



CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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The 600m event was definitely only for the brave. I still cannot decide if it was the weather, my warning, the prospects of a boring special general meeting or Riaans' curry pot that scared some members away. The attendance was still deep in the forties despite the mitigating factors.

We were hurried of to the firing point under a sky that was getting darker by the minute. The event was opened with a prayer from John Ecclestone in Afrikaans this time and the first detail was under way before 09h00. Before the first guys were finished a few drops had fallen and despite Mike's eternal optimism that the rain would pass us by, the stragglers of the second detail finished in pouring rain with a target that was no longer visible. That was it for the day and all headed for the clubhouse.

The results that were recorded will count for those that were lucky enough to shoot but there will be no medals or certificates for this one.

X Class				B Class			
1	Jason Di Bona	68	6	1	Evert Du Plessis	55	2
2	Mike Di Bona	67	4	2	Pieter Niewoudt	50	2
3	Michael Beardwood	60	1	3	Schalk Hatting	46	0

A Class				Veterans			
1	Riaan Muller	63	3	1	Koos Brink	59	1
2	Adrian Lith	59	1	2	Evert Du Plessis	55	2
3	Cedric Claus	58	2	3	Giepie Engelbrecht	53	0

J Class			
1	Charl du Toit	48	0

Despite the failing light some pretty decent scores were recorded. Jason's 68.6 and Mike's 67.4 in the X class.

Riaans 63.3 in the A class was also the best of the day.

Also worth mention was Charl's 48.0 which is pretty good for a small guy. It is just a pity that Liam Beardwood did not get a chance to post a reply as the competition is getting quite fierce between these two youngsters.



I think that the time has come for me to stop egging the cooks on to create a curry hotter than the one before. Their creation on Saturday was the best yet, a perfect blend of heat and flavour that was as good as or better than the best Indian restaurant, despite nearly having to call the fire brigade on Sunday morning! That was really 10 out of 10. Well done and thanks to Riaan, Francois and Cedric. The problem is, they have raised the bar so high it is going to be very difficult to better that meal.

On the firing point were Bas and I while the butts were managed by Tjaart Muller and Chris Gouws. Mike opened the shoot but I managed to get the loud hailer away from him and sent him to shoot rather. Thanks to all for the help.

I want to make a point that I am sure Mike will support, about the time some take to shoot their detail. In our club events, time is not really an issue as we do not, at this stage, put a time limit on each detail but some take an extremely long time to complete. Remember that the longer you lie, the more time you take to aim, the more the conditions will change and the more you are going to tire and hence your shooting ability will decline.

I am not recommending that you rush through your shots but try and get the shot off as soon as you can and be ready when the target reappears to make your changes and fire again.

You will notice that most of the X Class guys shoot quickly and are normally finished the detail way ahead of everyone else. That is partly because at the nationals we shoot three on a target and have a time limit of 45 seconds to fire from when the target appears.

I would like to suggest some advice, to try in future for the guys that shoot slowly;

Try and maintain ones body position when shooting strings, let your marker spot and show you where you have shot if you cannot get your scope position right. Don't move around!

Don't hold your aim for more than 10 seconds at a time. If the sight picture is not right stop and start again. If the sight picture is right get the shot off within 10 seconds before you run out of breath and start shaking.

Concentrate on the sight picture until the shot is gone. Don't blink or look away when the shot goes. If you can see the muzzle flash you are doing it right.

Don't adjust on bad shots. If you shoot a 2 after a 5 and the conditions have not changed, it is the driver.

I am not suggesting that I do it right every time but this is how it should be. The only way to get it right is practice, so take over the lounge and do some dry firing. Put your ammo far away in the safe.

Our next event is our away shoot at Bonnievale on 18th June 2011 and I look forward to seeing you all there. Night Sky will be hosting its traditional falling down steps competition again on Friday night. I am sure that Mike will fill the gaps (not in the steps) in his report further on. Even though some of us did not get a chance to shoot it was another great day on the range.

Our next official club event will be;

Date; 18th June 2011
Time; 08h00
Venue; Morgenstond Farm Bonnievale (Wakkerstroom Range)
Distance; 300 = 500M
Ammo; 5 x sighters (3 convertible) +10 to count on both details

Keep Safe

Darryl



From the Chairman's desk

Again, many thanks to Darryl for presenting us with another of his infamous newsletters

As Darryl mentioned, we were rained out! Not that it presented too much of a problem though! After the second detail we all went to the clubhouse to “dry” out. The cooks were busy cooking their nuclear fuel and some of us had our bums in the fire to try and dry ourselves! Just listening to the banter around the pots, I am certain that absolutely no sense whatsoever is spoken there! “Don’t put the potatoes in now, you are ruining the pot” and “did you see the colour of the curry paste Riaan just added to that pot? I don’t think I am going to go within 5 miles of that concoction!” And then you read what Darryl says and he gives it a 10 out of 10! Wonderful stuff!!!

Before we had our meal, we had a brief meeting where the Constitution and also the Rules and conduct of shooting at our club were discussed in length. After putting it to the floor to vote, there was a unanimous decision to accept the Constitution without any changes and also the Rules with a single change. A lot of hard work went into this from many people, and the final product is as near perfect as we can possibly expect. Thanks to all who had a hand in drafting, editing, and drawing up complete new paragraphs to achieve this final product. As I explained to everyone at the AGM, the Constitution must be sent to SABU in June to keep our affiliation alive. I have asked Corena to please send it onto them. Many thanks once again to all who had a hand in this.

Our away shoot is just around the corner, so please make sure your accommodation is booked etc, etc... Here I would like to thank John Austin and Duppie who went up there recently and organised the range with Febbie (owner of the farm) and also organised the prize giving dinner for us. Many thanks guys we owe you for all the dedicated and hard work you do for us!

As you can see, this is our monthly shoot, so our next official shoot after this, will be in July. There are many WPBA shoots during the month, so if you are interested in trying your hand at a bit of .303 Bisley, come and join us. There is plenty to be learnt from these shoots and everyone is welcome! We are all members of the WPBA so your scores will be contribute to your Dedicated Sportsman’s Certificate. Come on, let’s see some new faces there!

Well that’s all I have for you this month. It’s fantastic to have Darryl writing the newsletter and all I have to do is add my two cents worth!

Let’s hope I see plenty of you in Bonnievale! Please drive slowly and carefully. There are some seriously deranged drivers out there! Rather be a few minutes late than not at all!!

Yours in shooting

Mike



From the secretary's desk:

BIRTHDAYS:

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

4 June	Francois du Toit
8	Tjaart Müller
9	Dippie Dippenaar
17	Alan Williams
19	Barry Mellor
22	Mike Di Bona
23	John Carter
23	Jermaine Lewis

We wish you a year filled with the richest blessings.

AWAY SHOOT :

30 Members have indicated that they would like to participate in the away shoot on 18 June 2011 at Bonnievale. To get our catering and other arrangements sorted, it is imperative that you complete the attached entry and indemnity forms and forward it to CLI.303@isales.co.za or fax to 0866074512. You can pay Francois at the Wakkerstroom range on the morning of the shoot.

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

The purpose of life is to help others ... and if you can't help them, would you at least not hurt them. Leo Buscaglia

Till next time – keep well!

Schalk Hattingh:
Secretary



Some pictures from the May shoot



Father & son "Melidonis" in all weather gear.



Father & Son "Brits" bonding at the braai.



Father & son "de Waal" enjoying the company.



Mathew recons he is not wet enough!!!!



Sean & John disappointed they could not shoot.



The three "Muller's" having a family get-together



Rupert & Koos well soaked, but not giving up!



The Nuclear fuel that went into Riaan's pot!!



That's all from us folks!!!!

Keep well and stay tuned!

Mike

