

**CAPE SAAACA**



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### MAY TALK

The meeting of the 31<sup>st</sup> of May's main topic was the display of some more of the weapons from the CTH collection, as shown to us by Pierre de Villiers, and described by the scribe, Johan van den Berg. The weapons discussed were mainly Axis arms captured during WWII, amongst others a deactivated German MP-44 Assault Rifle brought along by André Olivier and a Russian PPSH 41 of WWII vintage (CTH Collection) that originated from Angola during the Border War, courtesy of Willem Steenkamp. The other weapons discussed were: Italian Beretta MP-38 machine pistol with a wooden butt; German ERMA MP-40 machine pistol (early version – being a hybrid between the MP-38 and the later version of the MP-40; German Mauser K98k carbine that has been crudely "sporterised" (read "butchered") by some hack, and a semi-automatic Mauser Gewehr 1943 (G43)

A word of thanks again to Pierre for sharing the treasures in the CTH collection with us, as well as for André for showing us an almost pristine copy of a MP-44.

### JUNE TALK

The June talk stood over due to the mid year holidays with so many members taking a well deserved break from the cold cape weather.



### UPCOMING JULY TALKS:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> of July, at 19:00 at the CTH Officers Mess inside the Cape Castle. (Parking inside the grounds behind the Castle off Strand Street)

The speaker at the next meeting is:

Pierre de Villiers will display some WWII support machine guns from the CTH collection, illustrated by a talk by Johan van den Berg. This time it will be German machine guns: MG08/15 (WWI); and the MG34 and MG42 (WWII).

Stephan Fourie will deliver a short talk on the Rhodesian Army structures supported by a collection of unit badges of the various units involved.

If you want to bring along an artifact for display and discussion purposes, please do so. Members are reminded that strict safety protocol on the handling of any firearm will apply, ALL MOVING PARTS MUST BE REMOVED and displayed separately, unless prior cleared with the Chairman. NO live ammunition will be handled.



**2007 FIREARM COLLECTORS RELICENSING CYCLE FOR MEMBERS BORN BETWEEN JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER.**

If they have not already done so, members are requested to start working on their collections' Fields of Interest that first has to be considered and duly approved by the CAPE SAAACA membership committee before they can apply to have any firearms relicenced. New applications takes about three months to work through, and it will be wise to submit it before the end of December as no guarantees can be given on any applications submitted from January, given the deadline of end March 2008 for this cycle.

Contact your Chairman should you need any help to get it done.



#### **EXCO FEEDBACK:**

With the basic structures well entrenched and operating, we are focusing on the following projects to develop our various interests into a wider value adding base.

1. **Web site redevelopment** to allow a continual flow of information, facilitate as many diverse interests that make our association alive and to provide admin and management services online.
2. Communications with the **SAPS Western Cape DFO (Dir S. Japhta)** to specifically promote private collectors' interest on various matters.
3. Communications with Ms R. Isaacs from the South Africa Heritage Resources Agency (**SAHRA**) to protect historic South African firearm assets being exported or destroyed.
4. A **Cape SAAACA accredited dealers system** through which we aim to promote various dealers that offer products/services specifically relevant to collectors, and to offer beneficial discounts to our members.

5. Establishment of a **members trading forum**, through which we will also make available firearms for sale that are offered to us by individual firearm owners who do not wish to have it destroyed.
6. **Historical Military Re-enactment group** "Fort Knokke Militia" under John Lamont.
7. Development of **regular historical shoots** to facilitate shooting disciplines of various types of collectable firearms against each other in structured format.
8. A **junior collector awareness program** through talks and illustrations on historical topics at schools inside the Western Cape area. Interested parties may contact the Chairman.
9. **Annual social events** and functions.
10. **Membership market survey questionnaire** to determine current expectations and needs from amongst our members.
11. **Annual General Meeting** for all paid up members in the last quarter of 2007.

Members are invited to contact the Chairman on any of these topics.



## TRADE NEWS

Members are invited to keep us informed of interesting events, which we could include in our "annual event" web site calendar currently under construction. (Please visit [www.capesaaaca.co.za](http://www.capesaaaca.co.za))

The long-awaited hardcover publication of *The Saints - The Rhodesian Light Infantry*, was recently launched in London, The book was recently released on the South African market and is available from Warbooks, contact Johan van den Berg at [warbooks@mweb.co.za](mailto:warbooks@mweb.co.za) or 082 5790386. Cape SAAACA members enjoy a discount.

Any Dealers interested in becoming an accredited Cape SAAACA Dealer, are invited to contact the Chairman for further details.