



# CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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## Newsletter January 2012

### 100m Colin Leon Memorial

What a great start to the New Year, perfect weather and an excellent turnout of eager shooters craving the smell of burned cordite in their nostrils and the comforting thump of the brass butt plate in their shoulders after a long absence. This is always a hotly contested event, and this time was no exception. The scores were close with many count outs having to be calculated for the metal ware.

It was a very busy morning with club and SABU fees having to be collected before the shoot but thanks to help from Amanda, Jason and Melani with the secretary and treasurer all went very smoothly and we were at the firing point well before our deadline. The shoot went smoothly and all was well under control due to Mike, Amanda, Michael Beardwood and I at the firing point and Sherrit, Arnold, Jacques and Johan Cilliers controlling the butts. The teams that helped with the scoring also deserve mention for their effort, thanks to all. Quite amazing that no one shot on Mikes target this year and ruined his score. That makes it the third time he has been safe, oh well it is just a matter of time Mike. Jason is now capturing the scores directly into the computer so there should be no glitches in future with the scores and the medals should be going to the right people.

The results of this fine day's shooting are as follows;

<b>X Class</b>						<b>B CLASS</b>					
1	Bennett	Brent	97	86	183	1	Beneke	Arnold	87	94	181
2	Beardwood	Michael	94	89	183	2	Panos	Jeff	88	87	175
3	Di Bona	Michael	88	92	180	3	Muller	Jacques	87	84	171
4	Carver	Darryl	91	89	180	4	Hattingh	Schalk	80	81	161
5	Leon	Graeme	89	91	180	5	Carter	John	79	81	160
6	Troost	Frederick	88	91	179	6	Coetzee	Riaan	77	77	154

  

<b>A Class</b>					<b>VETERANS</b>						
1	Lith	Adrian	89	91	180	1	Carver	Darryl	91	89	180
2	De Waal	Francois	84	90	174	2	Brink	Koos	86	92	178
3	Muller	Adriaan	82	88	170	3	Panos	Jeff	88	87	175

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4	Gouws	Chris	84	86	170						
5	De Waal	Frans	81	86	167	1	Beardwood	Liam	84	83	167
6	Stoffberg	Sakkie	86	81	167	2	Britz	Dian	71	73	144
						3	Bennett	Noah	17	33	50

#### J CLASS

In the A Class Brent had a record equalling 97 and ended with the top score of 183. Also on 183 and second was Michael B losing out on the count out. On 180 was Mike, Graham and I with Mike beating us on the count out. Sixth was Freddie with a very close 179. Well done guys.

The A Class was won by Adrian, also on 180. Good to see Adrian on the scoreboard again! Hope to see you there next shoot as well. Next was Francois De Waal with 174. Riaan Muller got the medal for third beating Chris on the count out for 170. In 5<sup>th</sup> and sixth was Frans and Sakkie with a good 167.

The B Class was won by Arnold with an excellent 181 which was the second highest score of the day. Keep on like that and you know where you will end up. Second with an excellent 175 was Jeff with Jacques on 171 in third. Fourth was Schalk with 161 followed by John Carter with 160. In sixth was Riaan Coetzee with 154. Those are all good scores, well done to all of you.

It is great to see the J Class hotting up. The top score was Liam with a thundering 167 followed by Dian with 144. A first time for Noah left him with 50. A brave effort considering the rifle is much longer than him and that recoil must be quite painful. Shame on you Brent! Someone who normally shoots J Class was missing due to an altercation with his mother but he should be there next time. I hope so. It is great to see the youngsters taking up the sport so seriously.

The Colin Leon Memorial Trophy was won by Brent Bennett in a closely contested competition and he certainly deserves it with that excellent 97 in his first detail. Well done Brent. Second was Michael B on the same score with Arnold in Third place with 181.

Our meal, an excellent beef pot was prepared by Francois, Riaan, Cedric and Schalk while Mike had a hand in (excuse the pun) preparing the cabbage salad. It was another culinary delight that rounded off a great shoot. The standard that has been set by these guys will be very hard for anyone to beat.

We had an excellent turnout of members at the 1<sup>st</sup> individual league shoot of WPBA and hope that the group will be attending the next two. I was concerned that the .303 class was busy dying but I now feel more confident that we will be able to carry on this year. Coming up also is the SA Nationals in Bloemfontein at the end of March. We have five entrants so far and would to encourage a few more to enter this event. It is quite a tough commitment but it is a rewarding experience, even if you just do it once. If anyone wishes to attend, please contact me. If anyone needs help in preparing for this event I will make myself available to assist with load development and rifle tuning to make sure WP take the title again.

I am adding a word on reloading as those of you that started with a stash of military ammo must be getting close to running out. I was very fortunate to get a chrony during the break and have done some testing to try for that elusive magic load. My first objective is to get the speed to what the rifle is designed for namely 2440 fps. The first observation is that every rifle is different. What works in one does not work in another. In my P14, one load gives 2460fps which is what I am aiming for but in my new No4 Mk2 gives just under 2600fps which way over where it should be as the primers are nearly flat. I have had to drop three grains to get the velocity right. My old No4 MK2 "club rifle" on the other hand with rounded rifling and a shot out throat just loves old military ammo and still shoots it very well.



Case volume also makes a huge difference and I am going to start batching cases by weight in future. When I was testing for grouping and speed I found that there was always one shot that felt out of the group and gave a velocity way out of the envelope. On weighing the cases it was that one that bad shot can be attributed to a case that is heavier or lighter than the others. The volume is different hence the pressure changes. From now on when someone asks what charge to load the answer is start with the minimum on the Somchem reloading book.

A final word on reloading; If anyone needs to start reloading and has no equipment, I have a scale, a powder measure, a trickler and a Lee Handloader which should set someone up to load the small amounts needed for club shoots. It is free to the first to claim it. Contact me on 082 857 4786 or mail to dcarver@polka.co.za.

We will be holding the AGM before the shoot on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012. It is an election year so please get there early so that we do not delay the 200m event too long. Mike will be circulating the paper work and notice soon.

### **Our next event will be.....**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012**  
**Venue: Cape of Good Hope Range**  
**Distance: 200m**  
**Ammo: 5 x convertible sighters + 15 to count = 20 rounds**

Keep Safe

Darryl

### **From the Chairman's desk**

Many thanks to Darryl for a most informative newsletter. It has been wonderful having Darryl contribute so much to our treasured newsletters. I am sure that with the election of a new committee at the end of the month, we can look forward to some more excellent newsletters.

As usual, there is not much more that I can add to his newsletter as I feel he has covered all the posts! There are a few things I would like to mention though.

Firstly, I would like to thank my committee for all the brilliant support I have received the last two years. Without your help it would have been impossible to maintain the high standard we have all become accustomed to in this wonderful club.

Secondly, I would like to thank each and every member for their generosity, willingness, camaradie and unselfish contributions to this fantastic club. Remember, YOU are the club and the committee is there to promote YOUR needs in a safe and orderly way. You can all be very proud of the way you have conducted yourselves the past year. THANK YOU!

As Darryl stated, we will be holding our AGM before the next shoot. This way we are guaranteed of a good turnout. The more people we have, the easier it is conducting the AGM. We need as much input as possible, from all of you. Without knowing your needs we cannot act. Please make a concerted effort to be there. Remember, this is YOUR club and now your club needs YOU. A few pointers I would like to make for you to ponder on...

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When you propose a member for the committee, remember he/she will be your voice in the committee. Do not propose someone just because they have a pretty face or blue eyes. We need people who are prepared to work to ensure the club runs successfully. Believe me, it takes a lot of hard work, with the correct people in the committee, to ensure this club runs successfully! Please make a note of anything you feel would make the club run more efficiently and bring it with you. We can then add it to the agenda for discussion. All this will save time.

I have nothing further to add, other than I look forward to seeing most of you at the AGM and also the next shoot. It's only 200M, so come and make the final settings on your sights before we start the long trek to 900M!

Cheers and see you all soon!

Mike

## From the secretary's desk:

We would like to congratulate the following members on their birthdays. May you have a prosperous year.

<b>1 Jan</b>	Matthew Melidonis
7	John Ecclestone Telemachos Melidonis
10	Cedric Claus
14	Darryl Carver
15	Melani Hunter
17	Daan Brits
20	Johan Cilliers
26	Sean Mackay
30	JJ de Swardt Charl du Toit
<b>3 Feb</b>	Adrian Lith
5	Jean de Villiers Schalk Hattingh
10	Riaan Müller
16	Bayard Bauer Ralph Bazier
17	Freddie Troost
21	Colin Edge

### QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:



Some days you are the dog and some days you are the tree.  
Zen teaching

Till next time – keep well!  
Schalk

## *Pictures from the Colin Leon Memorial*



*Stratis; Rod and John interrupted in mid-sentence.*



*Mathew; Liam and Michael gearing up to shoot*





*The three and a half musketeers waiting to shoot!*



*This is a boot full of trouble!*



*Now that's an untidy bunch with me heading it up!*



*Arnie and his protégé looking very relaxed*



*That's what a 100M target should look like!*



*Darryl cannot believe he was caught out!*



## *Presentation of the Colin Leon Memorial Trophy*



*And finally, Graeme Leon presenting the Colin Leon Memorial Trophy to Brent.*

That's all from us folks!!!!

See you all at the AGM and 200M shoot

Mike

