



# CLI .303 CLUB OF CAPE TOWN

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We never said it was going to be easy, and of course it was not. Despite that we had just over 40 competitors eager to try the Hannes Willers for the first time. For those who have never shot at 900m it was a trying time. With 15 shots to count it was a long ordeal for all. The conditions were also difficult with many changes to the wind during both details. Despite some giving up without once hitting the target and others shooting piles of ammo out to get onto the target it was a good days shooting even though it took forever to complete. As I said before the event is just like Hannes was, tough.

Marking the 900m target is also difficult as we shoot on an angle across the range. It takes a lot of experience by the markers to guide the shooter onto the target as all the shots appear to be left of the target. One has to be able to pick where the centre of the target shadow would appear from the angle of the shot. Not easy, hence the piles of ammo needed by some to find the paper. You all forget that the bullet drops is about 10m at that range. It means that you could drive a double decker bus across the range at mid trajectory and no one would hit it. Put that into perspective when thinking about the effect of the wind.

I always smile at the comments like "How could I have missed, the last shot was a bull". The answer is; very easily. It just takes a snatch of the trigger or change in wind direction and you are gone, clean target time. The scores recorded were not great, but then we did not expect anything else as this about the limit of our equipments range. The results were as follows;

### **X Class**

1.	Mike Di Bona	60.2
2.	Jason Di Bona	56.3
3.	Johan de Beer	54.2
4.	Freddie Troost	49.0
5.	Bas Barkhuysen	49.0
6.	Koos Brink	47.1

### **B Class**

1.	Melani Hunter	57.1
2.	Jacques Muller	53.0
3.	Cedric Claus	47.0
4.	Jan Frederick van Niekerk	43.2
5.	Conny Arellano	43.0
6.	Mike Shortt	37.1

### **A Class**

1.	Sherrit Kunneke	55.1
2.	Ronnie Blake	51.0
3.	Rafael Arellano	47.1
4.	Tjaart Muller	41.2
5.	Arnold Beneke	40.1
6.	Adrian Lith	40.0

### **Veterans**

1.	Ronnie Blake	51.0
2.	Koos Brink	47.1
3.	Ian Noble Jack	37.0



Top score in the X Class went to Mike for a very good 60.2. That equates to a 40 ex 50 which at this distance is very good going. Well done Mike. Jason was a few points behind on 56.3 with Bare, showing us he can still shoot with 54.2. Freddie, Bas and Koos followed them. As all except Freddie are seasoned Bisley shooters it is well-done to Freddie.

In the A Class Sherrit took top score of 55.1 with his bulldog followed by Ronnie (our long black powder king) with 51 and Rafael with 47.1. Tjaart, Arnold and Adrian filled the next three places. Well done all.

The B Class was once again an upset with Melanie scoring the second highest score of the day of 57.1 and beating Jason into submission once again. Tried golf yet Jason? In second place was Jacques with a good 53, which beat Tjaart by 12 points. At least Tjaart can say he is a good coach. In third place was hooligan Cedric with 47 and he did have a good coach. Jan Frederick, who argued with his coach, was fourth with Conny in fifth and Mike Shortt in sixth place.

Ronnie won the veteran's class with 51. Next was Koos met n miss followed by Ian Noble Jack with a few misses in third.

Our normal cooks were back from the Wild West and decided on something with an African flavour. We had an Ostrich pot, which was again excellent after a long hard day on the range. Thanks go to Ronnie, Bare and Chris for the great meal, which was enjoyed by all.

The range officers on the day were John Duckitt, Stratis, Joe, Vissy and I while the butts were manned by Koos, Arnold, Johan Cilliers and Arnold. Thanks guys for persevering, it was hard work. Thanks also to John Duckitt for opening the shoot with the prayer at rather short notice. Thanks also to Vissy for arriving early and putting up all the flags. Thanks to those who helped to take them down again as well. Thanks to all for another great day on the range.

Our shooting year is almost over; all that is left is the Prize Giving and Christmas fun shoot. The club championship medals and certificates will be handed out so make a special effort to be there. Remember it is a family day, so bring friends and family along.

To make this work we need some firearms and ammo. We need handguns, air rifles, .22 rifles, some .303 ammo for the balloon shoot and if someone has something interesting with spare ammo bring that as well. Those bringing firearms must please bring some extra ammo if possible. I will supply all the air rifle pellets for the day. Be prepared to help on the day as we always need some extra hands at each discipline to keep control and take scores etc.

Remember also to bring a small gift that will be used as prizes for the shoot.

Our next event is:

**Event:** Family Fun Day and Prize Giving  
**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009  
**Time:** 08:00  
**Venue:** Good Hope Range

See you all there and keep safe,

Darryl



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

Anyone who can help with rifles and ammo, please let Darryl know (082 857 4786) or [dcarver@polka.co.za](mailto:dcarver@polka.co.za). Remember, without your help, the Christmas shoot cannot take place.

Also a reminder to the individuals who won the club trophies last year, please bring it back so that we can award it to the new winners. The trophies are the V Bull Trophy (Jason Di Bona), Most Improved Marksman (Matthew Melidonis) and Top Gun (Ronnie Blake).

Congratulations to the following members on their birthdays in November, December and January:

### November

1<sup>st</sup>: John Duckitt  
8<sup>th</sup>: Bryan van Oordt  
27<sup>th</sup>: Michael Shortt

### December

10<sup>th</sup>: Ronnie Blake  
12<sup>th</sup>: Louis Laubscher  
20<sup>th</sup>: Ian Noble-Jack, Vissy Botha  
28<sup>th</sup>: Sakkie Stoffberg  
29<sup>th</sup>: Bas Barkhuysen,  
Jan Frederick van Niekerk  
30<sup>th</sup>: Johan Geyer

### January

1<sup>st</sup>: Matthew Melidonis, Neil Jacobs  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Donovan Mellor  
7<sup>th</sup>: John Ecclestone, Lem Melidonis  
10<sup>th</sup>: Cedric Claus  
14<sup>th</sup>: Darryl Carver, Graeme Stigling  
15<sup>th</sup>: Melani Hunter, Greg Sykes  
17<sup>th</sup>: Daan Brits  
18<sup>th</sup>: Hennie Joubert  
20<sup>th</sup>: Johan Cilliers  
26<sup>th</sup>: Johan de Beer  
30<sup>th</sup>: Johan de Swardt

If I don't see you before the Festive Season, I wish each and everyone a wonderful and blessed Christmas season and prosperous New Year!

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