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Traditionally in the club the 100m event is The Colin Leon Memorial shoot. As this is the tenth anniversary, Mike and Francois requested that we make something special of this event and have an away shoot. Thanks must go first to Mike and Francois for organising this great event. It was a huge amount of work to co-ordinate everything and it turned out to be one of the best we have ever had. It was a magnificent tribute to Colin Leon.

The weekend away can be described by one word "Hot". That covers the weather, the competition, the accommodation, the enthusiasm, the meals and the socializing all in one word. That valley around Eendekuil is renowned for being hot, but this time it was blistering. The heat and dust did not make for an easy shoot, especially as it was two details to shoot. I can only say thanks to whoever brought cool drinks and baths of ice. I was tempted to climb in with the drinks, but would probably never have got out again.

The welcome gathering at Pronkies was an event all on it's own that was topped off by a great meal. The socializing went on till late and Bas putting his two-man tent entertained us. The fact that the mattress was bigger than the tent did not seem to deter him and he proceeded to stuff it in. The next morning the tent was completely destroyed. The problem is Bas, the tent is meant for two men to lie quietly in. If you put a man and a woman in, all sorts of things can happen. Some misbehaved more than others and a certain young man made a valiant attempt to clear the bar of their stock, but only succeeded in destroying his chances at the shoot. When I got back to the hotel I was waylaid on my way to my room. It was much later that I was guided back to my bed after collapsing my prized walking stick. The morning arrived far too soon, but a great breakfast cured all the sins of the night before.

The range had been set out in the middle of nowhere in an old riverbed with the bank as an end stop beyond the reeds. A road crossing the river served as the firing point. Someone had the brains to put down shade cloth on the firing point or we would really have been covered in dust. Hot it was, we sweltered under the sun on the firing point with sweat running into our eyes while the rest took cover under the gazebo's and any form of shade available. Julian somehow lost his keys in the village and ended up so late he did not shoot. The police found his keys and brought them to the range, but of course Julian was still in the dorp.

There was pandemonium when someone thought that they saw smoke at the targets. It was cease-fire and all who could went running to the reeds to look for the phantom fire. Luckily none was found. In that heat a fire would have been a major problem.



Safety was of prime importance at this shoot and Mike and Joe being the range officers for the day, ensured no incidents took place and the shoot, although a long affair, went smoothly. Thanks to Graeme for doing the squadding and to Bare and Corena for the scoring of the targets.

There was enough time to go back to the hotel to clean up and cool down before the prize giving. And what an event that was. Prizes were handed out, not only to the winners, but to the lowest scores in the classes as well. A raffle was organised by Vissy for a number of items and proved to be a lot of fun and very successful to boot. The meal was great and the socialising even better. It was another long night before the crowd faded from sheer exhaustion. The next morning the crowd dragged themselves back for another fantastic breakfast before wending their weary way home. Matthew camped in the hotel grounds under a big tree and when he saw a big spotted owl in the tree above his tent he was very happy, as he is a nature lover. That was until Sunday morning when he was backing out of his tent the owl pooped onto his bare back putting him off his breakfast.

Instead of just showing the just the top six results in each class we including the full list, as many did not get their scores on the day.

In the X Class the winner of the Colin Memorial Trophy was Jason Di Bona with a score of 186. In second place was Vissy with 182 and third was Koos with 178. Bare 177; Bas 175 and Mike 174 followed them. All scored true X class scores and well done.

The A Class had an upset with our visitor, George Mc Gregor scoring a very good 182. Francois De Waal was second with 171 and third was Riaan Coetzee with the same score. Robert was fourth with 170 followed by Colin Edge on 166 and Ronnie with 162.

Lem won the B Class with a score of 165. That is a good result and worthy of a class win, but there were some tactical moves made the night before when he supplied Matthew with money for alcohol to destroy his chances. In second place was Melani with a good score of 158. That score was achieved with no coaching from Jason. I witnessed Melani handling that P14 like it was something she did every day while the lazy so-called boyfriend sat in the shade. Jason may still regret introducing her to shooting. Returning from sea was Jan-Frederik in third place with a good score of 157. Fourth was Conny with 152, fifth was Piet Nieuwoudt with 152 followed by Neil Jacobs with 146.

Our "visitors" Austin Wepener scored 158, Chris Gouws scored 133 and Carel Taljaard scored 132. The shooting clubs must in future make a rule that Carel is only allowed on the range if his wife is present. He did not steal anyone's drink, throw any keys onto the roof or set fire to anything.

The dismiss trophies awarded for the lowest scores in each class went to big names this time. These are past class winners and even top scorers on occasions; Riaan Muller was last in the X class, Botha Marais last in the A Class and Joe last in the B Class. What happened guys?

The veterans class was won by Koos with Robert Ellis second and Colin Edge in third place. Well done to all of you.

Please remember to keep our friend Hannes in your thoughts and prayers as he still battling with his illness. Let us hope all goes well for him.

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I must wish all going to the 80th Anniversary shoot and the Nationals all the best and may every shot be a V Bull. There are a couple of new boys going this time and I am sure you will enjoy it. As for me, I am going to have to give it a miss as my hip will be replaced on 19th March and will not be ready for the shoot unless I have a miraculous recovery.

Remember as well that there is a fund raising effort for the Black Powder team to USA World Championships on 20th May at the Barnyard Theatre. Tickets for The Elvis Show are available at R100 each from Ronnie Blake, Corena or Bare.

As a number of committee members will be away for our next shoot at the end of the month, we will need some help to run the shoot. I plan to be there, but how mobile I will be I cannot say. This is an ideal opportunity to implement what Chris Geyer suggested at the AGM and get members to volunteer for range officer duties. Anyone wishing to volunteer services for the shoot please contact me. We need one experienced and one apprentice at each end.

Please remember that SABU and Club fees are payable at the next shoot or you cannot participate. Our next event is:

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Distance: 300m
Date: 28th March 2009
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 3 sighters and 10 to Count

Thanks once again to Mike and Francois for organising this successful event. Tell next time,

Keep Safe

Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

All the best with your surgery, Darryl, we hope you can chase again after whatever you like very soon without the help of a walking stick! We will surely miss you in Bloemfontein, as there will be no one there to put the brakes on Bas. Anyway, we wish you a very speedy recovery.

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

January

1st: Matthew Melidonis
2nd: Neil Jacobs, Donovan Mellor
7th: John Ecclestone, Lem Melidonis
10th: Cedric Claus
11th: Greg Sykes
14th: Darryl Carver, Greame Stigling
15th: Melani Hunter
17th: Daan Brits
18th: Hennie Joubert
20th: Johan Cilliers
23rd: Hannes Willers
26th: Johan de Beer
30th: Johan de Swardt

February:

3rd: Adrian Lith
5th: Jean de Villiers, Chris de Hart
10th: Riaan Muller
16th: Ralph Bazier
17th: Freddie Troost
21st: Colin Edge





Bas manoeuvring his one man (one woman) tent



Graeme Leon handled the squadding for the shoot



Some members were bright and cheerful on Saturday ...



Others not quite ... Glenn catching up on some lost sleep



The morning after the night before ...



The firing point with the targets in the distance



Thank goodness for those gazebo's



Tony and Schulla from Pronkies with Johan



Jason receiving the Colin Leon Memorial trophy from Graeme



Matthew receiving a very special award for all his antics from Friday night



Austin and Tina Wepener – Austin had to be locksmith too on Friday night



John Duckitt and Chris Williams



Carel Taljaard (totally out of character) and Neil Jacobs



Darryl and Robert with Ingrid and Ursula



Pronkies had special awards for Mike and Francois for organising the event

That's all from me for now.

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As promised, here are all the scores for the shoot.

Place	Surname	First Name	23/02/09 100m /200
X Class			
1	Di Bona	Jason (1989)	186
2	Botha	Vissy (1951)	182
3	Brink	Koos (1947) - Veteran	178
4	De Beer	Johan (1966)	177
5	Barkhuysen	Bas (1957)	175
6	Di Bona	Mike (1957)	174
7	Leon	Graeme (1969)	173
8	Carver	Darryl (1951)	167
9	Troost	Freddie (1963)	167
10	De Beer	Corena (1964)	163
11	Muller	Riaan (1962)	140
A Class			
1	McGregor	George	182
2	De Waal	Francois (1965)	171
3	Coetzee	Riaan (1949)	171
4	Ellis	Robert (1937) - Veteran	170
5	Edge	Colin (1947) - Veteran	166
6	Blake	Ronnie (1948) - Veteran	162
7	Duckitt	John (1953)	161
8	De Waal	Frans (1936) - Veteran	158
9	Lith	Adrian (1962)	155
10	Geyer	Johan (1956)	153
11	Du Toit	Francois (1964)	150
12	Kunneke	Sherrit (1960)	150
13	Bennett	Brent (1971)	148
14	Jonker	Floris (1962)	148
15	Beneke	Arnold (1960)	139
16	Laurie	Henri (1948) - Veteran	139
17	Noble-Jack	Ian (1948) - Veteran	139
18	Williams	Alan (1944) - Veteran	139
19	Mellor	Barry (1972)	138
20	Brits	Daan (1967)	136
21	Arellano	Rafael (1951)	133
22	Muller	Tjaart (1961)	119
23	Marais	Botha (1955)	118
B Class			
1	Melidonis	Telemachos (1954)	165
2	Hunter	Melani	158
3	Van Niekerk	Jan Frederik	157
4	Arellano	Conny (1959)	152
5	Nieuwoudt	Pieter (1952)	152
6	Jacobs	Neil (1964)	146
7	Von Zeil	Glenn (1964)	144
8	Ecclestone	John (1934) - Veteran	136
9	Cilliers	Johan (1950)	131
10	Melidonis	Matthew (1987)	129

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11	Coleman	Ken (1945) - Veteran	120
12	Williams	Chris (1964)	120
13	Claus	Cedric (1957)	117
14	Muller	Jacques	115
15	Marais	Jacques	89
16	Koen	Joe (1947) - Veteran	77
Visitors			
1	Wepener	Austin	158
2	Gouws	Chris	133
3	Taljaard	Carel	132
4	Muller	Werner	103
5	Fourie	Andy	52

