



# CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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## NEWSLETTER JULY 2010

What an absolutely excellent turnout we had for the 800Mtr!!!

This is a distance that hardly ever gets more than 40 shooters. There must be something we are doing right! Many thanks to the 57 shooters who braved both the cold weather and the distance. For some of you it resulted in joy, and then for others, heartbreak!

The 800Mtrs is not that difficult in fair conditions, but with a nasty tail wind blowing rather strongly, it made the shoot very difficult indeed!

I have managed to have 40 new flags made for the Bisley Range. These are flags which belong to the range and will be used solely for Bisley shooting. Riaan Muller has marked all the flags with numbers. When collecting the flags from him, you will have to sign for them. They are all numerically marked, so if you do perhaps forget one in your car etc, you will be liable for the cost of it. We will have to put the flags up and also take them down ourselves in future. This way Riaan has control over them.

Having said that, I would like to thank Julian v/d Westhuizen and his team who put the flags up. Also, thanks to Michael Beardwood and his team for taking them down. Thanks guys, this is a job that will have to be done before and after all our shoots.

As usual, the shoot was preceded with our customary prayer by John Ecclestone. Many thanks John.

We started the detail at about 9.15am. There were a few really hilarious happenings on the range while the shooters were getting ready. One of these, was the weird choice of colours for a shooting jacket, shooting mat and rifle bag. Not only did you have to wear sunglasses to look at these colourful articles, I had to shoot with my handkerchief near me to wipe the tears from my eyes from constantly laughing. We even had Barbie there carrying some 303 rounds for one of these crazy shooters! You can see what I am referring to in the pictures at the end of this newsletter.

Before we started, I had a brief chat with all the shooters. One of the things I said a few times, was the word "impossible." With that wind blowing and some of our shooters getting mixed up with their left and right, I heard that word on many, many occasions! "But I have just shot a Bull and now they are showing me a miss! It's impossible!!!" When I go over to the shooter and tell them that there was a 5 minute change in the wind strength, I also notice that they have corrected the windage the wrong way. I then put on about 11 minutes wind in the right direction and they are once again back on the paper. Challenging to say the least!

During the shoot, plenty people came to me and enquired if there is a "workshop" where they can get briefed about wind settings, flag reading etc. **I have spoken to a few of the more experienced shooters and I have decided to hold a "workshop" one Saturday in November.** You can then bring your firearms and we will try and explain the finer points of shooting to you. We will cover everything from wind reading, marking, and scoring, to sight picture. Depending on the amount of people interested, we could have a braai or potjie afterwards. We will not restrict this workshop to 303's. Scoped rifles will also be welcome. ***Could those people interested in attending this workshop, please send me a mail advising me of your intention to attend. It would be from about 8.30am to about 2pm. I will wait for your positive response!***



The top scores recorded in the different classes are as follows:

<u>X CLASS</u>			A CLASS		
1	Mike Di Bona	43,1	1	Michael Beardwood	41,2
2	Jason Di Bona	41,2	2	Melani Hunter	40,2
3	Freddie Troost	41,1	3	Daan Brits	39,2
4	Jean de Villiers	38,2	4	John Duckitt	39,0
5	Bas Barkhuizen	27,2	5	Tjaart Müller	39,0
6	Riaan Müller	25,0	6	Ian Noble-Jack	34,1
<u>B CLASS</u>			J CLASS		
1	Amanda van Niekerk	38,2	1	Charl du Toit	19,1
2	Mike Shortt	38,2	2	Wiehan van der Merwe	15
3	Jan-Frederick v. Niekerk	37,2	<u>VETERANS</u>		
4	Sakkie Stoffberg	37,2	1	Ken Coleman	35,2
5	Jacques Müller	36,2	2	Ian Noble-Jack	34,1
6	Ken Coleman	35,2	3	Johan Cilliers	33,1

As you can see from the above scores, we bled! The average score from all the shooters who competed was about 26/50!!! Maybe this proposed workshop will benefit the more experienced shooters as well as the newcomers.

In the X Class, only 3 shooters managed to get in the 40's. Nice to see Freddie in the medals again!

The A Class has only 2 shooters in the 40's. Here we have Michael with an excellent 41, 2 and Melanie still in the 40's. Only just, but still there!! The average in the A Class is better than the X Class. Good luck to all of you!

The B Class has some really good scores as well! Amanda really shooting well lately! Well done Amanda! It must be a good feeling to go one up on Jan-Frederick! Also Mike Shortt is still staying in the medals. Unfortunately Sakkie was counted out on a bull count. Here again, the average is also better than the X Class!!! This certainly says something about the way the classes are closing in. Good shooting guys!

The Vets have Ken, Ian and Johan all one point adrift. Good shooting you three! Nice to see Ken in the medals and also nice to see Ian getting a silver with a borrowed rifle! Not forgetting Johan, who make up the top three. Nice shooting guys!

As usual, the J Class has Charl still in front. But, I see he brought a friend along? Hopefully Wiehan is going to be a regular at out shoots. This way you will get some really good competition!

Our Cooks were François and Riaan. I am not sure if anyone else helped them? If so, many thanks!!!! Cedric was away hunting otherwise I would have had to write another paragraph, just with his antics!! The pots were brilliant! They treated us to a Kudu, Gemsbok and Lamb potjie. I was supposed to bring the herbs, but took the wrong bottle, so one of the pots suddenly turned into a curry pot! The other pot was transferred into a Stroganoff pot. Both were magnificent. There is nothing better after a difficult shoot in cold weather, to have a warm potjie to heal your wounds! Many thanks to our budding chefs once again!



Thanks go to the following people who helped out on the range and also in the butts. John Duckitt, Johan Cilliers, Riaan Coetzee, Mathew Melidonis, Julian v/d Westhuizen, Bas and Michael Beardwood. Many thanks for volunteering your services. A few people who work so hard for this club but hardly get a mention, are Francois du Toit and Riaan Muller. I am sure you are all aware of just how much work these two gentlemen put into this club. Medals, food, accounts, range duties, etc. thanks guys it does not go unnoticed! Also to Jason and Melani. They do the squadding and stats. This is a job all on its own! Thanks to both of you. Last, but not least, we have Schalk. Thanks Schalk for taking the job of secretary to another level. Let's hope you will volunteer your services for many years to come. It is just so wonderful to see how eager the shooters are to help. Without this willingness, this club would be just a shell. It is now a serious shooting force in the Western Cape. We are growing all the time and it is this willingness to contribute that has grown us to where we are today. Thanks to each and every one of you!!!!

I just have to mention my mistake! As you were all told at the prize-giving, I forgot to print the Certificates! There are thousands of excuses I can chose from, but the one that I feel is the most accurate, is that I AM GETTING OLD! Sorry guys and girls, hopefully this will never happen again! Trouble with getting old, is that it does not get any better!

Lastly, I would like to have your input for the venue of our away shoot. A few shooters asked to have it at Eendekuil again where we will only shoot the 100Mtr detail. Or we can go to Bonnievale, where we will shoot the 300 and 500Mtr details. This away shoot is planned for the 30<sup>th</sup> October. The range in Bonnievale has been tentatively booked, so all we need now is your vote. ***Please send me a mail with your recommendation before Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup> August so I can make the necessary arrangements pertaining to accommodation etc...***

Please don't forget to clean your rifles, tighten your sights, check your triggers and keep those trigger fingers supple!!!

Yours in shooting

Mike Di Bona

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

#### 1. **BIRTHDAYS** :

Congratulations to the following members on celebrating their birthdays during July. We wish you only "top scores" during this New Year in your life.

2 July	Gordon Damon
4	Jan Minnie
14	Chris Geyer
17	Jacques Müller
20	Glenn von Zeil
23	Syd Goslin
24	Robert Ellis; Joppie le Roux
27	Jaron Pratt
31	Sherrit Kunneke; Alan Leon

#### 2. **MEMBERSHIP & SABU CARDS** :

Most of you should now have received your CLI membership and SABU cards. Our sincerest appreciation to Corena for sorting out the SABU cards. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should have any further enquiries.



### 3. TIPS AND HINTS FROM THE “OLD TOPPIE” ... for the shooting party

The name of the game in shooting is “bullet placement”. No matter if it is in the head or “boiler room” or on paper in the V bull!

How do we get there? (Easy for the young lady!!) Read on:-

- 3.1. First and foremost, LISTEN to the range officer and do as he commands. If you are not certain, or deaf, put up your hand and wait for him/her to rectify the situation. SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY!
- 3.2. Automatic alignment is of paramount importance! Take a sight picture and close your eyes. You will be off target when you open them. Move your body to correct the sight picture. Close your eyes again. You would have moved too far! (I will put a Kruger Rand on this). Move back halfway and do it all over again until you are on target.
- 3.3. With the good sight picture, check your breathing and squeeze the trigger. (After taking up the slack). The shot should go off as a complete surprise. WITHIN 5 (five) seconds! Hold the aim longer and you will develop a growing shake. Rest for a few seconds and aim again. You have lots of time.
- 3.4. Aim after and through the shot. (Follow through) This will prevent you from flinching or pulling, then the bullet will not go where you are aiming. (You do not notice this as it happens so quickly). This will prevent the most difficult fault to cure. FLINCHING!
- 3.5. If you do the above, your scores should improve by 100%.

#### QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

*The purpose of life is to help others and if you can't help them, would you at least not hurt them!*

Leo Buscaglia

All of the best.

Schalk

*Here are some pictures of Saturdays shoot.*





The shocking pink, purple and luminous green men.



A smiling Charl, before he shot!



Maurice and Jason discussing strategies.



Is Ken capable of feeling the cold?



Oom Frans taking it easy while the rest are bleeding!



Barbie helping Julian out!



## *Our next shoot and meal is:*

**Distance:** 900Mtr

**Date:** 28th August 2010

**Time:** 08:00

**Venue:** Good Hope Range

**Ammo:** 5 convertible sighters and 10 to count

See you all at the end of August!

Yours in shooting

Mike

