

CAPE SAAACA



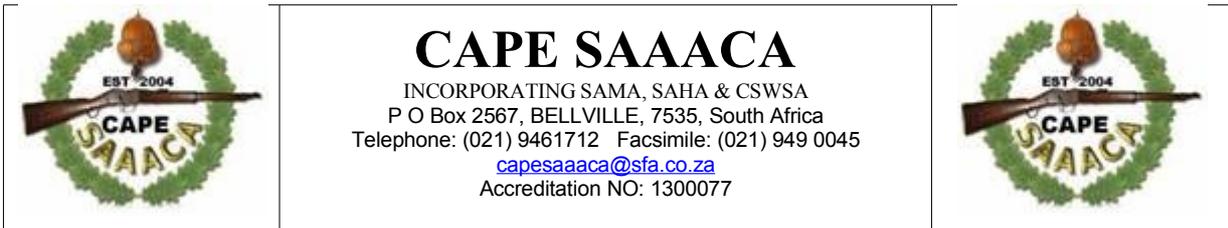
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2006 AGM: REMINDER TO ALL “ORDINARY MEMBERS” OF CAPE SAAACA

Remember that our 2006 AGM will be held at 10H00 till 12H00 at the Officers Mess of The Cape Highlanders, after which we will enjoy a finger lunch, refreshments will be available from their cash bar.

AGM open to only fully paid up ordinary members. Secretariat members are welcome to join us afterwards for refreshments.

To allow us to plan the catering, please let us know who and how many will be attending (Spouses welcome).

Contact the Chairman at above address.

OCTOBER SAMCA TALK

Our Speaker on the 27th of October, 2006, was **Dr Guntars Vaivars**. He was introduced by the chairperson, Stephan Fourie, who is personally acquainted with the speaker. Guntars hails from one of the three small Baltic states, namely Latvia, a country which has a rich and varied history through the centuries in the shadow of the great powers of the times namely the Vikings, the Russians, the Germans and the Poles. Guntars introduced us to a subject that is fairly unfamiliar to most of us, not to speak of the historical complexity of the situation, far too intricate to try and explain in a few short paragraphs. Guntars also spoke about his service in the erstwhile Soviet army, but what made the collectors sit upright and literally drool with delight, were the many excellent photographs of military museums and firearm collections in existence, not to speak of the many reenactment groups that sprang up after Estonia, Latvia & Lithuania's regained their political independence in the previous decade after the collapse of the Soviet Empire!

Well done, Guntars! It was a most enjoyable talk appreciated by the SAAACA members and visitors who were present. (Luckily it will not be last we see, or hear, of Guntars – he consented to regale us some more on the subject sometime in the future, focusing more on the tragedy of the Second World War and how it affected the Latvian people).



UPCOMING SAMCA TALK:

The next meeting of SAMCA will be held on Thursday, 30 November, at 19:30 at the CTH NCO's & EM's Mess at the Castle. Future talks will consist of two different talks to cater for a wider interest amongst our members

The first part of the next talk will cover some critical criteria relevant to firearm collectors, and the second more glamorous part will entertain you on that mystical figure, "the cowboy". So bring your sons along for a most informative talk that no doubt will have them talking about at school for some time to come.

Stephan Fourie, CAPE SAAACA chairperson, will lead an information work session to enlighten firearm collectors on the subject of drafting your Field of Interest Organogram required to obtain your Categorization A/B/C status.

Who was the real Cowboy, what did he wear and what was the "tools" of his trade?

The main speaker will be **Robert Nothhaft & Graeme Smith** from the SAAACA-affiliated *CAPE SAAACA Western Shooters Association*. Graeme will discuss the history and origins of the American Cowboy – what he wore, his weapons & how he lived – as compared to the popular image created by "Westerns" – film and TV. Robert will then follow up with an overview of the actual firearms they used.



SOME PROVISIONAL TALKS FOR 2007 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE & IN RANDOM ORDER):

- **Samurai Swords** – Gary Morris/André Olivier
- **Schutztruppe Edged Weapons & Medals** – Andy Shoredits
- **Boxer Rebellion Medals** – Andy Shoredits
- **German Railway Guns - A Historical Perspective** – Johan van den Berg
- **The Tale of Two Skirmishes, 17th September, 1901 (Gen Louis Botha at Blood River Poort and Gen Jan Smuts at Elands River Poort)** - Johan van den Berg
- **German Political Daggers** – Andy Shoredits
- **German Fallschirmjäger in World War Two: A Historical Perspective** – Johan van den Berg
- **Gen Smuts' Campaign in the Northern Cape/Namaqualand during the Anglo-Boer War** – Glenn von Zeil



IMPORTANT!: We need:

- **proposals for lectures** and more importantly;
- **speakers**, especially on firearm/ammunition-related subjects!
- **to be informed about fellow collectors or enthusiasts whom we could invite** – please let us have their names and contact details **ASAP**.



SAMCA COMMITTEE:

- **Stephan Fourie** (SAAACA/SAMCA Chairperson – email: stephan@sfa.co.za) (The SAAACA Chairman is (constitutionally) automatically Chairperson of SAMCA).
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Kind regards

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