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NEWSLETTER

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Yes the newsletter is late and it's all my fault. There has just been too much on the go for me to get down to it sooner. Despite the fact that we are now shooting the unpopular long ranges at this time of the year the attendance for the September 800m was very good. The weather was again kind to us with very mild overcast conditions but the conditions were somewhat tricky as can be seen by the scores recorded.

John Ecclestone opened the range with a brief but much appreciated prayer and Mike handled the delinquent loudhailer for Bare our chairman. Mike is the only one that can handle that thing so I don't even try anymore. The 800m is a difficult shoot at the best of times for markers and shooters alike and this one was no exception. It takes forever to get some on the paper and then it's even more difficult to stay there! I wish that everyone would write down their sight settings for each distance shot as it makes it so easy for the next time out. The question "what do I set my elevation at" resounds up and down the range. The language also deteriorates as the shoot proceeds. There I am telling the Animal to calm down and take it easy and when my turn comes I explode and loose it completely.

The results were as follows

A Class			B Class		
1.	Robert Ellis	39.1	1.	Jean de Villiers	41.2
2.	Graeme Leon	39.1	2.	Jason Di Bona	41.1
3.	Mike Di Bona	39.1	3.	Johan Geyer	41.0
4.	Johan de Beer	39.1	4.	Ian Noble Jack	34.1
5.	Johan Cilliers	37.1	5.	Pierre Nothard	34.1
6.	Sebastian Barkhuysen	37.1	6.	John Ecclestone	32.0

For the A Class all I can say is "shame guys" as the B Class certainly showed you the way around. With the top four all with the same score, a count out gave Robert Ellis (old blue eye) the first place! Very well done to Robert for a comeback like that, he must have changed his brand of whisky. Graeme, Mike and Bare followed with Johan just beating Bas on another count out.

In the B Class Jean again recorded an excellent score. You definitely have only one more shoot in this class Jean. Congratulations on a fine effort. It was at one of his earlier shoots that he attended this year that I said to him in unprintable language how well he shoots and dam it if he has not got even better! Second place went to Jason only one V bull from Jean followed by Johan another V bull down. That was fine shooting from all of you to achieve

those A Class trashing scores. Ian Noble Jack must be congratulated for making number 4 and Pierre for making the list yet again. Another surprise was our resident butts officer and pastor finishing in 6th place. Excellent result John, there is life in the old dog still, keep it up.

The meal was not only cooked but also caught by our multi talented hunter, fisherman, shottist and cook Ronnie Blake. Wayne, Mike and Jaron assisted Ronnie in preparing some truly great braaied snoek. Thanks guys I really enjoyed it. I am not sure who actually did what but from a lover of snoek it was very good. Thank you Ronnie from all of us for the fish.

While the meal was on the go there was some bow shooting on the go with Mike's latest toy. One member, who shall remain nameless, was late for the prize giving as he was trying to extract one of Mike's beautiful new carbon fibre arrows embedded firmly into the wall! What a formidable weapon! It's a good thing I can't pull the dammed thing or it could be something that will get me into trouble yet again. My wife is always telling me that I have never grown up but I know that I am not alone in this club when I hear stories of packaging from gun related purchases being cut up and disposed of before the wife sees it!

The range officer duties were performed by Bare, Bas, myself and Graeme, while the butts were manned by John Ecclestone, Riaan Coetzee, Henri Laurie and Frans de Waal. Thanks guys for handling a difficult shoot. Thanks again to Corena for all her hard work of taking the entries and doing the scores and to Bare for the squadding.

John E raised a very important point on safety in the butts. When we shoot the long ranges like 800m and 900m a .303 bullet is very much on the downward end of it's trajectory and it is possible with a weak load for the bullet to travel between the concrete roof and the bottom of the target without hitting either. That bullet, even at its reduced velocity will still cause very serious injury. I need to reinforce John's advice to the markers to please stand back under the cover until the shot has been fired and only then move forward to mark the target. Do not stand at the target unless you are as short as John.

Despite our best efforts in the WP Bisley the overall winner was Christo Gresse just 5 points ahead of our Mike Di Bona. Third place went to Bas who crashed at one 900m event. You could have won Bas. Bas has this incurable habit of setting his sights twice for the 900m distance and he did it again! John Austin finished in a good fourth place and Robert Ellis who is definitely on a roll did very well to finish fifth overall. I must really find out what he is doing. Special mention must go to Brent Bennett who finished sixth overall in his very first Bisley, very well done to you. Another first timer was Jan Frederick van Niekerk who managed to win one of the 300m events with his No1 with post sights. That was excellent Jan. Well done. I am sure you guys will be back next year.

There were no less than ten .303 shooters camping on the range and we had an absolute ball. This is an event not to be missed next year guys; the camping is half the fun. The campers were Robert, Bruce, Christo Gresse, Bas, Brent, Jan, Dippie, John Moore, my brother Brian and myself. Bruce retreated to his Kombi one night as the snoring was so bad and he still could not sleep! Brent won the snoring event hands down! My Thursday night curry pot also did damage to some participants chances of good scores on Friday as the after burn could have launched the space shuttle! I somehow got carried away with the spice called "Mother in Law's Tongue". Next year we plan to erect a 12-man tent so be prepared.

On a more sombre note our sincere condolences go to Colin Twine and his family on the passing away of his mother. You were missed at the Bisley campsite.

Our next event is the dreaded 900m. Fear not fellow shooters we are all going to battle to even hit the target. I hope that the wind does not blow too strongly or it will be hell

Date: 29th October 2005
Venue: Good hope Shooting Range
Time: 8.00am
Distance: 900M - 5 sighters (3 convertible) + 10 to count

On 21st and 22nd October 2005 Bas, John Moore, Colin Twine and I will be at Bloemfontein shooting in the Louis Le Grange against the Vaalies. We hope to thrash them again so wish us luck. My greatest concern at this moment is whom I am going to sleep next to as the rooms have those funny twin beds in them, one base and two mattresses. Please say a prayer for me that it is not Bas!

Keep safe out there,

Darryl

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK:

Sorry for this VERY late edition of our newsletter, but it feels as if we were shooting non-stop since the club shoot. It is really good to see so many of our CLI members joining 303 Bisley shooting. See the notice board for a few 'non-flattering' pictures from the bisley.

Our best wishes go with Darryl and his WP team to Bloemfontein - have a good shoot and drive safely. Good luck, guys.

Congratulations to the following people on their birthdays in October:

1 st : Michael Beardwood	17 th : Cally Gabriël, Joe Koen
5 th : Duppie du Plessis	27 th : Rafael Arellano, Arnold Beneke
9 th : Frans de Waal, Werner de Wet	29 th : Henri Laurie
	31 st : Danie Erasmus

For Sale:

- › No 4 Mk I .303. In good condition. Matthew Keelty, 082 563 8273
- › Sporterised Enfield, 1895, and BSA military .303. Joos van der Merwe, 078 133 1825, 021 880 0924 (H).

Wanted:

- › John Ecclestone is desperately looking for some Berdan primers to suit the R1 / 7.62 military cases. Should you be able to assist, please contact him on 021 534 2724 or 072 748 0077.

See you all on the 900m!

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