



Newsletter

June 2008

It has been about 2 months since the last newsletter went out in April and quite a lot has happened in the interim.

The team league got off to a successful start on 17th May with a total of 9 teams taking part. It is great to see all the disciplines and all the clubs out on the range and taking part.

In the TR A section PRC lost narrowly to Winelands after leading until virtually the last three or four shots. It just goes to show "it is not over until the last shot is marked". The scores were Winelands 608.48 and PRC 606.46. The TR B Section was equally closely contested with PRC narrowly pipping Stellenbosch by 496.37 to 493.25.

In the F Class the winners were Winelands with 406.38, followed by Stellenbosch with 400.31 and PRC bringing up the rear with 398.29.

In the 303 class the CLI 303 Club took first place with 322.8 and PRC was second with 297.10.

The Veterans match which is a concurrent affair with the scores from the main matches counting was also a very close run thing. Stellenbosch won with 397.19 against PRC's 396.12.

Gerhard Klonus and W.Knoetze shot in the make up Spes Bona team and totalled 179.8 between the two of them.

This was very encouraging start to the league with some excellent scores being recorded. If we continue in such a positive vein this could be one of the most successful team league seasons in recent years. Everyone should note that the league is the third Saturday of the month and runs through until November. There is a spoon shoot in July with the team shooting picking up in earnest again in August. Team shooting is both interesting and exciting, so mark your calendars and support your clubs by being there.

In June the winter really set in with our two shoots both being threatened by rain. However after Friday night scares with heavy rain we were able to shoot on both occasions. The Good Hope Bisley on 7th June had 14 people attend including Dirk Crafford who came down from Oudtshoorn and Petrus van Rensburg from Worcester. Since we had cancelled the markers on the Friday evening due to the weather we decided that we would only shoot 800m and 900m. So we marked for ourselves and got on with things. The shoot proved to be quite challenging as we had a strong South Easter (in winter of all things). The scores for the day were as follows.

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Name	Discipline	Score
Eddie Stigant	TR	97.2
Jannie Wentzel	TR	95.4
Petrus van Rensburg	TR	92.4
Karel Schutte	TR	88.5
Dave Niblett	TR	86.4
Dirk Crafford	TR	82.1
Colin Edge	TR	80.3
Ian Potgieter	F	135.2
Jannie Els	F	133.6
Werner Brits	F	130.6
Cherryll van Niekerk	F	128.5
Gert Coetzee	F	127.6
Frans Snyman	F	127.6
Ian Noble-Jack	303	66.0

Colin Edge was out with his newly acquired 7.62mm Target Rifle and was quite chuffed with his performance. I heard him said that he did not know shooting a target Rifle was so easy. If this true I hope that he continues to believe this and goes from strength to strength.

The 21st June saw us shoot the League Pairs match. This was also a difficult shoot to arrange due to the weather. There had been persistent rain for virtually the entire week leading up to the shoot and we were in two minds as to what to do. Any way after speaking to Gary late on Friday evening we decided to leave the markers in place and take what ever the weather threw at us the next day. It turned out to be a good decision as it was a very good shooting day with conditions that were at times tricky but none the less conducive to good scores.

We had two 105's shot and a new record established. Gary Willemse and Jannie Els both shot possibles and I believe that Jannie Els' 50.10 at 300m is the first time ever that this has been achieved the new F Class target in South Africa. Congratulations to both of them.

The full results of the pairs shoot are as follows.

Name	Class	300m	600m	Total	Pairs Total
Vissy Botha	TR	49.4	54.2	103.6	
Karel Schutte	TR	48.3	54.5	102.8	205.14
Jason Di Bona	TR	44.2	54.4	98.6	
Gary Willemse	TR	50.5	55.5	105.10	203.16
Fanie Cronjé	TR	45.2	52.1	97.3	
Meinhardt Cronjé	TR	49.3	53.4	102.7	199.10
Colin Edge	TR	46.2	48.2	94.4	
Eddie Stigant	TR	48.6	50.3	98.6	192.13
Syd Goslin	TR	48.4	52.2	100.6	
Graeme Leon	TR	46.1	46.0	92.1	192.7

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Richard van Romburg	TR	49.6	52.3	101.9	101.9
Frans Snyman	F	50.7	54.3	104.10	
Jannie Els	F	50.10	55.3	105.13	209.23
Carel Taljaard	F	47.4	52.1	99.5	
Pierre Joubert	F	48.5	54.7	102.12	201.17
Werner Brits	F	48.5	54.5	102.10	
Peter Goldman	F	48.1	49.2	97.3	199.13
Doeks van Niekerk	F	46.4	48.1	94.5	
Norman Esplin	F	48.8	54.5	102.13	196.18
Sebastian Barkhuysen	303	45.3	44.2	89.5	
Daan Brits	303	42.1	44.1	86.2	175.7
Robert Ellis	303	41.0	45.3	86.3	
Darryl Carver	303	41.1	46.1	87.2	173.5
Ian Noble-Jack	303	41.3	39.0	80.3	
Mike Di Bona	303	44.2	48.1	92.3	172.6

This was a great turn out taking the weather into account. While it was perfectly understandable for people to stay away due to the weather one never knows what the actual day will be like and a lot of folk actually missed out on a very good shooting day.

There are a number of shoots coming up in July. On the 5th we will have the George Bramley Memorial shoot. On the 19th we have the league spoon shoot.

On 23rd to 26th we have the Eastern Province Bisley in Port Elizabeth.

Corena has already sent out a notice in respect of the George Bramley Memorial shoot. In this notice she refers to 155 grain PMP bullets for Target Rifle. The price (R2000 per thousand) has increased since the last lot of bullets and is due to increase on 1st July by a further 11%. Due to this we decided to buy more bullets than were ordered for which the Association has had to lay out a substantial amount of money. I therefore appeal to all TR members to buy their bullets sooner rather than later so that we can recover our money as soon as possible.

A notice reminding everyone of the League Spoon Shoot will go out just before the shoot.

A reminder to everyone; the third Saturday of each month is a league shoot whether it be individual, pairs or teams and these scores all count towards the Ted Stigant, AH Carver and Waldo Rust Trophies. The difference as to who wins or loses is very often the shoots in June and July which a lot of people seem to overlook.

Drug Free Sport.

Drug free sport has not gone away as some people may think. The SA Institute for Drug Free Sport is a government body put in place by an act of parliament. There are

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also regulations governing the use of drugs (prescribed and otherwise) also defined by act of parliament. We unfortunately are subject to these laws and must conform.

Therefore if you are on medication please refer to the SA Institute for Drug Free Sport website or their booklet (the secretary or myself or Eddie Stigant normally have one the range) to establish whether the medication being taken is a prohibited substance or not. If any of the medication is prohibited you must apply for Therapeutic Use Exemption also referred to as a TUE. The application must go to the SABU office which will record the fact that you have applied for exemption and then pass the application on to the SA Institute for drug free sport for consideration.

There are certain events such as provincial and national championships which SABU is compelled to advise the Institute of and they in turn may test competitors without warning at any of these events. They can in fact test competitors at any event including club and league shoots, the only thing stopping or keeping them away is that they do not have our full yearly program and consequently are unaware of these events.

If one is tested and is found to positively have a prohibited substance in one's system and one has not applied for a TUE or one's TUE has not been granted one will face draconian penalties which could include being banned for up to two years.

When applying for a TUE one must apply on the official SA Institute for Drug Free Sport application form which is available on their website.

The SA Institute for Drug Free Sport website is www.drugfreesport.org.za

I know that this all of the foregoing sounds terrible and it is so, however please take the situation seriously and comply with the requirements as stated above.

Having got that behind me I feel that our shooting is progressing positively and I can assure all members that the committee will do everything in its power to keep all of our members shooting.

AND REMEMBER the biggest challenge is to get the wind and what is your sight synchronised.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said:

"If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it; Every arrow that flies feels the attraction of earth."

Good Shooting

See you on the range.

Syd.

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