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Newsletter

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It was another cold day with rain threatening and we still get 53 persons recording scores. That is truly wonderful and shows the enthusiasm in the club for the sport. It came very close to the shoot being abandoned and the bar being opened but it eventually cleared and we were able to move onto the range albeit a bit late.

We held a tribute to Hannes on the range with Ronnie and Jon Ross firing a seven shot salute after the opening prayer. Thank you John E for doing the prayer and being range officer for the salute.

The proceedings were a bit slow but we eventually got going. The shooting conditions were not bad at all. The light was a bit low but the wind was fairly constant. There were only a few still on the firing line during the last detail when it started raining really hard. Those that were still busy got a thorough soaking. The butts crew at least had something to stand under.

The results, in some cases were really surprising with some excellent scores being achieved in all the classes. It really makes the competition more interesting. The results were:

X Class		A Class			
1.	Jason Di Bona	46.4	1.	Tjaart Muller	45.3
2.	Mike Di Bona	45.5	2.	Michael Beardwood	44.3
3.	Jean de Villiers	45.0	3.	Brent Bennett	43.1
4.	Bas Barkhuysen	44.3	4.	Robert Ellis	34.1
5.	Darryl Carver	44.3	5.	Francois de Waal	42.2
6.	Colin Twine	44.2	6.	Arnold Beneke	41.1
B Class		Veterans			
1.	Donovan Mellor	43.1	1.	Robert Ellis	43.1
2.	Neil Jacobs	43.0	2.	John Austin	41.2
3.	Johan Cilliers	39.0	3.	Ronnie Blake	41.1
4.	Pieter Nieuwoudt	37.0	Visitors		
5.	Jeff Panos	36.0	1.	Sakkie Stoffberg	42.2
6.	Jacques Muller	35.1	2.	Amanda van Niekerk	36.0
			3.	Gustav Kuhn	26.1

Some really fine scores were recorded in the X Class this time. Jason scored an excellent 46.4 with Mike one behind on 45.4. In third was our SA Champ with 45, followed by Bas and I on 44.03 and Colin on 44.2. Great scores guys.

In the A class with his personal best was Tjaart with an excellent 45.3, followed by Michael Beardwood with 44.3. In third was Brent with 43.1, followed by Robert with the same score. Next was Francois De Waal, followed by Arnold with 41.1.

CHAIRMAN: Mr DS Carver; **VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Mr JA de Beer; **TREASURER:** Mr CF du Toit;

SECRETARY: Dr C de Beer; **MEMBERS:** Mr RAT Blake, Mr J Duckitt, Mr LM Di Bona;

CO-OPTED MEMBER: WO1 AA Muller

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The B class saw Donovan shoot his heart out and score probably his personal best of 43.1. Next was Neil, using the SA Champ rifle, scoring another personal best of 43. Very well done to both of you on those excellent scores. Third was Johan Cilliers with 39, followed by Piet Nieuwoudt with 37, Jeff Panos with 36 and Jacques Muller with 35.1.

The veterans match was won by Robert Ellis, followed by John Austin and Ronnie Blake. All were above 40 which is excellent going.

In the A Class there was a string of four entrants that managed to score 41.1, the last ending in ninth place. The scores were generally good but I wonder what Mathew got up to the night before as he managed to come last scoring the lowest on the day. Colin and Ian had the excuse that the rifle went sour and as you all know that nothing shoots as badly as a sick 303. I also notice that John E managed a score that is an improvement on last year's efforts so maybe he is on a comeback.

Ronnie and Chris managed to do something different again and served us Pap and Wors. Bare is evidently the Pap King so he was roped in to manage the pot and produced pap like only a Vrystater can. The meal was excellent as even the souties climbed in. The empty pots at the end of the day were testament to just how good the meal was as they had been scraped clean.

The range officers at the firing point were Colin Twine, Bas, Vissy and I while the officers in the butts were Riaan Coetzee, Johan Cilliers, Wayne and Francois De Waal. Thanks to all for making it a very safe, successful event. Thanks also to Colin and Vissy for helping with the stats at the end of the day. Thanks also to Mike for going to the butts after the event to move the trolley to the Store. I hope that you did not push it with the Q7! It would have been the fastest that trolley has ever moved.

There has been some discussion about ammunition and for the sake of clarity I mention it here. Military ammunition with 174gr FMJ is acceptable. Tracers are not allowed. For those of you that reload we have made the decision that the only bullet allowed for club shoots is the 174gr FMJBT made by PMP as the original flat base 174gr FMJ bullet is not available. For Bisley competitions any bullet that is 174gr is allowed. We are trying to keep the cost of competing down and let everyone compete on an even platform.

I hope that our new hooligan Cedric has recovered from his ordeal and will be back on the range next time. It was very quiet in the Clubhouse and Mike got home at a respectable time.

Next month Corena and Bare will be away so we will be a bit short handed on the range. Any help will be appreciated. Our next event moves towards the long range. The 600m event is shot on the same target as the 500m, so it will be a bit more difficult than last time.

Our next event is:

Distance: 600m
Date: 27th June 2009
Time: 08:00
Venue: Good Hope Range
Ammo: 5 x sighters (3 convertible) and 10 to Count

Until Then
Keep Safe

Darryl



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

As Darryl mentioned, our good friend Hannes lost his battle against cancer and passed away on 22 May. A special thanks to Jon Ross who came through to our shoot for the tribute on the firing point. We would like to add a picture of Hannes to our Wall of Remembrance in the clubhouse. I have several, but maybe someone in the club has the perfect picture – if you have any, please forward it to me so that we can select the best one to have framed.

Please remember that I need copies of the following documents from all our members and thank you to those who have given me some or all of it already:

1. CLI Membership Information form (attached with April's newsletter)
2. ID Document
3. 303 Licence(s)
4. Competency certificate, front and back (if you have received it) – not the training certificate
5. SABU Dedicated Sportsman Certificate (if you have one)
6. SABU Range Officers Qualification Certificate (if you have one)

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in June:

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| 3 rd : Louis Bester | 11 th : Andre van der Merwe |
| 4 th : Francois du Toit | 17 th : Alan Williams |
| 8 th : Tjaart Muller | 19 th : Barry Mellor |
| 9 th : Johan Dippenaar | 22 nd : Mike Di Bona |
| | 23 rd : Jermaine Lewis |



Hannes Willers – a big man with a big heart and warm personality. We will never forget him



Jon Ross Keelty and Ronnie firing a special 7 shot salute in honour of the memory of Hannes



This picture speaks a thousand words about the weather - Wayne, Jaron, Lem, Colin and Matthew



Father Dennis Sherwood with Darryl



Disabled Target L1, first detail-one plastic hip and one broken back ...



Donovan and Barry Mellor – Donovan's smile predicted a gold medal – Well done!

That's all from me for now.

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