



## Welcome to our New Look Newsletter!

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## Afskeid, old friend.

Sean Sweeney, 1.10.1944 – 22.02.2013



Sean Sweeney, image from [www.steelchickens.com](http://www.steelchickens.com)

It is with much sadness that we recently farewelled Sean Sweeney - A much loved and respected member of the New Zealand shooting fraternity.

He contributed significantly to the development of air rifle shooting in NZ. He was a mentor and coach as well as an outstanding shooter - evidenced by the number of times his names appears on many of our trophies. Sean attended matches all over the country, whether field target or silhouette, sharing his skill and knowledge of shooting together with his sense of humour with all around him.

Sean was a founding member of NZAFTA and one of the original Governors tasked with growing the sport of Field Target in New Zealand. He served a long and successful term as president before ill health caused his premature retirement. Several years ago, NZAFTA

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had the honor of awarding him our only life membership for services to Field Target. He has also been a driving force behind New Zealand's successful bid to host the 2014 WFTF World Championship.

His presence, along with his ever-present hat and colorful pants, will be sorely missed. We are the richer for having had Sean in the sport, and in our lives.

Farewell from us all,  
Alex Magon  
NZAFTA President

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## Other NZAFTA News:

### 1. Kia ora and welcome to our new publication!

This is the first issue of the NZAFTA newsletter - a regular monthly communication between the NZAFTA Board of Governors, club reps, and shooters on the 12ft/lb register. Welcome onboard! We will keep you updated with useful information, news and upcoming events around the country.

### 2. NZAFTA Governors restructuring:

With the resignation of Andre as competition secretary earlier this year the BoG have been on the lookout for a suitable replacement for the interim period. We are pleased to announce that **Brett Nixon** has moved into the competition secretary's role, and **Jeff Hietbrink** has stepped up to join the BOG in the 4th governor's position until the next AGM. We wish him all the best in the role.

### 3. Missing your forum fix?

As many of you will know, the nzairgunners forum has been offline or sketchy at best recently. We appreciate that Alan S has a real life to live and is doing his best to reach a solution. In the mean time, if you want to



keep in touch with your fellow airgunners, then please check out the following sites:

Forums:

[www.nzairgun.com/forum](http://www.nzairgun.com/forum)

<http://fieldtargetnewz.proboards.com>

[www.kiwiairgunners.co.nz](http://www.kiwiairgunners.co.nz)

Club pages:

[www.wagc.org.nz](http://www.wagc.org.nz)

[www.wagnz.com](http://www.wagnz.com)

<https://www.facebook.com/HowickAirRifleClub>

If you have any more links to club pages then please let us know so we can publish them. There is a new NZAFTA website in the works which we will keep you updated about as we work on it.

#### 4. Call for submissions - Open Class rules

At the last NZAFTA AGM at the 2012 Nationals in Wellington, the decision was made to remove Open class from the rules defined by the WFTF and return them to what they were originally intended - rules designed for NZ high power classes. As of the close of last season, the Open class rules have lapsed and we are now calling for submissions from member clubs as to any modifications they would like the BoG

to consider when redeveloping the rules in the near future. Until the rules are redeveloped, Open class rules are the prerogative of the host club.

Those clubs interested in making submissions on the new rules should get their NZAFTA club rep to contact us with your input at [12ftlbs.NZAFTA@gmail.com](mailto:12ftlbs.NZAFTA@gmail.com)

#### 5. WFTF updates:

New Zealand are pleased to welcome Croatia, France and Sweden to the WFTF as of the end of last year/start of this year. While there has been a revision to the eligibility rules, at the moment there are no technical shooting rules changes to be made aware of. For more info or enquiries please contact us at [12ftlbs.NZAFTA@gmail.com](mailto:12ftlbs.NZAFTA@gmail.com)

#### 6. Other Notices

NZAFTA would like to remind FAL holders that they are responsible for the security of their own FAL details. FAL holders should be prepared to present their license when visiting a club range as clubs are required to ensure that all relevant FALs are valid and current.

NZAFTA notes that the recording of FAL details by clubs is a voluntary requirement and is at the discretion of the license holder.

