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MAY 2010 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING MAY TALK:

We had to postpone the scheduled Members Faire display due to few members being able to put up a display to make it viable. It will be rescheduled at a later date.

Our next talk at 19H00 on Thursday the 27th of May 2010 at the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders Regt inside the Castle of Good Hope will be...

A REVIEW OF CURRENT AND RECENT AFRICAN WARS

By military analyst Helmoed Heitman

The following talk will be at 19H00 on the 24th of June 2010 at the Officers Mess of the Cape Town Highlanders Regt inside the Castle of Good Hope.



CHAIRMAN:

Members Faire:

We unfortunately had to postpone the scheduled Members Faire display as too few members responded in time to make it viable. Such displays cannot be held at our normal venue and we have to book an alternative venue in advance. It is important to bear in mind that we also need arrange the various tables/equipment, and would need exact figures how many members intend putting up a display and how many tables they would need for a display to allow us to and that it involves cost. We will reschedule this for a future date. To allow us to plan such future events, members are requested to mail the Chairman with an indication on the type of display and space required. We also have to arrange SAP CFR permission as we are displaying firearms.

Possible annual black powder hunt/camp:

The year has certainly kicked into overdrive and the 2010 hunting season is upon us. With good summer rains the promise looks good and I just returned from my first hunt near Murrusburg with the grass standing high and the Springbuck fat! My smallest was 26Kg's.

Good luck and enjoy the season and remember to keep safety first. During meetings some members showed an interest to arrange a muzzle loader hunt. This could prove to develop into quite an interesting calendar event along the lines which Robin Barkes & Co does in the Eastern Cape. We could use firearms ranging from muzzle loaders to 577/450 black powder Martini Henry rifles and any other historical period firearm. All interested parties are invited to contact the Chairman in this regard.

Firearm licences:

In general we noticed an emerging (increasing?) disconcerting trend regarding firearm licence refusals and a lack of accountability and inconsistency when the public tries to clarify matters, with Martin Hood making mention of similar issues in the latest Man Magnum. We will engage the authorities on this in an attempt to establish workable solutions. We are creating an ad hoc working committee staffed from our members with the right blend of skills and expertise to address the problem. If any of you have specifically experienced refusals as private collectors, we would need full facts and dates in order to prepare a qualified response.

Based on what we noticed at provincial CFR SAP level on collecting applications from members from various associations, it appeared as if either the applicants submitted incomplete applications resulting in refusals due to "insufficient motivation, or DFO's broke applications up when preparing and capturing it. To resolve this once it was refused would end in a protracted frustrating process. To pre-empt this we suggest you add a covering page with a summary of all attached documents to each application. This will negate future arguments responding to refusals having to prove that you in fact did comply with all the required documents.

Change of registered Office address.

As mentioned at the 2009 AGM our Office will be moving in August to new premises. The postal address and email contact detail will remain the same but we will confirm any other changes closer to the date



MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

New Members:

The application form can be requested from our Offices or downloaded from our web site.

This is how the process works.

Complete the basic application form and schedules A – C of the application forms and submit to our Offices. This will be logged in an application register and a membership number allocated (which you keep for life).

Arrange to attend one of the scheduled WORKSHOPS at the CAPE SAAACA Offices before preparing your Field of Interest(s) documentation where all the requirements will be

explained and practical guidelines will be given how to draft it. We found that it saves a lot of time and alleviates much frustration and guess work.

Submit your motivation write up and field of interest schedule electronically (by e-mail).

This will then be forwarded to the Membership Committee who will check it for format and lay out and then refer it (first having removed all identifying names) to acknowledged experts in that particular subject field for comment.

The Membership Committee will compile a response to the member to allow him to amend/improve his submission to a point where it can be approved. This may take a couple of responses.

Should the particular application require further personal attention, a further more personal workshop will be arranged to assist the particular applicant in clarifying any areas that need to be motivated more exact.

Once approved, the Membership Committee tables it at an EXCO meeting to be ratified, after which the Office will prepare the required categorisation certification and the Chairman will make the required avadavat in front of a commissioner of oath.

This along with signed/stamped/dated copies of the motivation and field of interest schedule along with a membership card will be issued to you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

To license a firearm as a collector, one has to be a Categorised Private Collector AND attach the following documentation to that end to each SAP 271 license application;

1. Stamped/signed/dated sworn avadavat of your **Categorisation Certification Letter** as Private Collector reflecting your Field of Interest details.
2. Stamped/signed/dated copy of your approved **Motivation** per Field of Interest.
3. Stamped/signed/dated copy your **Field of Interest Schedule**.
4. Copy of your current **CS membership card** reflecting your status as categorised private collector and good standing.
5. Either a copy of your **Private Collector Competency card** or an application to be declared a private collector. (SAP 517)
6. A covering letter stating exactly what supporting documents were submitted. (NB!)
7. Make a copy of the full set of documents in case your application gets lost.

Without these documents one cannot apply for a firearm license as a private collector.

Refer our web site www.capesaaca.co.za 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.

Any business who wishes to join as Accredited Dealers is invited to contact the Chairman. Members are also requested to canvas possible value adding participants in above spirit.



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.

Although past attendance established that current interest were more on fun shoots, we hope to attract enough attention in the various categories to eventually facilitate formal historical shoots and possible competitions.

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:

5th Jun 2010 (1st Saturday Jun) Range 1 (100m Under cover shooting range)

3rd Jul 2010 (1st Saturday Jul) Range 1 (100m Under cover shooting range)

TIME: 09H30 for 10H00.

VENUE: **Range 1** (Handgun Range) NSADF Range at ATLANTIS off the R307 highway.

RANGE OFFICERS: 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.

Report from the Range Officer: Graeme Smith – graemesmith@mtnloaded.co.za

We are still shooting on Range 1, our new Range, which is under cover. Everyone seems to be much happier shooting there.

The new range allows us to put up handgun targets at 25m and rifle targets from 25 to 100m at the same time. Unfortunately, we are no longer allowed to shoot at the steel targets due to the risk of ricochets using full metal jacketed rounds or handloads with too hard bullets. (As of time of writing.) A possible fatality will result in a civil claim against the association and hence its members, and public liability cover excludes such risks.

Bring your firearms out and tag along some friends and neighbours. What is the use of collecting firearms if you cannot shoot it, or at least show it or share it with other shooters?

If there are any members with ideas or suggestions on these shoots, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Stephan.

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 1, in Atlantis, normally every 1st Saturday of every month.

Graeme Smith – 083 301 8985

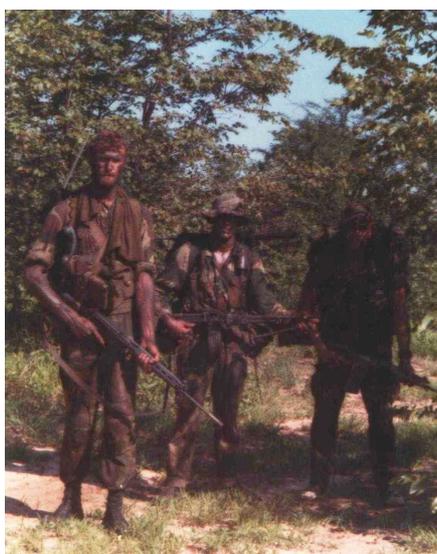
IT'S FUN AND IT SMELLS OF CORDITE!



Notes on the monthly talks held on the 29th of April 2010 at the CTH mess at the Castle: (Where possible members submitted their own notes on the topics displayed)

26 Members and guests turned up for the Chairman's much anticipated talk on the Rhodesian Bush war. Unfortunately the presentation was badly let down by Microsoft's Vista operating system failing, with the result that the dvd's regarding the Bush war could be viewed. A strong interest were shown to screen such videos in the future. The Chairman continued with a slide presentation of photos of his own time serving in the Rhodesian Army and other mixed sources which resulted in some interesting discussions among members about some little known aspects of the war that still need to see the light of day in future publications. Looking at the photos made one realize that war was no romanticised adventure but an ugly destructive cruel affair.





Photos was shown of the weapons, equipment and vehicles used during the 15 year long conflict and discussions followed around which firearms were used. Although the 7.62x51 NATO FN Fal were the standard issue service rifle with the Rhodesian Security Forces, many units also used captured Com Bloc weapons. Along with the FN Mag GPMG the FN remained the weapon of choice of RLI Fireforces due to its hard hitting capability. Special forces units preferred the AK 47 7.62x39 due to its versatility and pseudo benefits. The Rhodesian Army had to make do with very little due to

sanctions and economic constraints and be inventive in applying captured materiel. It was equally fascinating from the opposing forces' side which initially had to work with WWII surplus weapons, but later were trained and equipped by its client states (ZIPRA Russia) and (ZANLA) China. From a collectors viewpoint it represented a fascinating array of weapons. In the pic above Selous Scout Tony Pitzer in the middle is show using a Russian RPD LMG.



The Chairman has promised to screen short video clips on various subjects as part of future "show and tell" presentations. Anybody with interesting material are invited to pass it on to the Chairman.



Cowboy Action Shooting (CAS)



In the future the CSWSA under Robert Nothhaft and Graham Smith will focus on historical research and publications work on the subject. Interested parties can contact Robert at roronoma@telkomsa.net



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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