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OCT 2009 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING "OCT" TALKS:

Our next talk will be Thursday the 29th of October at the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders Regt inside the Castle of Good Hope.

Peter Voigt on his Germany trip (Illustrated)

The following talk will be held on Thursday the 26th of November 2009.



CHAIRMAN:

2009 AGM:

Please diarise Saturday the 28th of November 2009 for this event!

Notices being posted out along with the renewal invoices for 2010.

Reminder for those who have not yet submitted colour passport photographs to do so to allow us to issue membership cards regardless whether you have applied to become a Categorized Private Collector.

We continually review our structures and policies to grow our efficiency and service deliveries. Obviously a difficult task given that we have to attend to quite a challenging task with volunteers after hours. But none the less, I am drafting job descriptions to manage all positions against. We need to get our structures and efforts up and running for 2010 long before year end not to end up with a slack after new year and that will require that we approach our job along strict business lines with appropriate transparency and accountability to you the members.

Next year we need to galvanise CAPE SAAACA to a next level and growth. Growth both in members and in value adding events. In this our biggest challenge will be to attain that within very limited budget constraints. That issue we will address at the AGM and welcome all suggestions.

Soon after the AGM we will post out a market survey to our members to identify strong and weak areas as well as opportunities and possible new initiatives that you the member can table. Let your mind wander pending that, we need your input.

Finally we also need some new blood and talents to develop some depth behind our various positions to ensure continuity and to help us succeed in that “galvanising” bit if we are to succeed. For that we need committed volunteers who will serve on our working committees in various areas. Volunteers who will commit themselves and not only participate now and then as one loses cohesiveness. Everyone has some talents that will make us a formidable team effort. Come one chaps, stand in the door and be counted, CAPE SAAACA needs you if we are to succeed! (Am starting to sound like some revival parson!?)

SAPS CFR EXCO Project:

It is proving to be a harder nut to crack than what we thought, but slowly slowly one catches the monkey if one keeps chipping away at the block.

I received quite a response from our members and tackle their applications in sessions of 4 hours to check on the status of each and identify short comings and where possible attend to it by actively assisting the SAPS WC CFR to complete the applications to expedite it.

My experience is that most get stuck at local DFO's who simply don't know how to process Private Collector applications and then don't capture it on the system, with the consequence that it doesn't even reach the Western Cape CFR Offices.

Another fact is that after the successful application by SAHNCA the SAPS CFR fell into a bit of an apathetic turmoil only now starting to come out of it in response to insistent follow up from our Offices and other pressure groups.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

FIRE RELICENCING:

To date we have been asking very diplomatic that those outstanding applications that fell into lethargy after the court ruling get back on track. Frankly I am very concerned on their behalf as the case can be settled very quickly which will mean that the dead line will be as in yesterday leaving them high and dry. Chaps don't be caught with your pants in the tumble dryer! There will be absolute nothing we will be able to do for you then.

If you have any queries, contact the Membership Convenor, Robert Nothhaft, at roronoma@telkomsa.net.

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.

CITY GUNS: **www.cityguns.co.za** ; **info@cityguns.co.za** ; 021 424 9030

CLASSIC ARMS: **www.classicarms.co.za** ; **andrew@classicarms.co.za** ; 013 656 2923
AUCTION 31 October 2009 – visit web site

SUBURBAN GUNS Plumstead: Charles Montgomery. **www.suburbanguns.co.za** ; 021 797 8787

PAROW ARMS & AMMO: **www.parowarms.co.za** ; Joe Da Silva at **parowarms@mweb.co.za** ; 021 939 8835

ELCAPRISCO ARMS & AMMO: Herbie Johnson & Henk Mulder at **sales@elcaprisco.co.za** or **www.elcaprisco.co.za**

CFW: Specialist dehumidifiers at affordable prices. Visit **www.cfw.co.za** or contact Ralph at **Ralph@cfw.co.za** ; 021 931 3165

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

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:

DATES: 7th of November 2009
5th of December 2009 (As the Swiss Rifle Club competition is on Range 3)
9th of January 2010

TIME: 09H30 for 10H00.

VENUE: Range 3 (In front of Club house) at the NSADF Range at ATLANTIS off the R307

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 and you will be advised of the next quarter's dates in our next newsletter and it will also be posted on our web site calendar.

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!

Graeme's report...

Attendance for the Sep shoot wasn't that good, because, can you believe it, there was a Toy Fair on that same day. I was notified by a few shooters that they were going to the Toy Fair instead of the shoot. I have to admit, even I wanted to go. What do they say about the difference between men and boys, it's the price of their toys, right?

We had a few new shooters that came out, who brought their Ruger Mini 14 for some action. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and will definitely be back. Thanks guys.

We were not many shooters and they opted to only shoot casual on the day, so we did. No points were taken and everybody enjoyed it. We shot the rifles at the 100m mark and then went forward and shot handguns at the 25m mark.

If you feel that you want to shoot that nice collectors piece to get the cobwebs out of it, please feel free to contact us through our web-site www.capesaaaca.co.za or just pop in at Range 3, in front of the club-house, in Atlantis every 1st Saturday of every month.



Notes on the monthly talks held on the 1st of October 2009 at the CTH mess at the Castle:

The meeting started with 24 members and guests attending. The Chairman opened proceedings by asking for any questions.

The first question concerned the current state of affairs regarding the FCA. The Chairman replied that members should not read too much into the current temporary interdict ruling as the end of the saga. He warned members not to procrastinate on pending applications as Private Collectors as the Police reaction might be worse than before. On the question of remuneration he said that it would only apply where you have applied for a firearm and were subsequently refused. Relicensing are currently still dating back to 2006.

Another question was whether a reference to attend SAAACA shootings would qualify for licence applications. The Chairman replied Cape SAAACA are considering to register as a sports body which when successful would most definitely be of benefit.

The Chairman then suggested that a question & answer section should be put on the website so that everybody could benefit from past relevant questions.

The Chairman then explained progress regarding the EXCO project to monitor private collector applications pending at the SAPS CFR. Due to work overload the Police are now

doing a lot of interviews telephonically and they decided that an avadavat detailing the specs and installation of the safe and a photograph will now be sufficient instead of them physically inspecting each address.

The Chairman then asked Peter Voight to give a report on his recent tour to Germany – which included a tour to Mauser and Hechler & Koch factories among other things. Peter did give a short insight on it which seemed extremely interesting, but he proposed to rather do a special full presentation with slides etc. at he next meeting – which is definately something to look forward to.

The Chairman then asked for a show of hands on how many members would definately be interested to join a tour to European battlefields in the next year or two – to which 5 members showed interest. These tours could be arranged through Johan van den Berg and more details would be provided later.

The entertainment for the “Show and Tell” part of the evening was provided by the Cowboy interest winning pair of the previous expo meeting – Greame Smith and Robert Nothhaft.



Greame started by showing and demonstrating his fast draw Single action Ruger Blackhawk .41 Magnum on which the caliber has been increased to a .45 Colt. It has an aluminium tube for a barrel and has been fitted with a totally upright and smoothed hammer for fanning. The front part of the trigger guard has also been narrowed to get one’s finger into the trigger faster. All internal parts has also been modified for speed. This revolver was brought in from the States by

Nick van Rensburg who competed in the Fast Draw World Championships in 1973 with Johnny Johnson, who were also members of the Cape Fast Gun Club in the 50’s, 60’s and 70’s. Graeme believed this one to be the only fully race prepared fast draw revolver in South Africa. Graeme explained that a Single Action Revolver cannot be fired by pulling the trigger alone. The hammer has to be cocked first, which makes most people think that it is slow, which it is not – especially in the hands of someone who knows how to use it. If the



trigger is pulled and held, the gun can be fired quite fast by pulling the hammer back and letting it go (Slip-Shooting) or by “fanning” it with the other hand. The first 5 shots from a Single Action Revolver (fitted with a fanning hammer) can be shot faster than any semi-auto pistol today by fanning it

in a specific manner.

The sport of Fast Draw originated in the 40's as a spin-off from all the Western movies being made in that time and is still very popular today. Fast Draw Revolvers are .45 calibre Single Action Revolvers that are fully race prepared and modified for speed, and for safety reasons Fast Draw may not be practised with live ammunition. Instead, a .45 cartridge is drilled to accept a shotgun primer only and a piece of wax is pushed to the front. Because wax is used, no rifling is required and most shooters remove the barrel and replace it with an aluminium or titanium tube for lightness.

Fast draw is done with special, steel lined holsters that are cut low in the front to get the barrel out faster and is raked forward at 7-8 degrees. The steel lining is for safety as well as keeping the holster firm, tight and away from the body.

Greame then produced a beautiful Double Buscaduro design leather holster which he had made himself. This type of holster is used for Cowboy Action shooting . It is based on the Lone Ranger rig worn by Roy Rodgers in a lot of B-Westerns from the 40's and 50's and it took him the best part of 6 months to construct. It took a lot of effort and every hole and stitch was done by hand. The buckles and round silver spots were brought in from the States and the rest of the material came from Woodheads in



Cape Town. Greame estimates the actual parts used to be worth around R2500-00 – but the labour on it - priceless.

Robert then produced a nickel plated 3rd generation Colt Single Action Army .44 Special revolver with a barrel length of 4 5/8". He explained that the standard barrel length of the Colt SAA Cavalry model is 7 1/2", and the Artillery model 5 1/2". The standard 4 5/8" model had the same length as the ejector housing.



Responding to a question about Smith & Wesson top-break revolvers, Robert briefly related the development of the S & W no 3 models, starting with the American model .44 S & W caliber (a centre fire round with an outside lubricated heel-type bullet). Some huge orders by the Russian Zsar's army led to a re-design of the revolver to the S & W no 3 Russian model with a distinct saw handle like grip frame and a spur attached to the bottom of the trigger guard. The ammunition was re-designed to a (now common) inside lubricated bullet, the .44 S & W Russian. This round is the ancestor of the later .44 Special and .44 Magnum. Further development led to the S & W Schofield model in .45 Schofield caliber. The S & W No 3 models were preceded by the models 1; 2 and 1 1/2 in calibers .22 RF and .32 RF. The very anemic .22 RF was much feared

during the American Civil War because the tiny bullets lacked the energy to exit a target and would usually lead to a slow and painful death, mostly due to poor medical conditions on the battlefields. Incidentally this is also the favourite caliber used by Mossad hitmen.

Willem Steenkamp, the ever lasting raconteur entertained us with some hilarious tales and then seriously announced on a more serious note that he is currently doing research for a new project on the 1806 Battle of Blaauwberg, with specific reference to the casualties suffered by the British 24th Regiment. According to their records they suffered only 5 wounded casualties during a skirmish with the Swellendam Dragoons and Hottentot light infantry. Willem reckons these few casualties to be highly unlikely given the reputation of the latter units and would like anyone that's got more information on this to forward it on to him.

The rest of the evening was spent with the usual refreshments at the bar...



Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS)



*Two Ruger Old Army Cap and Ball Revolvers
in stainless steel being shot Gunfighter style.*

Although the cowboys in the Old West didn't wear earplugs or protective eye wear like we do while participating in Cowboy Action Shooting, everything else including his boots, chaps, bandana, hat and vest fit the image of an Old West cowboy.

Our spurs jingle on our boots while wearing our rigs and carrying our rifles and shotguns. Through squinted eyes, outsiders watching might wonder if there's a sheriff with a posse in town. (without any horses?)

On the firing line, we do have a metal horse with a saddle and mounted rifle bag and beyond the firing line there are some cacti and other Western props that give cowboy action shooters the feel they've stepped into a Western TV show such as "Bonanza" or a John Wayne movie.

Gun enthusiasts and history aficionados, young and old and people from all walks of life who participate in cowboy action shooting, describe it as a role-playing game.

Cowboy Action Shooting is great fun and safe for the whole family. Grab the kids and grandpas and bring them along. You can start them off on .22 Revolvers, which are still widely available. Holsters or Gun Rigs can be supplied or locally made at a very reasonable price.

THIS MONTHS SHOOT

Our regular range has been made wider and slightly deeper, which allow us to place our targets a bit deeper and wider or further apart than normal. The shoot went very well and all had a great time once again.

Each shooter gets a chance to step up to the shooting line and go through the shoot sequence. Once all participants have done that, we start a new round. We tend to get in around two rounds before we break open the chuck wagon and another two rounds after.

Breaking open the Chuck Wagon is taking lunch. Lunch is a great event at our club, we all just naturally sit in a big circle (as if there is a big bon-fire in the middle) and talk about our passion, cowboy firearms, their history, our shoot, other shoots, and politics? Brian will somehow always through in the odd policeman story.

It seems that a lot of firearm licenses might have come through as the amount of cowboy firearms at our shoots have increased quite a bit. That is good news for all. Guys who used to shoot the traditional black powder cap and ball revolvers, spent most of their time loading between shoots and now have more social time.

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.)



TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. Ordinary Member (Firearm Collector)

R450,00 p/a

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| 2. | Fellow 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 fee per Field of Interest application/review.	R250.00
Subsequent Collectibility applications	R100.00
Annual subs for all other secretariat collector categories	R250.00
Student membership subs	R100.00
Associated Dealers subs	R500,00

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Greetings,

Stephan Fourie

Chairman

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