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I hope that everyone had a truly blessed Christmas and celebrated the New Year in style. Hard to believe but the holiday is over and we are back to the realities of work again and trying to make a living again. Our shooting programme started off again with the 11th Colin Leon Memorial Shoot and the attendance showed again just how popular the event is. The weather was great but with so many entrants it took a long time, finishing way after 1pm. I was absolutely exhausted after this one, it was a long slog.

Thanks to Corena and Johan for managing the long queues, taking the payments of club and SABU fees and squadding the masses efficiently that we were still able to start by 9 am. They did not shoot but still helped with arrangements. Thanks also to Johan for getting some targets from Durbanville, as we had none. Thanks also to John Ecclestone for doing the opening prayer for us. The 100m event sounds easy but it does require some fine shooting to get a good score. This is where you need a good scope to see where you are shooting and even then it is difficult to find the bullet holes.

Even so there were some very good scores recorded, and after inspection of the results the 100m record was also broken. Yes, his ammo was also looked at and was also according to rules. Just damn good shooting did it.

The results were:

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X Class			A Class		
1.	Mike Di Bona	93, 97, 190	1.	Tjaart Muller	90, 90, 180
2.	Jason Di Bona	94, 93, 187	2.	Melani Hunter	90, 90, 180
3.	Koos Brink	87, 94, 181	3.	Pieter Marais (visitor)	86, 84, 170
4.	Bas Barkhuysen	94, 85, 179	4.	Rupert McNaught-Davis	84, 84, 168
5.	Riaan Muller	83, 93, 176	5.	Evert du Plessis	84, 80, 164
6.	Jean de Villiers	84, 90, 174	6.	Adrian Lith	75, 82, 157
B Class			Veterans		
1.	Greg Sykes	77, 88, 165	1.	Koos Brink	87, 94, 181
2.	Chris Geyer	86, 78, 164	2.	Evert du Plessis	84, 80, 164
3.	Sakkie Stoffberg	75, 88, 163	3.	John Austin	87, 76, 163
4.	Jacques Muller	75, 77, 152			
5.	Conny Arellano	67, 80, 147			
6.	Johan Cilliers	72, 75, 147			

In the X Class Mike had combined total of 190, which was the top score of the day and also took the Colin Memorial Trophy. The previous record held by John Moore was 96/100 which Mike managed to beat by one point with a 97 in his one detail. The record and first place goes to Mike for a great effort. Well done Mike, whatever you have for breakfast, please share with us. Close behind in second place was Jason with

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CO-OPTED MEMBER: WO1 AA Muller

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an excellent total of 187. Must be the Di Bona breakfast again. In third place was Koos with 181, followed by Bas, Riaan and Jean. After telling everyone to watch how many rounds they fire, I put 12 rounds onto the target in my second detail, what a

The A Class also had some good scores recorded. Tjaart Muller scored 180 wining on a count out from Melani in second. I have offered Melani money to stop the Di Bona avalanche but obviously not enough. In third place was Pieter Marais with 170, followed Rupert McNaught-Davis (visitor) 168, Duppie with 164 and Adrian Lith with 157.

The B Class it was Greg Sykes with the top score of 165, followed by Chris Geyer with 164 and Sakkie Stoffberg in third with 163. All pretty close and good B Class scores, maybe enough to put you guys into A class. In fourth place was Jacques Muller with 152, Conny with 147 and Johan Cilliers on 147 losing out on the count out.

The Veterans Class went to Koos Brink followed by Duppie and John Austin on 163.

The meal prepared by Ronnie, Chris and Bare was again excellent. The snoek, caught by the cooks, was braaied to perfection. Nothing like good fresh snoek. There is a story to the fish. It was caught by Ronnie, Chris, Bare and Corena. Now Vissy was also with, but he caught NOTHING. At that stage he was known as "VIS-LOOS", but since then regained his pride (and name) by landing quite a few big ones. Thanks guys for the fish and the cooking.

I must thank Joe, who did not shoot but gave his time for being our range Officer. Thanks also to Mike and Riaan Coetzee for being butts officers and for helping in scoring the targets. Also to Robert Ellis and John Duckitt for helping with the scoring in the first details. If I have missed anyone out, my apologies.

Next on our club agenda is the AGM to be held before the 200m shoot on 27th February 2010. This is not an election year, but I have decided after consulting the committee, that I will be standing down as Chairman of this great club. I feel that after 3 years I am becoming stale and we need to get some new ideas and life into the club to go forward. I also have some work commitments this year and will not be able to attend all the meetings and will not be able to give the job the attention it needs. You can start preparing yourselves to select a new Chairman. Any nominations?

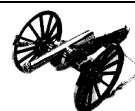
Nationals in Bloemfontein are just around the corner with closing date for entries being the 28th February. Two tents have already been booked and depending how serious a certain person is there may still be place for one more in Bas and my tent. Our tent's reputation is known far and wide. People travel great distances to come and stare in wonder and amazement at our luxurious accommodation and to share in the relaxed ambiance and smell the aroma's of our chef's creations while admiring the artistic display of empty whiskey bottles. Some even shed a tear for all the fallen pipers. At present there may be nine of us going but if we can get the Di Bona avalanche (Melani as well of course) there we could end with a record .303 entry. It is going to be a good one this year. The only thing I am not looking forward to is the loading 400 rounds of ammo.

Our next event is:

Distance: 200m
Date: 27th February 2010
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 3 x sighters (convertible) and 10 to count

Until then, keep safe

Darryl



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

As Darryl mentioned, the AGM will be held before the 200m shoot on **27th February 2010**. Please ensure that you arrive early so that we can do the squadding before the meeting starts so that we can start shooting immediately afterwards. We would like to start the AGM not later than **08:45**. I attach the Agenda for this meeting and the minutes from last year's AGM to this newsletter.

On that note. It is with great pity that we note Darryl's decision to step down as chairman. Darryl, thank you so much for everything you had done for the club and the relaxed way in which you ran the club, sometimes under difficult conditions. Your equalising effect was remarkable! Johan will not be able to attend the next 5 shoots due to other commitments and as Darryl's resignation will lead to the election of a chairman at the AGM, it will probably be best under the circumstances to also elect a new vice-chairman. He has therefore decided to resign as vice-chairman.

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in February:

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



Mike receiving the Colin Leon Memorial Trophy from Darryl
with the highest score ever shot in this competition ...
Well done, Mike!

That's all from me for now.

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