



## **NZ Masters Games**

### **Black-powder Shooting**

#### **Dunedin 6th – 8th February 2020**

The Otago Historical Small Arms Association has been the host club for the Black Powder shooting events for some years and I'm sure this will be an event that you will remember as being totally awesome!

We will be shooting on a large sheep and cattle farm called Ardwell Downs. The terrain includes gentle rolling hills to some interesting gullies and bush. The access to the shooting site is accessible and reasonably easy for all vehicles. The view is quite spectacular across the plain. We are very fortunate to have the support of the farmer who is allowing us to invade to property for a couple of days.

This is a great place with plenty of room to camp. We provide Porta-loos, washing water and a BBQ. Great rustic camping – fits our sport perfectly! At this stage we are looking at a total fire ban in this area, so only gas BBQ's and gas cookers are allowable. There will be an area to dispose of the washing water on site. Please do not tip it out in the creek.

All campers are to remove own rubbish.

Camping on the farm is available from 4 pm Wednesday 5th February to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Remember we are there at the courtesy of the farmer.

Travel time to event site: Approx 25 - 30 minutes from town centre.

**All competitors in any event must be at the briefing at 10am on Thursday 6th.**

If you are not at the briefing or arranged differently with me in the week preceding this, your entry may be forfeit. We will not be giving opportunities for catch up shoots. This also includes any competitor who wishes to compete in other Masters games events during our scheduled programme.

Numbers expected – 20 to 30 competitors, officials and spectators

## Hazards

- Fire
- Black powder

## Hazard management

### Fire

The range is located on a well-developed farm land with open grass areas and isolated pockets of scrub restricted to steep gullies. There are no forestry blocks on the farm or nearby.

There is cell phone communication at the range.

There is a man-made dam near by large enough for a monsoon bucket.

There is a 20,000-litre water tank beside the main event control point.

Hand held two-way radios will be in use between the Event Manager, Range Officer, Safety Officer and assistants.

Full water buckets and containers will be dispersed around the site.

All competitors are briefed of the risk of fire and hazards in written documentation and verbally at each day's event briefing.

### **If the Otago Regional Council places a total fire ban the event will be cancelled**

#### Source of ignition risk

- Cigarettes / smokers – the range is a no smoking zone.
- Muzzle flash – low risk, very rare event. The firing mound is clear open ground and any smouldering discharge is easily spotted. Range rules require that in the event of any burning material, shooting will stop and that the potential ignition source is dealt with.
- Cooking fires – Gas cookers / BBQ only, no open fires

The range rules cover the handling and storage of black powder

“Have FUN and SAFE shooting!!”

Kathryn Duncan

## Range Rules

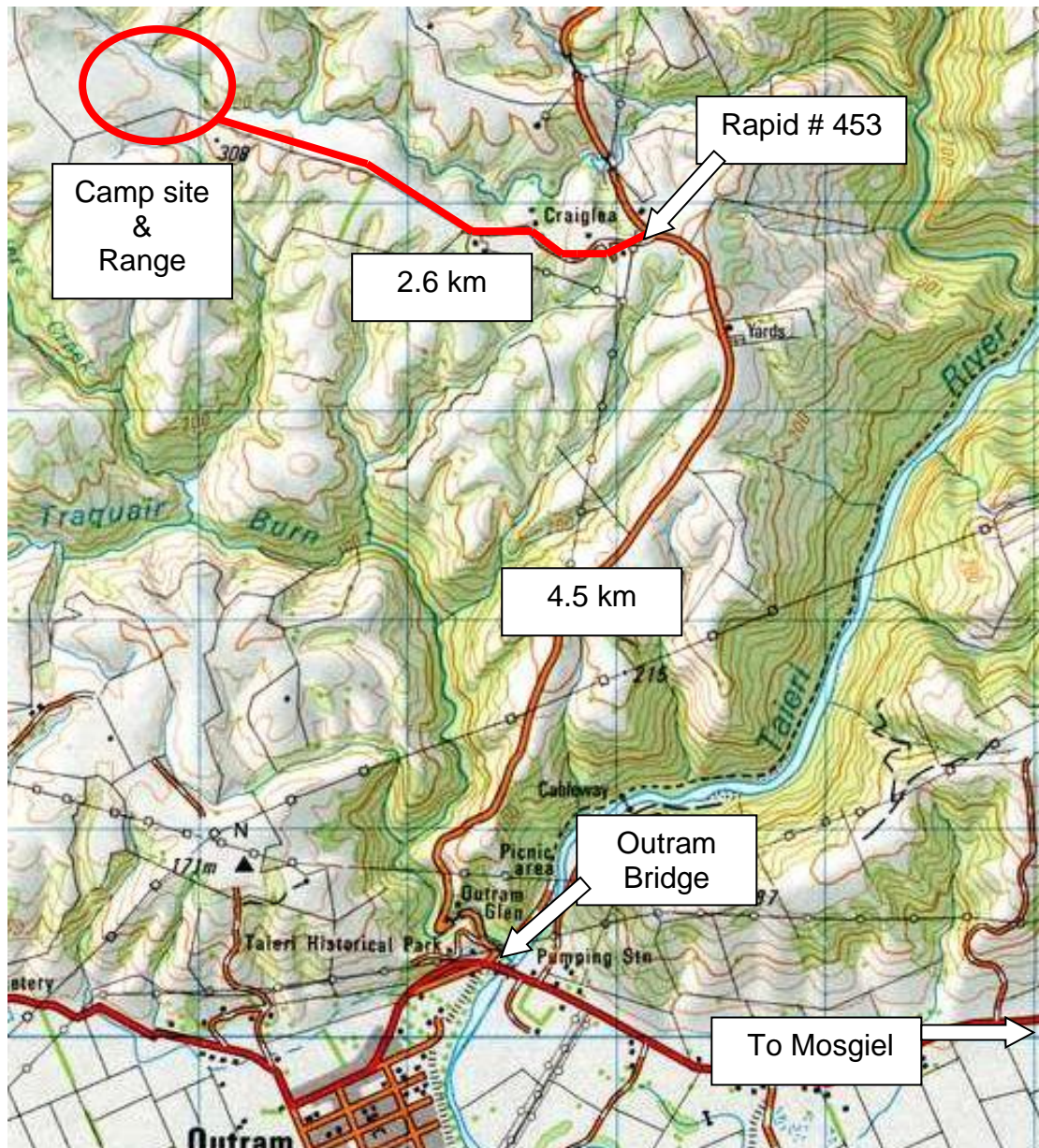
1. The Range Officer of the day has total control of the proceedings and their commands are to be obeyed.
2. The Range Officer can delegate duties to other members present at the shoot.
3. The Red Flags must be flown in a prominent position during shoots.
4. No consumption of alcohol or un-prescribed drugs is permitted prior or during any shoots. Any intoxicated or persons affected by drugs so as to be a danger to others or themselves will be required to leave the shooting range.
5. No smoking is permitted in the loading area, shooting area or around where any powder is stored.
6. All shooters and spectators on the mound must use Shooting/Safety glasses and approved hearing protection in the appropriate manner.
7. Only safe, properly maintained firearms are permitted to be used on the range. The Club reserves the right to remove any unsafe firearm from the range.
8. Powder is not to be transferred from tins to flasks in the shooting area. Powder must not be poured directly down the muzzle from the powder flask. The use of an intermediary device is required.
9. Firearms are always to be kept pointing in a safe direction. (Treated as loaded)
10. Firearms are only to be loaded in the loading/firing area and only when the 'range is open'.
11. Firearms are only to be 'capped', 'primed', or the 'breach to be closed on a round' when the shooter has stepped up to the firing line.
12. No loaded firearm is to be left unattended. If the public have access to the shooting area then a picket will be placed on all firearms and equipment.
13. No shooting of high-powered smokeless rifles at the metal targets or silhouettes is allowed.

***I have read and understood the above range rules and will abide by them.***

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

Here is a map which shows the way from Mosgiel to Ardwell Downs hopefully this will help you find the place – we will also have signage and arrows to mark the way. If you need assistance ring Andrew on 027-282-4048 or myself on 027-664-9118



Directions starting in Mosgiel

1. Drive through Mosgiel – Gordon RD, State Highway 87 – heading towards Outram/Middlemarch. (11.7 km)
2. Cross the Outram Bridge, over the Taieri River immediate turn right you will now be on the George King Memorial Drive.
3. Follow the George King Memorial Drive (sealed road) up the hill 4.5 km
4. Turn left at drive way Rapid # 453 and follow ARROWS along drive way past houses and past wool shed, over paddocks to camp site 2.6 km.