



Team Journal – Day 17

Saturday 8th April



The Captain hands over a cheque to Nicolene Hugo, the wife of the headmaster of Lettie Fouché School

Last night's dinner in aid of the Lettie Fouché School was a great success. The team entertained about 120 guests in a very nice thatched hall at the school and raised £2,100. This was the first time that we had deployed the team tie, designed by Nick Tremlett. These attracted a number of comments from the South African shottists.



John Deane models the Nick-designed tie. Our readers can decide whether Nick should hang on to the day job.

Our attentive readers will recall that we ended yesterday with the news that DC had achieved an outstanding score of 50.9 in the Dave Smith. The same readers might have surmised that that would be enough to win a reasonably tricky 900m competition. They would be wrong. The competition was actually won by the lady officer of the GB Under 19s team, Lucy Corner, with, of course, a 50.10. Lucy achieved this feat with a rifle with a 28" barrel which she bought for £90 and a strategy for dealing with wind changes which earned the incredulity of our Chief Coach and DC himself. For those who wish to ponder how Lucy achieved this feat her score card is displayed below with that of DC for comparison - and, yes, they did shoot on the same detail. Any solutions as to the above conundrum would be welcomed.



Lucy explains a few shooting facts to DC and the Chief Coach while trying not to mention those ties.

And so, to today. It has been a problem trying to describe in new and interesting ways the weather. Today, however, something else happened, for a while at least. Last night we had a reasonably spectacular thunderstorm and this morning when we left Bains Lodge we encountered fog. However, as we turned onto the range road the fog lifted and normal service was resumed. The consensus on our bus that even the weather didn't have the temerity to cross General Alexander.

There was a lot of shooting today, starting with the State Presidents 1st Stage - a Queens I shoot. There was somewhat more wind to deal with during the first detail than usual but it was pretty much straight up the range and did not cause too many problems. However, by 600m we had another vigorous fishtail although, unlike previous days, the fish was facing us. The Vice Captain looked to be cantering away from the field at one stage, having recorded 35.6 at each of 300m and 500m. The wheels, however, wobbled for him at 600m and two points slipped out of his grasp. The team recorded three 105s - Richard Jeens (12), Jeremy Langley (10) and Jonathan Holmes (9).

Three ranges before lunch does not satisfy the average SA shottist. Consequently today had been arranged to fit another shoot in at 600m - the Kings Norton Cup. As usual the other detail seemed considerably easier than our bus' detail which threw up some ferociously quick changes of the order of 3 minutes. Magpies were seen at too-close quarters. Top men here were Paul Charlton, Richard Shouler and Alexander Woodward, each of whom appear to be equally impervious to duplicitous flags and dancing mirage, scoring 50.6.

The final shoot of the day, after lunch, was The Colonel Bodley - 10 shots to count at 900m. For once, the other (first) detail seemed to have a harder time of it than our bus. At one point there were two scores on the board and the highest was 40.1. The outstanding shoot here was Jeremy's - a very tidy 50.6. Top man on the day was Jonathan Holmes - for the second time this week with 202.13. Following closely were Paul Charlton (201.24) and Jeremy (201.18).

	STATE PRESIDENT STAGE 1				KING NORTON	COL. BODLEY	DAILY AGG.
	300m	500m	600m	TOTAL	600m	900m	
Captain	34.4	33.3	35.1	102.8	50.5	42.1	194.12
Chris Fitzpatrick	35.6	35.6	33.4	103.16	48.6	45.2	196.14
Jonathan Haward	34	35.1	33	102.1	47.3	46.2	195.1
Nick Tremlett	35.0	35.1	34.3	104.12	48.2	45.1	197.17
David Calvert	35.4	35.2	34.5	104.11	49.6	47.2	200.19
Stuart Collings	34.4	35.4	35	104.15	46.1	46.4	196.20
Nigel Ball	35.5	35.4	34.2	104.12	49.3	48.2	201.17
Matt Button	34.5	35.5	33.2	102.12	50.1	46.2	198.15
Paul Charlton	35.6	35.2	34.4	104.12	50.6	47.4	201.24
John Deane	33.3	33.1	33.1	99.5	47.1	44.1	190.7
Rupert Dix	35.3	35.6	33.2	103.11	47.3	48.2	198.15
Peter Griggs	34.4	35.6	33.2	102.12	47.4	48.2	197.16
Peter Holden	33.2	35.0	35.4	103.10	49.5	46.3	198.15
Jonathan Holmes	35.2	35.4	35.3	105.13	48.1	49.3	202.13
Richard Jeens	35.5	35.2	35.2	105.10	45.2	48.1	198.17
Jeremy Langley	35.6	35.5	35.1	105.10	46.2	50.6	201.18
Richard Shouler	34.4	35.3	34.3	103.10	50.6	46.0	199.16
Alistair Speirs	35.5	35.3	34.2	104.10	46.4	48.3	198.17
James Watson	34.4	35.0	32.4	101.10	45.3	39.2	185.15
Alexander Woodward	34.4	35.4	35.3	104.10	50.6	40.1	194.20
Miss S-L	35.4	35.5	34.1	104.10	46.3	42.0	192.13

Those scores in full

After shooting there was a preliminary prize-giving, sensibly arranged to take place in the bar at the range, followed by a night out on the town for the team, of both of which, more tomorrow.

The highlights of the results published today

Friday Aggregate

- 1 VAN NIEKERK, CA 204 19
- 2 COONEY, WA 202 14
- 3 COETZEE, FWA 202 14
- 4 CALVERT, D 201 24
- 5 BURGER, SA 201 21
- 6 JONCK, JC 201 21
- 7 STEYN, A 201 21
- 8 ERASMUS, JJ 201 19
- 9 SPEIRS, A 201 19
- 10 AHRENS, JO(DR) 201 16

Dave Smith

- 1 CORNER, LJ 24 | VVVVVVVVVV 50 10
- 2 CALVERT, D 445 VVVVVVVVVV 50 9
- 3 HOLLOWAY, RC 54555 VVVVV5V 50 6
- 4 ALEXANDER, GK 45 | 55VVV5V55V 50 5
- 5 ERASMUS, JJ 4V | V5V5V5VV55 50 5
- 6 HAYTER, TB 25 | 5V5V5V5VV5 50 5
- 7 COONEY, WA 45 | 5V55555V5V 50 3
- 8 SLABBERT, O 5V | 5V55V5555V 50 3
- 9 BASSON, A 355 VVVVVV4VV 49 8
- 10 WATSON, JA 3V | VV5545V5VV 49 5

Grand to date (7th April)

- 1 VAN NIEKERK, CA 308 30
- 2 CALVERT, D 306 38
- 3 JONCK, JC 306 38
- 4 COETZEE, FWA 306 25
- 5 COONEY, WA 306 24
- 6 BREEDT, TF 306 23
- 7 BRAMLEY, PD 304 31
- 8 LANGLEY, J 304 30
- 9 AHRENS, JO(DR) 304 28
- 10 SPEIRS, A 303 30

Event: <i>Down South</i>	Place: <i>SA</i>	Date: <i>7/4/06</i>	Time: <i>1600</i>	TGT No: <i>900 M</i>
Rifle: <i>Mausser</i>	Fore-sight: <i>3.8</i>	Rear-sight: <i>1.8</i>	Aim: <i>RG 2003</i>	<i>T6</i>
Weather: <i>Fine</i>	Light: <i>Average cloudy</i>	Name: <i>Lucy</i>	Coach: <i>SF</i>	

ELEV	WIND		CALIB	SCORE
	EST	TRU		
A 00	5	8	1	2
B 31	4	10	1	4
1	10	10	1	V
2		10	1	V
3	4	10	1	V
4	7	10	1	V
5		10	1	V
6		10	1	V
7		10	1	V
8		10	1	V
9 57		10	1	V
10		10	1	V
11		10	1	V
12		10	1	V
13		10	1	V
14		10	1	V
15		10	1	V

TOTAL	50.0
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HOSE	RIFLE	WIND		CALIB	SCORE
		L	R		
A 28	28	3		1	4
B 28	28	4		1	4
1	16	5		1	5
2 28	28	4		1	V
3		4		1	V
4		5		1	V
5 27	27	4		1	V
6 27	27	4		1	V
7	32	4		1	V
8	42	5		1	V
9	42	4		1	V
0	4	3		1	V
1				1	
2				1	
3				1	
4				1	
5				1	

Event: <i>Down South City</i>	Date: <i>7 April 06</i>	Time: <i>1535</i>
Rifle: <i>Blaser</i>	Target: <i>X2 M</i>	Weather: <i>cloud 100</i>
Score: <i>315</i>	Fore-sight: <i>15/06</i>	Rear-sight: <i>2.7</i>
		Weather: <i>1.0</i>

Lucy's card is above - note and compare, in particular, the columns recording wind changes. What dark arts could produce this result?