



Team Journal – Day 20

Tuesday 11th April

This morning is the State Presidents 2nd Stage - following the Queens II format of 10 to count at 300m, 500m and 600m. We drove to the range under threatening, heavy clouds and even a few spots of rain, but half an hour later, at the start of the first detail at 8 a.m., the sun was out.

We can report some important results which were posted overnight. The Grand Aggregate was won by DC for the sixth time (1996 and 2001-2004 inclusive). We should report the sad tale of Alexander Coetzee who has led the Grand throughout but was given a miss in his final shoot with the result that he came in 2nd to DC by only 2 points. Also in the top twenty of the Grand were Nigel Ball (9th), Jeremy Langley (10th), Jonathan Holmes (11th), your correspondent (13th), Richard Jeens (16th), Richard Shouler (18th) and Stuart Collings (20th). In a tribute to the consistency of DC's shooting he also won the Bramley Chain - a running total of the last three years' Grand Aggregates - by a clear 12 points.

A further good result for the GB team was Jeremy's winning of the General Koos de la Rey Trophy. This is the aggregate of the three Queens I shoots in the Championship - which Jeremy cleaned. This, according to Bryan Smith, is only the second time that the competition has been won without dropping a point. Bryan knows because he achieved this feat in 2000. He added, with a wry smile, that he had hit the v-bull considerably more times than Jeremy.

The GB team members had a pleasing number of entries in the top places of other competitions announced today. In both the Short and Long Range Aggregates there were three in the top ten (Ball (2nd), DC (5th) Langley (9th) and Calvert (3rd) your correspondent (4th) and Jeens (7th) respectively).

In the 2nd stage things started promisingly for the members of the team. There were 12 possibles at 300m and 13 at 500m. At 600m conditions were a bit more tricky with our old friend the fishtail back in play and it was possible to get caught in the aim, but the wind was not strong and the mirage was readable. The team posted six clean slates here. By the end of second detail we had four 150s on the board. It was very much the Coaches day, with all three of them claiming the top slots. Nick and Stuart each had 18 v-bulls (of course the rivalry between the two of them is such that the diary should record that on count-back (furthest range gets greatest credit) Stuart won the day) and DC 16. The only non-coach possible was put up by Jonathan Holmes which meant that he outstrips the rest of the team in qualifying with no points dropped in either the first or second Stage and, in fact, coming 2nd overall. The

Presidents follows the format of the Georges at Bisley in that the 1st and 2nd Stage combined scores are used to decide who qualifies for the 3rd Stage but the final result does not include the Stage 1 scores. Going into the 3rd Stage, therefore, it is the above-named four who start with a clean slate.

	STATES	PRESIDENT	2 nd STAGES		INTERNATIONAL		PROTEA
	300M	500M	600M	TOTAL	300M	600M	900M
Captain	48 ⁶	49 ⁴	49 ⁴	146 ¹⁴	DNS	DNS	DNS
Chris Fitzpatrick	50 ⁴	49 ⁶	50 ³	149 ¹³			
Jonathan Haward	50 ⁴	49 ⁶	49 ⁴	148 ¹⁴			
Nick Tremlett	50 ⁷	50 ⁴	50 ⁵	150 ¹⁶ (2)	THE COACHES WIN! COACHING		
David Calvert	50 ⁷	50 ⁴	50 ⁵	150 ¹⁶ (3)			
Stuart Collings	50 ³	50 ⁵	50 ⁷	150 ¹⁵ (1)			
Nigel Ball	50 ⁷	50 ⁷	49 ²	149 ¹⁶			
Matt Button	50 ⁴	49 ⁴	48 ⁶	147 ¹⁴			
Paul Charlton	48 ²	50 ⁵	43 ⁴	141 ¹¹			
John Deane	49 ⁵	50 ⁷	49 ⁵	148 ¹⁷	DNS	DNS	DNS
Rupert Dix	50 ⁴	47 ³	50 ³	147 ¹⁰			
Peter Griggs		50 ⁵ 50 ⁴	49 ⁴	149 ¹⁶	DNS	DNS	DNS
Peter Holden	50 ⁷	48 ⁶	49 ⁵	147 ¹³			
Jonathan Holmes		50 ⁵ 50 ⁶	50 ⁴	150 ¹⁵			
Richard Jeens	50 ²	50 ⁵	49 ⁵	149 ¹²			
Jeremy Langley	50 ³	50 ⁵	49 ³	149 ¹⁴			
Richard Shouler	48 ²	50 ⁶	49 ³	146 ¹¹			
Alistair Speirs	49 ⁵	50 ²	48 ⁵	147 ¹⁵			
James Watson	48 ³	50 ³	48 ⁵	146 ¹⁶	DNS	DNS	DNS
Alexander Woodward	48 ⁵	48 ⁵	49 ¹	145 ¹¹			
JUDY SCOTT LANGLEY	47 ²	50 ⁶	47 ³	144 ⁸	DNS	DNS	DNS

After a break for lunch it was time for the Protea International Match. Taking on the South African Team on its own turf was always going to provide a fiercely competitive match.

It has to be said that we did ourselves no favours at 300m. Given the scores over the last two days one could be reasonably confident of a slew of possibles. This confidence was not rewarded and, as a team, we dropped 11 points to the South Africans 3. At 600m we pretty much held our own - each team dropped 6 points, although the South Africans were hitting the centre bull more often than us. However, if the writing was not already on the wall it certainly was by halfway through the 900m range. The South Africans had six possibles on their board while ours showed 8 points dropped over the same number of firers. The tide had turned somewhat by the end of the range - we had dropped 16 points to the South African's

14. The final totals were SA 1777.200, GB 1767.155. This represented a record score for the Protea Match and, as a team, we recognised that the SA team had had a marvellous day's shooting

MATCH		SA 7 ID CAPT E Sargent C. COACH															ADJ			TOT			
DIST	SHOOTER	S	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	TOT	300	600	900	TOT
C 1	Coetzee FWA	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50	50	50	50	150
2	Vniekerk CA	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48	49	50	48	147
3	Hoyler TB	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48	50	49	48	147
4	Breedt TF	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48	50	47	48	145
C 5	du Toit J.G	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50	49	49	50	148
6	Haasbroek PA	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	49	50	50	49	149
7	Dodds DMC	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48	50	50	48	148
8	Jonck JC	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50	50	50	50	150
C 9	Weigemoed PS	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50	49	49	50	148
10	Steyn A	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50	50	50	50	150
11	Pieters BJ	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	47	50	50	47	147
12	du Plooy W	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48	50	50	48	148
C 13																							
14																							
15																							
16																							
TOT																			597.73	594.58	596.59	1771/200	

The South African scoreboard - top score was shot by Alexander Coetzee who had been leading the Grand until that miss ...

MATCH		PROTEA 2006															ADJ			TOTAL			
DIST	SHOOTER	S	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	TOT	300	600	900	TOTAL
C 1	J Langley	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	49.3	48.6	50.5	49.3	147.16
2	M Button	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	47.2	48.3	49.3	47.2	146.8
3	A Woodward	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48.4	49.7	49.3	48.4	146.16
4	P Charlton	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48.4	50.4	50.7	48.4	148.15
C 5	C Fitzpatrick	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48.2	49.7	49.2	48.2	146.8
6	R Shouler	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50.7	49.6	50.4	50.7	149.15
7	P Holden	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48.2	49.5	49.3	48.2	146.10
8	R Jeens	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	49.5	49.5	49.3	49.5	147.13
C 9	J Holmes	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	48.3	50.6	50.6	48.3	148.15
10	R Dix	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50.6	49.5	50.5	50.6	149.16
11	A Speirs	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	49.3	50.5	49.4	47.3	146.12
12	N Ball	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	50.4	49.5	50.6	50.4	149.15
C 13																							
14																							
15																							
16																							
TOT																			589.59	594.58	594.49	1767.155	

... and the GB board - top score by Rupert Dix



The GB team congratulate the SA team on a very good day's shooting.

It was a rather deflated team which attended the Protea dinner on the range that evening. We have had considerable individual success here, notably DC's win in the Grand and four team members entering the Presidents final stage with a clean score sheet. The Protea Match, however, was the big one and we were outshot on the day by an extremely capable team shooting at its very best.



The Captain and Chief Coach present awards to the South African captain, top scorer and coach.