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Newsletter

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I cannot believe that the year is over and we are already into January and shooting again soon. It has been so long, but suddenly it is over. Our Christmas fun shoot is almost a distant memory and the newsletter is way overdue. My apologies for this late edition but at least you will now remember to come and shoot at the end of the month. It's all my fault due to a hip joint that needs replacement and I simply cannot sit for any length of time to get down and write it.

Our fun shoot that we combined with CTMLA had a bit of a slow start, but thanks to all that helped to set up the range got going smoothly and turned out to be a great day with the normal die hards trying to shoot every bit of ammo away as usual.

The same names seem to come up every year at this event. Wayne again won the 9mm event with his deadly CZ 75 with a score of 49. Then Jaron and Mike scored 50/50 at the air rifle event using Mike's insane air rifle.

The .22 rifle event was won by Jaron and Henri Laurie also with a full house. When it came to the balloon shoot Henri was unstoppable taking out no less than eight in a row. Either Alan's Rifle is very accurate or Henri got lucky.

The blackpowder military rifles amazed everyone again with the accuracy that these old replicas can shoot. Michael Beardwood was the king with 4 falling plates in a row at 100m. All sorts of rumours came from that side of the range. One was that everyone was managing to topple the plates so the organizers got inventive with the sights. Personally I think that they were just too damn lazy to walk down and put them up again. Another was that there were big heaps of sand behind the plates.

Jeff donated a pile of shotgun ammo, which we hid away from Barry, to make it possible to hold this event. Francois Du Toit managed to topple 3 plates in a row and was declared the winner.

The mystery shoot prizes were donated by Chris Williams and the lucky winners were Riaan Coetzee 1st, Lem Melidonis 2nd and Glenn von Zeil 3rd. Thanks must go to Chris for his generous donation and to Mike for supplying the .22 rifle.

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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After the event I found a lonely .22 rifle in a bag lying on the range. Mike immediately claimed it as his, but the truth is that belonged to some one else. Haven't you got enough firearms already Mike?

I would like to thank every one that helped in the preparation. If I name you I shall surely leave some out. Those that helped at the tables were Vissy, Robert, Jonathan Voss, Colin Edge, Rafael, Wayne, Barry, Riaan, Alan Williams, Twinky, Dave Oosthuizen, Bare and Bas.

To all those that brought firearms and ammo a huge thank you from all of us as without you this event could not have happened. Thanks also to Riaan Muller for supplying the targets and frames.

We were treated to another great meal prepared by our normal cooks who served up an excellent braai. Well done guys for the good effort. After the meal we held the prize giving. Well, the results are now long out and common knowledge, but I will recap a bit.

The X Class was a battle right to the bitter end. Mike and Corena had been trading gold and silver throughout the year. Corena won by 1 point and 3 V bulls in the end. That was a great competition guys. Jason and I were 5 points down with the same score followed by Bare and Freddie Troost.

The A class list was Koos, Ronnie, Robert, Michael Beardwood, Dennis Sherwood, Colin Edge and Johan Geyer filling the first six places. Congratulations must go to all of you for good shooting during the year.

The B class saw the first place going to Chris Geyer followed by Lem, Conny, Johan Cilliers, Joe Koen and Jeff Panos. Well done to all of you.

The Top Gun Award this year went to none other than Ronnie Blake. Well done Ronnie for consistent good shooting throughout the year. Ronnie shot every event during the year and it certainly paid off.

The Short Range B Class trophy went to Lem Melidonis and the V Bulls trophy to Corena.

The most improved Marksman of the year award went to Mathew Melidonis. Well done Mathew, this just proves that there is more to life than food and women.

Please remember that we have turned the programme around a bit this year just to confuse you. This month we shoot the 200m event and next month we shoot the Colin Leon Memorial at Eendekuil. The away shoot should be lots of fun and I am certainly looking forward to it. The scores will count for the Club Championship, but there will be no points for SABU (dedicated sportsman) as the range is not accredited. That also means that our insurance will not be in force, so folks please exercise extreme caution at this event. We simply cannot afford an incident. Safety must come first.



As the festive season is done and dusted, I can only wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year and may all your shots be V Bulls.

Our next event is:

Distance: 200m
Date: 31st January 2009
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 3+10

Keep Safe

Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

At the end of the year, a big thank you to each and everyone who contributed in whatever way to make it a successful shooting year. Without its members, no club can exist. I hope that the year ahead will be a good and pleasant one for all.

Remember, your club and SABU fees are due now. It is still R200 for the club and R300 for SABU. Juniors under 19 and students under 25 pay R150, and Veterans over 70 pay R75 for SABU. You have to complete a new form each year – I will have enough copies at the next shoot.

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

December:

10th: Ronnie Blake
12th: Louis Laubscher
20th: Vissy Botha, Ian Noble-Jack
29th: Bas Barkhuysen,
Jan Frederik van Niekerk
30th: Johan Geyer (snr)

January:

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

My apologies for not having pictures in this month's newsletter – I had a small computer mishap and lost some of my pictures.

Remember the AGM at the end of February – exact date to be confirmed.

That's all from me for now.

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