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Newsletter

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I cannot believe that the year is nearly over. The prizes have been handed out and the awards have been made. Shooting is over until the end of January. Our combined fun shoot attracted over fifty this time and although down on past years numbers it was a good event. Although Cape Town muzzle loaders joined us it did not make much difference to the numbers as a large number are also CLI members!

Everyone mucked in before the event and quickly built the range under Mike's direction. Thanks for the help guys. Robert and Lem were assigned to the 9mm range while Riaan and Henri managed the air rifle range. Vissy and I looked after the .22 table. Alan Williams took charge of the balloon shoot with his much modified .303 and Twinky and John Duckitt kept a watchful eye over the black powder table. True to spirit there were always other willing hands to help out at the tables when the other guys wanted to shoot as well, e.g. Bas and Jason. Thanks again. Mike was in his element again behind his loud hailer, running the whole show.

The proceedings were opened with a prayer John Duckitt. Thanks John, my apologies for springing it on you at the last moment as usual. The shoot proceeded very smoothly and I am pleased to say that range safety was number 1. Well done to all.

The 9mm event saw some good scores being recorded. Daan won with a score of 48/50 and had a lot of others very close behind him. The CZ was the pistol to shoot.

At the air rifle event Jaron took the first prize with 35/50 on that stupidly small target. I managed to score zero as I was using a CO2 pistol with no CO2 in it. I swear I was sober. I think Jaron used Mike's blue machine. It is super accurate but takes a bit of time getting used to it.

Top score in the .22 event went to Jaron with an excellent 48.2 using the Anschutz Match 54 complete with hand rest and butt hook. It was a good choice, the scoped .22's came nowhere near.

The balloon shoot saw Mike showing off as usual. He shot four balloons with one shot. It must have been a rubbish shot that hit the frame and splattered the balloons, but he still won the great pen donated by Alan Williams.

In the black powder event John Clemens managed to drop two steel plates. That was quite a feat with a rifle that shot way off point of aim. But then again it was his rifle and he knew where to aim!

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The Mystery shoot was a close event. Thanks to Mike for supplying that amazing little cowboy gun and for running the event. Thanks also to Bare and Jason for marking the target. Robert and Adrian were 1cm off but Francois was only 1mm off. That was not good enough as Alan Williams took it dead centre and walked off with the amazing prize of a Cobb cooker kindly donated by Chris Williams.

Thanks to all who brought firearms and ammo and also to those who brought prizes and gifts, without your help it would have been a non event.

The meal prepared by Riaan, Ronnie, Francois and Bare as usual was excellent despite the lack of Italian flair. Bare, Ronnie and Riaan braaied the chicken and Francois made the salads. A very good team effort!

The Christmas shoot is also our annual prize giving. The results of our club championship out of a total of 400 are as follows;

A Class		B Class		
1.	Colin Twine	338.10	1. Jaron Pratt	323.07
2.	Mike Di Bona	337.12	2. Colin Edge	308.05
3.	Jason Di Bona	330.17	3. Ian Noble-Jack	299.05
4.	Arnold Beneke	321.06	4. Alan Williams	284.03
5.	Jean de Villiers	320.08	5. Rafael Arellano	260.02
6.	Freddie Troost	312.04	6. Johan Cilliers	248.01
Veterans		J Class		
1.	Colin Edge	308.05	1. Marc Jordan	264.04
2.	Alan Williams	284.03		
3.	Robert Ellis	283.04		

The A Class was a fight the whole year between Mike and Colin. Colin managed 1st place by one point only. Well done both of you for excellent shooting the whole year through. Last year I crowed that I had beaten Mike but this year I must concede that he shot very well even with his own bolt and left me far behind. Jason was not far behind in a good third place. They were followed by Arnold, Jean and Freddie. Congratulations guys, that was good shooting.

The B Class was won convincingly by Jaron with a score that would have put him in 4th place in the A class. Well Done Jaron. Next was Colin, closely followed by Ian proving that Bisley shooting does improve your skill. In a well deserved 4th place was Alan Williams who has also recorded some good scores this year. Rafael and Johan followed in 5th and 6th place. Good shooting all of you. I doubt very much if Jaron and Colin will be in the B Class next year but let us wait and see.

In the Veterans Class Colin Edge was a full 24 points ahead of the rest. Well done Colin on consistent shooting. Alan Williams took 2nd place by one point from Robert in another very close competition. Well done the pair of you.

The rest of the prizes were as follows;

V Bulls:	Jason Di Bona	17
Short Range Total (B Class)	Jaron Pratt	269.04/350
Top Gun	Mike Di Bona	410.13/500
Most Improved Marksman (B Class)	Ian Noble-Jack	



Well done Jason on scoring 17 V Bulls. That was quite an achievement as you were 5 ahead of Mike and 7 ahead of Colin. The B Class Short Range Trophy went deservedly to Jaron. Our coveted Top Gun Trophy went to Mike who was really fired up this year. Well done Mike. Ian was definitely our most improved Marksman this year delivering scores that were hugely better than last year.

A lot of thought goes into awarding The Dismiss Trophy. This prestigious award normally has the effect of the recipient swearing that he never again be awarded this trophy. This year the award went to Andre van der Merwe for despite his enthusiasm and attendance repeatedly recorded dismal scores. His rifle has already been tweaked and he is now shooting the center out of the target so watch out next year guys there is going to be some action.

The bad news for next year is that SABU fees are now R300. **Please do not pay directly to SABU you must make payment to Corena.** The implication of paying directly is that Corena will not be able to issue your membership card and you will wait a long time to receive it.

Please remember to keep our friend Hannes and his family in your thoughts and prayers over the next few months as he is presently undergoing some very aggressive treatment and needs all our support.

We all belong to this great club because we enjoy shooting. I do not believe that the scores recorded reflect the shooters ability as we can all shoot or we would not be here. I am convinced that there are some very sick Enfields in the club and nothing shoots as badly as a sick Enfield. There is nothing more demoralizing than a rifle that shoots all over the place but where you aim it. Now is the time to get the bedding sorted and tested so that at our next event you can all shoot some good scores. The offer still stands if you want my method for the No 4. I have also done some work on the No 1 and the results look good so I can offer some advice there as well.

Our next event is:

Event: Colin Leon Memorial Shoot
Distance: 100m
Date: 26th January 2008
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 3 Sights + 10 to count (if time permits, might repeat the distance; however, if too many competitors, we will not) – **bring enough for both!**

May all of you and your families have a truly blessed Christmas and wonderful new year. If you are going away, may you all travel safely and have a well deserved rest. I would like to thank the committee for all the hard work support that they have given me during the year as well as all the members that helped to make the events happen. Thank you also to Riaan for the samewerking, it is much appreciated. I would also like to thank each and every member for their friendship and support during the year, it has truly been an honour and a privilege to serve as Chairman. It is all of you that make the Club great, not me.

Keep Safe

Darryl



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Another year has come to an end and on the shooting front, it was quite a busy, but incident-free one. The weather also had mercy on us and for the first time in a number of years, we had 10 clubshoots, enabling us to shoot the Brakkefontein 400m as well as an extra 300m detail! Thank you for each and everyone who contributed to make this year a huge shooting success!

Thank you to everyone who helped out and brought gifts to the Christmas shoot, with a special thanks to Graeme Leon who provided a box full of tape measures. We were able to hand one to each family that was present at the Christmas shoot. Like last year, we shared this special shoot with the Cape Town Muzzle Loaders' Association and it once again worked so well, that we might make that a permanent arrangement. Once again, the Christmas shoot was a huge success and everyone who attended, seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

Congratulations to all the prize winners – not only the year winners, but also those who took the honours on the day! I think Jaron deserves a special mention – not only did he walk away with the B Class top score, but also the trophy for the B Class Short Range total (you will have to wrestle Jason for the Trophy, he still has it since the 2005 prizegiving ...) and then also posted two brilliant scores on the day! Well done, Jaron, you are shooting excellent at the moment, keep it up! We are looking forward having you in A class next year!

We have talked about the increase in SABU fees for 2008 somewhere during the past year, and now it has become reality (in fact, Bare mentioned this after the SABU Council meeting in 2006 already). **SABU membership for 2008 will be R300.** I am waiting for the new membership forms, and will make it available as soon as I receive it. SABU will send a reminder to all those on their mailing list, but **please pay through me and not SABU directly** – otherwise I will not be able to issue membership cards and it also makes administration a real nightmare! Please pay in January, or February at the latest.

CLI subs is also due in January and will remain R180 as was decided at the AGM in 2007, but due the increase in inflation and other expenses, it will most probably have to be reconsidered at our next AGM in February.

One request from my side – please don't ask me in the passing on the range if you need a letter from the club or WPBA for licence renewal or other purposes. I simply cannot remember everything while doing stats, prizegivings, etc (yes, I am blonde!!) and by the time I get to my computer, I will most probably have forgotten. Send me an email, and I will gladly send you a letter by email or hand it to you at the next shoot.

Congratulations to Graeme and Lisa Leon with the brand new addition to their family – we hope that baby Aiden grows up to be just as good a marksman as his daddy and grandpa! On the other hand, we also want to spare a thought for those who lost loved ones this past year or who have family members struggling with health problems.



Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in December and January:

Dec 2nd: Ben Rademeyer
 10th: Ronnie Blake
 12th: Louis Laubscher
 20th: Ian Noble-Jack,
 Vissy Botha
 29th: Bas Barhuysen,
 Jan Frederick van Niekerk

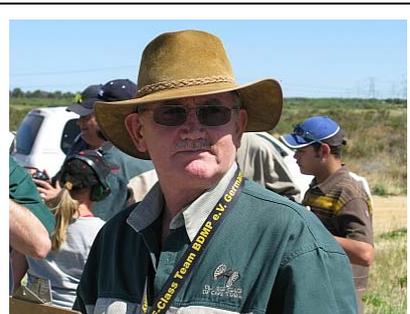
Jan 2nd: Neil Jacobs, Donovan Mellor
 7th: John Ecclestone, Lem Melidonis
 14th: Darryl Carver, Graeme Stigling
 17th: Daan Brits
 18th: Hennie Joubert
 20th: Johan Cilliers
 23rd: Hannes Willers
 26th: Johan de Beer
 30th: Johan de Swardt



Thanks to Colin (Twine) for providing the aqualung and Colin (Edge) for blowing up the balloons



Frans de Waal with a 9 mm



Riaan Coetzee, one of the usual Range Officers



Darryl, Freddie, Jermaine, Vissy and Robert keeping a close watch on the .22 table



Jaron and Wayne at the .22 event



Ian Noble-Jack trying his hand at black powder



Lem, Bas & Daan



Colin Twine, winner of the A Class for 2007



Darryl handing over the Top Gun Trophy to Mike

That's all from me for now.

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