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It certainly looks like the sun always shines on the CLI Club. It was another great shooting day and it was surprising that another record was not broken. Conditions were almost perfect but like the last shoot started to get tricky during the last detail. I am not complaining about shooting last detail or making excuses Mr. Vice Chairman. The fact that attendance was again over sixty entrants, shows that we have no fear for the longer distances.

Loud Mike with his hailer got everyone off to the firing point as per normal. Even Barry arrived on time. Somehow Barry ended up without a partner and he had the whole hour to shoot this time so there were no hold ups. Just shows that there are rewards for arriving early. I was nearly late after promising Corena that I would be there early to help her but somehow between the car and the safe I lost the car keys.

Proceedings were opened at short notice by Hannes Willers with the traditional prayer. Thank you very much Hannes we all appreciate it. The shoot ran smoothly and I must commend all for there observance of the safety rules. Let's not become complacent, make it a habit to watch your partner as some of us tend to suffer from brain fade every now and then as you read earlier.

There were some surprising results in all the classes which make the overall championship extremely difficult to predict at this stage. The results of the 600m shoot were:

A Class			B Class		
1.	Jason Di Bona	45.5	1.	Rafael Arellano	43.1
2.	John Duckitt	44.4	2.	Colin Edge	43.1
3.	Bas Barkhuysen	43.3	3.	Ian Noble-Jack	40.1
4.	Vissy Botha	43.3	4.	Ken Coleman	38.1
5.	Daan Brits	41.1	5.	Jaron Pratt	38.0
6.	Colin Twine	41.0	6.	Joe Koen	38.0
Veterans			J Class		
1.	Colin Edge	43.1	1.	Marc Jordan	37.1
2.	John Austin	39.2	2.	Ben Durandt	27.0
3.	Dennis Sherwood	38.1	3.	Francois Joubert	0.0

In the A Class, making a great comeback was Jason shooting a great score of 45.5 with John Duckitt close behind shooting with his SMLE with a score of 44.4. Third place went to Bas and Vissy lost out on a count out with the same score of 43.3. Daan was one V Bull ahead of Colin on 41. Also on 41 but losing out on the count out were Corena and myself.

The B Class, with a stunning performance was Rafael who has been mocked unmercifully by me for how long now. Well done Rafael on an excellent score of 43.1. On the same

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score but losing on the count out was Colin Edge with another fine performance. In third place was the other half of the perseverance team, Ian with 40.1. The pair of them just gets better all the time. The Bisley shooting is definitely helping. In fourth place with a score of 38.1 and making the list for the second time in a row was Ken Coleman. You should have thrown that old rifle away years ago Ken. Well done. In an uncharacteristic fifth place was Jaron with 38. I think the time has come for you to get a new coach as this is the second time that Wayne has beaten you. What are you up to cousins? In sixth place, losing on the count out was Joe who has not been on the list for a long time. Well done Joe.

The Veterans Class was won by Colin Edge and second place was John Austin with 39.2. Third place went to Dennis with another good score of 38.1 showing many again that age is just a number. Well done to all of you.

In the J Class Marc Jordan won with a good score of 37.1. Second place was taken by Ben Durandt (jnr) with 27. Keep at it guys. It is great to see the youngsters taking part.

For once most of the fathers beat the sons. Frans beat Francois, Rafael beat Marc, Wayne beat Jaron and Ben scored the same as Ben junior but Mike was trashed by Jason. Mike insists on shooting the same rifle with a different bolt and when I asked him about the head space maybe being out I was met with a blank stare.

The results as some may notice are not quite the same as what was read. Some score cards came in late and your inexperienced chairman tried to sort it out and ended up cocking it up. Poor Vissy had his medal removed when he should have retained it. In future if score cards are not handed in on the range your scores will not count in the final result. Ja Freddie, Bas gaan vir jou bliksem

It was a great shooting day but it was an even better eating day. The meal was rated by all as another record breaker. It was truly magnificent. I am still confused about who actually did the cooking. Ronnie, our expert potjie chef left the range after he had finished shooting to start the meal. Mike followed after the first two details to, as he put it "show Ronnie what to do". That is like me saying I am going to show Eddie Stigant to read the wind! Riaan and Francois also contributed to the creation but big thanks go to Ronnie for donating the bokkie. When I asked who was responsible for the excellent meal, they unanimously agreed that as Dennis spent some time at the fire, it was him. Well done Dennis. I think it was the Brandy talking at that stage.

On the firing point performing the range officer duties was Bare, Bas, Jason and I. The butts were manned by Riaan Coetzee, Joe Koen, Vissy and Twinky. Thanks to all for the help and for another safe shoot. I have been asked by Riaan to request that after the shoot the targets are placed on the trolley and that the trolley is pushed down to the store. Please also ensure that the patches etc are sorted and placed neatly in the boxes provided. The falling plates must be removed from the frames and stacked neatly under the frames.

There are five Saturdays this month and our shoot is on the last Saturday not the fourth as usual. No brain fades please. This is the biggest target you will be shooting on the whole year so it should be easy, I do not think so.

Our next event is:

Distance: 700m
Date: 30th June 2007
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 5 Sighters (only 3 convertible) + 10 to count



To all those taking part in the 4th national Black Powder long range trials on the 8th and 9th June 2007 may I wish you the best of luck and hope that you make the National teams.

Keep Safe

Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter out, but the last two weeks seem to have disappeared completely without me noticing. But here it is, rather late than never ...

The black powder trials were blessed with rain and more rain and eventually we completely lost out on the 700m and 900m. However, the other scores went into the database and the following CLI 303 Club members were selected to represent South Africa in the 6th MLAIC World Long Range Muzzle Loading Championship in September on the Good Hope Range:

John Austin, John Duckitt, Jason Di Bona, Mike Di Bona (who withdrew), Ronnie Blake, Darryl Carver, Johan de Beer and Corena de Beer. Congratulations and best of luck to you all!

Hunting season is upon us again and several club members usually go hunting somewhere during winter. Enjoy the hunt and the rest! Ronnie set an excellent example with his first bakkie for the pot for this year – let's see some of you other Nimrods follow suit ...

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in June:

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| 3 rd : Louis Bester | 17 th : Alan Williams |
| 4 th : Francois du Toit | 19 th : Barry Mellor |
| 9 th : Johan (Dippie) Dippenaar | 22 nd : Mike Di Bona |
| 14 th : Freddie van Rensburg | 23 rd : Jermaine Lewis |
| | 28 th : John Davis |



Our club's gardener, Louis Laubscher



Conny Arellano



Freddie Troost and Adrian Lith



Daan Brits



NO SMOKING near the firing point, Mr Chairman!!



Our members enjoying the sun, while waiting for lunch

That's all from me for now.

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