



CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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600m July 2011

It is mid winter and we are still graced with these perfect shooting days. The beautiful, almost wind free weather belied the fact that the conditions were actually very tricky with the wind direction changing constantly and very quickly as well. Again the attendance was great with probably close to 65 entrants.

Our July event is when we remember all our members who have passed away over the years and dedicate this day to the memories of all the great times we had the privilege of sharing with them on this range. At present the Hannes Willers trophy is awarded for the top score of the day, irrespective of what distance we shoot.

We were again privileged to have John E open the shoot with a prayer at the firing point and we were soon on our way. In the beginning there was almost no wind, absolutely perfect conditions prevailed. Things changed somewhat for the later details and it became very tricky with the direction changing within seconds. I was coaching Pieter Marais, and being rather harsh with him as well I might add for punishment for coming late. He had just shot what I called a bad V bull as it was on the edge and was ready to take the next shot when I called him to stop as the wind had changed. He did not hear and fired the shot for which he got a severe bollicking. When I checked the wind and it had in fact gone back to where it had been and he scored a 5, crazy stuff.

The results of this shoot were;

X Class		A Class		
1	Mike Di Bona	46.2	1 Colin Edge	43.3
2	Pieter Marais	44.3	2 Giepie Engelbrecht	43.1
3	Melani Hunter	44.1	3 Mike Short	42.1
4	Darryl Carver	43.0	4 Rafael Arrenello	42.1
	Rupert Mc Naught			
5	Davis	42.2	5 Francois Du Toit	41.0
	Jan Frederick van			
6	Niekerk	42.2	6 Sakkie Stofberg	40.3
B Class		Veterans		
1	Johan Dippenaar	43.3	1 Colin Edge	43.3
2	Stratis Voyatjes	43.1	2 Giepie Engelbrecht	43.1
3	Jeff Panos	38.2	3 Darryl Carver	43.0
4	Evert Du Plessis	38.1		
5	Alan Williams	35.1		
		J Class		



6 Riaan Coetzee

35.0

1 Liam Beardwood

2 Charl Du Toit

The scores were generally good but it looks like the decision to allow Sierra bullets has had little impact on the overall results as the record still stands. In the X class and with the best score of the day was Mike with 46.2, followed by a harshly coached Pieter with 44.3 and lovely Melani with 44.1 in third. I was fourth with 43.0 followed by Rupert, Jan and Jason with 42.2 the places being counted out.

The A Class was won by Colin with 43.3, followed by Giepie who is consistently shooting well with 43.1 and Mike Short with 42.1. Rafael was fourth with the same score but losing out on the count out followed by Francois with another good score of 41.0 and Sakkie with 40.3.

The B Class was won by Dippie with a really great 43.3 with Stratis right behind him with 43.1. Those are truly great scores guys. Next in line was Jeff with 38.2 followed by Duppie, Alan Williams and Riaan Coetzee. The J Class was won this time by Liam, well done guys keep the competition alive.

Our July event is when we honour the memory of Hannes Willers by awarding a trophy for the highest score shot on the day. The trophy this year goes to Mike Di Bona with that great 46.2. Well done Mike, Hannes would have been proud of you.

There was another "class" not mentioned in the scores. Claude and John E shot off a table and rest as a trial and it worked very well. Claude using a scope and John iron sites managed to record reasonable scores. It is an option for those who have a problem shooting in the prone position and hopefully enable some of you carry on shooting for years to come. If there are enough of you we can make another class.

Like the weather, I also tend to rave on about the food. Well, I am at it again as the meal was again something spectacular. Francois got some Lamb from Namibia and Riaan, Cedric and Francois created an amazing curry pot. Admittedly not as flaming hot as the last one but somehow even more flavoursome. It rounded off a truly great shooting day.

Thanks to Jason, Melani and Louis for doing the stats and to our range officers for running the firing point and the butts. An incident occurred that needs mentioning. A shooter challenged the marking of the target and the butts responded by replying that it was correct. This is not in accordance with the rules. If there is a challenge, the target ***must be pulled down*** and inspected for a hit or the score must be verified by the range officer before it is pushed up again. You can only challenge once, so due care must be given by the marker to ensure that it is correct.

The Team League starts on the 20th August 2011 and ends in November 2011. There are four events so please let me know if you will be participating as we need a min of 12 people to make two teams. If there are insufficient numbers we will participate as individuals.

The WP open Bisley will be held from 29 September 2011 to 1 October 2011 and all are welcome to attend. I would like to encourage as many of the members as possible to enter as it is an experience not to be missed. The CLI Tent will again be standing in the normal spot and the fires will burn until late into the night. We hope to have a record .303 entry this year so guys make the effort to enter and camp the duration with us.



Our next event is:

Date; 27th August 2011

Time; 08h00

Venue; Good Hope Range

Distance; 700m

Ammo; 5 x sighters (5 convertible) +10 to count

Keep Safe

Darryl

From the Chairman's desk

It is so reassuring to receive so many positive emails and phone calls after a successful shoot! I must have received at least 10 mails and as many calls from happy members, telling me just how much they enjoyed the shoot. I am not sure if it was the meal, the shoot or the comaradie, but it's nice to know that we are doing something positive! Many thanks to all of you who called or sent a message, it makes one feel good to know that your efforts are being appreciated.

As Darryl mentioned, this shoot was dedicated to all our "fallen" friends and fellow shooters. Hannes Willers family donated a trophy in his memory for the shooter who wins. I was fortunate to win the trophy this year.

From now on we start with the long distances. Remember, the 700Mtr is the easiest distance to shoot. About the same as the 500Mtrs. This is because the size of the target in comparison to the distance is the biggest. This is the same target we use for the 800Mtr and also the 900Mtr. You can imagine just how small this target will be at 900Mtrs!

You should now start preparing for the longer distances. Get your rifle ready, make sure all the screws and bolts are tightened, the sights are very secure, your ammo is up to scratch and your rifle strap is sturdy and not about to break. It is now almost impossible to shoot with battle sights. If you have battle sights, speak to Francois and maybe he has a PH 5C sight you can purchase from the club.

Many thanks to Louis van Ryneveld who took the pictures for the newsletter. He also gave some very apt captions I should use with them. I am sure you will like his handy work!

Once again I look forward to another fantastic shoot at the end of the month.

That's all from me folks. See you soon!

Mike



From the secretary's desk :

BIRTHDAYS :

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

17 Aug	Mark Boshoff
19	Francois de Waal
21	Ken Coleman

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

It is better to die on your feet than living on your knees.

Emeliano Zapata (Mexican revolutionary)

Till next time – keep well!

Schalk Hattingh : Secretary

Some pictures from the 600Mtr shoot



Even young blond girls shoot the 600Mtrs!



Has Darryl something in store for Claude?





Our impressive “Back-stop”.



The pink, green, orange and purple people!



Pieter pleading to shoot although he came late.



Shooters testing their skills at 600Mtrs.



Michael keeping a watchful eye over Liaam!



The “Bittereinders” finishing on a deserted range.

That’s all from us folks!!!!

Mike

