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I am almost at a loss for words to describe the great day of shooting that we had last Saturday. For me it was just one of those stunning events with beautiful weather and an incredible turn out of about 70 or more. It looked like it would be easy with a gentle breeze playing with the flags but, oh dear, it was very difficult as the scores will show. It took a while to figure the wind out and by that time for most, it was too late as the 2's had already crept in.

There was never more than 1 min left or right but the changes were happening by the second almost. The mirage was adding to the confusion and making shots go high and into the two ring. In hind sight I think we would have all been better off if we had shot all our shots on zero windage. Mike wants me to talk to you about wind reading?

The mini training session before the shoot on position and jackets and slings went off very well. I am sure that many of you benefited from it. Thanks to Jason for his effort that he put in. We will continue this at our future meets. It is very easy to develop bad habits and the instruction certainly makes one aware of your own short comings in ignoring the basics when shooting. Our aim is to get everyone to shoot better in this club and generally share information to achieve this goal.

The shoot was opened with the prayer by John Ecclestone which is always appreciated and then the action began. From the butts we could see that the 1st detail was not having it all their own way with the dreaded 2's in the black making regular appearances and wrecking what could have been good scores. The results were as follows;

X- CLASS			A-CLASS		
1	Jason Di Bona	63.3	1	Francois du Toit	60.2
2	Pieter Marais	62.2	2	Mike Shortt	56.2
3	Jean de Villiers	58.1	3	Jan (Visitor)	55
4	Michael Beardwood	56.2	4	Giepie Engelbrecht	54.1
5	Koos Brink	55.3	5	Werner Muller	52.1
6	Daan Brits	55.2	6	Ian Noble-Jack	52
B-CLASS			VETERANS		
1	Riaan Coetzee	54.1	1	Koos Brink	55.3
2	Joe Koen	51.1	2	Darryl Carver	54.4
3	Gavin Wright	50.2	3	Riaan Coetzee	54.1
4	Barry Mellor	48.2	J-CLASS		
5	Schalk Hattingh	48	1	Liam Beardwood	33
6	Lem Melidonis	47.4			



The results above are a little different from what was called out because some of us don't seem to know what class we are in. Please guys, in future please remember to enter your class onto the score sheet. Yes, I am also guilty but then again it is hard to admit to being 60 when your head thinks you are 25 still.

The X class managed to soundly beat the A Class this time with Jason taking top score of 63.3, closely followed by Pieter with 62.2 and Jean on 58.1. Michael, Koos and Daan filling the next three. Good shooting by all in this tricky event.

The A Class was won by Francois with an excellent 60.2. Now this is becoming a habit, what is he doing? Next was Mike Shortt on 56.2 followed by a visitor called Jan with 55. They were followed by Giepie, Werner and Ian.

The B Class was won by Riaan Coetzee with 54.1, followed by Joe 51.1 and Gavin Wright with 50.2. Barry, Schalk and Lem, who demolished Mathew, completed the top six list.

The veteran's class was won by Koos with 55.3 and I managed, finally this year to get on the list with 54.4. Riaan was third with 54.1.

The J Class was won by Liam Beardwood who scored a credible 33. Well done.

Full marks go the rude cooks, not for mooning the chairman but for the meal. Riaan obeyed orders like true military man and made a good hot Curry pot. On the club HB scale it was rated at about 7HB. Not only was it hot, it was very tasty as well. Mike is still crying about his whole bottle of homemade chilli sauce that Riaan stole and put into the pot. Mike please bring two bottles next time so Riaan can push the limit to 8HB. Thanks Riaan, Cedric and Francois for meal that has set a benchmark for future curries. Oh, and they did make a mild pot as well which the girls told me was very good.

At the firing point we had Mike, Louis, Julian and Jason. The butts were manned by Michael Beardwood, myself, Arnold and Johan. The event proceeded without incident as usual, with all observing the safety regulations. Well done to all.

Drive safely and good luck to all those travelling to Nationals soon, black powder and target rifle included. For the first timers, have courage, your livers will survive.

Our next event is.....

Date; 30th April 2011

Time; 08h00

Venue; Good Hope Range

Distance; 500m

Ammo; 5 x sighters (3 convertible) +10 to count

I cannot fathom out why, or find a particular reason why this shoot was so successful. Everything went off so well (besides the class errors) and everyone seemed to leave with a smile on their faces, like it used to be. It was a magic day on the range. Until next time,

Keep safe



Darryl

From the Chairman's desk

There is not much more that I can add to this wonderful newsletter written by Darryl! Many thanks Darryl for your interesting contribution. I did ask Darryl if he would be prepared to write a few more, so it looks like we will be entertained to the limit with his witty rendition of the proceedings.

Just to make a final plea to all the shooters. PLEASE FILL IN ALL THE SPACES ON YOUR SCORE CARD. That includes your name and surname. We cannot print Certificates with only your name! Also, please ensure that if you are a Vet (like Darryl) you put "V" on your score card, as well as your class. Lastly, if you are unsure of your class, please ask Schalk when you sign in and he will tell you.

I will be attending the Nationals in Bloem, so I will be out of town for the next week. Could those of you who are interested in our away shoot please drop me line with the dates you would prefer? It is due for the weekend of June the 18th.

Thanks to everyone who has had a hand in making my job so much easier! I am privileged to have you on board with me!

Thanks to all of you!

Mike

From the secretary's desk

I have had numerous requests from members to arrange the scores on the notice board from the top shooter per class to the lowest score. Then there are others requesting that the scores be listed alphabetically. So for the time being, we shall keep the status quo – alphabetical.

Talking about scores – numerous problems frequently pop up.

Participants still do not complete their score sheets properly! Here are some of the general problems that I come across when logging scores:

- Shooters make use of a nickname and put no surname.
- Shooters indicate the wrong shooting class.
- Shooters / markers add scores up incorrectly.
- The distance and date is not indicated.

This is an official document and when scores are sent through to SABU I may be requested to provide proof (and then we sit with egg on our faces).

Birthdays:

I am in the process of compiling a "birthday book". All the new members please just be patient with us if your birthday is not mentioned.



We would like to wish all our members who celebrate their birthday in April a very happy birthday. May this be a great year for you and your loved ones.

The birthdays for April are:

3 April: Dennis Sherwood

10 April: Amanda van Niekerk; Izak Burger

12 April: Marcos Arellanos

Quote for the month:

Ships in a harbour are safe, but that's not what ships were built for. Ships were built to sail the open seas and brave the elements.

Go well! See you at the next shoot.

Schalk

Some pictures from the March shoot



Some of the shooters paying attention at the Workshop.



Chris Gouws Senior & Junior bonding.



François & Jason sorting out the stats.



Darryl planning his next wicked move!

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A full clubhouse of tired and hungry shooters.



Some of the instigators of the "Hellfire Curry" pot!

That's all from us folks!!!!

Have a wonderful month and we all look forward to seeing you on the range for our 500Mtr event in March. We will keep you posted here, as this shoot is in the middle of a long weekend and might change.

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

Yours in shooting

Mike

