



CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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The 600Mtr detail was absolutely brilliant! The first shot was fired at about 9.30am after the prayer by John Ecclestone. For those of you who were there (and there were about 57 of you!) the weather was perfect, with the slightest hint of a Westerly wind blowing. I had expectations of some big scores, but as before, the 600Mtr detail always has something in it! Although no big scores were recorded, there were lots of people in the 40's.

It was also decided to dedicate this shoot to all our deceased fellow shooters. Lorraine Willers and her family were there to pay tribute to Hannes. They brought along a magnificent trophy, (**Hannes Willers Wissel Trophy**) that will be presented each year to the shooter who posts the highest score.

The results are as follows:

X Class

1. John Austin	43.4/50
2. Jason Di Bona	43.0/50
3. Mike Di Bona	42.0/50
4. Bas Barkhuyzen	41.2/50
5. Darryl Carver	41.2/50
6. Riaan Muller	41.1/50

B Class

1. Jeff Panos	41.2/50
2. Connie Arellano	40.2/50
3. Mike Shortt	40.1/50
4. Cedric Claus	39.0/50
5. Dennis Sherwood	39.0/50
6. Sakkie Stofberg	38.2/50

A Class

1. Melani Hunter	43.2/50
2. John Duckitt	40.2/50
3. Humphreys Colyn	40.2/50
4. Julian v.d Westhuizen	40.1/50
5. Francois du Toit	39.1/50
6. Evert du Plessies	38.1/50

Veterans

1. John Austin	43.4/50
2. Jeff Panos	41.2/50
3. Humphreys Colyn	40.2/50

J Class

1. Charl du Toit	28.0/50
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Let's start off with John Austin. He shot the highest score of the day and was duly presented with the **Hannes Willers Trophy**. Well done John I am sure you will proudly display it in your house. As usual, Jason is in the top 3. It was also nice to see the top 6 shooters in the X Class all within 2 points of each other. Well done to you all!

The A Class has Melani at the top once again! Come on guys, we cannot let a lady stay there! I am sure there will be a concerted effort to unseat her at the next shoot! The rest of the shooters in the A Class were all within 2 points of each other. Really close shooting! Well done to all of you!!

The B Class has Jeff taking the top honour. Here again, the rest of the top 6 are also within 2 points of each other! Good shooting to all of you!

In the J Class, Charl is starting to be a familiar name. Well done Charl!!



As usual, we had lots of help in the butts and on the firing point. Thanks a lot to Henry Laurie, Johan Cilliers, Michael Beardwood and Mathew. We had a few small problems with comms in the butts and I am sure Mathew will volunteer to do this duty again, only this time he will use his other ear, as I chewed off the one he used on Saturday!!! All jokes aside, thanks guys for stepping forward to be counted!

On the firing point we had John Ecclestone, Jason and Riaan Coetzee. Many thanks to you all. I would also like to thank Schalk, Jason and Melani for collecting the monies, handing out the membership cards, issuing the score sheets, doing the stats after the shoot and being the club "dogs body" thank you guys and girl, we all appreciate your combined effort!

A huge thanks also goes to Riaan Muller. I am sure you are aware of just how much work Riaan puts into the range. With very limited resources, he maintains the range as if it was his! Perfect!! Thanks a million Riaan we are indebted to you!

A final thanks goes to Francois. Here again I am sure you realise just how much work Francois puts into this club. To name but a few..... Treasurer, medals, purchasing food, cooking the food etc, etc... Thanks Francois and may you do it for the next 30 years!!!!

The cooks decided to make a beef curry pot. When I made a suggestion about the food in my last mail communication, I mentioned beef stew or beef curry, I had plenty shooters come back to me saying CURRY! Well you got your wish. The pots were really very, very good! The hot pot was medium and the medium pot was mild. This suited almost everyone. There are a few people who have cast iron stomachs and nothing is too hot for them! But for the rest of us, we found it perfect for a cold day.

It looks like the cooks have settled into their jobs quite well now. Francois, Riaan and Cedric were helped out by Julian. Once again I tried to advise them just how to cook the curry, and once again I was abused by these four burly cooks. If only I was 2 feet taller and maybe 40 kilos heavier, I would be able to argue my point better!!!! Guys, congratulations on a wonderful meal. This was served on a bed of rice with a roll and salad, in our newly acquired salad bowls. I hope John Duckitt did not have to dip into his Gout pill box again! Don't worry folks, next shoot we will have something different. What it is I cannot tell you, but I am sure it will be as good as the curry!

We had quite a few visitors at this shoot. Julian brought along two visitors who have both shown interest in joining. Schalk also brought a visitor along and I hear he is looking for a 303! Thanks guys, let's swell the ranks and see if we can have 60 shooters on the firing line at the 900Mtrs! If we achieve that we can honestly say we have arrived!

Finally, I would like to thank you all for attending this wonderful shoot and making it the wonderful experience it was. At the end of the prize giving, John Ecclestone told us all that the club has certainly got its spirit back. I have to agree with him, but I am not so sure as to what "spirit" he was referring to!!! Plenty folks left early to watch the rugby. Are you now not disappointed that you did not stay longer? Win some, lose some! At least the Stormers played their hearts out!

Some time this month I will be sending out all the details for our away shoot in Bonnievale. Please make your bookings soon, so as not to be disappointed.

I look forward to seeing you all at the 700Mtr (easiest distance) next month. Weather permitting.

Keep those guns well oiled and make sure the trigger finger is supple!

Yours in shooting

Mike



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

If there is no rejuvenation a club may become stagnant, loose its purpose and in the end decline to extinction.

It was said at the awards ceremony after the shoot on 28 May 2010 that members can sense that there is a new “vibe” prevalent in the club. Proof of this is evident in ex-members joining again and the increasing number of members and visitors attending monthly club events. Let us all make it our goal to bring a friend along to our next shoot.

CLI.303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN QUO VADIS?

The committee wants to serve our members - and we are not taking anything for granted! If we want to be the best 303 club in the country we should always strive to think out of the box, be transparent and get input from all members (not forgetting to extend our sincerest appreciation and not take for granted the “sloggers” that give up so much of their time and own resources “behind the curtains” in preparation for every shoot). Thanks guys! (I am referring specifically to Mike, Francois, and WO Riaan Muller). You are really the backbone of this club.

If there is anything that we can do to improve even further, please do not hesitate to e-mail me at: CLI.303@isales.co.za.

Currently, ± 80% of our members are paid-up. Things are really looking up!

Often members also volunteer their services. One of our older members wants to write an article in our monthly newsletter for the general improvement of our shooting habits.

Here is his first contribution.....

“Ou Toppie’s” Tips and Hints for the butt’s party

- 1) Just remember, you can be the best shottist in the club, but if the marker does not mark the fall and value of the shot correctly, you may as well save the ammo for another day.
- 2) After the shot is fired, the shooter will expect the target to be pulled down at once and marked so that he / she can get on with the next shot. At the squeeze of trigger, the marker will be waiting!
- 3) To facilitate speed, if the shot has fallen in the black, keep a black patch on your thumb nail, or a white patch if needed. This will save time in rotating the target quickly.
- 4) Observe strict radio procedure, and when not calling or answering, keep your finger OFF the “send” button, as a carrier wave will be transmitted, drowning out the shottists request.
- 5) Whenever a target score is queried the marker **MUST PULL DOWN THE TARGET AND REMOVE THE MARKER** to examine same.
- 6) Do not look at the target, but watch the backstop, and therefore know that a shot has arrived for you to mark.
- 7) Know that the marker is the most important person on the range after a shot has been fired.



QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

The saying that you can't teach an old dog new tricks, is an insult to even an old dog.

Leo Buscaglia

That's all for now!

Kind regards

Schalk Hattingh

Here are some pictures of Saturdays shoot. (Just look at the perfect weather)



John "I have arrived" Ecclestone.



Pieter with Table Mountain as the "back-stop"



Barry and friends on the firing point.



Humphreys and John having a wonderful time.



Our next shoot and meal is:

Distance: 700Mtr

Date: 26th June 2010

Time: 08:00

Venue: Good Hope Range

Ammo: 5 convertible sighters and 10 to count

