



# CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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## NEWSLETTER

### JANUARY 2006

What a great start to the year we had with no less than 77 entries to the Colin Leon Memorial 100m shoot. This 100m event was started by him and is held each year in memory of the great contribution that made in getting this great club going.

It was wonderful to have Bare and John Davis back after their major setbacks last year. Bare is almost fully recovered and lot cheekier than before and shooting again, while John is a lot thinner, but needs to build his strength up before he shoots again. From everyone to both of you we offer a sincere "welcome back".

The shoot was opened by with the normal prayer by John Ecclestone whose Afrikaans improves each time. Thanks John. Despite the large number of entrants everything went relatively smoothly (some comments later) and we were able to shoot the distance twice. The brisk headwind did not seem to have much effect, as some very good scores were achieved.

The results were as follows:

<b>A Class</b>			<b>B Class</b>		
1.	Vissy Botha	186	1.	Rafael Arellano	164
2.	John Austin	180	2.	Henri Laurie	159
3.	Graeme Leon	176	3.	Ben Du Randt	143
4.	Colin Twine	175	4.	Jaron Pratt	141
5.	Riaan Muller	174	5.	Colin Edge	139
6.	Francois de Waal	174	6.	Ian Noble Jack	134
<b>J Class</b>					
1.	Chris Geyer	139			
2.	Marc Jordan	123			
3.	Max Brand	51			

The A class was won by Vissy who? For those of you who don't know, Vissy is a Bisley shooter who joined us for the day and certainly showed us the way. Well done Vissy and we hope you also become a convert. Second place went to John Austin with a good 180 and third went to Graeme Leon with 176. Maybe next year Graeme, we know how badly you want it. In close order behind was Colin Twine (sore hip joints and all), Riaan Muller and Francois De Waal. Well done to Riaan and Francois for making the top six.

There were some surprising results in the B Class with some names that have never seen the top six before. First place went to Rafael (why is he still in the B Class) Arellano with a good

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CO-OPTED MEMBERS: WO1 J Ecclestone, WO1 AA Muller

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164. Following was Henri Laurie, Ben Du Randt and Jaron Pratt. Well done to all of you and I hope you keep up the good results. The biggest surprise was Colin Edge, the man who won the dismiss trophy last year, in fifth place with 139. Thank goodness you have managed to turn that old clunker of a rifle into something that shoots straight. You must have employed an excellent gunsmith to do the work! In sixth place was Ian using the same rifle with a score of 134. Well done both of you, you have proved that you can shoot.

The J Class was won by a newcomer who definitely has cordite in his blood, namely Chris Geyer with 139. Second place went to the little guy who shoots big scores, Marc Jordan, and third was Max Brand.

The butts were efficiently managed by Joe Koen, Riaan Coetzee, John Ecclestone and Wayne Pratt. Thanks to all of you. The Range duties were done by yours truly, Bas, Graeme and Mike. A big thanks for the help guys, it was quite hectic with the large number of shooters on the line. We did have some incidents of people fiddling with their rifles when the targets were being marked and others were forward of them and also someone wandering off for a pee in front of the firing line. It is forbidden guys, you can be removed from the range. There was another incident of someone shooting before the flags were down. No, I am not going to tear a strip off Mike despite much encouragement from some to do so. Mike was not entirely to blame as it was partly my fault. The targets should not have been up while the flag was up and should have only been raised once the flag went down. That is how easy it is to have an incident.

What comes out of the big black pots never ceases to amaze me. This time it was a stir-fry that has set a new benchmark in the annals of club cooking. It was an excellent effort from Ronnie, Francois Du Toit, Riaan Muller and Bare. That standard will be hard to beat. I noticed that one name was missing from the list of cooks. On enquiring I was told that that was the reason why the standard has improved so greatly. If that was not cruel enough, the chief cook told me that Mike had failed his apprenticeship. I personally don't believe it and time will tell.

Thanks to Riaan who, in the absence of his tractor, has to mow the grass with a weed eater in the morning before the shoot. Maybe you should do it every time on the morning of the shoot as the exercise seems to help you shooting.

We were joined by three Bisley shooters, namely Vissy, Fanie Delport and Joppie Le Roux who shot with .303's. They gave up a long-range .22 shoot to join us and were still in the clubhouse when most of us had left. I hope we have some converts as I am sure that they enjoyed the event.

This 100m event is ideal to test your rifle. If you have difficulty grouping within the black you need to examine your rifle and ammunition. It is important to check that the rifling is not worn out at the breech end, but it is more important to check the muzzle end. Remember that these rifles are all old and many stood in safes for years without being used or cleaned. The oil would creep down the barrel and the first few inches could have become dry and rusted. If there is any sign of old rust or pitting in the muzzle end, the barrel is useless and will never shoot to any degree of accuracy. As far as ammunition is concerned, you have to reload very smartly to match old military Mk7 cordite ammo. The only drawback is the corrosive primers and the high burn temperature of cordite. My advice to reloaders is



spending as much money as possible on a seating die and only neck size your cases. If you still have a problem, it could well be the nut behind the butt.

I am not sure that all the members realize that your CLI Club membership allows you to enter the SA National championships that will be held in Bloemfontein during April this year. Last year our Club won the Club championship and our WP team won the inter-provincial. Bas also came second in the individual championship. I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to enter the event to enable us to enter two teams and beat the Vaalies twice. If we have enough entries we could pick the teams at Bloemfontein based on the individual results. The entry fees are high, but the accommodation on the range is very cheap. You can reserve an army tent with beds and tables for a very reasonable fee as well. There is power to each site and the ablution facilities are very good. We had a great time last year and if we could get 12 entrants from Cape Town the party will only be better. Please let me or Corena know soon if you intend coming along as we need to reserve tents. You can bring your own tent or caravan but we need to reserve a campsite.

If the programme for Nationals is a bit hectic for you there is another national event for .303 shooters. The Black Powder Shooting Union is holding their National Championship at Bloemfontein in June 2006. There will be a .303 event shot at 300m, 500m and 600m on one of the days. This event is for post sights only. If you are interested in participating at this event contact Mike for details. You may have to join Cape Town Muzzle Loaders to participate, but the fees are very reasonable.

Don't forget the **AGM on 13 February 2006 at 19:00** at the Good Hope Range. This is your opportunity to offer suggestions and make changes. Do not miss it.

Our next shoot and culinary treat is:

**Distance:** 200m  
**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
**Time:** 08h00  
**Venue:** Good Hope Range  
**Ammo:** 3 Sighters + 10 to count

Keep Safe  
Darryl

#### **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:**

I would firstly like to thank everyone who phoned, sms'ed, e-mailed or visited us after Bare's surgery. We really appreciate it and are thankful that everything went well.

Secondly, to my son - I really missed you on Saturday. I was so looking forward to see you receiving your first medal in the A Class!! It was also good to see Mike taking charge of the range again - it felt like old times. You better face it, nobody else can handle that megaphone of yours and if the cooks (or members in the peanut gallery) get cocky, you are always most welcome on the range!!



I must confess that I slipped up big time. I was shooting in the first detail and taking pictures was the last thing on my mind. Mike reminded me during the 2<sup>nd</sup> detail and I frantically started taking pictures, but it was too late to catch a nice mugshot of the winner. Sorry Vissy, nothing personal, it was merely a huge blonde moment! Vissy shot with my rifle, and gave me a proper hiding (in true CLI Club of Borrowed Rifles-style) - well done!

After last year's drama with certain members on the committee who scheduled the AGM on Valentine's Day, we made sure that it did not happen again this year. Therefore, no excuses for not attending. The meeting starts at 19:00, and true to tradition, there will be boerewors rolls available before the meeting, I attach copies of the minutes from last year's AGM and the Agenda for this year's AGM. Please bring your own copies along, there will only be a limited number extra copies. This is your opportunity to speak your mind and to propose new and exciting things that you feel might improve the club! If you want to add something to the agenda, please let me know as soon as possible. (And if anyone wants to volunteer for the secretary's job, I will be eternally grateful!!!).

Please remember that your subs is due by the AGM and your SABU fees is also now payable. We cannot afford to slip up with regards to these fees, so please, pay at the AGM or at the next shoot. Club membership is R180 per year and SABU fees are R130 for limited membership (most club members qualify for this) and R260 for full members (who wish to participate in the SA Open Championships in Bloemfontein). New members pay a once-off R180 joining fee. I know this sounds like lots of money, but it is worth every cent! Most members paid their fees at last week's shoot, thank you very much. I requested you last year, and am going to repeat it this year - **PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR SABU FEES DIRECTLY TO SABU, IT CAUSES IMMENSE ADMINISTRATIVE NIGHTMARES FOR ALL INVOLVED.** Thank you.

Lastly, you are probably aware that Vicky will be leaving Cape Town next week to seek greener pastures in Johannesburg. Vicky, on behalf of the CLI Club, thank you for your beautiful smile and sunny personality that always greeted us behind the bar. We wish you everything of the best and really hope that you will be happy in your new environment. I am sure that I speak for all the members when I say that we will surely miss you, and your father will have real difficulty to find a proper successor for you!! Good luck, enjoy this new adventure and do not forget us.

Our best wishes and support will also accompany Colin Twine and Johan Cilliers to theatre in this coming month - hope everything goes well and that you will be fit in no time.

Congratulations to the following members who have birthdays in February:

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

See you at the AGM!

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Claude Hartog trying to teach Darryl how to shoot, but a 164 was just not enough to land up in the top 6



Stoney and Johannes became regular participants lately, despite having to travel all the way from Swellendam



Henri Laurie had a very good shoot to end 2<sup>nd</sup> in B class - hope to see you in the top 6 more often



Mike, doing what he does best. Neither chairman nor vice can operate Mike's loudhailer



Joppie le Roux used Robert Ellis's rifle and shot a respectable 171, and beating Robert on top of it (that's tradition!)



Fanie Delport has a tendency to bleed after each bisley shoot, but Robert's 303 was kind to him and he escaped unharmed

