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With last month's event having been cancelled we had a good turnout in absolutely stunning weather. Views across the bay were quite spectacular and the range was in top condition, all ready for the WP Bisley next week. The weather forecast had predicted strong wind later in the morning and the guys again decided to abandon the 900m and shoot 700m instead. Of course the strong wind never materialised, it was just a light breeze playing around enough to make things difficult. I must apologise to Mike for telling the members that he was drunk and I had to send him home and that I had taken over the club again but I don't think anyone believed me anyway. Mike had some daddy things to do so he missed the prize giving.

The 700m event normally produces some cracking scores and this one was no different with the record nearly being toppled again. What really troubles me is that the Jan-Frederick scored 46.5 with an SMLE and Michael scored 44.2 with a No4 with a two groove barrel and PMP factory ammo. These rifles should not be able to do that! Here I have been breaking my neck to get a P14 with ball burnished barrel ready for WP Bisley, while I should have been building an SMLE with a two groove barrel. The scores for our 700m event were as follows;

Results September shoot

<u>X CLASS</u>			A CLASS		
1	Jason Di Bona	45.3	1	Michael Beardwood	44.2
2	Mike Di Bona	43.4	2	Melani Hunter	43.2
3	Jean de Villiers	42.2	3	Sherrit Kunneke	42.3
4	Darryl Carver	40.1	4	Joachim Mathes	42.1
5	Koos Brink	37.1	5	Francois du Toit	41.1
6	Freddie Troost	36.0	6	Zak (Visitor)	41.1
<u>B CLASS</u>			J CLASS		
1	Jan-Frederick van Niekerk	46.5	1	Charl du Toit	20.0
2	Johan Cilliers	42.2			
3	Amanda van Niekerk	40.2	<u>VETERANS</u>		
4	Rod Gardiner	39.1	1	Johan Cilliers	42.2
5	Mike Shortt	37.1	2	Rod Gardner	39.1
6	Jacques Muller	36.2	3	Frans de Waal	38.1



Jason, Mike and Jean had good scores in the X Class but the rest of us were a bit down when compared to the A Class. The X Class will certainly be bigger next year at this rate. I wonder if I could go back to A Class?

The A Class score were really good. Two groove Michael scored a great 44.2, followed by Melanie on 43.2 and Sherrit on 42.3. Francois has jumped back onto the list again as well with a good 41.1, he seems to get better each time. Good shooting for all of you.

Why is Jan–Frederick still in the B Class guys? Top score of the day went to Jan with 46.5. Great shooting. There was a dispute however with the butts recording the last shot as a 3 while Jan and his partner recorded a 4. Unfortunately the butts score ruled (they are closer) and Jan missed out on a new club record of 47.5. I can only appeal to the markers to always make 100% sure of your score sheet and indication on the target before pushing the target up again. In second was Johan C with 42.2 followed by Amanda on 40.2.

The J Class went to Charl with 20 while the veterans was won by Johan C with Rod Gardner in second and Frans De Waal in third. Well done all of you and as from January, I will be joining the group so oppas. Maybe I can start getting some medals again.

For a change we had a great braai after the shoot, the meat was excellent and there was plenty of it. Well braaied Riaan and Francois. They were the only two cooks I saw in action. Thanks to all who helped in the butts and on the firing point as well to make this event another great one. Schalk stole my list of helpers so I cannot thank you personally but thanks again.

Our next event is our much anticipated away shoot of which Mike will tell more. It should be a good one and definitely not to be missed so get your bookings in soon.

I am no longer even a committee member but think that I deserve to be allowed to have a moan. The last detail saw us seriously short of man power in the butts. There are some who are no longer capable of pulling targets and that is accepted but during the second stint in the butts we were seriously short of manpower. There were a number who begged for first detail then left the range after the detail and the remaining few had to mark the targets. That is not on in my book guys, if you come to shoot then at least do your butts or firing point duty before you leave for whatever reason.

I wish all taking part in the WP Bisley this week the best of luck and hope you all have an enjoyable time on the range, even those of you who have defected to the ranks of 7.62mm. Sies man!

Keep it safe

Darryl

From the Chairman's desk

Well, firstly many thanks to Darryl who volunteered to do the Prize-giving and Newsletter. I must admit that he cranked his head to the left, bit his tongue and whispered through his teeth, "yes okay" when I asked him to please officiate at the prize-giving. This is the type of volunteering they teach you in the army! I recon Darryl had a fantastic teacher!!! I just cannot tell you what his response was when I then asked him if he could please write the Newsletter, kids read this as well!!!



Darryl, you may not be on the committee, but you are a highly respected senior member of this fantastic club. Every now and then we call on our senior members to help out. Not only did you accept the plea for help, you excelled at writing a brilliant newsletter. It is the committed members of this club, like yourself and many others, who make this club what it is. THANK YOU!

When I eventually got home from my “daddy” thing as Darryl puts it, Jason said that I was voted out and there is a complete new management in the club. Shock was followed by relief, as now the new committee would have to sort out the Bonnievale shoot! Now I read it was all a joke? You guys are a heartless lot aren't you?

As you know, our next shoot is at Bonnievale. Guys and girls if you have not booked yet, you are cutting it very fine! All the contact details are in my previous mails. If you have lost them, give me a call and I will help you. Let's try and see if we can make a merry party of at least 70 people.

As Darryl said, it is going to be a blast, just like all our away shoots have been. Its only 140Kms from Cape Town on a very scenic route. Come early on Friday and join us at the CTMLA Black Powder shoot. I will be sending out a few reminders through the course of next month.

Hopefully I will see some of you at the WP Bisley from the 30th September to the 2nd October.

Till then, thanks for your support and once again a special word of thanks to Darryl.

Yours in shooting

Mike

From the secretary's desk

1. BIRTHDAYS :

Congratulations to the following members on celebrating their birthdays during August and September. We trust that this New Year in your life will be a momentous one.

17 August	Mark Boshoff
19	Francois de Waal
21	Ken Coleman
5 September	Koos Brink
7	Marc Jordan
11	John Austin
13	Dirk van Aarde
14	Louis van Rhyneveld
18	Botha Marais
20	Jeff Panos



2. **TIPS AND HINTS FROM THE “OU TOPPIE”**

AMMUNITION & SHOOTING FAULTS

Factors which cause a change in elevation of a shot on the target

- The chambers of all .303 rifles are chambered to accommodate dirty cartridges. (mud, blood, etc.)
- You probably have had some neck splits at some time or other. (On the cases, not on your own neck!). Said splits are not a head space problem, but caused through the loose bore of the chamber.
- Remember: (And pay attention if you want v bulls!!)
- Ammunition wet.....Shots go high
- Ammunition hot.....Shots go high
- Ammunition oily.....Shots go high
- Ammunition dirty...Shots go high
- Light deteriorates...Shots go high “Light down-Sights down”
- Light improves.....Shots go low “Light up-Sights up”
- Firer’s eyes becomes tired- eye strain. Shots high or low
- Incorrect holding. Left hand either pushes up or pulls down. Butt too loose in the shoulder
- Variation in the focus....Shots slightly high or low
- Incorrect aiming.....Shots too high or too low
- Rains during shooting – aim picture becomes deceptive....Shots go high or low
- Rusty barrel.... (Should never happen!)....Shots go high
- Shiny foresight....Shots go high
- Tip of foresight....Shots go low
- Dirt inside the aperture of the rear sight...Shots go high or low
- Changing the position of the head (Yours!).....Shots go high or low
- Effect of mirage (only from 300x and further)...Shots go high, right or left.
- Incorrect natural alignment- original aim picture above or below the centre of the point of aim...Shots go high or low.

This is the last of my crude efforts, so let me sign off with: - SAFETY, SAFETY, SAFETY. And finally as I mentioned before, ask for help before you make a mistake, or have an accident. Finally, finally, thank you for your patience.

Ou Toppie out!

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

White cows make the best hamburgers!
Anonymous

Warm regards

Schalk



Here are some pictures of Saturdays shoot.



Our plucky little Kiewiet stood her ground!



Instructor & Pupil. Or is it the other way round?



Amanda & Jan-Frederick deep in concentration.



Father & son having a personal competition.



Our Range Officer "Roberto" looking his merry best.



Her Highness Mrs. Kiewiet had a fabulous view.



Our next shoot is:

Distance: 300 & 500Mtr

Date: 30th October 2010

Time: 08:00 – 08.30

Venue: Morgenstond farm - Bonnievale

Ammo: 3 convertible sighters and 10 to count at 300Mtr
5 convertible sighters and 10 to count at 500Mtr

See you all at the end of October!

Mike

