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JANUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING “JAN” TALKS:

Our next talk on Thursday the 28th of January 2010 at the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders Regt inside the Castle of Good Hope will be by...

Peter on his visit to the Mauser Factory (Illustrated)

The following talk will be held on Thursday the 25th of February 2010.



CHAIRMAN:

This year we can start shifting our focus and energy towards building our organisation and activities to add value to our members. We do however have some “unfinished business” still dominating the scene.

We most certainly will repeat our successful first Members Faire to allow members to put their collections on display and network to promote their interest through swap and trades. It will also be an opportunity for our Accredited Dealers to network.

2010 has arrived with much muttering in the wings as far as SAPS CFR matters was concerned.

It has issued a weak response to the court ruling re compensation that leaves much to be desired.

It issued an Amnesty, not well understood by most. The most important according to Jenni-Irish Qhobosheane of the Secretary of the Police, being that it allows those who did not relitigate within their due time periods, to actually apply for new firearm licences until the 11th of April 2010. We suggest that those who sincerely wishes to keep their firearms but did not submit relitigation applications to date, avail themselves of this opportunity to become “legit”. See the SAPS CFR letter on our web site.

We also await the SAHGCA court case, either its outcome or more possible a settlement (?) that would “restore” the status quo with immediate effect and leave many who bargained on that to bail them out high and dry. We urgently urge all those not yet compliant to make good use of this breather to get their affairs in order before such a possible date.

Other than that its business as usual for our members carrying on with their collecting interest and many reports receiving their new licences. In this regard we suggest you keep on pesting your local DFO. With our project last year we established that especially in the smaller Police Stations, the DFO's often did not even submit it to the Western Cape CFR Office. Ask to be brought up to date exactly where your particular application is at this date in the system and if not happy, contact S/Sup

Solocota at the Province Office or S/Sup Shrade at the national SAPS CFR Pretoria. S/Sup Shrade has specifically been tasked to assist Private Collectors in following up problem cases.

I do unfortunately have to report the untimely passing away of one of our members early January, Deon Van Zyl of Dana Bay at the age of 72 who lost a brave fight with cancer. Our sincere condolences to his wife and family in this trying time.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

We need to finalise those outstanding categorisation applications and ask those still working on it to attend to it without further delay to allow us to duly consider it.

Encouraging enough we received numerous NEW applications not subject to the relicensing cycle.

To assist those we are hosting four workshops, two **beginners' workshops** for Tuesday 02/02/2010 and 16/02/2010 and two **advanced workshops** for Tuesday 09/02/2010 and 23/02/2010. It will be at our Bellville Offices starting 18H00 punctually and will last approx 2-3 hours depending on the attendees. Please book with Robert Nothhaft and ensure that you arrive about 30 min early to allow registration and admin matters to be finalised. Cost R50 per workshop including notes, snacks and cool drinks.

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: 6th of Feb 2010 Range 3
6th of March 2010 Range 3
17th of April 2010 Range 4

TIME: 09H30 for 10H00.

VENUE: NSADF Range at ATLANTIS off the R307 highway.

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 our web site calendar.

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!



Notes on the monthly talks held on the 29th of October 2009 at the CTH mess at the Castle:

The meeting started with 27 members and guests attending. Unfortunately, due to a

misunderstanding Peter could not make it for the evening's much anticipated talk on his Mauser and Hechler & Koch factory visit in Germany recently, and for those who could not make it either that evening, this talk and powerpoint show has now been moved forward to the meeting in January 2010

The Chairman kept the rest of the evening very informal and moved straight to the 'show and tell' part.

The first on the list was our own technical 'walking encyclopedia' and ballistic guru Cyril Lautenbach, who brought a 1934 Beretta short pistol. Cyril related:



'By 1914 the Italian Army wanted a replacement for the 9mm Glisenti pistol. They approached Beretta (established 1680) who produced a replacement in 1915. This pistol was made in 7,65mm Brg. and 9mm Glisenti caliber. The 9mm version was heavier and as these pistols were blowback designs, the 9mm one had a buffer spring to cushion the slide recoil. The ejection port was on the slide top, there was a bridge ahead of it and then the slide was cut away to the bridge at the front which supported the foresight. The hammer was concealed within the slide.

The model 1915 was modified and produced as the model 1915/19. The most noticeable feature was the elimination of the bridge ahead of the ejection port. The slide therefore was open topped from the extractor to just behind the foresight.

The model 1915/19 was followed by the model 1923. This was the last handgun to be chambered in 9mm Glisenti caliber. It has an open hammer and fibre buffer instead of a spring. Only about 3,000 were made. In 1931 5a model in 7,65mm Brg was made incorporating the best features of the earlier models.

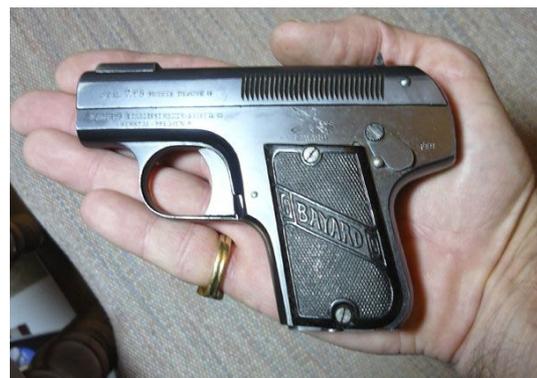


Italy's WW2 pistol the model 1934 in caliber 9mm Short was developed from this. This is the one most often associated with the Italian Army. In 1935 a 7,65mm Brg version was produced.

The markings found are RE Regio Esercito (Royal Army), RM with an anchor Regio Marina (Royal Navy), RA Regio Aeronautica (Royal Air Force), AM Aeronautica Militare (Military Air Force), and PS Pubblica Sicurezza (Police).

The pistol is robust, simple and well made. By modern standards it is not as safe as it could be, the safety catch locks the trigger and not the hammer or sear thus if cocked and locked it could discharge if dropped. The safety catch is above the trigger and far forward and is difficult to operate one handed. There is no slide hold open device for the last shot, the slide locks back on the magazine lifter. The empty magazine has to be dragged out by the protruding tang and flies forward on removal of the magazine. It is therefore not as user friendly as it could be.'

The pistol was quite small as can be seen in the photograph above – but that was beaten in small size by Richard Bowman's 7.65mm Pieper Bayard 1908 single-action pocket pistol. This pistol originated from a Spanish Government order to the Belgium Ancients Establishment Pieper Co. based in Herstal Belgium in 1908 and around 3000 models were built. Bayard was simply a trade name used by the Pieper Co. and was in fact based on a design by Belgian Bernard Clarus.



Many of the handguns in this era followed the general pattern of the 1900 FN Browning design, with the recoil spring mounted in the tube above the barrel. The Bayard was one of the smallest, sturdiest and most compact and lightest pistols built for it's cartridge, but suffers from heavy recoil and heavy trigger pull.

It is a blow-back design with no mechanism for locking the breech. The trigger is of the sliding type and connects to the sear through a single linkage to the left side of the gun. It does not incorporate a magazine disconnect safety. It's magazine capacity is 5 rounds, length 126mm, height 82mm and empty weight 428,8 g. Barrel length 57,15mm and slide width 17.8mm. Cartridge: 7.65mm/32 Acp.

Next on the list was Pierre de Villiers with a 1892 Winchester .44 lever action Pattern 1884 (



manufactured 1913-1921). The 1892 model was designed as a replacement for the original 1873 model – the “Gun that won the West” – although it was usually the '92 model that starred so famously in the Hollywood movies. The '92 model was primarily chambered for shorter, low-pressured handgun rounds and incorporated a much stronger Browning lever-action, (based on the larger M1886 than the earlier Henry-derived arms of the 1860's and 70's.) More than a million models were made by Winchester from

1892 until 1931. They are however still being made today by amongst others the Puma label (Rossi) in Brazil and the Italian Chiappa Firearms Co.

Last but not least interesting was Paul Browne, who In light of the recent unrest in various townships, brought in a selection of current and obsolete 37mm anti-riot ammunition, all of which had long ago been expended or otherwise made safe.



Current ammunition typically consists of 37mm x 97mm variously coloured aluminium cartridge cases loaded with a variety of non-lethal anti-personnel projectiles – specifically batons, shot and irritant. (Obsolete cases were typically made of waxed cardboard.)

It is clear from an examination of the disassembled ammunition that the space occupied by the various projectiles, pistons, gas-check wads, plastic shock absorber arrangements, caps, washers and other “kit”, leaves very little room for propellant. This limits the amount of energy with which the projectile(s) can be expelled, and when used properly ensures the non-lethality of the ammunition. Nevertheless, it has been alleged that the available power is still sufficient for, and the calibre suitable for, the illegal use of a torch battery or two as additional projectiles – with lethal consequences. This quickly led to the introduction of “reduced charge” ammunition.

The typical “rubber bullet/ baton” consists of a medium-density solid rubber cylinder measuring 37mm x 80mm in size. These batons are usually numbered, but it is unlikely that this would be for any sort of judicial control purposes, for the numbers appear to consist only of random three digit sequences.



A baton and cartridge case, which was picked up in Belfast, was found to be considerably bigger in size, the 37mm case being 122mm in length and containing a pointed baton measuring 147mm in length. So much for the British Government's erstwhile allegations of excessive force being used against rioters in South Africa!

Various batons have been produced which can be deployed at a higher rate and lower cost than those projected from self-contained cartridges. These consist of the standard baton (as described above) and a half-length extremely dense and heavy baton. These are linked together (but not mixed) and wound on a roll. A high-speed geared device throws the batons, sometimes in the form of Napoleonic chain shot. The typical "shot" load consists of a large number of solid balls (as in a shotgun) made from the same rubbery material as the batons. A variety of colours are produced (cream, grey, green) and each ball is 17mm in diameter. The "irritant" cartridge is recognised by the red band and the inscriptions "IRRT" and "CS" on the case. Once again, the irritant is contained in a projected "canister". The red projectile and case, seen in the photograph, is an old-style 37mm teargas device used in Rhodesia. Total length of that device is 217mm. Lastly, one sample each of the rubber baton and shot was displayed in standard 12 gauge shotgun calibre.



Finally, a 1:50 terrain model, used for an actual battle briefing by the Allied Forces of the 15-16 April 1945 battle of Monte Sole in Northern Italy was displayed by CTH which led to an interesting discussion and conclusion to the evening which was rounded off with the usual refreshments at the bar.



Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS)

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:

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| 1. | Ordinary Member (Firearm Collector) | R450,00 p/a |
| 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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