

CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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Well, that's another month and another shoot gone! This year seems to be flying by, with three club shoots already history. As you all know, most of the committee were away in Bloemfontein busy representing the club while this shoot was taking place, so the running of the shoot was left to the four remaining committee members. The day before the shoot, Michael Beardwood also contacted me to say that he would not be able to make it; so then there were three! I am sure it must be some kind of record for the youngest committee ever to have run a shoot. With an average age of 23, and a great shoot without any hiccups, I think we proved that the youngsters can do just as good a job as those oldies that were away! While on the subject, I would just like to thank Melani and Jacques for their help with running the shoot. They are on the committee, so hard work is expected of them, but with most of the organising being split between only three people, they really put in a massive effort, which included late night phone calls and admin work. Thanks!

Now, onto the second most important bit; the shoot. Once all the money had been collected and all the squadding was complete, we assembled at the 300m firing point in front of the clubhouse. I definitely think that this firing point is a big hit with the club; no need to drive anywhere, and within walking distance from the bar! Once gathered, John Ecclestone opened the shoot in the customary manner with a prayer. Although he did not feel well and could not participate in the shoot, he still came down just to give the prayer before leaving. Now guys and girls, that's dedication to the club! A big thank you John, and we hope that you are able to participate at the next one!

The conditions on the day were absolutely beautiful. Definitely better than those that the Bloem crowd were having up north! With a slight breeze and a nice warm day, conditions were perfect for shooting. Once those targets appeared however, the slight breeze turned into a twitchy, fishtailing wind, throwing many people out of the four ring. The difficult 300m target also doesn't help things. There were quite a few complaints about people shooting 2's, although being in the black. In fishtailing winds and on this horrible target, a 2 or 3 pops up all too easily! This is definitely the distance that separates the boys from the men; or the girls from the women in some cases.

The top six scores from each class are shown below.

<u>X Class</u>				<u>B Class</u>			
1	Jean	De Villiers	70.07	1	Arnold	Beneke	62.02
2	Daan	Brits	64.02	2	John	Carter	54.03
3	Pieter	Marais	62.03	3	Jacques	Muller	54.00
4	Rupert	McNaught-Davis	60.03	4	Lem	Melidonis	52.02
5	Giepie	Engelbrecht	60.02	5	Jermaine	Lewis	46.01
6	Ian	Noble-Jack	58.03	6	Kobus	de Villiers	46.00

<u>A Class</u>			<u>J Class</u>			
1	Johan	Cilliers	59.00	1	Noah Bennett	46.01
2	Francois	De Waal	58.01			
3	Gavin	Wright	57.01			
4	Tjaart	Muller	56.01			
5	Rafael	Arellano	53.02			
6	Connie	Arellano	53.01			
				<u>Veterans</u>		
				1	Giepie Engelbrecht	60.02
				2	Johan Cilliers	59.00
				3	Ian Noble-Jack	58.03

In the X-Class we had some fair scores, a couple of good scores, but only one score really deserves any mention. Jean de Villiers managed to somehow score an astounding 70.07 ex. 75. As you are all aware, that is a brilliant score, and a new club record. I don't know what black magic he has done on that rifle, but it seems to work! So, Jean, two club records in two consecutive shoots; no pressure for the next shoot now!

In the A-Class we have Johan Cilliers up there as usual, followed by another regular, Francois De Waal. When are the two of you going to come give Bisley a go? In third we have Gavin Wright who borrowed Cedric's rifle and proceeded to beat him with it. Tjaart Muller and the Arellano's round off the top 6.

In the B-Class, Arnold Beneke showed us how it's done with a score worthy of a place in the X-Class. Keep that form up and that's where you will be next year, Arnie! John Carter placed 2nd, with a respectable 54.03. In 3rd, we have Jacques Muller, in the top 3 as usual. Melani and I borrowed Jacques's rifle for this shoot, and although we didn't win any medals, we still shot higher scores than him. It seems that lending your rifle out guarantees that you will be beaten by the borrower. So, Jean, do you mind if I shoot with your rifle at the next shoot?

Noah Bennett kept up his good form by winning gold in the J-Class. Although he was the only competitor, he put up a very respectable score. Come on Charl and Liam, you guys are falling behind!

Giepie took gold in the Veterans, closely followed by Johan Cilliers and Ian Noble-Jack.

Big thanks must also go to all those that helped and who offered help during the shoot. It shows that there is a great atmosphere and good camaraderie within the club. Thanks to Riaan Coetzee, Daan Brits and Tjaart Muller for doing range and butt duties during the first and second details. Thanks to Brent Bennett, Rafael Arellano and Arnie to doing butts and range duties during the last two details. With regard to duties, there have been a few changes during the shoot. There will now be specified range and butts officers chosen beforehand, in order to get some stability with regard to safety and running of the shoot. So guys, please don't all come running to try grab a radio as soon as they come out. Your help is appreciated, but if you are chosen for range/butts duties we will let you know during the squadding exactly where and during which detail you are doing duties.

Those that are not assigned any duties and who are willing to help, there are always lots of flags to be put up and taken down before and after each shoot. The club is also growing and there are loads of new members at the club, so it's up to the more experienced members to give a helping hand where needed. Please look out for and help your shooting partner during the shoot. I know there are always new guys with questions, so if you see a new member looking uncertain on what is going on, give them a helping hand and explain how the shooting works.

Now that the shooting bit is over, we can move onto the important part of the day; the eating and drinking. The cooks for the shoot decided that it was time for something different. So instead of a potjie, we had a magnificent braai. Geraldine supplied the braai packs, and our three cooks braaied them. Or at least that's how it was supposed to work. During the 3rd/4th detail, while I was range officer, I looked back to see how the cooks were getting on. Much to my surprise (ok, that's a lie! I was not surprised at all) I saw our three designated cooks busy sitting around the table, each with a drink in hand, watching Geraldine braai two roosters full of meat. It seems like this cooking thing is a pretty chilled job and if you can go and drink instead of pulling targets, I think we should all get a chance to "cook"! Nevertheless, the food was brilliant as usual, and a big thanks to Riaan Muller, Cedric Claus and Julian van der Westhuizen for at least preparing the food and making sure Geraldine didn't burn anything.

With regards to our next shoot, the Friday before, and the Tuesday after the last Saturday of April, are both public holidays. When I asked for a show of hands as to who would be attending this shoot, I got a very mixed response. I am sure Darryl will be sending out communication about whether the April shoot will take place, and a decision will be made well before the date.

One thing I noticed at the shoot is that some people still do not understand how sighters work. Here is a brief explanation.

If a shoot is **3 sighters, of which all are convertible**, it means that you shoot 3 sighters, and then decide what you want to do from there. Your only options are to convert all 3, convert the last 2, convert only the last one, or convert none and start your scoring shots from scratch.

If a shoot is **5 sighters, of which 3 are convertible**, this is how you approach it: You shoot your first 3 sighters, and then decide if you want to convert ALL 3 of them. If not, then you shoot your fourth sighter. Then you decide if you want to convert ALL 3 of last 3 sighters; viz. your 4th, 3rd and 2nd sighter. If not, then you shoot your final sighter. Now you can decide to convert either your last 3 sighters, or your last 2 sighters, or just your final sighter.

If a shoot is **5 sighters, of which all 5 are convertible**, then you simply shoot all 5 sighters before deciding. Once all 5 sighters are shot, then you can either convert your last one, or your last 2, or your last 3, or your last 4, or all of them.

I hope this clarifies how sighters work to those who were uncertain. If you still do not understand, please come and ask any of the committee members before the next shoot.

I am sure Darryl will follow this with some feedback from those participating in Bloem. Hopefully he can also explain how a member of WP managed to win every individual competition, yet we lost both the club and inter-provincial competitions to the Vaalies!

That's all from me.

See you all at the next shoot,
Jason

From the Chairman's Desk

It certainly seems like we missed a great shoot. Thanks to Jason, Melani and Jacques, together with all the helpers for making it happen. Well done also to all the class winners with those great scores.

We also made history at Bloemfontein as this was the first time that we entered two CLI club teams, but, oh dear it was all in vain as we somehow managed to get beaten in all three competitions as well as the club championship. We lost the long range event, the Dewar Shield by one point but the others we were severely bloodied. The CLI A team, the old hands, were beaten by the B team in the Rhodes Cup as we somehow just ran out of time and I only got 4 counting shots away.

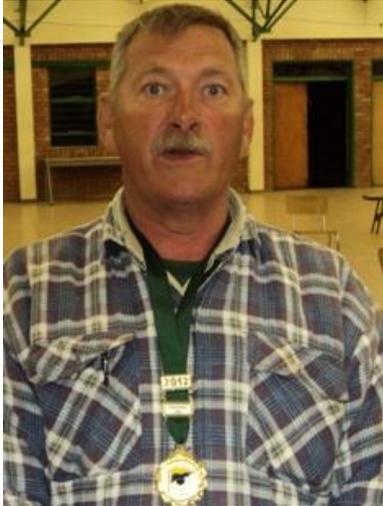
The interprovincial was won by Gauteng North with 14 points ahead of us. The WP team was Jan-Frederick, Amanda, Chris Gouws and I with John Austin doing the plotting and scoring. Things went a bit faster and we had enough time but we were fairly beaten into submission. The shooting conditions in general were probably the most difficult I have encountered at Bloemfontein. First detail would start with a mild wind from the front and the second detail would end with a screaming fish-tailing wind from behind. The wind direction was also changing from the time you looked in the scope till when you pulled off the shot. Changes were sometimes huge and if you missed the change it was a miss. Excuses, excuses you may say but it was difficult. There was also rain to deal with but somehow we managed to complete all the events, besides the Chairman's invitation match that we abandoned after the 300m when the rain made it impossible to even see the target and we were distracted by Dippie, walking around in his poncho that made him look like a ninja turtle.

Our first timers, Dippie, John Austin, Chris Gouws and François (whose arm we bent to shoot in the club events) had a great time and I certainly hope that all will be back next year. We need even more to come along as we intend to reclaim all the trophies that went north this year. We need to start training the best team possible for the next years Interprovincial as the Gauteng North team are now strong.

I am going to mention the results in brief as the list is long. Amanda will post all the results on the notice board at the next shoot so all can see. The warm up event, The Scottish Sword was won by a very surprised Dippie, but things went downhill after that.

Jan-Frederick was unstoppable and won the Dalrymple Cup, The Municipal Cup, The Dave Smith Trophy, The State Presidents 1st Stage and The Jack Mitchley. Frik Malan won the Presidents Cup, I won the Free State Cup and Amanda won The Kings Norton and the terrifying Bodley.

The aggregate matches, namely the Koos De la Rey, 600m aggregate, Short Range aggregate and the Long Range aggregate were won by Jan-Frederick. The State Presidents 2nd Stage was won by Frik Malan. This year six of us qualified for the 3rd stage from the scores achieved in the 1st and 2nd stage combined. The six this year were Jan-Frederick, Chris Gouws (well done Chris for your first try) and I from WP and Brian Carver, Frik Malan and Alf De Wet from GP. Conditions were really bad for the 800m and 900m and Chris and Alf abandoned the quest after some misses. The rest of us battled on scoring some zeros along the way but Jan seemed unaffected and thrashed us all soundly by a large margin. The final SA Championship was won by Jan with Frik in second place and me finishing up a distant third.



A very surprised Dippie



Our SA .303 Champion



The Ninja Turtle Strikes Again

As April month end is another long weekend attendance will be down at our shoot. We have decided that we will not hold the 500m event but will instead have something new that will not count for Club Championship points but you will still earn attendance points.

Depending on numbers present, we will have a team shoot. For those that do not know how it works, a brief explanation follows. A team will consist of 4 people, you shoot strings and you are coached for all your shots. The coach can adjust your sights as well. You shoot blind with no scope so you have no idea how you are shooting. The combined scores make the team total. We will mix the teams with to try and make things equal so all have a fair chance to take the title. There will be no medals or food supplied this time to make it simple to organize but we will give certificates to the winning teams. If there is time we can shoot two distances so bring along 25 rounds of ammunition. You can bring and braai or place an order with Geraldine for braai packs. The lady will expertly braai your meat as well for a small fee, that is if Jason's comments have gone unnoticed.

Hopefully this event will identify someone who can coach the WP team next year as the present one is rubbish. The distance and target will be a surprise so come along and experience something different.

Keep Safe
Darryl

From The Secretary

Happy birthday to our May babies;

3rd May Pieter Marais
10th May Jason Di Bona
16th May Stratis Voyatjes
25th May Riaan Coetzee
27th May Chris Williams
30th May Connie Arenello

Some members have not renewed their SABU membership. I appeal to you to pay as soon as possible for us to comply with the legal requirements of the SABU insurance on the range. If any person who has not paid their SABU fees takes part in an event, our SABU accident insurance is null and void. It is therefore, most important for all of us to ensure that these conditions are met and adhered to strictly. Please remember that you are, in terms of our constitution, required to be registered with SABU to be a member of this club. Visitors may also only pay temporary membership 3 consecutive times, and then they are required to become members to continue participating.

Another seldom seen occurrence at Bloemfontein; George washing the pots and pans



Amanda

Some Pictures of the March Shoot



CHAIRMAN: Mr D. Carver; **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Mr J. Di Bona; **TREASURER:** Mr CF du Toit
SECRETARY: Mrs. A van Niekerk; **MEMBERS:** Mr J. Muller, Mr M. Beardwood, Miss M. Hunter
CO-OPTED MEMBERS: WO1 AA Muller
<http://www.wpbisley.co.za/ci/index.htm>



Geraldine showing the men how to Braai!



Oom Frans deciding on his next wind setting.



The twitchy wind, bringing many 2's.



Ian and Mike attempting something called mathematics.



Alan Williams pretending he is on the beach.

When 300m seems too easy, you can always try 301m...

