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JULY 2009 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING JULY TALK:

Our next talk will be at 19h00 on Thursday the 30th of July at the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders Regt inside the Castle of Good Hope.

SHOW AND TELL

The dealers are also going to donate some goodies which will be given away in a lucky draw.

PLEASE NOTE THAT AS FROM THIS MEETING WE MUST PAY THE ARMY A R10,00 FEE TO USE THE FACILITIES. WE WILL OPERATE A "HONEST JIM" JAR AT THE DOOR NEXT TO THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

For the next meeting on the 27th of August
we are going to have a

SHOW AND DISPLAY WITH A DIFERANCE!

WITH AN EYE TOWARDS PREPARING FOR A FUTURE FULLY FLEDGED "COLLECTORS AIRMSFAIR" WE INVITE MEMBERS TO BRING A SELECTION OF ARTEFACTS/MILITARIA AROUND A THEME FROM THEIR COLLECTIONS AND PUT IT ON DISPLAY. PLEASE MAIL THE CHAIRMAN TO ALLOW US TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY AND ALLOW FOR APPROPRIATE SPACE. DO NOT EXPECT "OTHERS" TO DO IT, ITS UP TO YOU THE MEMBERS TO MAKE SUCH AN INITIATIVE WORK!

The following talk will be held on Thursday the 27th of August 2009.



CHAIRMAN's REPORT:

The SAHNCA interim court ruling were both a blessing and a curse leading to further procrastination amongst the uninformed laymen to comply with the FCA 60 of 2000, no doubt leaving room at No 99 for much belated teeth gnashing once the final bolt is shut. On the positive side it allows us more time to address uncertain issues to protect our members' interests.

Unfortunately the aftermath of the first cycle of the re-licensing cycle still haunts us with much unfinished business limiting our members' collecting activities, and which requires us

to apply our resources towards promoting and protecting your interest.

We therefore planned various initiatives to address remaining concerns and challenges. To that end we need your active participation as asked further on in the newsletter. Your association can only be as effective as the sum of the whole commitment, and THAT requires YOUR involvement however small, and not to remain a passenger enjoying the fruit of others. Do your bit and help us to help you by giving your fullest cooperation!

Our biggest concern is that most uninformed folk may assume that with the SAHNCA Court Case, that the FCA 60 of 2000 has been rescinded and no longer applicable. This is definitely not the case, as its only certain aspects that is being challenged, and once it ran its course, it will be business as "usual" with those who with held having to comply under duress and probably again at the 11th hour. Keep yourself informed and inform your friends and neighbours of the facts.

RECORD TO MONITOR PROGRESS OF SAP CFR LICENSE PROCESSING OF PRIVATE COLLECTORS:

The Chairman meets monthly with the Western Cape SAP CFR to monitor any possible problems they might have with applications pertaining to only license applications submitted as Private Collectors.

To date the following appeared to be the most common problems:

1. Based on his own observation when visiting local DFO's and on feedback from member complaints, local DFO's seem ignorant as to how to handle Private Collector applications and sit on it without logging it on the system. That means that the Provincial Office does not know about it, and therefore cannot comment on it.
2. Incomplete submissions by the applicant, mostly from other Associations! Never the less, he will follow it up and support all Private Collector submissions regardless from which collecting body it originated.

He arranged a meeting to confirm against the CFR database what the status of each members' application status are, and to discuss and follow up on any outstanding cases.

It is however imperative that he has all the facts on hand when talking to the Western Cape Offices to allow them to follow up on long outstanding submissions.

To that end he requests that each and every member who has submitted (re-) license applications whenever and has not yet received their new licenses, inform us of all the relevant detail to allow us to build a data base on which to action meaningful control to assist our members. See attached questionnaire.

ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO COMPLETE AND POST TO THE CHAIRMAN THE ATTACHED QUESTIONNAIRE. CUT OFF DATE 15th of AUGUST 2009.

GETTING SOME EXPOSURE AND HOPEFULLE CHANELLING SOME POSSIBLE COLLECTIBLE FIREARMS TOWARDS APPRECIATING COLLECTORS AS CUSTODIANS OF A NATIONAL HERITAGE ASSET FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC HANDING IN THEIR FIREARMS AT THE VARIOUS S13 SAP STORES.

You never thought of your personal collection as a national heritage asset, did you? But if the state museums no longer protects and preserves, then it is left to the small nucleus of less than 2000 country wide Private Collectors to “stand in the door” so to speak.

We are negotiating permission from the SAPS CFR WC to allow us to display posters at the various SAP DFO & S13 Offices inviting the Public to first advertise their firearms on our web site for free rather than handing it in to the SAPS CFR for destruction. Equally to assist them in determining whether their firearms might be Heritage Objects in terms of SAHRA, which the Chairman could assist in being the Western Cape SAHRA Heritage Inspector.

We ask that our Members collect one of these posters from our Offices and take it to their local SAPS DFO & S13 store to put on display on a prominent spot for the Public to view when visiting their friendly local DFO.

Each of you who did so, would then periodically have to monitor those sites to ensure it remains posted in a visible spot and to report any relevant information to the Chairman or a delegated Cape SAAACA Official.

Most of these would be advertised on our Web site for you to monitor whether something came up that would fill that elusive spot in your collection.

Without your active assistance we cannot make this work!

CAPE SAAACA EQUIPMENT:

A proxima projector and a laptop computer to run it on.

We finally reached the point where we cannot keep on putting off buying a proxima projector as we need it both for the talks as well as for Membership Committee meetings working through applications. If anybody has a contact that would allow us to purchase a good quality machine (2000+ lumens and high resolution) at a good discount, please contact the Chairman who has been notoriously stingy with our money! Equally we need a laptop for purpose to connect the proxima to, as having to borrow one every time causes untold hassles. But as this has no function further than that application, we are reluctant to spend our valuable capital on such an item for which we have no further use. If anybody knows of a good quality second hand one going at a fair price (or a free donation?), also contact the Office. Your input by not later than the 8th of August will be appreciated.

2009 AGM:

We are preparing for the next AGM which being the 2nd year in Office again is an election exercise.

It is imperative to understand how our structures function.

The EXCO is lean and mean, representing only the core compulsory functions (Chairman/Secretary/Treasurer/Membership Committee) as elected officials, with all the Working Committees being co-opted on merit to allow practical management control and adaptability as circumstances dictates.

We are currently meeting with all the working committees to evaluate past progress and to plan for the coming year and to determine our next budget as measured against our needs and goals.

Unfortunately no stability came from the first cycle of relicensing, leaving everyone to hold together fragmented pieces. I would dearly have preferred to be able to much rather focus on “fun benefits” to promote the true reason for our existence than remain being caught up in quasi bureaucratic administration as gate keepers to the FCA!

So our challenge remains a tight rope between a sound administration attending to a divergent array of responsibilities and on the other hand the reason for which we truly exist, to promote the activities of private collecting persé.

To that end, please prepare any suggestions we should take in mind to bear in mind when planning our actions. It is imperative that we reflect as wide as possible the needs of the collecting fraternity if we are to ensure a dynamic growing interest group. We need to break the track record of similar past interest groups that withered and died when individual central figures passed away. (HFSA and Western Cape SAAACA)

This I need by not later than the end of August, as we plan an early AGM to allow the EXCO and working committees to prepare and ensure continuity through to 2010 and beyond. Much remains to be done and we do not want to leave it till no 99.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Membership Committee is still working through the final overflow of the end June applications. Some applicants stopped working on their applications. In line with our service delivery policy, such applications will be returned to the applicant and considered as having become dormant, having to apply again from fresh at a future date along with having to pay categorisation fees once again. This does not apply to those who kept on working on their submissions throughout and kept in contact with the Membership Committee as to their progress.

FIRE 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

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 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

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 at charles@suburbanguns.co.za.
www.suburbanguns.co.za

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

EI CAPRISCO Henk or Herbie at henk@elcaprisco.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 with a 10% discount ditto above

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!

We have accomplished consistency with our collector shoots, by booking Range 3 in front of the club

house on every first Saturday of every month at the Shooting Range in Atlantis. Attendance has grown very good as well over the last year.

We have quite an eclectic collection of firearms normally on the range. This month's shoot didn't disappoint at all. We had a few new collectors join us for a shoot as well as a few guest shooters. Apart from the normal collection of bolt action rifles in different calibers, we also had a M1 Carbine, a "Broomhandle" and Lever Action Rifles. Handguns varied from semi-auto pistols in the different calibers to some spectacular double and single action revolvers, including a .44Mag Super Blackhawk and an incredibly beautiful nickel-plated Colt SAA in .45 caliber with real ivory grips.

Graeme Smith

Range master

FUTURE SHOOTS:

Cape SAAACA Shooting Dates:

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

5th Sep 2009 (1st Saturday Sep) Range 3 (In front of Club house)

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

TIME: 09H30 for 10H00.

VENUE: Range 3 (In front of Club house) at the NSADF Range at ATLANTIS on the R307
(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 range booking meeting is 13th Oct 2009 at 11:00 for: Feb, Mar and Apr.

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!



Cowboy Action Shooting (CSWSA)



A Gent shooting a replica Winchester 1866 Yellowboy Lever Action Rifle. (Notice the empty shell freshly extracted, one on its way down, another on top of the hat and another on the brim of the hat.)

If you have any Single Action Revolvers or Lever Action Rifles and would like to join us for a shoot, feel free to just arrive, introduce yourself and shoot. All you need are 2 Single Action Revolvers, one Lever Action Rifle and a side by side shotgun, but if you are short of anything, most shooters will supply you with whatever you need to shoot for the day, even their firearms. So feel free to just pop in.

Every member gets to step up to the starting point and do his thing with his firearms one at a time. We usually get in two rounds of shooting before a chuck wagon break (lunch) and another two rounds afterwards, giving each competitor about four times on the shooting line.

THIS MONTHS SHOOT

This month's shoot went very well. Attendance was higher than normal. We have a rifle rack at our shooting point and I don't think I've ever seen it so full of Lever Action Rifles and shotguns as this month. It seems the licenses are eventually starting to drip through one by one. Some of us have more than one, which we don't mind sharing with others that are still waiting for theirs.

The guys and gals were shooting from black powder, through cartridge traditional fixed sights and

even to cartridge modern categories with adjustable sights. Everybody performed pretty well, except for one member who seems to have lost his aim with the shotgun? Hopefully he'll get back on his horse pretty soon. We had a couple of new-comers who were shown the ropes and they performed pretty well. They seem to like the way we do things and maybe we'll see them more often.

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 website.)



Minutes of the Castle Talks held 25th of June 2009:

The meeting started with 22 members attending.

The Chairman expressed his apologies for the June newsletter going out late as they were awaiting finality on the SA Hunters Court application to which we were added as "friends of the court".

The discussions which followed mostly centred around the then unsure situation on the eve of the court decision which were due the following day.

The Chairman also mentioned that he tried to arrange a meeting with Senior Sup Solocoto of the WC CFR SAPS to get clarity on any outstanding Private Collector license application and was asked to submit it in writing to which they would respond in time given their own uncertainty.

He also issued a press release to local newspapers to keep the layman firearm owner informed of what their rights and obligations was at this stage of the developments and received interesting calls from readers.

Peter Voigt mentioned that he has been liaising with S/Sup Solocota regarding his own arrangements regarding the safe storage of weapons recently bought, and that it was approved.

With rumours going around that Shooting Clubs requested the Public to donate firearms to them, he mentioned that they will not be allowed to take such donations in possession, nor store weapons for safekeeping.

The Chairman then introduced new member Kobus Bosman and asked him to share his own experience since having applied to Cape SAAACA to become a Private Collector. Kobus recalled how he really struggled to motivate his application and how he had to make a decision to either go under or profit from the experience. Eventually his whole interest in the field was reborn as he had to rethink what and why he was doing it. He also mentioned how tough it was to do one's research and how grateful he was to the committee and some other members for help in that regard.

The Chairman agreed that applying for private collector status certainly seemed to rejuvenate stagnated interest and that CAPE SAAACA has indeed become the home of serious collectors. He also mentioned that they discovered from the applications that

applicants' fields of interest were 60 – 80% technology-based and the rest historical based with a spattering of other collecting categories.

The Chairman also mentioned that it is vital for ammunition collectors to apply as such as soon as possible although the FCA and the Regs were unclear about this and that the SAPS CFR had no clear policy in implementing it. It would however stand collectors in good faith to apply to the SAPS as ammunition collectors. The process would be to first obtain an ammunition collecting certification from an accredited collecting body such as CAPE SAAACA, and then attach that to their SAP 520(c).

For the "Show and Tell" part of the evening BRYAN BIGGS provided a solid brass case for a 12 gauge shotgun which is intended for hand loaders of shotgun ammunition. Bryan provided the following information about it for those that are interested:

Armour Brass is a small company based in Clocolan in the Free State. They supply reusable turned brass cases for 12-gauge shotguns.

While they can work out quite expensive, they do have advantages in that a) they last forever b) they can be reloaded without the use of a reloading press or specialist tools as no crimping is required, and c) it gives those of us with old shotguns a convenient way to produce suitable loads using either Smokeless Propellant or Black Powder.

One can buy the components from Armour Brass as well. There are of 4 types of components: a) a plastic wad, one of which is used to hold the powder in place and b) another wad to seal the front of the case once assembly is completed c) a plastic cup to contain the shot pellets., and d) a polystyrene space filler to take up any excess space between shot and the wad in front. Instructions are supplied with the kit, but be aware that the case volume is smaller due to thicker case walls - one may need to reduce loads and work up to a satisfactory custom load.



In addition to the above, one requires primers which are available from you gun dealer, and obviously powder and shot as per your preference.

Cases can be supplied in 70mm length or the 65mm length that many older guns require and can both accept either shotgun primers or the more easily available large pistol primers. The cases are sold in multiples of 5 which will be mailed when ordered.

When last ordered (in March 2008) they cost R25 per case & R47 per set of 100 components.

Magnum magazine did a test/review on the product some years ago but details of the particular issue were not provided. The product is being advertised in the Magnum from time to time in the smalls section at the back.

Contact details are: Tel: (051) 943 0596; Address: P.O. Box 165, Clocolan, 9735. No email address available.

PAUL BROWNE brought along a .303 Lee Enfield charger clearance gauge. This gauge is the factory-supplied armourers' tool for checking the width and depth of the cartridge rim channels on Lee Enfield chargers. If the rim and body of the cartridge is gripped too tightly

in the charger, the rifleman will find that a full clip of cartridges will not be easily (perhaps be impossible) be loaded into the magazine. If the lips are too loose, the cartridges will fall out before being pushed down.

The following markings on the gauge appear to be the part number, part description and date of manufacture, in that order: H.555 I.L.S.509.C. Engraved on the tool is the following inscription: "Gauge for Width Inside Chargers Rifle Magazine Lee Enfield Short 6 – 03".



The date would indicate that this tool was intended to accompany the very first SMLE, introduced on the 1st July, 1903. This model was universally ridiculed for being "too short to be a target-shooter's arm and too long to be a cavalryman's companion" and the introduction was cancelled. After minor modifications the weapon was re-introduced on the 14th September, 1903.

In cartridge collections, the head stamp "ILS" is believed to denote manufacture by the Royal Laboratory at Woolwich Arsenal. It's possible that that marking applies to this tool.



Last on the "Show and tell" was JOHAN VAN DEN BERG who brought along a Parabellum Pistole P08, which the Americans call the "Luger". The pistol is interesting in that it is a reworked and renumbered "parts" pistol that originated in the German Democratic Republic. The East Germans remanufactured pistols and rifles from parts and WWII captured stock, which were mainly issued to the border guards known as the Volkspolizei, or VoPo in short. These weapons accordingly acquired the name

"VoPo" guns. This particular VoPo pistol consists of a 1940 frame with an Erfurt toggle from which the original serial number has been very crudely ground away. The pistol has been renumbered except the barrel which is a replacement barrel with the DDR acceptance proof mark on the underside. The DDR proofmark has been stamped on the left side of the frame just above the take-down latch. From available documentation it seems that these pistols were remanufactured from the early 1950s and sixties onwards. When the East Germans were fully re-equipped with Soviet weaponry, these ex-WWII stock were returned to the arsenals where they again were refurbished and reblued. From the 1980s onwards these handguns were dumped on the commercial market in the West, mainly the USA, but some ended up in the RSA. They reached the west via Yugoslavia. The East German proofmark was defaced to hide the origin of the guns, but obviously nobody was fooled! The Parabellums are easily recognisable if they are fitted with the original East German plastic handgrips with a bullseye emblem in the centre. It also comes with mismatched magazines but which have been stamped with the same serial number as the gun. The one magazine was manufactured in the DDR as is evidenced from the manufacturing serial stamped on the one side, normally consisting of "002" as part of the number. The value and collectability of these guns are low and can be shot without any reservation.

WILLEM STEENKAMP then did an impromptu recollection of various historical issues which delivered with his usual poker face expression and dry sense of humour, and sometimes had the members rolling with laughter.

He also made an appeal for anyone interested to take part in the upcoming Cape Town Military Tattoo re-enactment of the Battle of Isandhlwana in the Castle from 18-20



November this year. He can be contacted at 083 412 0857. Full uniforms will be provided and there will be a full dress rehearsal the night before. They are also urgently looking for Martini Henry rifles of the 1879 period to be used with it. As Willem put it, only participants who can re-enact dying with the necessary pomp and dignity, and a stiff upper lip, need apply.....

Lastly Arnold Beneke suggested that any collector with time on their hands should visit their local police station and observe what weapons are handed in. There are lots of weapons handed in which were inherited by descendants and which are simply going to be destroyed by the authorities in their bid to disarm the civil population. More often than not none of the parties involved have got any idea of the historical value of those arms to be destroyed. He managed to save a Garand rifle among others in this way.

After the Chairman thanked the participants and dismissed the meeting the rest of the evening was spent with the usual refreshments and small talk – about firearms, what else - at the bar....



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 p/a
Categorisation and fee <u>per</u> Field of Interest application/review.	R250.00
Subsequent <u>per</u> Fol Collectibility applications	R100.00
Annual subs for Non Firearm Collector membership (Fellows)	R250.00 p/a
Annual Student membership subs	R100.00 p/a
Annual Accredited Dealers subs	R500,00 p/a

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