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## NEWSLETTER

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The weather was again kind to us the 700m event and it looks like we will be able to shoot all the distances this year even the dreaded 900m unless it rains this summer. The range was bedecked with white daisies and was truly a beautiful sight; for once, it was a good thing that Riaan had not cut the grass! The conditions appeared to be conducive for record scores with little wind and partly overcast skies but those super high scores did not happen. Maybe it was the changing light, so the record stands.

To get 49 competitors to a 700m detail when there is a rugby test match on the same morning must be close to a record for this club. Well done. The event was opened in the time honoured way with a much-appreciated prayer by our permanent butts officer John (he also shot this time) Ecclestone. Thank you John.

The results of the first six shooters in each class are as follows:

<b>A Class</b>		<b>B Class</b>	
1.	Colin Twine 45.2	1.	Jason Di Bona 43.3
2.	John Austin 45.2	2.	Jean de Villiers 42.3
3.	Graeme Leon 43.2	3.	Johan Geyer 40.2
4.	Johan de Beer 42.2	4.	Pierre Nothard 39.1
5.	Hannes Willers 41.1	5.	John Davis 38.2
6.	Darryl Carver 41.1	6.	Bryan van Oordt 35.1
<b>J Class</b>			
1.	Marc Jordan 45.1		

Colin Twine took top score with a solid 45.2 but there is a story to that. He beat John Austin on a count out but was nearly punished for lending his rifle to the good doctor and being beaten as normally happens. John's rifle somehow never made it to the car that morning. Well done to both of you on a good score. Graeme again proved that cooks can shoot with third place and Bare has definitely recovered from his excess of shooting by coming fourth. Hannes beat me on a count out for fifth place, good to see you back on the list.

Jason who took top score in the B Class again with a good 43.3 was followed by Jean De Villiers who once again recorded a good score of 42 3. Congratulations to both of you on a fine performance. Johan Geyer started of with his own rifle and shot a few boxes of ammo out without hitting the target. He then borrows his partner's rifle and shoots a very respectable 40.2 and comes third. Throw that rifle away please Johan as even Barry finished



before you. Well done. Well done to John Davis for a fine 38.2 and fifth place. It's been a long time since John made the list. Congratulations and now try and stay there. 6<sup>th</sup> place went to Bryan van Oordt, who is making the list on a regular basis now, again well done.

Now Marc in the J Class gave the old toppies a nasty scare. With an excellent 45 1 he had the top overall score at the end of the first detail. The guys in the second detail were under serious pressure to beat this fine effort and only just made it as well. Congratulations to Marc a very, very good score. I will not even mention Rafael and Connie's scores. What do you feed him on?

Whatever shooting skills Mike, Ronnie and Riaan were lacking on Saturday was certainly made up for by their display of their culinary skills. That meal must rate as the best of the year. That Italian style potjie was truly outstanding and has definitely set a new benchmark for club cooking. The meat was cooked to perfection and vegetables were just right. I don't know if Italian style means that an Italian cooked it, but it was beyond compare. Thanks for that excellent effort guys, Ainsley be dammed, this is *can cook will cook*. My dear wife never understands why I don't eat on a Saturday evening after shooting, maybe next time I will take a sample home and she will then understand.

I must mention a display of true friendship in this club. My dear friend Koos Brink asked if he could use my rifle. I naturally consented but gave him strict instructions not to exceed my score of 41 1 as I am very familiar with the rule of lend your rifle to someone and get beaten by him. What did Koos do? When he got near my total, he missed the target. That's what I call friendship. Dankie Koos.

I am glad to see that the Staal Burger from Swellendam has finally got a Parker Hale sight for the No1. They have shot all the way to 700m with open sights and have recorded reasonable scores. I can't wait to see how you go with real sights. Nou gaan julle manne skiet!

Bare, Johan Cilliers, Bas and myself performed range officer duties. John Ecclestone, Wayne Pratt, Joe Koen and Hannes Willers manned the butts. A big thanks to all for a job well done. Thanks also to Mike for controlling the loud hailer for the announcements; you seem to be the only one that can make it work as when Bare and I use it we normally break it.

Remember that 29<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October is the WP Open Bisley. All CLI club members are welcome to participate in this event and we certainly hope to see as many as possible there. There is a group of die hards that camp at the range for the duration with the Vaalies and you are all most welcome to join our laager. Last year Dippie, Bas, Koos, Andre, Joe, Robert and myself had a ball. Not to be missed.

If you really want to get your eye in, join us at the Stellenbosch Bisley on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Be there by 08h30 at the latest to enter. Remember you can use ring sights which are far more user friendly at the Bisley events but the damn target is smaller.

Our next event is:

Date: **24 September 2005**  
Time: **08:00**  
Venue: **Good Hope Shooting Range**  
Distance: **800m**  
Ammo: **10 to count + 5 sighters (ONLY 3 convertible)**



It was encouraging to see the attention paid to safety by the participants on the range. Let's keep it that way. It was however quite amusing to see all the backsides in the air with people peering down rifle chambers checking that they were empty. A big "Well-done" must go to all the club members for your attention to the finer details.

Until the next time, keep safe out there,

Darryl

**FROM THE CHAIRMAN:**

Excuses, excuses, excuses! I specifically put Darryl in the first detail, but now he blames the light!!!

For those who were not there, in terms of the new international bisley rules you are allowed to use a breech flag, but your scorekeeper must check that your chamber/barrel is empty before you insert your breech flag. For those who doesn't use breech flags, you must remove your bolt and may not replace it after your scorekeeper checked your chamber/barrel.

Congratulations to the following people on their birthdays in September:

1<sup>st</sup>: Johannes Burger  
3<sup>rd</sup>: Malcolm Russell  
4<sup>th</sup>: Bruce Park-Ross  
5<sup>th</sup>: Koos Brink  
8<sup>th</sup>: Craig Pitcher  
10<sup>th</sup>: Wessie Wessels  
11<sup>th</sup>: John Austin  
15<sup>th</sup>: Danie Kotze  
17<sup>th</sup>: Claude Hartog  
18<sup>th</sup>: Botha Marais  
20<sup>th</sup>: Jeff Panos  
22<sup>nd</sup>: Rod Gardner  
24<sup>th</sup>: Richard Duckitt  
27<sup>th</sup>: Kevin Coleman

Keep well, and see you at the next shoot.

Johan

