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Newsletter

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Well, this will be the last time that I will be writing this newsletter. I must add, that it was extremely easy for me to find material to write about. What with Bare and the boys getting up to all sorts of nonsense over the past few years, I still have an entire manuscript, just on them!

Jokes aside, it was a weird feeling on the range, as I knew that it would be the last time I organized this event.

The shoot, (Colin Leon Memorial), went off extremely well. About 70 shooters competed in this 100Mtr event that was shot in almost perfect conditions. The shoot was divided into 4 details and we had to shoot it twice, with an average score then been taken. Conditions remained about the same for the duration of the shoot, so no one could say that they were penalized due to wind, light etc.

There were 3 non-convertible sighters that were individually market, then the target came up and 10 shots, all to count, were fired. Strange, that the target at the nearest distance always proves to be the most difficult!

The following shooters attained the top 6 positions.

A Class

1.	John Austin	182
2.	Johan Geyer	178
3.	Riaan Muller	176
4.	Arnold Beneke	175
5.	Colin Twine	174
6.	Darryl Carver	173

B Class

1.	Jason Di Bona	169
2.	Hennie Joubert	162
3.	Ben Durandt	152
4.	Claude Hartog	148
5.	Malcolm Russel	148
6.	Louis Bester	146

J Class

1.	Mark Jordan	160
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Good to see the old hands still teaching the young guns a thing or two in the A class! It certainly looks as if John is going to be the person to beat this year! Well done John, 182 is an excellent score! Nice to see Johan in the top three with a good score of 178. Then to



Riaan, who also looks like he is keen to be in the top 3 again! To all of you in the top 6, well done, lets see what happens at the 900Mtr!

The B class has a few new names. Unfortunately, Jason still has this entire year to go in the B class, as he is still only 15 years old! Come on guys and girls, make a concerted effort to dethrone him!

Well done my boy, your dad's and mom's are only jealous! (I am sure that will get a few people thinking!)

Fantastic to see Hennie up in 2nd place, with a credible 162! Good shooting Hennie! Also, to Ben, Claude, Malcolm and Louis, keep it up! I certainly hope that this is not a flash in the pan, and you will remain up there! Well done to you all! I must mention that Elané has progressed to the B class and attained 7th position! Well done Elané, I think it is high time that Jason has a run for his money!

A junior, who is only 8 years old, won the J class! This is the future of our club! It is so good to see the enthusiasm on his face when he was shooting and also the smile when he received his prize! Well done Mark, you deserved to win. Keep it up, I would like to see you win a few more!

I would like to thank the following people who helped out on the range and in the butts. John Ecclestone (who also delivers the opening prayer), Darryl, Bare, Jason and Elané. Thank you guys and girl, without your help, we would still be shooting! As usual, I had at least 5 people offering to help out with the shoot. Where do you find another club where this happens? Thanks to all of you for your unselfish attitude!

Again, we were spoilt by Riaan, who had all the targets and stickers ready for us when we arrived. Thank you Riaan, your contribution is enormous!

To Francois, who worked extremely hard before the shoot, together with Bare and Elané, collecting the fees and balancing the books. Thanks Francois for all the help that you have given me over the last few years, I hope you are deriving as much pleasure out of this club by serving in it, as I have.

Lastly, to all of you who attended this shoot, your sportsmanship and camaraderie is hard to find! Thank you for making my last outing as Chairman a memorable one!

The meal, as usual, was magnificent! Ronnie and Bare went fishing for crayfish, and stumbled onto a shoal of snoek! So our budding chefs exchanged their traps for hand line and hauled in 30 snoek in 30 minutes! Not quite knowing what to do with their bounty, they decided to donate the majority to our club. Ronnie has not only donated snoek on more than one occasion, but also a Springbok, not to mention rounds for the Xmas shoot and various other things. Thank you Ronnie, for your generous contribution to our club! All of us appreciate it!

Also to Bare who decided to share his "fry" with us. Thank you!



To Graeme, Wayne, Jaron, Riaan and Tjaart who helped braai it, thanks guys, it was absolutely perfect! Again, I have to mention Riaan. He was responsible for the rice salad, made to perfection! I do wonder at times, that if we have to start up a catering company, how long it would be before these gentlemen retire in luxury!

Thanks once again to everyone who had a hand in this wonderful meal. All who ate enjoyed it! You never know, now that I have idle hands and lots of time on my side, I might just try my hand at cooking! Watch this space!

Prince Albert is almost with us again. As you all know by now, the Mayor, Dawid Rossouw, phoned me to tell me that he has managed to secure this magnificent range for us once more. Thank you Dawid, we really appreciate it!

Unlike last year, I am going to ask the "big guy" to please keep the rain away for the duration of the shoot! Hopefully he will listen to me this time!

This year the shoot will be held on the 18th June, and I certainly hope that the rain will stay away!

Winter in the Karoo is very pleasant. The days are warm to hot, with no wind and the nights are chilly! So, we can chill off during the day by shooting, and warm up at night by? Your imagination did the rest!

Please book your accommodation early, as the Black Powder Nationals will precede the shoot. This is a 100Mtr shoot, using Muzzle and Breechloaders. For those of you who can take Friday the 17th off, come and join us from the 16th. Thursday the 16th is a public holiday.

For those of you who have not yet been to Prince Albert, please make a concerted effort to join us. It is a very relaxed shoot with excellent scenery and wonderful food! **BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

We certainly missed Corena at this shoot. Poor Bare tried his best to sort out the scores before the prize giving. After a while he became agitated and kept everyone at arms length! If it were not for Elané, I do not know what would have happened! I am sure that he is going to think twice before he lets Corena go away on a 6 weeks study / research leave, to Paris again! Corena, we all missed you tremendously, please come and help us keep Bare in check! We feel that you are the only person capable of doing this!

After our shoot and meal, I displayed shooting equipment and accessories that we were able to secure for our members at vastly reduced prices. The club sold about R10 000.00 worth of equipment! (The biggest seller, being a competition air rifle with peep sights, selling for only R732.60!) For those of you who did not attend the shoot, you can contact Francois or myself and we will advise you of the equipment and prices.

Finally, I am once again going to remind you of the AGM that is going to be held at the Good hope shooting range on Wednesday, 16th February 2005. This is your ideal opportunity to voice your opinions / concerns about our club.



As you all know by now, I will be stepping down as Chairman, so please attend, to vote in a new committee.

Please come early, as light snacks will be available.

Well folks that all I have to report on, I will give my final speech at the AGM, when I present my Chairman's report.

See you all there!

Our next shoot and meal is as follows: -

Date: 26th February 2005

Time: 8.00am

Distance: 200Mtrs

Venue: Good hope Shooting Range

Keep those eyes in!

If I don't see you at the AGM, I will see you at the next shoot!

Cheers

Mike

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

It is not often that I am at a loss for words, but this month I really don't have much to add to the newsletter. Except maybe, that it is great to be back in South Africa and not even the new Firearms Control Act will convince me to seek greener pastures!

Remember to pay your annual subs as soon as possible. The amount has been the same for at least the last 3 years and we will discuss a possible raise at the AGM. SABU fees are also due by the end of March and for this year, the amount for limited membership (which applies to most of you) is R125. As I am also the secretary of the Western Province Bisley Association, I will issue the membership cards directly to our members. But, I once again appeal to you all **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR MONEY DIRECTLY TO THE SABU OFFICE!!!** If you do, I cannot do anything for you with regard to issuing the cards or getting membership numbers, and you will unfortunately not be allowed to shoot without proof of membership in future. You will need to complete a new form each year and please ensure that you have your existing membership number available when you do.

A notice was sent out that the AGM will take place on Monday, 14th February, but quite a few romantic souls complained bitterly that they have other plans for Valentine's Day. So, we had to change it to Wednesday, the 16th. All the other arrangements will remain the same (e.g. time, venue and food). Please come and attend the meeting - we need to elect a new committee and we would like as many of our members there as possible.



Congratulations to the following members who have birthdays in February:

February 3rd: Adrian Lith
10th: Riaan Muller
14th: Michael Duckitt
16th: Ralph Bazier

17th: Freddie Troost
19th: Pedro Dias Lobo
22nd: Peter Burgers

See you at the AGM!

Corena de Beer (082 826 0453)



Welcome to the club, Mark, and congratulations on showing most of the B Class how it is done!



Riaan behind his spotting scope - thanks for all the years you served on the committee and all your hard work and dedication!



Michael Beardwood and Dennis Sherwood in action on the firing point



I left my stats in competent hands - only another blonde could make a success of it (or is it the female touch?)

