



E-Newsletter September 2017

What's New?

Our bench rest build on range one was finished at the last working bee. We are just waiting on a bit of concrete; the boxing is in place but you have the go ahead to use the bench rest now.

Dave has asked me to remind you all that no bipod or bench rest spikes are to be placed on the rest.



We need to look after our latest asset.

Dave has also asked that you be reminded that the patio table are to remain on the concrete pad in front of the club rooms and must not be moved (even temporarily) to any other location on the range.

Reminders



You should all have your 2017/18 ID tags by now. If you were a little late in paying and have not yet received your ID tag yet, they have all been made and can be collected from Gun Supplies

I saw a club member with this ID tag holder and though some of you might like to check out the website.

There is a pocket both front and back and a place for a pen



If you think this might solve your problem about forgetting your attendance cards. Follow out the link and get one Thanks Mike S great find.

<https://store.tactical.co.nz/key-bak-id-holder-with-clip/>

<https://store.tactical.co.nz/key-bak-id-badge-round-retractor-with-swivel-c>

New shooters

This month welcome Jim Griffiths and Stewart Kinch next month we will have their introduction for you. Last month we welcomed James Hamlett read on for his introduction.



Hi my name is James, I have had a passion for firearms since a young age where I grew up hunting. Recently I joined the team at Gun Supplies, where I get to explore this passion every day. I look forward to being a part of the pistol club, where I can critique my skills to be able to compete competitively.

J Hamlett

Working bee update



Thanks to those folks who attended the working bee on the 24th of September.

As mentioned earlier the bench rest was completed on range one,

Boxing was built for concrete to be laid by the bench rest and where the Envirowaste bin will be located.

The large green first aid kit was mounted on the wall in the medic room, there is still the small kit by the range book.

The Club rooms got a good clean and you will need sun glasses on if you plan on entering the kitchen as the sink bench is not dazzling!

A team worked on preparation for retaining walls toward the back IPSC ranges.

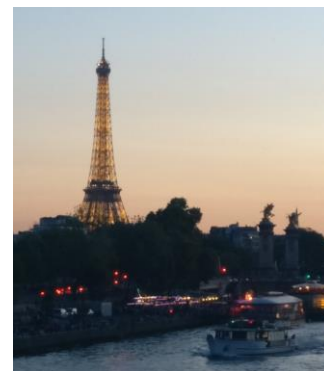


Congratulation to Steve C and Greg D on their achievements at the World IPSC shoot recently attended. Read on to hear more about it.

Steve is currently writing an article for the next newsletter and after speaking to him I must say we don't know how lucky we are in New Zealand but I won't let on too much you can look forward to Steve's account of the shoot next month. Read on for Greg's rundown of this huge event.

World Shoot XVIII article provided by Greg D

Four teams of 4 people and their supporters travelled to the Loire Valley in France via Dubai, UAE and Paris. I was fortunate to make it into the Production team. On arrival in France, the access to the country could not have been smoother, with most of us just picking up our bags off the carousel and exiting the Charles De Gaul Airport. Provided you have an official invitation and have cleared your travel through your airline, and in this regard Emirates via Dubai is the best, it is an easy entry. Entering France to shoot a match would have to be the best way to enter Europe with a firearm. **(Refer to rules for entry attached to newsletter email.)**



Travelling in France it is a requirement that you have the firearm and ammunition if carried separated in your luggage, with the firearm having a trigger lock attached. When you store the firearm at a hotel, and go out leaving it in the hotel, you must disassemble it and take a major component with you. Most people sensibly took out the barrel and carried it with them. You also had to carry your passport, the match invitation and a form stating that you had complied with this procedure, which was to be produced to any police officer on request. Clear and simple!



Squad 65 with the Production Team

It was a shock to the system adjusting to the 30+ Celsius temperatures in the Loire Valley as we adjusted to the time zone changes. Some of us had been fortunate enough to have had a number of days in country prior to the main match start. The Rose wine and fantastic food and culture greatly assisted our adjusting to the climate and atmosphere of a World Shoot in action.



Team gathering for opening ceremony

The match was held on the new French Federation Shooting Range just outside of Chateauroux, about 3 hours by road from Paris or two hours by train. The match itself was shot in temperatures exceeding 36 Celsius, the hottest day being close to 40. It consisted of 5 half days shot either from 07:30 to 12:00 or from 14:00 to 19:00. You had one day off completely. The Production team shot Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Tuesday was the hottest day! I must say the scoring had a lot to be desired with our team picking up two or three errors but too late to correct as patching had been completed.



Thirty stages had to be shot and the chrono for those that did not buy factory ammunition. The factory ammunition was flawless, being German GECO. Each of the five days of shooting for each team consisted of 6 stages each day. Each day you had one long stage (29 to 32 rounds), two medium (20 to 26) and three short stages (6 to 14). The stage designs were absolutely outstanding.

I have a video of every stage, and would be willing to expose my errors and slow speed shooting on a beer and pizza night one night for RPC members if we care to organise it.

It was an absolute accuracy match, with most poppers and swingers shot at 15 to 20 metres from awkward lean out positions, with complex stage designs to test the best you could offer, including prone, low ports, and seated starts. All swingers bar one required to be shot as it passed across the top of steel hard cover or no shoots, with only two thirds target exposure at speeds we were just not used to engaging. Think of the fastest swinger at RPC and speed it up 100%. There were swingers with plates like Mickey Mouse ears as well. Strong hand and weak hand stages. Shooting positions were in every form, including Stage 17 (Asterixis stage designs see photo) where most of the targets were at 50 metres. The final target on Stage 17 was engaged in a kneeling or going prone under a low port out to 50+ metre target after running 50 metre and shooting 27 rounds to the last shooting position. The opening and closing ceremonies were a little disjointed but got there in the end after many hours.



Stage 17, 29 rounds



The return trip was just as easy as entering France, with a declaration to the Airline at check in, and serial number check in the middle of all the passengers checking in! (queue weird gasps and looks!)

A great trip, with renewal of life-long friendships from many countries and the start of many new ones from our Squad 65 and more. The next world shoot is in Thailand! Should you try to get to a World Shoot or Australasians, absolutely!

Start preparing now, and I'm happy to help you get there with tips or practical advice! See you on the range!



Greg



NZ Team

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v-PVPzv9AU4&feature=youtu.be> World Shoot Stages as videoed by one of the Canadians in our squad...great young competitor from Canada.

If you are interested in taking Greg up on his offer to see his competition video and the tips and practical advice, please contact secretary@rotorupistolclub.org.nz we will see if we can organise a get together.

Upcoming Events in brief

8th October IPSC Pistol and Pistol carbine club day
15th October Steel Challenge club day
22nd October Labour weekend no planned club day
28th & 29th October 2017 North Island Service Pistol Match
1st November Service Pistol club day



As mentioned above please see the RPC website calendar for more information, ([And soon the Facebook page](#)).

Kodak Moment

A new personal best with a shot at 737 meters from my Shooting Systems Research NZ.308. It was a 168gn A-max projectile. There was a 228 inch drop at that range which means 27 MOA adjustment needed. With just a little luck I ended up with a great result.



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.