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Dear Members,

In deference of any other SAAACA., we have formally structured various other sub interest groups within CAPE SAAACA with the aim to facilitate and promote specialist interest fields complementary to firearm collecting which allows those groups to form working committees and develop and promote such fields on a focussed basis. We believe that it will add more value than would have been the case if it was accommodated simply along informal lines as ordinary talks of all subject matter. It also allows further complimentary interest groups such as for e.g. The Medal Builders Society to affiliate to SAMCA, etc. Such thinking allows us to act as umbrella body to gather all related fields into one cohesive body sharing scarce resources and also sharing its knowledge, etc.

Current sub interest groups:

1. SAMCA (South African Militaria Collectors Collecting Association*
2. CSWSA (Cape SAAACA Western Shooters Association)

Some will have their own web site, and you can access that from our web site www.capesaaaca.co.za

Although our IT Secretariat sends out regular updates via e-mail newsletters to our members, Members are reminded to keep themselves abreast of events by regularly visiting our web site. Should you not receive these regular updates, please mail your full contact details to the IT Secretariat Convenor Henk Mulder who is responsible for that side. henk@dc3.co.za

Please note to that end that the CAPE SAAACA talks events has been structured within a dedicated sub group of CAPE SAAACA called SAMCA (South African Militaria Collectors Association), to allow those collectors sharing our interest in general militaria but are not firearm collectors, to join as affiliated members and share in our events.

Till further notice these talks will be held **EACH LAST THURSDAY** of the month at **the Cape Town Highlanders' lecture hall/E.M. & N.C.O.'s mess, behind the Castle.**

Currently out talks are being offered free of charge, but due to event overheads we might have to start charging a nominal fee to allow us to hire equipment such as proxima projectors to facilitate some presentations that require it. None members will be required to pay a R20,00 entrance fee.

The next talk will be held this Thursday the 23rd of Feb at 19H00 and there is a cash bar. Please make an effort to attend as it counts towards your annual compliancy report as Private Collector.

Attached please find our last SAMCA newsletter.

We again extend an invitation to everyone that if anybody knows of any person with a story to tell, that they contact me and the Scribe of SAMCA (Johan Van der Berg) in order to get that person to deliver a talk at one of our future SAMCA talks. The topics are only limited by our interest and imagination. I am convinced that we sit with a wealth of stories amongst our members!!?

ACCREDITATION UPDATE:

Our application has now been in for some months and we already submitted one additional set of further requirements. Our contact person there is Ms Jacky de Wit with whom, we are in regular contact. We have no reason to doubt that we will eventually be successful.

See below extraction from a letter received from Ms de Wit.

“Receipt of your application for accreditation as a collector’s association with reference number A6004971 is hereby acknowledged.”

CATEGORISATION OF COLLECTORS IN TERMS OF CURRENT FIELDS OF INTEREST

Our membership committee has been working through our members in order to ensure that everyone is compliant with the requirements in the FCA 60 of 2000 and Regulations. To that end Hannes Willers would have sent you a snail mail.

This was necessary as most applications were submitted prior to the final Regulations and SAPS requirements were known, and subsequently most were not compliant. The problem is that we therefore cannot issue a valid Categorisation Membership Certificate or Membership card reflecting your categorisation status.

Please attend to this as a matter of urgency as we can only start sending out those membership cards and certificates of members who has been properly vetted by the membership committee.

Contact Hannes Willers on 083 377 0036 or mail him on hanswillers@mweb.co.za should you be unsure what to do or what your status is.

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND COMPLIANCY

Renewal notices has been sent to all members on record to renew and pay their membership BEFORE the end of Fen 2006. Those members’ membership who has not paid by that date will lapse and they will have to apply all over again. This type of administration is compulsory in terms of the Regulations as the SAPS CFR want to see that we in fact adhere to the required “Good Standing Compliancy” and report as such.

To that end we will reconcile our final paid up members in good standing during March and in April report to the SAPS CFR which members are in fact in good standing. This is another compulsory requirement to retain our accreditation status as a valid collectors association.

I realize that some members are struggling to come to terms with what exactly a valid Field of Interest are that forms the back bone of your approved membership. Should there be sufficient interest to warrant it, we will structure one of the talks to cover that in depth.

Please comply diligently and assist us to assist you the member!

Yours sincerely

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