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APRIL 2009 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING APRIL TALKS:

Our next talk will be Thursday the 30th of April at the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders inside the Castle of Good Hope.

SHOW AND TELL

Some of our accredited Dealers will also display some of their products and services.

The following talk will be held on Thursday the 28th of May.



CHAIRMAN:

Talk of a flurry of activity! The first firearm re-licencing cycle under the FCA 60 of 2000 came to an end forcing along with it all the practicalities surrounding it to also come to a head.

In my capacity as SAHRA Agent in Western Cape I had to attend to numerous deactivation requests on antique and scarce heritage items as well as inspect the SAPS S13 stores on firearms handed in for destruction. A matter that highlighted numerous areas for concern which I intend addressing to the responsible authorities in time to come.

The most alarming bit in my mind was not the firearms due for destruction, but that only about a third of the 1,900,000 firearm owners bothered to relicence, leaving approx 1,200,000 individuals to get rid of their firearms before end June 2009. (We await final stats on this score from the authorities.) If they were unsuccessful in attempts to sell if before end June 2009, they would have to hand it in to the SAPS CFR for destruction. In that context we received numerous requests to assist in selling it, which we post on our web site under Traders market, bargains to be had! That certainly has the knock on effect of practically destroying the ordinary firearm market value on the short term although it does create opportunities for the collector.

Further to our recent feed back on this in our newsletters, a further development arose. (Did we really expect it to end "smoothly"?) A recent SAPS CFR Directive became known which amongst others laid down strict lines anyone applying for new licences not yet issued by end June had to adhere to.

URGENT NOTICE REGARDING THE FINAL DATE AROUND THE FIRST IMPLIMENTATION CYCLE OF THE FCA 60 OF 2000:

The following facts as back ground;

1. The FCA and its Regulations states that at the end of the 1st re-licencing cycle ending the 31st of March 2009, all those who failed to relicence has a further 3 months in which to

dispose of their firearms along 2 ways, (i) sell it or (ii) surrender it to the SAPS CFR. Anybody failing to do so would be liable to be prosecuted.

2. A recent SAPS CFR internal directive stated that anybody who applied for a new licence and whose license application is still under consideration by the 30th of June 2009, whether still in the custody of the original owner, kept by them under a SAPS 530 permit or by a Firearm Dealer, has to hand any such firearms in to their local SAPS CFR S13 store where it will be kept pending the final outcome of that application. If unsuccessful, the weapons automatically became forfeited to the State.

This is a matter that has dire implications for many collectors who will apply for new firearm licences up to that date, one wrought with confusion and possible incriminating results to any ignorant person. We are seriously concerned that the SAPS do not have sufficient safe storage space or the means to maintain valuable pieces in the event of protracted licencing periods. Along with other concerned firearm interest groups, we entered into negotiations with the SAPS CFR through our umbrella body NAACCSA. The following interim report from the NAACCSA EXCO applies.

Dear NAACCSA Members,

As you are all aware, the licences issued under the previous Arms and Ammunition Act (1969) will expire on the 30th June this year.

We have received a number of questions regarding the procedure which will be followed where New Applications are still in process at that time, given that the Seller or the Buyer of a firearm which has been transacted between two private persons could be construed as being in possession of an illegal firearm after that date, if the new licence has not yet been received .

There are also questions regarding a directive purportedly issued by CFR in terms of which such firearms must be handed in to Police Stations for safe keeping at that date. This also would apply to firearms held in 'safe custody' at a Dealer in the name of the individual.

We have serious concerns around the practicality of such an arrangement, as well as the preservation of our firearms in good condition, were something like this to happen.

We have participated through our National Body (NAACCSA) in a meeting of the UFF this week with other firearm groupings, to deliberate on this and other related matters, and to develop a consensus way forward. Further meetings with CFR are planned in the near future by NAACCSA and other Firearm Associations, and we will keep you advised of developments.

Kind Regards,

Carvel Webb
(NAACCSA Chairman)



ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL MATTERS:

Membership Committee:

Various categorisation applications are still under consideration towards which we issued "Deferment Letters" to those subject to re-licencing. It is imperative that those attend to any outstanding matters as a matter of urgency as such applications are subject to the final implementation date of the 30th of June 2009 as well. It follows that the Deferment Letters issued would at that date become null and void. If you are one of those and under any doubt, please contact Robert Nothhaft, the Membership Committee Convenor at roronoma@telkomsa.net.

FIRE ARM RELICENCING:

Refer our web site for SAPS CFR related forms or go directly to;
http://www.saps.gov.za/crime_prevention/firearms/formseng.htm



WEB SITE: www.capesaaaca.co.za

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

Part of our web site is to keep you informed of all **CAPE SAAACA EVENTS** and other related interest group 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. Contact the webmaster at: [**webmaster@capesaaaca.co.za**](mailto:webmaster@capesaaaca.co.za)

To help YOU promote your own collection, we are going to create a **"FINDERS CORNER"** where everyone can post notices of such items they are still looking for. Mail a list with your direct contact details of what you are looking for to the Chairman.

The **"MEMBERSHIP FORUM"** is the space to post interesting subject topics or post questions on research matters you might be looking for some advice. Submit such information to [**web@capesaaaca.co.za**](mailto:web@capesaaaca.co.za) or forward to the Chairman.

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"**. Visit our web site to view some excellent bargains! Contact our webmaster with the necessary information, a digital picture in Jpeg format and 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.

ACCREDITED DEALERS:

Visit our web site to support our accredited dealers.

CLASSIC ARMS: www.classicarms.co.za ; andrew@classicarms.co.za ;

SUBURBAN GUNS Plumstead: Charles Montgomery. www.suburbanguns.co.za

PAROW ARMS: Joe Da Silva at parowarms@mweb.co.za

ZIMBI BOOKS: www.zimbibooks.com with a 5% discount to Cape SAAACA members, quote membership number.

The Military Bookshop: Johan van den Berg at warbooks@mweb.co.za

CFW: Specialist dehumidifiers at affordable prices. Ralph at Ralph@cfw.co.za

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 on 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.



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.

Our shoots increasingly are becoming popular and we hope to attract enough attention in the various categories to facilitate a competitive level as well.

- 1. Muzzle loading firearms (Pistol and rifle)**
- 2. Bolt action rifles and revolvers**
- 3. Semi-auto assault rifles and pistols.**

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 May 2009 (1st Saturday of May) Range 3 (In front of Club house)

6th Jun 2009 (1st Saturday Jun) Range 3 (In front of Club house)

4th Jul 2009 (1st Saturday Jul) 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

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

The next NSADF Atlantis Range Booking date is 14 July 2009 for the subsequent quarter.

Under real conditions one was under pressure to shoot as you were and normally enemy contacts happened at short distances. Our 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:

One of our members (sorry folks, our scribe Johan's notes left him in the dark here!) brought along a practice bomb picked up in a schoolyard next to Wynberg Military base. The specimen had a long metal rod welded to the nose in the place of the detonator. The bomb appears to be a British Mk II practice bomb used from the 1920s to the 1950s. It came in various weights but this one appears to be the 8-lb/3,5kg version. It has a teardrop-shaped body about 40cm long by 7,5cm in diameter at the widest part. The fin assembly is made up of four fins, 5cm in length, extending 2,5cm from the tail section, surrounded by a cylindrical piece of steel, 7,5cm in length and similar diameter.

Brian Coode brought along the breechblock for breech-loading cannon converted from a half-pounder muzzle-loading cannon. As we didn't have our resident black powder muzzle loader boffin Ian van Oordt at hand, we could only speculate on this interesting artefact

Wayne brought along a set of medieval chainmail body-armour that he fashioned from stainless steel links for use in photo shoots - approx 100 000 of them! As a curiosity it attracted quite a bit of attention and it didn't feel that heavy once one put it on. The question was raised how effective it would be as a bullet stopper?



Arnold Beneke brought along an extremely fine specimen of a Winchester-manufactured P14 rifle in .303 calibre. The Rifle, .303 Pattern 1914 (or P14) was a British service rifle of the First World War period. A bolt action weapon with an integral 5-round magazine, it was principally contract manufactured by companies in the United States. It served as a sniper rifle and as second line and reserve issue until being declared obsolete in 1947. The P14 was the successor to the P13 Enfield and the predecessor of the U.S. Rifle M1917 Enfield. During the Boer War the British were faced with accurate long-range fire from the famous Mauser rifles, model 1895, in 7x57mm caliber. This smaller, high-velocity round prompted the War Department to develop their own "magnum" round in 1910, using a .276 calibre cartridge. A modified Mauser-pattern rifle was built to fire it, the Pattern 1913 Enfield (P13); effective mass production was still some way off when World War I started, to say nothing of the logistical nightmare of introducing a new rifle cartridge in wartime, so nothing came of it.



Adapting the design to fire the standard .303 round led to the Rifle, .303 Pattern 1914 (P14), a competent design fed from a five-round internal magazine. The action was essentially a Mauser design with some Lee features and optimised for rapid fire, with the rifle half-cocking on opening and full cocking on closing (this was due to rapid-fire related heating making the standard Mauser actions difficult to operate quickly). The need for additional small arms combined with a shortage of spare industrial capacity led the British government to contract with U.S. commercial arms manufacturers, Winchester, Remington and Eddystone (a subsidiary of Remington set up principally to manufacture the P14) to produce the P14 for the British before the US entered the war in 1917. However, each factory produced parts from their own designs, leading to interchangeability issues; Winchester was particularly troublesome in this regard, going so far as to refuse for months to change to the new Mk I* standard. Therefore, the official designation of the rifle was dependent

upon its manufacturer: e.g., the Pattern 1914 Mk I *W* is a Mk I of Winchester manufacture, *R* would be Remington, or *E* for Eddystone.

Johan van den Berg has brought along a Star Model MB 9mm Parabellum pistol with a shoulder stock and extra-capacity magazines, taking either 16 or 32 rounds, in addition to the standard magazine holding 9 rounds. The Model MB is built on the frame of the Star Model M ("Modelo Militar") 9mm Largo/9mm Bergmann-Bayard or the Star Model P .45 ACP semi-automatic military pistols. The shoulder-stock configuration was copied from the fully-automatic/selective-fire versions of the 1930s Model MD 9mm Largo/Bergmann-Bayard Star and the Model PD in .45 ACP calibre (not to be confused with the chopped and lightened Model PD in .45 ACP of the 1980s - the "D" designation referred to the fully-automatic pistols, ostensibly for military use only). The pistol is heftier than the slimmer Model B that served for years as the standard side-arm for the SA Defences Forces, or the Model BM, which was chopped and lightened 9mm Parabellum that graced the gunshop shelves in the 1980s. The pistol is very sturdy in construction and shows hardly any wear other than on the grips, even though it has shot thousands of hardball or lead-bullet rounds (admittedly, the barrel was replaced due to a blown barrel as a result of a "dud" round during a rapid-fire session during a PPC combat-shooting exercise. Even with the bulged barrel it still functioned perfectly which was replaced out of safety considerations!)

Cyril Lautenbach brought a COLT NEW SERVICE REVOLVER and gave a review.

Originally a 1898 Model this was the last revolver to be officially used by the U.S.A. before adoption of the 1911 Colt semi-automatic pistol. Originally in caliber .45 Long Colt, it is also the largest revolver made by Colt and in 1907 was sent to the Philippines to alleviate the shortcomings of the official .38 Long Colt cartridge.

This particular one is one supplied to Britain during World War 1 and is in caliber .455 Eley. The British specification did not specifically state the chambering to be for Webley Mk2, but that the requirement was to fire the cartridge. The cylinder will fire .450 British, Webley Mk1 and Webley Mk2 and Enfield .476 cartridges.



This revolver carries the broad arrow of Government Property, the crossed split – tailed pennants of Military acceptance and the crown plus number of the Enfield inspectors mark. This is a robust revolver and will handle higher pressures than the Webley Mk6 .455 revolver and was designed from the start to be a Military sidearm.



TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

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| 1. | Ordinary Member (Firearm Collector) | R450,00 p/a |
| 2. | Associate Member (Non Firearm Collector/Enthusiast) | R250,00 p/a |
| 3. | Student Membership | R100,00 p/a |

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORMS ON WEB SITE: www.capesaaaca.co.za

FEES PAYABLE:

Joining fee	R150.00
Annual subs for Private Collectors (Firearms only)	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

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Greetings,

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