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NEWSLETTER

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Despite freezing weather with some ominous clouds and torrential rain the night before we still had 48 optimistic members arriving for the shoot. Now that's enthusiasm. The conditions were difficult as the light was changing all the time from bright sunlight to heavy overcast and the scores reflect this. The 600m record is safe for another year as no one even nudged it.

The shoot was opened virtually dead on time by John Ecclestone with a prayer in Afrikaans without a crib note in sight. The shoot went smoothly despite the fact that the butts officer for the 3rd and 4th detail went to the butts during the 1st and 2nd detail. He was subsequently relegated to pulling targets for his sins. We were able to finish way ahead of time despite some individuals really struggling to get on the paper and taking forever to complete the detail. We are now getting to the longer distances, so please remember to write your settings down guys it makes it easier the next time. Thank goodness that we did finish early as when we arrived at the club house the rain really came pelting down and would have surely ended the shoot.

The results were as follows:

A Class			B Class		
1.	Mike Di Bona	43.3	1.	Rod Gardner	42.2
2.	Vissy Botha	43.0	2.	Jaron Pratt	40.3
3.	Jean de Villiers	41.2	3.	Henri Laurie	39.2
4.	Francois du Toit	41.2	4.	Rafael Arellano	39.0
5.	Colin Twine	41.2	5.	Jermaine Lewis	37.1
6.	Brent Bennett	40.2	6.	Colin Edge	36.0
Veterans					
1.	Rod Gardner	42.2			
2.	Frans de Waal	40.1			
3.	John Austin	39.0			

There are some stories to tell about the A Class results. Mike won with a good 43.3 while Jason had probably his worst shoot ever. The story goes that Mike sorted out the ammo for the day so they "supposedly" used the same, but Mike borrowed Corena's second rifle while Jason shot with the P14. I have great difficulty believing that the ammo would shoot so well in one rifle and so badly in another that I suggest that Jason in future chooses his own ammo! Second place went to Vissy with another good score and borrowed rifle and third place went to Jean for another good performance. Fourth place went to Francois who has not delivered a score like that for ages, while fifth went to Colin who always manages to get on the list. Sixth place went to Brent who has also been delivering consistently good scores lately. Congratulations and well done to all of you for making the top six scores.



In the B Class Rod Gardner won with a very good 42.2 and that is where I should stop but I have to tell the truth. This is the second time that Rod has borrowed my rifle and shot with military "rooi gat" ammo and convincingly kicked my butt. When it happens once it could be dismissed as luck, but when it happens twice it causes lots of soul searching and raises issues of doubt about my own shooting and reloading ability. Does anyone have a good stock of PP73 ammo for sale? Second place went to last month's winner Jaron with another good score. It is certainly great to see the youngsters starting to perform, keep it up. Henri is making a habit of claiming third place by doing it again and fourth went to Rafael who is also managing to stay in the top six. Jermaine took fifth place, which just shows how much you learn at the nationals. Sixth place went to Colin who manages to stay in the top six come hell or high water. He is certainly not going to get the same prize this year around. Congratulations and well done to all of you for some very good results.

In the Veterans Class Rod managed to wipe everyone out with that excellent rifle. Second place went to Frans who gave Francois a good hiding this time and third went to John Austin who always seems to make the list. Well done to all of you for a good performance.

We also had a visitor, Freddie van Rensburg who borrowed Bas's rifle and ammo and guess what? He also managed to beat Bas with a 41.1. That is very well done for a first time. Bas and I make no excuses, we say nothing.

The meal was once again excellent. Springbok and lamb potjie with vegetables and rice was cooked to perfection. The cooks were Mike, Graeme, Ronnie, Francois and Riaan. That was a lot of cooks for one pot but the old adage of too many cooks certainly was not true this time. Thanks to all for another great meal. There is a story about the springbok as well. The springbok was donated by Floris Vermeulen of Carnarvon who owns the farm where Hannes, Ben Durant, Chris Williams, Jon Ross, Wayne and Jaron hunted. To date no one has owned up for shooting this small bokkie and Floris took pity on charging them for such a small animal and donated it to the club. Thanks very much to all of you.

On the firing line range officer duties were done by Bare, Jason, Bas and I while the butts duty was done by Floris, Riaan Coetzee, Johan Cilliers and Wayne. The delinquent butts' officer will not be mentioned. Thanks for an excellent job by all that resulted in an incident free shoot that ran like clockwork. I can assure you that we had our hands full at the firing point as many had problems getting onto the paper. It's going to get worse as we get into the longer distances.

At the previous shoot I had a case head separation that proved impossible to remove on the range and forced me to change rifles after my third shot. The easy out did not work and the Bren type extractor would not work either. I found that by pushing a large brass brush (12g shotgun) into the case from the breech end removes it very easily and has little chance of causing any damage.

Our next event is

Distance: 700m
Date: 25th June 2006
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 5 Sighters (**only 3 convertible**) + 10 to count

Keep Safe
Darryl



From the Secretary's Desk:

I have a suggestion - in the same spirit as the Veterans class was formed, I would like to propose that we form a separate class of all those who shoot with borrowed rifles. There are surely more of those around than Veterans or Juniors. And by the looks of the rate the A class is growing (47 members), I would also add the B Class (only 29 members left)! Since Graeme started reloading for my 2nd rifle, we don't regard it as a borrowed rifle any more, and he doesn't beat me as often as before. Or that may just be the gentleman he is ...

Darryl touched on case separations. Guys remember, if you open your bolt and see that you have a separated or cracked case or a blown primer, nominate it immediately (i.e. before the butts show you your score) and then you may have that shot over. If however, you wait until you see your score and then decide to take it over, it is too late. If you nominated the shot and you score a bull, that is unfortunately tough luck. The person scoring should enforce this. The same as the scorer should ensure that the shottist's rifle is safe (either bolt out or breech flag inserted) and this needs to be signed off on the scorecard. Too many scorecards are handed in without any signatures on them lately. The shottists must also sign the card to accept the score (in future we might stop capturing the scores without signatures).

Hunting season is upon us again. Good luck to all of you who are going to shoot something for the pot or freezers. And to everyone who is going away for the school holidays and will not be joining us for the next clubshoot, drive safely and enjoy the rest. I would not mind having a holiday myself!

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in May:

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| 3 rd : Louis Bester | 19 th : Barry Mellor |
| 4 th : Francois du Toit | 22 nd : Mike Di Bona, Elané de Beer |
| 8 th : Tjaart Muller | 23 rd : Jermaine Lewis |
| 9 th : Dippie Dippenaar | 28 th : John Davis |
| 17 th : Alan Williams | |



Claude Hartog has taken it upon himself to keep a close eye on the club shoots (just to make sure the youngsters behave)



Everybody is still wondering what Francois had for breakfast. Riaan claims it was the coach, but the smile on Francois's face tells another story ...



Ronnie and Michael Beardwood. If Michael only knew what magnificent meal he was going to miss, he would have called in sick (who works on a Saturday anyway?)

Until the next shoot, keep well.

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