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Newsletter

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Firstly a big thank you must go to Mike for running the 200m match in March and for writing such a good newsletter. Sure that you don't want to do it more often Mike? Despite his complaints I think he enjoys it. Despite the rain the week before, a welcome break in the weather allowed us to hold the Brakfontein Bisley with dark clouds looming all around us. The score recorded by some of us were as gloomy as the weather to say the least.

The excuses ranged from the target not having an aiming mark to the markers being stupid and giving the wrong scores. My own excuse was that I had worked on my rifle and had forgotten to tighten the main screw so it shot all over the place. Suffice to say, it is a difficult shoot but some still manage somehow to get good scores. Despite the poor scores and the weather, a turnout of over 50 shows that this event is still popular and should be kept on our calendar.

Thank you to John Austin for delivering the opening prayer. I sprung it on him at the very last moment and being the gentleman he is, he accepted. I will try, in future to give the Johns and Koos prior warning.

To say that the shoot went smoothly was not quite true. As we were preparing for the first detail, Mike realized that he had left the radios at home. Before Bare was able to get his set out Mike was off to Tableview in Jason's car. Mike soon returned well before the first detail finished. I hope there were no cameras on the West Coast Road as that could still prove to be a costly mission. Included in the results for the first time is the new X Class.

X Class			A Class		
1.	Jason Di Bona	44.3	1.	Ronnie Blake	39.1
2.	Corena de Beer	41.1	2.	Dennis Sherwood	37.1
3.	Bas Barkhuysen	39.1	3.	Floris Jonker	35.1
4.	Freddie Troost	38.0	4.	Johan Geyer	35.1
5.	Arnold Beneke	37.0	5.	Koos Brink	34.1
6.	Johan de Beer	36.1	6.	Jaron Pratt	34.0
B Class			Veterans		
1.	Matthew Melidonis	37.1	1.	Dennis Sherwood	37.1
2.	Neil Jacobs	29.1	2.	Koos Brink	34.1
3.	Lem Melidonis	29.0	3.	John Austin	33.0
4.	Ken Coleman	27.2			
5.	Joe Koen	27.1	J Class		
6.	Greame Stigling	27.0	1.	Justin Stigling	22.2



In the X Class Jason showed us how to do it with a score of 44 3 which is also a new record. Corena, our previous record holder was second with 41 1. He just has no respect Corena does he? In third place was Bas with his repaired P14 with 39 1. Freddie Troost, Arnold Beneke and Bare filled the next three places. Despite Mike's wailing on the firing point about no aiming mark he still scored the same as Bare but was counted out for sixth place. After that the scores look pretty grim.

In the A Class it was Ronnie who shot a very good 39 1 and took first place. In second place was Dennis Sherwood our super veteran with a score of 37 1. I doubt if I will even be able to hit the target at his age. Third place went to Floris with 35 1, beating Johan Geyer on a count out. Fifth went to Koos Brink and sixth to Jaron. I haven't seen your girlfriend yet Jaron, stop hiding her away.

The B Class had an upset with Matthew in his first shoot as a member scoring 37. Pretty good Matthew, if you keep that up you will be in the A Class. A distant second went to Neil Jacobs and a more distant third went to Lem. Lem needs to explain as to why with all his years of shooting his son beats him by 8 points with the same rifle. It must have been your coaching. Ken Coleman was fourth, Joe Koen fifth and Graeme Stigling sixth all with the same score.

In the J Class Justin Stigling scored 22 2. The only other person to score more V Bulls was Jason. The fact that you shot two V Bulls shows that there is definitely potential. Keep it up. There was another J Class entrant complete with scope and dead rest, true F Class style. At the risk of destroying a long friendship I shall not print Claude's score.

The only father that scored more than his son was Graeme Stigling. To the rest of you who were beaten hollow by your offspring, sies man. The biggest loser in this competition was none other than Mike who lost by 8 points and 3 V bulls to Jason.

I must congratulate Stavros for bringing three visitors to the range. The problem is that two of them beat him with his own rifle. He managed to coach the third into a zero however.

We were back in the clubhouse shortly before 12h00 with the weather looking very threatening but still the rain stayed away. The meal took a bit longer to prepare than usual so we a just over an hour to socialize before the prize giving. Some of the members made use of the time to practice some black powder shooting and this time all arrived back in time for the serious part of the day.

A great deal of this time was used by Henri to prospect for I don't know what with his Mikstok. Nee Bas, nie daai tipe mike nie! Just remember, Henri, whatever you find will be removed from your person and summarily confiscated by the WO1 as it will be deemed to be "State Property".

I must relate another story about two well educated members of this club. They decide one day to spend their time casting bullets for their muzzleloaders. The pot of lead was set up on an electric hot plate on top of a plastic garden table undercover in the bray area right next to the fridge full of beer. All was going well, the lead was at the right temperature and they had just begun casting some nice shiny bullets when the lead pot sprung a leak. The lead started running into the hot plate. As lead is a great conductor of electricity it wasn't long before sparks and smoke started flying out of the hot plate, destroying it completely. The flow of lead was now quite generous and the now full hotplate overflowed onto the table. The hot lead went straight



through the table making a huge cloud of smoke and ended up on the paving. The final result was one wasted afternoon, 2 Kg pure lead, one electric plate, six chairs now without a table and 10 beers priceless!

Mike, Ronnie, Francois and Riana created another fine meal. A good spicy potpie together with an even hotter one was just what was needed for the cold weather. Good going guys.

The shoot proceeded safely, thanks to Bas, Bare, Jason and Corena doing the firing point and Joe Koen, Wayne, Riana Coetzee and Bare (not a miss print, he pulled as well) in the butts. It must be a club record with the chairman and vice chairman in the butts at the same time. There were quite a few complaints that misses were indicated incorrectly. Believe it, those targets were checked very carefully. Those targets are small for 400m and it is very easy to pull one off the target.

Thanks also to Francois, Bare and Corena for taking the money and the squadding and also for compiling the stats. You guys make my life easy. Thanks also to Vissy for organizing the raffle. Not too shabby Vissy. If anyone wishes to donate something to be raffled, please e-mail Vissy at Vissy@telkomsa.net and make the arrangement.

This year the CLI Club for the very first time is programmed to host a Bisley on 2nd August 2008 for the WPBA. In order for this to work and actually bring some funds in for the club we will need the support of the members to assist with range officer duties and pull targets as well as cater for the event besides those that want to enter. We need 10 target pullers, a range officer and a butt officer as well as a few cooks. We will cater for 7.62, F class and .303. If you are able to assist please let us know as we need to start planning this event.

We have also been invited to shoot against the Navy at Simons Town range but more about that later. It will be an extra shoot and not part of our normal programme. We are back to our old targets so let's see some good scores at this event.

Our next event is:

Distance: 500m
Date: 28th June 2008
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 5 sighters (3 convertible) + 10 to count

Keep Safe

Darryl



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Darryl mentioned the raffle, and I also want to appeal to you all to support this initiative. Please bring your money to buy your raffle tickets from Ronnie or Dianne Stigling next week. They are also busy organising a fundraising dinner in the Castle on the 5th of July and tickets cost R150 per person for an excellent 3 course meal with wine on the tables. Several items will be auctioned and the draw for the raffle will also take place then. Come and spoil your wife / girlfriend (or both) and kids or make up a group of 8 friends and book a whole table ...

Darryl also mentioned the lead incident ... just one correction, maybe two. It was more like 10kgs of lead and 2 to 3 dozen beers , but why spoil a good story with facts?

It is that time of the year again when many guys go off to the wild to shoot at something else than targets (and after the "horrible" 400m target, I am sure it will be a welcome change. Good luck to all the hunters and bring back plenty of biltong ... For the rest of you, hope to see you on the range with our next shoot.

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in June:

3 rd : Louis Becter	14 th : Freddie van Rensburg
4 th : François du Toit	17 th : Alan Williams
8 th : Tjaart Muller	19 th : Barry Mellor
9 th : Johan Dispensary	22 nd : Mike Di Bona
11 th : André van der Merwe	23 rd : Jermaine Lewis
	28 th : John Davis



Michael Beardwood, trying to formulate a winning strategy



Ronnie & Chris Williams



Claude Hardtog & Robert Ellis
– I don't even want to ask ...



Rafael & Marcos Arellano -
Rafael also beat Marcos,
but not by much ...



Father (Dennis Sherwood) -
How does he do it?
81 years old and still showing
the youngsters how it is done!



Graeme Stigling (the only
other dad with a shred of
dignity left) and Duppie

That's all from me for now.

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