



# CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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## 800M October 2011

Believe it or not, but that was our last shoot for the year where the points count towards the Club Championships. Despite Mike's best effort for us to shoot the 800m on the reduced Bisley target to replicate 900m, it did not happen. We ended up shooting the old 800m target again which in hindsight is not bad as it gave someone a second go at the club record. A turnout of 47 shooters assembled for another great attendance for a long range shoot. We will have to get Riaan Muller's leave cancelled next time so we can get the right target.

It was nice to have John back for the opening prayer, pity he did not shoot. The conditions were fairly good with a stiff breeze running at about 12 min, which was pretty constant for both details and some very good scores were recorded. There were some pretty dismal scores as well but some of us only have ourselves to blame.

The results of the shoot were as follows;

X-CLASS			B-CLASS		
1	Mike di Bona	47.5 <b>R</b>	1	Chris Gouws	44.2
2	Koos Brink	41.2	2	Humphreys Colyn	40.3
3	Freddie Troost	41.2	3	Stratis Voyatjes	40.1
4	Jason di Bona	41.2	4	Riaan Coetzee	37.1
5	Pieter Marais	41.1	5	Jermaine Lewis	36.1
6	Daan Britz	39.2	6	Alan Williams	34.0
A-CLASS			J CLASS		
1	Francois du Toit	41.2	1	Dian Brits	27.0
2	Paul Clayton	41.2	2	Liam Beardwood	23.0
3	Jacques Müller	40.2	<b><u>VETERANS</u></b>		
4	Brent Bennett	40.0	1	Koos Brink	41.2



5	Conny Arellano	39.3	2	Humphreys Colyn	40.3
6	Frans de Waal	39.2	3	Frans de Waal	39.2

In the X Class, I don't know what Mike had for breakfast as he shot an incredible score of 47.5 and now holds the new club record after breaking his old one. Well done Mike, excellent shooting. When Mike started shooting he had two misses in his sighters. I moved away as I did not want to witness an unpleasant incident between Father and son and was not in the mood to witness tears from a grown man. When I came back to see how it was going, it was V, V, V and so on. The next three places on the list, Koos, Freddie and Jason had the favourite score of the day, 41.2. That is only 6.3 behind Mike! Next was Pieter with 41.1 and Daan with 39.2.

The A Class won by Francois Du Toit with that score again of 41.2 and second place went to Paul Clayton, also with 41.2. Third was Jacques with 40.2 followed by Brent with 40, Connie with 39.3 and Frans with 39.2. Well done all with some very close scores.

The B Class was won by someone who has really overstayed his welcome in this class, Chris Gouws with an incredible 44.2. Ever since that rifle has been worked on by Jason, his scores have just shot up. In second place with another good score of 40.3 was Humphrey Colyn. In third place and showing that the more you shoot the better you get was Stratis with 40.1. The next three places were filled by Riaan Coetzee, Jermaine and Alan Williams. Well done all of you.

The J Class battle was won this time by Dian with a score of 27. Liam was second with 23 and Charl was missing. It is great to see the youngsters battling it out.

The veteran's class was won by Koos with 41.2 followed by Humphrey and Frans. Frans is making a habit of beating François.

It was quite amazing as there were enough markers for detail 3 and 4. Mike's little pep talk about who the cooks were certainly worked. The cooks, Cedric, Francois and Schalk did a fine job of braaing so much meat. It was a true western meal of pork and beans and the helpings were supersize. Saturday night supper is always a problem as I am positively bloated after a club meal when wife wants a braai or to go out.

It was another incident free shoot thanks to all for observing the rules. It is actually a pleasure to run the range at our club shoots but having said that, we must not get complacent, always keep safety in mind. On the firing point we had Robert, Mike, Julian and yours truly while in the butts we had Melani, Arnold, Michael Beardwood and Johan Cilliers. A big thanks to all of the above, for a professionally run event.

Thanks also to Cedric and Jacques for putting the flags up before the event and thanks to all who helped in taking them down. I never fail to be impressed by how our members conduct themselves, everyone involved knows what he is doing, readily volunteers and the events just rock along seamlessly as if they have been Teflon coated.

The WP Bisley is now just a memory. There were 20 CLI members participating which was more than 25% of the total entry of all the disciplines combined. Again the stay on the range was the high point as each night was an event all on its own. Thursday night was special as the braai was sponsored by CLI club and a few members came along to join in. Maybe next year we can get more to join in and camp over on the night. Special thanks must go to Francois and Mike.



A few of us stayed over until Sunday morning and a braai was organised with all staying on the site on Saturday night. It was another great session.

In the individual events Jean won 2, John Austin won 2, Daan Brits won 2, George Mac Gregor, Koos Brink, Colin, Brent and Bas each won 1. John Austin won both the Rembrandt and the Caltex cup, Brent the Rawbone cup, Jean the Long Range, Bas the V bulls pool, Giepie Engelbretch the Scotty Kerr, Daan the Administrators Cup and the overall winner with the Cape Colony was Jean De Villiers. Well done to all of you for shooting in those very difficult conditions. Our members taking part in the Target Rifle class also did very well with Mike, Jason and Melani recording some awesome scores and finishing well up in the final result.

Our next event will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November and will be the fun shoot and prize giving. It will be the first time that I miss this event in 10 years. I thought that my family knew better but they have arranged a wedding for the 27<sup>th</sup> but in Port Elizabeth. Have fun guys and girls.

Keep Safe  
Darryl

### *From the Chairman's desk*

Many thanks once again to Darryl for a professional newsletter. I can see that he would rather be at the shoot, than at the wedding. Absolutely no sense of duty and understanding!!! I feel we must take him aside and gently break it to him that shooting comes 2<sup>nd</sup>, after his family commitments. Some people.....

As Darryl mentioned, it was a great shoot with some good scores. I even amazed myself by breaking my own record! I am not sure when I set the last record, but it was with a No1 Mk4 Long Lee about 10 years back! Luck definitely counts in this game! And I wasn't even shooting with my illegal ammo, illegal barrel, illegal trigger etc... Just standard old Army ammo and a rifle that cost me about R36.15.

Our last shoot of the year is the Brakkefontein 400. This is a shoot that Darryl conjured up, so that when we leave on holiday we can leave with a sense of failure! It is the worst target at any distance, but to shoot it at 400Mtrs!!!! I think it was just his wicked sense of humour!!!

As soon as we finish this detail, we are going to have our Christmas shoot. This will also be at 400Mtrs on the same target, but with **ANY RIFLE, ANY SIGHT, ANY REST AND ANY CALIBER**. Come and bring your favourite hunting rifle and show the boys how you shot that Springbok in the head at 400M with the 1<sup>st</sup> shot.

Last year I brought my 300Win Mag with a huge scope and was promptly beaten by both Jason and Melani using my .243!!! Let's see what happens this year!

As usual, at the prize giving we will be handing out certificates for the top 6 in all classes. Come and see who will win the Top Gun trophy. Medals for the Brakkefontein 400 will be handed out and prizes for the Christmas shoot.

This year I would like to do things a little different. We normally ask the members to bring some wrapped gifts that we hand out at random. This year I am going to ask you to do the same, except I would like to donate all the wrapped gifts we receive to one or two charitable organisations.



Hospice comes to mind. Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to help someone who is really in need? It's that time of the year, the time for friendship and the time for giving. This is just a suggestion. Let's see what response we have from all of you and then we can decide at the meeting what to do with the wrapped gifts. **Either way, please bring a small wrapped gift along.**

That's about all I have for you at present. Please try your very best to attend the last shoot of the year. As usual, we will have a treat for our meal. (Usually it's a braaied ostrich leg and thigh, with salad and a roll, **per person**)

Okay, let's give you the details for the final shoot of the year...

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> November 2011**  
**Distance: 400Mtrs**  
**Venue: Good Hope Range.**  
**Range: Bisley Range. (1<sup>st</sup> range as you enter the gate)**  
**Target: Figure 11 Army**  
**Time: 8.00 for 8.30am**  
**Detail: 5 sighters, 3 of which will be convertible, then 10 to count.**

**We will then have our Christmas shoot with any rifle.**  
**Here we will also have 5 sighters with 3 convertible and 10 to count.**

Come and join us for a fun filled day with good friends, good food, good shooting and awesome comaradie!!!!

Cheers

Mike

## From the secretary's desk:

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

We would like to wish the following members who celebrate their birthdays during November a happy birthday. We hope that the New Year in your life will be a momentous one.

1 Nov.	John Duckitt
2	Gavin Wright
8	Bryan van Oord
17	Melvin Rautenbach
22	Humphreys Colyn
25	Chris Gouws
27	Michael Shortt



## QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

*Vitality is not only observed in the ability to persevere, but also in the ability to start anew when one has failed.*

Scott Fitzgerald

Till next time – keep well!  
Schalk

## *Some pictures from the 800Mtr shoot*



*The view from 800Mtrs.*



*Darryl completely “kitted out” with no smile.*



*John Austin with a “permanent” smile.*



*Ian Noble-Jack with a “wry” smile.*





*Mike Shortt with an “apprehensive” smile!*



*Amanda with a “contagious” smile!*



*Melani with a “happy” smile!*



*Young Liam with a “contented” smile.*



*Conny with a “bubbly” smile*



*And finally Jason with a “WTF” smile*

That’s all from us folks!!!!

Mike

