



# CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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## 700m August 2011

It was a few days early for Spring, but it is certainly upon us with the range covered with the first white flowers and the sun shining brightly. There was still a bit of winter chill in the air and the little breeze that played with the flags in the first detail became a snorting 12 min for the last detail. Oh my, what a day! I somehow in my excitement at managing a good score despite the wind, forgot to count and ended up shooting one too many and losing a V bull. It probably will not be the last time either.

The longer distances are always a bit difficult to get going, as many need help just getting on the paper, so the range officers are always extremely busy. Detail one and two went fine but when three and four got under way only one radio was working. Mike got plenty of exercise running up and down the range. Despite the wind there were some very good scores recorded, but the record still stands. The results of our first long range shoot were:

### X-CLASS

1	Michael Beardwood	46.4
2	Mike di Bona	46.3
3	Jan Frederick van Niekerk	43.1
4	Darryl Carver	42.2
5	Koos Brink	41.2
6	Daan Brits	40.1

### B-CLASS

1	Johan Dippenaar	36.1
2	Herman Bouwer	35.1
3	Joe Koen	35.0
4	Claude Hartog	32.0
5	Schalk Hattingh	31.1
6	Lem Melidonis	31.1

### A-CLASS

1	Colin Edge	46.3
2	Brent Bennett	45.4
3	Sherrit Kunneke	43.3
4	Mike Shortt	42.2
5	Frans de Waal	41.2
6	Robert Ellis	40.2

### J CLASS

1	Dian Brits	33.0
2	Liam Beardwood	31.2

### VETERENS

1	Colin Edge	46.3
2	Darryl Carver	42.2
3	Frans de Waal	41.2

Top score of the day and X Class gold went to Michael Beardwood with an excellent 46.4. Close behind was Mike with 46.3, followed by Jan Frederick with 43.1. Tossler was fourth after losing a V bull, with Koos and Daan taking the last two.



The A Class was won by Colin with 46.3. Hang on, that was with Mike's rifle and the same score as Mike, makes you think. Close behind was Brent with a very good 45.4, followed by Sherrit with 43.3. Fourth was taken by Mike Shortt with 42.2, next was Frans with 41.2 and Robert, back on the list after a long absence with 40.2.

The B Class was won by Dippie again with a 36.1 followed by Herman with 35.1 and Joe with 35. In fourth place was Claude who has not been on the list for ages with 32, followed by Schalk and Lem on the same score of 31-1.

The J class is getting interesting with the top score going to a new competitor. Dian Brits was first with 33.0 but Liam was close behind with 31.2. What happened to Charl? He better pull his socks up!

We wrecked the scores for the Veterans, somehow leaving Colin Edge out and giving me the gold. The true results are therefore Colin, then me followed by Frans De Waal. Don't worry Colin you will get your medal.

The event was again incident free thanks to all for your diligence at keeping it safe. There are however some issues. There were some complaints that the marking was slow on some of the targets and there were many challenges on clean targets. All I can say is that when you are on the firing line, have patience. There is no time limit in our shoots so wait for the markers to be sure of their marking. It also does not help swearing at them, they cannot hear you and they are also your mates! When you are marking targets, try and concentrate on the bank and mark correctly. Cool it guys, losing patience just makes you shoot worse and worse and then it gets ugly.

Thanks go to John Ecclestone for our opening prayer and to those who helped on the range. In the butts were Joe, Riaan, Michael Beardwood and someone else who I have forgotten! Please except my apologies. While on the firing point was Robert Ellis, Mike, Jason and I. If there is anyone who I have missed out, please except my apologies, Mike only asked me to write the Newsletter in the clubhouse, so you can see it is clearly his fault!

Our cooks did a very good job again with a chicken pot, but there was some dissention in the camp. Riaan was not allowed to put his curry powder in, so he had the mutters! Riaan, I stand with you, maybe next time we can have a lekker hot one. Thanks Riaan, Cedric and Francois for a good meal that rounded off another memorable day of shooting.

The WP Bisley is just around the corner and from what the members have said it looks like we may have a record 303 entry this year. Please enter as soon as possible. Francois has a limited amount of Hornady bullets at a reasonable price, if you collect them at our next shoot you will have just enough time to load for the Bisley. The tent will be there and this year it will be full. Don't miss it.

Our next event is:

**Date: 24th September 2011**  
**Time: 08h00**  
**Venue: Good Hope Shooing Range**  
**Distance: 800m**  
**Ammo: 5 x sighters (5 convertible) +10 to count**

Keep Safe

Darryl



## *From the Chairman's desk*

As Darryl correctly stated, it was a WONDERFUL SHOOT! The weather was a bit tricky and you needed to understand your sight settings to shoot a reasonable score. Having said that, I have a few things that I would like to say about the shoot.

While being the Range Officer for the entire shoot, I picked up a few things that the shooters are doing wrong. No. 1. They set their sights the wrong way!

No. 2. They don't set their sights at all!

No. 3. They shoot a bull, and then can't believe they shoot a miss straight after!

No. 4. They cannot read the wind!

No. 5. They cannot read a mirage!

As you can see, everything pertains to the wind. Good news for all of us. Jason and Michael Beardwood are going to give us all a short course on wind reading and setting your sights BEFORE the shoot.

This will allow those who have problems with wind reading, to have more confidence when they set their sights. This will not be more than 30 minutes and I urge those who are not too confident with wind reading to attend.

The WP Bisley is just around the corner. Come on guys and girls, take 2 days leave and have some fun! You learn so much from provincial and National shoots! Come and join us for some fun both on the range and in the infamous tent. Hope to see many new faces there.

That's all I have for you.

Keep those eyes in, barrels clean and trigger finger ready!

Mike

## **From the secretary's desk:**

A request from AO1 Müller ...

The last detail in the Butts must please clean up behind them, pack all equipment neatly on the trolley and push it right up to the storeroom doors (by order).

All members who have not yet received their membership or SABU cards please alert Schalk at CLI.303@isales.co.za so that we can rectify this.

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Happy birthday to the following members who celebrate their birthdays during September. May this year hold only the best for you.



1 Sept. Rupert McNaught-D  
5 Koos Brink  
11 John Austin  
13 Dirk van Aarde  
14 Louis van Ryneveld  
17 Claude Hartog  
20 Jeff Panos  
22 Rodney Gardner  
25 Giepie Engelbrecht  
25 Liam Beardwood

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

You cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.                      Indira Gandhi

Till next time – keep well!  
Schalk Hattingh: Secretary

## *Some pictures from the 700Mtr shoot*



*Ken and his "Butts Mobile" off to the Butts.*



*Not 1<sup>st</sup>, but still a smile on his face!*





*Darryl giving John some good advice.*



*Cheerful Roberto helping out on the range!*



*Oupa, Pa and seun "De Waal" family smiling!*



*And here we have Joe smiling!*



*Thank goodness there is only one Dippie!*



*The two troublesome "brothers in arms!"*

That's all from us folks!!!!

Mike

