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New booking system for Auckland Shooting Club

Every year, the Auckland Swiss Club Shooting Committee organises a very popular event called, "Any Sights Any Rifle." As this event is open to the general public, it draws much support from the local shooting enthusiasts. The popularity of this event means that the committee dedicates many hours to coordinating all the participants' bookings. As usual with community projects such as these, most of the information is stored in Excel Spreadsheets, a special kind of computer software. The spreadsheet format works very well when just one person is driving the document, but its shortfalls soon become apparent when two or more people needed to update the document!!

Last year, the Auckland Swiss Club Shooting Committee asked me if I could help with an online solution for taking and managing bookings for the Any Sights Any Rifle event. I spent some time working with the team to figure out their needs and requirements. This was followed by some more time working on a solution that works for both the organizers and the participants. The result was <http://asar.swiss.org.nz>. Last year's event spanned three weekends, totalling six days of shooting across eight targets and five time slots (details) per day. In other words, there are 240 available slots.

Since launching the website on 5

September 2013, 100 individuals registered for the competition, with a total of 184 bookings made online. As an added benefit, participants are able to reschedule their bookings and are limited to just two bookings per shooting day. On the morning of the shooting day, the committee simply prints out the booking sheet so they know who to expect at each target and who needs to pay.

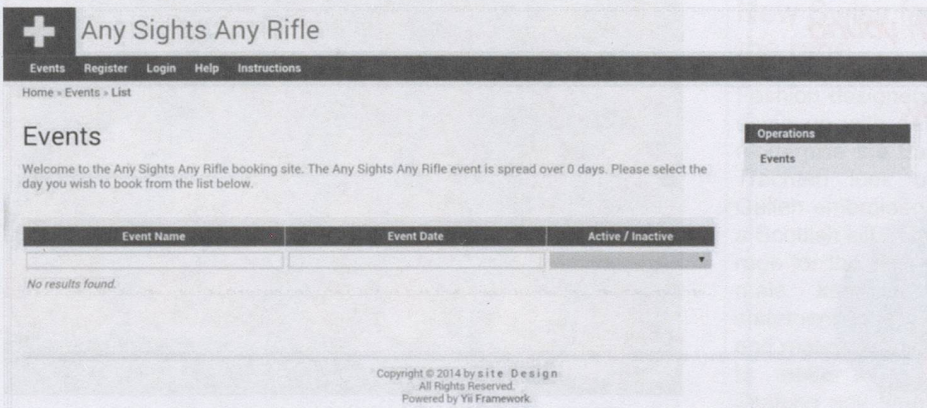
The ASAR website's success to date is



a great example of how the Internet can be used to simplify processes that once made such endeavours so difficult and time consuming. I hope that the ASAR website will continue to be a successful tool helping the Auckland Swiss Club Shooting Committee in years to come.

By David Latham

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