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Newsletter

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We had an exceptionally good turn out of 62 entrants for the 800m event. It is great to see that the long distances are not putting members off and hopefully some are not too upset with their results and stay away from the 900m. It is only 100m more, so what do we have to worry about?

We knew it was not going to be easy, but with such good weather and mild conditions to start with, I thought that the record would fall. That was until I started shooting. A slight wind playing from left to right made things difficult for most of us, but of course there are always exceptions to the rule. Later the wind came blasting from the right, which made things very interesting. The day resulted in some surprising results.

The X Class scores were again something to hang your heads in shame about. Not one scored more than 40. What is happening? Are you all aiming to get back to the A class again? Bas was in 1st place with 39.2, followed by Mike on 39.1 and Jason on 38.1. In 4th place was Vissy with 36.2, me on 36.1 and Riaan on the same score in 6th place. Maybe Bare and Corena would have made above 40 if they had shot.

The top six A Class scores were better than the X Class. In 1st place with 40.0 was Colin Edge, followed by Daan Brits with 39.2. In 3rd place was a new member, Pieter Marais with an excellent 38.1. When someone gets a medal at his first shoot he is normally there to stay. In 4th place was Johan Geyer with 38.0 followed by Ronnie on 37.3 and Botha Marais on 37.1

There was a time that some of us used to offer Melani money to beat Jason, but those days are gone. From the 800m results it would now not be a good idea. You will loose your money. Melani achieved a score of 43.6, which is a good score, but it should have been much better. Halfway through she had a miss as the front sight was busy falling off. I trust that Jason had nothing to do with it. Yes, the score was 43.6 with a miss and was also the highest score of the day. Well done Melani.

The rest of the B Class did not do too badly either with Neil Jacobs in 2nd place on 38.1 and Mike Shortt in 3rd place with 36.1. In 4th place was Rassie Erasmus with 35.0, Rod Gardner in 5th place with 32.2 and Jacques Muller in 6th place with 27.0.

In the veterans section it was Colin Edge in 1st followed by Ronnie Blake with 37.3 and Alan Williams with 36.1.

Charl du Toit managed to score 25.0 in the J class, which is a fair achievement.

The results are as follows:

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 WJ Duckitt, Mr LM Di Bona;

CO-OPTED MEMBER: WO1 AA Muller

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X Class			A Class		
1.	Bas Barkhuysen	39.9	1.	Colin Edge	40.0
2.	Mike Di Bona	39.1	2.	Daan Brits	39.2
3.	Jason Di Bona	38.1	3.	Pieter Marais	38.1
4.	Vissy Botha	36.2	4.	Johan Geyer	38.0
5.	Darryl Carver	36.1	5.	Ronnie Blake	37.3
6.	Riaan Muller	36.1	6.	Botha Marais	37.1
B Class			Veterans		
1.	Melani Hunter	43.6	1.	Colin Edge	40.0
2.	Neil Jacobs	38.1	2.	Ronnie Blake	37.3
3.	Mike Shortt	36.1	3.	Alan Williams	36.0
4.	Rassie Erasmus	35.0			
5.	Rod Gardner	32.2	J Class		
6.	Jacques Muller	27.0	1.	Charl du Toit	25.0

The meal was once again a great effort. It was an excellent Springbok pot and made even sweeter by the boks winning the test match. The tender meat and vegetables cooked just right ensured that the pots were empty at the end of the day. It was a great effort by Ronnie, Chris and Bare who has somehow sneaked into the cooks territory.

Thanks to Bare, Robert, Vissy and Riaan Coetzee for do the Range Officer duties at the firing point and also to Mathew, Tjaart, Francois De Waal and Mike for being butts officers. It certainly was hard work getting the participants onto the target and will probably be worse next month. Thanks to Vissy again for putting all the flags up before the event and thanks to all who helped take them down. Thanks also to John Ecclestone for delivery the opening prayer.

At our next event Bare, Corena and Ronnie will be away competing in the MLIAC World Long range Championships in America. We would all like to wish you the best of luck and hope that you come home with some Gold.

Our next event is the 900m. We had such a good turnout for the 800m that I hope that you all will again take up the challenge. Let us hope that the conditions are good and we get some good scores. I hope that you all recorded your 800m elevations as it does make it easier to get onto the paper. After the 900m we have one more shoot for the year before our Christmas shoot on 25th October 2009. We are thinking of having an extra event where we shoot two distances on one day. With 10 and 11 to count the final score will be ex 105. Any suggestions about what distances to shoot and if we should include these scores in our Club Championship will be welcome.

The WP Open Bisley is also fast approaching. It will be held from 1st to 3rd October 2009. We may well have two entrants form Gauteng as well so please enter early. The infamous Club tent will be available for the brave from Wednesday night.

Our next event is:

Distance: 900m
Date: 27th September 2009
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 5 Sighters (all convertible) and 10 to Count

Until then

Darryl



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Frans and Francois de Waal who lost their wife and mother after an illness of about 2 years. Sterkte Frans, ons dink aan julle.

Someone who deserves a special mention and thank you, is Vissy Botha, who always puts up the flags before most of us even arrive on the range on a Saturday morning and takes down most of them after the shoot as well. We really appreciate it!

Good luck to everyone who plans to participate in the Western Province Bisley, it is an experience second to none (I am referring to the shooting of course ...). On that note, I also sincerely hope you all enjoy and survive the infamous 303 tent – another unique experience! ☺

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, Dianne Stigling
- 13th: Dirk van Aarde

- 14th: Louis van Ryneveld
- 17th: Claude Hartog
- 18th: Botha Marais
- 20th: Jeff Panos
- 22nd: Rod Gardner



Vissy (the flag-man) Botha and no, that is not a Texan in his mouth (not this time, anyway)



Conny and Rafael Arellano – if one looks at the scores, Conny is a much better coach than Rafael



Colin Edge and Ian Noble-Jack (with a borrowed rifle, a very good looking one, I might add)



Matthew Melidonis (with another borrowed rifle)



Champ of the day, Melani Hunter (also a borrowed rifle)



Tjaart and Jacques Muller with their family rifle



Koos Brink and Alan Williams



Darryl ... ???
I don't even wanna know!!



Alice and Glenn von Zeil

That's all from me for now.

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