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I never cease to be amazed at the absolute perfect weather we have at our shoots after a week of rain. It is almost like divine intervention for the club events. Maybe our prayer masters are doing a better job than we give them credit for! It was also another great turnout of 64 participants. A lot of what is written here this month is based on hearsay, as I had to leave early and maybe I have been told only what certain people want me to know.

The shoot was opened with a prayer by John E, this time in Afrikaans. Well done and thanks John. It was a relaxed shoot with no incidents occurring and the whole day generally went off well. The perfect conditions accounted for some excellent scores as well as shown below:

X Class			A Class		
1.	Corena de Beer	45.3	1.	Riaan Coetzee	43.0
2.	Mike Di Bona	45.3	2.	Colin Edge	42.0
3.	Darryl Carver	45.2	3.	Koos Brink	40.0
4.	Johan de Beer	44.2	4.	Johan Geyer	39.2
5.	Jason Di Bona	43.3	5.	Francois de Waal	39.1
6.	Jean de Villiers	43.2	6.	Frans de Waal	39.1
B Class			Veterans		
1.	Joe Koen	44.2	1.	Joe Koen	44.2
2.	Rod Gardner	39.1	2.	John Austin	43.1
3.	Jermaine Lewis	39.1	3.	Colin Edge	42.0
4.	Marc Jordan	39.1			
5.	Glenn von Zeil	38.0	J Class		
6.	Neil Jacobs	38.0	1.	Justin Stigling	18.0

In the X Class it was a very close competition. Corena shot an excellent 45.3 and just managed to beat Mike with the same score on a count out. I was third (PW's best again from 1979) with 45.2 and Bare was fourth with 44.2. Jason was fifth with 43.3 closely followed by Jean just one V bull behind. Two points separated the first 6 places. Good shooting guys. Showing off just doesn't pay, especially when you take on Corena; I took my first three sighters and fired only ten shots in total then gave Corena the old brag line of "who needs sighters". She of course took up the challenge, fired only ten shots and beat me.

The A Class saw Riaan Coetzee winning with a good 43. Second was Colin Edge with 42 followed by Koos Brink with 40. Johan Geyer was fourth with 39.2 closely followed by Francois du Toit and Frans De Waal on the same score of 39.1.



In the B Class it was Joe Koen who pulled out all the stops and shot a magnificent 44.2. Well done to Joe. Rod Gardner was second with a good score of 39.1 just managing to beat Jermaine on a count out with the same score. Also on the same score, but losing out on the count out was our youngest B Class competitor, Marc Jordan who has moved up from the J Class. Well done guys for the close competition. The next three places all had the same score of 38, but counting out put Glenn von Zeil in fifth, Neil Jacobs in sixth and Mathew in seventh place.

The only J class entrant was Justin Stigling who recorded 18. There were 6 visitors present and the best score recorded was 37 by Herby Johnson. The veterans class was won hands down by Joe with 44.2, John Austin second with 43.1 and Colin Edge third with 42. Those are very good scores guys.

The meal was superb and truly a great effort from Francois, Ronnie, Mike and Riaan. I am told it was one of the best we have had. Thanks guys, you have set a new standard for club meals.

Thanks for an incident free shoot go to Bare, Jason, Joe and Corena for being the range officers and to Bare (again), John E, Riaan C and Johan Cilliers for being butts officers. Mike was also shouting the odds on the firing point, so thank you Mike as well.

Jermaine managed to come second in the B Class, even with turning his sights the wrong way... Hey boet, what were you thinking? Imagine your score if you had turned them the right way or are you trying that hard to stay out of the A Class?

Barry Mellor, please throw away that rubbish ammo that cannot even reach 600m. It looks suspiciously like you kept the good stuff and gave the rubbish to Donovan again. They had so many misses that Barry had to fetch more from the car. By the way guys, that knob on the top of the sights gets turned in to get more elevation.

At one stage near the end of the fourth detail only one radio was working in the butts and at the firing point and the only targets being used were L1 and N4 and N5. The family De Beer got plenty of exercise running between the far ends of the range.

There were also allegations from the butts that some naughty folks were shooting short and not recording their misses. Guys you know the rules, you can shoot as many misses that you like until you record a hit. After that a miss is zero. If the target does not go down after you have fired, call for it to be pulled and checked, do not just carry on until it has been pulled.

The parent - child rivalry went in favour of the kids this time, but only just. Mike beat Jason and Frans beat Francois, but Marc beat Connie, Jaron beat Wayne and Mathew beat Lem. Marcos and Rafael tied on the same score so it ended up Kids 3, Parents 2 and a draw.

There were a few very low scores recorded. Do not loose heart guys, ask some one to help you or request to be squadded with a more experienced competitor. It is most important that you record your sight settings at each distance and if you do not know how many minutes to come up for the next distance, ask someone. If Louis van Ryneveld feels bad about his score, John E did even worse. John tells me he wants to try the Creedmore position next time, but then again a new position at his age could be risky.

After the shoot the folk socialized and had a good time. Some reportedly only left the range at 6 o'clock. Our two F Class visitors, Frans Snyman and Jannie Els enjoyed themselves immensely and were also amongst the last to leave. I am told that things



got really noisy and then quieted down as some of the members succumb and started dozing off. What type of club is this? When the Chairman is away they go crazy. Dam, I missed a good afternoon.

Corena and Colin Twine leave shortly for the BP shoot in Australia. The whole club wishes you the best of luck. Keep cool guys and knock them dead. Special congratulations must go to our Corena for being appointed as team Captain for the event. Well done. It is also the first time they have a lady captain.

We are now getting into the long distances and our next event is the 800m distance. Due to a special request from our F Class colleagues, we agreed to shoot 800m next month to accommodate special trials for them to select their WP Team. I hope that our attendance does not fall off now. Remember also that the wind changes are larger at the long distances so be aware.

I learned a tip that from an old Bisley shottist about elevation settings as you go back down the range. The most important setting to remember is your 300m setting on your sights. Say your 300m setting is 7min and you move to 800m. What is your new setting? It is very easy to calculate, you count what is front of you. In front of you is $300+400+500+600+700=2500$. Knock off the zero's and you have 25. Add the 7 and you have a setting of 32min. It is a close enough estimate to at least get you on the target with your first sighter but then again who needs sighters?

Our next event is:

Distance: 800m
Date: 30th August 2008
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 5 Sighters + 10 to count

Keep Safe
Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

We had our very first CLI Club Bisley last Saturday and it was a great success. The bisley members had many nice things to say about the atmosphere and food. A special thank you to Frans de Waal, Matthew Melidonis, John Duckitt, Bare and the Stigling family who gave up their Saturday to come and mark targets. Bare and John also had to offer some assistance to the vertically challenged (Dianne and both children had to mark because we did not get enough volunteers), and sometimes had to man more than one target at a time. Thanks guys, those sore muscles and bruised hands are truly appreciated. On the range we had Vissy and Jason who took turns to be range officer at the 500m and they seemed quite grateful when I took over at the 600m after shooting my two BP off hand details on the pistol range. It was, however, very disappointing to see so few members offering their assistance ... we always say we are the best club with the best attitude ever, but except for a very limited number of members who offered their apologies, the rest just could not be bothered.

And what would a 303 shoot be without our great and famous pot?!! Thanks to Ronnie and Francois du Toit who cooked a magnificent kudu (recently shot in Namibia and donated by Bare) pot. I saw Riaan standing around the pot when I drove past (to take up my range officer's duties) in a very Sergeant Major like stance – he was either helping or supervising the pot. Either way, thank you very much to all 3 of you, it was cooked to perfection as always.



The A Class Target Rifle was won by Eddie Stigant (who also took the Veteran's medal) with an absolute brilliant 171.14 out of a possible 175, followed by Johnny Ahrens with 167.11 and Petrus van Rensburg with 165.13. B Class Target Rifle was won by Jason with 162.4, followed by Jannie Wentzel with 154.8 and Karel Schutte with 150.3. Ian Potgieter took the F Class honours with 162.10, Frans Snyman was second with 160.10 and Carel Taljaard in third with 160.9. If these scores look low in comparison with the Target Rifle scores, just remember that the F Class shoot on a very small center, where the normal 5 ring is their 4, the V bull is their bull and they have the center half of the V bull as their V bull. Even with scopes, that is a tiny little V bull to hit!!!!

Last but definitely not least, the 303 class was won hands down by our own Ian Noble Jack, beating the likes of Darryl (who sneaked in 2nd), Robert (3rd), Bas, Daan Brits and André van der Merwe. A special request was not to divulge the 303 scores, as the conditions were extremely difficult. But well done to the winners!

Please note that we have moved our CLI Club website to a new location. All the newsletters, annual scores and records are published on the website. Please have a look at www.BPSU.co.za/cli/index.htm and let us know if there is anything specific that you would like to see on the website.

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in August:

19th: Francois de Waal

21st: Ken Coleman

This month's newsletter is dedicated to all the fathers/mothers and sons – it is as great a privilege to share your sport with your kids as it is to share it with your parents. Enjoy and cherish every moment, you are more fortunate than many of us!



Lem and Matthew Melidonis



Wayne and Jaron Pratt



Rafael and Marcos Arellano



Robert Ellis and Bruce Mizen



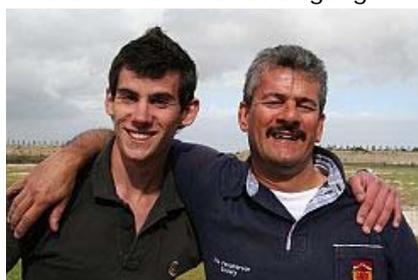
Graeme and Justin Stigling



Frans and Francois de Waal



Rafael, Conny and Marc



Jason and Mike Di Bona



I don't think they are related ... ?

That's all from me for now.

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