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JULY 2008 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING JULY TALKS:

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, the 31st of July 2008**, at **19:00** at the CTH Officers Mess inside the Cape Castle. (Parking inside the grounds behind the Castle off Strand Street). We suggest you come earlier to allow you to register your attendance and to buy some refreshments before the talks start at 19H00.

TOPIC:

SHOW AND TELL

The actions of today is the history of tomorrow from which originates collectors' artefacts. Whilst ignorance might be bliss, an informed collector would be better served!



ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS:

Chairman Duties:

Over and beyond ensuring the efficiency of our core functions, it is also vital that we "invest" in future generations in order to ensure our own survival lest it fizzles out in our own lifetime. It is in everyone's best interest to act as ambassador of general collecting to attract members by inviting them to our talks to allow as much as possible depth of the fraternity before we become a marginalised insignificant interest group easily ignored by the Authorities. Thank you for those who take that effort! We would like to see more put their efforts where their personal interest lies. In this newsletter I will highlight where such opportunities exist. We are only as strong as our weakest link.

Talks at High Schools:

Members are invited and reminded to involve their local schools and the Chairman is more than willing to do talks on a wide range of subjects and topics on request. This is another easy "investment" that is welcomed by schools if you would only make the effort. The history teachers need all the help they can get to instil a sense of awareness amongst an apathetic audience and we have many subjects and topics we can talk about. From tribal and "settler" weapons of lore to how Africa was settled long before European settlers entered the stage. After all, history is an alive science of all the past "tomorrows" which sets a trend for the future. He who knows where he comes from knows where he is going to and has a true identity and what synergistic effort he takes part in. **We are living history!** (Not literally, but figuratively speaking!)

SAHRA (South African Heritage Resources Agency)

The Chairman has been accredited by SAHRA to do inspections on requests that firearms be deactivated, exported or destroyed.

Over time and with much effort we gained valuable cooperation from the CFR in this regard and now need to start working towards networking the various interest groups to ensure effective preservation. I was shocked to establish some time ago that NO-ONE in the whole of the RSA stood up to make sure that everything happened as it should and that networking is in place. The various agencies act in isolated limbo while doing the absolute required minimum, with the result that there is many a slip twixt cup and lip. It was only under dire threats that officials would be criminally charged by me personally should they over-step their mandates, that I got some response. We have excellent laws that address each aspect, but no officials are willing to take responsibility for the necessary implementation and execution of said policies. I took it upon myself to facilitate this process with great difficulty as the officials at each end are rather reluctant participants and certainly don't want to volunteer for more work. My biggest concern at the moment is the tons of firearms that are designated as heritage items and are sent to a national central point for distribution to museums. The only problem here is that very few museums are interested in displaying firearms at all and take the concomitant responsibility inherent to this. Thus the very real danger arises that the SAPD authorities might side-line those to the melting pots as well.

I can see us stepping outside the narrow confines of our immediate interest mandate to act in this regard as the facilitator as no one else seems to put their money where their mouths are. In that regard I might have to go visit the lion in his lair in SAPS CFR HQ in Tswane (Pta) as well as the various cultural organisations managing museums, to discuss same to ensure that the heritage declared artefacts end up where they belong, safely preserved for future generations. At the moment everyone is only giving it cursory lip service but nothing actually happens. If we don't it will be a multitude of such small issues that will make the works become unstuck and whither away once again as was the case with the erstwhile HFSA when Barry Berkovitch died. Each one of us is called upon to step up to the plate for the greater cause we so selfishly pursue to some extent.

Can I put it any more eloquently?

Membership Committee:

Reference specialists: We are developing a reference system of a second tier to the Membership Committee of topic specialists to support the Membership Committee with more technical applications to confirm the validity of the content of applicants' collections. You might be contacted at some time to assist us in a field such as your expertise allows to help evaluate the content for any obvious shortcomings or errors. It would be greatly appreciated if you would contact us to confirm in which specific subject/topic matters you might feel comfortable to assist us with in order to allow us to build a data base of support to facilitate applications more expeditiously to improve our service levels. Once again we ask for you to step up to the mark to make a difference! Please don't underestimate your own knowledge, collectively its valuable.

Web site:

Part of our web site is to keep you informed of all related activities. Members are reminded to submit information on any such activities and or events to be included on our web site calendar.

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".

Submit such information to web@capesaaaca.co.za

An annual Cape collectors' show:

This has been a long ambition that at long last is on the table. We do not have the critical mass of a Gauteng, and thus we need to involve as many complementing interest groups as possible. Think of miniature militaria models, militaria medals, etc. Members are requested to pass to the Chairman any contact details of any such grouping they might be aware of to allow us to enter into negotiations towards a grand event that would serve as an annual calendar event of some note. This will also serve to make the general public more aware of what we do and that we are not a bunch of eccentrics with dangerous hobbies. Once again a small way that YOU can make a difference and help us make it work for YOU!



FIRE ARM RELICENCING:

31st of MARCH 2009 RE-LICENCING CYCLE applications for those born in the months Oct / Nov / Dec.

You are reminded to start as early as possible to prevent a last-minute rush that may result in delays because of the time-frame involved around the due diligence that private collectors applications has to meet. It invariably involves serious research to develop a sound Field of Interest and Topic motivation.

For those who has not yet submitted their documents before the deadline, but had to relicence this year, contact the Membership Convenor Robert Nothhaft at robert@westernshooters.co.za

Regardless of above, the licences of those who neglected to relicence will remain valid until the 31st of June 2009. That will allow them time to sell or swap their firearms. Based on Classic Arms Auction prices, the market has firmed on the better quality firearms so all is not doom and gloom.



SECRETARIATS' NEWS:

This is where we keep you up to date with what happened at our various secretariats. Come on chaps, let us have your monthly news reports!

A Secretariat simply is a specialist interest sub-group within CS better served to promote and facilitate its own growth by being organised around its own unique activities. Anyone is welcome to submit proposals to the EXCO to allow it to be properly structured and given formal sanction.

SUGGESTION: Especially to those more far-flung members not living in the Cape Peninsula: Why do you not initiate a social shoot and tell event along with possibly dressing up to the subject field of each participant's firearm in your neck of the woods? It doesn't matter if you are the only Private Collector, it could serve to make others aware and attract future members which we need to build momentum to preserve the very dynamics of our interest. It will also serve towards your annual compliancy count of four events. Send us digital pictures and a short write-up of such events to be published on the web and newsletter. By ourselves without some effort from grassroot level we certainly won't grow!

CAPE SAAACA WESTERN SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION:



Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS), also known as Western Action Shooting or Single Action Shooting, is a competitive shooting sport that originated in California, USA, in the early 1980s. Cowboy Action Shooting is now practiced world wide with several sanctioning organisations including the Single Action Shooting Society (SASS), Western Action Shootists Association (WASA), and National Congress of Old West Shooters (NCOWS), as well as others in the USA and in other countries.

CAS requires competitors to use firearms typical of the mid- to late 19th century: single action revolvers, lever action rifles chambered in pistol calibres, and side-by-side double barrel shotguns (also referred to as a Coach Gun - with or without external hammers, although automatic ejectors are not allowed) or 1897 style pump action shotguns. Both original and reproduction guns are equally acceptable. All CAS handguns must be "single action", meaning that the hammer must be manually cocked before each shot can be fired.

Competitors are required to wear an Old West costume of some sort. Depending on the standards of the sanctioning organisation, clothing may be historically accurate for the late 1800s or may just be suggestive of the Old West. Some might even dress like a character in a western B-movie, such as Hopalong Cassidy or a television series like Bonanza. Participants must also select an alias out of the Old West or having an Old West flair. Many shooters get creative in selecting an alias (such as the banker who shoots under the alias "The Lone Arranger") which is registered with the sanctioning body that will prohibit any other shooter from using that same alias at a sanctioned event. In addition, registered names cannot sound the same as any other registered name.

Competition involves a number of separate shooting scenarios known as "stages". Stages are always different, each typically requiring ten pistol rounds (shooters generally carry two single action revolvers), five to ten rifle rounds and two to eight shotgun rounds. Targets are typically steel plates that ring/clang/ding when hit. Sometimes reactive targets such as steel knockdown plates or clay birds are used. Misses add 5 seconds to your time, safety and other procedural violations add 10 seconds. Competition is close and contested, with the world championships attracting 700+ competitors in the USA.

Shooters compete one at a time, against the clock. Some matches are scored simply by "total time" plus penalties and bonuses. Shooters are timed using electronic timers which record the duration for each stage to one hundredth of a second. The timer starts when the Range Officer pushes the button and it beeps. The timer has a built-in microphone and records the time that each loud noise (shot) happens. When there is no more noise, the timer continues to display the final time which is the raw score.

Each shooter's "raw" time for the stage is increased by 5 seconds for each missed target and 10 seconds for any procedural penalty incurred. The fastest adjusted time wins. Targets shot out of proper order incur a procedural penalty, though only one procedural penalty can be assessed per shooter per stage.

Every stage at a match is intended to be different. Sometimes only two types of gun are used or perhaps even only one. Occasionally a shooter is required to reload a firearm on the clock.

If you feel that this Shooting Sport might appeal to you, please feel free to contact us through our web-site www.westernshooters.co.za or just pop in at the False Bay shooting range every 3rd Saturday of every month. (Directions can be found via our site.)



MONTHLY TALK AT THE CTH OFFICERS MESS CAPE CASTLE.

Thursday the 3rd of July we again met in the hallowed chambers of the CTH Officers' Club at the Cape Castle for our monthly talk.

Well-known military analyst Helmoed-Römer Heitman delivered a talk on the battle readiness of the Zimbabwean Army and extended it to cover the military status of the SADEC Country Armies. He was swamped with questions and kept busy till late. A video recording of the talk was taken and copies will be made available on request. Costs apply as we are having it done professionally.

THE STATUS AND POSITION OF THE ZIMBABWEAN ARMY WITHIN THE SECURITY SITUATION IN ZIMBABWE AND THE STRATEGIC IMPACT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. OVERVIEW

SADEC is powerless to do anything about the security situation in Zimbabwe as it have neither the political will, nor the military manpower to intervene physically. The only threat for Zimbabwe in the region, militarily speaking, is the Angolan Army (in terms of manpower - 100 000 men - and combat capability). It is uncertain how the Zimbabwean Army will respond if large-scale trouble breaks out internally. Although the Army is highly professional, the morale of the troops are low due to being paid intermittently and the fact that their loyalty is being bought by generous government handouts of basic necessities, such as food.

1.1 The Zimbabwean Air Force

Zimbabwe actually has a functional Air Force, as compared to the SA Air Force, which, at this moment in time, has a virtual zero air-superiority defence capability! Zimbabwe's Air Force, however, is getting long in the tooth, as is the situation also with the Air Forces of Tanzania and Namibia. Angola has the largest Air Force in the region with a definite bias towards long-range strike capability, which raises questions regarding their true motives (or ambitions?) in the region. It is uncertain what the status of the Botswana Air Force is at this point in time.

The Zimbabwean Air Force has some MiG 21 air superiority fighters, as well as 3, possibly 6, Chinese Fansongs (Chinese copy of the Russian MiG 23 multi-mission fighter-bomber). The Zimbabwean Air Force is also operating a number of Aerospace Hawk trainers, which can be converted for a combat role by fitting cannon and external munitions such as rockets or cluster bombs (it was in this role that the Hawk-equipped squadron of the Zimbabwean Air Force that was deployed in the DRC in a peace-keeping role recently, gave quite a good account of themselves).

In addition, there are the following aircraft on inventory:

Nanchang K-8 Karakorum is a two-seat basic trainer and light attack aircraft. Quantity - 12.

Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-23 Flogger is a swing-wing fighter aircraft, designed by the Mikoyan-Gurevich bureau in the Soviet Union and is considered to belong to the "Third Generation" aircraft category along with similar-aged Russian-produced fighters like the MiG-25 "Foxbat". It was the first Soviet fighter with a look-down/shoot-down radar and beyond visual range missiles. It is a multi-role fighter (2 seen in 2003 fly-past) and currently believed to be stored at Thornhill because they are "excess to requirements". Quantity 3.

Chengdu F-7 II/N Airguard (the F-7 is the export version) is a People's Republic of China-built fighter jet derived from the Russian Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-21. The production ceased in 2006. It is an upgraded version of the original MiG-21 with more modern avionics and weaponry. It serves mostly as an interceptor in the air forces that operate it. Only 6 or 7 were operational when the DRC war started. It is believed an additional 12 were acquired early 1999. A third batch of the Chengdu F-7 MG variant was acquired in November 2004 could be what is sometimes referred to as the F-7BZ. Quantity - 3, possibly 6.

Guizhou FT-7BZ - conversion trainer. Quantity - 2.

SIAl SF260M/TP/W (Aermacchi SF.260) - basic trainer. Quantity - 49 delivered.

Ilyushin Il-76 (NATO reporting name: Candid) is a 4-engined strategic airlifter designed in the Soviet Union and in widespread use in Europe, Asia and Africa. Purpose-built for the military for the delivery of outsized or very heavy cargo. It is the most widely used dedicated jet freighter in the 40 tons freight category. Quantity 1.

Boeing 720-025 - VIP transport. Quantity - 1, status unknown.

BAe 146 - VIP transport. Quantity - 1.

Yakovlev Yak-40 Codling - VIP transport. Quantity - 3.

Lockheed Hercules C-130 transport. Quantity - 10.

Antonov An-12 Cub - transport aircraft. Quantity - 1.

CASA C212-200 Aviocar - medium transport aircraft. Quantity - 14 delivered.

Harbin Y-12 - Light Transport. Quantity unknown.

C-47TP-AR Air Reconnaissance Aircraft - 3 **C-47 Skytrains** (Dakota) were converted to C-47TP-AR for EW/ELINT operations. Before the upgrades, one aircraft (R7134) used as Airborne Command Post, while another (R3702) was equipped with extensive electronic surveillance equipment. Both were withdrawn from service in late 1992.

Britten-Norman BN-2A Islander - light utility aircraft. Quantity - 6.

Cessna FTB.337G and O-2A - light utility aircraft. Quantity - 23 delivered, 3 were lost in operations in the DRC.

Mil Mi-35P Hind - assault helicopter Quantity - 2 Mi-35s; 4 Mi-35s.

Bell Huey. Quantity - 8 helicopters left over from the Rhodesian bush war.

Eurocopter AS532 Cougar - medium utility helicopters. Quantity - 2 used as presidential helicopters.

Agusta-Bell 412SP - light utility helicopter, some were armed with rockets for the DRC conflict. Quantity - 12 delivered.

Aerospatiale SE-316B Alouette III - light utility helicopter (much similar to the version well-known in the RSA through its long & illustrious career in the SAAF). Quantity - 4 participated during the air show in 2005.

Future addition:

Chengdu JF-17 Thunder - multi-purpose fighter. Quantity - 12 ordered as of 2004 from Pakistan Air Force, it is seen as a counter to the South African **Saab JAS 39C Gripen**.

1.2 The Zimbabwean Army

The Army consists of 1 Mechanised Brigade, 5 Infantry Brigades, 1 Parachute Brigade and a Special Forces Brigade, over and above all the supporting and logistic formations, which makes for a manpower total of 25 000 soldiers under arms.

Regarding equipment, the following main weapon types/weapon systems are in use:

Armour

Norinco Type 59 MBT. The Chinese Type 59 Main Battle Tank is a Chinese-produced version of the ubiquitous Soviet T-54A tank. The first vehicles were produced in 1958 and it was accepted into service in 1959, with serial production beginning in 1963. Quantity – 35

Norinco Type 69 MBT. The Chinese Type 69 and Type 79 main battle tanks were developments of the Type 59, which in turn was a copy of the Soviet T-54A tank. The more advanced Type 79 was equipped with a 105 mm rifled gun, also seen on the later Type 88. Quantity – 10

Type 63 light tanks. The Norinco Type 63 is a Chinese amphibious light tank with water jet propulsion system. First fielded in 1963, it is in many ways similar to the earlier Soviet PT-76. Quantity - 20 received 1983/1984 from China.

T-54. The T-54 and T-55 tank series were main battle tanks designed by the Soviet Union. The first prototype T-54 appeared in 1946 shortly after the end of the Second World War. T-54s and T-55s were involved in many of the world's armed conflicts. Quantity - 20 tanks received from USSR in September 1984.

T-54/55 ARV

T-55 tanks. Quantity - 12 from North Korea, 1981.

EE-9 Cascavel Armoured Car is a 6 x 6 armoured car developed in the seventies by Engesa of Brazil. Quantity – 90

EE-11 Urutu. Quantity – 7

Panhard AML Armoured Car. Quantity – 30

Eland Mk7. The Eland is a South African light armoured car based on the Panhard AML (it has since been replaced in SADF/SANDEF service by the 76mm-armed Rooikat). Exported to Lesotho, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Quantity – 20

EQ2050 Armoured Car. Chinese version of the American M998 (HMMWV) relying heavily on imported U.S.-made parts including chassis, gear box, and diesel engine. Quantity – 100

YW 531 Armoured Personnel Carrier. Quantity - 30 (8 from China and 22 North-Korean VTT-323 version).

Unknown type Armoured Personnel Carrier. Quantity - 22 donated by China in January 2005

UR-416 Armoured Personnel Carrier. Quantity - 36

Crocodile Armoured Personnel Carrier. Quantity - 40

BRDM-1 Armoured Personnel Carrier, from North Korea in 1984. Quantity - 20

BRDM-2 Armoured Personnel Carrier, from Russia. Quantity - 1980

BTR-152 Armoured Personnel Carrier, from North Korea. Quantity - 1983

BTR-50 Armoured personnel carrier, from Syria in 1984. Quantity - 40

ACMAT TPK 4.20 VSC Armoured Personnel Carrier. Quantity- 260

Steyr-Daimler-Puch 4x4 Armoured Personnel Carrier (exact type not known). Quantity - at least 66.

Field Artillery

2S1 122mm Self-propelled howitzer. The 2S1 is of Soviet manufacture that resembles the PT-76. The 2S1 is fully amphibious with very little preparation, and once afloat is propelled by its tracks. It is NBC protected and has infra-red night-vision capability. Quantity – 12

D-30/2A18M Towed Artillery (122mm). Quantity – 4

Type 60 howitzer - Towed Artillery (122 mm). The Type 60 Chinese built artillery gun, which is in fact the Soviet D-74 122mm howitzer produced under licence. Developed in the late 1950's. Still in service in China with reserve units. Quantity – 18

PRC Type-54 - Towed Artillery (122 mm). Quantity - 12

OTO Melara Mod 56 105mm Pack Howitzer. Quantity - 18

L118 Light Gun 105 mm towed howitzer. Quantity - 12

PRC Type 63 Multiple Rocket Launcher. Quantity – 18

RM-70 Multiple Rocket Launcher. A Czechoslovakian army version and the heavier variant of the BM-21 Grad multiple rocket launcher that was introduced in 1971. Quantity – 52

BM-21 Multiple Rocket Launcher. The BM-21 is a launch vehicle of the Soviet 122 mm multiple-launch rocket system developed in the early 1960s. Used by over 50 countries, it is the world's most widely used rocket artillery system. Its success in combat has led other countries to copy it or to develop similar systems. Quantity – 25

L16 81mm Mortar (the United Kingdom's the standard mortar used by the British army). Quantity – 100

81 mm / 82 mm Mortar. Quantity – 502

120 mm Mortar. Quantity - 74 (60 of unidentified type delivered from Bulgaria in 2000)

Air Defence Artillery

ZPU-1/-2/-4; ZU-23; M1939 Air Defence Guns. The ZPU-4 is a towed quadruple-barrelled anti-aircraft gun based on the Russian KPV 14.5 mm machine gun. It entered service with the Soviet Union in 1949 and is used by over 50 countries worldwide. Double and single barrelled versions of the weapon exist - called the ZPU-2 and ZPU-1 respectively. The ZU-23-2, better known as ZU-23, is a towed Russian short-range air defence gun. Quantity – 215

ZSU-23-4 Shilka. The ZSU-23-4 "Shilka" is a lightly armoured, self-propelled, radar guided anti-aircraft weapon system. Quantity unknown.

SA-7/SA-18 Igla Surface-to-air missile. The 9K32 "Strela-2" (NATO reporting name SA-7 Grail) is a man-portable, shoulder-fired, low-altitude surface-to-air missile system with a high explosive warhead and passive infrared homing guidance. It is broadly comparable to the US Army FIM-43 Redeye. It was the first generation of Soviet man portable SAMs, entering service in 1968. Quantity – 30

Tigercat missiles. Quantity unknown.

HQ-2 Surface-to-air missile. Quantity unknown.

ATGM (Anti-Tank Guided Missiles). Type & quantity unknown - have been cited in military exercise reports.

Light Infantry Weapons

L85A1 Assault rifle (upgraded version of the British SA80 - it fires the standard 5,56x45mm NATO round).

AK family of rifles is standard issue infantry weapon (in the soviet-era 7,62x39mm calibre).

FN FAL sometimes issued to the special forces (very similar to the well-known R1 in SADF service).

FN MAG Machine gun (as used in SADF service).

PK machine gun (standard Russian GPMG in 7,62x54R calibre).

Dragunov Sniper Rifle (standard East Block era sniper's rifle in 7,62x54R calibre).

Sako TRG Sniping System (The Sako TRG family of sniper rifles were developed by the Finnish firearm manufacturer SAKO. The TRG-22 is designed to fire standard .308 Winchester (7,62x51NATO) ammunition, while the TRG-42 is designed to fire more powerful .300 Winchester Magnum and .338 Lapua Magnum ammunition and has a longer barrel and a larger bolt action. It is not known which of the two is being used by the Zimbabwean Army, but it can be assumed to be the TRG-22 in 7,62x51 NATO calibre).

2. SUMMARY

There has been much talk of invading Zimbabwe to stabilise the crisis. However, if one bears in mind the abortive invasion of Lesotho a decade ago where the opposition consisted of a lightly-armed national militia and the SANDF was a much more formidable force, it is clear that the capacity lacks. Not only is the logistical aspect and morale of the SANDF factors to consider, but the political will also is lacking, due to ideological/historical commonalities. Through its involvement in peacekeeping operations in central Africa, the SANDF came to the (realistic) conclusion that the logistical realities of continuous troop deployments are neither being matched by manpower nor availability of suitable equipment. For example, to maintain three battalions of infantry in the field, a back-up of six battalions are needed - three battalions in training to relieve those deployed, and three battalions on R&R. Nor can infantry operate on their own in a hostile natural environment (typical of Africa) without much-needed logistics by air and air cover support - six months ago the SANDF still had the capacity, but current realities - no air-worthy fighter aircraft and faulty equipment all along the line, exclude this (ie, the SANDF can field one squadron of Olifant MBTs, by today's standards well on its way to become obsolete). Bearing this in mind, the sad reality is that the Zimbabwean National Defence Force can field a combat-ready air force (of undeterminable strength in this point of time), as well as 15 battalions of infantry. Furthermore, the SANDF

is being hamstrung by political and labour-related squabbles, as well as racially-based manpower quotas that have eroded the combat-experienced and professional core of the Defence Force, as well as declining standards vis-a-vis military professionalism, military traditions, equipment maintenance and replacement of obsolete equipment. The Defence Force is still being hamstrung, psychologically speaking, by the Lesotho fiasco - our own "Vietnam syndrome" in miniature. Lesotho has proven that there are serious problems with the deployment of brigade-sized forces - not only has the lack of the necessary funding precluded a brigade-sized exercise for the last fourteen years, but the rapid deterioration and the obsolescence of military hardware due to aging means that the SANDF will be in an even worse shape in a year's time!

Angola is currently a "dark horse", so to speak. They see themselves as a regional power and have the habit of involving themselves in the internal affairs of their neighbours. They keep regiments in Kinshasa (DRC) to "stabilise" the situation (in their favour, of course), has threatened Zambia with invasion, and has actually invaded and based troops in Namibia in their struggle to subdue UNITA, without even consulting beforehand with the Namibian government!



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.

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: 2nd of Aug Range D

6th of September Range C

4th of October Range C

VENUE: At the NSADF Range at ATLANTIS on Range C in front of Club House. (If in doubt, enquire at Clubhouse)

RANGE OFFICERS: Stephan Fourie (Absent "Gone hunting" on the 2nd of Aug)

Graeme Smith RO in charge

Mike di Bona (Black powder)

Francois du Toit (Safety)

Under real conditions one was under pressure to shoot as you were and normally enemy contacts happened at short distances. Out shooting details are designed to emulate that for the various firearm types, although we have the "enemy's" (paper targets) permission to allow a somewhat more relaxed time-span to allow all the "old soldiers" to get their breath and to get our shaky watery eyes on target. So for those who believe in reincarnation for firearms, I dare you to dust off your old pieces and give them a second wind to show what they did when they were young, bold and in uniform! It also serves as an ideal opportunity to introduces a novice to collecting, possibly your own son or the neighbours'?

IT'S FUN AND IT SMELLS OF CORDITE!



WEBSITE:

www.capesaaaca.co.za (This site soon to be revamped)

Check our calendar for events, and if you know of any interesting forthcoming event, let our webmaster know in advance to allow him to post it. webmaster@capesaaaca.co.za

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

TRADERS' CORNER:

All and anybody who wishes to sell or trade anything (related to our mutual interest) may post ads here for FREE. Contact our webmaster with the necessary information, price and contact details. 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.

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Classic Arms Auction dates:

Auction 29; 2nd of August War Museum Johannesburg.

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Annual subs for firearm collectors	R450.00
Categorisation and Field of Interest applications/reviews.	R250.00
Subsequent Collectibility applications	R100.00
Annual subs for all other secretariat collector categories	R250.00
Student membership subs	R100.00

Greetings,

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