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Newsletter

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The year has come and gone and by this time you have all had a good rest and should have recovered from the season's excesses. Here's hoping that Father Christmas could fit those new rifles into your stockings. I hope that you all had a blessed Christmas and wish you all happy and prosperous New Year.

Those of you that were unable to attend our combined CTMLA and CLI Christmas shoot, missed an excellent social event. An attendance of over eighty souls and fantastic weather made for a memorable event. There were even some F Class guys there showing their machines off. We will convert you next. John Ecclestone opened the shoot in the traditional way with a prayer, done again as only he can do it.

Thanks to all who supplied guns, rifles and ammunition and especially to Michael for supplying the R4. We had great fun.

The air rifle range was run by Michael Beardwood and our Animal, while Tertius Smit and Bas were kept busy at the .22 range. On the 9mm pistol range was Robert who started off with a partner, but he later (I can't use my learned friend's words) just umm... disappeared. Colin, our Twinkling little star, supplied the gas for blowing up the balloons from an air cylinder, I must add, which was a great help. Poor John E would have surely expired along with Alan Williams and Riaan Coetzee who manned the balloon range. The black powder / falling plates range was manned by Colin, Mike, Jason and me. Mike and Jason also later, umm... disappeared as well! The mystery shoot was run by Mike, Bare and Francois.

The air rifle shoot was won by Koos Brink, .22 by Bas and the 9mm by André Malan. Those results were no surprise and Malan probably used one hand as well, but in the balloon shoot Justin Stigling with a black powder squirrel gun had the rest shaking their heads in disbelief as he popped one after another. The falling plate shoot was won by Henri Laurie who managed to beat the Animal by just one.

I need to elaborate a bit on the falling plates shoot. Mike had a beautiful Schutzen muzzle loader. These are designed for off hand shooting and damn accurate as well with almost no recoil. It was difficult to miss. Jason had his .451 cal free rifle loaded with a 570gr bullet and 90gr of Swiss powder (recoil man, recoil) and a bit awkward to shoot off hand as it is very heavy, but still it looked the part and sent those plates flying. The Twink and I had our .577 military muzzle loaders which have open sights, loaded with 65gr of powder and a damn heavy bullet. You could not believe the look of absolute disbelief on the participants' faces when they flattened the plates with these old smoke poles. The guys could not believe that they could shoot so accurately. CTMLA may well have a few converts.

The mystery shoot was won by Jurgens Smit and he was duly awarded the "Turkey" neatly folded in an envelope. I am sure that all enjoyed themselves, as there was once again the group of cordite heads who only moved on once every scrap of ammo, powder and lead had been blasted away. Barry would still be there if there was enough ammo.

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Thanks to all who helped on the day, as without you it would not have happened. The number of souls who pitched in and help are just too numerous to mention. Thanks also to our cooks in the form of Francois and Riaan who cooked those giant chickens again to perfection.

We also have the results for the year championship and what a fight it has been. The A Class saw Vissy giving us all a hiding, emerging as a clear winner, but behind him it was just two points separating the next five places. Koos had Francois close on his heels, followed by myself just one point ahead of Brent and Mike. Somehow, I beat Mike, I beat Mike!!! The B Class went to Henri Laurie very closely followed by Jaron (wait for next year) with the rest strung out a bit further. Well done to Rafael for third place, Colin (Edge) our zero to hero in fourth place, Rod of borrowed rifle fame in fifth place and Jeff in sixth.

The J Class went to Marc for consistent good shooting throughout the year and the veterans was won by Hannes, closely followed by Frans and Robert. Good shooting guys.

The results are as follows:

A Class		B Class			
1.	Vissy Botha	263.10	1.	Henri Laurie	236.5
2.	Koos Brink	249.10	2.	Jaron Pratt	234.7
3.	Francois de Waal	249.5	3.	Rafael Arellano	224.6
4.	Darryl Carver	248.7	4.	Colin Edge	216.4
5.	Brent Bennett	247.11	5.	Rod Gardner	213.10
6.	Mike Di Bona	247.9	6.	Jeff Panos	197.4
Veterans		J Class			
1.	Hannes Willers	243.5	1.	Marc Jordan	205.3
2.	Frans de Waal	242.8			
3.	Robert Ellis	239.5			

What does the New Year hold for us? Rumour has it that there has been a *coup de tat* in the catering department; almost an ethnic cleansing and we can look forward to pots with a heat rating of insanity and definitely not for the faint hearted. You can surely guess who. Fear not, as I have been assured that they will make a small moffie pot as well.

We lost the club championship at Nationals last year, as well as the interprovincial. We regained the interprovincial in style at the Louis le Grange. In 2007 we are going to be club champions again, so get yourselves ready for Nationals, guys it's not far away. We need at least ten to participate this year.

Remember as well that its AGM time in Feb and that your SABU as well as club fees are now due.

Our next event is:

Distance: Colin Leon Memorial Shoot - 100m
Date: 27th January 2007
Time: 08:00
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!

This event has always attracted a lot of entrants. Although it's short range, it's precision shooting and not easy. I have looked back in the records and it looks like he who wins the 100m shoot usually wins the championship as well. All that is left to say is

Keep Safe

Darryl



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

From my side also, may 2007 be the best ever. Thank you to each and everyone that assisted in whatever way during 2006 to make the running of the club smooth and successful.

Our AGM will take place on the Good Hope Shooting Range on **19 February 2007** at **19:00**. If there are specific points that you would like to place on the Agenda, please forward that to me as soon as possible.

Our club membership remains **R180** for 2007. SABU fees are **R200** for limited membership (those who are not going to compete in the SA Open Bisley Championship in Bloemfontein in March) and **R280** for full members. Juniors (under 25) pay **R140**. Please remember that you have to complete a new SABU form each year. I will have forms available at each shoot – PLEASE do not pay SABU directly, it causes enormous logistical nightmares for us!

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in January:

7th: John Ecclestone, Lem Melidonis
11th: Greg Sykes
14th: Darryl Carver
17th: Daan Brits

18th: Hennie Joubert
20th: Johan Cilliers
23rd: Hannes Willers
26th: Johan de Beer
30th: Johan de Swardt



John Davis and Sheri Sheridan. They have been called the stalwarts of the CLI Club and CTMLA and were around longer than most of us, but they are still going strong. John even tried his hand at Mike's Schutzen!



Justin Stigling showing the big boys how to handle a rifle



Tertius Smit assisting his son, Jurgens, with the pistol. He needed no help with the Turkey, though!



Mike with his super-duper brand new air gun. Someone commented *"The difference between men and boys is the price of their toys!"*



Some of them cooked, the others only stood around looking pretty



Koos Brink won the Top Gun Trophy for 2006 for the highest aggregate score for the year

That's all from me for now.

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