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## AUGUST 2008 NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING AUGUST TALKS:

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, the 28th of August 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:

*As explained we need a holistic approach to sow more than what we wish to mow in order to remain a viable growing organisation and the following reflects some of the various tasks to that order. To that end my duties involve more than the normal day to day management normally expected from an established interest groups who can focus purely on immediate member interaction activities.*

#### EXCO duties:

Coordinating and directing both executive, working and ad hoc committees as well as the daily administrative functions of the Association in order to facilitate both functionality and growth on all spheres that reflect our interests.

#### NAACCSA duties:

Continued networking with the national coordinating body NAACCSA to promote our interests.

#### SAHRA (South African Heritage Resources Agency)

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

Snr Superintendent G Visser is in continuous contact with our Offices to assist them with such applications and from that we identified the urgent void in between the various government

agencies involved. Its no use the SAPS collecting Heritage items when museums don't cooperate or more often are themselves not accredited to accept such donations. We need to coordinate and ensure that all the role players accept their mandates and diligently pursue it.

Should any member come in contact with anybody considering deactivating a firearm, please refer them to this Office to advise and assist them less it ends up unidentified and destroyed.

### **SAPS CFR:**

Interacting with both national and provincial levels of the SAPS CFR and local DFO's on all matters regarding members' interests as well to support the SAPS in becoming acquainted with Private Collector firearm licence applications.

We need members to keep us abreast of their experiences in this regard especially where it did not function efficiently as well as where recognition is due to allow us to communicate sensibly with the Authorities.

We are working on creating a specialist working committee staffed by experienced legal eagles, and you will be kept up to date as to how it can help you directly.

### **Membership Committee:**

#### **Reference specialists:**

As previously explained we need to build a network of acknowledged experts and specialists in a wide as possible topic or knowledge field to support this committee in evaluating applications. Please contact the Chairman if you are willing to offer your services on an ad hoc basis as needed and indicate the topic field you are familiar with. 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@capesaaca.co.za](mailto:web@capesaaca.co.za)

#### **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.

Thank you for the response and I invite each and everyone to use their good standing should they have contacts at their local schools.

#### **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 makes it work for YOU!



## **FIRE ARM RELICENCING:**

31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:robert@westernshooters.co.za)

Regardless of above, the licences of those who neglected to relicence will remain valid until the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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 grass root level we certainly won't grow!

## **MONTHLY TALK AT THE CTH OFFICERS MESS CAPE CASTLE.**

Thursday the 31st of July we again met in the hallowed chambers of the CTH Officers' Club at the Cape Castle for our monthly talk which was a "Show and Tel" evening.

Peter Voigt gave some feed back on his experience during a visit to the UK where he also visited the Bisley Rifle Association with its 800 clubs, and explained how it works under British laws where in disregard of stringent limitations the clubs are growing and remain very active.

Richard Bowman showed a Webley 1876 Frontier model and a lively discussion followed from the table.

Henry Uys speaks of a burglary at his home some months ago, how unprepared it catches one and what can be done to be as prepared for such an incidence as one can get. Various members share similar experiences and a discussion follows.

Members are reminded to mail us a summary of anything they table as these meetings to be included in the newsletters.

## **CAPE SAAACA WESTERN SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION:**



**'Lil Katy Sue takes aim with the high berms and natural grasses found throughout the World Shooting and Recreational Complex near Sparta, Illinois.**

The Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) is an international organization created to preserve and promote the fast growing sport of Cowboy Action Shooting. SASS endorses matches conducted by affiliated clubs and annually produces END of TRAIL in the USA, the World Championship of Cowboy Action Shooting & Wild West Jubilee.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a multifaceted amateur shooting sport in which contestants compete with firearms typical of those used in the taming of the Old West: single action revolvers; lever action rifles; and side by side double barreled, pre-1899 pump, or lever action shotguns.

The shooting competition is staged in a unique, characterized, Old West style. Contestants shoot in several one-to-four gun stages in which they engage steel and/or cardboard targets. Scoring is based on accuracy and speed.

Cowboy Action Shooting is not intended to be a precision shooting competition. Small targets and long distances take the “action” out of “Cowboy Action Shooting” and make it more discouraging for newer shooters.

Both experienced and inexperienced shooters want hits on their targets. Some folks just hit (or miss) a little faster than others. Too many misses, or the perception the targets are too difficult to hit, discourage folks from continuing to play, especially the less proficient shooters.

Ask any experienced Cowboy Action Shooter, and she or he will tell you there is no such thing as a target too big or too close to miss!

Metal and paper targets of generous size are used. Reactive targets such as pepper poppers and falling plates are used when practical to enhance shooter feedback and spectator appeal. Targets are set at close to medium range. There are no absolute rules, but we suggest the following distances, by firearm, if using a target approximately 400mm X 400mm:

Revolver – 7 to 10 meters  
Shotgun – 8 to 16 meters  
Rifle – 13 to 50 meters

To the extent possible, reactive targets are set to fall when squarely hit with no more than a standard .38 Special 158 gr. factory load.

Cape SAAACA's Western Shooter's Association get's together every third Saturday of each month for a shoot at the False Bay Shooting Club. If you are interested in this sport, please feel free to pop in during our shoot and we will even let you have a go.

Graeme Smith

Aka: Slip Shootin Smith

[www.westernshooters.co.za](http://www.westernshooters.co.za)

### **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!**

**Directions available on request.**

**FUTURE SHOOTS:**    **6<sup>th</sup> of September Range C**  
                              **4<sup>th</sup> 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**  
                              **Graeme Smith**  
                              **Mike di Bona (Black powder)**  
                              **Francois du Toit**

*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 introduce a novice to collecting, possibly your own son or the neighbours'?*

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



## **WEBSITE:**

[www.capesaaaca.co.za](http://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](mailto:webmaster@capesaaaca.co.za)

We intend building as wide as possible a network of mutual complementing associations. Forward any link or contact detail to the Chairman to be included. This will also include a list of all gunsmiths and firearm dealers.

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](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.

## **DEALERS CORNER:**

Visit our web site to support our accredited dealers.

### **Classic Arms Auction dates:**

(W) 013-656 2923

[andrew@classicarms.co.za](mailto:andrew@classicarms.co.za)

[www.classicarms.co.za](http://www.classicarms.co.za)

### **The Military Bookshop:**

General militaria specialist books and special orders on request.

Johan van den Berg at [warbooks@mweb.co.za](mailto:warbooks@mweb.co.za)

Greetings,

*Stephan Fourie*

Chairman

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**"If firearms cause crime, then pencils cause illiteracy"**