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Newsletter

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I find it quite amazing that despite the fact that we had had the wettest winter in 20 years, we have not yet missed one shoot this year. The weather for our August shoot was almost like Spring had started early. There was sunshine and even a few flowers on the range. The wind was a bit tricky but there was really nothing to talk about as the conditions were very good. A turnout of 55 was not at all bad for this mystery shoot.

Despite the good conditions this shoot proved to be one of the most difficult we have had for a long time, just look at the scores. There I was, thinking that maybe it would be too easy and ended up being a victim of my own mischief recording a really dismal score with two misses in the process. The yellow target at 400m is stupidly small and difficult to see, but if you want to repeat it next year we will.

The results are as follows:

A Class

1.	Corena de Beer	42.0
2.	Jean de Villiers	41.1
3.	Johan de Beer	39.1
4.	Mike Di Bona	35.1
5.	Bas Barkhuysen	35.0
6.	Vissy Botha	34.0

B Class

1.	Colin Edge	31.1
2.	Rafael Arellano	31.0
3.	Chris Geyer	29.0
4.	Conny Arellano	29.0
5.	Stratis (Stavros) Voyatjes	28.1
6.	Ian Noble-Jack	28.0

Veterans

1.	Colin Edge	31.1
2.	Robert Ellis	28.0
3.	Frans de Waal	26.0

It seems that no matter how difficult the shoot is there is always someone who manages to return a score that devastates everyone else. This time in the A Class it was Corena that showed everyone how to shoot at that target. Corena scored an excellent 42 which is the new record for the Brakkefontein 400. In second place with 41.1 was Jean (shooting with Stavros's rifle) followed by Bare with 39.1. Those are excellent scores for this silly shoot. Mike, showing us that he is still human, managed fourth place with 35.1, followed by Bas with 35 and Vissy with 34. If the fellow humans managed those scores it shows just how difficult the shoot really was! I have maybe erred calling Mike human as he was hobbling around on the range with his newly repaired knee and needed help to stand up, but he still shoots and comes fourth as well. I wonder if his doctor knew about it.

CHAIRMAN: Mr DS Carver; VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr JA de Beer; TREASURER: Mr CF du Toit;

SECRETARY: Dr C de Beer; MEMBERS: Mr RAT Blake, Mr LM Di Bona; Mr GA Leon,

CO-OPTED MEMBER: WO1 AA Muller

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In the B Class the scores were a bit lower, but Colin Edge still managed to win with a score of 31.1. He was closely followed by Rafael with 31 and Chris Geyer on 29. Conny ended fourth on 29 (losing out on the count out) closely followed by Stavros on 28.1 and Ian on 28. Good shooting guys and congratulations to all of you for making the top six.

The veterans Class was won by Colin Edge, second was Robert with 28 and third was a surprised Frans De Waal with 26.

Just when you think that the meals cannot get any better, they do. The cooks again excelled themselves with a truly excellent mutton pot. I don't know how they do it, but they just get better each month. It was a truly good effort from Ronnie, Mike and Riaan. Thanks again.

We once again succeeded in having a safe incident-free shoot thanks to the Bas, Vissy and Bare on the firing point and Floris, Wayne, John E and Arnold in the butts. Thanks guys for controlling the shoot so efficiently.

Thanks must go to John Ecclestone for the opening of the shoot with his well prepared prayer. Thanks also to Bare and Corena for taking the fees and the squadding and to Mike for supplying the loudhailer and radios.

The WP open Bisley is a few short weeks away and I must warn you that the tent is filling up fast. There is still space, but judging by who has booked so far I may well end up sleeping in the toilets instead. That won't be a first time either. Bas is busy pickling his garlic, onions and chillies as well as tending his cabbages in his garden to make sure we have enough food that is good for the digestion. If you think that the curry was hot last year we have news for you. If you have never participated before ask anyone who has, it is a memorable event and worth participating in. Be there.

Congratulations to the following CLI members who excelled at the World long Range Black Powder Shoot:

Johan de Beer 2nd V Bull competition, 3rd 600m, 6th Long Range Aggregate, 8th Overall
John Duckitt 5th 500m
Jason Di Bona 1st 700m (World Record), 6th 800m.

Well done to all of you on those results. CLI members were there in force with Joe Koen as Chief Butts Officer and Vissy as the Chief Range Officer, while Twinky did his share of range officer duties and Graeme Stigling helped with the administration. I don't know how Corena managed to shoot with the amount of time she spent in the office. With so many of us there it looked like a CLI event.

Our next event, please take note, is **not at the end of the month** but the week before. The WP Bisley will be held on the 27th to 29th September.

Our next event is:

Distance: 900m
Date: **22nd September 2007**
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: **5 Sighters (only 3 convertible)** + 10 to count

Keep Safe

Darryl



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Apologies for this very late newsletter this month, but the past few weeks were extremely busy for some of us with the hosting of the Black Powder World Championships last week and the Western Province which is just around the corner. One thing that almost all the overseas visitors agreed upon, was the fact that we must have the most beautiful shooting range in the world! Thank you to all our CLI club members who helped out with the preparation, organisation and running of the shoot, especially Bare, Joe Koen, Vissy, Twinky, Ronnie, John Duckitt and Graeme Stigling! Thank you also to John Austin who did a superb job being the Master of Ceremony at the opening at the Cape of Good Hope Castle.

Remember that the clubshoot will be on the 22nd of September and the WP Bisley the last weekend of September (27-29 September). Make your arrangements with Darryl if you want to stay with them on the range – it always promises to be somewhat different ...

A reminder to all those who have been granted Dedicated Sportsman status from SABU, remember it is up to you to earn at least 6 points per year to retain this status.

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in September:

1st: Johannes Burger
3rd: Malcolm Russell
5th: Koos Brink
7th: Marc Jordan

11th: John Austin
17th: Claude Hartog
20th: Jeff Panos
22nd: Rod Gardner



Vissy, Bare and Darryl explaining the rings on the target



I am not quite sure with what Bruce (Animal) Mizen is fiddling ...



Mackie, Ken Coleman and other members on the firing point



Ronnie getting ready to shoot



Rafael and Conny were both on the medal list this month – well done!



Henri Laurie going back to his oriental roots, although he claimed he forgot his chair at home ...

That's all from me for now.

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