



# CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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## Newsletter April 2011

It is not often that we are blessed with such a perfect day for shooting. It must rank as the best yet and the scores prove it. With almost zero conditions it was entirely up to the one pulling the trigger, there was nothing to place the blame on for bad shots. Two weeks before this event we were on the brink of cancelling due to the number of long weekends but our fears were unfounded as we still had 41 dedicated souls turn up.

The event was opened with a prayer by John Duckitt at rather short notice, thank you John. We started the shoot pretty close to 09h00 which I still find amazing as squadding has to be done, flags put up and targets fetched and put up. Somehow the members just all climb in and it gets done. Well done to all.

The results of this event are as follows;

X-CLASS			B-CLASS		
1	Jason Di Bona	71.8	1	Humphreys Colyn	64.1
2	Bas Barkhuysen	70.9	2	Paul Clayton	59.2
3	John Austin	70.7	3	Jeff Panos	59.0
4	Jan Frederick van Niekerk	69.5	4	Joe Koen	58.1
5	Mike Di Bona	65.5	5	Stratis Voyatjes	57.1
6	Michael Beardwood	65.2	6	Johan Dippenaar	56.1
A-CLASS			J CLASS		
1	Ian Noble-Jack	67.1	1	Liam Beardwood	47.0
2	Mike Short	63.4	2	Charl du Toit	43.0
3	François du Toit	63.2	VETERANS		
4	Sakkie Stoffberg	63.1	1	John Austin	70.7
5	Cedric Claus	61.2	2	Ian Noble-Jack	67.1
6	Rafael Arellano	61.2	3	Humphreys Colyn	64.1

I must say that I am finding the 15 counting shots quite taxing. My eye seems to go to sleep after about 12 shots and it really becomes a battle to see the target. But then I am thankfully not alone as it appears to make some people's brains not function as well. Someone called for a target to be marked. After a thorough check in the butts, the target reappears clean. Much wailing goes on, and then he decides to challenge the marked target. Clean again. Then he checks his number of shots fired from his scorekeeper, the butts and he counts his doppies. Guess what? He had not even fired a shot when he called for a mark. I will take money to reveal his name.

In the X class there were some excellent scores. Jason won with a crazy 71.8, followed by Bas with 70.9 (that's 9 Vee bulls) and John Austin on 70.7. That's more V's than some of us manage in 3 shoots! They were followed by Jan Frederick, Mike and Michael Beardwood.



In the A Class Ian managed the top score of 67.1, followed by Mike Short 63.4 and Francois (again on the list) with 63.2. Next on the list were Sakkie, Cedric and Rafael. Well done guys. I still can't figure how Ian only managed 1 V on that target as the V is only about 20mm radius less than the 5.

Top man in the B Class was Humphrey with 64.1. Followed by Paul Clayton with 59.2 and Jeff Panos with 59. Also making the B Class list was Joe, Stratis and Dippie. Well done guys.

The Veteran Class was soundly won by John Austin, followed by Ian and Humphrey.

The J Class had two competitors this time round and it was won by Liam Beardwood with a respectable 47.0. Not that far behind was Charl with 43.0. That is very good going guys, keep it up.

The cooks had it easy this time, not that it is easy to braai for 44 people but in the sense that Geraldine supplied the braai packs. The meat was again expertly prepared by François, Riaan and Cedric and served with a salad and roll. Thanks guys. There seems to be an improvement since someone was removed from the cooking duty.

We must also thank those that did the range and butts duties. In the butts were Arnold, Michael Beardwood, Bas and me. And at the firing point was Mike, Bas, Jason and Cedric. Thanks guys without your help it would not have happened. Thanks also to those that helped with the stats after the shoot, it does make life easier.

The rules and constitution are still being worked on and it is now probably your last chance to have a say before it is put before the club to vote on. It is probably not going to change much but it needs a clean-up and some of the rules need to be clarified a bit better.

We are now getting into the longer distances now as this month we move back to 600m. The bad news is that it is the same target we used last month, just a little bit further away. This distance is actually quite a difficult one and bound to break a few spirits, but be not afraid we are all in the same boat.

The WPBA team league starts on the 16 May and is open to all members who wish to improve their skill before the WP Bisley in October 2011, you are welcome to attend. This year we hope to have a huge group of 303 entrants staying on the range. The veraaiers can shoot 7.62 and black powder, buy they will of course be welcome to stay with us in the infamous tent.

Our next event is;

**Date; 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**Time; 08h00**

**Venue; Good Hope Range**

**Distance; 600m**

**Ammo; 5 x sighters (3 convertible) +15 to count**

Keep Safe

Darryl



## From the Chairman's desk

Many, many thanks to Darryl for presenting us with another of his humorous newsletters. I did ask him at very short notice if he would be able to write one this month and without hesitation he acknowledged he would.

The contents of his newsletter and some of the remarks just cannot go unchallenged though! His following statement "*There seems to be an improvement since someone was removed from the cooking duty*" seems to indicate that there was a trouble maker who gave the cooks a hard time! I wonder who he is referring to? It cannot be me, so we will have to devise a way of getting him to talk!

I also would like to thank all those shooters who had a hand in getting the Constitution and Rules to where they are today. We really appreciate their hard and dedicated work. Thanks to all of you! Some members have voiced their opinions on a few aspects of the Rules, but without putting this on paper we will not consider it when doing the amendments. As Darryl said, this is your last chance to voice your opinion, so please put it on paper and send it to me.

The away shoot has been settled for the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011. I have asked Schalk to help organise this event as I am just too busy at the moment to do this. I am sure he will be asking a few people to help him. If you would like to contribute to this fantastic event, please contact Schalk and advise him. I am sure that he will let us all know the progress being made.

Other than that, I feel Darryl has covered all the corners.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the range on the 28<sup>th</sup> for our 600Mtr event.

Till then, keep those eyes in and those barrels clean!

Mike

## From the secretary's desk

### BIRTHDAYS :

Happy birthday to the following members who celebrate their birthdays during May.

3 May	Pieter Marais
10	Jason Di Bona
16	Stratis Voyatjes
27	Chris Williams
30	Conny Arellano

We wish you a year filled with the richest blessings.



## **MEMBERSHIP** ;

Officially we now have 84 fully paid up members.

I do not have renewal forms for the following members :

Riaan Coetzee, Chris de Hart; Syd Goslin; Joe Koen; Julian van der Westhuizen; Gavin Wright.  
Could you please let me have them ASAP.

Thank you to everyone for your co-operation with regards to completing the score cards in full. It really helps when I log your scores. Talking about scores, our latest summary of scores up to the end of April 2011 has been forwarded to SABU for their cognisance

## **DEDICATED SPORTS SHOOTER CLASSIFICATION** :

We often get requests from members who would like to acquire the dedicated sports shooter classification from SABU.

Here are the requirements :

- Proficiency Certificate complying to Unit Standards for Use of a Rifle (NOT ONLY Knowledge of the Firearms Act !)
- Letter from club to confirm paid up status for current year
- Scores / Proof of attendance for past 12 months (you need 6 points to apply) on club letterhead and signed by committee member
- Copy of Identity Document
- Copy of a valid firearm licence
- Competency certificate (if available)
- Bona fide sportsman certificate under previous Act (if available)

Once you have all the documents ready, you can forward them to me or Dr Corena De Beer.

## **QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:**

*Die oorwinning lê nie daarin dat 'n mens nooit mag struikêl nie, maar wel daarin dat jy sal opstaan elke keer as jy gestruikêl het. Anoniem*

Till next time – keep well!

Schalk Hattingh : Secretary

Schalk



*Some pictures from the April shoot*



*Jason helping out Johan.*



*Stratis getting ready to shoot, with Mike watching.*



*Looks like Jason has competition off the range!*



*Bas all smiles after his fantastic shoot!*



*Michael keeping a watchful eye over Liaam.*



*What a magnificent shooting range!!*

That's all from us folks!!!!

Mike

