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Shooting Report

Dear Auckland Shooting Club Members!

Oops! Just realized, that the time is running faster than expected. It has been on my mind for a while to start with my yearly newsletter but another shooting matter took some time to sort out. The registration for next year's big shoot is now done, so it is time to start to reflect on the past shooting season and put the findings and thoughts into my yearly newsletter.

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

Obligatorisch:	45 Shooters	-9 Shooters
Feldschiessen:	45 Shooters	-9 Shooters
Einzelwettschiessen:	39 Shooters	-5 Shooters
Swiss Abroad:	39 Shooters	-5 Shooters
Swiss Abroad Nachdoppel:	36 Shooters	-8 Shooters
Completed Competitions:	39 Shooters	-5 Shooters

As you can see participation has taken a hit and for the first time since the year 2002 the membership has dropped below 50 shooters.

Traditionally our Swiss Shooting Competition also produces winners. Here they are:

Main Competition:

1. Andrea Matysik 375 points
Winner of Gold Medal & V+T Mason Trophy
2. Marcel Lanz 374 points
Winner of the Silver Medal
3. Henry Werffeli 364 Points
Winner of the Bronze Medal
4. Selina Storchenegger 364 Points
Scores from the top 3 shooters are lower than last year.

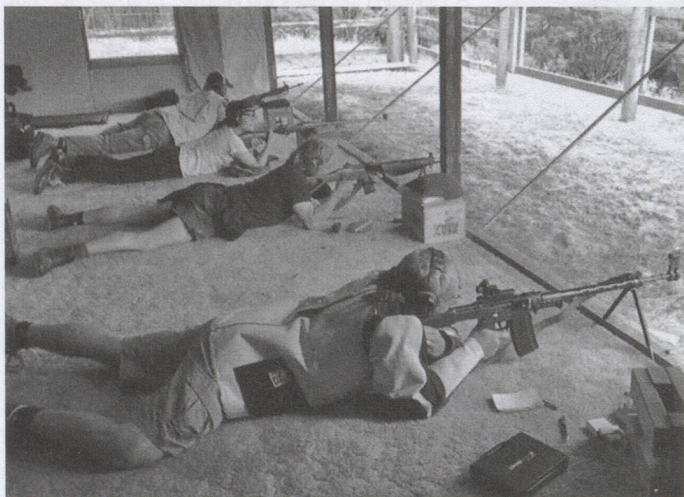
2014 Average: 371points. 2013 Average: 377

Lady's Competition:

1. Andrea Matysik 375 Points
Winner of the Lady's Trophy
2. Selina Storchenegger 364 Points
3. Cynthia Page 351Points

The top 3 lady's shooter scored higher than last year with two lady shooters in the top 4 position. Good to see Cynthia back in the top three.

2014 Average: 363.3 points 2013 Average: 350 points



Junior Competition:

1. Marcel Lanz 374 Points
Winner of H.&H. Leuenbergers's Junior Trophy's
2. Philip Morgenthaler 363Points
3. Martin Fitzl 362 Points

Marcel Lanz like his brother, has won this competition twice now. Congratulation Marcel! Once again the Junior Shooters from Hamilton also returned some very good scores.

2014 Average: 366.6, 2013 Average 328.6

Summary:

Weather conditions were very tough throughout the last shooting season. However, according to the returned results to Switzerland the medium average for the year was slightly up, which is a good indication on the clubs performance worldwide. I look forward to further fine tuning our performance.

Any Sights Any Rifle:

Any Sights Any Rifle (ASAR) had its 2nd instalment with the online booking system. I am pleased with the whole system. David Latham has done a terrific job to get it to this stage. At this moment we are considering taking it a step further with an opportunity for online payment. During the last ASAR it became apparent that a few shooters book their spots (well done) but then disappointingly did not turn up at all. I personally found this a bit testing as my team and I put in a lot of effort to create opportunities for other shooters to have a chance to shoot their rifle in a safe environment. Their noncommittal booking also stops another shooter registering his or her name on the roster. Going forward shooters that miss their booked booth will be closely monitored and I already removed some of the names from the booking schedule.

Due to the bad weather conditions we encountered, especially during the 1st weekend of the competition, we made the decision that there won't be any ASAR in September. We will start the ASAR15 on the second weekend of October.

Below you will find a very impressive score list: Positions 2 and 3 could only be separated by count back. (International Ruling)

Top Score:

1. David Malcolm 199.13
2. Christian Neubauer 199.11
3. Peter Keyser 199.09

Total Competition shoot =192

Swiss Fun Games:

Nominated Points

Our Traditional Fun competition was held on the 22nd of November.

In total 11 Shooters found the way up to the range including our new shooting club members Luzia Sauer with her partner James Head.

Eventually two shooters were in the race to take out the 1st position.

Lorraine reached her nominated score on the second last shot but needed a 0 on the target to finalise it. However, her 0 was not to be found on the paper. Martin needed an 8 in his last shot which he achieved - no sweat. Congratulations Martin!

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Swiss Hunger Games:

Some very good personal scores were returned from the preliminary round. Daniel and Ernst indicated early on their intension to win the trophy, both scored a 56 out of 60 being the top scores of the day.

In the big final Ernst Lanz, 55 Points outscored Melissa Lanz 51 Points to claim the Cup for the first time.

In the little final Alexandra Beskid, 52 Points got the better of Andre Belami 43 Points and outplaced him into the 4th position. Please note: Due to the rescheduled ASAR15 we have decided that the fun shoot will be held in January from now on.

Field-Championship Medal

I have processed the application for a Field-Championship Medal for following shooters: Cynthia Page and Ernst Lanz have both reached the first milestone.

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

Working Bee's

Some of you may have already noticed that the shooting hut has had a big makeover.

Due to the fact that I needed more space in the hut and the fact that the bunks were hardly used except by the spiders and mice I made the decision to break it down. Ernst and Andre helped me to reorganize and streamline the facility including a tea and coffee bay.

Andre, Daniel, Ernst, Othmar and I replaced the target number posts. It was a great day of teamwork and after a full day of digging, concreting and nailing, the new post stood firmly in the ground and we could look at our great achievement with pride.

After a heavy rainstorm I found some wet spots on the floor in the shooting hut. The outcome of this is that all the lead-head nails were replaced by screws. During this work that was instrumented by our roofing leader Martin and helpers: Ernst, Daniel and I, we found that the roof of the hut needs some further attentions.

All in all I would like to thank all the working bee helpers for their time and commitment.

I am just about to leave for another working bee to the Swiss Shooting Range. Andre, Ernst, Andrew have thankfully announced to give me a hand in restoring the targets.

Over the years the increased shooting accuracy has really taken a toll on the targets and therefore need to be restored more frequently. We are also in the process of finding a more suitable product here in New-Zealand as the product used in Switzerland is quite expensive not to mention the transport costs and NZ duty, to top it all off.

PE90

There are now a few of us shooters that own a PE90. In the meantime the club has also bought one which is registered to Ernst Lanz. Some of us also own a PE57 but the legislation is still the same.

After careful considerations I personally came to the conclusion that PE90 are not very practical here in NZ. First they are of very high maintenance as cleaning them is paramount. Once they have ex-amount of rounds through the barrel they would need a complete overhaul. At the moment that would have to be undertaken in Switzerland. Not an easy task considering that

one needs to get a NZ export permit as well a Swiss import permit. Then the rifle needs to be reconditioned and shipped back with export and import permits in reverse. Considering that a good PE90 will cost you way above 5K and with the accumulating costs of maintaining it, I therefore do not favor that option.

At present I am working through some other options to create some new rifles based on the GP90 cartridge. There are other options out there so we all can enjoy a good day at the range.

Thank -You

I would like to thank all of you for your help to run our shooting range in a safe manner.

Some of you have done more than what is expected and you have my utmost appreciation. Dedicated helpers are the back bone and pillar of our club without them there would not be any shooting. Thank you: Ernst, Melissa, Andre, Lorraine, Erika, Daniel, Othmar and Martin.

Eidgenössisches Schützenfest 2015: Raron/Visp, Wallis, Switzerland



Yes, the big shooting competition is steadily coming closer. By now all of us have booked the flights, arranged some accommodation and announced our participation with the online booking of the Swiss Abroad Competition and other various competitions. Daniel and I will also try our best in the 60 shoot prone competition.

This is the mother of all shooting competitions and I really look forward to spending a few days with my fellow shooters: Daniel, Othmar, Alexandra, Ernst and Melissa in the beautiful Wallis of Switzerland.

Shooting Dates for 2015 are as follow:

Obligatorisch Competition	21 + 22 February
Feldschiessen Competition	14 + 15 March
Einzelwettschiesen	11 + 12 April
Hamilton Day	23 + 24 May
Swiss Abroad Competition	06 + 07 June
Any Sights Any Rifle Competition	10+11 October 1st Weekend
Any Sights Any Rifle Competition	31 October + 1 November 2nd Weekend
Any Sights Any Rifle Competition	21 + 22 November 3rd Weekend
Fun shoot:	16th January 2016

To all of you and your families, on behalf of the Auckland Swiss Shooting Club, I wish you all a wonderful and prosperous 2015.

Riflemaster of the Auckland Swiss Club: **Henry Werffeli**