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Hot weather and zero conditions were a foretaste of how hot the scores were going to be. Moving this event one week later certainly seemed to work as we had 65 entrants. The competition ended up being even hotter than the weather. Near the end of the 3rd detail however a slight wind had picked up that changed from left to right every now and then by just enough to make it tricky, but some of the top scores were still shot in the last detail.

Mike again blasted us off to the range with loudhailer bright and early. Back by popular demand was our pre-war veteran John Ecclestone to open the shoot with a prayer. I always wondered how he managed to give such a flawless rendition until I spotted that he keeps his crib notes in his cap! Nonetheless, it is always appreciated John.

The results of the 500m shoot were as follows:

A Class			B Class		
1.	Bas Barkhuysen	47.5	1.	Jaron Pratt	45.3
2.	Colin Twine	46.3	2.	Colin Edge	42.2
3.	Wayne Pratt	45.3	3.	Ian Noble Jack	42.0
4.	Hannes Willers	44.4	4.	Ken Coleman	40.2
5.	Graeme Leon	43.3	5.	Rafael Arellano	39.1
6.	Jason Di Bona	43.3	6.	John Ecclestone	39.1
Veterans			J Class		
1.	Hannes Willers	44.4	1.	Marc Jordan	44.2
2.	Colin Edge	42.2			
3.	John Austin	41.1			

Firstly the A Class. Bas certainly blasted all into submission with a new club record of 47.5. Mooi Bas. He must have prepared himself on Friday night in the Bloemfontein manner of having a good meal that was "goed vir sy maag" washed down with lots of whisky. Second was Twinky with a good 46.3 and third was Wayne who has had his fill and is tired of eating humble pie. I can only assume that Hannes in fourth place with 44.4 is using his old recipe again as he seems to stay on the list. In fifth place was Graeme with 43.3 followed by Jason (he beat Mike again) on the same score, losing out on the count out. Well done to all of you.

There were some surprises in the B Class as well. Jaron again shot very well and won with a good 45.3. In second place was the man on a mission, Colin Edge with 42.2. In third was the man that may still push Colin over the edge using the same rifle, Ian Noble Jack with 42. In fourth place was someone who has not been in the top six for a

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long time, Ken with 40.2. In fifth place was Rafael with 39.1 and in sixth on the same score and who has also not made the list in ages was John Ecclestone. Stunning stuff guys, now let us see you keep that up.

The Veterans Class was won by Hannes with 44.4 followed by Colin Edge with 42.2. In third place was John Austin with 41.1. Well done to all of you again.

The J Class was won by Marc Jordan with an excellent score of 44.2. Don't worry Rafael as you, like Wayne did, may someday beat or equal his score. If you have issues with this problem you should speak to Mike as he has suffered with this same problem for a long time.

The meal was something else. After all the promises from the cooks it finally arrived. If you thought the scores were hot then you should have tried the curry in the small pot. Man it was excellent, those extra chillies and the whole bottle of Hotazhell sauce made it just right. The big pot was also magnificent but it needed that extra bite that the small one had. It was a truly outstanding effort from Riaan, Ronnie and Francois. You guys have set a new benchmark that is going to be hard to beat.

Congratulations go to our latest Honorary Life Member, Dennis Sherwood. Dennis is one of the founder members of this Club and still shoots pretty competitive scores despite the fact that he turned 80 in April this year. Dennis is one of the true gentlemen in this club and is a fine example to all of us that age is only a number. It could not have been awarded to a nicer guy. The framed certificates that were prepared by Mike and Dr John that were handed out to all the past recipients are truly a work of art and something to treasure. Thanks to the pair of you for a very professional job. Thanks also to the man that suggested it in the first place, John E.

A very successful shoot was only made possible by the range officers, Mike, Bas and Graeme and by the butts officers, Riaan Coetzee, Wayne, Twinky and John Ecclestone. Thanks guys for another safe shoot. On the issue of safety, please remember that it is illegal to smoke within 10m of the firing point. Yours truly was reprimanded by the range officer for this offence but then again I was standing next to the range officer's car which also should not have been within 10m of the firing point. But then again he was in charge and I had to obey.

Some of us managed to ruin our scores all on our own but some scores were again ruined by entrants taking all five sighters and also by taking sighters out of sequence. Please guys, in future ask the range officer if you are in doubt and **listen** when the range orders are given.

I somehow always seem to neglect to thank certain members for their effort so I will set that right this time. Thank you to Corena, Bare and Francois and for always being there bright and early to take the money, do the squadding, sort the scores out and prepare everything for me to do the prize giving, it is appreciated by me and all the members. The vice chairman certainly works harder than the last one.

We have a new stock of PMP bullets on hand but unfortunately the price has gone up a bit. The price of copper has rocketed over the last six months and I am surprised that the increase was not even more. What the treasurer is going to charge I cannot say.

We are moving to the longer distances now and it will get more difficult. I certainly hope that that will not discourage some of you to participate as our attendance up to now has been great this year.



Our next event is:

Distance: 600m
Date: 26th May 2007
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 5 sightholders (**ONLY 3 CONVERTIBLE**) + 10 to count

Keep Safe

Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Over the years I have learned never ever to oppose the chairman (or vice-chairman for that matter!!), but I would like to make a small, very innocent, remark. I am glad that you guys enjoy the sulphuric / hydrochloric acid that comes camouflaged between the meat, potatoes and pumpkin in the curry pots, but there is a small minority of us whose taste buds are still very much intact (and can still taste what we eat) that found even the mild pot a bit potent!! Maybe for the next curry pot we should ask Riaan to have some of his famous braai packs available for the sissies amongst us

According to the new Firearms Control Act, no person or club is allowed to sell firearms or ammunition. That is why we cannot advertise your firearms for sale in our newsletter as we used to do in the past. The ammunition that Darryl mentioned, was specifically secured for use by our members and can be collected for the same price as what the club advanced to the dealer. The price will be R150 per 100 and we will only take limited stock to the range, so, let us know how many and when you need, so that we can have it ready at a shoot.

Remember if you want to join us shooting 303 bisley, now is the time. Just look at the latest scores from Colin and his tea-drinking twin brother Ian – from winning the dismiss trophy a mere 18 months ago to 2nd place! We have individual shoots on 16 June and 21 July and in August, we start the teamshoots. In bisley we are allowed to shoot with ringsights and it is extremely good practice. Then of course, the Western Province Bisley the last weekend in September!! If you heard all the stories about the 303 tent in Bloemfontein, and want to experience that first-hand, here is your chance!! Darryl and his clan will have a similar tent on the Good Hope Range, complete with Bas's cooking and all the rest

But be warned, that is not for sissies – just ask Bruce!

Thanks again to John Austin for taking the camera to the butts. Things look so much more interesting down there. Sometimes I wish the camera had a voice recorder as well.

Ben Rademeyer, one of our new members, is looking for a press for reloading. If you have a spare one that you are willing to part with, give Ben a call on 082 420 3308 / 021 906 4315 or email ben@gidwaysa.com.

Jason suggests you check out the following links -

http://www.leeenfieldrifleaseassociation.org.uk/page.php?domain_name=leeenfieldrifleaseassociation.org.uk&viewpage=Enfield%20Links and <http://enfieldrifles.profusehost.net/index.htm>

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in May:

10th: Jason Di Bona, Floris Jonker
11th: Tiaan Bester
16th: Colin (Twinky) Twine
17th: Jacobus Steenkamp

19th: Pierre Nothard
25th: Riaan Coetzee
27th: Chris Williams
28th: Wayne Pratt
30th: Conny Arellano

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The Ken-Mobile taking the troops down to the butts again. Thanks Ken!



Hannes Willers, Duppie, Graeme Stigling, Joppie le Roux, Alan Williams & Robert Ellis



Henri Laurie and John Duckitt doing butts duties



Butts duties do not discriminate against age ... Ben Rademeyer and Ben Durandt putting targets away.



Bas, the new 500m record holder!



The honorary life membership certificate, complete with Table Mountain and Jason's Mk4 No 1!



Dennis (Father) Sherwood receiving his certificate from our Chairman, Darryl Carver



All previous recipients of CLI Club Honorary Life Membership

Back: Darryl (current chairman), Mike Di Bona, Francois du Toit, Riaan Muller, Johan de Beer (previous chairman)

Front: John Ecclestone, Dennis Sherwood, John Austin

That's all from me for now.

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