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NEWSLETTER

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Shooting is a strange sport, just when you think it's going to be easy, it turns you around and bites you in the backside. That's exactly what happened at the 300m event. The weather was perfect with very little wind to worry about, but the scores told a different story. Besides a few, the scores were rotten!

The shoot was opened with a prayer by Koos Brink, dankie Koos, and we were again warned about the sighters. It seemed to work as all now appear to understand and there were no problems with the marking. There were 61 entrants, which was again an excellent turnout.

The results were as follows:

A Class		B Class			
1.	Pierre de Wet	43.1	1.	Hennie Joubert	42.0
2.	Francois de Waal	43.0	2.	Rafael Arellano	35.1
3.	Mike Di Bona	42.2	3.	Colin Edge	35.1
4.	Werner de Wet	41.3	4.	Henri Laurie	35.0
5.	Riaan Coetzee	41.1	5.	Ben Durandt	34.0
6.	Evert du Plessis	41.1	6.	Pierre Nothard	32.1
J Class		Veterans			
1.	Marc Jordan	31.1	1.	John Austin	40.1
			2.	Hannes Willers	39.1
			3.	Alan Williams	39.0

In the A class there some surprises with Pierre De Wet taking 1st place, Werner in 4th followed by Riaan and Duppie. Congratulations to the four of you on a good result and for getting in the top six. A very close second place went to Francois who is making a habit of being on the list and to Mike for third place. Firstly to Mike, it's well done for beating Jason, but there is a story. Jason offered Mike some good military ammo for the shoot, but he refused and insisted on using some old cordite. The ammo proved to be of the click bang variety and I must admit that he had some spectacular hang-fires. Half way through the detail he put down his rifle wailed like a little girl "I can't shoot like this". Of course Jason made no second offer and he had to continue. When he had completed the detail he sat on the wall and sulked. Then to crown it all he comes third. How ungrateful can you get?

The B Class saw Hennie Joubert again shooting well and taking 1st place. Rafael was again on the list, this time in 2nd place. Last year's Dismiss Trophy winner Colin Edge is

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starting to cook and ended in 3rd place closely followed by Henri (top six again) Ben and Pierre Nothard. Well done to all of you again.

The J Class was again won by Marc, but this time Rafael beat him. The veterans class was won by John Austin followed by Hannes and Alan. Well done to the three of you.

Congratulations must go to all the competitors for not one slip in the safety department. It was truly a pleasure to be range officer when all observe the rules like you all did. It is great to see that everyone is very serious in this club about safety. Let us now try and keep it like that.

The meal was something different. Cold meat and salads were perfect for the weather and it seemed to work very well. There were no fire watchers and wannabe cooks needed so they could do butts duty this time. Thanks to Francois for sourcing the meat and to Ronnie and Sandra for preparing the salads. I heard that the only thing that Mike did was give orders this time.

When we arrived at the range Riaan Muller was immaculate in his formal outfit. Someone said that he looked like an undertaker, but on closer inspection he actually looked more like the corpse! He mumbled about not having been to bed yet and then disappeared. He was able later to do his bar duty however wearing a pair of very dark glasses inside the clubhouse. I must complement him on the condition of the range however as it was excellent.

Thanks to the range officers (Bas, Jason, Graeme and myself) and butts officers (Riaan Coetzee, Wayne, Brent and Hannes) as the shoot went very well and we finished way ahead of lunch time. Thanks guys for an incident free shoot.

I would like to wish Mike and Jason Di Bona, Ronnie Blake, John Austin and Johan de Beer all the best for the World Long Range Black Powder shoot in April and hope that you guys really kick butt and bring the medals home. Bas Barkhuysen, Brent Bennett, Jermaine Lewis, Rafael Arellano and I will be leaving for Bloemfontein on Sunday for the nationals. We are going to need all the luck we can get as it is going to be tough this year as the Vaalies want the gold badly. Late entries are still welcome. Good luck as well to those participating in the target rifle class at Bloemfontein.

Our next event is

Distance: 500m
Date: 29th April 2006
Time: 08h00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 5 Sighters (**only 3 convertible**) + 10 to count

Keep Safe
Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Congratulations to the following members who have their birthdays in April:

3 rd : Dennis Sherwood	10 th : Sakkie Burger
7 th : Nic van Wyk	20 th : Julian van der Westhuizen
8 th : Richard Gie	

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