



E-Newsletter October 2017

What's New?

FACE BOOK: Progress with converting the IPSC Nationals Facebook page to the RPC Face book page is ongoing. We are almost there. Dale has posted a few videos of recent 3Gun club days. We will let you know when we are ready for you to join us if you are not already a follower of the current page.

You will be receiving emails from the new RPC website with instructions to set up your log in details so you can access the members area.

This is something you won't want to miss. Book it in now! Check out further details at the with this link <https://events.ticketbooth.co.nz/event/shot-expo>

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17 & 18 February, 2018
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FEB 17 - FEB 18 SHOT Expo
Sat. Feb 17, 2018 at 9:00am - Sun. Feb 18, 2018 at 4:00pm NZDT

116 days away NZD \$25.00 - NZD \$40.00 All Ages

Reserve Tickets

0	Adult (16 and over) + More Details	NZD \$25.00
0	Family Ticket + More Details	NZD \$40.00

The date clashes with the planned Pistol Carbine Club champs so we will be juggling a little in the calendar to accommodate the Shot Expo.

Reminders

ID tags, again with the ID tags....I know that we harp on about the ID tags and it see good to see some of them at the range but please make sure that they are visible, And remember you must wear your tag every time you are at the range.

If you do not have this year's card (2017/18) it is possibly ...

1. at Gun Supplies waiting for you to collect it. All those folks have received a TXT message reminding them to collect their tag.
2. being printed because you are a new member or have only just paid your fees.
3. been overlooked and you will need to contact Tanya Treasurer@rotorupistolclub.org.nz or Pam secretary@rotorupistolclub.org.nz

New shooters

Here are introductions from our newer members

Hi fellow shooters I'm Stewart, I grew up in the Aussie outback and have had an interest in firearms since I can remember. As you all are know they are integral part of bush life. I enjoy all aspects of the sport from hunting to target shooting. I'm looking forward to this next adventure in the pistol club and honing my shooting skills

Stewart



Stewart Kinch

As a teenager I belonged to an outdoor boys club which had members who were keen hunters, so I was introduced to firearms and hunting early on and did a training course with NZ Deerstalkers Assn.

I hunted all over the North Island for deer, pigs, goats plus the usual number of rabbits and possums.

I went to live in Australia in my twenties and worked in the outback where I continued to hunt pigs, but also started hunting semi-professionally as a meat hunter for pet food, kangaroos and rabbits.

Back in NZ I worked and lived at Lochinver Station where I continued to hunt, but slowly changing over to a compound bow.

I have owned and used a wide variety of firearms over the years including pistols.

I returned to Rotorua two years ago and have started my firearms interest off again, target shooting an air pistol at my home on a lifestyle block.

I am hoping that joining the RPC will fulfill my interests and also meet some new and interesting likeminded people.



Ray Jones

Regards *Ray*

Service Pistol North Island Championships article provided by Aaron T

Over the weekend of the 28th and 29th of October the Rotorua Pistol club held the 2017 North Island Champs. It was good to see a bunch of new faces mixing together and trying out their luck at this challenging shoot.

The club was represented by Aaron T, Paul H, Glen T, Daryl M, Bill P and Tiny shooting on one or both days over the weekend.

Marg & Tanya ran the stats room and we had quite a few members come to the range to lend a hand. Thanks to you all.

Again, we had the guys from the West Island making an appearance, and this time they shot in all the events not just the Classic & Modern Classic Matches. Though it doesn't count Rod shot a 451 in Classic & Chris shot a 457 in Modern Classic both would have been NZ Records if they had the right passports.

In the team's event BOP1 (Rotorua & Tauranga combined) kept both the Service & Service Unrestricted trophies, shown with some of the medals that were secured by RPC Members.

We must again give an especially big "thank you" to Tiny and Rowlsy for putting in so much time to bring the range up to championship standards.

We had many shooters at their very first competition, and it was good to see the guys from Hamilton & New Plymouth back again.

One of the things that was obvious was that many people were unfamiliar with the rules and the requirements of this challenging discipline, I have attached a spreadsheet that outlines what's required in the different divisions.

For example, if you have a plain old 9mm CZ 75, you can shoot that pistol in 4 events: Service Pistol, Service Unrestricted, NZ Pistol & NZ Open, that's 360 rounds downrange in 2 days for \$80.00. Hard to get that value for money in any other Discipline.



Service Equipment for NZ

	Service Pistol	Service Pistol Unrestricted	NZ Revolver	NZ Auto	NZ Open	NZ 22
Any centerfire revolver or semi-automatic pistol of calibre	9mm to 9.65mm (.355 to .380)	7.92mm to 9.65mm (.30 to .380)	7.62mm to 11.55mm (.30-.455)	7.62mm to 11.55mm (.30-.455)	7.62mm to 11.55mm (.30-.455)	22LR
The weight of the handgun with all accessories including balancing weights and for semi auto an empty unloaded mag must not exceed	1400 grams	no restriction	1400 grams	1400 grams	no restriction	1400 grams
Fit in a box 300mm x 150mm x 50mm	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	no restriction	Yes
Iron sights only	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	no restriction	yes
Minimum trigger pull measured with the barrel held vertically	1360g	1360g	1000grams	1000grams	no restriction	1000grams
Adjustable grips are permitted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minimum barrel length	revolver 100mm semi auto 120mm	revolver 100mm semi auto 120mm	revolver 100mm semi auto 120mm	revolver 100mm semi auto 120mm	revolver 100mm semi auto 120mm	revolver 100mm semi auto 120mm
Muzzle brakes or any device operating in a similar manner allowed	No	No	No	No	Yes	No
Trigger shoes or trigger extensions must not protrude beyond the dimensions of the trigger guard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Power Factor	120	no restriction	no restriction	no restriction	no restriction	no restriction
Holsters must be practical, safe, serviceable and the suit the pistol used but position is not limited	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shot from	Holster	45	Holster	Holster	Holster	45

IPSC World shoot 2017 Chateauroux France article provided by Steve C

About 19 of us flew out of Auckland airport on Saturday night 19th August at 8:30pm; Auckland to Dubai - 17hrs flying. A good trip but glad to get off the plane for a little while.

Then Dubai to Paris, another 7hrs, arrived Paris 1.30pm on Sunday. A very long day; luckily straight through immigration and customs (France is one of the best places to come to with firearms - Just pick up your bags and head off).

Out to our bus then a short 3hr drive to Bourges. Staying at the Novotel hotel - very nice and a pool as well. 23 degrees when we arrived.

We headed out to the range the next day once we had picked up some rental vehicles, Bourges is about an hour's drive away from the new French Federation Shooting Range at Chateauroux. What an amazing complex all set up to cover all shooting disciplines ISSF, IPSC shotgun and Olympic shotgun plus rifle all set on an old NATO base.

With more room to expand as well, very impressive. France is getting ready for an Olympic game and this will be the shooting complex.

We checked out the stalls that were set up and picked up our match ammo. We had a look around some of the ranges very hot into the high 30's, we watched some of the pre-shoot then headed back to the hotel.

We found a small pistol club 2 hrs away from Bourges for some practice only €10 per person for all day use of the range, they closed it so we had the whole range to ourselves.

Very friendly people they made us lunch and gave us a cold drink as well, we spent a couple of hours there one day testing ammo then a whole day there a couple of days later.

We stopped at Chateauroux and did registration on way back didn't take very long, with speed passes if you pre-registered on line.

The stages were very well set up, 30 stages most of them very deceptive with close shots and out to 50 meters as well, lots of swinging targets, pop up targets a couple of sliders as well.

Lots of steel targets from small plates to large poppers that we had to drive down with 9mm.

We had the opening ceremony in Chateauroux on Sunday, stinking hot day lined up for an hour and a half then marched into the town square and listened to a few speeches.

Amazing to see all the soldiers on patrol in v formation, 4 guys with machine guns.

The Police with bullet proof vests and machine guns strapped to their chests, a female sniper on the roof it was good to see that they took our secretary seriously, as France was on high terrorist alert.

Main match started on the Monday with everyone split into a morning shift or afternoon, morning started at 7.30am till 12:30pm afternoon 2pm till 7:00pm.

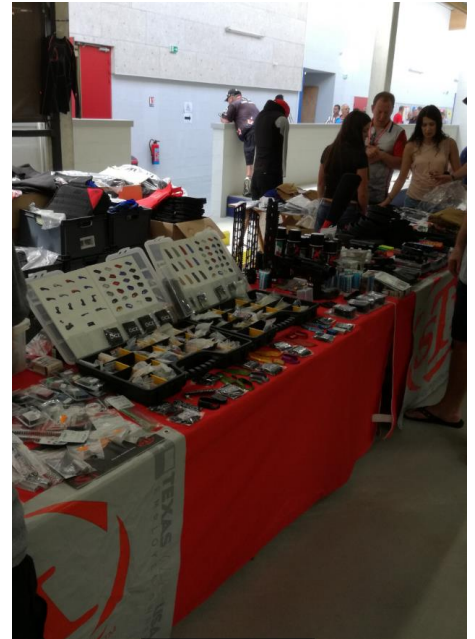
Classic team started on afternoon, blue zone stages 13 to 18 what a day 40 degrees at 2pm, the hardest 6 stages of the match, lots of low ports multiple positions, shooting was fun just shooting no ROing no patching or picking up brass thank goodness.

I started to have some problems with my pistol on last two stages of the day, found out the excessive heat was affecting my hexagon gecko ammo primers, causing problems with the breach face and deformed the firing pin whole, I had to push the firing pin back in on last stage a couple of times to finish. I was lucky another shooter broke 3 pistols that afternoon.

Gecko ammunition were very good they fixed my gun there and then replaced that batch of ammunition. Faulty lead-free primers apparently.

Day 2 Tuesday morning shift very pleasant a lot cooler, black zone stages 19 to 24. 6 more stages a good day no problems at all, shot well.

Day 3 Wednesday afternoon shift, stages 25 to 30 not too hot today even a little rain, makes the ground very sticky, clay surface just builds up under your shoes. Stage 25 a very tricky stage with two sliding targets, with two targets on each going downhill with no shoots across the front very few people were able to clean this one. Rest of day went well.



Day 4 rest day, yes, a day off through the match. We took it easy, still came out to range and checked out some of the other NZ shooters.

Day 5 morning shift, red zone stages 1 to 6, nice and sunny not too hot, fun stages a good mix.

Day 6 after noon shift, green zone stages 7 to 12, nice afternoon weather great, last 6 stages fun not really wanting to finish, but also glad to have completed it.

I shot with a great team we enjoyed the match and could see our shooting improving as the match went on.

Squad 51 a great squad 16 shooters the Brazil team, Australian team, Sweden team and us.

Only 1 DQ in our squad, 1 Brazilian for pointing gun up range.

There were 1500 shooters in main match, 800 in the pre-shoot plus sponsored shooters on top of that.



Sunday morning, they had the shoot offs man on man for each division we went along and watched a big crowd standing room only, very close on some, then they did the CZ super 6, where they pick the top six shooters in each division and they shot 6 stages with an overall winner for each division.

Prize giving was Sunday night in Chateauroux in a massive sports complex like a giant canvas tent, 2500 plus people in one giant room, we were seated in teams so NZ was right down the back, we were 83 meters from the stage luckily there were big screen TV's around so you could see who was on stage.

They performed the national anthem of each winner's county, quite a long night!

NZ Classic team finished 15th overall, and I finished 115th in the world.

Loaded up and started headed home on Tuesday 5th September from Bourges arrived Auckland Thursday 7th September about 9.50am, high of 12 degrees and raining great to be back.

Cheers *Steve*

Thanks to whomever it was that trimmed all the way from the gate to the club and mowed the lawns. The place

NZ Production team



looks so much tidier for it. Huge job! Thanks, it is appreciated.

The following email was received after the North Island Service Pistol Champs
Hello Boys and Girls,



I just wanted to take a minute and express my gratitude for the fantastic shooting experience from this past weekend.

I was very nervous about it being my first "away" shoot but my fears were wholly unfounded. Brett and Jenny helped to make Harrison and I feel very welcome. Aaron was accommodating and helpful.

The incredible young ladies who managed the squads could not have done a better job. (even the morning tea reminded me of the baking my mother used to buy) LOL!

The range facilities were amazing, and I just had a Great day!

Thank you all! Warm regards. Chrís W

Check this out 3-minute clip from YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YZCnR2tRN-k>

Love to have this set up in New Zealand. They even have a gold AK47 for Don.

A Note from Dale H

In recent rapid-fire event at a **service rifle range** Paul H, Walter L and Aaron T, Dale H competed using AR15's.

Paul won two stages in service rifle open and Walter got a second and a third in two stages doing very well! Walter also got second in the unlimited Aoraki ammunition turn around, basically a separate event at end of match. Unlimited rounds on target in 35 seconds, Walter got 72 Aaron got 69 while the winner managed 76.

Paul and Walter will be a hot favourite for next time. Hopefully Paul can refrain from crippling himself when attempting to run in future. Lol

On another note **multigun** attendance been disappointing with about 3 to 4 shooters turning up, Walter is improving well with coaching, Paul H is a competitive bugger lol. I have posted a couple of videos of recent day 3 gun in rain on our RPC Facebook page.

Regards

Dale

Thanks go to Dale for taking the lead on organising the majority of the 3Gun club events.

Please support this discipline. You the members, asked for 3Gun events to be added to our already busy club calendar, and yet, as mentioned above the turnout is poor.

Perhaps with an expected improvement in the weather over the summer months attendance may pick up.

Upcoming Events in brief

5th November Service Pistol club day (this may change as Service pistol comp was last weekend)

12th November IPSC Pistol and IPSC Pistol Carbine

19th November Steel Challenge club day

26th November 3Gun

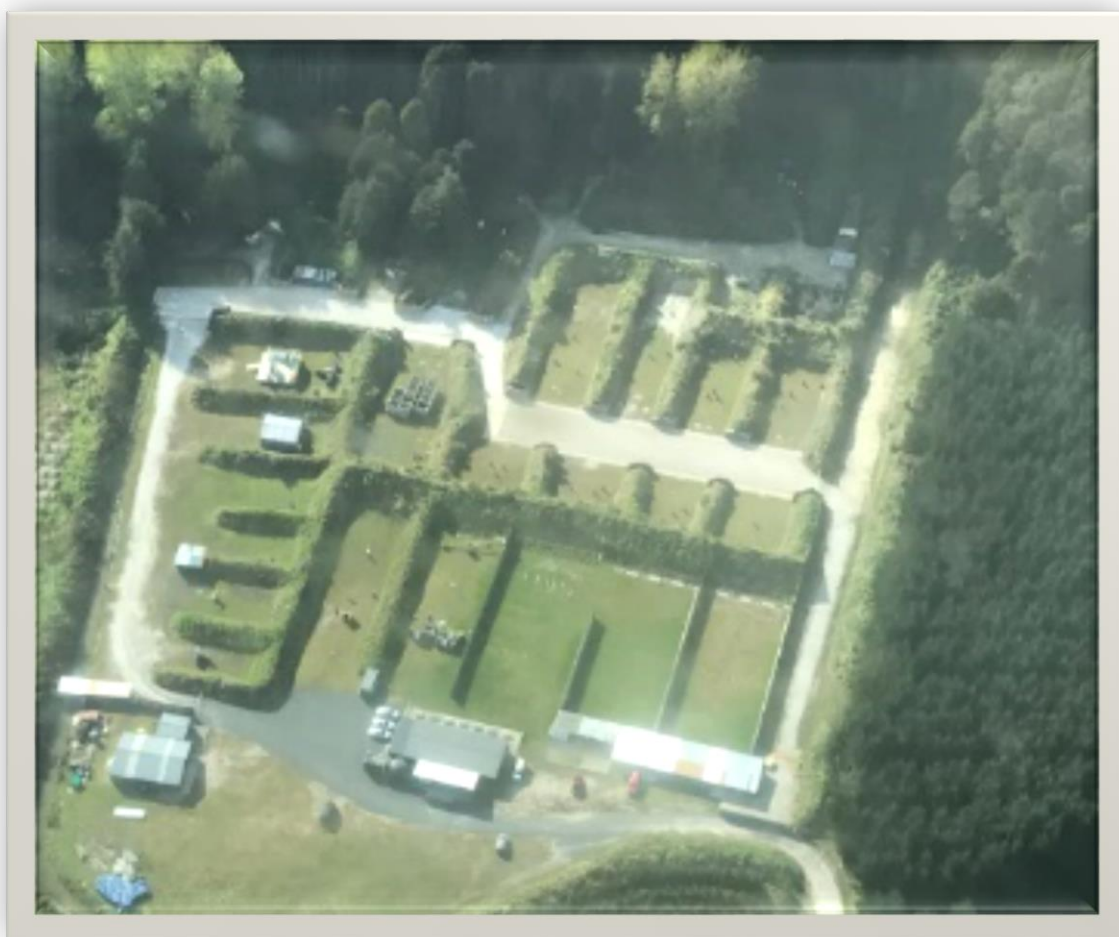
3rd December Service Pistol club day
As mentioned above please see the RPC website calendar for more information, ([And soon the Facebook page](#)).



Kodak Moment

This picture was taken by Lindsey C as he flew over our RPC a couple of weeks ago. Great view she is looking pretty sharp.

Thanks Lindsey!



Communication

If you have any items you would like to go into the newsletter, as we are always on the lookout for content, please email the secretary secretary@rotorupistolclub.org.nz

See you on the range.

Remember, if any of your contact details have changed, please advise the club secretary and Pistol NZ secretary@rotorupistolclub.org.nz and Exec@pistolnz.org.nz as it is important that you are able to receive all club and PNZ communication.