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## NEWSLETTER

July 2005

The rainfall has been pretty good this year in the Western Cape but somehow we have been blessed with the most magnificent weather on shooting days. Saturday was no exception with one of the best winter days the Cape can offer. We started off with perfect conditions but more about that later.

I have noticed that the numbers dwindle as the distance grows longer but 47 for 600m is not a bad turnout at all. Perhaps the members are getting braver. We started pretty close to 9.00 am which is not bad considering the crazy Italian was not there to get us moving faster. The shoot was opened by our permanent butts officer and Padre John Ecclestone who did the greatly appreciated prayer in Afrikaans. Maybe we should have an Afrikaans only butts day as well.

In the last newsletter our dear secretary told us to stop moaning about the different conditions for the first/second detail and the third/fourth detail. Not moaning now but on Saturday there was. The first two details had absolutely no wind, the conditions were zero. During the second two details there was a very tricky little breeze that changed direction a few times and made it very difficult. Having said that, the conditions in the first detail did not help Bare who crashed and burned in style. Maybe he has been shooting too much or he is missing Bisley style sights.

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

A Class		B Class	
1.	Sherrit Kunneke	46.2	1. Jason Di Bona 44.4
2.	Colin Twine	45.2	2. Jean de Villiers 42.0
3.	Graeme Leon	44.1	3. Jan Frederick van Niekerk 39.0
4.	Darryl Carver	43.4	4. Jaron Pratt 36.0
5.	Riaan Muller	43.4	5. Bryan van Oordt 34.1
6.	Dennis Sherwood	42.1	6. Elané de Beer 34.0
<b>J Class</b>			
1.	Marc Jordan	37.0	

Firstly the A Class scores. Someone has definitely been practising. Sherrit shot a magnificent 46 2. That was very well done, now try to stay in the top six. Colin shot another



good score to come second one point adrift with our cook Graeme Leon in third with 44 1. I have a problem with the cook. He waits until the medals are awarded then hands in his score. The result was that the Chairman then forcibly removed the bronze medal from me. Funny thing is that when I did my national service the worst shots were always the cooks. Times have changed. Fifth place went to Riaan who lost out in the count out with me on 43 4 and sixth went to Dennis Sherwood who showed us all that he is still a force to be reckoned with.

The B Class was won again by Jason and I dread the day he gets to the A Class as it will mean that some of us will slide further down the list. Well done to Jason on a good score which would have put you in third in the A Class. Second was Jean De Villiers who will definitely end up in the A Class if he keeps getting scores like that. Well done to Jan Frederick, who keeps improving by the month, for a third place. It is most encouraging to see the younger members like Jaron in fourth place and Elané in sixth place making the list. Well done to both of you, keep it up as you are the future of this sport. Fifth place went to Bryan van Oordt, keep it up and try and stay on the list.

The J Class was won by our youngest member Marc Jordan who scored a good 37. That is again very good shooting from Marc who has consistently shot well. Keep it up Marc. I have no idea what scores were recorded by Conny and Rafael so cannot make any comparisons this month. The only way to settle the argument as to who is the best shot in this family is to let all of them shoot in the J Class next time.

Congratulations to Mike and Ronnie who showed the rest of the country how to shoot a .303 at the BPSU national trials at Bloemfontein on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> July. Ronnie also won the 700m event for breechloaders and finished third overall. Come now cousin, how can you stay in the B Class with achievements like that! Well done guys, we are proud of you.

With two of our main cooks absent a sterling job of preparing the meal was done by Graeme and Francois. It was an interesting beef (I think) pot as the main ingredients were cabbage and turnip. I can only say that I was not popular at home on Sunday. That's enough gassing on about the food and on to the thanks.

Thank you to all that helped on the day. The range duties were done by Bare, Jason, Claude and myself and the butts were manned by John (when is he going to shoot again?) Ecclestone, Riaan Coetzee and Johan Cilliers. Amazing, there is never a lack of help. Thanks also to Riaan Muller for the targets, a neat range and clean firing point. It makes shooting a pleasure.

The shoot went smoothly and we were able to finish easily before lunch but we need to raise some issues. Although there were no incidents we need to please remember that safety always comes first. Rifles were removed from bags before time and some were even pointed the wrong way at times. Yes, you know there is nothing in it but don't do it. We may have to get very tough and expel wrong-doers from the range in future. Please observe the rules guys.

We are now moving into the long distances. August is the 700m event but be not afraid dear shooter as this is the same target we use at 800m and 900m. It is the "biggest" target you will shoot on all year so we are expecting some good scores.

Our next shoot and meal is:

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Date: **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2005**  
Time: **08h30**  
Venue: **Good Hope Range**  
Distance: **700m**  
Ammo: **10 to count + 5 sighters (ONLY 3 convertible)**

Keep safe

Darryl

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

Okay, I will behave in this month's newsletter - I only have 2 requests. Darryl was not the only one stripped from his medal, poor Jaron also had to hand back his bronze! To avoid this unpleasant job of recollecting medals from winners, please guys (1) hand in your cards on time, and (2) check that your card has the right class (A/B/J) written on it or correct it.

This month's pictures are also a bit skimpy, because between Jason's camera that went back to the clubhouse with Francois, and mine that had flat batteries, we managed to take exactly 1 picture! Fortunately some of our members were shooting elsewhere and I would like to include a few of those.

Because SAA cancelled our flight back from London, Bare could not make the Black Powder shoot in Bloemfontein, and believe me, he was not happy! Congratulations to Ronnie and Mike for keeping the 303 flag flying in winning all these medals.

Bare and I were privileged to go to the Imperial Meeting in Bisley, England, with Syd Goslin and Eddie Stigant as members of the Cape of Good Hope Team. This was an experience in a lifetime! It is unbelievable to witness such organisation and everything went like clockwork. There were about 1200 competitors from all over the world and despite horrific conditions, we were fortunate that it only started raining the night after the Queen's Final Stage (the very last match of the meeting). The last Saturday, we also attended an informal 303 shoot between England and France. Because target rifle shooting is so huge overseas, the 303 competitors do not shoot bisley style. They shoot off-hand, snap and rapid fire with battle sights! We did, however, talked to representatives from England, France and Australia and asked them to go back and find us a team to compete against - bisley style. We cannot promise anything, but at least we made progress.

I attach a letter that Mike received from Dawid Rossouw, mayor of Prince Albert. I can assure you that he is doing everything that is humanly possible to secure the range for our Away Shooting Weekend for another year. Let's hold thumbs and see what happens!

Congratulations to the following people on their birthdays in August:

1<sup>st</sup>: Duncan Wallace  
4<sup>th</sup>: Charles Malherbe  
19<sup>th</sup>: Francois de Waal  
21<sup>st</sup>: Ken Coleman  
25<sup>th</sup>: Pieter Doms

That's all from me. Keep well, and see you at the next shoot.

Corena





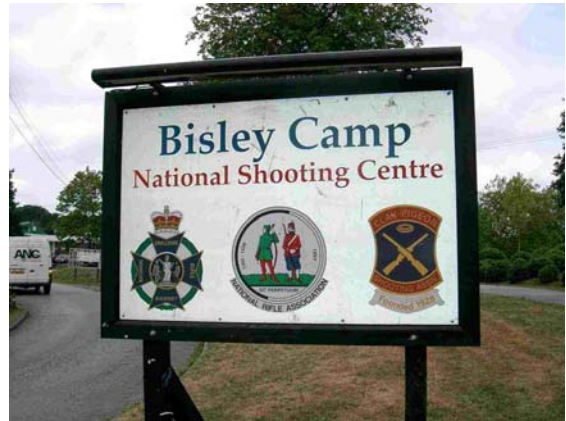
Two of the Range Officers at the Club Shoot



Ronnie receiving one of his (many) medals in Bloem



Mike and Ronnie with other black powder guys



Entrance to the Bisley Camp in Surrey, England



Century Range, Bisley - 108 targets, for shooting 300, 500 and 600 yards



300 shottists per detail, waiting for the chief Range officer's command to commence firing



Stickledown Range in the background - 56 targets for shooting 900 and 1000 yards



Shooting off-hand at 300 yards with .303's with battle sights at Bisley, England

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