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## APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING APRIL TALKS:

Our next talk at 19H00 on Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 at the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders Regt inside the Castle of Good Hope will be...

## Reflections from the Rhodesian War from an A Company 2 RAR Battalion perspective.

By Sgt S.Fourie ; School of Armour/1 SSB - Rhodesian Armoured Car Regt - Selous Scouts - 44 Parachute Regt

The following talk will be replaced by the Members Faire to be hosted on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2010.



### CHAIRMAN:

#### **Feed back on the status of old firearm licences and the pending legal actions against the Minister.**

Due to the still pending legal action brought by the SAHGCA, all old firearm licences remain valid. In the mean time no one should be intimidated in surrendering their firearms under duress.

However, if they failed to apply for RE LICENSING within their birthday cycle periods and neither availed themselves of the recent expired amnesty, they won't be able to license it either. However pending the outcome of above legal action, they will have time to either sell it to any interested party or alternatively (only as last resort!) surrender it to the CFR SAPS.

See below copy of SAHNCA press release on the subject following the postponement after the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 when the SAPS CFR failed to file within the required time.

#### **CAPE SAAACA Management structures:**

To ensure feasible service delivery levels our management structures and policies has been reviewed as ratified at the 2009 AGM.

Working Committees are being held accountable against established job descriptions and service delivery levels, and co-ordination meetings will be held every month to ensure that we function along integrated lines.

This also involves relying more on the participation of members on ad hoc basis and co-opting members into working committees to enhance its service deliveries.

We will be contacting such members as identified to assist us in carrying out such duties to promote acceptable service levels.

We trust all members will provide such support as and when you are called upon to assist.

## Collectors Faire 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2010:

This is an opportunity where you can share your collecting interest with fellow enthusiasts on a more tangible way.

Members are invited to submit a registration form should they wish to put on a display at our Collectors Faire to be held on Thursday evening in the Secunda room in The Castle. Cost R40 per display payable at the venue. Please respond before 14/05/2010 to allow us to plan the logistics according and to ensure that everyone has a table for display purposes. See attached form at end of newsletter.

Displays need not be large or ambitious, put any aspect or topic from your interest up for display. It could also be extended to form a theme base around your display to make it more attractive.

This allows members to network and pursue their interests and share with other members. Being involved helps your association develop which ensures that we survive and grow as collectors.



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

The Membership Committee has been restructured along the lines as reflected at the last AGM where the CAPE SAAACA management structures were reviewed and adapted to meet changing challenges.

To enhance efficiency and increase the expertise pool when evaluating field of interest applications, the Membership Committee will call on all members to assist in evaluating specific fields of interest depending on the members' own expertise field. For obvious security reasons applicant details will be removed.

This is in line with our constitution and as accepted by all members when applying to become members. Such participation will count towards your minimum annual involvement required to remain in good standing as determined by the FCA 60 of 2000.

Members are also reminded NOT to submit any formal membership documents at any of our events, but to post it to our postal address by registered mail or alternative submit it in person to our Offices in Bellville. It is imperative that we keep proper control over such important and confidential legal documents.

### **WARNING:**

During his monthly meeting with the SAPS CFR the Chairman picked up a firearm licence application from an uncategory member who applied without the necessary accredited certifications, which application had to be cancelled by the SAPS CFR.

Members are reminded that in order to be considered a Private Collector for licensing purposes, they must first secure their certification as a categorised and approval of their field(s) of interest from CAPE SAAACA. This would include stamped/dated/signed copies of their motivation(s) and field(s) of interest, a sworn avadavat

letter that they have been approved after a due diligence and a membership card reflecting their categorised and paid up status. Without these documents one cannot apply for a firearm license as a private collector.

If you have any queries, contact the Membership Convenor, Robert Nothhaft, at [roronoma@telkomsa.net](mailto:roronoma@telkomsa.net).

Refer our web site for SAPS CFR related forms or go directly to;  
[http://www.saps.gov.za/crime\\_prevention/firearms/formseng.htm](http://www.saps.gov.za/crime_prevention/firearms/formseng.htm)



## **WEB SITE:**

**[www.capesaaaca.co.za](http://www.capesaaaca.co.za)**

Download **application forms**, refer to popular links, keep abreast of affairs as it unfolds, etc.

Part of our web site is to keep you informed of all **CAPE SAAACA EVENTS** and other related interest group activities. Members are reminded to submit information on any related activities and or events to be included on our web site calendar. Invite all those other clubs and associations with complementing interests to post their events for free to promote it as a site where everyone can go to see on one site what's on when. Contact the webmaster at: [webmaster@capesaaaca.co.za](mailto:webmaster@capesaaaca.co.za)

To help YOU promote your own collection, we are going to create a “**FINDERS CORNER**” where everyone can post notices of such items they are still looking for. Mail a list with your direct contact details of what you are looking for to the Chairman.

The “**MEMBERSHIP FORUM**” is the space to post interesting subject topics or post questions on research matters you might be looking for some advice. Submit such information to [web@capesaaaca.co.za](mailto:web@capesaaaca.co.za) or forward to the Chairman.

Our web site also offers an opportunity for anybody **to advertise for free** any firearm or general militaria or historical artefacts they wish to sell. See “**TRADERS CORNER**”. Visit our web site to view some excellent bargains! Contact our webmaster with the necessary information, a digital picture in Jpeg format and price and contact details. [webmaster@capesaaaca.co.za](mailto:webmaster@capesaaaca.co.za)

**We suggest you refer anyone who decided to get rid of their firearms to place a free add on our web site and or to contact Andrew to have it put on auction rather than hand it in to the SAPS for destruction.**

## **ACCREDITED DEALERS:**

Visit our web site to support our accredited dealers.

**CITY GUNS:** [www.cityguns.co.za](http://www.cityguns.co.za) ; [info@cityguns.co.za](mailto:info@cityguns.co.za) ; 021 424 9030

**CLASSIC ARMS:** [www.classicarms.co.za](http://www.classicarms.co.za) ; [andrew@classicarms.co.za](mailto:andrew@classicarms.co.za) ; 013 656 2923  
**AUCTION 31 October 2009 – visit web site**

**SUBURBAN GUNS** Plumstead: Charles Montgomery. [www.suburbanguns.co.za](http://www.suburbanguns.co.za) ; 021 797 8787

**PAROW ARMS & AMMO:** [www.parowarms.co.za](http://www.parowarms.co.za) ; Joe Da Silva at [parowarms@mweb.co.za](mailto:parowarms@mweb.co.za) ;  
021 939 8835

**ELCAPRISCO ARMS & AMMO:** Herbie Johnson & Henk Mulder at [sales@elcaprisco.co.za](mailto:sales@elcaprisco.co.za) or [www.elcaprisco.co.za](http://www.elcaprisco.co.za)

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**ZIMBI BOOKS:** [www.zimbibooks.com](http://www.zimbibooks.com) with a 5% discount to Cape SAAACA members, quote membership number.

**THE MILITARY BOOKSHOP:** Johan van den Berg at [warbooks@mweb.co.za](mailto:warbooks@mweb.co.za) with a 10% discount ditto above

The “**DEALERS MARKET**” on our web allows Dealers to offer various items for sale to Collectors. More later, but let it suffice that we have to do everything we can to promote networking on all levels to ensure the big picture survival of all role players to allow us a place in the sun to pursue our interest as Private Collectors.



## **CAPE SAAACA SHOOTING DISCIPLINES:**

While we as collectors learn a lot from historical records about our collections, shooting them teaches us what was possible and how they performed. That certainly opens new insights around our interest fields.

Although past attendance established that current interest were more on fun shoots, we hope to attract enough attention in the various categories to eventually facilitate formal historical shoots and possible competitions.

**COME AND TRY YOUR HAND WITH THAT CHERISHED PIECE IN YOUR SAFE THAT LONGS TO HEAR ITSELF ONCE AGAIN COME ALIVE FOR WHAT IT WAS MANUFACTURED FOR, AND TO SHARE IT AT A SHOW AND TELL MEETING WITH FELLOW COLLECTORS!**

## **FUTURE SHOOTS:**

### **DATES:**

1<sup>st</sup> May 2010 (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday May) Range 1 (100m Under cover shooting range)

5<sup>th</sup> Jun 2010 (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Jun) Range 1 (100m Under cover shooting range)

3<sup>rd</sup> Jul 2010 (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Jul) Range 1 (100m Under cover shooting range)

**TIME:** 09H30 for 10H00.

**VENUE:** **Range 1** (Handgun Range) NSADF Range at ATLANTIS off the R307 highway.

**RANGE OFFICERS:** Graeme Smith RO in charge  
Francois du Toit (Safety)

**COSTS:** R20,00

*Shoots at Atlantis can unfortunately only be booked quarterly in advance and you will be advised of the next quarter's dates in our next newsletter and it will also be posted our web site calendar.*

**Report from the Range Officer:** Graeme Smith – [graemesmith@mtnloaded.co.za](mailto:graemesmith@mtnloaded.co.za)

Attendance was very good at this month's collectors shoot. We had quite a few visitors there, who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We shot on Range 1, our new Range, which is under cover. It worked very well. We are totally out of the sun, sand and the wind.

The nice thing about our new shooting setup is that each shooter can put up handgun targets at 25m and rifle targets at 100m at the same time. At a 100m they can put up either a paper target or a steel swing-plate or even both.

We had quite a few 'good' shots at the last shoot, because they kept on hitting the steel target's thin frames more than the big steel plate itself. Thanks to Francois, who offered to do some panel beating for us.

Every shoot is a casual and open, shoot-what-you-bring day, until further notice.

Cape SAAACA shooters are always keen on showing and sharing what they are shooting and are always very keen on allowing others to experience their firearms at close hand.

So, for further shoots, bring your friends along. Let them experience shooting your firearm. Who knows, you and/or they might just get the opportunity to shoot something magnificent and scarce.

At this month's shoot, members got to admire and even shoot some lovely firearms including Paul's M1 Carbine and wide variety of .303's, as well as a few .22 rifles. Handguns ranged from Single Action Revolvers to the mighty Ruger .44Mag revolver.

We have been promised that Range 1 will be available to us 100% of the time on the first weekend of every month from now on, making our consistency even more bulletproof.

If there are any members with ideas or suggestions on these shoots, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Stephan.

If you feel that you want to shoot that nice collectors piece to get the cobwebs out of it, please feel free to contact us through our web-site [www.capesaaaca.co.za](http://www.capesaaaca.co.za) or just pop in at Range 1, in Atlantis, normally every 1st Saturday of every month.

***IT'S FUN AND IT SMELLS OF CORDITE!***



**Notes on the monthly talks held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2010 at the CTH mess at the Castle:** (Where possible members submitted their own notes on the topics displayed)

The meeting was attended by 24 members and guests.

A motion was tabled that the meeting should start punctually at 19H00 in consideration of members who travel from far and need to drive back home. It was proposed that a R10-00 fine/"voluntary contribution" should be charged to latecomers arriving after 19H00?

The Chairman then discuss the planned upcoming Cape SAAACA Arms Faire display meeting. Members were asked to consider possible display topics for an event April/May. Members were also urged not to be shy of small displays as some of these proved to be quite interesting in the past. The desicion was made to keep a display evening during week evenings rather than during a Saturday due to other commitments members has on Saturdays. The feasibility of attracting visitors to stimulate an interest in collecting were also discussed. We need to extend our interest especially to the younger generation to ensure collecting being a viable interest.

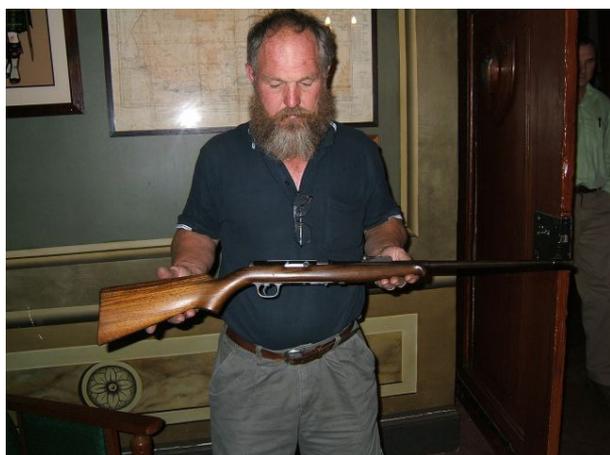
A discussion then followed on the correct competency certificates for Private Collectors to ensure their competency status was valid for new licences. Many in the initial rush to comply with then onerous new FCA requirements when relicensing only obtained competency certification limited for purposes of RE-LICENSING. Should they subsequently wish to apply for further NEW LICENCES they would find that their competency status would be invalid. As one could not distinguish that on the issued SAPS CFR competency card, members were advised to check on their POSLEC SETA Proficiency Certificated that they had 10 credits to be eligible to apply for new licences. It would not be advisable to rely on some slipping through due to current SAPS systems incompetence.



The Chairman then started the "Show and tell" part of the evening by producing a circa late 1700's French flintlock pistol. That type of action was developed by the French in the early 1600's and replaced the earlier matchlock and wheellock actions. It formed the basis on which Flemish and subsequent Scottish firearms were developed, which became

the popular applied mechanism for nearly two centuries finally to be replaced by the percussion lock in the 19th century.

Noel Greeff then offered three handguns for sale at any offer. A .38 Special Taurus in pristine condition (Subsequently taken by Taurus collector Willie Oosthuizen). He also produced a 7.65mm Star pistol and Smith & Wesson service revolver in cal .38 S&W for sale, both which are still looking for new owner's. Interested parties can contact Noel via the Chairman. (It is CAPE SAAACA policy not to publish any membership data or contact details)



Richard Bowman produced a .22mm Gevarm rifle dating from his childhood days. His notes recorded that the Gevarm were completely reliable with no misfires regardless of which ammunition you used. He said that EVERY one of them was much more accurate than he was capable of wringing out of them. Because the E1 has no firing pin, but instead fires on the open bolt with a wedge machined across the bolt face acting as the pin, it gives the cartridge

DOUBLE ignition on opposite sides of the rim. And because the E1 fires on the open bolt you have that huge recoil spring acting on the ignition rather than a puny little firing pin spring. The bolt strips a round out of the top of the magazine, shoves it into the chamber and WHAM!!!, the wedge ignites BOTH sides of the round. Almost every writer about these guns said the same thing, "This gun was way ahead of its time." I couldn't agree more. FFF (Below



is a photo of my E1 in take down mode with both 8- and 20-rd mags beside it. The rifle used the Sten patent.

Patrick Lynch produced a beautiful Feinwerkbau air rifle used in Olympic shooting competitions which triggered a lot of interest by the attendees.



This is an Air Rifle manufactured by the company Feinwerkbau. It is the standard of rifle used in the Olympic Games, for the indoor 10m range. These rifles fire pellets, and are operated using compressed air. The pressure is around 150 - 180 bar. A charged cylinder is capable of firing about 40 - 60 shots before the pressure difference starts affecting accuracy.

Notice all the adjustments possible:

- Butt length/butt plate position below barrel/butt plate angle
- The sights
- Trigger angle/position in guard
- Weights can be added (to a specified maximum rifle weight)
- Cheek piece height and angle



The rifle is set up to the body dimensions, and personal preference of the individual shot. Normally the rifle is at an angle to the vertical, to give more and/or larger points of contact with the body. This is required to stabilize the weapon. There are however specifications as to how and where the rifle may touch. Further, a shot is allowed to wear a custom made outfit that partially immobilizes the body (Feet, legs, torso, and arms).



These rifles are set up at 10m exactly. Since the rifle is not necessarily vertical, any distance to target variations will result in poor performance. (Not so good for shooting birds eating your fruit in the garden). Each shot, at the range will have a place to rest the rifle between shots while re-loading. The rifle is bolt action single shot. There is also a shelf for the pellet box to rest on, and a stand with a telescope. This area is set up to personal

preference. At competitions, the shot and rifle are inspected before being cleared to enter the competition. The rifle is limited in length, overall height, and mass. The trigger force is measured and controlled with sporter rifles, but not with precision rifles like a Feinwerkbau. The clothes worn are checked for fabric rigidity, and tightness of fit. For sporter no rigid clothing or extra support is allowed. These are all international accepted rules.

Competitions are restricted in time. There is a preparation time of the positioning of equipment, followed by the competition time. In competition, practice shots are allowed in order to check, and adjust. For men, 60 pellets are fired for points (ladies 40), with only one pellet per target. Each shot is 10 points meaning the competition is out of 600 points (or 400 respectively). There are also unlimited practice shots beforehand.

Qualifying scores for the Olympics are typically around 596 for men and 398 for ladies.

Our South African competitors are normally at school, university, or working. They are required to compete in international competitions where most of the other entrants are professional. Notwithstanding this our teams still bring home medals.

The talk ended about 21H00 and the members retired to the CTH pub for refreshments.



## **Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS)**

The CAS crowd has elected to apply to become an accredited sport shooting body under the USA SASS shooting discipline as it would allow them more leeway towards that end.

A number of them under the mentorship of the “tame” Canadian Brian Hoare are going to the US of A to attend the 29<sup>th</sup> SASS End of Trail event in New Mexico. [www.sassnet.com](http://www.sassnet.com)

In the future the CSWSA under Robert Nothhaft and Graham Smith will focus on historical research and publications work on the subject. Interested parties can contact Robert at [roronoma@telkomsa.net](mailto:roronoma@telkomsa.net)



## **PRESS RELEASE: SOUTH AFRICAN HUNTERS AND GAME CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION (SAHGCA)**

### **EMBARGO: IMMEDIATE**

#### **POSTPONEMENT OF COURT CASE BETWEEN SAHGCA AND MINISTER OF POLICE**

The Firearms Control Act (Act 60 of 2000) (FCA) was implemented on 1 July 2004.

This Act requires that all firearms licensed under Act 75 of 1969 be renewed and also provides for interim measures to order the process through which 1969 licences would be re-issued in terms of the 2000 Act. These interim measures ended on 30 June 2009.

On 24 June 2009 SAHGCA, however, gained an interim reprieve in the High Court in terms of which the rights of firearm licence holders in terms of the previous Firearms Act (Act 75 of 1969)

were upheld until such time as the court had decided the main court case between SAHGCA and the Minister of Police. The date for that court case was indicated as 29 March 2010.

On 11 January 2010 the Minister of Police declared a period of amnesty which ends on 11 April 2010 during which time people could hand in firearms for which they hold no licences with the SAPS without being liable for prosecution. This period of amnesty has no reference to the court case between SAHGCA and the Minister of Police and does thus not have any implications for people who still hold green licences for their firearms.

Holders of green licences all hold valid and legal firearm licences in terms of the High Court's interim decision of 24 June 2009, and thus do not have to hand in their firearms for which they have green licences at the end of the amnesty period (11 April 2010) as is alleged by some

SAHGCA supported the Minister of Police in his declaration of the amnesty in a bid to establish the principle of legal firearms ownership in South Africa.

During February 2010, the legal representative of the Minister of Police approached SAHGCA to enquire as to the possibility of having discussions regarding the postponement of the court case of 29 March 2010, and also to discuss the possibility of reaching a settlement in respect of the case.

The court case which would have taken place on 29 March 2010 was postponed until a later date and currently there are discussions taking place between the legal teams of SAHGCA and the Minister of Police.

Although the amnesty period for the surrendering of illegal firearms terminates on 11 April 2010, and despite it not have bearing on the legality of green licences, the Minister did extend an invitation to green licence holders who did not participate in the renewals process before 30 June 2009, to apply for new licences for those firearms they did not apply for during the prescribed period.

In effect the period for renewals was thus extended albeit that it is completed as a different process (applications as if for a new licence).

The legal status of holders of green licences is exclusively dependant on the ruling of the High Court in the case between SAHGCA and the Minister of Police, which is still pending and will follow the outcome of the negotiations between the two mentioned legal teams.

SAHGCA will keep its members and the public informed on the outcome of the process.

*(Ed: Based on feedback from Adv John Welch and NAACCSA Chairman Carvel Web following their meeting with Ms Trish Irish-Q's we advised members to avail them to relicense under the amnesty if they missed their original relicensing schedule. We still consider this to be astute and pro active as the alternative would be too reactive and leaving you at the mercy of future unknowns.)*



#### **TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:**

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|----|---|--------------------|
| 1. | <b>Ordinary Member (Firearm Collector)</b>              | <b>R450,00 p/a</b> |
| 2. | <b>Fellow Member (Non Firearm Collector/Enthusiast)</b> | <b>R250,00 p/a</b> |
| 3. | <b>Student Membership</b>                               | <b>R100,00 p/a</b> |

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS ON WEB SITE:** [www.capesaaaca.co.za](http://www.capesaaaca.co.za)

**FEES PAYABLE:**

Joining fee	R150.00
Annual subs for Private Collectors (Firearms only)	R450.00
Categorisation and fee per Field of Interest application/review.	R250.00
Subsequent Collectibility applications	R100.00
Annual subs for all other secretariat collector categories	R250.00
Student membership subs	R100.00
Associated Dealers subs	R500,00

**APPLICATION FORMS ON OUR WEB SITE:**

[WWW.CAPESAAACA.CO.ZA](http://WWW.CAPESAAACA.CO.ZA)

Greetings,

*Stephan Faurie*

Chairman

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