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A WORD IN YOUR EAR



"Tjoppie"

Life has a magical way of introducing a delightful being to one's life once in a while. Some of these initial introductions are long standing and walk life with you for years or decades, such as your dog or other animal that you have a connection with. Some are new and change your life for the better, as it almost always does.

One such introduction that happened to me a few years ago, was the pleasure of meeting Tjoppie (Afrikaans for a lamb chop). Tjoppie had an impact on my life from the first moment. What makes him so unique is his relentless attitude towards life, which, being a canine, comes naturally and instinctively. He has endured some hard times in his life thus far. One can see it in his disposition.

You see, Tjoppie is now seven years old and during these seven years he survived a bakkie (pick-up truck) driving over his abdomen and hind leg causing considerable injury. When he recovered from that, he was bitten by a Puff Adder and survived that as well. It took him a while to fully recover before his flank was torn open by the horn of an irritable wounded Blue Wildebeest. He received a herd of stitches for that stunt, but managed to make it through that as well! To top it all off, he was spat in the face by a Mozambique Spitting Cobra not too long ago and almost lost his eyesight.

Enduring all this, he's still able to find every wounded animal on Gustav's hunting farm without fail. That is, if he can hear you, as he's going deaf from all the rifle shots.

Tjoppie is an example for all canines and humans alike. Tjoppie earned my respect from the word go. He endures all hardships and takes it in his stride. So relax and be more like Tjoppie. Don't let hard times get the better of you at any stage – be relentless.

The year is almost done. The end is nigh. Our mission and promise to you, as always – we will keep the needs of our members, and firearms owners in general, in sight and at the forefront of our efforts when it comes to challenging any possible unwarranted and more strenuous changes to the Firearms Control Act. From a service perspective, we will continue our personalised service to our members and do our utmost to assist each and every member as best we can – even after hours, as we often do!

To all members, I thank you! Your support, loyalty and friendship is what we are all about at SA Wingshooters. Have a safe and enjoyable festive season and a Merry Christmas.

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André –



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Another reason to eat wild game

It reduces the need for mining phosphate. Phosphorous, a nutrient essential to growing food, occurs naturally; long ago, crops were eaten locally by humans and livestock, whose manure fertilized the next round of crops in a closed loop. Today, industrial agriculture requires enormous quantities of fertilizer, including phosphorus, which now has to be mined.

This phosphorus (and other substances) is not recycled but largely flushed through runoff into the sea as a pollutant. Engineers at New Jersey's



photo: André vd Westhuizen

Stevens Institute of Technology have determined that phosphate mining could be cut substantially through changes in diet. To produce a pound of beef requires 32 pounds of feed, largely grown with fertilizers; a pound of venison requires no fertilizer.

— *Conservationfrontlines.org*

No room for compromise on safety

5 September 2019 – This summer (in the UK) has seen two convictions for



gross negligence manslaughter. In June, gamekeeper Ben Wilson was jailed for seven years for leaving a loaded self-loading shotgun in the front passenger foot well of his vehicle. It went off, killing 18-year-old Peter Colwell, who was the central rear seat passenger.

Five days after that, Albert Grannon was jailed for three years, having shot his great-grandson, Stanley Metcalfe, with an illegally-held Section 1 air rifle in the abdomen. The little boy was taken to hospital but died of his injuries soon after.

There is a common denominator to both of these sad cases; loaded firearms left lying about. Both deaths were wholly avoidable and if Wilson and Grannon had put the welfare of others before their own convenience and unloaded their guns before leaving them, these incidents could have been avoided.

It is common sense that a loaded gun left lying about is a serious – and potentially fatal – accident waiting to happen. There can never be any justification for loading a gun in a house or car in any case, unless the barrel is pointing out of a window and you have identified a legitimate target with a safe backstop. It goes without saying that guns should always be unloaded before being put into a vehicle.

The actions of Wilson and Grannon have not only snuffed out two young lives, but ruined countless other ones as well. That is bad enough in itself but there is a further dimension. Such cases are seized

upon by those who are opposed to private firearms ownership to beat the shooting community with.

Cases like these make it increasingly difficult for my colleagues and I to advance the argument that firearms owners are safety-conscious and responsible, even though most shooters are. This is particularly so as air weapons are already under review by the Home Office. Another child killed by an airgun makes the position of not licensing air weapons – already on a knife edge – increasingly difficult to defend.

These two cases are a wake-up call to all of us who own firearms. I will be blunt; if you leave a loaded gun lying about and it goes off and hurts someone then you will go to prison. Remember, you can never be in the wrong for checking that a gun is unloaded.

— *Bill Harriman*

Director of Firearms, basc.org.uk

Photo: BASC

Nine Critically Endangered Rhino Are Relocated From South Africa To Tanzania

Fueled by a lucrative illegal trade in wildlife products, East Africa has experienced an unparalleled poaching crisis, decimating rhino numbers. From an estimated 10,000 animals in 1970, the Tanzanian black rhino population has decreased by 99% and today there are estimated to be only 100 rhino surviving in all of Tanzania. While the Serengeti ecosystem has become the stronghold for Tanzania's beleaguered rhino population, it is a pale shadow of its former glory when an estimated 700 rhino resided in the Serengeti National Park in 1980. The poaching pandemic has resulted in the IUCN placing the last remaining eastern black rhino (*Diceros bicornis michaeli*) on its red list and classifying them as critically endangered.

During the rhino poaching crisis of the 1970's and 1980's, black rhino from various parts of East Africa were translocated to safe havens in international zoos and ex-situ breeding sanctuaries. This was done

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in an effort to safeguard the species with the hope of eventually returning these individuals, or their offspring, back to East Africa once the poaching situation had been brought under control. While rhino poaching still threatens the existence of

Executive Director of the Grumeti Fund, elaborates: "The traction and success of the black rhino re-establishment project has been built upon an open-door policy of collaboration where we actively engage in long-term government partnerships, while



this species some forty years later, there is a strong desire and conservation need to re-establish black rhino populations in well protected areas where they formerly roamed and thrived.

Tanzania Wildlife Management Authority (TAWA), in partnership with the Grumeti Fund, manages 350 000 acres in the western Serengeti. This area forms a buffer zone to the Serengeti National Park and as such plays a critical role in the protection of the core areas of the Serengeti ecosystem. Together, TAWA and the Grumeti Fund have achieved considerable success in curbing poaching since our partnership began in 2003. This has led to dramatic increases in wildlife numbers within the protected area with, the Ikorongo-Grumeti concession area experiencing a more than fourfold increase in the elephant population and tenfold increase in buffalo numbers.

With a strong anti-poaching presence in place and plenty of ideally-suited rhino habitat, TAWA and the Grumeti Fund, under the leadership of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, are poised to grow and meaningfully contribute to rhino conservation in Tanzania by establishing a new satellite population of free-ranging eastern black rhino within the greater Serengeti ecosystem.

Strong partnerships are paramount to the re-establishment of critically endangered species. Stephen Cunliffe,



simultaneously seeking out alliances with like-minded conservation organizations and philanthropists".

On September 10th, the Tanzanian government welcomed a founder population of nine eastern black rhino from South Africa. This is the largest ever single movement of rhino into Tanzania and will increase the national population of this critically endangered species by approximately 10%. The animals, who were carefully selected by age and genetic composition, are directly related to the rhino removed from East Africa in the 1970s and will be of extreme value to the genetic diversity of the existing

Serengeti rhino population. The rhino were transported from Thaba Tholo Game Farm in South Africa by truck to Johannesburg International Airport. From there they boarded a chartered 747 cargo plane, alongside four wildlife veterinarians and a rhino behavior specialist to Kilimanjaro, Tanzania. From Kilimanjaro the rhino boarded a C130 flying to the Grumeti concessions and were transferred by truck to their temporary enclosures. They will remain in the boma facility until such time as the team of wildlife veterinarians deem them fit for release into the wider Serengeti ecosystem.

As Grant Burden, Head of Special Projects at the Grumeti Fund, notes: "Rhino populations have crashed before in Africa, but they've survived, and recovered, because of people who do something about the problem. With the support of the Tanzanian government, we are confident we can do it again in the Serengeti."

Within the Grumeti concession area there are currently two eastern black rhino (one male and one female) residing in a 276 hectare intensive protection zone. One is nine-year-old bull, Eric, who arrived in September 2018 from San Diego Safari Park. Over the past year he has undergone a process of naturalization and rewilding in an effort to ensure that he is fully adapted and fit for release into the wider Serengeti ecosystem towards the end of 2019. The female, Laikipia, is also a captive-bred rhino who came to Tanzania from Port Lympne Reserve in the U.K. in 2007.

Once acclimatised to their new surroundings, the rhino are expected to be released into the greater Serengeti ecosystem before the end of the year. Rhino conservation is not easy nor cheap. The Grumeti Fund's black rhino re-establishment project has involved years-worth of planning and millions of dollars. But, as the Fund's Executive Director concludes: "We strongly believe that you cannot put a price on the survival of a species, so the Grumeti Fund will continue to fundraise, invest and work tirelessly with our partners to see black rhino safe and thriving in the Serengeti ecosystem once more".

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Bronze –
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4th –
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5th –
WA Lambrechts: Score 98 (4 x-ring)

RIMFIRE HANDGUN

Gold –
D Fratti: Score 100 (8 x-rings)
Silver –
CS Morton: Score 100 (7 x-ring)
Bronze –
GI Moola: Score 98 (6 x-ring)

RIMFIRE RIFLE

Gold –
KBA Atkins: Score 100 (10 x-rings)
Silver –
D Fratti: Score 100 (9 x-ring)
Bronze –
IM Karan: Score 100 (6 x-rings)
4th –
H Bester: Score 100 (1 x-ring)
5th –
CS Morton: Score 98 (4 x-ring)

CENTREFIRE RIFLE

Gold –
JH Maree: Score 100 (5 x-rings)
Silver –
IM Karan: Score 100 (5 x-ring)
Bronze –
JP Gelndenhuis: Score 100 (4 x-rings)
4th –
Mrs J Lee: Score 98 (2 x-ring)
5th –
D Reyneke: Score 96 (2 x-ring)

HANDGUN – CENTREFIRE – Ladies

Gold –
NA Jansen van Resburg: Score 91 (2 x-ring)

RIFLE – CENTREFIRE – Ladies

Gold –
J Lee: Score 98 (2 x-ring)



LRSC 2019 Competition Winners

OVERALL 2019 Points Winners:

Gold: Etienne de Beer (170 pts)
Silver: Marius Gericke (160 pts)
Bronze: Shaun Ellithorne (155 pts)

.338 F-BA Division:

Gold: Etienne de Beer (90 pts)
Silver: Konrad Botes (90 pts)
Bronze: Warren Britnell (80 pts)

6.5 Match Division:

Gold: Shaun Ellithorne (155 pts)
Silver: Anthony (Tony) Ernst (140 pts)
Bronze: Konrad Botes (140 pts)

.308 F-BA Division:

Gold: Etienne de Beer (170 pts)
Silver: Shaun Ellithorne (145 pts)
Bronze: Andre van der Westhuizen (130)



TPS 2019 Winners

3-Gun Division (Handgun / SLR / Bolt):

Gold: André vd Westhuizen (114,8")
Silver: Marius Gericke (129,02")
Bronze: David Lillico (143,25")

2-Gun Division (Handgun / Self-Loading):

Gold: David Lillico (79,68")
Silver: Shaun Ellithorne (98,9")
Bronze: Marius Gericke (102,29")

2-Gun Division (Handgun / Bolt Action):

Gold: David Lillico (52,23")
Silver: Marius Gericke (72,71")
Bronze: Bernard Cilliers (75,89")



.300 Win. Mag. Division:

Gold: Andrew Lillico (70 pts)
Silver: David Lillico (25 pts)
Bronze: Derek Reyneke & Willem du Randt (15pts)

.223 F-BA Division:

Gold: Warren Britnell (80 pts)
Silver: Tersius Hickman (15 pts)
Bronze: Kenton Kirkwood (5 pts)

.223 F-SL (Self-Loading Rifle) Division:

Gold: Marius Gericke (160 pts)
Silver: David Lillico (130 pts)
Bronze: André van der Westhuizen (100 pts)

.308 F-SL (Self-Loading Rifle) Division:

Gold: Marius Gericke (105 pts)
Silver: Johan Jansen (60 pts)

Open Division (Major):

Gold: Riaan Alberts (35 pts) – .300 NM

Open Division (Minor):

Gold: Konrad Grabe (125 pts) – .270 Win



.22PSBC 2019 Winners

.22 LR Tactical Division:

Gold: David Lillico (260 pts)
Silver: Anthony (Tony) Ernst (255 pts)
Bronze: Bernard Cilliers (240 pts)

.22 LR Hunter Division:

Gold: Andre vd Westhuizen (130 pts)
Silver: Elmo Ferreira (110 pts)
Bronze: Bobby Budai (90 pts)

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True, False or Maybe

Recently I picked up an oldish copy of 'The Field', dating back a dozen years and therein was a really thought-provoking article by the British Association for Shooting and Conservation's (BASC) director of research in which several so-called old and established 'truths' were put under the microscope.

| by Charles Duff



Photograph by: Lilo van der Westhuizen



Since most South Africans don't ever get to read this magazine I think that the 'truths' examined are well worth repeating, in fact I wish that I had come across it years ago.

Firstly, we were all taught that the choke effect on a barrel is measured by the percentage of pellets of the shot charge counted inside a 30 inch circle at 40 yards. Neither of which translate readily into metric, which is 76.2cm and 36.57m. Thus Cylinder at no restriction is 40%; Improved Cylinder at 5 thousands of an inch restriction delivers 50% patterns and Quarter with 10 thou gives 55%. Half choke with 20 thou gives 60%, Three-quarters with 30 thou gives 65% and Full choke with 40 thou delivers 70% patterns. Thus choke increases range – no it does not! Pellets going through increasing chokes go no further than those from a cylinder barrel. Does choke increase the effective range? Maybe, to some extent yes, but not reliably.

The theory goes that as the shot charge goes through ever tighter chokes, so the pattern density is maintained for longer and this is true up to a limit. Tests on various sizes of lead, bismuth, steel and zinc shot have shown that tighter than half choke, and sometimes even quarter choke, the pattern's density does not increase reliably. Looking at the graph of pattern percentage counts against increasing choke shows that the pellet diameter plays a significant part, that Zinc is a complete non-starter and that the smaller 2.8mm steel shot performed better than the larger 3.3mm,

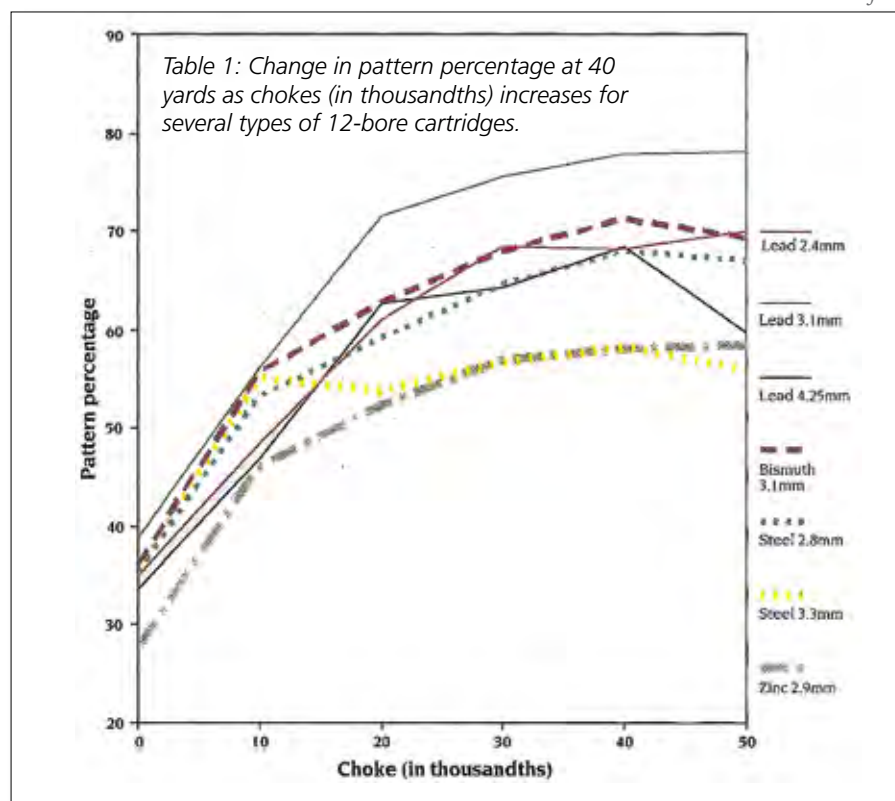
also that the 3.1mm lead shot was the best of the lot (table 1). We would better know these in their British sizes, so 4.25 mm is presumably an American steel shot size somewhere between British BBB and B. Our size 3 is 3.3mm; 4s are 3.1mm and 2.9mm, the Zinc shot, would be a 4½, while 5s are 2.8mm and 7s are 2.4mm.

They also found that cartridges from the same box showed considerable variation in pellet counts in the patterning circle; pellet counts doubling from cartridge to cartridge were not unknown. Thus, consistent pattern densities suffered. Furthermore, once into the 'super full' choke of

over 40 and up to 50 thousands of an inch, the pattern density decreases markedly; that is, the pattern fails. Of late such super chokes have become available and their presumed efficiency is at best questioned by these tests which showed decreasing pattern densities. The cut-off of 40 thou for full choke by the gunsmiths of old was obviously not arbitrary, but based upon physical tests.

Another 'truth' that everyone has swallowed is that the so-called 'steel' shot (which is actually soft iron) patterns far better than lead because the pellets are not deformed at all in their passage down the barrel. The BASC's tests showed that with more than

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head and ignore the body is the best advice that I can give you to achieve consistent kills.

Their tests with 20ga loads of 25gm and 28gm showed pellet counts dropping by 30% between 30 and 40yds, emphasising that the smaller bores should not be used beyond 40yds maximum. The testing of 16gm and 17gm loads for the 28ga was, in my humble opinion, misguided at best. I use 23 and 24gm loads and so do all the other 28ga users of my acquaintance, the lowest I have ever gone was a 18gm load for clays which were disappointing. I do, however, agree with the limiting of the 28ga's range to ± 30 yds.

But just how good are we? The

quarter choke steel pellets patterns were considerably worse than lead. Many years ago, I was taught that the use of fibre wads causes patterns to open up as much as one degree of choke compared to plastic wads. The BASCS's trial came up with the surprising conclusion that using 12ga guns with all chokes and ranges from 20yds to 40yds there was little statistical difference in 13 tests, fibre gave denser patterns in 11 cases and only in 1 was plastic denser than fibre. Using 20ga 28gm loads 10 out of 16 tests showed that fibre gave denser patterns than plastic wads and only 3 were the reverse. Another surprise, but this one is beneficial, if a land-owner specifies only fibre wads may be used, I will now gladly comply.

In the USA, it was shown that about 100 pellets inside the 30 inch circle is needed to consistently kill pheasants, which are close enough to our guinea-fowl. The circle's area is just over 700sq.ins, thus an average dispersal of 1 pellet per 7sq.ins is assumed, (we know that actually the centre counts will be higher and the edges lower). Table 1 clearly shows that beyond 50yds none of the cartridges tested gave this 100 pellet count, regardless of the pellet size and using a full choke with 36gm of 5s produced average counts of only 74 pellets at 60yds, an average of only 1 pellet per 96sq.ins. The difference between the two commercial 32gm loads of 6s is striking, one is clearly



Photograph by: Hullcartridge.co.uk

better than the other, stressing that you need to try several loads in your gun and to hope that at least one produces good patterns for you. At these ranges, the question of pellet lethality comes to the fore, the larger pellets might have the necessary punch, but lack the pattern density to ensure swift and sure kills. This, added to their results on pattern percentages with increasing choke just emphasises that the 12ga shotgun is a less than 50yds range weapon.

None of us will knowingly leave wounded birds to fly away and I'm sure that we would all improve our performance wherever we can and keep to sensible ranges. Go for the

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BASC tested experienced shooters with simple 30yd left-to-right and right-to-left crossing clays and less than 30% of the shooters scored six out of the eight clays. The average kill rate was 3.4 clays, they stated that with overhead birds the hit rate was much the same.

In the USA in a shotgunning educational programme using embodying 22,000 shooters, in the same test, 66% could not get 6 out of 8 at 20yds and 75% failed at 30yds. Less than 20 individuals succeeded at 40yds. I am seriously considering repeating such a test with the members at my local shotgun range!

Worse is to come, when it comes to estimating range we fall down again. I was taught that to estimate the range of a 'blue sky' bird with no reference points to help, you take your estimate of the range, halve it and add ten, thus an estimated 40yd bird is an easy 30yd shot, because we over-estimate the range. Their tests on accurate ranges of a suspended air-borne stuffed pheasant showed that even experienced shooters consistently under-estimated the bird's range by 10% at 30yds out to 30% at 60yds. They also asked if the shooter was comfortable shooting at the 35, 50 and 60yds used in the test and the percentage dwindled markedly with increasing range (Table 2). Another unsettling result for us shooters!

All this does cause some soul searching and an abiding worry that there may well be other facets that are similarly open to question. One that readily comes to mind is the absolute dictum that the aim should be to have as many perfectly spherical pellets emerging from the gun's muzzles as possible.

The tenet is that shot deformed by bore scrub and by impinging upon each other is the root cause of widening and lengthening patterns; uniformity of size also improves patterns. Yet I remember back in my impecunious younger years reloading for my 12ga and the little shot-maker we had kept producing a fair percentage of pellets with tails. Initially we tried to screen these out and re-cycle them, but this caused much loss of time, furthermore there was a visible variance in the shot size which we debated screening with sieves but could not find any graduated sieves. Eventually, we just used everything that came out of the shot-maker.

Checking with patterns showed precious little difference compared to the commercial Swartklip cartridges which did not seem to make sense, but cheered us up no end. We are not yet in the invidious situation of the northern hemisphere's wingshooters who have to use non-lead shot.

A very expensive bismuth and polymer mix is touted as far superior to lead, especially with respect to patterning. Yet I have examined samples and the pellets are only vaguely spherical and rather rough, so maybe this is another incorrect precept.



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SHOOTING TIPS

Some tips to help you shoot beter – clays or birds...



photo: Lilo van der Westhuizen

On shooting a teal true pair... When thrown as a true pair, the targets will split near the top of their flight, with one target going left and the other right. Before you take your turn at a springing teal, observe which target goes the highest. You will want to shoot the highest climber second. Take the target with the lowest apex first, because it will begin to fall first. Your scores will be higher on this station if you attempt to take both targets on the rise or at the precise moment they stop their ascent.

– This tip came from the book *"The Sporting Clays Handbook"* by Jerry Meyer.

Missed targets create more missed targets. If you miss, don't even think about it unless you know exactly what went wrong. That is the trick to learn. To develop the ability to quickly recognize your mistake so you can correct it immediately. Often, we don't know what we did wrong and drop a few more targets. Then later, we realize the error, but it's too late to salvage the score.

This ability requires inner knowledge of the game and a total understanding of your technique. It takes time and many hours of practice, sometimes years, to reach this stage of install error recognition. But it will never arrive if you don't begin now to consciously develop the skill of instant recall. Know why you missed! Know why you hit a target!

– This tip came from the book *"Precision Shooting – The Trapshooter's Bible – The Next Step and Beyond"* by James Russell.

I believe the word concentration has been written so much in interviews with skeet and trap champions that it has become misinterpreted by many new shooters. Concentration does not mean the champions think of nothing else from the time the shoot starts, nor does it mean they are so buried in concentration they don't see what's happening around them or hear things.

They have developed the ability to concentrate totally at the time they are

shooting; then they can turn it off and relax in between.

– This tip came from the book *"Shooting – The Art and the Science"* by Bob Brister.

Keep the clay rabbit sitting on the rib of the gun! This way, you strike the target with the majority of the pattern, with the added benefit that the lower third strikes the ground, ricocheting up, lifting debris into the pattern, and helping break the target.

– This tip came from the book *"Breaking Clays – Target Tactics, Tips & Techniques"* by Chris Batha.

[Shotshell] patterns are also affected by cold and by altitude. As any airplane pilot knows, cold air is dense and warm air is thin. The resistance and/or density of the air is what opens up a shotgun pattern; if one could shoot test patterns in a vacuum, a cylinder bore should give full-choke performance.

Thus, patterns will tend to be more open, and penetrate less, in very cold weather. Patterns will tend to be tighter, and penetrate farther at high altitude because they are encountering less atmospheric resistance.

A gun that throws modified patterns at sea level may throw full-choke patterns at Denver, Colorado, or Mexico City.

– This tip came from the book *"Shotgunning – The Art and Science"* by Bob Brister.

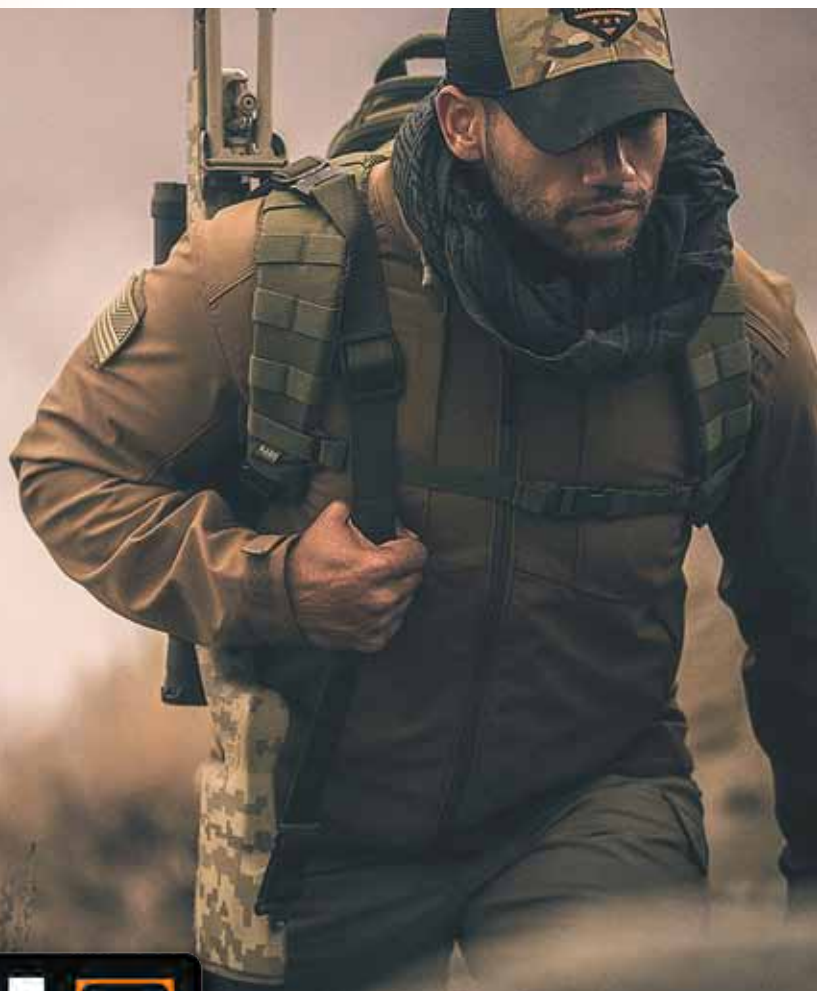
It's been said the clay-target shooting sports are 10% equipment and 90% mental. That's why mental training is such an important part of your training for all the shooting games.

– This tip came from the book *"Mental Training for the Shotgun Sports"* by Michael J. Keyes, M.D.

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The Gamebirds are

the Teachers



by Janet Snow-Macleod
photo: Maans Booysen

An old gamebird shooter (note I refer to a shooter not a hunter) who is also an old experienced dog handler has insisted that the only way to learn about our gamebirds is to shoot them. His rather emphatic statement on many occasions is that: “you know nothing about the birds” (referring to me) is based on the fact that I don’t shoot the birds. That is, his understanding of the acquisition of knowledge regarding gamebirds can only be obtained through the shooting of the birds.

There are a few reasons why I choose not to shoot. My interests lie in the training of the dogs and participating (with varying degrees of success) in a few field trials. I enjoy going out into our magnificent grassland areas to run my dogs. I appreciate seeing the dogs develop and grow within the sport.

I enjoy the challenge of finding ways around the individual dog’s problems and watching good dogs in action. I love to see dogs working, using the wind, responding appropriately to the conditions and showing intelligent skills, doing what they love to do and for which they were bred. Basically, my interest/hobby lies in the dogs and the related elements, like the environments in which we are privileged to walk and the inter-

esting people who also participate. Added to this, the bird numbers in our area are too low and would be compromised by harvesting. Does this, however, mean that I am unable to understand bird behaviour? Do I have to be a fully-fledged bird shooter in order to obtain the knowledge required to find (which I would argue is a component of the hunt) our elusive cryptic gamebird species?

As a side note – although I differentiate between gamebird shooters and dog handlers, this is only for the purpose of this article. There are many shooters who are also good dog handlers but not all dog handlers are gamebird shooters.

Firstly, we should unpack the term hunt or hunting. Hunting is often referred to and understood as the end result, that of the shooting or

kill. However, I put it to you, that hunting includes a lot more elements and complexities. It includes the pursuit of game, the processes involved in the locating of that animal/bird. Lexicon’s – powered by Oxford - dictionary search defines hunting as: “the activity of hunting wild animals or game” and “the activity of searching for something”. Their thesaurus gives synonyms to hunting as (inter alia); “stalking, coursing, the chase”. The judges at field trials refer to the dog’s hunting ability being the dog’s attempts to locate the bird/s, that is the process prior to the dog going onto point. The Cape Nature (taken as an example of province’s legislation) definition of hunting is: “the act of employing various means in order to search for, kill, capture, attempt to kill or capture, or to pur-

sue, follow, or drive any wild animal with the intent of killing or capturing it..." The TOPS Biodiversity Act in relation to a threatened or protected species defines "hunt" as: (a) to intentionally kill such species... (b) to capture such species... with the intent to kill, (c) to search for... pursue, with the intent to kill..." Although my intention, while running my pointing dog, is not to kill the birds found, I would argue that searching and being in pursuit of the birds is an integral part of the hunting.

Why harp on the term hunt? It serves to indicate that shooting or killing the bird is only the end result and thus only one component of the total hunting process. The intention of the gamebird shooter is to search, pursue and finally to shoot as many birds as his/her ability or quota permits. My and other dog handlers' intentions are also to search, pursue and locate as many birds as possible. Both are interested in the number of finds. The quest is common to both, that of having birds presented, whether it is to shoot to kill, shoot blanks to prove a dog steady to shot or just to find the birds.

In an article, U Ringneck, written by Larry Brown in *The Pointing Dog Journal* describes the lessons he had learnt from the pheasants. He describes that as a young lad he did not "care for the noise" of his father's method of shooting. This led him to spending time in the 'ditches', allowing for what: "...might be called Pheasant 101: Ringneck Behavior and Misbehavior[sic]". Brown indicates that even as a child he started to "figure out where they like to hide" even before he started running dogs and shooting. He says the Ringneck were the professors while he and (later) his dogs, were the students.

Brown, however, highlights that although there are lessons to be learnt, it is important to want to obtain the knowledge. "Pheasants can be great teachers. Pheasant hunters and their dogs need to be attentive students". Equally, if both the gamebird shooter and the dog trainer are interested in finding birds, then both should be 'attentive students'. Let the birds be the teachers. Brown says to think about the habitat, allow the good dog to indicate what he/she knows and

note the trends (farm management or seasonal).

I do, however, note that it is easy to fall into the trap of believing that one has learnt it all and one knows all the birds' tricks, behaviours and habits. At one stage I believed that I understood the predominant gamebird in our area, the Redwing Partridge (*Scleroptila levaillanti*). (P.J. Viljoen classifies Redwing as partridge but Rob Little categorises them as francolin.) I had spent at least 10 years behind my dogs trying to find these birds in the open grasslands in the KZN Midlands. I had listened to the so called gurus on the gamebird behaviour. I had read the various books and articles on the topic. I thought I had the redwing 'sussed'.

Then I started to notice some distinct chinks in my armour. The 'gurus' did not all agree with each other. One person would emphatically state a behaviour pattern that was in direct conflict with another 'guru's' point of view or my personal experience did not confirm their concepts. Then a young handler showed me some birds in a habitat where I would definitely not have expected Redwing to occur. Finally, the birds as my teachers, showed me behaviours which I had not previously expected. I realised that I had fallen into the second stage of The Dunning-Kruger Effect, that of 'There is more to this than I thought'.

The Dunning-Kruger Effect is: "a cognitive bias in which people mistakenly assess their cognitive ability as greater than it is. It is related to the cognitive bias of illusory superiority and comes from the inability of people to recognise their lack of ability".

The feathered bird teachers have taught me that 'trust me, it is complicated'. On occasions I might be at the stage where I think 'It's starting to make sense' but one behaviour pattern not previously noted will bring me back to 'I'm never going to understand this'. There are many occasions where I have thought I could quote a particular behaviour pattern only to have the theory disproved. For instance, once I emphatically stated that redwing will walk/run downwind from the first point of contact with a dog (the point). No sooner said than my dog followed

a pair moving upwind (possibly to pull the dog away from youngsters). When I believed I knew where the birds are most likely to be found, my dog would unexpectedly find a large covey in unpredicted cover, like thick marshy sedges.

It has also come to my notice that scientists are identifying locally specific behaviour patterns for some bird species. Is it possible that gamebirds also have regional behaviour patterns? The Redwing in the Mpumalanga highlands might not have the same behaviour to those in the KZN Midlands. Only an attentive handler and/or gamebird shooter might be able to work out these differences.

I will go along with the premise that my knowledge is inadequate. I accept that my knowledge is not as good as I would like it to be. In fact, I am quite excited that there is still a lot to learn and I am eager for the birds to be my professors. I look forward to both my dogs and me being attentive students. However, I do not go along with the statement by my old gamebird shooting friend or the adage that I "know nothing" based purely on the fact that I do not shoot or that one should kill the bird in order to 'know' about gamebirds.

I acknowledge that there is a gap in my knowledge that can only be improved upon with the study of dead birds. For instance, the content of a birds' crops. For this information I am happy to refer to the shooters.

Possibly the biggest lesson to take home from the discussion in the article is that we should all work together as dog handlers and gamebird shooters (could be one and the same) to grow our collective knowledge. This might require that we define where we, as individuals, are on the Dunning – Kruger Effect graph, in order to reduce the 'I know everything' factor. Rather let us open our minds to 'it is complicated', share our findings, evaluate the behaviours seen and take notes of the outcomes. In this way we will all gain and improve our understanding of the habits, behaviour patterns and habitats of the bird/s and thus the number of birds found/pointed (for the shot or not). Let us be attentive to the lessons the feathered bird teachers are teaching us.



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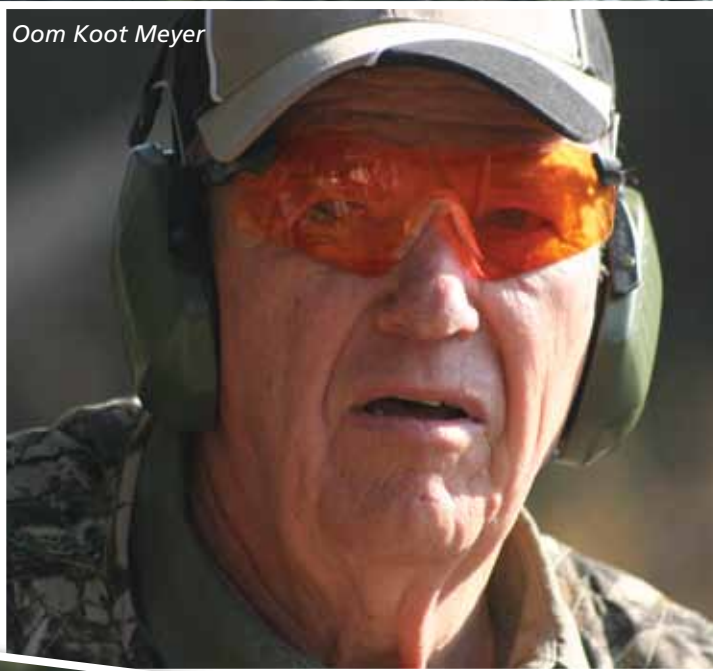
Above: Keith Gudmanz caught in concentration.

Below: Bob Nixon getting ready to call the clay.



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From left: Charles Duff, James Dunlop, Robert Francis-Pope, Dieter & Thomas Ochsenbein.

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Team 4 – From right: Emile Engelbrecht, Jean-Maré Truter, Ray Taylor, Lillian Taylor, Thinus van Staden and Ilze Dreyer



Official Shoots...



Above: Rob Cook

Below: Costa Qually

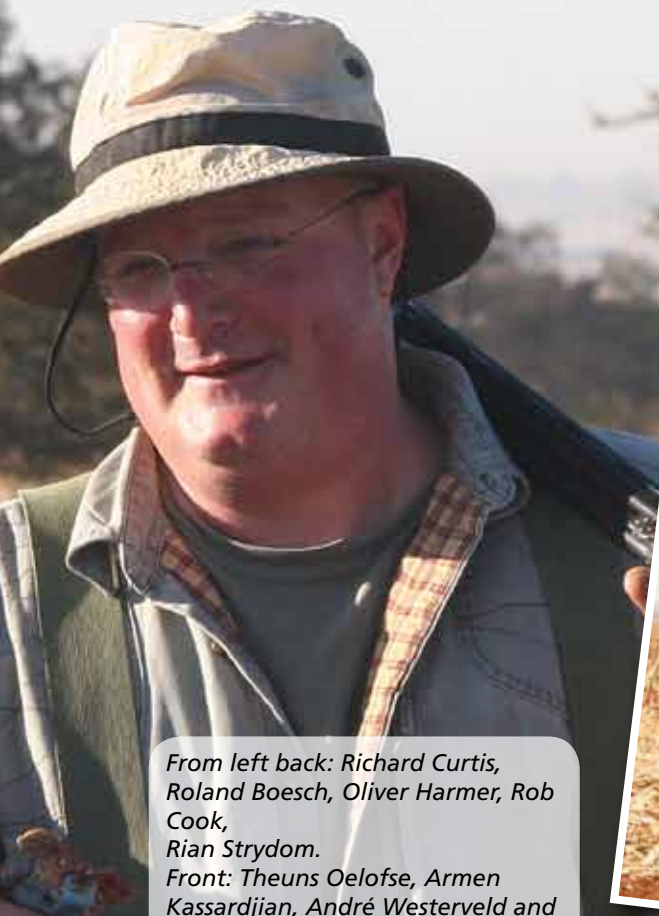
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Below right: Thinus van Staden



I'm outta here!

The Donkerhoek



From left back: Richard Curtis, Roland Boesch, Oliver Harmer, Rob Cook, Rian Strydom.
Front: Theuns Oelofse, Armen Kassardjian, André Westerveld and Gary Hagemann



Top left: Japser on retrieve.
Below: Marius Gericke, Bennie Viljoen, Oliver Harmer, Fanus Weldhagen, André Westerveld, Gert Jacobs, Costa Qally and Thinus van Staden in front.



Official Shoots... The Rustenburg

Jared Dewar on his first Rustenburg shoot



Johan Byliefeldt



*Kobus Gertenbach
ready for the first
Guineafowl drive*



*Andrew Lillico has
a nice practical
bird carrier*



*Here Tony Ernst points his own birds!
Right: It worked!*

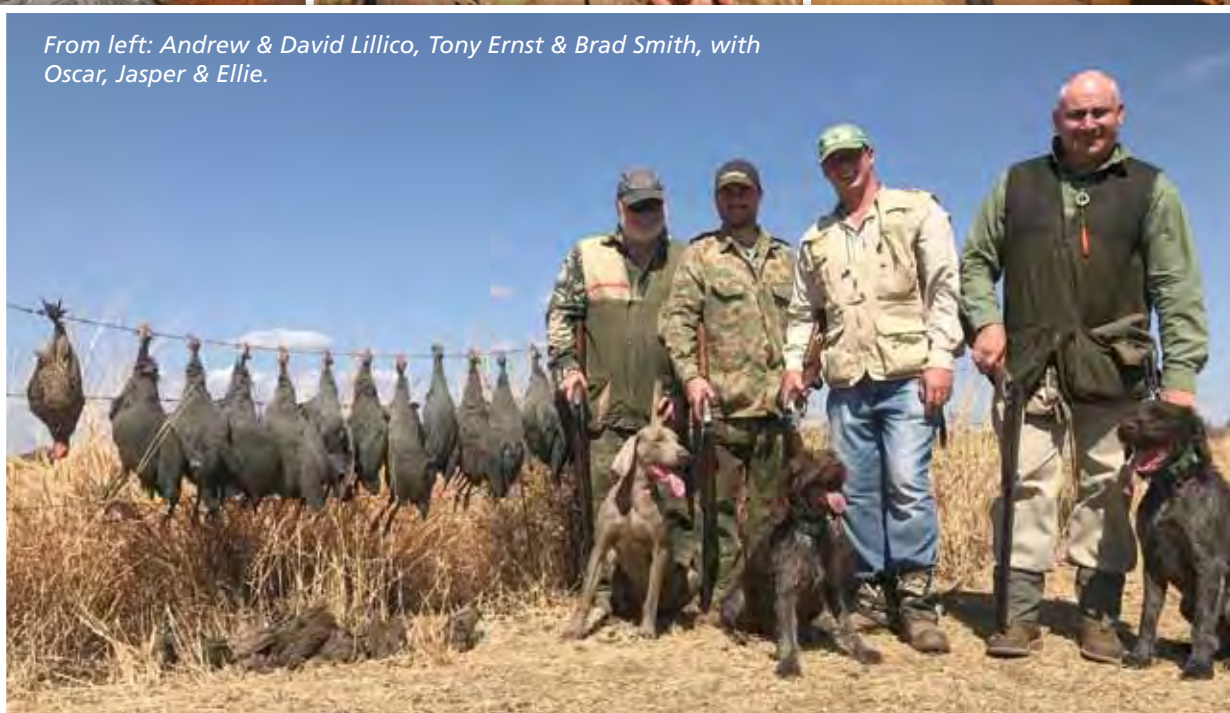


Richard Curtis



Oom Jan Breed

*From left: Andrew & David Lillico, Tony Ernst & Brad Smith, with
Oscar, Jasper & Ellie.*



Members in the field...



Graeme Milborrow
at Breslau



Peter Howard at
Elandsfontein



Rolo Nöffke at
Breslau



From left, Oliver Harmer,
Marius Gericke, André
Westerveld & André van
der Westhuizen

Background photo: Theuns Oelofse at the Rustenburg shoot



Christoph Grey
and Henri
Boudjelthia in
Settlers

Shaun Kennard.
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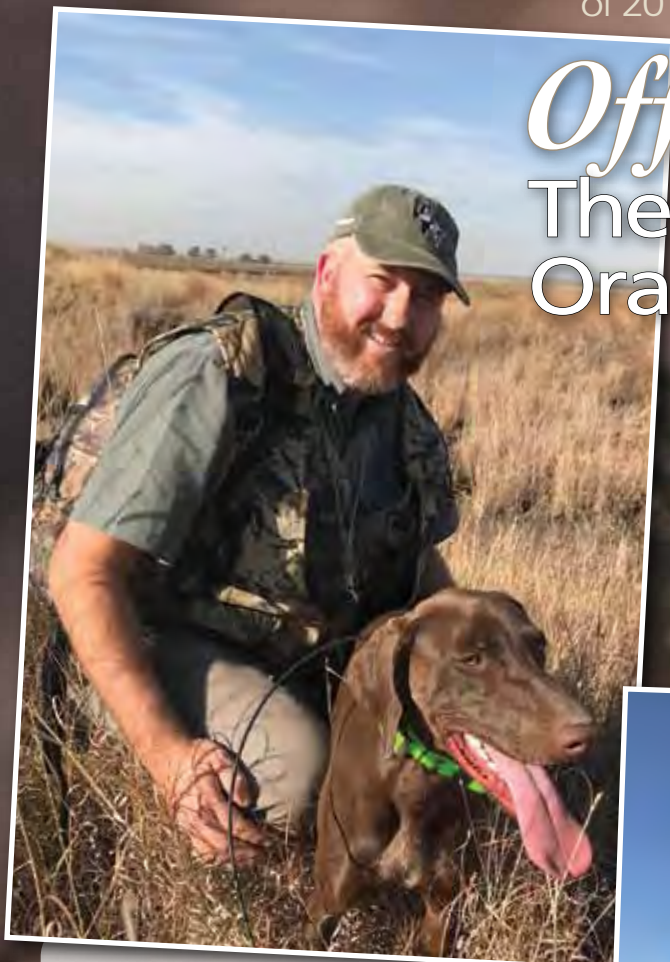
Angelo Spada
at the official
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shoot near Parys
with a nice brace
of Orange River
Partridge



Peter Steger at Singita



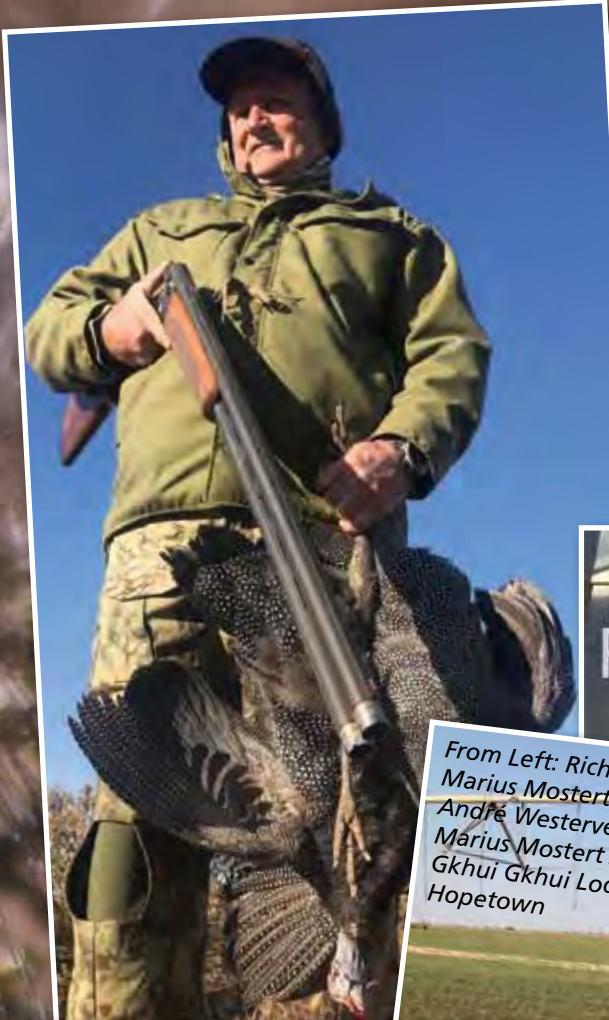
Official Shoots... The Tuli Safaris shoots, Orange River Goose shoots & Grootfontein shoots



Above left: Kobus Meyer at the Tuli Safaris shoot near Warmbad.

Right: Eddie Mortiner at Tuli Safaris shoot
Below: Walking the grass edge – Always a good spot for Francolin.





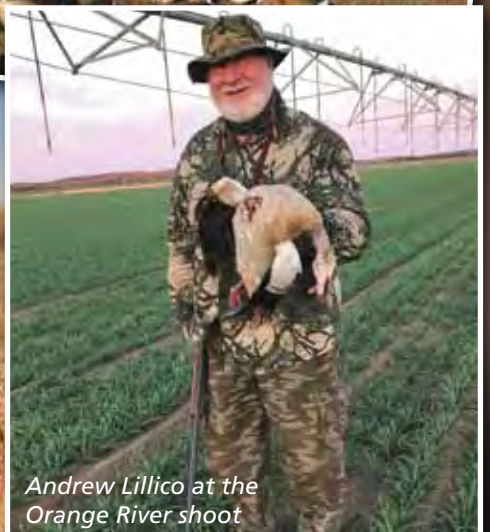
Oscar Neumeyer at the official Grootfontein shoot



From Left: Richard Westerveld
Marius Mostert
André Westerveld
Marius Mostert Jnr. at
Gkhui Gkhui Lodge in
Hopetown



Emile Tredoux (and above) at the Orange River shoot.



Andrew Lillico at the Orange River shoot

German Wirehaired Pointer

Built tough for land and water – the German Wirehaired Pointer is versatility personified.

Courtesy Wikipedia
photographs : André van der Westhuizen

Stupendous "Jasper"



The German Wirehaired Pointer is a medium to large-sized griffon type breed of dog developed in the 19th century in Germany for hunting. It became a leading gun dog in Germany in the later part of the 20th century.

It is the result of the careful mixing and crossing of the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon (Griffon is a type of dog, a collection of breeds that were originally hunting dogs. There are three lines of the griffon type recognized by the Fédération Cynologique Internationale (FCI): the Griffon Vendéens, the wirehaired pointers, and the smousje. The griffon type is characterised by rough- or wire-hair), German Shorthaired Pointer, German Roughaired Pointer, and the hunting Pudelpointer in the late 19th century.

The German Wirehaired pointer is a well-muscled, medium to large-sized dog of distinctive appearance. Balanced in size and sturdily built, the breed's most distinguishing characteristics are its weather resistant, wire-like coat and its facial furnishings.

Typically pointer in character and style, the German wirehaired pointer is an intelligent, energetic and deter-

mined hunter. The tail is typically docked to two-fifths of the natural length. In countries where docking is prohibited the tail should be of sufficient length to reach down to the hocks. Like all German pointers, they have webbed feet. This dog is sometimes confused with the Spinone Italiano.

The functional wiry coat is the breed's most distinctive feature. A dog must have a correct coat to be of correct type. The coat is weather resistant and water-repellent. The undercoat is dense enough in winter to insulate against the cold but is so thin in summer as to be almost invisible. The distinctive outer coat is straight, harsh, wiry and flat lying, and is from one to two inches in length. The outer coat is long enough to protect against the punishment of rough cover, but not so long as to hide the outline of the dog.

On the lower legs the coat is shorter and between the toes it is of softer texture. On the skull the coat is naturally short and close fitting. Over the shoulders and around the tail it is very dense and heavy. The tail is nicely coated, particularly on the underside, but devoid of feather. Eyebrows are of strong, straight hair. Beard and whiskers are medium length.

The hairs in the liver patches of a liver and white dog may be shorter than the white hairs. A short smooth coat, a soft woolly coat, or an excessively long coat is to be severely penalized when showing. While maintaining a harsh, wiry texture, the puppy coat may be shorter than that of an adult coat. The coat of the puppy should be shorter than 1 inch the adult coat should be kept at 1 inch long.

The dog should be evaluated at a moderate gait. The movement is free and smooth with good reach in the forequarters and good driving power in the hindquarters. The top line should remain firm.

The German Wirehaired pointer is affectionate, lively, very determined, active and intelligent. Eager

to learn and loyal to its family, it needs a handler who is consistent in approach. They like to be occupied, are vigorous and enjoy working for their owners. They are friendly with those they know, but are sometimes aloof with strangers and should be socialized at an early age. They often don't do well in a kennel environment. German Wirehaired pointers are happiest and most well behaved when they are part of the family and can spend time with their people.

They can be rather willful. Some dogs have a tendency to roam. Powerful and energetic, they can become bored and hard to manage without enough exercise. The German Wirehaired pointer is a good

all-around gun dog, able to hunt any sort of game on any sort of terrain. This dog has a good nose and can track, point, and retrieve on both land and water. Loyal and playful, the German Wirehaired Pointer thrives on human companionship. However, they are still dogs, and all dogs may bite small children without adequate management and supervision. Although they are generally accepting of other dogs, they tend to focus upon the people in their family.

The Colors are: Liver (brown) and white or black and white ticked usually with some solid patches, and solid liver (brown) with or without a white chest patch. GWP's have very few health risks.



Member Brad Smith with Jasper and Ellie

German Wirehaired pointers trace their origins back to 1880. They originated in Germany, where breeders wanted to develop a rugged, versatile hunting dog that would work closely with either one person or a small party of persons hunting on foot in varied terrain; from the mountainous regions of the Alps, to dense forests, to more open areas with farms and small towns.

The breed the Germans desired had to have a coat that would protect the dogs when working in heavy cover or in cold water, yet be easy to maintain. Careful crosses of the German pointer with many other

- Be fearless when hunting “sharp” game such as fox
- Be a devoted companion and pet; and
- Be a watchdog for its owner’s family and property.

All “drahts” must meet rigorous hunt and physical evaluations before being eligible for breeding. In addition to searching and pointing, these tests include the tracking and recovery of all game including wounded game such as fox, rabbit, deer and boar, which may not be required of a dog that hunts birds predominantly. A desire to recover and retrieve game must be present in all “drahts”



Nika pointing in the garden

breeds. Sources differ on the exact lineage, though the Wirehaired Pointing Griffon, Pudelpointer, Stichelhaar, and Deutscher-Kurzhaar are commonly accepted as the most likely contributors. This is a dog that can fully respond to the needs of its hunter. The goal was to develop a wire-coated, medium-sized dog that could:

- Search for, locate and point upland game
- Work both feather and fur with equal skill and retrieve water fowl
- Be a close-working, easily trained gun dog
- Be able to track and locate wounded game

because of German statutes requiring the recovery of all game.

For upland (i.e. non-waterfowl) bird work, many GWP's have distinguished themselves with all-breed Field Championships and Master Hunter titles. When purchasing a working GWP, attention needs to be paid to identifying breeders that place emphasis on all aspects of the versatile hunting dog. Among these breeders can be found accomplished dogs including Dual Championships (both field and show).

For South African breeders contact SA Wingshooters. We will put you touch with breeders of German Wirehaired Pointers. — Ed. 

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CRASH = CATASTROPHIC FAILURE

Generally speaking a failure is perceived as a negative aspect or element and something to be avoided. Right?

by Cornell van der Westhuizen

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The internet is littered with how good failure is for you. Here are a few:

‘Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.’ – Robert F Kennedy; ‘Failure should be our teacher, not our undertaker. Failure is delay, not defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a dead end.’ – Denis Waitley.

‘Every adversity, every failure, every heartache carries with it the seed of equal or greater benefit.’ – Napoleon Hill.

‘There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure.’ – Paulo Coelho.

‘The only real mistake is the one from which we learn nothing.’ – Henry Ford.

Robert T Kiyosaki was quoted for saying: ‘Winners are not afraid of losing. Failure is part of the process of success. People who avoid failure also avoid success.’ So why do we avoid failure(s)? Well, it hurts, it breaks us, lowers our self-esteem, lowers our self-belief, it makes us bleed. It is not a very nice experience, but it is such an important building block for everything in life, even for life itself. Michael Jordan said that he failed over and over and over again in his

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life, and that is why he succeeded! (Brightdrops.com)

So, how does this apply in sport? You have to push yourself, or be pushed – to be faster, to go further and to train harder than you think you can handle. You have to go beyond your limits, in a controlled fashion. It is counter intuitive though, and thus it is better and easier to get pushed by others. Train with people who are better than you or go up a level from a club match to a league or



national event. Most of us are afraid of looking like a fool. Scared that we will get dropped from the bunch, or come dead last. It is difficult to get yourself out of a comfort zone, but if you see with an open mind, learn and train you will soon start to climb the ladder to the top of your abilities.

In my sport of action pistol shooting, I have found that it is a delicate balancing act between speed and accuracy. A good indicator when you are going too fast is that your accuracy drops below 90% of A-zone hits.

In general training one aims to shoot with an accuracy factor of >90% A-zone hits, however, shooting like that day in and day out will not make you a faster shooter. You have to push yourself to go faster and faster, until the 'wheels fall off'. Then, ideally you back off to get yourself close to 90% again and then start pushing once more.

You basically cause failure over and over until you get used to the speed and what you need to do or see to get the A-zone hit. Over time

you will shoot faster but still have the accuracy. It is not as easy as it sounds as all kinds of different things happen. Your technique gets messy, you take short cuts, you cannot make the more accurate shots you are used to, and the benefits are not apparent as soon as you had hoped. I would encourage you to keep at it, and persevere! Make the mental shift part of your training. Try and set yourself up to fail. Fail and get up again and redo until you get it right! You will be better for it. Trust me, I have been there and hopefully will be again.

A young Spanish motorcycle racer, Marc Marguez, takes the concept of pushing until the 'wheels-fall-off' to the extreme. He has had more crashes in free practice and qualifying in MotoGP than anyone else in the class. In 2018 he fell 23 times, as a matter of fact, he fell six times more than his closest rival. You probably say what is he doing in the sport?

Well he is the reigning MotoGP World Champion. Is there something to learn here? I think that in practice he pushes the bike and tyres to the limit and beyond of what they are capable of. It is only then, that he knows where the limit actually lies. Come race day there is no one that can ride harder, longer and closest to the limit than he.

He has won the world championship seven times. Don't be afraid of failure, embrace it.



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Above: Dr Konrad Botes (left) & Cliff Alexander. Above right: Marius Gericke sitting, Konrad Grabe (left) and Warren Britnell before the start of a match. Below: We always enjoy good attendance at our match days. Bottom: A squad getting ready to start the course of fire. From closest: Johan Maree, Johan Jansen, Hulme Scholes, Shaun Ellithorne, Christiaan de la Rey, Dr. Konrad Botes and Cliff Alexander with that cool straw hat of his right at the end.



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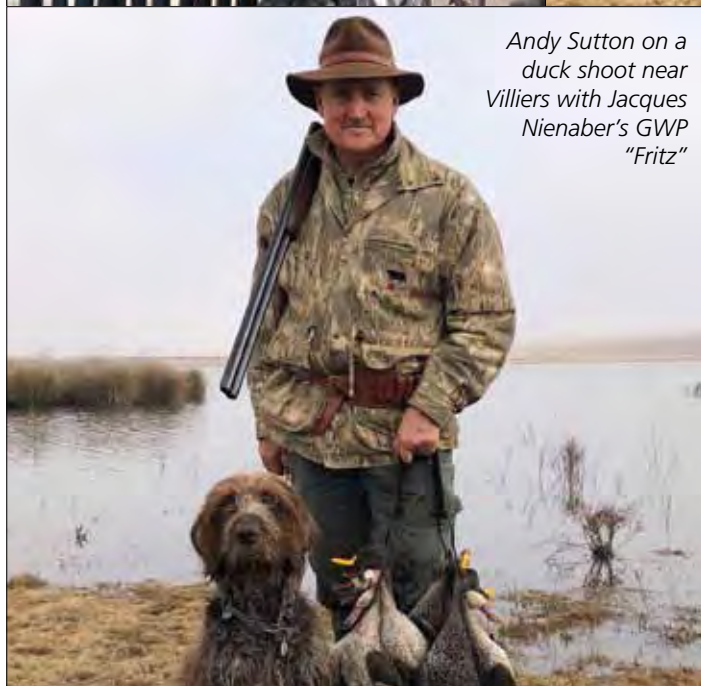
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The Long Range Shooting Club (LRSC) and the PSP (Postal Shooting Programme) are part of SA Wingshooters and are subject to its constitution, disciplinary codes and rules of ethical conduct, but requires an additional membership. LRSC and SA Wingshooters membership together includes membership of all the sub-clubs.

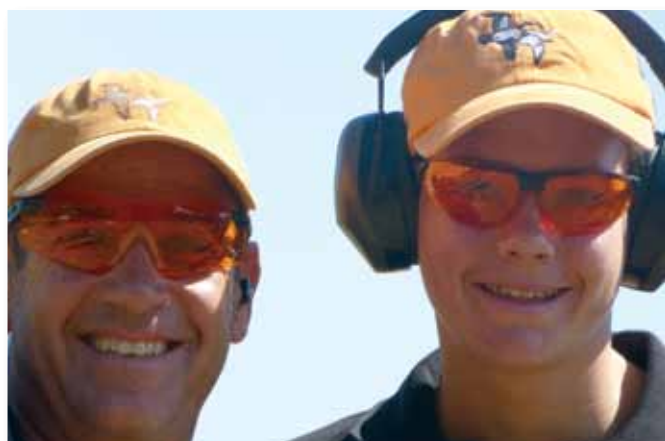
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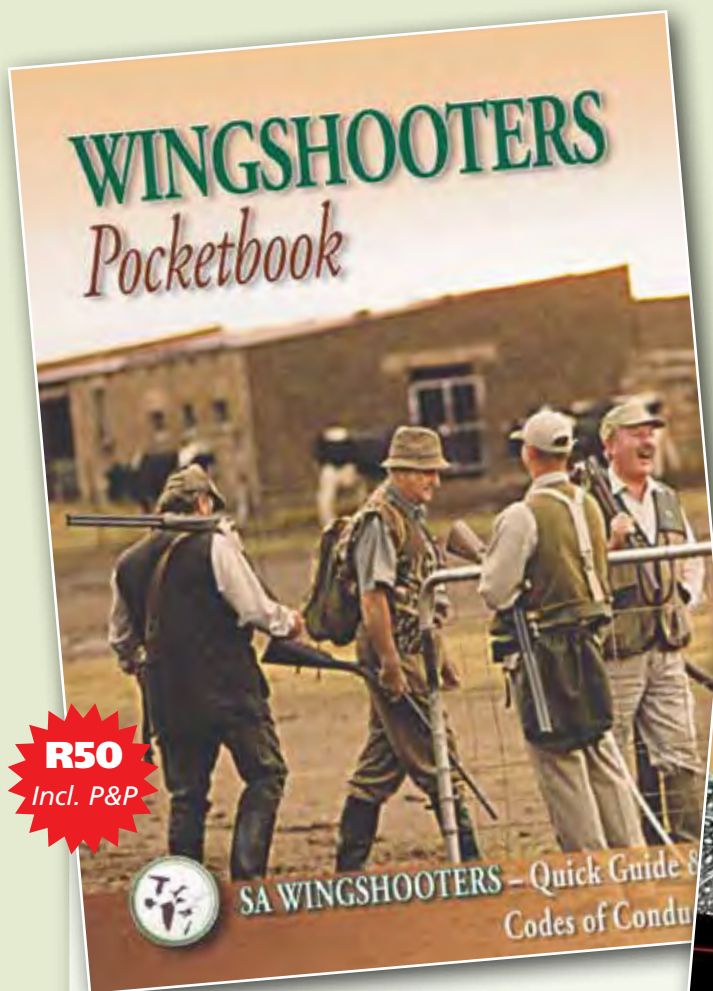
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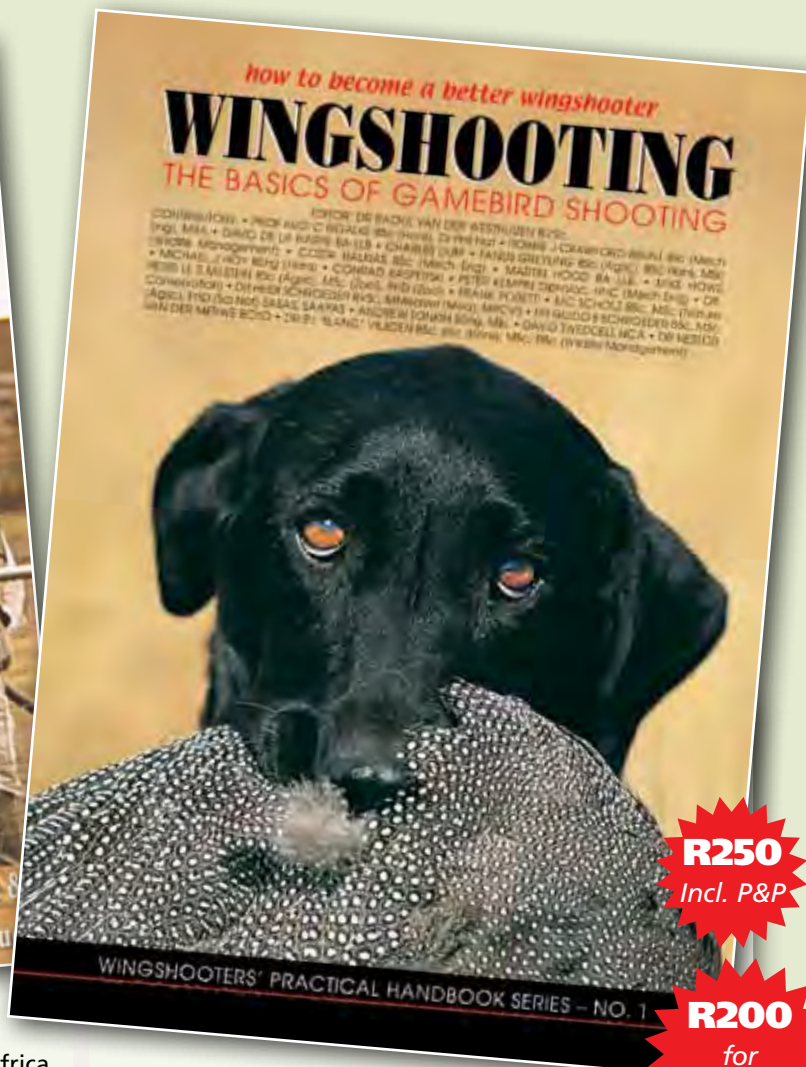
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