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I am sorry about the delay of the newsletter, but so much happened during October that we held it back to include all the events. For our 700m shoot the weather could not have been better. The day was perfect; the range had a beautiful covering of spring flowers with the clear mountain in the background. Picture perfect is the best description I could make.

We had another great attendance of nearly 60, which for a long range shoot makes me wonder if the food wasn't the attraction. Thanks go to Hannes for the opening prayer. The shoot proceeded smoothly despite many struggling to find paper, me included this time. That must be the worst feeling; fire the shot and the target stands still. Call for a mark and its clear Aaaaargh. Thanks to Lem for giving me 3 rounds of military issue as I only had eleven in total and after the miss I would have been out of it. We had some glitches when it came to the scores. The scores were correct, but some did not check their classes so some medals went out that should not have. Please check your score sheets in future and correct them. You are A Class, Rafael!

The correct results of this shoot that I described as an easy distance were as follows;

X Class			A Class		
1.	Mike Di Bona	47.2	1.	Dennis Leeds	43.1
2.	Corena de Beer	47.1	2.	Eduan Teich	43.1
3.	Darryl Carver	45.3	3.	Johan Dippenaar	42.1
4.	Jason Di Bona	45.3	4.	Tjaart Muller	41.2
5.	Vissy Botha	45.2	5.	Dennis Sherwood	40.2
6.	Johan de Beer	43.1	6.	Michael Beardwood	40.2
B Class			J Class		
1.	Glenn von Zeil	40.0	1.	Melanie Hunter	24.2
2.	Chris Geyer	36.1			
3.	Graeme Stigling	36.1			
4.	Barry Mellor	35.1	Veterans		
5.	Johan Cilliers	35.1	1.	Dennis Sherwood	40.2
6.	Ken Coleman	32.1	2.	John Austin	39.0
			3.	Robert Ellis	38.2

In the X Class it was Mike who scored 47.2 to take the gold. One V bull short was Corena in second. The last few shoots have had these two individuals really battling it out. I was in third narrowly beating Jason on the same score of 45.3 on a count out. Vissy was one V bull behind on 45.2 in fifth and Bare was sixth with 43.1 Close stuff guys.



In the A Class it was two visitors, Dennis and Eduan on 43.1 that took the first two places. In third place was Dippie with a good score of 42.1. Tjaart was fourth with 41.2, Dennis Sherwood in fifth and Michael Beardwood in sixth. What is Stavros to do? His visitors beat him every time.

In the B Class the top score was Glenn with 40.0. We will give your medal as it is your first. In second place was Chris Geyer with 36.1, beating Graeme Stigling on a count out into third place. In fourth place was Barry Mellor beating Johan Cilliers on a count out with 35.1. In sixth place was Kortbroek Coleman with 32.1. Well done to all of you.

In the J class Melanie Hunter managed 24.2 with Jason's coaching. Give her to someone else next time as you were probably distracting her.

The Veteran Class saw our super veteran, Dennis take the top score of 40.2. Second was John Austin with 39.0 and third was Robert on 38.2. Well done to all of you.

It was definitely a Dad's day with all the fathers and in-law fathers showing the youngsters the way. Well done all of you. You probably all want to know where you stand on the championship log, don't you. It is classified information and you will have to wait until the prize giving.

Thanks to Francois and Mike for organizing a spit braai for us. It was a huge meal and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thanks Claude and Riaan for helping. It is certainly not an easy job to prepare a meal like that in the time you had. Well done.

Thanks also to those that did range duties. Bare, Bas, Corena and Robert and butt duties Bare, Wayne, Chris and Riaan. I am sure I have left some names out, as there was enough there to allow me to pull targets during the second detail.

The WP Bisley followed the next week with 10 entrants for 303. The weather conditions during the Bisley were probably the worst I have ever experienced at this event. The shooting was delayed on the first morning, but we somehow managed to catch up and completed all the events. The second day was really tiring. We shot 300m, 600m, 800m, 900m and 900m in atrocious conditions. When the leader of the target rifle section, who up to the first 900m has lost 3 points in total, shoots a 33 you know that you are going to battle with a .303. We were exhausted after that and all was quiet in the camp very early that night.

The shoot on the Saturday was still difficult, but besides our tears and loss of blood we all had a great time. The tent was once again standing on its spot and was quite full on the first night, as we had some visitors. We had a great braai and socialized until late. Thursday and Friday night had Bas, Koos, George Macgregor, Dippie and I sharing these luxurious premises. To all those that stayed over, thanks guys for the great time we had.

We also discovered that with a little encouragement Dippie will sing and recite rhymes in the shower that kept the whole camp entertained. He even did a little bit of reminiscing about Hospitaal Tyd, singing the theme song and giving his best wishes to the Tannie in the Parow old age home who was recovering from a shark bite and singing to her "bite Vissy bite". You had to be there. The visitors must have thought that we had escaped from an asylum.



The full lists of scores are on the SABU web site for those interested. In the individual matches Mike won 4, Bas won 5, Koos, Ian and I each 1. The Long Range Aggregate was won by Koos with Mike second and myself third.

The Scottie Kerr was won by Koos with Mike in second and George in third place. The Administrators Cup was won by Mike and the Cape Colony (Acuspeed 3000 plus trophy) won by Mike with Koos and Bas in second and third. Congratulations to Mike for his win and to all who took part thanks for the company, it was another great event.

The unluckiest man was Colin Edge. He tied first place in two events with Bas and had to have a shoot out. Poor Colin lost both and went home with nothing, just like the weakest link.

On the 18th October we had our first shoot against the Navy at the Simons Town Range. Those that attended had a great time, the weather was perfect and the shooting was something different for most of us. The event was shot at 100m using the same target we use for the 400m, so our scores should all have been 10 x 5, but only Jason was able to manage that.

We started with the R4 and had 10 sighters in the prone position, followed 10 to count in the prone position followed by 10 to count sitting. The time for each detail was 2 min.

It was Francois who blew his chances when he managed to get the rifle onto full auto and let 3 go at once. He is now called Frrrrancois.

We moved on to .303 with 5 sighters, followed by 10 to count prone, followed by 10 to count sitting. Sitting was a new experience for most of us and I was frankly worried that some of our vets would have a problem. My doubts were unfounded as Robert, Rod and Dennis managed very well.

The top four scores in each side made up the team and I am happy to report that the CLI Club won the event, but it was pretty close. Our scores were Mike 182, Jason 176, Bas 164, Jean De Villiers 156, giving a total of 678. The Navy score were Graham Butler 175, Andrew Needham 166, Les Minnaar 165 and William Carelse 165, giving a total of 671.

The Navy gave us a fantastic braai with salads and rolls and really went out of their way to entertain us. We must definitely make this an annual event. Thank you, SA Navy team for a wonderful day.

That folks just about wraps up the year for us, besides the Fun Shoot and Prize giving that will be held on the 29th November 2008. Please remember that there is no event at the end of October as the range will be closed as Riaan will be on leave. Riaan will be on leave as Vicky will be getting married. On behalf of the .303 Club I would like to wish Vicky and Frikkie a very long and happy marriage with lots of little Slippers to keep Riaan young.

Please remember that the end of February 2009 is our away shoot at Eendekuil where we will shoot the Colin Leon Memorial at 100m. Please let Mike know if you intend coming.

For those who intend going to SABU's 80th Anniversary Shoot and Nationals next year, please remember to enter before the end of October, as the number of entries may be



limited due to the large number of visitors expected. Payment will only be due when the event starts. For more information contact me or Bas.

For the last time: There is no shoot at the end of this month. Our next event is;

Event: Christmas Shoot and Prize giving

Date: 29th November 2008

Time: 08:00

Venue: Good Hope Range

Until then, Keep Safe

Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Darryl said it all, but there are a few points I need to reiterate.

Please check your scorecards for correctness - including the spelling of your name ... - Class, Veteran, marker's name and add the date just for fun. That would make life much easier for me when I sort the cards for the prize giving and stats.

Those planning to attend the SA Open, please forward your entry form to us so that we can submit them all together (the SABU office is currently in a bit of a disarray and we want to make sure that all the forms get there – unfortunately, a fax without an error message is no guarantee that your form has been accepted!). Communicate with Bare or me for the entry.

Then we had an ever so helpful club member who assisted taking down the flags at our last shoot, but instead of handing it over to Vissy, the flag ended up in his car's boot. Please return the flag to Vissy, as we need all of them for when we shoot long range again. Thank you.

The away weekend is organised by Mike and Francois and according to Mike, the hotel is full and Pronkies chalets almost. If you still want to get on that bus, you better jump and let Mike know without delay – mike@propump.co.za or 082 441 2288. Everyone who booked accommodation through Mike needs to pay R100 **deposit at the Christmas Shoot** and if your family is going with, your deposit is R200. Please don't forget that. The away weekend will be our annual Colin Leon Memorial Shoot at 100m and the shoot and gala dinner will take place in Eendekuil on **Saturday, 28th February 2009**. (Please note the dates in Mike's letter were incorrect.)

For our Christmas shoot, we need (like every year) your assistance in providing different rifles and ammo to make the day memorable for all. Once again, if you feel like bringing a small gift along, you are more than welcome, but it will be in the spirit of Christmas – no guarantee that you will get one back. If you can help out with air rifles, .22's, two or three 303's, 9mm pistols and ammo for any of these, please contact Darryl or me by **15 November** to assist us in the planning of the event.

Jason (V Bulls), Jaron (B Class Short Range), Ian Noble Jack (Most Improved Marksman) and Mike (Top Gun) must please clean and bring the 2007 trophies to the Christmas shoot, so that it can be passed on to the new recipients. Thank you.

For Sale:

- Francois de Waal has a Tasco 4 x 44 spotting scope for sale (R450). If you are interested, please contact him on 082 926 1267 or fdew@vodamail.co.za.



- 100 New PMP 303 cases and 150 New Winchester 303 cases – contact Johan de Beer – 083 384 8543

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in October and November:

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

Nov 1st: John Duckitt
 8th: Bryan van Oordt

		
<p>Darryl with Hannes, opening the shoot</p>	<p>Robert Ellis</p>	<p>Alan Williams and Ian Noble-Jack</p>
		
<p>Graeme Stigling</p>	<p>Frans de Waal</p>	<p>Jason, Cedric and Melanie</p>
		
<p>Greg Sykes and Tjaart Muller</p>	<p>Chris Williams</p>	<p>Sherrit, Michael, Johan, Hannes, Rafael and Bas</p>
		
<p>Herby, Joe, Dippie, Eduan, Jean, Stavros and Lem</p>	<p>Mike, winner of WP Bisley 2008</p>	<p>SA Navy and CLI Teams at the Simonstown shoot</p>

That's all from me for now.

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