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Newsletter

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With an 80% forecast of rain and the 800m shoot planned I was amazed that we still managed to have 35 entrants. The weather was really freezing cold, about 9 deg when we started and it never got above 13 deg on the car thermometer. The wind was skipping through at 5 o' clock and getting stronger as the shoot progressed. Near the end of the second detail it started raining and it became difficult to see the targets.

Luckily the rain abated just before we all gave up. During the last two details the wind picked up some more and it grew ominously dark but somehow we managed to finish the shoot before the rain returned. You would think that the scores would have been dreadful with those conditions, but there are obviously some super humans in this club as there were some magnificent scores recorded.

Despite having started a bit late as the guys in the butts had a hard time finding counter weights and fitting those huge frames, we managed to end by midday. One set of radios refused to work during details 1 and 2 and poor John had a torrid time running up and down the line. Thanks to all for your patience, but we eventually managed to get all on the paper. A lot of us did not stay there, but that's another story.

We have a new polar bear in the club. Michael Beardwood shot with just a tee shirt on while the rest of us shivered even with big jackets on. It wasn't just a tee shirt; it looked like his wife's as half of his back was exposed to the elements. Some of our big guns were shooting black powder as practice for the world shoot, so Bare, Corena, Dr John and Big John are missing from the results. The results of this tough shoot were as follows:

A Class

1.	Mike Di Bona	46.4
2.	Jason Di Bona	44.3
3.	Colin Twine	42.2
4.	Freddie Troost	41.1
5.	Vissy Botha	40.2
6.	Arnold Beneke	40.2

Veterans

1.	Alan Williams	39.0
2.	Colin Edge	35.0
3.	Hannes Willers	34.0

B Class

1.	Jaron Pratt	40.2
2.	Alan Williams	39.0
3.	Joe Koen	36.1
4.	Barry Mellor	35.3
5.	Colin Edge	35.0
6.	Ian Noble-Jack	34.1

J Class

1.	Marc Jordan	33.0
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CHAIRMAN: Mr DS Carver; VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr JA de Beer; TREASURER: Mr CF du Toit;

SECRETARY: Dr C de Beer; MEMBERS: Mr RAT Blake, Mr LM Di Bona; Mr GA Leon,

CO-OPTED MEMBER: WO1 AA Muller

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In the A Class the Di Bona's certainly showed us all how it should be done. Mike shot a brilliant 46.4, just one V bull short of his own club record and Jason followed with 44.3. Mike was not even using his bolt this time, but was using Bare's rifle. In third place with a good 42.2 was Twinky and the scores tumbled after that. Freddie recorded a good 41.1 with Vissy and Arnold on 40.2 filling the top six.

In the B Class after a difficult shoot Jaron again managed first place with 40.2. I think I made him nervous before he even started with me, his coach, recording 4 misses into the dirt for what reason I still do not know. It seems like I discover new ways of looking through the sights every now and then. In second place was Alan Williams with another good score of 39. Then we had a problem. Barry had been awarded the third place with a score of 35.3 and given the medal when Joe's scorecard with 36.1 was found mixed with the butts score sheets. That is not the first time it has happened to poor Joe. The mistake was ours and we will amend the results and give you a medal. Barry has not had a medal for so long, I did not have the heart to remove it. Colin and Ian then moved down the scale to fifth and sixth with 35.0 and 34.1 respectively.

The veterans class saw Alan Williams taking the gold with Colin in second and Hannes taking the bronze with 34. The last time Hannes won a medal he nearly crushed my hand, but this time he wanted to embrace me so things are changing in this club. The J Class was won by Marc with a score of 33. Marc was coached by Bare and he ended with 33. Makes you think doesn't it.

The 1st and 2nd detail badmouthed the guys in the butts just as badly as the 3rd and 4th detail did. Corena had to tell them that the guys in the butts also had feelings. Sies manne! Jokes aside, it is not easy marking those big targets and the guys were sparse for the last details. I ask that the guys please do not disappear. If you are not physically capable of pulling the targets at least man a radio or just help by being an extra pair of eyes. I have noticed that some folk have not done butts duty for a long time. We need every hand we can get.

The meal was once again an excellent effort by Mike (our top scorer), Francois, Riaan and Ronnie. The beef pot was up to the normal high standard and just the thing for such a cold day. As there were only 35 present there was plenty for seconds. Despite them spreading the rumours that it was Kangaroo, there was not a lot left at the end of the day. Thanks guys for the cooking.

Thanks go to John E for opening the shoot with the prayer. It is always appreciated by us. Thanks go also to Dr John, Vissy and Corena who manned the firing point and to Wayne, Riaan C, John E and Freddie who manned the butts. Thanks again to Corena and Bare who save my butt by getting to the range early, take the entries and do the squadding. Thanks also to Mike for blasting us off to the range with his loudhailer and for the radios that we used. Thanks to all who attended as well to make this a great shoot. I had a great day despite my depressingly dismal score.

Congratulations and best wishes must go to Robert Ellis who turned 70 on the 24th July. Robert was recovering from a cold and was not prepared to brave the elements on the range so we could not formally wish him. The fact that Robert never shirks his butts duty should serve as an example to the rest of you. Well done Robert and let us see you on the range for many years to come.

The WP Bisley is just a few weeks away and the CLI tent will again be on its normal spot. Those that attended last year had a great time. Book your place early or you



may miss staying in this luxurious accommodation and will not be able to partake of the sumptuous and satisfying meals provided by a pair of gourmet cooks. The only thing missing will be Bas's onderbroek oven glove which we sadly left behind in Bloemfontein.

We had a complaint from the Riaan after the last shoot. The trolley was left at the butts. As it was six o'clock, Riaan was in no mood for this and had to push it with his bakkie. Please remember to push the trolley with targets, boxes and flags all the way back to the store. But please, the falling plates must stay with the frames!! We don't want to get Riaan cross again or it could seriously affect our shooting.

The Good Hope Shooting range has been accredited by SABS. This holds a lot of benefit for us as a club as in future all our shoots are on an accredited facility. There are certain requirements that we will also have to meet. One of them in particular is the wearing of safety glasses, ear protection and helmets in the butts. We are addressing the issue and may well be equipped by the next shoot.

I was informed after the shoot that some members were charging their magazines. SABU rules state very clearly that you are to load one round only prior to each shot and that the magazine, **under no circumstances**, is to be charged. Contravention will result in you being disqualified and removed from the range. I appeal to all, please ensure that it does not happen again. Treat the rifle as a single shot.

The next shoot will be something different. We will not be shooting the 900m as targets will not be available. The targets are being prepared for the World Long Range Muzzle Loader Championship early in September. We shoot a distance never before shot by this club, use a target that is strange to most of us and it may well be dam difficult. All our normal rules and sequence of fire will however prevail and the scores will count to the championship. If it proves to be a success we may well repeat it every year.

Our next event is the "Brak" which is short for the Brakkefontein Bisley.

Distance: 300m or 500m ???
Date: 25th August 2007
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 5 Sights + 10 to count (to get used to the new target)

Until next time, keep Safe

Darryl



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

There is a good possibility that we will not have the clubhouse at our August shoot. We will have to do the entries outside under the afdak and have our prize giving there after the shoot. So, bring a chair or two.

Bare mentioned the issue of drug free sport in the clubhouse, but for the benefit of those who were not there, here is the short version. We are affiliated to national bodies such as SABU, SASSF and SASCOC and we have to abide by their rules. These organisations can at any time arrive on the range at a club shoot and do drug testing. They arrive unannounced and don't only test winners! And the SABU constitution has very specific recommendations with regards to positive drug tests. Please take the time and effort to go through the right procedures to have your prescription medication approved by having your doctor complete the SABU Exemption form. You will find all the information and forms on the SABU (www.sanra.co.za/sa_championship.htm) website. If you have any doubts about the medication you take (even over-the-counter medication), please contact me so that I can check it out for you.

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in August:

19th: Francois de Waal

21st: Ken Coleman



Twinky helping Connie to get out of her rifle



Michael Beardwood (or Polar Bear as Darryl called him ...)



Henri Laurie and Stratis Voyatjes (No shooting mat??)



Francois and Vissy



John Duckitt, Ronnie & Bare



Some more black powder

That's all from me for now.

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