chickens @ 25 " match there was a three-way tie, which required two shoot-offs, to find the winner. A well contested match with Cameron, Shiloh and Savannah coming first, second, and third after the shoot-offs.

Cameron, using Dave G's rifle with, a bipod, scope and silencer, pipped the two girls who used their dad's scoped rifle, from a plastic box rest.

In the second match a "Trinity", slightly altered to assist the ladies and junior shooters Chris proved that enough practice

could win you a chocolate fish. Cheaper to buy one given the amount of practice ammunition it took to win. The match went well for most people except for Peter who used one of my rifles. As is customary it jammed half way through the match. Sorry! Brian shot the match with a pistol. Truly sporting! Chris managed to up hold the honour of the WSRA with a win in this match second was Peter and Cameron came third. Christine came fourth which shows she can shoot given a good rifle.

The third match was "Iron Chickens @ 50" Cameron, Peter, Dean, Tracy and Dave shared first place. All with six out of six chickens. Next year we may have to put the chickens back at 75 yards, that should sort it out. Steve had to work hard to maintain WSRA honour, sharing second equal with Judy, both hit five chickens. Third place was most everyone else who shot in the match.

At this point lunch was called and Brian fired up the KPC BBQ so that we could have a sausage or a patty on bread. During the lunch break some of the members brought out their heavy toys. Steve let Judy fire his Nagant carbine, which almost threw her. Judy said she was going to the chiropractor anyway. Dean had a few shots with his 223 and one of the other guests produced a nice Martini-Enfield. While I ate a patty with sauce, some of the others blew up balloons, ready for the team match later in the day. When I suggested that we drop the balloons from the Team match, Judy was quick to point out that the balloon blowers wouldn't like to see their efforts wasted! When we had replenished the inner shooter we set up for the next match.

The forth match was "Shoot and Scoot" which we altered slightly from the published CoF. I introduced a time limit to the match and no one seemed to mind, so I also made the shooters run twice as far. No one seemed to mind. We started with six chickens to knock down in one minute. After all the rifles

had been cleared, the shooters walked up to the 25-yard line reloaded and **put their rifles** on the ground. They then ran back to the bench rest and back to the 25-yard line and fired ten rounds, all in 75 seconds. This was run more like a normal service rifle match and the shooters seemed to enjoy it. Dean won this match scoring 106 points, with Tracy second on 102 points and Ian third with 100 points. Christine and Judy decided to share a target between them and also seemed to have some extra shots on the paper. I stopped scoring when we had enough and Alwyn divided the score equally between them.

The last match was the team match. Teams of three shooters with large amounts of ammo took the line to find the fastest team. Each team had approximately 30 reactive targets. It was carefully explained to the teams that they must be sure that all their targets were down before they called "Finished". Sneaky targets, hiding in the grass or standing sideways caught out, two teams. In the final the hidden target was so well camouflaged that it wasn't until I walked half way to it that I could see it hiding in the grass. The winning team was Tracy, Peter, and Shiloh (or Savannah). Shiloh and Savannah were very keen to shoot the balloons and reserved those targets for themselves. No balloons survived.

We packed up the targets and then Alwyn read out the scores. I handed out chocolate fish to the winners. As is usual I did very little and the shooters did quite a lot! So thank you all, for taking part I hope you enjoyed the day.

Match 1. Iron Chickens @ 25 yards. 1st Cameron, 2nd Shiloh, 3rd Savannah.

Match 2. Trinity @ 50 yards.
1st Chris 148 points, 2nd Peter 145 pnts, 3rd Cameron 144 pnts, 4th Christine 140 pnts, 5th Savannah 139 pnts, 6th Judy / Tracy 138 pnts, 7th Grant 135 pnts, 8th Rob 134

pnts, 9th Ian 128 pnts, 10th Dean 126 pnts, 11th Steve 124 pnts, 12th Dave G 119, 13th. Brian 76 pnts.

Match 3. Iron Chickens @ 50 yards.
1st Cameron, Peter, Dean, Tracy, Dave. 2nd Steve and Judy. 3rd Everyone else.

Match 4. Shoot and Scoot.
1st Dean 106 pnts. 2nd Tracy 102 pnts. 3rd Ian 100 pnts. 4th Christine 93 pnts. 5th Judy 91 pnts. 6th Peter 89 pnts.

Match 5. Team Match.
1st Team TPS 2nd Equal Teams. JCL, SAS & DIP.

Report from Henry

Secretary's Corner

Well it's been a busy start to the year with the Charles Upham and Family Fun day shoots already been run. Very successfully too I might add. A good turnout at CU kept things interesting and while there were a few meltdowns in some of the matches Jamie Falconer came thru to take a well deserved win.

The Family Fun day was a little short on numbers but Henry always puts together a COF biased toward the young and female which works well. The weather was a bit dodgy but didn't upset a great day. Now that our new committee is settled in we should promote this day more as it is definitely one of the most relaxed days shooting we have. Thanks to members of KPC who came along to run this with our WSRA "volunteers".

Talking of our new committee, we had our first meeting of 2008 recently. Financially the club is healthy and while a few members have dropped out a number of new ones have joined. Service rifle shooting interest would seem to be on the increase.

We are going to get another container for storage at the range so we can keep all our equipment stored on site and KPC can do the same. At present the single container is so chocka some of our gear is stored with club members.

The club needs members to run shoots during the year. So far our committee and a couple of others have stepped up to run and/or assist at forthcoming shoots up to Anzac Day. After that if a few more volunteers aren't prepared to help out then some of the calendered shoots are in jeopardy. It isn't that hard and there will always be someone to RO for you. Previous years Courses of Fire

can be drawn on to work out some matches They don't have to be as devious as Jamie's ones and most of you would no doubt prefer they weren't.

I am trying to get a list going of all the club trophies for each shoot, preferably a photo of each and then record who wins these trophies at the relevant 2008 shoots. Could winners of the respective trophies let me know what ones you have.

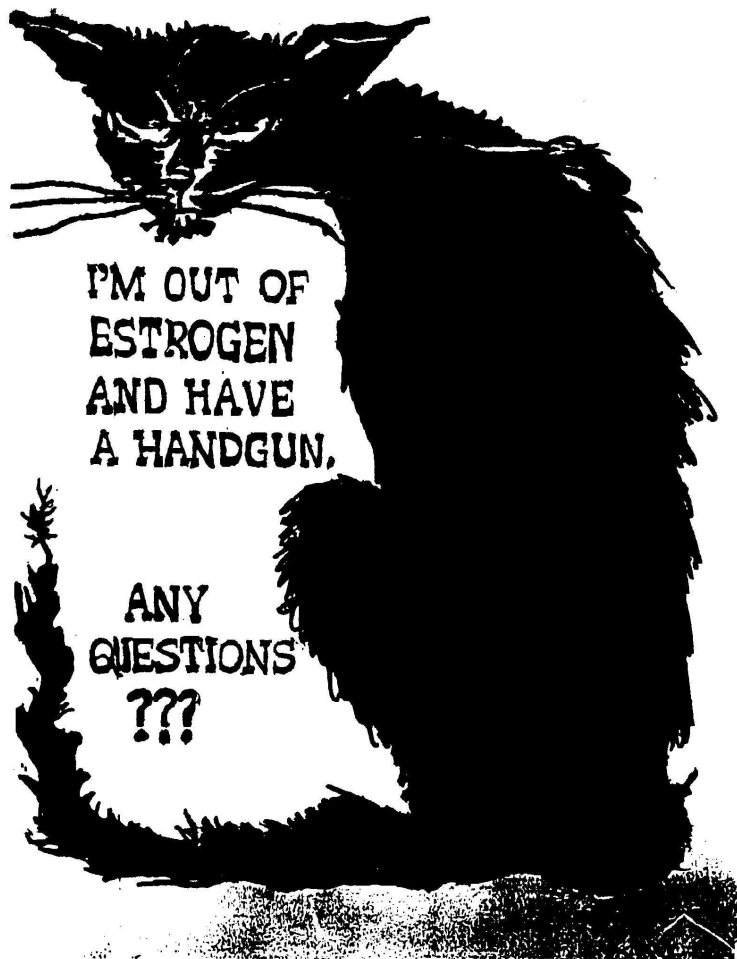
Our new website is up and running. www.wsra.org.nz Still a few glitches Mark is trying to sort out. Eventually all our information will be on this site and the newsletter will be all the current or new info which is to be added to the website. For those of you who we can't email to a hard copy will be printed and posted out.

Steve Bain

Gun Humor

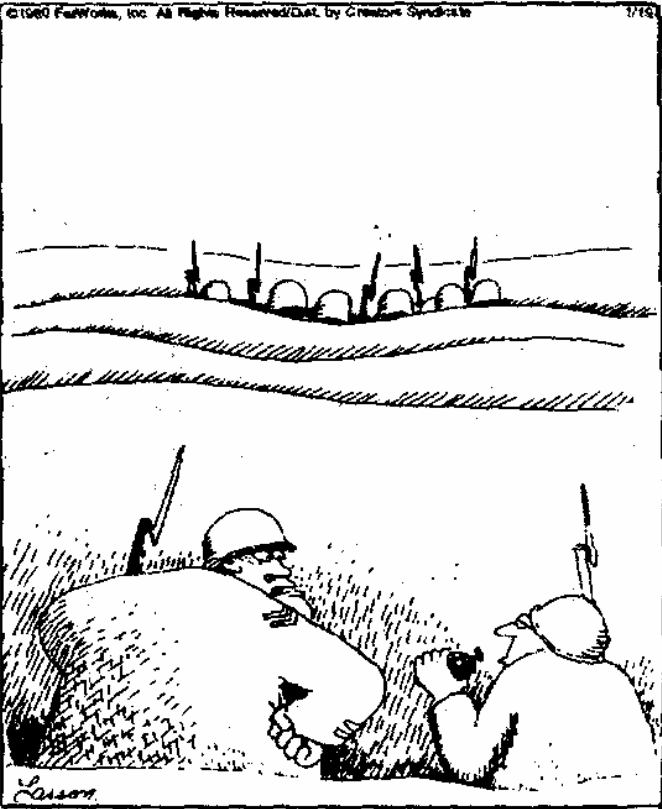
Top 10 Reasons Why Some Men Favour Handguns over Women

- #10 - YOU CAN TRADE AN OLD 44 FOR A NEW 22.
- #9 - YOU CAN KEEP ONE HANDGUN AT HOME, AND HAVE ANOTHER FOR WHEN YOU'RE ON THE ROAD.
- #8 - IF YOU ADMIRE A FRIEND'S HANDGUN, AND TELL HIM SO, HE WILL PROBABLY LET YOU TRY IT OUT A FEW TIMES.
- #7 - YOUR PRIMARY HANDGUN DOESN'T MIND IF YOU KEEP ANOTHER HANDGUN FOR A BACK UP.
- #6 - YOUR HANDGUN WILL STAY WITH YOU EVEN IF YOU RUN OUT OF AMMO.
- #5 - A HANDGUN DOESN'T TAKE UP A LOT OF CLOSET SPACE.
- #4 - HANDGUNS FUNCTION NORMALLY EVERY DAY OF THE MONTH.
- #3 - A HANDGUN DOESN'T ASK, "DO THESE NEW GRIPS MAKE ME LOOK FAT?"
- #2 - A HANDGUN DOESN'T MIND IF YOU GO TO SLEEP AFTER YOU USE IT. And, the number one reason a handgun is favoured over a woman...
- #1 - YOU CAN BUY A SILENCER FOR A HANDGUN !!! "

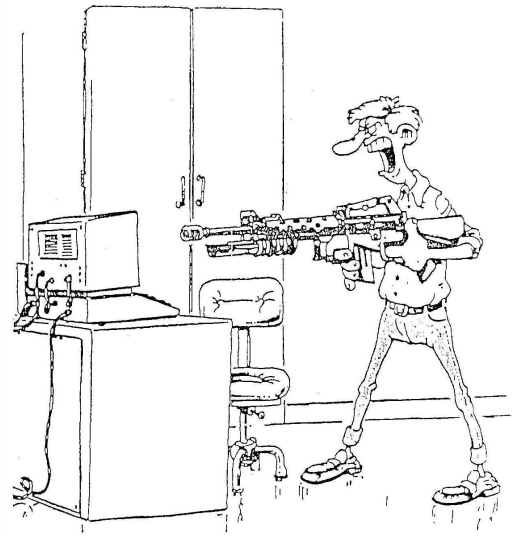


THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



"This time, just pull the pin, throw the grenade, and refrain from yelling 'Heads.'"



"Waddaya mean, user error!?"