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NEWSLETTER

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It is really quite amazing that we have managed to hold every shoot this year, even the dreaded 900m. Some of us wished that we had not (the scores tell the story) as the 900m is hard work and can be downright demoralizing. This one was no exception. The conditions were not bad it only became tricky when the wind went from 11 o'clock to 1 o'clock and caught some of us out.

The shoot was opened with a prayer by John Ecclestone. John must be commended for his excellent Afrikaans. Thanks to Mike for herding everyone off to the range and for doing his loud hailer duty once again for Bare. The attendance was excellent for this shoot considering that we had nearly 50 competitors. That must be a record for the 900m.

The range officers and markers had a torrid time and it's a wonder that the radio batteries lasted the morning with so many requests of "Do the markers have any idea of where the last shot went?" and "Can you watch the target when number whatever fires again?". Needles to say most of us managed to get on the paper eventually, except one brave individual using a No1 with open sights.

The shoot went off relatively smoothly despite some heartbreaking scores, but then again this is the 900m and man, everything is against you. If your ammo is not right and your shot is a bit off, it's a clean target. The results were as follows:

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A Class		B Class		
1.	Johan de Beer	43.2	1. Ronnie Blake	35.0
2.	Frans de Waal	41.2	2. Jan Frederick van Niekerk	31.1
3.	Colin Twine	39.0	3. Jean de Villiers	31.0
4.	Brent Bennett	38.21	4. Johan Geyer	30.1
5.	Arnold Beneke	37.0	5. Jason Di Bona	29.1
6.	Barry Mellor	35.2	6. Ralph Bazier	29.1
Target Rifle		J Class		
1.	Joppa le Roux	67.5/75	1. Marc Jordan	26.0
2.	Syd Goslin	67.4/75		
3.	Vissy Botha	64.2/75		

Despite what I wrote above, Bare still managed to shoot a magnificent 43 2 and broke his old club record. Well done Johan, you certainly gave us all a hiding. In 2nd place and beating Bare's old record was Frans De Waal with an excellent 41 2. Good shooting Frans. 3rd place was Colin Twine with his latest batch of new formula hand-loads, which seemed to work pretty well. Brent too 4th place with his newly acquired tunnel front sight followed by Arnold in 5th place and Barry in 6th place. Well done to all you. There were a number of familiar names missing in the top six, I wonder what happened?



The B Class saw Ronnie taking top score, well done Ronnie. 2nd place went to Jan, a regular in the top six. Jean De Villiers took 3rd place, but maybe could have scored better if his partner had not intimidated him by having a tantrum and giving him a display of bolt and rifle throwing and a lesson in bad language. Sorry Jean. He was followed by Johan Geyer, Jason (at least you beat Mike) and Ralph. Well done to all of you.

Marc did very well to score 26 in the J Class. Keep it up. The target rifle shooters joined us and Joppa took the top score followed by Syd and Vissy. With those scores they definitely did not shoot 10 rounds!

I witnessed some despicable incidents of bad sportsmanship. Fathers that make their children shoot first so the rifle is sighted in for them just so they can beat them, is really SIES man. It however did not work for some of you!

It is often said that too many cooks spoil the pot, but Mike, Jason, Ronnie, Francois, Claude and Riaan busted this myth once and for all. The Ostrich pot was excellent. It was another fine effort from the cooking team, just a pity this time that their shooting skills did not match their cooking skills, all except Ronnie of course.

Thanks must again go to Ken for providing his truck for the butts transport, it would have been a long walk. Bare, Graeme, Bas and myself manned the range, while the butts duty was done by Wayne, Riaan Coetzee, Johan Cilliers and Brent. Thanks to all of you.

Please remember that our fun shoot will be held on 10th December and **NOT** at the end of November as the range is not available. For this shoot to take place, we need some help from you. We need the following:

- › 5 x 9mm Pistols
- › 3 x .22 Rifles with open sights
- › 5 x .303 Rifles
- › Ammo for .22, 9mm and .303 (any old stuff as long as it goes bang)

Could you please confirm with Corena if you are bringing any of the above. Remember that this event is also our prize giving, so be there with your wife/partner/family. As this is a family event, I promise to behave. Those lucky souls who were awarded cups last year, will you please return them at the event to Corena. Bright and shiny please.

Please paste this on your fridge:

Our next event is

Date: 10th December 2005
Venue: Good hope Shooting Range
Time: 8.00am
Distance: Fun Shoot and Prize Giving

Keep Safe

Darryl

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

Thanks to all for helping out on the range and in the butts. It was rather strenuous to get (and keep!) everyone on paper. I do, however, need a volunteer to explain to Francois that the grey strip in front of the firing point is in fact a tar road, and not a place to shoot your warmers!

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SECRETARY: Dr C de Beer; MEMBERS: Mr G Leon, Mr R Blake, Dr J Austin;
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Even though Mike has officially resigned from the committee, he still supplies his personal equipment, such as the radios, etc, for our club shoots. And then he also keeps the order on the range, as well as rather tight reigns on the cooks and spices. Thanks Mike, Francois, Corena and Riaan for everything that goes on behind the scenes that nobody sees or appreciates! Also a big thank you to Darryl for writing these honest and interesting newsletters.

Despite our numerous requests, people still walks off with our club's brand new plates or leave the dirty plates and cutlery on the tables. Riaan always provides a bucket with soapy water to put these in, because it is rather difficult to wash it once the dirt gets dry. Please guys, the least we can do is to clean up after ourselves.

I have addressed certain individuals on the firing point and I want to reiterate the following two most important points. **NOBODY** is allowed to **smoke** on the firing point and **NOBODY** is allowed to carry any **firearm**, except for the rifle you are shooting with. Not even when the magazine is removed! This has been addressed in the past (more than once), but it seems that people tend to forget! We have to adhere to SABU rules, especially with regard to safety and we cannot afford to let anything damage our club's standing. We all want to continue shooting for some years to come, don't we?

On a lighter and brighter note, congratulations to our WP 303 team on winning the interprovincial competition at the Louis le Grange competition in Bloemfontein. Thank you to their dedicated driver, Colin, who apparently had his hands full with some of his rowdy team mates! I am not going to reveal who shared whose twin beds, but on the way there, one individual sent us an sms saying something like "we don't care anymore, because we are (not so thirsty anymore)". Well done to Bas and John Moore for obtaining 2nd place in the pairs, John for his 2nd and Bas for his 4th place in the individual match. In the team event, Bas had the highest individual aggregate and Colin was 3rd. It sounds as if they had a great time - thank you for keeping the WP flag flying high.

Please remember to let us know about ammo and firearms for the fun shoot, especially 9 mm ammo - we cannot hold a shoot without it! If anyone wants to volunteer for any of the jobs at the fun shoot, please feel free to also speak out!!

Congratulations to the following people on their birthdays:

8th: Bryan van Oordt
21st: Jason Teuchert
22nd: Humphreys Colyn

Ronnie, make sure that you have enough money on you, as you will be buying all my drinks for the day!
Johan de Beer



Louis le Grange in Bloemfontein - Colin Twin, Bas Barkhuysen, John Moore and Darryl Carver

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