



CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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A club AGM is normally a boring long winded affair with members winging and moaning and chewing on the cud of long time passed details that it is an occasion to be avoided. That is not the case in this club as the AGM was successfully concluded in record time and some very good proposals for the way forward were agreed upon. The true signs of a healthy club. If you were not there I am sure that Mike will be circulating the minutes so you will be able to catch up on the detail.

Ronnie and Chris decided not to stand for committee this year and the vacancies were filled by Jason and myself. Yes, I admit that cannot keep away and Mike took full advantage of the situation and asked me to write the newsletter again. With the AGM over we moved to the range at about 10 am. The shoot was opened with the prayer by John Ecclestone who has made an incredible recovery from the plumbing job on his heart. Keep going John.

Some members complained, no that is not the right word, commented that they drove so far to the range and we then only fire 15 shots. The committee decided that we increase the amount we shoot by making it 15 to count and 5 sighters. So in future bring at least 20 rounds.

The weather was again in our favour and conditions were very good resulting in some excellent scores being recorded. There are still some members battling with poor scores but don't give up guys as we are planning some help. I am convinced that everyone in this club can shoot or you would be doing something else and that the problems lie with rifles. Nothing shoots as badly as a sick 303. We will keep you posted.

The results of the 200m shoot were as follows;

X Class			<u>B Class</u>		
1	Koos Brink	71.7	1	Maurice Paliaga	65.2
2	John Austin	67.7	2	Henri Laurie	64.5
3	Mike Di Bona	66.4	3	Alan Williams	60.3
4	Jason Di Bona	66.2	4	Barry Mellor	58.1
5	Daan Britz	65.3	5	Jermaine Lewis	58.1
6	Sebastian Barkhuisen	64.2	6	Riaan Coetzee	57.2



A Class			<u>Veterans</u>		
1	Pieter Marais	69.7	1	Koos Brink	71.7
2	Ian Noble Jack	68.4	2	Ian Noble Jack	68.4
3	Sakkie Stofberg	66.6	3	John Austin	67.7
4	Humpreys Colyn	66.4			
5	Paul Clayton	66.3			
6	Sherrit Kunneke	66.3			

Some said that the target was very forgiving, well for me it was not, but that is my problem. The X Class was won by Koos with a very good score of 71.7, followed by John with 67.7 and Mike with 66.4. Very close behind was Jason, Daan and Bas all well into the sixties.

The scores in the A Class were statistically even better. Pieter Marais won with 69.7, a remarkable score considering he has not shot very much of late. Ian was very close with 68.4 and the next four places were 66's. Sakkie, Humpreys, Paul (visitor) and Sherrit were just V's apart. The A Class average was 66,8 and 4,5 V's while the X Class average was 66,5 and 4 V's. Well done guys you beat the X Class.

In the B Class Maurice won with a very good score of 65.2. Excellent score and probably a personal best. Laurie was in second with 64.5 and Alan with 60.3. The next places were filled by Barry, Jermaine and Riaan Cellphone. Good score guys. I should have made my return to the committee conditional in getting moved to the B Class, at least I might have got a mention....

The veterans was won of course by Koos, followed by Ian and John with very good scores. There I thought that me being a new member of this class I had a chance but again with scores like that, no ways.

The butts were manned by Henri Laurie, Daan Britz and John Austin while the firing point was controlled by Mike, Amanda, Riaan C and Jason. Thanks to all for your help in making this another safe, successful event. Thanks also to Louis, Jason and lovely Melani for doing the stats.

Our meal of the day was a tasty chicken stew with salad that filled those empty stomachs after an eventful morning. Thanks to Cedric and Riaan Muller for a good meal. Waar was die Kerrie poier Riaan? Ek is so lus vir n pot kerrie wat sommer van selfs aan die brand slaan.

I wish the best of luck to those going off to the nationals in April whether you are shooting 303, target rifle or black powder. The 303 contingent is a bit thin this year and a few more participants would be most welcome. It is still not too late to enter so contact me if you are interested. It is something you should experience at least once. There is still room in the infamous tent. When arrived home after the shoot I unzipped my rifle bag and the PH rear sight fell out on the floor. Maybe this accounts for me not being able to get into the bull.

Our next event is;

Date: 26th March 2011
Time: 08h00
Venue: Good Hope Range



Distance: 300m

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

Until then, keep safe

Darryl

From the Chairman's desk.....

Many thanks to Darryl and his eloquent way of writing a newsletter. Hopefully one day when I grow up I will also be able to write a similar newsletter to his masterpieces!

There is not much more to add, other to remind you all that we will be updating our Constitution and Rule Book. John Austin, together with the rest of the committee has been tasked with amending both documents so they represent the club in its current form. I will be sending mails out with all the proposed corrections during the course of this month and would really appreciate everyone's input. As I stated at the AGM, this is your club, so let's tune the rules to suit everyone who shoots in it.

John Austin was also asked to volunteer to write up the minutes. Thanks John! When they are complete I will circulate them to everyone.

Lastly, our away shoot should take place the middle of June in Bonnievale. I will let you know more as soon as we secure everything.

Keep well and secure those sights!!!!

Mike

From the secretary's desk

Thank you to all those who were willing to serve the members of this club by availing themselves to serve on the committee.

If there are any members who would like to share something with the rest of the club (re. Hints and tips, etc), please feel free to contact me via fax (0866074512) or e-mail (CLI.303@isales.co.za).

On the administrative front we are currently consolidating regarding our members and removing names from the list of 'stagnant' members. Should you know someone who has not been around to our monthly shoots lately, encourage them to become active again as we shall soon start removing their names from our mailing list.



The following members will be celebrating their birthdays during March. May this year hold only prosperity and good health.

March 9	Brent Bennett
23	Bruce Mizen

Happy birthday, guys!

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

Be a leader: Remember the one in front is the only one with a decent forward view.
503 From 'Life's little Instruction Book' by H. Jackson Brown

Warm regards

Schalk

Some pictures from the February shoot



Louis taking a break from doing the stats.



Darryl looks like he should be on a boat!



Maurice just "chilling" after winning B Class.



Riaan contemplating his next shot.





Connie is as pleased as punch!



The wonderful turnout for the 200Mtr event.

That's all from us folks!!!!

Have a wonderful month and we all look foreword to seeing you on the range for our 300Mtr event in March.

Keep those eyes in, barrels oiled, and sights tightened!

Yours in shooting

Mike

