



# CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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It is bad enough to shoot on "that" target at 400m without the added burden of bad weather. To say it was difficult was far from the truth, it was almost impossible. Despite all of this we had 65 entrants which is again an excellent attendance considering that I can name at least 10 regulars who were absent. Maybe someone leaked the menu to the members...

The cold must have kept many in bed for as long as possible, as the latecomers kept arriving even after 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> detail had left for the butts. When we eventually managed to gather all on the firing point and John Ecclestone opened the shoot with the prayer. With the wind rather strong from the right and the light being so low, shooting was rather challenging. As the shoot progressed things got steadily worse with the last details finishing in the rain. It was no longer drizzle, it was real rain.

The scores recorded certainly reflected the weather, dismal. The results are as follows:

<b>X Class</b>			<b>A Class</b>		
1.	Johan de Beer	36.0	1.	Alan Williams	32.1
2.	Mike Di Bona	35.1	2.	Frans de Waal	32.0
3.	Vissy Botha	35.0	3.	Robert Ellis	31.1
4.	Jason Di Bona	34.0	4.	Johan Geyer	31.0
5.	Freddie Troost	33.1	5.	Ronnie Blake	29.0
6.	John Austin	31.1	6.	Francois de Waal	28.0
<b>B Class</b>			<b>Veterans</b>		
1.	Chris Williams	31.0	1.	Alan Williams	32.1
2.	Rod Gardner	29.0	2.	Frans de Waal	32.0
3.	Lem Melidonis	27.0	3.	John Austin	31.1
4.	Piet Nieuwoudt	22.0			
5.	Jan Frederick van Niekerk	22.0			
6.	Johan de Swardt	21.0			
			<b>J Class</b>		
			1.	Charl du Toit	12.1

When Bare scored 36 he thought that he was out of the running, but it ended up being the top score of the day. I hope that there was no ammo fiddling again as poor Corena was way down the list battling with rooigatte. Wonder what Bare used? He was followed in the X Class by Mike with 35 and 1 of the rare V Bulls of the day. Vissy was on 35, followed by Jason with 34, Freddie with 33.1 and John Austin with 31.1.

The A Class did not fare any better. Alan Williams is on a comeback winning with 32.1, Frans De Waal was second with 32, Robert Ellis third with 31.1. Then followed Johan Geyer with 31, Ronnie with 29 and Francois De Waal with 28.



In the B Class was another Williams, Chris winning with 31. Rod Gardner was second with 29, Lem was third with 27. Then followed Piet Nieuwoudt, Jan Frederick and Johan De Swart.

The Veterans class winner was Alan Williams, second was Frans De Waal and third was John Austin, just beating Robert Ellis on a count out.

The only J Class entrant was Charl Du Toit who scored 12.1. That is not a bad effort considering that he shot one of the only seven V Bulls scored on the day. Well Done.

Before the shoot John Ecclestone went to great length to explain to all present that the best point of aim on this target was the man's hand. This caused great amusement as we could barely see the target at 400m, never mind the hand. John got his own back when one clever Dick asked him which finger to aim at, so he showed him, he certainly did.

Sixty odd very wet and hungry individuals made their way back to the clubhouse for a drink and lunch. They were not disappointed as the meal was definitely something different this time. Everyone had one cooked crayfish with salad. This is definitely a club first and we all thoroughly enjoyed the surprise. Well done to Ronnie and Chris for all the work. It was great.

At the firing point this time was Robert, Andre, Bare and I while the butts were manned by Vissy, Colin Twine, Riaan Coetzee and Ken Coleman. Thanks to all for running the shoot.

As the crowd thinned, eager to dry off their trusty rifles a certain table got louder and louder. I do not know if things got worse after I left so I cannot comment, but the Club seems to have a new hooligan. I hope all got home safely and that your wives are still talking to you.

On a more serious note, please remember to keep Hannes and his family in your thoughts and prayers as he is undergoing further radiation.

The club will be buying a stock of PMP 174gr BTFMJ bullets soon and they will hopefully be available for sale at the next shoot. We will hopefully regain our confidence at the end of the month as our next shoot is 500m. Let us hope for some good scores and fine weather.

Our next event is:

**Distance:** 500m  
**Date:** 30<sup>th</sup> May 2009  
**Time:** 08:00  
**Venue:** Good Hope Range  
**Ammo:** **5 convertible sighters + 10 to count**

Keep safe.

Darryl



**FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:**

Francois requested that I put together a shooting portfolio for each of our club members. But I would need your help to gather all the necessary information. I would therefore really appreciate it if you can let me have copies of the following documents at the next shoot:

- CLI Membership Information form (attached)
- ID Document
- 303 Licence(s)
- Competency certificate (if you have received it) – not the training certificate ...
- SABU Dedicated Sportsman Certificate (if you have one)
- SABU Range Officers Qualification Certificate (if you have one)

It is really good to see so many visitors at our club shoots lately. We had between 5 and 8 visitors at all our shoots so far this year. Thank you to everyone who sometimes have to sacrifice their own shooting to help the visitors and those who are always willing to share their equipment. Let's continue to actively advertise our club and recruit new members.

Remember, all our newsletters, shooting program and results from previous years are on the CLI 303 Club website. Please note that due to complaints, it had been moved to a new location and can now be accessed at [www.wpbisley.co.za/cli/index.htm](http://www.wpbisley.co.za/cli/index.htm). Please feel free to forward any comments or suggestions to me. We can also put items wanted or for sale on the website, **as long as it is not a rifle or ammo**, but anything else related to 303 shooting is welcome.

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in May, may you all have a wonderful day and blessed year:

- 10<sup>th</sup>: Jason Di Bona, Floris Jonker
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Colin Twine, Stratis Voyatjes
- 25<sup>th</sup>: Riaan Coetzee
- 27<sup>th</sup>: Chris Williams
- 28<sup>th</sup>: Wayne Pratt
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Conny Arellano

A special word of Thank You to Melani for "manning" the camera in the butts. Herewith a few pictures of the markers.



That's all from me for now.

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