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NEWSLETTER

December 2005

Christmas time is here and the year is over before we even knew it. I don't know about the rest of you but I certainly need a rest after a full year of shooting. Our end of the year shoot on the 10th was not as well attended as usual but then it was held later than normal and a number of members were already away on holiday. Notwithstanding the attendance we certainly all had a great time.

It was an eventful day with 9mm pistol, .22 rifle standing, .303 balloon shoot, black powder, bow and mystery shoot. The most embarrassing for me was the bow shoot. Firstly I needed assistance to pull the bow and then it took Mike quite a time to find his arrows, which missed the target completely! They travel pretty far in free flight I can assure you.

Thanks to the Cape Town Muzzle Loaders who brought their black powder rifles (although most of you are dual members) you hopefully gained a few converts. My Enfield managed about 15 shots before Hannes broke it. Sherrit was loading 120gr of powder and shooting at the tyres on the backstop at 300m with his .58 Enfield and hitting them. He was standing by the way! Black powder shooters are strange folk, I know of another who acquired an old muzzleloader without a hammer or nipple. He cleaned it up and then one day when his wife was out put in 50gr of powder, stuck a lady cracker fuse in the flash hole fired it in his lounge! There is now a very pretty pattern of burnt gunpowder on the wall and ceiling. The neighbours still think that it was an aeroplane breaking the sound barrier and the dogs are still in hiding.

Thanks to all who brought ammunition and firearms on the day. The stuff just rolled in, thanks guys it would not have happened without you. The range and announcements were handled by Mike as usual in his ever-competent manner, Thank you very much Mike for stepping in Bare's absence, it was much appreciated.

The damper on the whole event was that our Chairman, Johan was undergoing some serious surgery while the shoot was on. The highlight of the day was when we got the news that all had gone well and that the operation had been a success. That news was certainly our Christmas gift, which beats all.



John Davis has also been seriously ill after complications from surgery, but I am pleased to report that he is well on the road to recovery and is now resting at home. Shooters certainly are tough.

Thanks must go to Brent for manning the pistol range, Graeme for the .22 rifle range, Mike and Ronnie for the Bow shooting, John Ecclestone for the balloon shoot, Sherrit and Alan for the blackpowder, Mike and Jason for mystery shoot and Mike again for handling the whole range. Thanks to all of you for a safe shoot with no incidents.

The results were academic for this fun shoot, but notable shooting was done by:

Mike, Bas and Freddie Troost with .22 rifle, Ernie Kunneke with the bow (careful Sherrit), Robert Ellis, Jean De Swart, and Jaco Bothma with the 9mm. Thys Brink beat them all with a Ruger Black Hawk but then again that was cheating! Charl du Toit shot very well with the pistol and earned a prize for his effort for someone so young. François has been teaching him well as he chose a bottle of brandy as his prize. Mike shot three balloons with Ralph Bazier shooting two. The mystery shoot was won by Johan Geyer, who somehow knew where the thing was.

The serious side to the Fun Shoot is that it is also our prize giving. The results for the year-end totals and awards are as follows (Total out of 350 - to give everyone a fair chance, we only count the top 7 scores):

A Class		B Class		
1.	Johan de Beer	298.13	1. Jason Di Bona	299.16
2.	Colin Twine	295.8	2. Ronnie Blake	253.6
3.	Darryl Carver	289.13	3. Jean de Villiers	235.6
4.	Bas Barkhuysen	288.9	4. Johan Geyer	232.7
5.	John Austin	287.8	5. Jan Frederick van Niekerk	229.2
6.	Mike Di Bona	286.9	6. Rafael Arellano	225.9

J Class

1.	Marc Jordan	257.4
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Other Trophies Awarded

1.	Top Gun Trophy - Highest Overall Score	Johan de Beer
2.	V Bulls Total	Jason Di Bona
3.	Short Range Aggregate - B Class	Jason Di Bona
4.	Most Improved Marksman - B Class	Jan Frederick van Niekerk
5.	Dismiss Trophy (Most attempts - lowest score)	Colin Edge

That was very good shooting to all who made the list. I am happy to say that Jason (at last), and very likely the rest of B Class that made the top six will probably be in the A class next year. That means less prizes for the rest of the A class and more for the B class next year. Poor Mike, he now has to compete with Jason in the same class. It was a very close fought battle in the A Class and it really went down to 900m shoot before we had a clear winner. Well done.



The most notable achievements were Johan winning everything, Jason winning everything else and Marc Jordan for winning the J class. Credit also must go to Jean De Villiers for a very good third place in the B Class, to Jan Frederick van Niekerk for fifth place and for the Most Improved Marksman and to Rafael for making the list. That was an excellent result from all of you, well done.

The meal was braaied chicken of the extra large variety served with an excellent salad and true to form was done expertly. Thanks to the cooks who I think were Francois and Riaan.

Thanks must go to Bas of Acuspeed for donating R500 to the event and for supplying some kits as prizes. Most appreciated Bas. Use it guys as it certainly works for me. Thanks also to Mike for being our MC at the prizegiving in Bare's absence and for all the hard work on the day. You certainly let me off the hook and I can assure you it was appreciated. Then again that is what this club is all about.

April is just around the corner and that means Nationals in Bloemfontein again. I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to join us at this event. The entry fees are quite high and you use a lot of ammo but the accommodation on the range is very cheap. No you will not have to share a tent with Bas and myself. We need to show the Vaalies that we can field more than one team and still beat them. We all had a great time last year.

Please remember that CLI club and SABU fees are payable at the first shoot of the year so don't spend everything over the festive period. I hope that Santa will be kind and leave all sorts of shooting equipment under your Christmas tree. May you and your family all have a blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year. To Johan, Corena and Elané may next year be not even one hundredth of the stress you guys have had during the last month. I hope you all have a good rest and come back fighting next year.

Our first event of the year is the Colin Leon Memorial. This is always a popular event so come early.

Event: Colin Leon Memorial
Distance: 100m
Date: 28th January 2006
Time: 08h00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 3 Sighters + 10 to count (if time permits, might repeat the distance; however, if too many competitors, we will not) - bring enough for both!

Keep safe,

Darryl



FROM THE OFFICE:

Thanks to all who called, e-mailed and visited us before, during and after Johan's surgery. We truly appreciate it. All went well, the surgery was a success and he is recovering at an amazingly rate! A special thanks to everyone who took charge and / or helped out with the Fun Shoot and Prize-giving (I can't start to single out individuals, there are too many). Congratulations to everyone who won the prizes.

I attach 2 worksheets with scores for 2005 for your information. The first one is all the scores and the second one is used to calculate the top 6 places in each class.

A last reminder, 2006 CLI subs will be R180 and SABU fees for limited members will be R130. (R260 for annual members - those going to the SA Open Bisley in Bloemfontein). Payable at the first shoot in 2006. **Please don't pay SABU directly - we handle the money and issue the WP cards down here!!**

Congratulations to the following December and January (I trust everyone has submitted your applications for renewal of your firearm licences in time!!) birthdays:

Dec 9th: André Volschenk
10th: Ronnie Blake
12th: Johan Geyer, Louis Laubscher
20th: Ian Noble-Jack
29th: Bas Barkhuysen, Jan Frederick van Niekerk

Jan 7th: John Ecclestone, Lem Melidonis
9th: Mark Teuchert
11th: Greg Sykes
12th: Paul Giliomee
13th: Paul Williams
14th: Darryl Carver
17th: Daan Brits, Lianda Winson
18th: Hennie Joubert
20th: Johan Cilliers, Shawn Paulsen
23rd: Hannes Willers
26th: Johan de Beer

All that remains then is to wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and prosperous New Year!!

Corena

PS: Our club's website should be updated and running again soon - watch this space! Comments and suggestions welcome. <http://www.sanra.co.za/cli/index.htm>

