

Newsletter
December 2008

Dear Members,

Here we are at the end of 2008 having successfully completed the year's shooting Program. We had a successful WP Bisley, which was won by the evergreen Eddie Stigant, Winelands held their Bisley, we completed the league championship, handed out the prizes and finished up the year with the annual wine shoot. My congratulations to all the winners. My thanks to all the organisers and my encouragement to all the participants. We need you all to keep the sport alive.

By now Christmas will be behind us, I sincerely hope that it was a happy one for all of you and your families. The New Year lies ahead and I wish you all a year filled with joy, happiness and success.

2009 promises to be a very busy year for us. We have a full shooting program ahead of us. In the first quarter of the year we have the Individual League Championship, the PRC Bisley, a shoot against visitors from Wales and Ireland, the SABU 80th Anniversary and SA Championships with at least one other shoot thrown in to make for a full 1st Quarter.

The second quarter, while not quite so busy, none the less has a full program. This will no doubt be a busy time for our F Class shooters who will be preparing for their visit to Bisley and the world F Class championships in July. It sees us start the 2009 league team Championship, has the Stellenbosch Bisley and the League pairs shoot. For those interested the, Kathu Bisley is also held in this quarter.

The third quarter has the E.P. Bisley in July, as well as the Imperial Meeting at Bisley. The CLI Bisley takes place in this quarter, the League Team championship continues, the Annual WP vs EP match takes place in Oudtshoorn at the end of August and the Louis le Grange takes place at the end of September. This quarter is an especially busy one for those Black Powder shooters who are going to shoot in the World Championships in Camp Butner in North Carolina in the USA.

The fourth quarter opens with the WP Bisley, and the Winelands Bisley is held in November, during which the Team League also reaches completion. The year ends with the Wine Shoot in December. While all these events fill the program, we also have the First Saturday of the month events and our 303 shooter have their normal monthly shoot on the last Saturday of the month. Those folk who also shoot Black Powder have regular shoots on the second Saturday of the month.

I am sure you will agree that this is a very full program indeed.

Turning attention to the SABU 80th Anniversary and SA Open Championships, I feel it is appropriate to give some background to these events.

The 80th anniversary matches commemorate the 80th anniversary of the first SA Open Championships held in Cape Town in August 1929, organised by the then newly

formed South African National Rifle Association (SANRA). SANRA's name was changed to the South African Bisley Union in April 2000, but is essentially still the same organisation. No less than seven of the matches which featured in the 1929 Championship still feature in the current SA Open Championship, having been a part of the championship since the beginning.

This will be a special event with overseas teams from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands and the USA. There is also a county team from Devon, a club team from Old Guildfordians and a handful of individual visitors from Australia, a truly international event.

The 80th Anniversary matches consist of an Individual Championship and a Team Championship, both shot over two days. The Team Championship is a multi-faceted event catering for full international teams, international invitation teams and provincial teams, which should prove to be very interesting indeed. These are shot on Thursday and Friday, 26th and 27th March respectively. The SA Open then commences on Saturday, 28th March and continues through to the following Saturday, 4th April. In order to shoot the entire program including the team shoots that take place during the SA Open Championships one will need 560 rounds of ammunition.

It is pleasing to note that there is an entry of over 430 shooters for these events and that for the first time in a number of years WP should be able to field a team in the inter-provincial events, which can give a good account of itself. The 1st quarter program certainly has enough shooting to provide for adequate preparation. My appeal to everyone who is going to the 80th Anniversary and SA Open is to make the most of the shooting in the 1st quarter so that you are in the best state of preparedness that you can be.

You will notice that there are some shoots on the program designated as Cape of Good Hope pool shoots. These are all on the 1st Saturday of the month when there are no other major shoots scheduled. These will be proper shoots, which will have the normal status as far as counting towards dedicated sportsman status. We will try to keep the cost down by doing our own marking. We will also take all or part of the entry fees (after deducting the range fees), place them in a pool from which we will pay the top performers. The success of this plan depends on the number of entrants. If we get sufficient numbers in support of these shoots we will introduce a handicap system where everyone stands an equal chance of winning. We have introduced these shoots in response to the call for more shooting, so please, take advantage of what is on offer.

A copy of the 2009 program follows:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DISTANCE</u>	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
17/01	League Individual 1 (AGM)	300,500,600m	7,7,7	GOOD HOPE	09h00
24/01	RANGE CLOSED				
31/01	303 Club Shoot				
7/02	Cape of Good Hope Pool Shoot	300,600m	10,11	GOOD HOPE	09h00
14/02	Black Powder			GOODHOPE	09h00

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21/02	League Individual 2	300,500,600m	10,10,10	GOOD HOPE	09h00
28/02	303 Club Away Shoot				
7/03	PRC Bisley			GOOD HOPE	09h00
14/03	Wales/Ireland			GOODHOPE	09h00
21/03	League Individual 3	800,900m	10,11	GOOD HOPE	09h00
26-27/03	SABU 80th Anniversary Matches			BLOEMFONTEIN	09h00
28/3	303 Club Shoot			GOOD HOPE	08h30
28/3-4/4	SA Open Championships			BLOEMFONTEIN	
11/04	EASTER WEEKEND - RANGE CLOSED				
18/04	PRC AGM	300m	15	GOODHOPE	
25/04	303 Club Shoot			GOOD HOPE	
2/05	Stellenbosch Bisley			GOOD HOPE	
9/05	Black Powder				
16/05	League Teams	300,500,600m	7,7,7	GOOD HOPE	11h00
23/05	RANGE CLOSED				
30/05	303 Club Shoot			GOOD HOPE	
6/06	Cape of Good Hope Pool Shoot	800,900m	10,11	GOOD HOPE	09h00
13/06	Black Powder				
20/06	League Pairs	300,600m	10,11	GOOD HOPE	11h00
27/06	303 Club Shoot			GOOD HOPE	
4/07	C of G.H. G Bramley Memorial	300,600m	10,11	GOOD HOPE	09h00
11/07	Black Powder				
18/07	E.P. Bisley			P.E.	
18/07	League spoon	300,600m	10,11	GOOD HOPE	11h00
25/07	303 Club Shoot			GOOD HOPE	
01/08	Cape of Good Hope Pool Shoot	800,900m	10,11		09h00
08/08	Black Powder				
15/08	League Teams	300,600m	10,11	GOOD HOPE	11h00
22/08	RANGE CLOSED				
29/08	303 Club Shoot			GOOD HOPE	
29/08	Oudtshoorn			OUTDSHOORN	
5/09	CLI Bisley				
12/09	Black Powder			GOOD HOPE	
19/09	League Teams	800,900m	10,11	GOOD HOPE	09h00
24/09	Council Meeting				
24-26/09	Louis Le Grange				
26/09	303 Club Shoot			GOOD HOPE	
01-03/10	WP Bisley			GOOD HOPE	08h30
10/10	Black Powder				
17/10	League Teams	300,500,600m	7,7,7	GOOD HOPE	09h00
24/10	RANGE CLOSED				
31/10	303 Club Shoot				
7/11	Winelands Bisley			GOOD HOPE	
14/11	Black Powder				
21/11	League Teams & Prizegiving	800,900m	10,11	GOOD HOPE	09h00
28/11	303 Club Shoot				
5/12	Wineshoot	300,500,700m	7.7.7	GOOD HOPE	09h00

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Please take note that after the 1st League Shoot on 17th January the Western Province Bisley Association AGM takes place. Each club is represented by two members on the committee. The secretary must be advised of the names of the representatives prior to the start of the meeting. In addition the F Class and 303 disciplines also each have one representative on the committee and similarly their names must be handed to the secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.

I have included a schedule, which has the full league results since 2000 and is up to date up to and including 2008. I trust that those of you to whom records and results are important and meaningful find this interesting.

Peninsula Rifle League - Individual Championship

1st Stage Target Rifle - Open

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	J. Immelmann	100.14
2001	M. Peens	102.13
2002	E. Stigant	103.13
2003	E. Stigant	104.7
2004	E. Stigant	103.9
2005	P. van Rensburg	101.9
2006	W. Fölscher	104.12
2007	J. Ahrens	103.10
2008	G. Willemse	102.9

1st Stage Target Rifle - B Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	J.A. Muller	92.4
2001	J. Bruwer	99.8
2002	J. Bruwer	98.5
2003	R. van Romburgh	101.5
2004	Joppie le Roux	95.4
2005	F. Delpont	93.4
2006	Joppie le Roux	100.8
2007	Joppie le Roux	102.7
2008	M. Cronjé	99.5

1st Stage Target Rifle – 143 grn Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	R. van Romburgh	95.8

1st Stage - F Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	W. Brits	102.15
2001	G. Smit	101.11
2002	J. Hemmes	105.13
2003	W. Brits	105.17
2004	F. Snyman	105.17
2005	F.C. van Niekerk	105.16
2006	F.C. van Niekerk	105.17
2007	F. Snyman	105.15
2008	F. Snyman	101.7

1st Stage – 303

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2003	J. Moore	85.2
2004	J. Moore	91.3
2005	D. Carver	92.1
2006	J. Moore	85.0
2007	J. Moore	94.3
2008	Corena de Beer	92.2

2nd Stage Target Rifle - Open

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	S. de Vries	148.18
2001	M.P.J. Peens	146.20
2002	W. van Rooyen	145.16
2003	W. Fölscher	147.10
2004	G. Willemse	147.11
2005	P. van Rensburg	142.8
2006	S. Young	148.18
2007	J. Ahrens	144.13
2008	G. van Zyl	146.8

2nd Stage Target Rifle - B Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	E. Bruwer	145.12
2001	J. Bruwer	136.6
2002	J. Bruwer	143.8
2003	Joppie le Roux	143.9
2004	Joppie le Roux	140.13
2005	J. de Beer	132.9
2006	Joppie le Roux	142.12
2007	Joppie le Roux	143.9
2008	K. Schutte	142.7

2nd Stage Target Rifle – 143 grn Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	R. van Romburgh	140.11

2nd Stage - F Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	F.C. van Niekerk	150.26
2001	W. Rust	147.21
2002	F.C. van Niekerk	150.16
2003	W. Brits	150.22
2004	F. Snyman	150.20
2005	F. C. van Niekerk	150.27
2006	C. Taljaard	150.21
2007	P. Joubert	150.25
2008	W. Brits	143.7

2nd Stage - 303

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2002	R. Ellis	110.2
2003	B. Mizen	122.4
2004	D. Carver	116.2

2005	D. Carver	115.3
2006	J. Moore	131.6
2007	J. Moore	130.5
2008	J. Moore	131.5

3rd Stage Target Rifle - Open

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	W. van Rooyen	199.9
2001	E. Stigant	93.9
2002	P. van Rensburg	100.7
2003	W. van Rooyen	102.11
2004	E. Stigant	98.8
2005	E. Stigant	99.7
2006	W. Fölscher	101.10
2007	E. Stigant	101.4
2008	G. van Zyl	93.4

3rd Stage Target Rifle - B Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	J.A. Muller	196.7
2001	E. Bruwer	88.1
2002	J. Bruwer	101.4
2003	R. van Romburgh	97.6
2004	J. A. Muller	93.1
2005	J. de Beer	91.2
2006	Joppie le Roux	99.6
2007	Joppie le Roux	94.0
2008	J. de Beer	87.4

3rd Stage Target Rifle - 143grn Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	J. Austen	186.5

3rd Stage F Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	W. Brits	199.10
2001	P. Joubert	102.7
2002	F.C. van Niekerk	104.13
2003	C. Taljaard	105.14
2004	F.C. van Niekerk	103.9
2005	T. Stegmann	105.17
2006	J. van Tonder	105.16
2007	F. Snyman	96.8
2008	F. Snyman	92.5

3rd Stage - 303

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2003	D. Carver	80.0
2004	J. de Beer	79.2
2005	D. Carver	78.2
2006	J. de Beer	94.6
2007	D. Brits	82.1
2008	Corena de Beer	80.0

Championship - Target Rifle - Open

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	J. Bremner	442.36
2001	E. Stigant	332.37
2002	P. van Rensburg	344.22
2003	G. Willemse	347.25
2004	E. Stigant	343.29
2005	C. Conradie	340.24
2006	W. Fölscher	349.32
2007	E. Stigant	344.22
2008	G. Van Zyl	341.16

Championship - Target Rifle - B Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	J.A. Muller	424.20
2001	I. Theron	299.14
2002	J. Bruwer	344.22
2003	R. van Romburgh	333.17
2004	Joppie le Roux	324.19
2005	J. de Beer	314.13
2006	Joppie le Roux	341.26
2007	Joppie le Roux	339.16
2008	J. de Beer	313.12

Championship - Target Rifle - 143 grn Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	R. van Romburgh	408.21

Championship - F Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	W. Brits	450.51
2001	W. Rust	344.38
2002	F.C. van Niekerk	357.34
2003	W. Brits	358.50
2004	F. Snyman	357.46
2005	F. C. van Niekerk	360.56
2006	T. Stegmann	358.59
2007	C. Taljaard	350.48
2008	F. Snyman	335.21

Championship - 303

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2002	R. Ellis	110.2
2003	D. Carver	278.1
2004	J. de Beer	271.6
2005	D. Carver	285.6
2006	J. Moore	303.7
2007	J. Moore	266.8
2008	Corena de Beer	278.3

Pairs - Target Rifle

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Total</u>
2002	G. Willemse	102.7	
	R. van Romburgh	98.4	200.11

2003	J. de Breuyn S. Cronje	101.7 94.5	195.12
2004	Joppie le Roux J.A. Muller	50.6 48.3	98.9
2005	C. Conradie M. Cronjé	103.8 104.13	207.21
2006	J. Bruwer M.Cronje	101.10 101.5	202.15
2007	E.Stigant Joppie le Roux	103.8 99.6	202.14
2008	J.P.S. Botha K. Schutte	103.6 102.8	205.14

Pairs - F Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Total</u>
2002	D. Kirsch G Smit	94.4 104.6	198.10
2003	W. Rust G.Smit	104.12 104.13	208.25
2004	Cherryll van Niekerk Chris van Niekerk	50.9 50.9	100.18
2005	C. Taljaard J. du Plessis	105.20 105.16	210.36
2006	B. Reece Edwards W. Brits	105.16 105.11	210.27
2007	J. Els F. Snyman	95.5 102.9	197.14
2008	J. Els F. Snyman	105.13 104.10	209.23

Pairs - 303

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Total</u>
2003	J. de Beer C. de Beer	86.0 77.1	163.1
2004	J. de Beer C. de Beer	87.7 85.3	172.4
2005	No Match		
2006	B. Mizen D. Carver	81.1 80.3	161.4
2007	D.Carver R.Ellis	72.0 81.1	153.1

2008	S. Barkhuysen	89.5	
	D. Brits	86.2	175.7

Spoon Shoot - A Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	
2002	R. Linton-Walls	102.5	
2003	No Match		
2004	G. Willemse	104.8	
2005	W. van Rooyen	103.9	
2006	G. Willemse	100.5	
2007	G. Willemse	105.10	
2008	G. Willemse	104.11	

B Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	
2002	J. Austin	97.5	
2003	No Match		
2004	C. Conradie	100.11	
2005	C. Conradie	100.7	
2006	Joppie le Roux	98.2	
2007	K. Schutte	101.8	
2008	Joppie le Roux	102.12	

F Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	
2004	P. Raad	105.19	
2005	W. Brits	105.14	
2006	Doeks van Niekerk	102.9	
2007	J. Els	103.5	
2008	F. Snyman	105.14	

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>	
2004	J. Moore	94.3	
2005	D. Carver	80.1	
2006	S. Barkhuysen	87.2	
2007	J. di Bona	88.1	
2008	I. Noble-Jack	82.0	

Teams

Target Rifle A Section

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>
2000	Winelands Bisley Club
2001	Winelands Bisley Club
2002	Winelands Bisley Club
2003	Winelands Bisley Club
2004	Peninsula Rifle Club
2005	Peninsula Rifle Club
2006	Peninsula Rifle Club
2007	Peninsula Rifle Club
2008	Peninsula Rifle Club

Target Rifle B Section

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>
2000	Winelands Bisley Club
2001	Peninsula Rifle Club
2002	Peninsula Rifle Club
2003	Stellenbosch Bisley Club
2004	Peninsula Rifle Club
2005	Peninsula Rifle Club
2006	Peninsula Rifle Club
2007	Stellenbosch Bisley Club
2008	Peninsula Rifle Club

Target Rifle C Section

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>
2000	Peninsula Rifle Club
2001	Winelands Bisley Club

Target Rifle Veterans

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>
2000	Peninsula Rifle Club
2001	Peninsula Rifle Club
2002	Worcester
2003	Peninsula Rifle Club
2004	Peninsula Rifle Club
2005	Peninsula Rifle Club
2006	Peninsula Rifle Club
2007	Stellenbosch Bisley Club
2008	Peninsula Rifle Club

F Class

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>
2001	Winelands Bisley Club
2002	Peninsula Rifle Club
2003	Winelands Bisley Club
2004	Peninsula Rifle Club
2005	Peninsula Rifle Club
2006	Peninsula Rifle Club
2007	Winelands Bisley Club
2008	Peninsula Rifle Club

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>
2003	Peninsula Rifle Club
2004	Peninsula Rifle Club
2005	Peninsula Rifle Club
2006	Peninsula Rifle Club
2007	Peninsula Rifle Club
2008	CLI 303 Club

Ted Stigant Trophy (Target Rifle)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2000	W. van Rooyen	514
2001	Maryna Peens	519
2002	S. Young	510

2003	S. Young	511
2004	E. Stigant	513
2005	C. Conradie	512
2006	S. Young	511
2007	G. Willemse	517
2008	G. Willemse	516

W. Rust Trophy (F Class)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2005	P. Blom	525
2006	F.C. van Niekerk	523
2007	F.C. van Niekerk	518
2008	F. Snyman	515

A.H. Carver Cup (303)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Score</u>
2004	J. de Beer	445
2005	D. Carver	416
2006	S. Barkhuysen	414
2007	S. Barkhuysen	427
2008	J. Moore	424

What is interesting is that whilst we in the Western Province still have a fairly large number of people who participate in the sport, certainly when compared to some other provinces, when one looks carefully through the results it is quite apparent that we have lost a fair number of people who were considered to be stalwarts. While in a fair number of the losses there is nothing that can be done, I am sure however that some of the other losses could have been avoided and the people could be still be shooting. I think that there is such a small group of us that we must stand together, avoid conflict and work together for the greater good of the sport. I respectfully suggest that we invite the people who are on the verge of giving up (or have given up – for whatever reason) to come back and shoot. The late George Bramley always said that each of us should maintain our dignity and enthusiasm for the good of the sport, I think that the need for this is greater now than ever it has been in the past.

I have covered a lot of ground and at the risk of boring you all I will share the dream I have had for a long time. My dream is to see everyone in the Western Province working towards having a province that is strong in numbers and strong in performance. I dream of the day when Western Province wins the Inter-provincial Grand Challenge Shield Match. I have not given up the dream and I really believe we can do it if we all work together.

An American author by the name of Robert Strauss said, "Success is like wrestling a gorilla, you do not quit when you are tired - you quit when the gorilla is tired".

A very happy and successful 2009 to you all!

See you on the range,

Syd