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Newsletter

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Hot hot hot is what the weather has been and Saturday was no exception. Scores were hot and attendance as well. It was a great event. Nearly eighty were on the firing line and guys it was hectic trying to keep the scores and the shoot on track. It seemed to take forever to complete the details even though we were given very strict time allowances for each session on the firing point.

Despite the fact that Bare, Corena and Francois had to sort out the squadding and take the membership and SABU fees as well as all the renewal forms, our start was surprisingly almost on time. Thanks to Mike for again herding all off to the range and generally making a noise while the vice chairman again did nothing but performed a more social role.

This event is held annually in memory of the late Colin Leon who, besides being one of our founder members, was the person responsible for starting this 100m event with the .303. The trophy has been repaired and remounted, thanks to Riaan and is really something to be proud of. It is however fragile and will be staying in the club house at Atlantis.

The shoot was opened in the normal way with a prayer by the one and only John Ecclestone as only he can do it. Even with the large numbers and the fact that we had numerous visitors, safety on the range was again good. Some bore the wrath of the chairman for moving onto the firing point too soon, but generally the conduct was good. Let us keep it that way. It was heartening to see how the members looked after the visitors and first timers.

It happens every time at the 100m shoot. We get people shooting on the wrong target. Come on guys, this is close range stuff. What is going to happen when we move back? Please try and watch your target number as it can wreck someone else's shooting. At least no one shot on Mike's target this year, as normally he ends losing a bull or two. Lead me not into temptation, but then again I was in a different detail.

The results are as follows:

A Class			B Class		
1.	Colin Twine	185	1.	Jaron Pratt	177
2.	Mike Di Bona	183	2.	Colin Edge	165
3.	Dennis Sherwood	179	3.	Chris Geyer	165
4.	Graeme Leon	177	4.	Ian Noble-Jack	158
5.	Riaan Coetzee	175	5.	Jermaine Lewis	150
6.	Riaan Muller	175	6.	Conny Arellano	148
Veterans			J Class		
1.	Dennis Sherwood	179	1.	Marc Jordan	155
2.	John Austin	162	2.	Alex Lith	16
3.	Evert du Plessis	148			

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The A Class saw Colin, the man who is threatening to shoot less this year, taking the top score. How's that for an incentive to shoot even more, Twinkie? Second place and very close behind went to Mike who had no pressure due to Jason not being there. A very good third place went to Dennis Sherwood who showed us all that age has nothing to do with it. That was excellent shooting on your part, Dennis. Fourth place went to the man that we would all like to see winning the trophy. Well done Graeme, there is always next year. An excellent fifth and sixth place went to Riaan Coetzee and Riaan Muller who ended with the same score. It's been a while since the two of you have been in the top six and great to see you guys making a comeback.

The B Class was won hands down by Jaron with an A Class score of 177. Great stuff Jaron, B Class beware, he is on a mission this year. Colin Edge again had a good shoot and ended up in second place. Maybe this tea thing has something to do with it. On the same score, but in third place was Chris Geyer. Fourth place went to Ian, fifth to Jermaine. An interesting point is that Colin and Ian both used to be nowhere, but after shooting Bisley for the whole year have certainly improved. Guts and determination have something to do with it as well. Chris took part in the WP Bisley and Jermaine shot at Nationals last year and both have definitely benefited from it. Look at the scores. Conny also had a good day and ended in sixth place way ahead of Raphael of course.

The J Class saw Marc winning with a very good 155. That was an excellent effort Marc, keep it up. A very brave effort was put in by Alex Lith in second place. Score is not important in this case, the fact that she stuck it out for both details is. I need to have a word with Adrian; please bring a sand bag next time. Your poor daughter cannot use your shaky arm as a dead rest. I am sure that she will do better next time as she certainly seemed to handle the recoil without a problem.

The veteran Class was walked by Dennis with his excellent score of course and second place went to John Austin with an unfortunate complete miss (outside the scoring rings) which he still cannot account for. Third place went to Duppie who comes back every now and then and manages to win something as well. Well done to all of you.

There were some grumbles on the range about us shooting two details as some came prepared only for one. You should have checked your newsletter guys!

The meal was again excellent, but I am still a bit confused about who the real cooks are. Thanks to Riaan, Francois, Ronnie and Hannes (I think) for a job well done. I suppose we will have to wait until winter for the hot pots that you have been threatening to concoct.

Thanks to Mike again for getting us going on the range. Range officers were Bas, Riaan Coetzee, Bare and I while the butts were manned by John E, Vissy, Joe Koen and Johan Cilliers. Joe had his radio on VOX so I was kept up to date with all what was going on in the butts and heard all the latest jokes. It was quite entertaining. Scorers and stats officers were Mike, Graeme, Bare, Corena, Riaan Coetzee and yours truly. Thanks to all of you for the effort.

Nationals at Bloemfontein are less than two months away. Those who intend coming need to enter by 28th February 2007 or you will be charged for a late entry. I have booked one large tent on the range so there is plenty of room for anyone wanting to join us for a week of good home cooking, congenial atmosphere and luxuriant accommodation. Please let me know if you intend joining us. All those stories you have heard about previous years are lies. Ask Bas.



Don't forget the **AGM on 19th 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: 24th February 2007
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: **3 sighters + 10 to count**

Good luck to Corena, Bare and Ronnie who are attending the Black Powder Trials in Bloemfontein on the 9th and 10th February. We all hope that you do well and have a safe journey.

Keep Safe

Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Thank you to everyone that already paid their club and SABU subs. For those who have not yet done so, please try and pay at the AGM or next shoot at the latest. I have to finalise all membership payments by March, so please don't delay. Our club has an outstanding payment record – let's keep it that way!

We will have the usual boerewors rolls before the AGM. So, come early so that we can start the meeting at 19:00 sharp. We will be electing a new management team, as the current committee's 2 year term is up. If there are specific points that you would like to place on the Agenda, please let me know as soon as possible.

For those of you who wonder what happened to Jason – he started varsity a week ago and was still under *Res Arrest*, being initiated and orientated. But he is alive and well, and happy as can be (I will not quote his father on this one!). However, besides missing the club shoot, he will also miss the black powder trials and I can assure you that was a very tough decision for him to make. Unless he gets some extracurricular distraction (Stellenbosch has plenty of talent!!), he should get parole and be at the next club shoot so that he can take revenge on the silver medal his dad won in his absence ... !

Darryl already touched on that, but we need more participation at the Nationals in March. Last year we entered a CLI.303 team, but the Vaalies beat us up. This year, we need to go there and reclaim our fame in the club team matches, as well as the interprovincial match. I was fortunate enough to be able to leave the range fairly early last year, but the infamous army 303 tent wasn't all that bad ... ! The fact that Gary Willemse and Rompies couldn't stand it, REALLY doesn't mean a thing!!!

A special thanks to John Austin for manning my camera and for the nice pictures he took in the butts. There are a couple of us who very seldom do butts duties (for a variety of reasons), and therefore there was never any butts pictures to include in the newsletter.

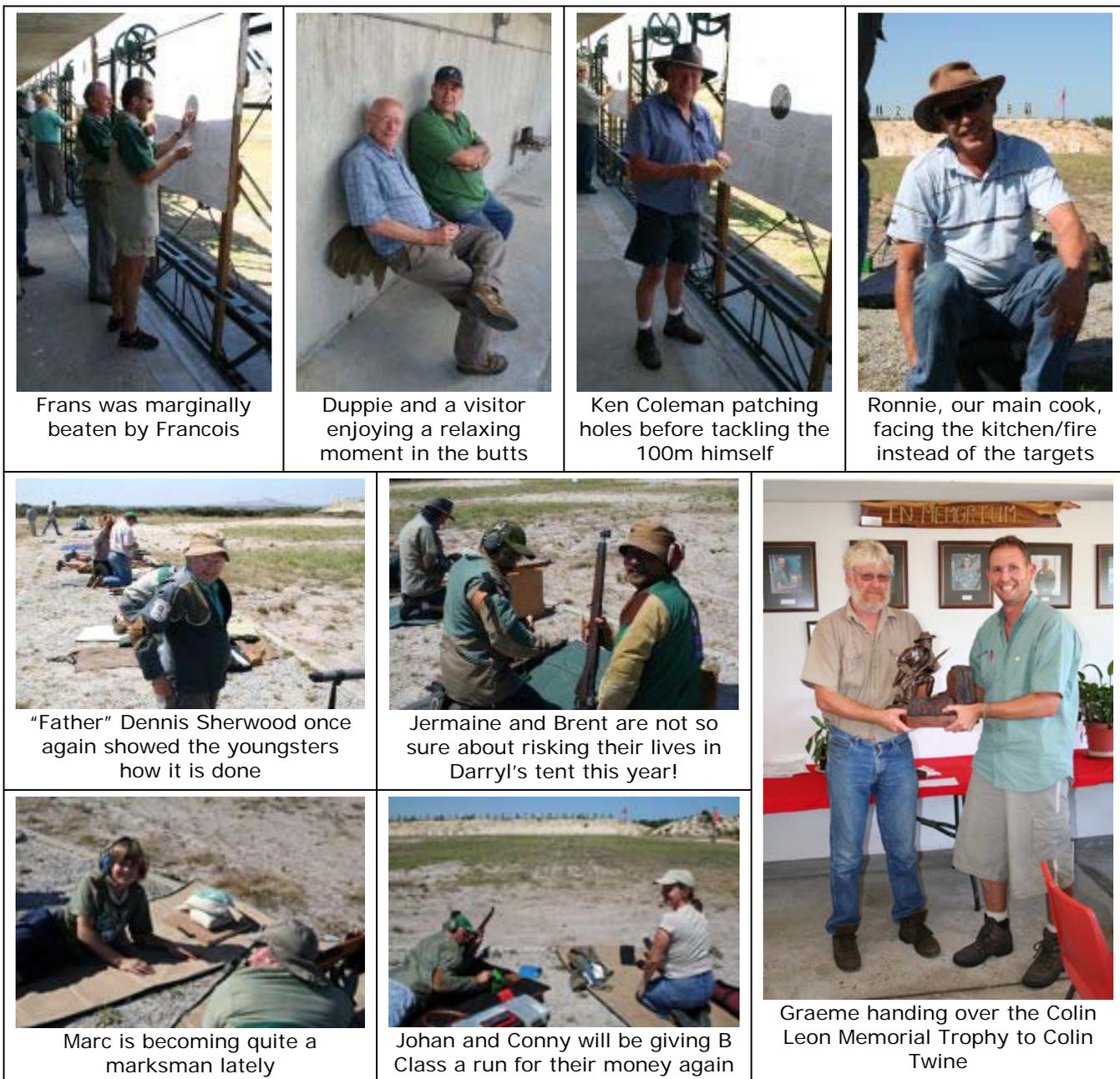


Mention was made in the clubhouse about our customary *father-son / husband-wife battle* and what a battle it turned out to be! Mike smiled all the way, because he won by default; Frans obviously did the decent thing as a father and let Francois get the better of him by only a few points; Conny was 1 point up on Raphael and Bare came second by a mere 2 points! Watch this space for more family feuds in the months to come ...

Our 2007 shooting calendar, newsletters and scores from the past 2-3 years are available on the CLI.303 Club website – www.sanra.co.za/cli/index.htm.

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in February:

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| 4 th : Adrian Lith | 16 th : Ralph Bazier |
| 5 th : Jean de Villiers, Chris de Hart | 17 th : Freddie Troost |
| 10 th : Raan Muller | 21 st : Colin Edge |



Frans was marginally beaten by Francois



Duppie and a visitor enjoying a relaxing moment in the butts



Ken Coleman patching holes before tackling the 100m himself



Ronnie, our main cook, facing the kitchen/fire instead of the targets



"Father" Dennis Sherwood once again showed the youngsters how it is done



Jermaine and Brent are not so sure about risking their lives in Darryl's tent this year!



Marc is becoming quite a marksman lately



Johan and Conny will be giving B Class a run for their money again



Graeme handing over the Colin Leon Memorial Trophy to Colin Twine

That's all from me for now.

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