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**SOUTHERN AFRICA MILITARIA
COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION**

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After due deliberation the following concession will be made for those members whose categorisation and Field of Interest applications were submitted late and could not be finalised before end March in time for the re licence deadline.

The EXCO will issue such members a covering letter to the effect that their applications has been received and are under due consideration. This covering letter from CAPE SAAACA must be included with the rest of your re licence application forms to be submitted BEFORE the 31st of March 2007 to your local SAPS CFR DFO.

Once the proper collectors certificates and affidavits have been issued by us, they must included with the rest of your submitted re licence documentation.

FEBRUARY SAMCA TALK

The meeting of the 30th of February followed the pattern established with the highly successful "display & tell" format meeting of January. Only this time six potential speakers turned up with a particular collectable piece to share with the audience, all vying for a time slot!!! Stephan Fourie gave a short talk on an Afghan Jezieul matchlock, Eric May displayed his grandfathers' German medals from both World wars and exploits stretching from the German Fliegerkorps during the WWI going through to the WWII. Cyril Lautenbach with his Italian Glisenti pistol gave a fine technical review and Henk Mulder showed a fine cased English rifle while a Member also displayed an intact RPG sight. Well done guys, it starts to look like you are really beginning to enjoy the meetings!

The Chairman gave a short talk towards the re-licence dead line before end March for those whose birthdays fell between April/May/June.



UPCOMING SAMCA TALK:

The next meeting of SAMCA will be held on Thursday, 30 March, at 1900 at the CTH Officers Mess inside the Cape Castle. (Parking behind the Castle off Strand Street)

The chairperson's feedback will be followed by a "Trade & Display / Show n'Tell" session during which Members may display their collections and an opportunity to swap amongst each other. It is imperative that all interested parties indicate beforehand your intention to participate to the chairperson/scribe so as to enable us to properly structure the proceedings. No notification, no talk...

Attention Militaria Collectors or simply those who wish for a durable hunting jacket.

Brand new original Nutria 44 Parachute Regiment Para jump jackets will be for sale @ R500 each at the talk. Limited numbers in the various sizes, strictly first come basis. Samples at our next talk.



FEEDBACK ON FIREARM LEGISLATION AMENDMENTS AND REGULATIONS:

Our understanding that the Amendments are not yet signed, and that they are currently being considered by the National Council of Provinces in terms of the Parliamentary process. We are not sure how long this will take, but NAACCSA are in the meantime preparing inputs for the requisite refinements to the Regulations which would result from the Amendments, and members are invited to send any comments they may have in this regard to us so that we can forward it to the NAACCSA working committee to be considered/included in their proposals to the Authorities. Till then the current Act stands and nothing around the re-licencing will change much, so everyone must make sure they jump through the correct loops in time to remain compliant in order to retain their valuables.



FOR USE TO COMPARE METRIC/IMPERIAL CALIBRES

<http://world.ru/calc.htm>



TIPS AND GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTORS RE-LICENCE APPLICATIONS:

It came to our attention that the local SAPS DFO's received some re-licence applications on the strength of having been a Bona Fide collector under the old Act, some even on the basis of curiosity permits issued under the '68 Act, without first obtaining the required collector categorisation certification or even belonging to any collecting association, those being quite clearly ignorant on the legal requirements. Anybody wishing to re-licence as a fire arm collector (private collector) has to be categorised by an accredited collectors association such as ourselves as a Category A/B/C collector before applying. All previous regimes are null and void and won't mean a thing. Equally so, simply being a member of said association will not suffice without having been categorised and given a certified approval of your Field of Interest.

The following steps needs to be taken in order to be re-licenced as a collector.

1. If already a member, apply to CAPE SAAACA to be categorised as an A/B/C collector on the strength of your collection Field of Interest organogram and motivation. If not, complete full application. (Application and guidelines available on request).
2. This involves submitting a "Field of Interest" organogram with supporting motivation depicting "WHY" you collect "WHAT" you reflect in that. It is important to describe the INTEREST of the FIELD you wish to collect, and not to merely submit an inventory style organogram with lots of technical internet printouts on the firearms. We need to establish that you are in fact a COLLECTOR who is well informed on his TOPIC or SUBJECT matter reflected in the

organograms. (We follow the prescribed organogram route to make future collectibility applications easier) Include a short motivation (one or two lines) describing how the firearm fits into the Field of Interest Theme and its collectibility attributes. This applies only to Ordinary Firearms. Restricted or Prohibited firearms will require a more comprehensive motivation (one page), which is individually endorsed by CAPE SAAACA.

3. Once you have your new (i) Membership Certificate reflecting your Category status, (ii) Membership card reflecting your good standing and (iii) your Field of Interest certification approved, dated and stamped by us, you can apply to the SAPS for your Competency Certificate in that Category (don't forget to endorse your application on the top of the form "Private Collector Category A, B or C as reflected on above issued docs). You will also need (certified) copies of your ID, and two colour passport photos, and to arrange the necessary background interviews with your spouse where appropriate, and two friends/neighbours/ work colleagues – discuss this with your DFO.
4. Apply for your licence renewals (Get blank copies of the SAPS 517(e) and Annexure "A" so you can see what we are talking about, and you can plan your submission).
5. Get everything into a well organised and indexed file and ensure that you have certified copies of all the relevant documents (New and Old Membership Certificates, Bona Fide Certificates, ID, etc .)
6. It is recommended that the above Schedules be compiled into blocks not exceeding 25 firearms to reference conveniently to the 25 spaces on the SAPS 517(e). It may also make sense to have one Schedule per Theme even if this is less than 25 firearms.
7. Fill in the requisite details on the SAPS 517(e) and the associated Annexure "A" (one set of documents per firearm)
8. We have agreed with the LOCAL DFO that Section 2 of the SAPS 517(e) *"Details of Firearm licences to be renewed"* can be complied with by writing in *"See attached Field of Interest Schedule of Collectible Firearms as duly considered and approved by an accredited collecting association CAPE SAAACA CFR# 1300077, reference Field of Interest item number 0.0.0.0 (depending on your organogram)*.
9. Similarly for Annexure "A" Section C, this can be complied with by writing in the same reference i.e. "See Schedule etc".
10. The Annexure "A" requires details of the Barrel, Frame, and Receiver Serial Numbers. If the firearm does not have the Serial number on the frame or the barrel, then write in "None" in the appropriate block. Do NOT repeat the Serial number in all three blocks where it does not exist on the firearm. Similarly for 'Make'.
11. Licence correction applications can be submitted at the same time, and the corrected details should be included in the Renewal application. Simple corrections such as changing a .303 rifle "Enfield" to "BSA" can be dealt with by showing the firearm to the DFO. More complex changes (e.g. incorrect numbers or calibres) will require a Gunsmith's Certificate – discuss your problems with your DFO to determine the best solution.
12. Currently the renewal cost is still R70 per firearm, despite efforts to get this changed. This is an ongoing debate, and members will be kept informed of any change.

Specific attention drawn to the following issues experienced by Gauteng SAAACA.

In the case of **Restricted or Prohibited firearms** a more extensive motivation is however required in addition to the above schedule(s) which should be included as a separate section, or sections, of your submission, as they have to be approved by the provincial DFO personally in the case of Restricted firearms, or CFR in the case of Prohibited firearms.

Where details of firearms are incorrect, e.g. a Martini Henry referred to as such on the licence rather than its correct make such as Enfield or Westley Richards, or the calibre is incorrectly reflected as ".45" rather than "577/450", a "details correction form" (SAPS 521) together with a corroborative Gunsmith Report must be included.

In such cases the "Annexure A" must be endorsed on the top to say that details require to be corrected, as it goes through a separate process.

Another problem that has emerged is with well known firearms which are generically known by a make that does not exist. A common example of this is the Luger P-08 and its variants. As we know there is no such make as 'Luger' – they were made by DWM, Erfurt, Mauser etc. However given that they are widely known and referred to as 'Lugers', the suggestion from the SAPS Provincial Office is to mark them on the Annexure A as Luger /DWM or Luger / BYF etc.

In many cases a well known firearm does not have a make on it. A common example is the "Vier Pond Martini", which was sourced from a number of suppliers through agents, and has no readily visible maker's identity on it. In this case rather than mark it as "unknown", the recommendation from Province is to designate the maker in accordance with the firearm's commonly recognised shape or form i.e. 'Martini Henry' in this case.

A further case worth mentioning is that of .22 or other conversion units which are currently licenced as 'Pistols'. These must be clearly marked as "other" on the Annexure A, with a description of the unit e.g. 'Barrel and slide conversion unit only' or similar.

The SAPS Provincial Office has also requested that where possible, bolt action or other manually operated Carbines (e.g. Martini Henry, Lee Enfield, Mauser etc.), be marked or endorsed on the Annexure A as 'Rifle – short ' , or ' Rifle – short version' to avoid confusion with full or semi automatic Hand Machine Carbines.



TRADE NEWS

Classic Arm's auction 23 is to be held at the Ridge Casino Witbank commencing at 13h00 on Saturday 31st March 2007. Catalogue available for viewing on the web @ www.classicarms.co.za (Yours truly and some other members will be flying up to attend)

Members are invited to keep us informed of any interesting event, which we could include in our "annual event" web site calender currently under construction. (www.capesaaaca.co.za)

The long-awaited hardcover version of the publication *Grensoorlog/Border War 1966-1989* is finally available. Additional copies of the paperback edition have also been printed.

Dennis Croukamp has inform the Scribe that the 2nd print run of his highly successful "*Only my friends call me Crouks*", is now available. The final print run is limited to 300 copies, of which more than a third has already been sold.

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