



**Executive Update to Clubs April/May 2024**

**1) The “Umbrella” concept for member clubs under the NZGTA Incorporated Society status.**

The NZGTA Executive has been approached by one of our member clubs, requesting that the Executive consider the “umbrella” concept for unincorporated groups. The concept is as follows:

If your group does not want to incorporate, it could instead become part of an existing umbrella organisation that is incorporated. This would allow your group to get on with its work without the costs and responsibilities of being incorporated itself.

There should be a written agreement between the group and the umbrella organisation to make sure the relationship is clear. Both sides should get legal advice before signing any agreement.

An umbrella organisation can receive and pass on any money to groups within its structure and can charge a handling or administration fee for its services.

Probably the most common function would be to allow clubs to apply for funding as many funding grants now require the organisation that is making application be incorporated.

The Executive invite any interested clubs to register their interest in this concept. Please do so by emailing the Executive at [nzgta@outlook.com](mailto:nzgta@outlook.com)

**2) Rules and Regulations.**

The Executive has reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring that all rules and regulations be adhered to at all Championship events.

If clubs do not wish to use shotguns, the blank shot firing device being used must be fit for purpose and must be “held” by the handler throughout the event. It must not be placed in pockets or game bags etc... Gun safety rules must be observed regardless of the device being used. In other words, all devices must be treated as though they are a firearm.

Clubs must ensure that the grounds being used are suitable for the conduct of trials as per regulations.

**3) Feedback.**

The Executive is seeking feedback from clubs on the following:

- What does your club want the Heel Retrieve events to look like?
- We would like all disciplines within our sport to participate and contribute in the debate about the continued use of firearms in our sport.

Please direct individual responses through clubs. If you suspect your club is not forwarding information, either to individuals, or engaging with club members, please direct that to your club committees.

#### **4) Correspondence.**

Correspondence for the Executive should be directed to the NZGTA@outlook.com address – not directly to Executive members.

The Executive is still receiving some correspondence that does not meet the standards that is considered acceptable. The Executive will not be responding to correspondence that does not meet accepted standards of respect.

Also, if members receive correspondence that has been shared without the permission of one or more parties to that correspondence, it is very probable that you are lacking context to the entire conversation. Please bear this in mind before joining that conversation.

#### **5) New Zealand Championship 2024.**

South Auckland Gundog Club will be hosting the Retriever, All Breeds and Spaniel events over Labour Weekend.

The ARGSP Club and The Pointer & Setter Club will be hosting the North Island and New Zealand Pointer & Setter events between the two clubs.

Many thanks to all three clubs for taking this on.

#### **6) Complaint taken to NZKC**

As mentioned in the previous information sent to clubs and members, we discussed that a complaint had been taken against the entire NZGTA Executive to NZKC.

As NZKC have now responded post their EC meeting, I can let you know that the review of the process NZGTA used in managing the original complaint (re SI Retriever Water Event – Oct 23) has been confirmed as being sound.

Following on there is now a request for an appeal/review of the decision made – so no further comments will be made.

#### **7) Minutes of the 2023 AGM**

These Minutes will be uploaded to the website – under secretaries' notices as soon as they are finalised.