



# CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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## Newsletter April 2010

What a wonderful balmy Autumn day, typical April weather. Cloudless, windless, absolutely perfect for shooting. We really couldn't have wished for better. It put everyone in a good mood, expecting high scores, and we certainly saw some very good scores on the day.

The results are as follows:

### X Class

1. Mike Di Bona	49.6/50 (NCR)
2. Jason Di Bona	47.3/50
3. Koos Brink	46.3/50
4. John Austin	45.4/50
5. Bas Barkhuyzen	45.1/50
6. Darryl Carver	43.2/50

### B Class

1. Johan Cilliers	41.3/50
2. Dennis Sherwood	41.1/50
3. Connie Arellano	41.1/50
4. Chris Geyer	40.2/50
5. Rod Gardner	39.0/50
6. Jeff Panos	38.2/50

### A Class

1. Melani Hunter	47.4/50
2. Robert Ellis	44.0/50
3. Neil Jacobs	43.0/50
4. Evert du Plessis	42.2/50
5. Pieter Marais	42.2/50
6. Julian v.d. Westhuizen	42.1/50

### Veterans

1. Koos Brink	46.3/50
2. John Austin	45.4/50
3. Robert Ellis	44.0/50

### J Class

1. Charl du Toit	30.1/50
2. Milliza de Lange	30.1/50
3. Lauren Hunter	28.1/50

Bas Barkhuizen's 500m club record of 48.5 was set 6 years ago so I can see Mike's new 500M club record of 49.6 is definitely going to stand for a good few years. Congratulations Mike!!

Unfortunately, yours truly needs to remember that a boiling mirage does not always mean no air movement, and should remember to take the hint from that kiss of air movement in the back of my neck which means the mirage is actually moving away from me, and WILL cause the shot to fly high!!!

The day saw 52 shooters on the line, and we were again privileged to have John Ecclestone start the day with prayer in Afrikaans. From that auspicious start, the day just got better. The shoot went smoothly in spite of the initial hiccup caused by the missing flags. Our condolences to Vissy with his losses after his break-in, but fortunately he tells me they couldn't open his rifle safe, so he will be able to rejoin us in future.

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There was lots of help in the butts and on the firing line. Thanks a lot to Henry Laurie, Johan Cilliers, Arnold Beneke, and Darryl Carver for doing duty in the butts, and to Riaan Coetzee, John Ecclestone and Mike for running the range. Thanks also to Schalk Hattingh for not only doing the entries and taking the money, but for also putting up the day's information on his notice board. Thanks also go to Jason and Melani who did the squadding and the stats after the shoot.

The curry pots were once again stupendous. I was worried about the heat of the curry, and tried to get Duppie into the queue ahead of me so that I could check the temperature on his forehead, but he steadfastly refused, and I had to take my chances all on my own. I needn't have worried, the food, even the feared HOT curry was delicious, and only took me 4 days before I had to take extra Gout pills. Francois did mutter darkly about some Italian spicing intervention, but whoever did the spicing and cooking, it was really delicious. Thanks a lot Francois.

A special word of welcome and congratulations must go to our two new shooters, Rupert Mac naught-Davis and Peter Marais, who not only joined our club on Saturday but were also in the medals! Welcome to the club and I hope to see you both win plenty more.

Yours in shooting

John Duckitt

### **FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:**

What a very informative newsletter! Many thanks John on your first attempt at writing a newsletter, you did an awesome job! In future I will be asking various shooters at random to contribute to our monthly newsletter. I will start with the committee and then eventually go to our members. It makes for interesting reading and also contributes to the comaradie in the club.

As John said, we were blessed with everything good on the day. There is just one thing that I feel I should sort out. That relates to safety on the range. The safety aspect, you must agree, is the most important thing while shooting. All our members are extremely safety conscious, but every now and then we all tend to forget the little things like breech flags in chambers or breech bolts out when we are finished shooting. It happens to all of us, but if we are constantly reminded it will become second nature. We also had one of our members bring up an incident during the prize-giving, where the range officer asked everyone to cease fire and then a round went off. He said that some members were not safety conscious enough. Here unfortunately I have to disagree with his statement. The reason why I disagree is pretty simple. When the need arises for a cease fire, the Range Officer declares it to all the shooters on the firing line. He then *commands* the Butts Officer to *pull down all targets*. Without a target to shoot on, you cannot have anyone firing. Some of our more elderly members are extremely hard of hearing and also wear ear muffs over their ear plugs. It is basically impossible to hear anything. Even with that hearing impediment, it would be impossible to shoot as they do not have a target to shoot on. Also, your shooting partner is your eyes and ears. If he sees or hears anything that you may not have seen or heard, he must advise you. We have an impeccable safety record and we must all ensure it stays just like that.

Finally, our club is growing in leaps and bounds! It is wonderful to see our new members doing so well and also to see their enthusiasm and support. A warm welcome to all our new members!!! As always, please bring a friend or two to our monthly shoots. I have seen it all too often.... a visitor arrives and shoots a detail and then is presented with a hearty meal afterwards. Next month they are back again getting their three shoots in to join us! This is a wonderful club with the best members! THE BEST SHOOTING CLUB IN CAPE TOWN! Let's carry our motto high!!!

Mike



## **FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:**

A big welcome to the latest two additions to our ranks, Pieter Marais and Rupert McNaught Davis who have joined the club with a bang! Pieter's average over the first four shoots of the year was 42.1/50 and Rupert averaged 41.3/50. Soon these guys will be serious contenders for the X-class.

Thank you to all those members who have paid their subs in full for 2010. 75% of our listed members are paid up. We know that times are tuff, but I would just like to kindly request those with outstanding fees to please make arrangements with me as soon as possible. We will help you if we can! (e-mail [CLI.303@isales.co.za](mailto:CLI.303@isales.co.za) or fax2email 0866074512).

Please be patient with the issuing of membership cards. With Corena being abroad, I was unfortunately in the dark with which cards to print. I will have to ask Corena to help me here. We were really fortunate to have had Corena as secretary and introduce so many new things to ease our lives, for so many years. I shall try my utmost to have all CLI membership cards ready at our next shoot. SABU membership is also being processed.

A kind request to all participants for our next shoot: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!! Write your NAME AND SURNAME AND CLASS on your scorecard (it becomes a nightmare to log your score afterwards).

A big thanks to the committee who has placed their trust in me. With this kind of support, I will continue to give 100% and know this will contribute to make this club go from strength to strength.

## **QUOTE FOR THE MONTH**

**Life is a series of experiences, each one of which makes us bigger, even though sometimes it is hard to realize this. *Henry Ford***

## **Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in:**

### **March**

Brent Bennett 9/3  
Charl du Toit

### **April**

Dennis Sherwood 3/4  
Izak Burger 10/4  
Amanda Van Niekerk 10/4  
Marcos Arellano 12/4

That's all from me for now.

Schalk Hattingh





John taking a break as Range Officer.



Riaan and Father discussing "old times".



The long walk back on a perfect day.



This must now end, I am hungry and thirsty!

### ***Our next shoot and meal is:***

**Distance:** 600Mtr

**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**Time:** 08:00

**Venue:** Good Hope Range

**Ammo:** 5 convertible sighters and 10 to count

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