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## SEPT 2008 NEWSLETTER

### UPCOMING SEPTEMBER TALKS:

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, the 25<sup>th</sup> of Sept 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:

**Photographs and feed back on the Africa Aerospace and Defence Trade Show held at the Ysterplaat AFB 17-19 Sept 2008.**

### SHOW AND TELL as presented.

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!

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PREPARE SOME NOTES ON THE TOPIC/SUBJECT YOU ARE GOING TO SHARE WITH US AND SUBMIT IT TO THE CHAIRMAN BY E-MAIL FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER. EVERY MONTH IT IS A STRUGGLE TO GET THE LAST MEETING'S NOTES IN TIME FOR THE NEXT NEWSLETTER!**



### ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS:

#### Chairman Duties:

#### NAACCSA:

This is the national body on which all accredited collecting bodies sit to promote its interests at all levels, to work towards mutual benefits as well as to address such concerns that arises from time to time and to learn from each other. It is also the forum through which we collectively address SAPS CFR matters.

The next AGM of this body will be on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 2008 at Truvelo in Midrand.

The Chairman will give feed back on this in the newsletter following that date.

#### CFR AND LEGAL MATTERS:

CAPE SAAACA has established excellent working relationships with the Western Cape SAPS CFR and is working towards establishing equal effective working relationships with the national SAPS CFR.

It is too early to share the details of the following, but we are working towards establishing a "Legal Support Secretariat" (for those who don't know the jargon, secretariat is the name we use for our various working

committees) for our members and are negotiating with local attorneys well experienced in firearm matters. More about this as it materialises.

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

The Chairman has been accredited as a SAHRA representative reporting directly to the SAHRA manager Regina Isaacs responsible for heritage artefacts.

In that capacity the Chairman received numerous requests to inspect and report on the heritage status of firearms members of the public wished to deactivate.

The Chairman has always been concerned about the wider impact of this problem, reflected by the far more critical concern of firearms being destroyed by the SAPS. To that end contact was established with the senior SAPS CFR Officer Superintendent G. Visser responsible for the Western Cape in this regard. There was strong initial "growing pains" and mutual distrust as motives were questioned, but a healthy mutual respect and trust eventually developed which led to a good and effective working relationship. At this stage the Chairman are contacted weekly by Sup Visser to investigate various requests varying from deactivation to destruction and weapons declared Heritage are sent up to SAPS Pretoria for the appropriate committee to address along heritage protocol. It will require constant monitoring as Officers change to ensure continued adherence. Unfortunately and outside the SAPS control the museums are not organised or willing to rise to the occasion, and a lot of work remains still to be done to ensure that our national heritage are not lost due to short sighted fragmented efforts or policies by all role players concerned. This aspect will remain on our agenda for the unforeseeable future.

The one area that remained a problem was Dealers exporting without the appropriate proper legal approval. The system are still full of loop holes and the Chairman tackled the task to synergize and network with all the role players who were supposed to be involved and to get them to talk to each other. It was critical that all role players would cooperate instead of each only looking only at their immediate field of responsibility, effectively allowing large loop holes in between the various agencies. In this regard we must give due credit to Sup Visser who rose to the occasion to take to heart such problem areas identified.

SAHRA undertook to address those reported as possible offenders and a letter are being sent out to one in particular.

Sup Visser invited the Chairman in his SAHRA capacity to address the Dealers at the last SAPS CFR Dealers Forum on the correct legal procedures and protocol and numerous dealers has since contacted this Office to assist them further.

Various possible network benefits might arise from this for us as collectors and we will report back in future newsletters as it evolves.

Already some members of the Public contacted our Offices after enquiring at their SAPS DFO's what options they had if they wanted to get rid of their firearms and those were posted on our web site under TRADERS CORNER as a free add. Keep your eyes posted as bargains might be had there! It is a free service to everyone and you would negotiate directly with the seller.

### **EXCO:**

As a special project the EXCO are going to endeavour to reach out to all possible collectors still in the closets who might not know of our existence in order to build and promote our interest and to strengthen our base. We managed to create some financial reserves and plan to use it towards advertisements in the main specialist magazines. All suggestions will be welcomed.

We are also going to support the Membership Committee to contact all and sundry not yet brought up to speed to secure their firearm licenses before the March 2009 dead line.

The Chairman is leaving for the US of A on a business trip immediately after the NAACCSA AGM,

and he scheduled some meetings with USA firearm association role players to establish mutual working relations as well a meeting with a UN cultural attaché on the promotion of “regionalised history” as they like to call nationalism. It is envisaged that SAHA will become a facilitator on a higher regional level in this regard. More feed back as matters develop.

## **2008 AGM**

This AGM will only be a report back meeting to our members as office bearers are only elected every second year. So we will again go to the “polls” in 2009 as also the *great* voting year for the country.

On this AGM we will give feed back on the progress of our stated plan of action to date and how our finances look and what we still plan for the next year forward. Notices will soon be posted.

We will also give feed back of any developments affecting our members’ interests.

We also hope to again be able to host another event such as we were privileged to have enjoyed last year when Capt (ret) Lamont SAN played host for us at Simonstown and organised a navy day for us. It will be a challenge to beat it but in that is the challenge! Any suggestions and offers to help?

### **Talks at High Schools:**

This is proving a huge success and we request anybody who is willing to assist in promoting the passion of collecting amongst the youth to contact the Chairman. If we do not make an concerted effort to develop a lively interest amongst the emerging youth, we very well might find ourselves and our interests as firearm collectors declining into oblivion as we age.

### **Membership Committee:**

The membership Committee is attending to its normal work load of new members applications, applications to be categorised and applications to have further firearms declared collectible as our members build out their collection. In this regard we are happy to be able to confirm that one of our members were able to have no less than 10 new licences approved within TWO months! This was possible firstly because CAPE SAAACA’s regime is soundly based and secondly because such members went through the correct sequence and protocols with their applications.

The Chairman also wishes to extend a hearty thank you to the Convenor of the Membership Committee who goes to such great lengths to assist new members to clear the hurdles in becoming categorised as Private Collectors. Well done Robert and thank you very much!

### **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](mailto:web@capesaaaca.co.za)

### **An annual Cape collectors’ show:**

Looking at similar events we learned from their strengths and mistakes and took note of what their exhibitors said. It quickly became clear that it would be no easy task.

One concern is the falling participation probably resulting from a declining overall collectors corps which would impact on the exhibitors with financial gain motives.

To that end it became clear that if we with even less critical mass numbers would have to think out of the box, and that led us to work towards an event that would include various complimentary parties not necessary within our immediate interest areas.

The idea would be to include literally any- and everybody who would be interested in displaying and promoting themselves subject to some basic quality and ethic criteria.

**So at this stage we are compiling a data list of such parties and would appreciate YOUR valuable input in helping us building as wide a base as possible to make the event feasible.**

From that as basis we would be able plan more clearly.



### **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.**

### **WHAT SHOULD A COLLECTOR DO IF HE COMES ACROSS A VALUABLE PIECE THAT HE DEARLY WOULD LIKE BUT ARE NOT YET READY TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE?**

A buyer is permitted to store a firearm (but may not use it at all till it is licensed) even though he is not yet the legal licensed owner thereof as long as the selling party getting rid of his firearms either also sold his safe or has insufficient safe storage space, and therefore cannot store the firearm till the "buyer" obtains his license. Such a buyer could complete a "Permit to Store" form SAP 539, giving careful consideration to Para 8 reflecting the reason why the Seller no longer can store the firearm pending the license approval.



### **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.

## CAPE SAAACA WESTERN SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION:



Cowboy Action Shooting is the fastest growing shooting sport in the world. It's world-wide. It exists in places where getting firearms is difficult and expensive such as Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, Austria and right here in South Africa. The Single Action Shooting Society is approaching 90,000 members, and thousands of people participate in the US every year at 'End of Trail', the annual SASS world championships. Over 10,000 people are starting at it every year in the US alone (judging by the new SASS member numbers). The simple fact is it's fun.

### Getting started in Cowboy Action Shooting:

You'll need 2 single Action revolvers, one pistol caliber lever action rifle, and one side-by-side shotgun without ejectors or an external hammer pump shotgun (Winchester '97) or lever action shotgun (Winchester 1887 — black-powder only unless one of the promised replicas actually becomes available).

**Pistols:** We will start with the assumption that you want something resembling Colt Single Action Army revolvers and then talk about alternatives. More than 90% of SASS shooters use something resembling the Colt SAA. Those trying to get started on the cheap can find used Ruger Blackhawks (modern category with adjustable sights). New or used Ruger Vaqueros (Fixed sight revolvers put you in traditional class). Clones of Colt SAA's can also be picked up easily, depending on brand. Colt SAAs are available from SASS starting at \$1290 each but require 3-12 months for delivery from the factory. If you have shootable Colts, shoot them. If you don't or don't want to tie up that kind of money, use clones or Rugers or Colt Cowboys. Nearly all of the national and World Champions shoot Rugers for their reliability and sight picture.

This month's shoot went well. Attendance was slightly less than normal, but allowed those present to shoot much more stages than usual. The rain and wind storms we have had lately, left our

shooting range slightly damaged and muddy, but nothing a bunch of tough cowboys cannot get through. Next month's shoot should be in great sunny weather and attendance should be high.

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](http://www.westernshooters.co.za) or just pop in at the False Bay shooting range every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. (Directions can be found via our website.)



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

Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August we again met in the hallowed chambers of the CTH Officers' Club at the Cape Castle for our monthly talk.

John Lamont brought a selection of military whistles, all of which he identified as army whistles. The first he discussed was an artillery whistle, also known as a coach whistle. Secondly he introduced a cavalry whistle, and lastly he produced a Scottish whistle with a South African connection, possibly used in the Anglo-Boer War. It has a regimental button pasted to the side of it. Alas, in spite of being steeped in naval traditions, he did not bring a bosun's call along to round off the collection! Thank you John, for introducing us to a fascinating field of militaria collecting.

Cyril Lautenbach spoke on the Model 1912 Steyr Hahn pistol.

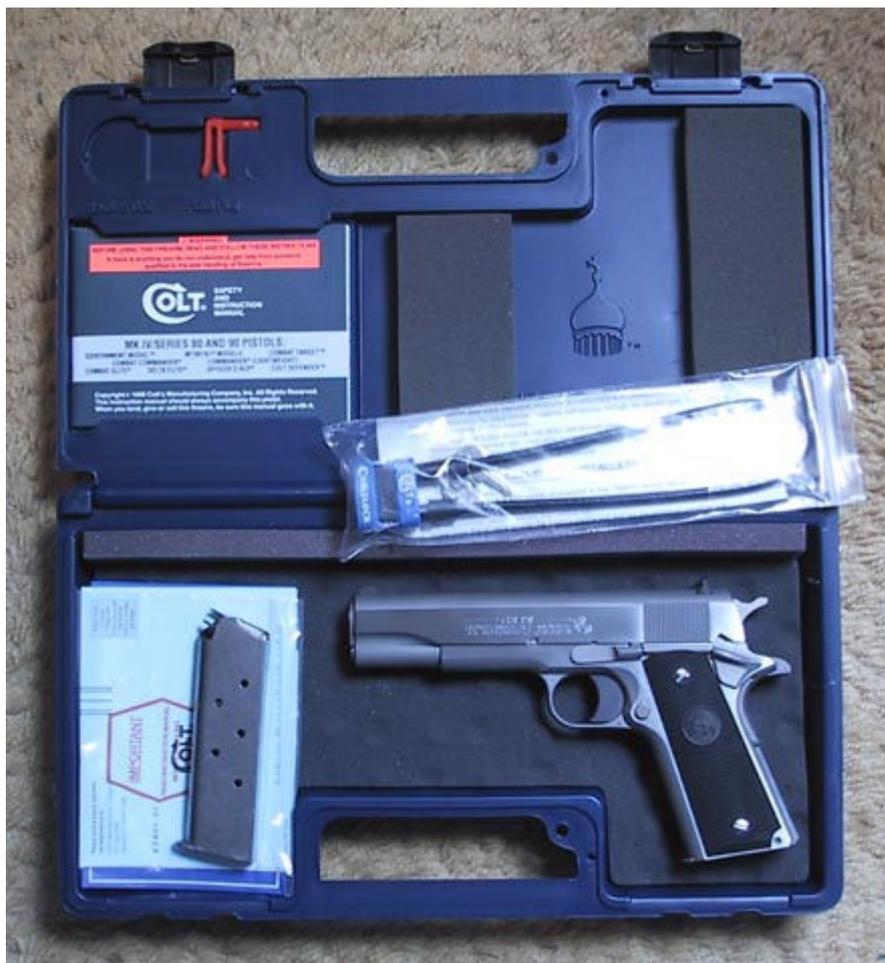


The first semi-automatic pistol adopted by the Austro-Hungarian Empire was the Model 1907 Roth-Steyr pistol. This was unusual in several aspects; it followed then Austrian rifle practice in having a fixed integral magazine accommodated in the butt; ignition was by a partially cocked striker much like today's Glock; the locked breech was operated by a rotating barrel. Intended primarily for the cavalry, the trigger action was very stiff. This was followed in Austrian service by the 1912 Steyr.

Although it retained the rotating barrel and the charger loaded magazine it differed in other aspects, it had an enveloping slide instead of the reciprocating bolt of the Roth Steyr and ignition was by an exposed hammer (hence the unofficial title appendage Hahn). The pistol is well made and very robust. The cartridge, now long obsolete, was in the same power range as the 9mm Parabellum. During World War 2 some of these pistols were re-barreled to take the easier obtained 9mm Para. It has been speculated that had these pistols been chambered for the 9mmP in the first place and had a separate magazine been used then it would have been far more popular. It has been estimated that only some 250,000 of these pistols were made. The only other countries to use these pistols were Romania and Chile in a relatively small quantity.

Julian Huxham brought a semi-automatic Winchester Model 100 in .308 Win calibre (7,62 NATO). The rifle comes, as standard issue, with a 4-shot magazine. The woodwork is beautifully crafted and finished in basket-weave pattern engraving, embellished by oak leaves and acorns. The Model 100 is furnished with a roller-lock action. It first came on the market in 1960 and the last one was made in 1973 – the production run being 230 000 in total. Thanks to Julian for sharing this wonderfully made and finished rifle with us.

Greg Ronne brought along a Colt Series 80 Mk IV Gold Cup in .45 ACP calibre, in absolutely mint condition. The gun is chrome-plated. Thanks Greg for sharing this outstanding piece of fire-arm engineering and epitome of accuracy with us.



Finally, Capt. Pierre de Villiers of the CTH gave us an overview of the situation in the Caucasus, in which a sharp but very bloody conflict arose between Russia and the breakaway Republic of Georgia, over the latter's aggression against the small enclave of Southern Ossetia, which started

on the night of 8/9 August.



The conflict had all the ingredients of escalating into a full-scale international crisis as Georgia was sided by the United States, with a newly resurgent Russia unwilling to brook foreign interference on its doorstep. As Intelligence officer for the CTH, Pierre prepared a comprehensive overview of the conflict in the form of a PowerPoint presentation, well-illustrated and highly informative. Pierre's presentation elicited a lively discussion and we want to thank him for a great encore to the night's activities.



## **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!**

**The last shoot was well attended and great fun was had by all who part took. We are hoping to see more of you at the next shoot!**

**Try either your revolver and old .303 or pistol and any semi auto rifle combo. It's a nice blend of a bit of competition and just plain fun burning cordite, and we get to peek at other collectors' scarce and interesting pieces.**

**FUTURE SHOOTS:** 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 RO in charge  
Mike di Bona (Black powder)  
Francois du Toit (Safety)  
**COSTS:** R20,00

*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)

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:**

[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)

### **FEES PAYABLE:**

<b>Joining fee</b>	<b>R150.00</b>
<b>Annual subs for firearm collectors</b>	<b>R450.00</b>
<b>Categorisation and Field of Interest applications/reviews.</b>	<b>R250.00</b>
<b>Subsequent Collectibility applications</b>	<b>R100.00</b>
<b>Annual subs for all other secretariat collector categories</b>	<b>R250.00</b>
<b>Student membership subs</b>	<b>R100.00</b>

Greetings,

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