

Newsletter **March 2008**

“In Cape Town the South Easter Always blows in March”

The 15th March saw us shoot the third and final stage of the 2008 Individual League Championship and the wind did not disappoint us. We shot the 800 and 900m leg in what the weather forecast said was a 50 kph gale which results in one shooting scores which at best can be described as character building.

However in spite of the weather we still had a very good turn out with 46 people attending. This is very encouraging and augurs well for the future if we continue to have this sort of attendance at league shoots.

The results of the league are as follows.

3rd Stage (10 plus 11 counting shots at 800 & 900m respectively)

Target Rifle

Open

Gert van Zyl	93.4
Eddie Stigant	90.3
Johnnie Ahrens	85.1

B Class

Johan de Beer	87.4
Karel Schutte	82.4
Monica van Niekerk	79.2

F Class

Frans Snyman	92.5
Chris van Niekerk	88.2
Carel Taljaard	86.2

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Corena de Beer	80.0
Robert Ellis	54.0

Although in most instances the leaders going into the third stage emerged with the top scores, a critical look at the scores achieved gives an indication of the effect of the weather.

League Individual Championship

Target Rifle

Open

Gert van Zyl	341.16
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Eddie Stigant	331.20
Johnnie Ahrens	327.22

B Class

Johan de Beer	313.12
Karel Schutte	312.18
Monica van Niekerk	312.10

F Class

Frans Snyman	335.21
Carel Taljaard	324.20
Chris van Niekerk	318.18

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Corena de Beer	278.3
Robert Ellis	234.4
John Moore	213.8

It has been a long wait since the February Newsletter as a lot has taken place in the intervening time.

Firstly on Saturday 1st March we had the Peninsula Rifle Club Bisley, an enjoyable all day event where we shot 300, 600, 800 and 900 metres. The weather was a typical fine early March day with some wind but not too difficult. 46 people turned out and we shot through all the distances without a break, which works quite well allowing us to get through the day with a minimum of delays.

The winners of the day were.

TR Open

Billy van Rooyen with 187.10

TR B Class

Karel Schutte with 179.8

F Class

Chris van Niekerk with 182.13

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Jason Di Bona with 172.5

Congratulations to all who did well on the day.

Secondly we had the Individual League Final on 15th March covered in detail above. The next weekend was Easter with no shooting.

Thirdly and finally we had the SA Open Bisley Championships which took place in Bloemfontein from 29th March to 5th April. I must say that with all the shooting and preparation March seems to have flown by and here we are back at home wondering about what comes next.



The province was represented in all disciplines with a number of people performing well and achieving some significant successes. Firstly we have two South African Champions and a South African Captain from the Western Province. Corena de Beer won the .303 SA Championship, Frans Snyman won the F Class International South African Championship and Jannie Els was selected as Captain of the South African F Class Team going to the F Class World Championships at Bisley in 2009. Congratulations and well done all of you.

Lex Visser and Johnnie Ahrens were both selected for the President's Team.

Eddie Stigant, Dave Niblett and Dirk Crafford were selected for the SA Veterans team.

Vissy Botha was selected for the Honoris Team for the first time, well done Vissy. Other WP members in the team were Syd Goslin and Chris van Zyl.

The CLI .303 Club won the SA Club championship and WP won the .303 Interprovincial match.

Our F Class team was not to be outdone winning the F Class Inter Provincial Match. While our Target Rifle team did not win the Inter Provincial B match they none the less did well in coming second to a Northern Gauteng B team which had a fair sprinkling of international shooters. I think WP members performed well, my congratulations to you all. I am proud of you.

The conditions in Bloemfontein were generally good as was the weather with the exception of the State Presidents 3rd Stage when rain stopped play for about twenty minutes. I think it is safe to say that the meeting was enjoyable and I hope that we can attract more WP members to go to SA Open in the future.

We now have to think about what is next on the calendar and I must admit that with all the shooting over the past month I have not given much thought to coming events. We had planned to hold a fund raising event on 19th April but, wisely I think, decided to do shelve the idea for the time being. Instead we will hold a knockout shoot on Saturday 19th April to be shot at 300, 500 and 600m with 7 shots to count at each distance. Please come and join us as, although people are knocked out each distance everybody shoots their full quota. This shoot is something different and is fun.

Hope to see you on the range on Saturday 19th April.

Good shooting to you all

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15th April 2008.

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