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FEBRUARY 2010 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING FEBRUARY TALK:

Our next talk on Thursday the 25th February of 2010 at the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders Regt inside the Castle of Good Hope will be by...

Show & Tell

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



CHAIRMAN:

Well, this year certainly took off on a gallop! We hardly had a breather before the second round of relicensing faced us.

Members whose **competence certificates** lapse in 2010 should apply for renewal within 90 days of the expiry of their present certificates at the nearest police station in terms of Law 60 of 2000.

Probably the most important bit of news at this stage is the benefit which the recent declared **Firearm Amnesty valid till the 11th of April 2010** extended to firearm owners who didn't relicense their firearms within their allocated relicense cycle periods.

This was made possible by the Court Interdict which ruled that all old firearm licenses remain until the SACHA court application has been finalised. This allowed a breather, but those who didn't relicense still faced having to surrender their firearms without any possibility of compensation.

Under the recent Firearm Amnesty it allows for anybody who for whatever reason didn't RELICENSE within the prescribed cycles between 2004 and 2009, to apply for those firearms **as new license applications**. Furthermore the Amnesty allows that licenses remain valid pending the outcome of their applications, meaning that they could keep it in their possession. (last wake up call for those collectors who missed the first round?!)

Advocate John Welch advised us to urge our members to make full use of this and especially to advise ignorant casual firearm owners as well as they are not kept up to date of developments by the media.

Forms available on our web site www.capesaaaca.co.za.



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Some members procrastinated submitting their Field of Interest and Categorisation applications to be declared Private Collectors. The Amnesty is your last chance to keep your prized possessions as we doubt if any further amnesties will be extended to old licenses.

REMINDER FOR ALL OUTSTANDING PRIVATE COLLECTOR APPLICATIONS TO MAKE HAY WHILE THE SUN IS STILL SHINING AND BEFORE THE SAPS CFR REVERT TO IMPLEMENTING THE FCA ONCE THE PENDING COURT CASES RAN ITS COURSE. DO NOT LEAVE IT TILL THE 11TH HOUR AS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PROCESS IT WITHIN TIME.

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 6th of March 2010 – 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.

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:

FORMAT: OPEN DAY CASUAL SHOOT.

“BRING WHAT YOU’VE GOT”

DATES: 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 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!



Notes on the monthly talks held on the 25th of March 2010 at the CTH mess at the Castle:

The meeting started with 26 members attending. The chairman opened by welcoming everyone back after the holidays.

First on the agenda was the issue of membership cards. Nothing has been printed yet due to the fact that we were still receiving payments and it will only be processed once everything were reconciled. Members were reminded that not withstanding their status or whether they were already categorised, to ensure we have clear colour passport photo’s for their membership cards. They could email digital photographs to the Chairman which would also make it easier.

Those who required membership cards for licensing purposes before we issue them, are requested to contact the Office who will email interim copies.

The firearm amnesty situation were then discussed. The Chairman gave feed back on the teleconference of NAACCSA (the national confederation umbrella body of Collectig bodies) held on the 15th of January 2010 and reported on the meeting the NAACCSA EXCO had with the Secretary of Police Jenny Irish-Qhobosheane. According to the NAACCSA Chairman Carvel Web, she followed pragmatic views and was receptive of numerous requests from the collecting fratenrity which is under further consideration. NAACCSA will pursue various outstanding issues, which we will report as soon as we receive further news.

The Chairman then gave feedback on findings from the EXCO license control project of 2009. It became apparent that the bottleneck remained local DFO's ignorant on Private Collecting matters. Where anyone experience problems in this regard, they are invited to supply the Chairman with all the salient facts, names, contact details and reference numbers and detail of the problem.

On a question about COMPENSATION the chairman commented that it will only be possible IF the applicant followed the correct legal procedures and applied within the prescribed period. Those who defaulted on this, exposed themselves to not only the loss of their valuable firearms and heirloom, but also faced possible prosecution.

The chairman emphasised the need for al firearm interest groups to network and support key efforts to promote responsible firearm interest at large. In that context the pending SA Hunt court application is of paramount importance.

Next the question of a compatancy certificate valid for 5 years only and versus private collector firearm licenses valid for 10 years. Members are cautioned to be wary of this not to miss their relevant deadlines. The cost for new license applications were R140 each against the R70 charged for relicensing.

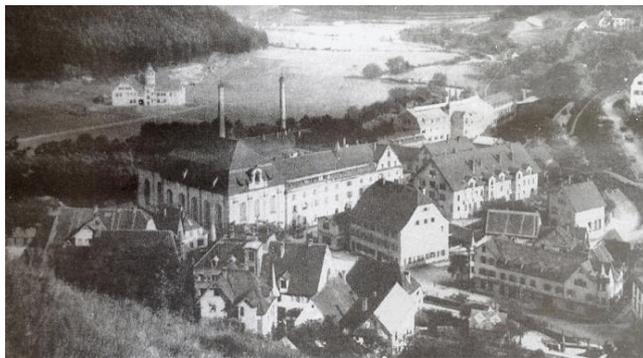
At long last we got the opportunity to hear Peter presentation of his recent visit to the Mauser factory in Germany:

“With the help of Jon Speed, the American Mauser historian, now living in Germany, I was very fortunate to make contact with a former Mauser manager, Gerd Schoen. Gerd very kindly arranged



accommodation for 3 days in Oberndorf and provided a personal tour of the area, the Mauser Museum, as well as the remnants of the factory which was destroyed by the French in 1948. The museum displayed a variety of Mauser manufactured weapons as well as the odd car made after WW1!

A tour of Feinwerkbau as well H & K, both started by ex Mauser employees rounded off a fascinating 3 days. Gerd Schoen was a most hospitable and informative host and gave a fascinating insight into the proud history of the Royal Arms Factory which evolved into Mauser in the mid 1800's and although most historical buildings were destroyed in 1948, the spirit of Mauser still echoes in the derivative companies still operating in the area.



The Mauser Factory at Oberndorf then... and today!

After 3 amazing days of soaking up so much information about Mauser, it was time to meet the real fundi on all things Mauser. I could not leave the area without meeting the legendary Jon Speed. A short train trip to Heilbronn, where Jon and his wife Erika live, was definitely required. Jon had organised accommodation and picked me up in town and a most fascinating afternoon ensued. In his gunroom, surrounded by the most unique Mauser artefacts, some which had been secretly removed from underneath the noses of the occupying French Army as the factory was destroyed, as well those acquired subsequently from all over the world, this extraordinary authority on Mauser history, shared his enormous wealth of knowledge with me. To hold some of the unique prototypes, that Paul Mauser himself had made was certainly a once in a lifetime pleasure. The amount of info that Jon shared with me was a rare insight and certainly the highlight of my collecting career and an opportunity very few have experienced.

The most refreshing aspect of Jon and his attitude to these historical artefacts, was that there were no over the top white gloves used whilst handling these absolutely once off firearms. He simply oils and maintains his collection, as they should be! And

some of them are still in the “white” having never been blued, as they were experimental! On commenting on one of the pieces, a prototype top loading 98 K action, I questioned if it he knows when it last had been fired. He casually mentioned that a few weeks ago, he and a friend, took it to the range and blasted off 150 rounds!

Now that’s a collector who knows his weapons and is not concerned with damaging the most unique pieces in the world as he has faith in the design and manufacture.

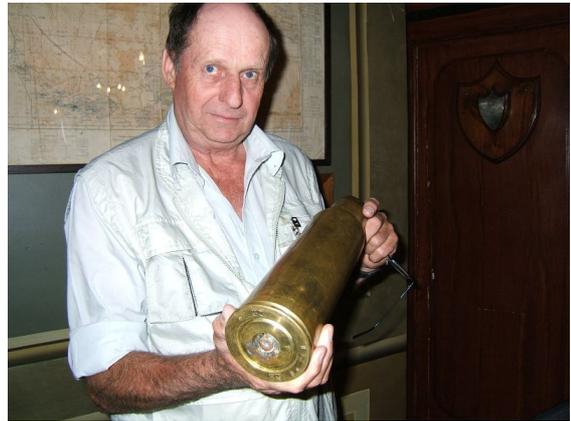
To top it off, I was invited to a most enjoyable evening at the local wine harvest festival with Jon and Erika and 2 of his collecting friends. Strong friendships were



forged that evening and now my next quest is to get Jon over to Cape Town for a visit, so that we can all share in his wealth of Mauser knowledge!” Peter actually presented much more – among other things that the famous K 98 models amounted to a staggering 15million build in total (among 5 million during WW2), and that the factory supplied employment to some 10 000 workers in total.

The chairman then related that he had just read an interesting book on the early history of Colesburg or Toverberg as it was then known, and part of their history reflecting on the earliest known occurrence of Winchester rifles being sold in South-Africa. On the 12th of June 1870 one Jerome L. Babe arrived by postcart from Port Elizabeth and set about his business as representative of the Winchester Rifle Company from the Masonic Hotel selling Winchester rifles. “...arriving at Jacobsdal on the 4th of July 1870, Babe fired a feu de joie of 16 shots in 10 seconds from the Winchester repeater to celebrate Independence Day and was immediately overwhelmed by local boere who had never seen such a rifle. Business was brisk...” One could just imagine the awe in which such a quick firing firearm must have been held given that the single shot Snider-Enfield were then still “cutting edge” technology and many still used muzzle loader muskets! Robert related that that would have been the 1866 Yellow Boy model in cal .44 Henry which was available during that era. Incidentally there is a similar model currently available on the Classic Arms auction if anyone is interested... Babe went on to play a role on the diamond fields and introduced the local miners to a device for washing alluvial soil which became widely copied.

Next was Paul Brown who brought in a shell case from a Communist Bloc 57mm anti-aircraft gun. This type of gun was often deployed against the South African Air Force during raids into Angola and Paul's casing was recovered from a beach in that country, suggesting that the weapon had been used for coastal defence.



These guns are usually found on Soviet fighting ships in single, twin or quadruple-barrel arrangements. Presumably, land-based versions are re-mounted examples of ship-based versions. Barrels can be found in 70 and 80-calibre lengths and may or may not, be fitted with muzzle brakes. Rate of fire is reported to be 120 rounds/barrel/minute with a best muzzle velocity of 1020 metres per second. Maximum height attained by the 2.8kg (only – from such a large case!) projectile, at an elevation of 85 degrees, varies from around 5000 to around 6000 metres. On some soviet ships these guns are intended for multi-purpose use and, if fired for horizontal distance, a projectile can reach as far as 12000 metres. Primer initiation is carried out electrically.

Noel Greeff brought along a pattern '37 SA Army web belt and a pair of 1870's design BSAP calf length leather leggings used by their mounted officers.



Lastly the Chairman enquired about the interest for another Secunda Room type exhibition in the near future where our accredited arms dealers could also promote their services and products so that folk could meet and network in promoting their collecting interest.

That concluded the officials for the meeting and the bar supplied the entertainment for the rest of the evening



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,

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