



Western Province Bisley Association

Newsletter December 2007

We have reached the end of the 2007 shooting year with the successful completion of the Wine Shoot on Saturday 1st December.

We started shooting on time at 09h30 although there were some stragglers who arrive at the last minute making life difficult the Secretary, Corena, who has to take all the entries and get on to the firing point to be ready to shoot on time. Maybe the time has come to have a closing time for entries so that the secretary can finish up and get to the firing in a relaxed frame of mind for us to start shooting at 09h30.

We had 34 people enter which was a bit disappointing as no one leaves empty handed. Everyone gets at least two bottles of wine and there was a meal thrown in as well. Thanks to the two chefs Mike di Bona and Francois du Toit who provided a very tasty pot which everyone present enjoyed. Unfortunately there was a lot of food left over as we catered for a minimum of 50 people. Riaan's staff must have had a feast on Monday.

We shot 300, 500 and 600 metres with 7 shots to count at each distance. The conditions were what I would call challenging but not so difficult as to be impossible.

The top three scores in each category were as follows:

.303

Colin Twine	89.0
Corena de Beer	86.4
Bruce Mizen	80.3

The borrowing of rifles in the .303 class seems to be prevalent with the borrower very often beating the lender. Bruce borrowed Robert Ellis' rifle and beat him with it.

F Class

Conrad van Vuuren	95.6
Chris van Niekerk	94.9
Jabu du Plessis	80.3

B Class

Karel Schutte	95.3
Andries Muller	94.3
Gerhard Klonus	92.1

A Class

Cobus Conradie	101.9
Dave Niblett	100.9
Eddie Stigant	97.6

Well done all of you!

My thanks to everyone who helped organise the shoot and take the flags down afterwards. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

It is also pleasing to note that everyone is standing behind the 10 metre line before the command is given to advance and prepare at the start of each detail.

A reminder of the rules that have been changed. Target Rifles may now have a minimum trigger pull of 500grams, the minimum rifle weight has been increased to 7.5kg and rifles for all competitors must be loaded with the muzzle pointed at the stop butt. This last rule seems to be catching on rather slowly. It was introduced in the interest of safety and come the new year we will ask Range Officers to be on the lookout as we will enforce it strictly.

While thinking of the new year I would advise those of you who have to renew your licences by the end of March 2008 to start thinking about it. There is a lot to do and if you still have to do your training you could run out of time very quickly. So do not leave it until the last minute.

The first shoot of 2008 is on 19th January at Good Hope Rifle Range. This is the first leg of the Peninsula Rifle League Individual Championship as well as the Annual General Meeting of the Western Province Bisley Association. The match conditions 1 non convertible sighter, 2 convertible sighters and 7 shots to count at 300m. 500m and 600m each have 2 convertible sighters and 7 shots to count. Also by then you should have received notices for the 2008 SABU affiliation fees. Remember to pay Corena not SABU direct and she will give you your 2008 membership card. The fees for 2008 are R300-00 for everyone, as the limited member category has been done away with.

Some last minute bad news is I have just heard that Gideon Smit has had a heart bypass and is not doing too well. Our thoughts go out to him and we wish him a speedy and successful recovery.

I cannot think of anything else I should tell you all, I will most probably send this newsletter out and no sooner think of something I should have included.

I wish you a happy Christmas and may all your new year wishes come true.

Remember to write down your elevation settings and that two magpies shot immediately after one another will most probably breed.

Good Shooting

Syd Goslin.