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MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING MARCH TALKS:

Our next talk will be Thursday the 26th of March at the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders inside the Castle of Good Hope.

SHOW AND TELL

The following talk will be held on Thursday the 30th of April.



CHAIRMAN:

With only a couple of days left, we are fast approaching the final cut of date of the last relicensing cycle, bringing to closure the first round of the implementation of arguably one of the most unpopular Acts in decades amongst firearm owners since Jimmy Kruger limited us to 11 firearms.

Two matters remain unresolved.

What is going to happen to those who did not relicense within the prescribed time frame?

We were inundated with last minute submissions and even more queries from panicky firearm owners who thought that the FCA would somehow disappear before it was their turn to relicense. In doing so, many purposely neglected to relicense within their due date with grave consequences. The SAPS clearly indicated that they will not entertain such applications if those could not supply a valid reason why they were unable to relicense within the required time frames. Those firearm owners will either have to hand it in at the SAPS or sell it before end June 2009 to prevent them from being prosecuted.

What is the status of those who handed their firearms in or whose licenses were refused?

Those who applied but whose firearm licenses were refused, has good grounds on which to apply to the SAPS to be remunerated. This would not be a popular issue with either the SAPS or Dept of Safety and security, but none the less, it is an entrenched right. Simply ask for such a form at the SAPS DPO and submit along with the necessary proof and docs.

However, those who “voluntary” handed their firearms in for destruction did so under their own accord and no longer enjoy the choice of applying for any remuneration. That they may have been ill advised

Looking at the stats, only roughly 600,000 firearm owners out of a possible 1,900,000 did apply for licenses. That leaves 1,300,000 firearm owners still outstanding. Although the SAPS has clearly said that those can expect a “hard knock” on their front doors after the end of June, it remains an open question whether it would serve any purpose (under an Act intended to lessen crime through the minimising of the “proliferation” of firearms) to actually prosecute the defaulters as if they were criminals. How the SAPS is going to address this issue is going to either do their standing in the society a lot of good or cause irrevocable damage to their reputation as custodians of the peace.

None the less, it would be a foolish person to chance that. I suggest that any such person should attempt to sell it, or by default they will be compelled to hand it in for destruction as sad as it would seem.

Remember that our web site www.capesaaaca.co.za offers free space to anyone wishing to sell any firearm related article. Requests to do so must be accompanied by a digital photograph and price.

At least now we can carry on with the “normal” business” of why a firearm collecting body came to be, promoting the collecting of militaria and firearms.

On this point I need to extend a hearty and grateful THANK YOU for the unselfish efforts and sacrifice rendered by Robert Nothhaft and his team on the Membership Committee during these past four years. I doubt very much if anybody has any idea of the hours they put in to ensure that each and every application stands the test of time. At times most applicants at the time probably felt they had sadistic tendencies. But to date most members were categorised and we can proudly claim that not one members’ application to be relicensed were refused on grounds of insufficient motivation. That in itself more than exonerates the exacting due diligence maintained by the membership Committee.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS:

Membership Committee:

PENDING COLLECTOR APPLICATIONS DUE FOR RELICENSING 31ST MARCH 09:

The Membership Committee is busy with numerous pending applications, and many more being received daily. Clearly most will not be approved before end March given the due diligence evaluation it has to go through!

No need to panic! We will issue a *Deferment Certificate* to any applicant whose application was received by us, but still under consideration at the end of March, as per agreement with the SAPS CFR.

If we have not at this date issued you with one, contact the Chairman and request it.

FIRE ARM RELICENSING:

Refer our web site for SAPS CFR related forms or go directly to;



WEB SITE:

Part of our web site is to keep you informed of all related activities. Members are reminded to submit information on any related activities and or events to be included on our web site calendar. Invite all those other clubs and associations with complementing interests to post their events for free to promote it as a site where everyone can go to see on one site what's on when.

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"**.

The **"DEALERS MARKET"** on our web allows Dealers to offer various items for sale to Collectors. More later, but let it suffice that we have to do everything we can to promote networking at all levels to ensure the big picture survival of all role players to allow us a place in the sun to pursue our interest as private collectors.

Submit such information to web@capesaaaca.co.za or forward to the Chairman.

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 SHOOT:

Shoots at Atlantis can unfortunately only be booked quarterly in advance.

4th Apr 2009 (1st Saturday Apr) Range 3 (In front of Club house)

TIME: 09H30 for 10H00.

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
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!



Minutes of the Castle Talks held 26th of February 2009:

Arnold Beneke gave a brief background on The International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC). The International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) was established to promote, maintain, improve and advance practical shooting world wide and to cultivate the safe and efficient use of firearms. The nature of Practical marksmanship is embodied in the following words “Diligentia-Vis-Celeritas”, namely accuracy, power and speed, which are all equivalent elements in this sport discipline involving handguns, shotguns and rifles. He briefly spoke about shotguns and semi automatic rifles used in the IPSC Three Gun Competitions. He presented a nylon shock buff he uses in his 1911 type pistols.

He presented the old IPSC metric Target with Head zone and the new IPSC Classic target which is does not resemble a human form. He explained the scoring zones on the new target for major and minor calibres:

The modern rules of the sport have different divisions so that the man in the street with a minimum of a 9mm Parabellum Pistol or 38 Special revolvers can participate without getting into an equipment race which can be costly.

The IPSC divisions are:

Open Division which incorporates mainly custom built “race” guns. There is no size limitation on these handguns but they must be able to be carried holstered. The 1911 stack frame format (Para Ordnance or STI are popular) is the most common and the most popular calibre in this class is 38 Super, but 9mmx21 or 9mmx23 are also used.

Standard Division allows for single action pistols with a minimum calibre of 9mm Parabellum. This is by far the most popular division in this country as it allows the man in the street to participate with minimal modifications. The 1911 stack frame format (Para Ordnance or STI are popular) is common especially with the 40 S&W calibre which has become very popular as well as a few “old traditionalists” who stick to their 45 ACP calibre. No compensators, extended barrels, optical sights or porting of barrels are allowed.

Modified Division allows for single action pistols with a minimum calibre of 9mm Parabellum. The 1911 stack frame format (Para Ordnance or STI are popular) is common but compensators, extended barrels, optical sights or porting of barrels are allowed as long as the gun in the ready position with magazines inserted must fit into the confines of a box which has the internal dimensions of 225mm x 150mm x 45mm. Minimum power factor Bullet (weight x bullet speed in

ft/s) for this class to make major calibre is 170. Minimum power factor for Minor 125.

Production Division allows only for double action pistols and revolvers with a minimum calibre of 9mm Parabellum. Participation in this division is on the increase. CZ's, Berettas, Glocks and H&K USP's are popular choices of pistols but we are seeing a wide variety of other makes being used. No compensators, extended barrels, extended magazines, optical sights or porting of barrels are allowed. Maximum barrel length allowed is 5" as fitted in the production of the handgun. Hi profile sights are allowed. All scoring is minor.

Revolver Standard Division allows for a minimum bullet diameter of 9mm (0.354"). No compensators, extended barrels, optical sights or porting of barrels is allowed. Minimum power factor Bullet (weight x bullet speed in ft/s) for this class to make major calibre is 170. Minimum power factor for Minor 125.

Arnold presented two of his custom built pistols:

1. Standard Division custom built 1911 stack frame format pistol in 45 ACP calibre with the following custom specifications:

Colt Mk IV barrel with finger bushing.

Colt Government Mk IV Series 70 Slide.

Fixed high profile type sights.

Wilson Match Grade Extractor

Wilson Match Grade Firing Pin

Wolf recoil spring

Colt MK IV Recoil guide with nylon shock buff

Para Ordnance Slimline Carbon Steel Frame

Colt Mk IV mainspring housing

Kings extended adjustable match trigger.

Gun Craft magazine release button.

Wolf recoil spring

Wilson Match Grade pins and springs

Wilson Match Grade Ring type hammer

Wilson Match Grade Beavertail

Wilson Match Grade Extended safety catch

Para Ordnance 45 ACP magazine 14 round capacity.



2. Open Division custom built 1911 stack frame format pistol in 45 ACP calibre with the following custom specifications:

Match grade 6" Stainless Steel barrel

Wilson Match Grade Compensator

Wilson Match Grade bushing.

Colt Government Slide.

Wilson Match Grade Extractor

Wilson Match Grade Firing Pin

Para Ordnance Carbon Steel Frame
Pachmayer flat mainspring housing
Gun Craft Magazine well
Wolf recoil spring
Wilson Match Grade Recoil system with nylon shock buff
Kings extended adjustable match trigger.
Gun Craft extended magazine release button.
Wilson Match Grade pins and springs
Wilson Match Grade Ring type hammer
Wilson Match Grade Beavertail
Kings ambi-dexterous extended safety catch
Wiegand Saddle Type Scope Mount
Tasco PDP3 optical sights (Red Dot – shoot with both eyes open)
Woodsman cocking lever
Para Ordnance 45 ACP magazine 15 round capacity with Eagle Extended Magazine base.

Notes on the topics are published in more detail on our web site.

WEBSITE:

www.capesaaaca.co.za (New site under construction)

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.

DEALERS CORNER:

Visit our web site to support our accredited dealers.

Firearm Dealers:

www.classicarms.co.za ; andrew@classicarms.co.za ; next auction 3rd of April 2009. Watch the web site.

www.suburbanguns.co.za

The Military Bookshop:

General militaria specialist books and special orders on request.
Johan van den Berg at warbooks@mweb.co.za

FEES PAYABLE:

Joining fee	R150.00
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
Associated Dealers	R500,00

Greetings,

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"If firearms cause crime, then pencils cause illiteracy"