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NEWSLETTER

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It was not the great attendance that we had for the 100m shoot but with 55 entrants it was still well attended. The event was opened in the traditional way with a prayer by John Ecclestone. Thank you, John. Thanks to Mike as well for rallying the troops together to get us all onto the range.

We were again blessed with perfect weather for the 200m shoot. It should have been easy, but it wasn't as the little breeze kept changing direction and the light kept changing in the first detail just enough to lead us astray. Some good scores were achieved, but no record-breaking stuff.

The results were as follows:

A Class			B Class		
1.	Jason Di Bona	45.3	1.	Rod Gardner	45.3
2.	Vissy Botha	45.2	2.	Henri Laurie	45.2
3.	Francois de Waal	45.2	3.	Hennie Joubert	43.0
4.	Graeme Leon	45.1	4.	Jeff Panos	38.2
5.	Brent Bennett	44.5	5.	Rafael Arellano	38.2
6.	Michael Beardwood	44.3	6.	Jaron Pratt	36.2
J Class			Veterans		
1.	Marc Jordan	42.2	1.	Rod Gardner	45.3
2.	Chris Geyer	34.1	2.	Frans de Waal	44.1
			3.	John Austin	43.0

There were few surprises in the A Class with Jason taking 1st place (beating Mike again) and Vissy (borrowed rifle again), Francois and Graeme following very closely behind and making the top six yet again. Brent was in 5th place with no less than five V bulls and Michael closely behind. You all shot very good scores, well done to all of you.

In the B Class Rod Gardner scored an excellent 45.3 (equalling the A Class) and took the honours. I still am trying to work out if Rod has been hiding his talents or that my rifle really can shoot. The Jury is still out. Don't lend your rifle out guys, it normally turns round and bites you! Henri again shot an excellent score that gave him 2nd place. Keep on like that and you will be in the A Class very soon. Hennie managed a very good 43 that gave him 3rd place.



Congratulations on some excellent shooting from the three of you. Well done as well to Jeff, Rafael and Jaron for making the top six as well.

In our new Veterans Class Rod took the gold as well, with Frans recording a very good 44.1 for 2nd place and John with a solid 43 for 3rd place. Well done to the three of you for excellent scores in our new class.

The J Class saw Marc Jordan again recording a score that would make an A Class shooter proud. Second place went to Chris Geyer with 34.1, but there is story to that score. Chris actually did a lot better, but he was victim to his coach not listening. Please guys, at 200m there are only THREE convertible sighters allowed, not FIVE.

They were not the only guilty ones. Nine shooters in total committed the same offence and were penalized by losing their last two shots. You were lucky that Bare was in such a good mood as you could have been disqualified. Please pay attention guys and fill your score cards out correctly. If you are in doubt consult the notice board for an example of how to do it. Remember, you only cross out the sighters that you are carrying over and not the other way around. It leads to confusion and the risk of being disqualified.

On the issue of safety on the range, let us all make it our responsibility and not only the range officer's. Try and adhere to the simple rules like only removing your rifle from the bag when you are given the order to do so, remove yourself and your equipment from the firing point when you have completed your detail even if someone is using it in the next detail, do not walk onto the firing point until you are given the order to prepare and keep your bolt out or your breech flag in until you are on the firing point. Remember as well that it is illegal to change your magazine; one round only is to be inserted for each shot. I sound like a stuck record, but I will keep on until we all comply. Accidents happen far too easily and the future of our Club cannot be compromised. Be aware guys of what is going on around you at all times and correct others when you see things going wrong.

Thanks must go to Riaan Muller for the beautifully prepared range. The tractor is back eventually and the grass was nice and short. I really miss Vicky, she used to brighten the worst day of shooting with a lovely smile and nice words. Now that new barman makes one sink even deeper into depression with his sarcasm, ridicule and bad language. Oh how I long for the past.

One thing I can't do is braai chicken, so my commendation goes to Mike (finally qualified) and Ronnie for the excellent job of braaiing those monster chicken portions. Riaan claimed that he did nothing, not that he used those words. It was again an excellent meal and enjoyed by all.

The range officer duties were done by Riaan Coetzee, Bas, Jason and Graeme. Thanks guys for a job well done. The butts duties were done by Wayne, Brent, John Ecclestone and myself. Thanks to all of you for the hard work. It sure got confusing with the fifteen shot competitors!

Colin Twine and Johan Cilliers are still recovering from their recent reconditioning, so were absent. I hope you are both on the range soon. Colin tells me that he is so bored with being at



home and not shooting that he tried to take up the position the other night. Please guys, before your minds wander, that is the "shooting position" I am referring to. The end result was that he needed Leonie to help him to get up and he is still hurting. The "get up" part means assistance to get back on his crutch. I will stop now, as things are getting out of hand.

I have been asked to request that if you have do not reload, please put your old brass into the container that John E provides on the range. John sells it to a scrap dealer for club funds and every bit helps.

Nationals in Bloemfontein are just a month away. At this stage we have only four definite entrants and desperately need more support if we are going to remain the National Club Champions. We also desperately need to keep the Inter-provincial cup in the WP. Our numbers have been depleted as the event clashes with the Black Powder event in Cape Town. It is still not too late to enter, so please consider joining us for this unforgettable event. Come guys we need you!

Our next shoot and culinary treat is:

Distance: 300m
Date: 25th March 2006
Time: 08h00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: **3 Sighters** + 10 to count

Keep Safe
Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Someone lost a pair of prescription glasses (bifocal) on the road on their way home. If you are missing yours, Henri Laurie (082 783 9980) picked it up.

The most important (? only) point in this newsletter is the converting of sighters. Please refer to your newsletters and/or listen to the range officer before the shoot starts, he will tell you how many sighters you have for that particular distance and how many of those are convertible. In summary, for 200m and 300m we **only have 3 sighters, all 3 convertible**. From 500m to 900m we have **5 sighters, of which only 3 are convertible**. These sighters must be taken in order - see diagrams below for 5-sighter examples (3 sighters work exactly the same). Immediately after you have shot your sighters, you must tell your partner which sighters you would like to convert. This may be after the 3rd sighter - then you don't shoot the 4th and 5th sighter. The marker has to diagonally cross out **the sighters you are converting and re-write them in the scoring blocks**. All 10 scoring blocks **must always be completed**. And once again, you are not allowed to fire e.g. 7 scoring shots and then decide to take 3 of your sighters, merely adding them to the back - the sequence of the last 10 shots **MUST** be exactly the same as those from the butts. There is an example on the notice board in the clubhouse as well, and please check your own scorecard before accepting the score if your partner did the scoring according to rules. That way, nobody can be blamed.



Converting 1st 3 sighters - you cannot shoot 4th and 5th sighters:

A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5	V	5			5	V	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	5

Converting Nr 2,3,4 - you cannot shoot 5th sighter:

A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	5	5	V		5	5	V	3	4	5	4	V	4	3

Converting Nr 3,4,5:

A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	5	4	V	5	4	V	3	V	4	5	4	3	4

Converting Nr 4,5:

A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	3	2	V	V	V	V	3	4	5	4	3	4	3	5

Converting Nr 5:

A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	3	3	3	V	V	2	3	3	2	V	3	4	V	4

Throw away all 5 sighters:

A	B	C	D	E	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	3	2	3	5	V	3	4	3	4	V	4	5	4

Congratulations to the following members who have their birthdays in March:

9th: Brent Bennett

23rd: Bruce Mizen

14th: Isaac Kopman

27th: Pierre de Wet



Riaan Coetzee & Alan Williams. Both always ready to be Range Officer and collect butts scores



Not even the magnifying glass could save Darryl from being annihilated by Rod!



Jermaine Lewis & Brent Bennett. Must be Jermaine's coaching, as Brent is shooting excellent lately



All the Range Officers busy helping Glenn von Zeil sort out a problem with the sight on his rifle



Mike thought he would give Aussie Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin a run for his money by catching a snake at the tail



Congratulations to Mike, Ronnie, John, Jason & Johan for being included in the SA team for the World Long Range Shoot

Cheers

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