



CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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Newsletter

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Despite a weather forecast of 60% rain, a long weekend and the dreaded 900m we still managed to attract 45 entrants which is not bad for this daunting event. The weather was also not the best being overcast and gusty with the light changing all the time. For most of us it was a devil of a shoot, without my eagle eye and ring sights just finding the target through the blur was almost impossible.

The range officers were very busy up and down the line trying to get everyone on the paper and the guys in the butts were having just as torrid a time trying to see where the shots were going. Most eventually managed to find the target, but staying there was another story. The radio communication was also difficult, besides the fact that we all deaf, and the wearing of ear muffs in the butts does not help either.

Someone complained bitterly that it took nearly 20 shots to get onto the target. You were not alone I can assure you. The guys in the butts did their best to report when sighters recorded where ricochets, but with so much radio traffic going on, some got away to the shooters disadvantage. Just when you thought that you had it, it turned and bit you. Then again you can expect trouble at that distance.

The results below are, as would be expected, lower than normal, but there is always one who manages to shoot a brilliant score no matter what. That person just happens to be the same one that shot brilliantly at the last event. Corena again showed us all how it should be done by scoring 45.1 and setting another club record. That is twice in a row! Congratulations and very well done Corena, you are certainly on top form.

The results are as follows:

A Class

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| 1. | Corena de Beer | 45.1 |
| 2. | Adrian Lith | 41.0 |
| 3. | Johan de Beer | 40.3 |
| 4. | Mike Di Bona | 39.1 |
| 5. | Jason Di Bona | 39.1 |
| 6. | Jean de Villiers | 39.1 |

B Class

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| 1. | Chris Williams | 33.0 |
| 2. | Stratis (Stavros) Voyatjes | 32.0 |
| 3. | Alan Williams | 31.1 |
| 4. | Ian Noble-Jack | 30.1 |
| 5. | Jermaine Lewis | 30.0 |
| 6. | Jaron Pratt | 29.1 |

Veterans

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| 1. | Robert Ellis | 31.1 |
| 2. | Alan Williams | 31.1 |
| 3. | Frans de Waal | 30.1 |

J Class

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| 1. | Marc Jordan | 34.1 |
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CHAIRMAN: Mr DS Carver; VICE-CHAIRMAN: Mr JA de Beer; TREASURER: Mr CF du Toit;

SECRETARY: Dr C de Beer; MEMBERS: Mr RAT Blake, Mr LM Di Bona; Mr GA Leon,

CO-OPTED MEMBER: WO1 AA Muller

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As I stated before, Corena blasted all into submission with that score and smashed poor Bare's record. He will just have to get used to it I think or start tampering with the ammo. Second place went to Adrian Lith who scored 41 and became a new member of the club started by me, namely the Lost Foresight Club. In third place was a battered husband, Bare, with 40.3. He had to be content with shooting the most V bulls on the day. The next three places went to Jason, Mike and Jean all on the same score of 39.1. Congratulations to all of you for good scores at this difficult distance.

In the B Class Chris Williams took the gold with a score of 33, Stavros took the silver (his second medal) with 32 and Alan Williams took the bronze with a score of 31.1. Ian took fourth place with 30.1, Jermaine made the list with 30 and fifth place and Jaron scraped in with 29.1 making it look like my coaching has gone the same way as my shooting.

The J Class was won by Marc with another good score. Marc scored 34.1 which beat quite a few A class scores. Well done.

In the veterans class Robert won with 31.1 beating Alan Williams on the count out into second place. Third with 30.1 was a surprised Frans De Waal. Well done all of you.

Thanks to all who went to the butts to help putting those huge targets up and to all who returned to help take them down again after the shoot. Those big frames are very difficult to handle and there is always a shortage of hands during the last detail.

The event proceeded safely without incident, thanks to the efforts of Arnold Beneke, Vissy, Twinky, and Corena on the firing point and John E, Wayne, Riaan and Joe in the butts.

The cooks, although short staffed, still managed to prepare an excellent chicken stew. There were two pots, one with carrots and one without. I always thought that carrots were good for the eye sight, but evidently not so. Corena doesn't eat carrots and look how she shoots. Thanks to Mike, Riaan and Francois (did Jason go to the clubhouse to supervise the cooking ... ?).

Thanks again to John Ecclestone for the opening prayer which is always much appreciated by the members. Thanks must also go to Mike for the equipment and to Corena and Bare for the admin.

The WP Bisley was again a memorable event and thoroughly enjoyed by all that took part. The stay on the range is always the highlight of the event. The tent was occupied by Robert, Bas, Jermaine, Johannes, Koos, Brent and I. The Animal, Daan and our visitor, George MacGregor chose rather to camp away from us. It did not help as we still kept Bruce awake with our snoring. The braai fires burned late into the night, the drink flowed and the conversation went on and on. It is a pity that George lives so far from us as he is a very interesting person and knows just about everything there is to know about firearms.

One casualty of the Bisley was Twinky. He arrived on Wednesday to test his loads and soon realized something was wrong when he fired his first shot. It looked like he was shooting a muzzle loader as bits of cloth and dust shot out. He had somehow left a patch in the barrel. George checked it on Thursday and sure enough, the barrel was bulged. He still shot some good scores though, but the accuracy was gone.



I don't know what I did to offend our secretary during the Bisley. Maybe she had been listening to certain people's idle chatter, as every time she was squadded with me she ended up with someone else. When she eventually partnered me, she put on a pair of water proofs over her jeans. What did you guys tell her about me? Maybe she overheard George telling me "jou loop is krom". She partnered Twinky many times without her water proofs even though he had a bulged barrel. Maybe that was the attraction.

Congratulations must go to Corena for first overall, to Bas for second place and to Mike for third place. That was excellent shooting from all of you. Congratulations to all who received medals for their efforts. I will leave it to Corena to supply the honours list in her part of the report.

Our next event is a repeat and your last chance to post a good score for the club championship.

Our next event is:

Distance: 300m
Date: 27th October 2007
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 3 Sighters + 10 to count

Keep Safe

Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Let me start off on a very sombre note. We were just informed that Lem Melidonis's wife passed away this morning after a short illness. Lem, please accept our sincere condolences and remember you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Darryl touched on the subject and I want to echo that. Please guys, we need all of you to do your bit to make our club shoots a success. We all want to shoot and we cannot do that without people who mark in the butts. It was so bad at the last club shoot that Bare had to give me his radio and go down to the butts to go and mark. People just seemed to disappear after they shot.

I must also just mention our newest club member who was coached by Vissy and was afterwards asked in the clubhouse "So, did you beat your husband?" and she triumphantly said "Of course" ... We are talking about Dianne Stigling who shot a 303 for the first time in her life and without a shooting jacket on top of it all. After the first shot Vissy asked her how did it feel, and she replied "I don't know, I closed my eyes". Well, to shoot 900m on your first attempt is extremely brave, but Dianne shot a very respectable 23. Graeme did not quite get as many scoring shots, but he at least ended with a magnificent V-bull!

I always thought "what happens in the Bisley camp stays in the Bisley camp", but I see Darryl is starting to talk out ... I will rather refrain from commenting on the "krom loop" and "I don't need much time", but the water proofs were truly because of threatening rain! Enough said ...



We had 15 competitors in the 303 class and I think everyone enjoyed it. The medals were nicely distributed among the competitors and the medal count and final scores of the top 3 looked as follows:

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| Johan de Beer | 1 Gold | (shot only Saturday) |
| Jason Di Bona | 1 Gold | (shot only Saturday) |
| Brent Bennett | 1 Gold | |
| John Austin | 1 Gold | |
| Koos Brink | 1 Gold, 1 Bronze | |
| Daan Brits | 1 Silver | |
| Colin Twine | 2 Gold, V-Bull Pool | |
| Mike Di Bona | 3 Gold, 2 Bronze, 3rd Overall | Score: 503.8 |
| Bas Barkhuysen | 1 Gold, 2 Silver, 2nd Overall | Score: 505.8 |
| Corena de Beer | 6 Gold, Overall Winner | Score: 525.11 |

We also had a nice (?) surprise when the Institute for Drug Free Sport arrived on Saturday and started testing selected people for prohibited substances. We have talked about this repeatedly in the clubhouse and also in one or two newsletters. Please guys and girls, get your ducks in a row with regard to prescribed medicine and follow the correct procedures to get your medication approved.

Lastly, good luck to the 303 team that will be competing in the Louis le Grange Interprovincial match in Bloemfontein at the end of the month – may the trophy stay in the Western Province!

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in October:

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| 1 st : Michael Beardwood | 27 th : Rafael Arellano, Arnold Beneke |
| 5 th : Duppie du Plessis | 29 th : Henri Laurie |
| 9 th : Frans de Waal, Werner de Wet | 31 st : Danie Erasmus |
| 17 th : Joe Koen | |



Danie Erasmus & Glenn von Zeil



Adrian Lith coming 2nd despite joining Darryl's club



Chris Williams, top of the B Class



Vissy coaching Dianne



Lunch!



It seems as if the snoring (or other noises) in the infamous tent has claimed yet another victim ...

That's all from me for now.

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