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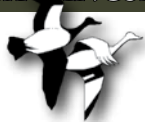
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A WORD IN YOUR EAR



At SA Wingshooters' National Council meeting held on 5 November 2021

Season change and other interesting facts...

Life is changing at such a rate that it is sometimes challenging to keep up. Luckily, we are part of the constant change and the association is no different. We are constantly evaluating the services offered to members, what we can do better and what the members want from their association. We also need to inform and advise the various government departments we interact with and forums we are part of, such as the Wildlife Forum (hosted by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and Environment – DFFE), the Gauteng Wildlife Forum (hosted by GDARD), and the Proclamation Task Team, to name a few. We are also part of various Firearm Licensing and Legal Firearm ownership formal structures, some of which we support financially, such as #SafeCitizen, as well as informal industry working groups.

Work in all these spheres, albeit hunting and wildlife or legal firearm ownership, remains constant, as the pressure is always on from the antis in all spheres to call a halt to all things rational. We will continue to fight the anti-hunters and anti-firearm lobbyists – that's what we do! On this note, please take note of the fact that the Free State bird hunting season has changed! It now starts 1 June and ends on 15 September each year (see page 38). It used to be from 1 May to 31 August. It will remain as such until the Free State Nature Conservation Ordinance makes a new change to their laws.

SA Wingshooters is a founder member of the newly founded Sustainable Utilisation Coalition of Southern Africa (SUCo-SA), with a focus on maintaining sustainable hunting and game products use as a chief pillar of good and proper wildlife management. Read more about it in the "Shooting, Conservation and Association news" section.

Our hunting and shooting calendar for 2022 was emailed to all members via the eNewsletter in February already, but as is customary, we also include it in the first edition of the magazine each year. There are a few new venues and shoots that we trust will be utilised by members this season. We expect it to be another good season due to good rains in many parts of the country. Book shoots and enjoy!

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André –



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Welcome to SUCo-SA the Sustainable Utilisation Coalition of Southern Africa



SA Wingshooters is a founder member of SUCo-SA – the Sustainable Use Coalition of Southern Africa. What does sustainable use mean? A term defined by the Convention on Biological Diversity (1993) as the use of components of biological diversity in a way and at a rate that does not lead to the long-term decline of biological diversity, thereby maintaining its potential to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations. The

Sustainable Use Coalition of Southern Africa promotes sustainable use of our natural resources and knowledge about habitat conservation for posterity.

The Coalition is a public, non-government and non-profit Coalition established for the following objectives:

To stand in solid, unified protection of all forms of legal sustainable use including the responsible reduction and management of renewable natural resources;

To strive to ensure that where sustainable use is not legal, but should be, it is caused to be made to become legal;

To correlate, create and become a repository for credible scientific and practical knowledge supporting the doctrine of sustainable use;

To share to the public useful and educational facts on the benefits of sustainable use, and the resultant importance of habitat conservation;

To dispel myths spread against sustainable use whether deliberate misinformation, or inadvertent ignorance from general sources and the media;

To support and/or to create specialised Coalition focus groups to manage specific strategic functions furthering the overall Coalition objectives;

To ensure strong strategic liaison between Coalition members to maximise strengths, minimise weaknesses, and avoid duplication of efforts;

To create capacity to ensure positive influence in every sphere of policy affecting all aspects related to sustainable use, and habitat conservation;

To seek broader national, regional,

and international liaison, cooperation, and alliances with like-minded entities, and;

To create mechanisms to ensure the long-term functioning and capacity of the Coalition.

SUCo-SA will seek to include other like-minded organisations in our coalition within the Southern African landscape whether your cause is wildlife, marine resources, plants/bioprospecting or community based and traditional use interests.

The combined membership numbers of the founders exceed 70 000 people. The proud founding members of SUCo-SA, with elected SUCo-SA Exco members names and positions reflected next to the organisation they hail from, are:

Confederation of Hunting Associations of South Africa (CHASA) (Stephen Palos – Vice Chair); National Hunting and Shooting Association (Natshoot) (Dr Herman Els – Chair); Professional Hunters Association of South Africa (PHASA) (Dries van Coller – Secretary General); SA Falconry Association (SAFA); South African Predators Association (SAPA); SA Taxidermy and Tannery Association (SATTa); SA Wingshooters Association; True Green Alliance (TGA) (Ron Thomson – ExcoMember); Wildlife Ranching South Africa (WRSA) (Richard York – Treasurer)

Through this coalition we will act upon anti-hunting movements and opinion againsts legal hunting of any sort with our focus being sustainable utilisation of all species. For more info please visit:

<https://suco-sa.org.za/>

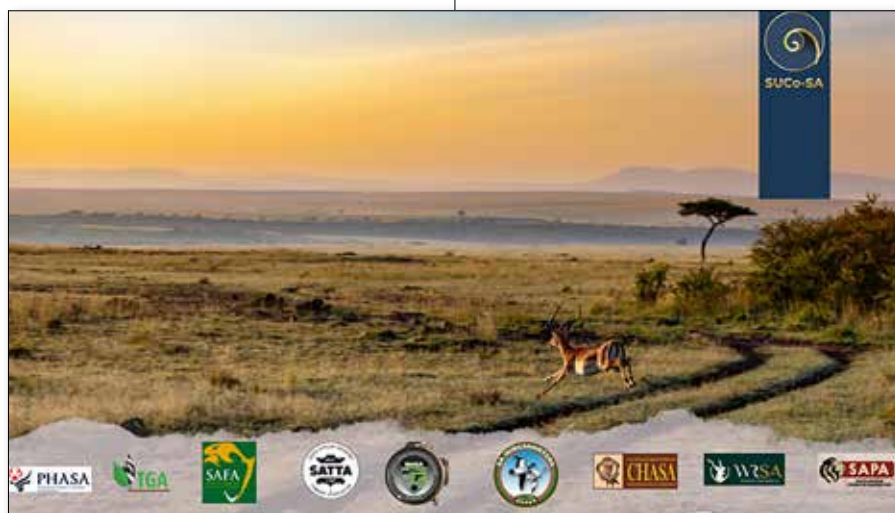
– SA Wingshooters.

Member-Get-A-Member competition and draw

Our repeat of the member-get-a-member competition was a great success once again. The draw took place on Monday 28 February 2022 and the winning number was 20. The winners were Douglas Yorke-Smith and Richard Hattersley. Congratulations on winning R10,000 each!

Thank you for recruiting new members – it makes your association stronger!

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KENYA'S Birds Of Prey Facing Major Declines

Scientists found widespread declines in Kenya's birds of prey over the past 40 years in a study reported in Biological Conservation. Nineteen of 22 species have seen a median rate of decline of 70%, and some of Kenya's most iconic raptors, including the secretary bird and the long-crested eagle have almost disappeared. All vultures, large eagles and small and medium-sized raptors are failing.

– www.conservationfrontlines.org

– Interesting!... hunting was banned in Kenya in 1977 so it can't be due to lead in ammunition. However, elsewhere in the world 'lead in ammunition' is always falsely blamed as the main reason for wildlife poisoning and decline – Ed.

– SA Wingshooters

EVERYDAY VENISON – Recipes So Tasty You'll Hunt All The Time

I am very excited to have a first edition of Leslie's latest gourmet cookbook, EVERYDAY VENISON in my grubby paws. This book is just as good as (if not better than) his previous game bird recipe one.

EVERYDAY VENISON is a must have for any foodie, hunter or organic food disciple. A great Xmas gift or surprise present for all of the above. Ideally keep it for yourself and just blow your family and friends away as you deliver on the various recipes. What appeals to me as a fellow hunter and amateur foodie are:

The variety of recipes with flavours from South East Asia, France, India and of course South Africa; the use of different species and cuts of venison; the clear and uncomplicated description of the recipes and the quality of the photography.

My particular favourites are the warthog haunch, the venison carpaccio and the venison 'wors' with bacon and green beans – delicious!

Having just returned from a hunting trip and now replete with a full freezer I can't wait to put these to the test.

This book is a true work of art and dedication. With 51 recipes and taking up no more room than a tablet it is a must pack for your next safari, hunt or bush break.

May the book fly off the shelves like a herd of springbok on the go.

– Member Ian Hay

PSP Target shooting Results error

We apologise for an omission in the previous edition regarding the 2021 PSP Target shooting competition. I did not pick up on the score and entry by member Keith B. Atkins, who shot a fantastic 100 out of a possible 100, with 9 x-rings in the Rimfire Rifle division.



– Ed. SA Wingshooters

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The Birds – Game & Water

by Charles Duff. Photographs by André van der Westhuizen

South Africa has wide and testing varieties of gamebirds and waterfowl, more than enough to satisfy the most demanding wing-shooter. The onset of the summer rains is the single most important factor in determining if the forthcoming season is good or disappointing, as good rains ensure a high protein insect feed for all the young birds, without which their first year survival rate is as low as 10%.

Guineafowl (*Numida meleagris*)



The Helmeted Guinea-fowl (*Numida meleagris*), occurs in a wide variety of habitats and is our most ubiquitous gamebird. Its introduction to the Cape Province by Cecil Rhodes was especially successful and the only area without it is the Namibian desert. A wily and alert bird, you need to get up early in the morning to catch one napping.

The usual methods of hunting are the surround of a flock having pushed it into an area of good cover, or a tail chase once a flock has been flushed and its landing area noted. Less cohesive, the birds are more likely to go to cover and dogs can then find the small groups and singles. It is possible to drive a flock over a pre-positioned line of guns, but since the birds will only go in the direction that pleases them most, a thorough knowledge of the flock and the farm is essential. Resilient and adaptable, the guinea deserves the wing-shooter's respect.

Though it can be found far from any human interference, out in the real bush, it is noticeable that the larger flocks, which can frequently be more than 300 strong, are to be found on farms where food crops such as maize, peanuts,

chickpeas and soy beans are grown. The only other occurring species of the six in total in Africa, is the Crested (*Guttera pucherai*), a rare forest dweller which is fully protected.

Our other important terrestrial game birds are the partridge and francolin and these are separated by their choice of habitats, grassland or farmlands and bush. The partridge mainly occupy grasslands and four of the six species are generally separated by their habitat's altitude. The highest being the Grey-wing Partridge, (*Scleroptila africanus*) a montane species which is usually only found above 1800 metres. Of the four 'red-winged' partridge this has the least red coloured feathering in its wings. It is noted for its large coveys (as many as 20 birds), its swift flight and its penchant for swooping down and around the krantzes that it inhabits. It exists mainly on corms, bulbs, roots and shoots, plus insects in the summer months.

The Red-wing Partridge (*Scleroptila levaillanti*) is to be found above 1500m in perennial grasslands, it frequently overlaps with the Greywing. The striking predominately red wing feathers allow for its identification on the wing, but hesitate for a second and it will be long gone. The conversion of sheep farming to mixed cattle and sheep is said to be key to its general increase in numbers. It avoids close-cropped fields and prefers virgin veld. Coveys of up to 12 birds are common in the right habitat.

The Orange River Partridge (*Scleroptila levaillantoides*) is unique in that it isn't riverine, or orange coloured, or to be found in the environs of the mighty Orange river. Its mid-wing red feathering is more pronounced than the previous two species. The coveys are generally



Crested Partridge
(*Dendroperdix sephaena*)

never more than 10 birds and it prefers grassy bushveld, though it can be found on the edges of farm crop fields. Easily confused with the Redwing and Shelleys, the white neck patch with its black surround is common to all three.

Shelley's Partridge (*Scleroptila shelleyi*) is the last of the 'red-wings' and it has the most red coloured mid-wing feathering. It is an open savannah species that enjoys rocky ridges and stony slopes with a scattering of trees. Coveys of two to eight birds are common and these are noted for sitting very tightly. Can be prolific in areas where stock reductions have been practised and cultivated lands allowed to revert to grassland.

The Coqui Partridge (*Peliperdix coqui*) is a delightful little bird and the only sexually dimorphic partridge species. They are protected in all but two of the provinces. Coveys of two to eight birds are common but in good years this is often exceeded. Prefers lightly wooded grasslands. They sit very tight for pointers, tighter than any other species and are fast flyers. Under good conditions have been known to frequent a home range for more than 10 years. Occurs in the north and east of the country.

The Crested Partridge

(*Dendroperdix sephaena*) is atypical in being a true bushveld species, the generally lighter colouring distinguishes it from the francolin. The crest is seldom visible in flight and it has a woodcock-like propensity for interposing bushes and trees between it and the hunter. Its jinking erratic flight is also similar and is diagnostic. Its preferred habitat is that of farmlands being encroached by bush and surface water is a real attraction. Usually found in pairs, but family groups of 6 to 8 birds can be encountered at the beginning of winter. They are great runners and tend not to hold for dogs.

The classic 'day in the sun with dog and gun' is epitomised by our partridge hunting. One point should be raised, it has always been a problem in the English naming of our terrestrial birds as francolin and partridge and the Afrikaans fisant and patrys. Some years ago the water got muddier with some ornithologists insisting that the partridges be now called francolin and the francolin to be known as spurfowl. However all the partridge and francolin are spurred, admittedly the partridge's are somewhat smaller, but they are there. The example of Kenya is frequently touted in this name-game. Having

Swainson's Francolin
(*Pternistis swainsonii*)



been raised in Kenya I can categorically state that 'spurfowl' got no usage at all, francolin was the general generic term. Now try to get the new nomenclature across to an Afrikaans speaking farmer and see how far you get! Confusion reigns.

The five species of francolin are generally to be found in and about actively farmed areas and all prefer a riverine habitat with surface water.

Swainson's Francolin (*Pternistis swainsonii*) is a strong and successful species whose range increases annually as it is an adaptable bird able to survive even the harshest of country-sides and can be found in grasslands, bushveld and farms. Generally the coveys are about a half-dozen in size, though, in especially favourable areas, these can be in the twenties. Its harsh raucous call is unmistakable. The overall dark brown colour with the bright red eye surrounds, black legs and red neck patch are diagnostic.

The Natal Francolin (*Pternistes nataliensis*) is similar to the next species, the Red-billed francolin. Its plumage is slightly darker and its bill is more yellow than red. A typical bushveld bird with a liking for riverine areas and forest edges. Coveys are usually half a dozen, occasionally double this. Tends not to hold for pointers and frequently takes to trees

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when flushed by dogs, from which it proceeds to swear at the dogs and hunters.

The Red-billed Francolin (*Pternistis adspersus*) has slightly lighter plumage, a red bill and a bright yellow eye surround, otherwise it is very similar to the Natal, to which it is losing a territorial battle and is now only to be found in the northern fringes of our country, being more common in Namibia and Botswana. Also uses trees (and swears) as a sanctuary from dogs.

The Red-necked Francolin

(*Pternistis afer*) is frequently confused with the Swainson, though its red legs and white-tipped breast feathers are diagnostic. Another great runner, it is best hunted with dogs. Another bush and forest edges lover.

The Cape Francolin (*Pternistis capensis*) is somewhat larger than all the others and has the plainest darkest plumage. It has the south-western areas of the country as its exclusive domain and prefers dense stands of fynbos or rushes and ranges from sea-level to high in the Cape mountains. Singles and pairs are usually encountered though covies as big as a score can occur in favourable areas. Tends to avoid cultivated lands. Holds quite well to dogs and is a good sporting bird.

Although we are said have three quail species, the Blue Quail is now considered extinct as the last known sightings were in 1973, while the Harlequin Quail is very rarely encountered especially in the winter, hunting, months. Thus the Common Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*) remains for the hunter with good steady dogs. Once to be seen in very large numbers especially in lovegrass (*Eragrostis curvula*) fields, numbers have definitely much reduced since the 60s and 70s when the annual migration down the east coast was in full swing in October and November. The proliferation of sugarcane in the coastal farms of Zululand, forming a green desert right across their migration path put a stop to this and the migration, such as it is, is much reduced and well inland. Within a few days of settling they start laying eggs and it is now held by many that they should not be hunted at all.

Our indigenous waterfowl comprise 16 species of which three are called geese but are a tree duck, a shelduck and a dwarf goose, all have adapted to the goose 'role' in the absence of any real geese and in so saying one, the Spurwing Goose, (*Plectropterus gambiensis*) is larger than most northern hemisphere geese. An adult male averages 6kgs but can be as much as 10kgs dripping wet, around 1m long with a wingspan of 1.5m. The black and white plumage is striking as are the pink legs, feet and facial 'visor' – more pronounced in the males. In flight they can appear



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Rameron Pigeon
(*Columba arquatrix*)



slow but are one of our fastest birds. Missing behind is pretty-well generic with this species: it pays to ignore the body and shoot the head.

The Egyptian Goose (*Alopochen aegyptiacus*) is an opportunistic species that tends to fit in and make the most of any situation. Consequently they are flourishing in every duck friendly habitat. The males can weigh up to 3kg and the females half of this; so they are substantial birds. The typically shelduck colouring is striking with its various browns and flashes of white and green, plus the contrasting head and nape. A species which is particularly vocal both in flight and on the ground, a common shelduck trait.

By far the most common ubiquitous and plentiful duck is the Yellow-bill (*Anas undulata*), a smallish dabbling duck, which patronises those areas of the country that have a plentiful supply of rivers, pans and dams, mainly inland. Gleans fallen grain from maize fields as they are reaped and such fields, especially with nearby water, are much patronised in the reaping (winter) season. Unfortunately hybridises readily with imported Mallards and the crosses from such unions can have bronze chest feathers and yellow legs. The iridescent blue-green wing speculum with white and black edging is clearly visible in flight and if you can distinguish its bright yellow bill, it is

then well within comfortable shotgun range.

The Red-billed Teal (*Anas erythrorhyncha*) is considered by some to be our most numerous duck, occurring in a wide range of differing habitats. Though the Yellow-bill must be a very close second. The dark brown cap extending through the eyes and down the nape, plus the red bill, are diagnostic. Usually encountered in pairs and small "family" flights, it has the typical teal type of erratic flight. If a bird is shot out of a pair or small spring, the survivors will almost always circle out and back over the fallen bird.

These four are commonly 'on licence' in all the various provinces.

Gazetted as game in one or more of the provinces, but not country-wide, are the White-faced Whistling Duck, the Cape Teal, the South African Shelduck, the Cape Shoveler, the Southern Pochard and the Knob-billed Duck. Any visitor on a shooting trip to our shores is strongly recommended to check what can be legally shot, plus the bag limits

The following six are fully protected throughout South Africa: Fulvous Whistling Duck, White-backed Duck, Black River Duck, Hottentot Teal, Pygmy Goose and Maccos Duck. Also included are any geographically challenged species who have strayed too far south of the equator and got lost.

When it comes to the pigeons and doves, South Africa is well supplied. Most huntable species can be shot year-round. One species about which a mystique has formed and solidified is the Rock Pigeon (*Columba guinea*), in Afrikaans 'die Kransduif', again annoyingly being renamed the 'Speckled Pigeon' which can be encountered throughout our country. A strong and agile flyer, its twisting escape dive when alarmed is renowned. From late summer through the winter it descends upon farmlands where sunflower crops are its favourite followed by maize. Strong-eyed and very alert it requires the hunter to be absolutely still as the slightest movement will give away his presence. Flocks of hundreds, even into the thousands, can assemble over especially enticing fields of ripening seeds and grains.

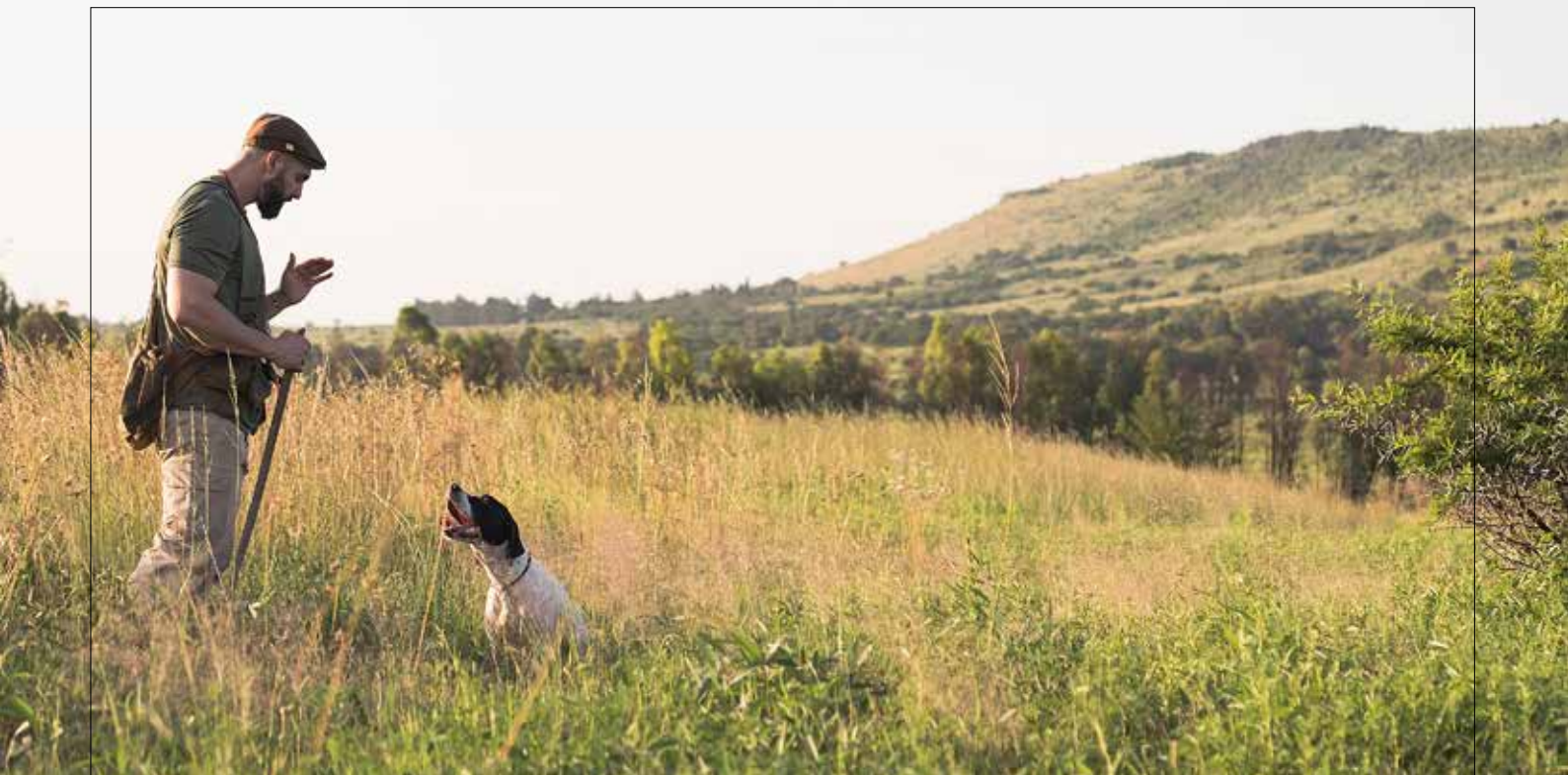
The Rameron Pigeon (*Columba arquatrix*) is slightly larger and darker with a bright yellow bill and legs/feet. Its flight it is straight and direct, barely swerving to gunfire. Subsequently it was nearly shot into extinction by the early settlers and now can only be shot in a couple of coastal areas.

The only other pigeon is the Green Pigeon (*Treron calva*) a fruit eating arboreal species frequenting forested localities and is protected.

The Red-eyed Dove (*Streptopelia semitorquata*) and Cape Turtle Dove (*Streptopelia capicola*) both are country-wide and are also seed crop foragers and can be found in numbers over any ripe and being harvested crops. Not as fast as the Rock Pigeon, but there are usually more of them and both make satisfactory shotgun targets.

The Laughing Dove (*Streptopelia senegalensis*) is also found everywhere and is much smaller and slower and is perhaps best used as an easy introduction to wing-shooting for a beginner.

The Mourning Dove's more tropical territory only touches the north eastern edges of Limpopo province. The long-tailed Namaqua Dove will make the American visitor nostalgic for his Mourning Dove. The Blue-spotted Dove, Emerald-spotted Dove, Tambourine Dove and Cinnamon Dove are all rather rare, seldom encountered and all six are fully protected.



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OURANO POINTERS

A newbie on the *Block*

Since the turn of the century there has been little of note in the engineering of shotguns, other than Beretta wringing out the ultimate drops from their now venerable O/U action with yearly 'new' models, except for the company of Longthorne Guns, which burst onto the scene at the CLA Game Fair in 2010.

By Charles Duff

Formed by James Longthorne Stewart, a very experienced engineer, in his home village of Hesketh Bank in west Lancashire, his first offering – a sidelock over-and-under – made a significant wave in the otherwise rather still pond of British shotgun manufacture.

The real advance, to me, was that the set of barrels is machined in its entirety from a single billet of steel. Historians will hasten to divulge that Whitworth did this many years ago. But the difference is that whereas the latter did so by boring out the barrels first, Stewart does this last. Think about this for a while and then doff your cap to the artistry required to accomplish this feat.

It is claimed that this improves patterns and accuracy while reducing recoil and muzzle-flip. The central beam between the barrels is just 2mm high, thus allowing a much lower action. The lack of soldered ribs means that the barrels can be hot-blued. Average O/U barrel set weight is around 1.3kg, depending upon length, starting with a billet of 27kg. In October 2021 they produced the first O/U 32" barrel set for the trigger plate action in titanium weighing just 950grams!

In 2011 he was commissioned by



the Duchess of Rutland to make a four gun set with engraving featuring Belvoir castle.

Since then the company has blossomed and grown to the point where a move to very much larger quarters in Northampton, still in Lancashire, in October 2015 was mandatory.

The barrel patent was issued in the UK during 2015 and in the USA in 2016, several others have been applied for.

The sidelock O/Us are made in six models, the Belmont 1001 being the plainest with +/- 25% scrollwork engraving through the Britannica

1002, the Buckingham 1003, the Brecon 1004, the Berkley 1005 to the Blenheim 1006. The basic gun remains the same with differences in type and coverage of engraving, silver and gold inlays and walnut quality.

The basic model weighs in at £20,829.- excluding VAT (around R408,000.-) and common features are a low profile action with ejectors and a single selective gold plated trigger; beaded trigger plates, barrel lengths of 28", 30" and 32" and 12, 16, 20, 28 gauge bores with fixed chokes and 3" chambers, game top rib; slim, rounded, semi and full beavertail fore ends with a Deeley catch; semi and full pistol grips and left or right handed stocks and a horn butt pad with skeleton metal frame. Multichokes can be had as an extra.

In early 2010 a boxlock round action was introduced which morphed into a trigger plate action the next year. This is available in 12, 16, 29 and 28ga with 28, 30 and 32 inch multichoke barrels: models Victory 3001, Vitality 3002, Vanguard 3003, Valhalla 3004, Valeur 3005, Valiant 3006. Then in a side-plated action are the Vivo 2006, Vittoria 2009, Viking 2008, Viscount 2010 and Valkyrie 2011.

Again the differences are mainly in the style and coverage of the engraving, gold inlaying and wood quality, but eleven different models must surely make for possible confusion and a works foreman's nightmare. The basics remain the same with respect to barrels, chambers (all 3"), trigger (single selective, adjustable), action, ejectors, barrels, ribs, fore end and stock plus its steel furni-

Brecon



ture.

The three sidelock ejector side-by side guns came onto the market in the latter 2010s and are the Gallant 4001, Glenmore 4004 and the

Gloucester 4005; starting prices at

£33,329.00 excluding VAT (around R700,000.-

Ouch!). These all have 30" fixed choke barrels with 3" chambers, only in 12ga at present. The closeness of the barrels makes for a pleasingly slim plan outline. The sliver fore end is fitted with an Anson style push rod catch. The Gloucester has double triggers, the other two single selective,

The company is obviously very into engraving and this is the realm of Chloe, James' daughter, who formulated the designs and does much of the engraving. Though, for example, the Belmont has a minimal scroll



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design, the other O/U sidelock guns exhibit very different engraving – the Blenheim with a ‘Renaissance’ theme, Berkley with ‘Nouveau’, Brecon with a bold ‘Celtic’ design, the Buckingham shows bold ‘Acanthus’ scrollwork, the Britannica a more traditional ‘Rose and Scroll’.

The side by side trio are also much decorated – the Gloucester with the ‘Renaissance’ including gold inlaid gamebirds and flowers. The Glenmore has a finer pattern of ‘Nouveau’ incorporating flying swallows and the Gallant a bold floral scroll named the ‘Hesketh’ pattern.

The trigger-plate models start with a plain border-lining on the Victory, the Vitality with a ‘new deluxe’ design, the Vanguard has ‘Acanthus’ while the Valhalla has the bold ‘Celtic’ and the Valeur pheasant scenes in the bulino style. The Valiant

is very different with a bold ‘Union Jack’ across its action sides. The side-plate O/U trigger-plate guns continue with the Vivo showing more ‘Acanthus’, the Viceroy has more of this with game scenes on the plates. The Vittoria has very intricate floral scroll-work, the Viking goes back to the ‘Celtic’ while the Viscount has a bold ‘Regency’ floral scroll and lastly the Valkyrie’s design is also floral but ‘elaborate and in the style of William Morris’. Google divulges the facts that he was a well-known Victorian textile designer and polymath.

Lastly, in January this year, just in time for the Dallas Safari Club show, they produced two models of semi-automatic pistols, the much engraved Dominion 9000 and plain black Defiance 9001. These are said to be ‘inspired by the Browning Hi-Power but using better materials, improved

technology and design’. To me they appear to be externally identical – possibly imported ex FN Belgium? One would have to disassemble an example to be certain. Sales are obviously aimed at the USA and international markets and, to me, could well be a marketing mistake, there’s big competition in the 15 shot 9mm Para semi-auto market. I think that they should stick with their ‘ultimate shotgun’ slogan.

Finally, to get a gun you will have to complete a comprehensive specification sheet, send it over with a 25% deposit and wait for +/- 12 months – almost as long as it is going to take you to get a licence, best do it simultaneously.

It is possible to spend a lot of time on their site which is reasonably comprehensive but the small differences between the various models can be confusing and there are a few notable info gaps. Triggers are seldom mentioned and only by close examination of the many photographs can you get an idea of what is fitted to which. Another omission is the calibre of the pistols, one assumes that they are 9mm Para, but we all know what assuming does.

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Swainsons Francolin

Ourano has also curated a mixed bag experience, upland experiences in the Free State Province, and a few other destinations. Please enquire about the mixed bag experience options.

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Always chasing the horizon,
Chris.



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THE

2022



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WINGSHOOTING (BIRD HUNTING)

When new pigeon, upland & waterfowl shoots become available throughout the year – members are notified via e-mail newsletter of new venues.

IMPORTANT:

ALL PIGEON SHOOT VENUES AND DATES ARE SENT OUT DIRECTLY TO MEMBERS VIA EMAIL.

Please note – below each venue & shoot description, the available dates will be listed without the repeat of the venue explanation.

Gauteng:

GAUTENG:

Official Donkerhoek Shoot – Upland Guinea-fowl

Guinea-fowl morning shoot for maximum 6 guns (minimum 4). Includes brunch after the shoot. R950 p/p. Guided and hosted by SA Wingshooters & NW Wingshooting. Call the office to book.

Morning Shoots available:

Wednesday 15 June

Wednesday 27 July

GAUTENG:

Various Official Upland/Pigeon/ Dove shoots arranged all over Gauteng during the year. Notifications of these are sent out via email newsletters to members or call the office.

Upland Francolin & Guinea-fowl.

Shoots arranged on various farms on the border of Gauteng and Mpumalanga in the Delmas and Leandra areas. Call the office for booking info.

North West:

18 May

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

Wednesday Shoot:

OFFICIAL SHOOT –

Upland/Walk-up Shoot – Rustenburg, North West. Co-hosted by André van der Westhuizen

Four guns can book with André to go on this day shoot. R2000 p/p all inclusive – Just bring your gun and ammo. 6 Guns minimum and maximum. Sleepover costs extra. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

22 June

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

Wednesday Shoot:

OFFICIAL SHOOT –

Upland/Walk-up Shoot – Rustenburg, North West. Co-hosted by André van der Westhuizen

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20 July

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

Wednesday Shoot:

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17 August

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

Wednesday Shoot:

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28 September

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

Wednesday Shoot:

OFFICIAL SHOOT –

Upland/Walk-up Shoot – Rustenburg, North West. Co-hosted by SA Wingshooters

Four guns can book with André to go on this day shoot. R2000 all inclusive – Just bring your gun and ammo. 6 Guns minimum and maximum. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

CHRISTIANA:

Gamebird, Waterfowl and Plains game hunting – NEW INSPECTED VENUE

This is a guided shoot by the provincial game ranger at the All Reasons Resort. Accommodation available. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Shoot dates available:
Choose your own dates in season.

Limpopo:

WARMBAD/BELA BELA:

Tuli Safaris Upland/Walk-up Day Shoot – Springbok flats – Limpopo

This is a day shoot and no accommodation available. Three farms around Bele-Bela (Warmbad). Bring your own lunch. Cost is R1000 per gun, unguided. Min. 4 guns, Max. 8 guns. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Shoot dates available:

28 May;

18 June;

2 July;

23 July;

6 August;

13 August.



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THE 2022 SHOOT CALENDAR – for members only

Limpopo continued... WINGSHOOTING (BIRD HUNTING)

23 July

Laerskool Tuinplaas Guinea-fowl Shoot – Limpopo

Upland community day shoot.
To book contact: Lorette van der Merwe, or Tersia Giannacopoulos
Tel: 014 792 0820/ email: laerskooltuinplaas01@gmail.com

25 June

The Springbok Flats Farmers Association 27th Annual Shoot – Settlers district

Upland community shoot. R1300.- per gun. To book please contact: Estelle Paul: 079 5166 269 or email: svbv@senco.co.za

9 July

Tuinplaas Boerevereniging Shoot

Upland community shoot. 10% Discount to SA Wingshooters members. To book please contact: lstuinplaas@telkomsa.com or Altus Joubert: 082 551 5761 altus@jubaweni.co.za

DENDRON:

15-17 July

Dendron Community Shoot, Limpopo. Their 25th annual shoot. A great bushveld upland bird shoot. Call Cilanie du Toit: 083 737 8548 or email: tarentaaljagdendron@gmail.com

30 July

Laerskool Warmbad Community Shoot – Warmbad, Limpopo

A well organised community shoot to the benefit of the school. Cost is R1200 per gun (SA Wingshooters members get 10% discount). To book please call: Bellinda Coetzer: 074 898 8850 or email: lsw.birdshoot@gmail.com

Enquire regarding the date Laerskool Bysonderheid School Shoot – Roedtan

Community shoot to the benefit of the school. To book call: Albert Pienaar 082 979 9135 or email: tanganari@gmail.com

SETTLERS:

Beulah Shoot – Upland birds, Waterfowl & Pigeons

Situated on the Springbok Flats in the Limpopo province. Complete wing shooting experience. The open grasslands is ideal to train and enjoy your hunting dogs. 10% Discount to SA Wingshooters members. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

SETTLERS:

5 & 6 August

St. Hubert Hunting Event

All SA wingshooters members are invited to the South African Field Trial Club (SAFTC). This is a field hunting event for you and your dog/s. Please email for more info: secretary@saftc.co.za

OHRIGSTAD/LYDENBURG AREA:

Guinea-fowl and Francolin shoots

6 to 8 guns. Self-guided venue. Choose your own dates. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

SETTLERS / BELA-BELA

Guided bird hunting on offer – Upland birds and Pigeons

Guineafowl and pigeons available during the open season. Guided hunts, own bird dogs welcome. For booking info please contact SA Wingshooters office.

GROOTFONTEIN SHOOT:

Inspected Venue

Warmbad (Bela-Bela), Limpopo Guinea-fowl and Francolin shoots

Great upland walk-up and Driven day shoots. Bring your own lunch/braai/softdrinks. Own behaved dogs welcome. R1200 per gun only for this superbly guided shoot. Dates:

7 May

21 May

11 June

16 July

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Free State:

Date to be confirmed

WINDHEUWEL INTERNATIONAL SHOOT

Gamebird Shoot – Petrus Steyn, Free State

Superb 5-star Guinea-fowl shoot hosted by owner Peter Wales. Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

Date to be confirmed

JIMMY WALES INTERNATIONAL SHOOT

Gamebird Shoot – Petrus Steyn, Free State

Superb 5-star Guinea-fowl shoot hosted by owner Peter Wales. Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

TWEELING

Upland Shoot – Tweeling, Free State. Weekend shoots

Guinea-fowl, francolin & partridge on 350 ha. Farmhouse accommodation. Can accommodate 4 guns. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season. All weekends still available. 18 weekends to choose from.

STEYNSRUS:

OFFICIAL SHOOT – Inspected Venue

Vals River Shoot – Steynsrus, Free State

Mixed bag along the Vals river. Shoot waterfowl & gamebirds on the river. Self-catering. Accommodation on the river bank. Day shoots also available. Call SA Wingshooters for info

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends in season: 1 June to 15 Sept.

1 July & 29 July

HEUNINGSPRUIT–

NEW INSPECTED VENUE

OFFICIAL Shoot

Exclusive Upland hunting. Maximum 4 guns. Own well-trained dogs welcome, but not required. Day

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shoot. R1500 per gun. Self-Catering. Guided by André van der Westhuizen. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

ZASTRON:

Waterfowl/Mixed bag Shoot – Zastron, Free State. Weekend shoots

Waterfowl (geese, duck, etc) and Guinea-fowl. Accommodation available. Max. 6 guns. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season. All weekends still available. 16 weekends to choose from.

VREDEFORT

Inspected Venue

Witklip Upland Shoot, Vredefort, Free State. Weekend shoots

Game birds, mostly Francolin. Shoot hosted and organised by the farmer and his wife, and includes lunch. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends in season: 1 June to 15 Sept.

VILJOENSKROON

Inspected Venue

Grassmere Wingshooting – Viljoenskroon, Free State

Francolin walk-up shooting over pointing dogs (extra cost). Own dogs welcome. Very good self-catering accommodation available for up to 6 guns. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Call for available dates.

MEMEL

Inspected Venue

Ronderus Shoot – Free State

Highveld mixed bag. Dogs needed. Lodge with 4 beds in 3 bedrooms. Not easy hunting.

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange own weekends

VREDE

Inspected Venue

Groenfontein Shoot – Free State

Upland & Waterfowl shooting. Clean and nice accommodation. Limited bird numbers. R1200 for the weekend per person, self catering (2 nights accommodation).

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoot dates:

Choose your own weekends

VREDE

Little Long Creek Shoot –

Free State – Inspected Venue

Greywing, swainsons, water-fowl & guineas. Walkup and dogs essential. Arrive Thursday and hunt Friday and Saturday and depart Sunday. Quality self catering lodge. R3000 per person for the weekend, self-catering. Excludes firewood.

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends from 1 June to 15 Sept.

VREDE AREA

Malta Shoot –

Free State

Excellent quality mixed bag (upland and waterfowl) shoot venue including Greywing.

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends from 1 June to 15 Sept.

PARYS

OFFICIAL SHOOT – Inspected Venue

Grootfontein Shoot, Parys, Free State. Weekend day shoots

Good size farm for day hunting. Swainson's, Guinea-fowl, Orange River Partridge. Saturdays only. 4 guns maximum. R600 per person. Bring your own lunch. Own dogs needed – sheep farm, so make sure your dog is under control!

Choose your own weekends in season: 1 June to 15 Sept.

BRANDFORT

Andrew McLaren Safaris – Free State

Upland gamebirds & Waterfowl available during the open season. For

more booking information, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

HEILBRON

Mixed bag birds –

Free State

Several thousand hectares. Privately Owned & Exclusive Bird Shooting Venue. Upland Birds - Guinea-fowl & Waterfowl. For booking info, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

WINBURG

Inspected Venue

Upland birds – Jasper Shoot, Winburg, Free State

Mostly upland game birds on a beautiful Winburg venue. Accommodation on farm available. Self-catering. Well trained dogs welcome. Call SA Wingshooters for info on how to book.

MEMEL:

Date to be confirmed

St. Hubert Hunting Event

SA wingshooters members are invited to the South African Field Trial Club (SAFTC) event. More info: secretary@saftc.co.za

NEW VENUES WILL BE ADDED AS WE ARRANGE THEM

Will be notified via email throughout the season.

New venues coming

We are working on a some new venues near in all areas and will let members know via eNewsletter (electronic newsletter via email) when these new shoot venues become available. If you have venues, please call us.

Mpumalanga

MIDDELBURG

Inspected Venue – Dates to be confirmed

Waterfowl Shoot – Middelburg, Mpumalanga – Dubula Shoot

Good waterfowl and Upland game bird venue. Lodge accommodation available. Own dogs welcome! Call SA Wingshooters to book.

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THE 2022 SHOOT CALENDAR – for members only

Mpumalanga continued... **WINGSHOOTING (BIRD HUNTING)**

DELMAS-LEANDRA

Official Shoot – Inspected Venues

Upland and waterfowl shoots day shoots

These upland shoots (and waterfowl when available) are guided shoots on various farms around Delmas-Leandra areas. R1300 per gun. 4 to 6 guns. Full lunch, water and cold drinks provided. Own dogs welcome! Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Shoot dates available:

**May: 7; 14; 21. June: 4; 11; 18.
July: 2; 9; 16; 23.**

VOLKSRUST

Inspected Venue Mpumalanga

Four star selected wingshooting for two on a special farm in the Volksrust district. Must have bird dogs. Very pleasant and hospitable farmer. Inspected and accredited landowner. Accommodation available (2 bedrms). Call SA Wingshooters to book

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends in consultation with the venue custodian

AMERSFOORT/ERMELO:

Inspected Venue

Amersfoort Vaalriet Shoot, Mpumalanga. Weekend shoots

Amersfoort, Vaalriet Camp. Waterfowl and land birds available. Four to six hunters. Weekends only (Fri to Sun). R1500 pppd for guided hunts and comfortable accommodation. Self catering. Hunting dogs welcome. Call SA Wingshooters to book

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own dates

WINGSHOOTING ERMELO

Upland & Waterfowl

Exclusive & Privately Owned Waterfowl - Upland & Guineafowl Venue. Ermelo & surroundings Guided hunts, own bird dogs welcome. For booking info please contact SA Wingshooters office.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

Northern Cape

HOPETOWN:

Inspected Venue

Waterfowl, Guineafowl and plains game – Northern Cape.

3 Chalets self-catering each with 2 single beds (R600 p/p/p/d); 1 Cottage with double bed and 2 single beds R700 p/p/p/d. Restaurant available on site. Hunting fee R500 p/p/day, includes use of decoys.

Own transport essential. Gemsbok and Wildebeest available.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

**Two weekends available between
July and August**

HOPETOWN/ORANIA:

Inspected Venue

Gkhui Gkhui Shoot, Northern Cape.

Wingshooting on the Orange River. All birds that are open in their various season dates, plains game hunting and fly-fishing. Excellent lodge accommodation and superb catering. Lodge accommodation for SA Wingshooters R1350 p/p/night. Wingshooting R500 per day unguided to R1000 guided, plus some extras, depending on what you want to hunt and do.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

HANOVER - KAROO

CONSERVANCY

Northern Cape – NEW VENUE

Egyptian Geese hunting in the Karoo (Hanover). Exclusive for members only. Goose shooting available close to Hanover in the Karoo on lucerne pivots. Many accommodation options in lodge and other on the same farm available. Dogs are not required as you will be shooting from blinds and pit blinds in the fields. R800 per night if you stay in the lodge, hunting included. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Western Cape

CERES:

Inspected Venue

Waterfowl, Ceres, Western Cape

Waterfowl (Duck and Geese) on a great venue near Op-die-Berg. Good shooting and accommodation hosted by our Western Cape Shoot Captain. Catered. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season.

RAWSONVILLE:

Inspected Venue

Rawsonville, Western Cape

Waterfowl and Cape Francolin on a great venue near Rawsonville. Good shooting day shoot. Hosted by our Western Cape Shoot Captain. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Shooting available on certain dates.

GOUDA / PICKETBERG AREA:

Inspected Venue

Waterfowl, Western Cape

Good shooting day shoot. Hosted by our Western Cape Shoot Captain. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Shooting available on certain dates.

BREDASDORP:

OFFICIAL Venue

Bredasdorp Walk-up – Bredasdorp, Western Cape

Guinea fowl & waterfowl. Accommodation & restaurant on site. Self guided hunting. Call the office to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season.

STRANDVELD

OFFICIAL Venue

Strandveld Waterfowl & Upland birds – Western Cape.

Walk-up shoot close to Elim/Voëlvelei. Guinea fowl, Spur-wing, Egyptian geese and duck in season only.

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No accommodation – Arrange yourself in the area or ask André at the SA Wingshooters office where to stay. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Arrange your own dates in the hunting season.

TOUWS RIVER:

Exclusive Venue

Soutrivier Shoot – Western Cape.

Walk-up shooting between Touws River and Montagu. Accommodation and camping available. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

HEIDELBERG:

Exclusive Venue

Nonarosa Shoot Waterfowl & Upland birds – Western Cape.

Walk-up shoot close to Heidelberg. Guinea-fowl, Spur-wing, Egyptian geese and duck in season. Accommodation for 6 guns self catering. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season.

OTHER DAY SHOOTS IN WESTERN CAPE:

Shoot: Riviersonderend School Shoot

Quarry: Cape Francolin

Date: 14 May

Contact person: Jannie Esterhuyse
Tel: (028) 2611215, or Elma Putter
Email: rshshoot@gmail.com or rivierhigh@gmail.com

Shoot: Rûens College Shoot

Quarry: Cape Francolin / Guineas

Date: 28 May

Contact person: Marica
kampus@ruenskollege.co.za

Shoot: Suideroord Old Age Home

Quarry: Cape Francolin / Guinea Fowl

Date: 11 June

Contact person: Karin Dickason
Tel: +27 (28) 424 1080
Email: bestuur@suideroord.co.za

Shoot: Riviersonderend School

Quarry: Guinea-fowl

Date: 13 August

Contact person: Jannie Esterhuyse

Tel: (028) 2611215

Email: rivierhigh@gmail.com

Shoot: Greyton NG Church

Quarry: Guinea-fowl

Date: 13 August

Contact person: Piet Matthee

Tel: 072 606 1579

Email: pdkmatthee@gmail.com

Eastern Cape

BARKLY EAST – GREYWING –

Hosted by Ourano Pointers

NEW SHOOTS

Greywing Partridge dates available:

May 12-15 Greywing Francolin - Barkly East

June 23-26 Greywing Francolin - Barkly East

July 21-24 Greywing Francolin - Barkly East

Viljoenskroon Free State mixed bag hunts, as well as Gundog (bird dog) training, boarding for all gundog breeds.

Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

LADY GREY AREA:

Memo Shoot – Lady Grey, Eastern Cape

Grey-wing, Red-wing & Orange river partridge, as well as Swainson's, Guinea-fowl, Duck and Geese. Basic, self-catering accommodation on farm for 8 people. Shooting fee is R600 pp per day and includes accommodation. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

You can select your own dates

RHODES:

Grey-wing Partridge – Eastern Cape

Professionally guided Grey-wing hunting, as well as Plains game. Ac-

commodation and food/meals can arranged. Call SA Wingshooters for booking info.

Choose your own shoot dates within the various bird seasons.

ALICE:

Alice shoot – Eastern Cape

Self-guided. Own accommodation and food/meals must be arranged. Shooting fee is R300 pp per day. Many species available in their respective seasons. Bring your own decoys.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own shoot dates within the various bird seasons.

EAST LONDON:

Douglasvale Shoot – Eastern Cape

Bookings allowed from 2nd week of June to end July – Duck, Geese and Guinea-fowl only. Accommodation and shooting fee R950.- per day. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

STUTTERHEIM:

Eastern Cape

Waterfowl, upland game birds, rock pigeons, etc. Self-catering or catered. Accommodation, can sleep 8-10 people. Braai area. Gamebirds and plains game available. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

KwaZulu-Natal

KOKSTAD:

Upland and waterfowl

Upland gamebirds, Waterfowl and Pigeons available during the open season. Can arrange accommodation. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Week & weekend Shoots

available: Select your own dates

WINTERTON:

Ambleside Farm

Annual Clay target and Waterfowl shoot arranged by Ambleside Farm. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

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THE 2022 SHOOT CALENDAR – for members only

INTERNATIONAL HUNTING & LOCAL SPORT SHOOTING

International Wingshooting:

ARGENTINA – South America **Duck, Dove, Pigeon, Perdiz and mixed bag hunts**

Tailor made hunting and personalised service – every shooting trip is individually designed around each client. We specialise in custom itineraries based on your group's wishes and budget. Luxury lodges and great shooting. Call SA Wingshooters for booking info.

EAST COAST, USA:

Atlantic Seaboard Waterfowl hunting

Providing top notch waterfowling opportunities in the Atlantic Flyway. Feel confident to trust us to bring you an outstanding hunt that you will never forget. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

CANADA:

Waterfowl hunting

Our mission is to provide outstanding wingshooting for Canada Geese, Ducks, Snow Geese, Speckle-bellies and Upland Birds in the friendly Alberta, Canada. Experience hunting in Alberta – a bird hunter's paradise offering abundant waterfowl and liberal limits. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

TEXAS, USA:

Upland and other

From mid-September through March, Upland Bird Hunting is the main attraction at Joshua Creek Ranch. Texas bobwhite quail are found in great numbers on the ranch as are pheasant and chukar. Starting in December each year, hunters can also harvest Hungarian partridge. Traditional walk-up hunting with guides and dogs is the most popular style of hunting at Joshua Creek Ranch. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

SOUTH DAKOTA, USA:

Discover why our pheasant hunting lodge earned two Beretta Tridents. It is great to know you're experiencing South Dakota pheasant hunting at its finest. As the only lodge in the state who offers our guests unlimited pheasants (up to the state limit) with every package, it won't take long to see why Cheyenne Ridge Signature Lodge earned the title of the 2017 Sporting Classics Lodge of the Year. Family-owned and operated, they provide all-inclusive packages that make pheasant hunting, fishing and waterfowl hunting especially rewarding. Our offerings are endorsed by the Beretta Trident award which assures you'll have an extraordinary experience on our grounds. Call SA Wingshooters for booking info.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Pheasant, Grouse, Snipe, Woodcock, Wildfowl and Duck –

The 'GunsOnPegs' provides access to shoots for guns that are looking for shooting. Guns can get access to a wealth of opportunities that



previously were only available by word of mouth. Not only that, those last minute opportunities no longer have to be given away! GunsOnPegs has now become the largest shoot finder service in the UK. Visit their website www.gunsonpegs.com and choose your next UK bird shoot.

Clay Target Shooting:

Saturday 19 November –
The venue will be confirmed.

SA WINGSHOOTERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CLAY TARGET SHOOT.

Our annual year-end clay target shoot – 27th anniversary shoot!

We will host our annual Christmas clay target shooting, consisting of



50 fun clay targets and a lunch and prizes. Space is limited to 150 people. Call Anél at the office to book!

STERKFORTEIN SHOOTING

ACADEMY – Olifantsfontein, GP

Club access to SA Wingshooters members only –

The club is open from 09:00 till 16:00 Wednesday to Sunday. SA Wingshooter members have access to the club. Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

WATTLESRING SPORTS CLUB

Our Members get R20 discount per round of practice clays any time.

Throughout the year

CLAY SHOOTING COACHING

SA Wingshooters has experienced shotgun shooting training coaches. If you are new to shotgun shooting or want to improve your shotgun shooting ability. We'll set up a coaching session for you. We also send out pre-arranged coaching days/dates via our email newsletter throughout the year. Call SA Wingshooters.

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SPORT SHOOTING – TARGET & STEEL

3-Gun & 2-Gun (Handgun & SL Rifle & Bolt) Shooting:

MULTI-GUN RIFLE, SHOTGUN & HANDGUN MATCHES

At our LRSC private shooting facility –

We offer 3-gun and 2-gun combined rifle and handgun shooting events. Multi-stage events include handgun shooting from 10m to 100m and transition rifle shooting up to 1400m. This division is for semi-auto rifles, shotguns and handguns.

Call SA Wingshooters for more info.



PSP Handgun & Rifle Shooting:

THE PSP Target shooting Competition for rifles & handguns is open to members

**of the PSP. Send your targets for
entry into this annual competition
to us before 1 October 2022.**

Handgun shooting course dates, presented by our in-house IDPA Master Class Instructor, will be sent out via our official eNewsletters. All welcome at these training days. Download the PSP rifle and/or handgun targets from our website: <http://www.wingshooters.org.za/ALL-DOWNLOADS/>. Then simply post or scan and email your shot targets to us. Your best target (score) of the year will be automatically entered into the competition. Call the office to join the PSP.



LRSC – Long Range Shooting Club:



The Long Range Shooting Club (LRSC) is part of SA Wingshooters.

Come and join us at our shooting facility just outside Leandra, where we host long range shoots, etc. Our ranges are permanently set up and the distances range from 100m metres to 1400m. The range is currently available 7 days a week.

This facility is not a public shooting facility and is available on invitation and for members of the LRSC only. Should you be interested, visit the site below or call the office. www.longrangeclub.com



Events and Matches hosted for members during the year is sent out on email. Long range shooting is challenging but fun. There is also an 'open' division, so you can compete with your hunting rifle in any calibre, even though it is not the preferred setup for long distance shooting.



LRSC – LONG RANGE SHOOTING CLUB MATCH EVENT DATES 2022:

The 2022 LRSC (Long Range Shooting Club), TPS 3-gun and 2-gun, .22PSBC and handgun Official Match event dates for 2022 is as follows:

5 February:	LRSC Rifle Training
12 March:	LRSC Rifle match
9 April:	LRSC Rifle match
7 May:	LRSC Rifle match
18 June:	LRSC Rifle match
9 July:	LRSC Rifle match
13 August:	LRSC Rifle match
17 September:	LRSC Rifle match
8 October:	TPS 3-Gun and 2-Gun multi-gun Match. A competition division on its own.
22 October:	Annual .22PSBC Small-bore match.
12 November:	Year-end Fun Shoot and medal/certificate ceremony. Not counted towards LRSC Match points

Participants may enter multiple calibre division at any event, with a maximum of two calibre divisions per match, as per the LRSC calibre divisions.

We invite new members to come and participate in these events, as our focus is on having fun and helping new members at all events.

As always, all event invitations/notifications will be emailed to members in advance, in order to facilitate bookings for events. The TPS and .22PSBC event points do not count towards LRSC Rifle match points.



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PLAINS GAME HUNTING

Plains Game Hunting:

ADANSONIA ECO LODGE – Musina, Limpopo

Plains game hunting. Plan on a hunting trip, no need to search further. Phone us for an unforgettable time. We have a fully equipped lodge with a one in a



million chef. Daily serviced rooms. Guides to accompany you on hunting & skinning. Cold rooms available. For the game prices contact us. Member owned. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

EASTERN CAPE – Jansenville/ Somerset East

Donkerkloof Farm

Plains game hunting in the beautiful Eastern Cape. Member owned. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Otterskloof – Phillipolis, Free State

A variety of plains game (including Buffalo) at a fantastic Game Hunting Reserve with luxury accommodation. Trophy and biltong hunting available. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Ulunu Safaris –

Alldays Inspected Venue.

The Farm is 7,200 hectares and situated near Alldays, Limpopo Province (close to the Botswana border). Weltevrede Lodge accommodates 18 people in 4 chalets. Two chalets are family chalets with two separate bedrooms, a bathroom and a living area.

Two chalets are divided into three bedrooms, each with an en-suite bathroom. The main building has a fully equipped kitchen, dining room, living room and recreation room. Linen and towels are provided. Hunting, game drives (photography) and bow hunting are offered. Hard hunting! Call SA Wingshooters for info.

KZN – 2022 Hunting Packages For Local Amateur Hunters Umkhuze Game Reserve And Ithala Game Reserve

Hunting packages will be available for local amateur hunters who are paid up members of an amateur hunting association and have been proficiency graded, both in theory and practical aspects. Various packages available. Kindly be informed that Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife have limited hunting packages available for local hunters. For more information, visit the Ezemvelo website www.kznwildlife.com. Alternatively contact the office on: Tel: 033 845 1717 or 033 845 1394. E-mail: Rahman.Devduth@kznwildlife.com

HOPETOWN/ORANIA

Inspected Venue **Gkhui Gkhui Shoot, Northern Cape.**

Plains game hunting. Excellent lodge accommodation and superb catering. Lodge accommodation for SA Wingshooters R1350 p/p/night. Prices vary depending on what you want to hunt and do. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available: **Arrange your own weekend**

MOUNT CARMEL SAFARIS

Near Daniëlskuil, Northern Cape

Included in the rates: Breakfast and light lunch, Cold room, Freezer, Butchery, Trackers, Skinners, Fully equipped and serviced hunting lodge. A trophy describes any animal that has to be caped and/or horns cooked, and that qualifies for the SCI Record Book (field preparation). Minimum 3 days hunting. Facilities include Caping, Catering available,

Cellphone reception, Cooling facilities, Eskom power, Family friendly, Hunting vehicle, Meat processing, Self-catering, Slaughter facilities and Swimming pool. 4 - 8 guests can be accommodated.

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

SWARTRUGGENS

North West. Inspected Venue.

Rifle hunting & bowhunting. Various species and comfortable accommodation, self-catering. Good trophy sizes. Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

ROTAVI – BELA-BELA/ROOIBERG

Inspected Venue.

Rotavi is a 3400-hectare private game reserve located 65km west of Bela-Bela in the Limpopo Province, South Africa. Rotavi, which shares a 7km



border with the renowned Mabula Game Reserve, has an abundance of game including: Buffalo, Giraffe, Eland, Kudu, Blue Wildebeest, Red Hartebeest, Zebra, Waterbuck, Gemsbok, Nyala, Blesbok, Impala, Mountain Reedbuck, Warthog, Bushpig, Duiker, Steenbok, and a huge variety of birds and smaller animals. Member owned. Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

PALMIETFONTEIN Game Farm – Bloemhof, NW Inspected Venue.

Plains game hunting. Large hunting area with many species and trophies to choose from. Luxurious airconditioned accommodation for up to 15 people, serviced daily. Cold room and slaughtering facilities. Member owned. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

THE 2022 SHOOT CALENDAR – for members only

PIGEON & DOVE HUNTING

All Provinces:



Singita & Western Cape Pigeon/Dove venue

All pigeon and dove shooting venues are sent to members via email and other online media. We have too many venues to list and new venues are added constantly.

We have many pigeon and dove shooting venues, in many provinces. Most of these venues are exclusive to SA Wingshooters members.

Our venues and shoots are for members only, as we work hard to acquire them, and believe that your contribution to the association – monetary and otherwise – is appreciated. Therefore, we do not want to spend your time and membership subscription money, to help people who are not members. If you want to participate, then join us! You receive many benefits and it is the right thing to do anyway.

Some of the venues that are open most of the year include, but are not limited to:

The Singita shoot venue, GP

Elandsfontein venue, GP

NW Wingshooting venue, NW

Somerset venue, FS

Rooikoppies venue, MP

Erdzak venue, MP

Middelburg venue, MP

Sasolburg venue, FS

Goedehoop venue, FS

Concordia venue, MP

Witklip venue, FS

Uitkoms venue, FS

Vlakfontein venue, GP

Lillydale venue, NC

Merinovlakte venue, Lim

Renosterfontein venue, GP

Geelong venue, FS

There are many more venues on our venue database. Call SA Wingshooters to enquire about any of these venues.



The Importance of a Dog's **Intestinal Health**

A look into the factors and issues with intestinal health in hunting dogs with sport dog Veterinarian specialist Joe Spoo...

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As dog owners, we often look at our dog's bowel movements as a messy inconvenience that creates work for us. And while I do not enjoy picking up stools out in the yard any more than the next person, I do take advantage of the wealth of information provided twice daily in those little brown piles.

The eyes have been described as the windows into the soul, and while that may be debatable, there is no argument that the stools could be described as the information super-highway. The problem is deciphering the information provided to determine if a problem is present, and if there is a problem, what is the source.

Stool can flag health issues

A change in stools can occur with a number of conditions, ranging from parasites, infection, stress and stomach upset to more serious issues like liver disease, kidney disease and a host of internal disorders. This does not mean that you have to rush your dog in on emergency every time the stools change. However, by recognising changes and the severity of the changes, it could aid you in

maintaining the overall health of your gun dog. Instead of looking at waste cleanup as an evil chore, look at this regular occurrence as instant feedback and monitoring of your dog's overall health.

With patients that do not talk there are a handful of big picture changes that we look at when trying to evaluate for disease. These include attitude, activity, eating, drinking, urination, vomiting and stool quality. The one that gives us a constant look at the inside of the dog is stool quality. Often changes in stool quality, consistency, frequency and character can be an early indicator of a problem. With all of that information presented daily via the feces, the vast majority of pet owners are usually unaware of their dog's bathroom habits until a full-blown problem is present.

It's important to understand the function of the intestinal tract in order to fully appreciate the importance of maintaining intestinal health. Too often we look at it as a transport system for food through the body, and while this is important, there are a number of other equally important functions.

A healthy, functioning intestinal tract is necessary for the breakdown and absorption of nutrients. You may be feeding the highest quality food in the world, but if the intestinal tract is not functioning properly it won't get utilised. In addition to nutrients, the intestinal tract is vital to water balance and hydration. Interestingly, the colon plays an important role in water absorption, and it is for this reason that dogs with diarrhea issues can quickly become dehydrated.



One of the most important functions of the digestive tract is its function in the immune system. It serves as the body's first line of defense against disease. This can serve to protect the body from outside invaders, but when it malfunctions it can also cause issues of its own with conditions like inflammatory bowel disease and food sensitivities.

One of the last points to consider is that the intestinal tract is also influenced by the other major systems in the body, and this is the reason why stool quality can be an indicator of internal disease. That is why it's important to determine if the cause of stool issues are related to intestinal causes (parasite, bacteria, viruses, dietary) or from outside of the intestine (liver, kidneys, etc.), because the treatment of the various conditions will vary greatly.

An important point that is often overlooked is that a dog doesn't necessarily have to be suffering from full-blown diarrhea in order to be experiencing the ill effects of poor intestinal health. Many owners look at large quantities of semi-formed stool as an inconvenience to them when they should be considering the impact this is having on their dogs. Maintaining normal stools is important in maintaining normal overall health. If your dog is not having relatively small,

firm, normal colored stools it is vitally important to find out why and remedy the problem.

Fiber and digestive health

The discussion on diarrhea would fill a textbook, so instead of looking at what to do with each individual problem we will take a look at what to do in order to maintain digestive health and to restore normal health after minor stomach upset.

One of the most overlooked areas of dog food selection is the fibre source and amount in the food. Too often fibre is looked at as a filler and not as a functional component of the food. Unfortunately, this couldn't be further from the truth. The intestinal bacteria ferment fibre, and the byproducts of this fermentation process can provide an energy source for the intestinal cells. The most important products of fibre fermentation are short-chain fatty acids. These fatty acids can result in more and healthier intestinal cells, aid in gut motility, increase gut blood flow, and can help in preventing diarrhea by promoting the growth of beneficial bacteria while inhibiting the growth of bad bacteria.

As with anything, all fibre sources are not created equal. A fibre source that is not fermentable will not provide any of the above benefits, while a

*“Does this mean all
probiotic products
are a scam?
Absolutely not. But
it does mean that
as a consumer
you need to
know what you are
buying”*



*Bird dogs in good health work better
and have better endurance*

fibre source that is too fermentable will cause problems with excess by-products. The key is to look for a moderately-fermentable fibre source. One of the best moderately-fermentable fibres is beet pulp, which some have termed the “silver bullet” in maintaining intestinal health.

A key component of the maintenance of GI health is the balance of good versus bad bacteria. There are two key factors in maintaining this balance. The first is fructooligosaccharides (FOS) which are more commonly referred to as prebiotics. FOS is a short chain of sugar molecules that is used by the good bacteria of the intestinal tract but is not used well by the bad bacteria. These are used to try to maintain intestinal balance.

Probiotics and intestinal health

The second factor is probiotics. In recent years probiotics have gotten a lot of interest as a way to maintain intestinal health. Essentially they are live organisms that are fed in order to help maintain or replenish healthy bacteria in the intestinal tract while

outcompeting the bad bacteria. The theory is that we are providing more of the good bacteria to the dog. The benefits of these products are many, and when used correctly they can shorten the duration of diarrhea and help maintain and restore a healthy intestinal tract.

Unfortunately these products are also an area of much conflict, due to the quality and benefit of the products on the market. A Canadian Veterinary Journal article looked at 19 pet food diets labeled to contain probiotics.

When the diets were analysed, only seven of the diets contained at least one of the bacteria listed while NONE contained all of the bacteria listed. Similar studies have looked at over-the-counter products for humans and animals labeled to contain probiotics and found similar inconsistent results in the products.

Does this mean all probiotic products are a scam? Absolutely not. But it does mean that as a consumer you need to know what you are buying. You will want to identify the organism(s) in the product and the

number of organisms expected in the product, often listed as CFU. The benefits of probiotics are many, and include impacting the entire body and not just the digestive tract. The important point is to make sure you are actually feeding a probiotic when you make your purchase.

As you can see there are a number of things you can do daily to maintain intestinal tract health. Too often we want to reach for the dewormer or antibiotics when a problem crops up when we would be better off leaving those on the shelf and set our goals to maintaining a healthy GI tract from the beginning.

One of the most despised tasks of pet ownership, cleaning up feces, is actually one of the most important sources of daily information on our pets. This article won't make it any more enjoyable, but it may make it more informative the next time you head out to clean out the kennel or pick up the yard. Just how healthy is your dog's intestinal tract?

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The SA Wingshooters Association has been accredited by the CFR as a Dedicated Hunting Association, since 2004.

In fact, we are the second oldest accredited association in South Africa.

We have current members, many of whom regularly participate in the various sport shooting disciplines available and thus have a definite need to be able to grant such members the Dedicated Sport Shooting status, in order to enable them to fully participate in their chosen sport. So, we are now both an accredited sport shooting and hunting association, as we have members who want dedicated status, but who do not hunt.

We currently offer the following sport shooting disciplines to our members, either at our own facilities/ranges, or at any range country-wide and internationally:

PSP (Postal Shooting Programme) target shooting for handguns, rifles and self-loading rifles. Various target shooting tables/disciplines are offered, which can be practiced at any range world-wide. All our targets are available on our website.

Clay Target Shooting – all members have access to Clay Target

Shooting using shotguns at any accredited clay target range or club (CTSASA, COMPAK, etc.) country-wide.

Long Range Rifle Shooting – we have our own dedicated long range rifle shooting range in Gauteng, where members compete over shooting distances ranging from 100m to 1900m. This range also affords us the opportunity to offer a 2-gun sport shooting discipline (handgun and rifle combination shooting with movement and transitions), starting at 10m for handguns, to 100m and then up to 600m for self-loading rifles, with official division categories for calibres and types of rifles.

Handgun Shooting – we offer handgun shooting, again at our LRSC range, or any other range world-wide via the PSP, on our 17 target steel pistol range with targets from 10m to 100m, and includes a 6-plate duelling tree.

The requirements for obtaining a Dedicated Sport Shooting status will be as follows:

All prospective applicants will have to complete a practical shooting qualification exercise, in either handgun, rifle or shotgun. A minimum final score of 50% must be attained in order to qualify and must be signed

off by a range officer or club official.

All qualified members must submit an annual report to us, in confirmation of their minimum dedicated sport shooting activities, as required. We propose a minimum of three sport shooting activities per year for members in order to retain such status.

Should you hold current dedicated sport shooter status elsewhere, we will accept that status, if it is indeed current, on the basis of RPL.

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.

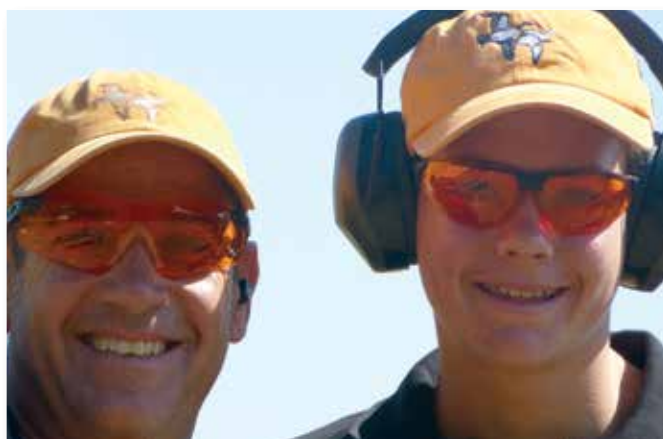
Lastly, as you know, the SA Wingshooters Association has R20-million liability insurance to cover the Association, with each individual member also having R20-million liability insurance as individual cover, for all shooting-related activities.

We are proud to be an association that offers all forms of shooting and hunting to our members. Thanks for your support!





We offer all types of shooting and hunting... as well as coaching!



BIRD HUNTING

With a Bow

It might be something you haven't thought about, but it's quite challenging! The experience and skill required to be consistent and successful in bowhunting birds, whether you are hunting gamebirds and waterfowl on the ground, or in flight, makes it more than fair chase.

by André van der Westhuizen

Many hunters enjoy various kinds or styles of hunting. Most of us enjoy wingshooting, but most of us also hunt plains game, vermin and sometimes damage-causing animals.

Obviously, there are various weapons and firearms one can hunt with and the bow and arrow is one such weapon, or tool, if you will.

Wingshooting, or bird hunting, is mostly done using a shotgun and we shoot the birds while in flight. Hunting gamebirds and waterfowl with a bow is by no mean 'a new thing' and has been done for many years, especially by hunters in North America.

Last year September, Western Cape member Philipp Schulz and I set off for Ulunu Safaris, north of Alldays in the Limpopo province, with our bows, to hunt upland gamebirds. This venue is also listed in our shooting and hunting calendar on page 26.

We were looking to hunt Guinea-fowl, Crested partridge, Natal Francolin and perhaps some plains game. The hunting was a mix of walk-and-stalk and ground blind hunting in natural blinds we built using mostly Mopani foliage. Hunting gamebirds with a bow and arrow is



Member Philipp Schulz with a Guinea fowl hunted using a bow

challenging and hard work, but as my brother always says, if you don't suffer a little bit when pursuing something it is not as enjoyable or rewarding when finally completed. I am happy to say that we had good success, especially Philipp, and he also cooked delicious meals every night with what we had hunted that day.

All the birds were hunted on the ground as our bows are not set up for wingshooting – one needs a specific arrow rest and arrows set up for in flight archery.

Different arrow fletching and arrow tips are used for wingshooting birds in flight. More on this in future issues. We have many members that are interested in bowhunting and



we therefore started a sub-club that members can join to learn more about the ins and outs of bowhunting gamebirds and waterfowl.

Should you be interested in learning more about what this new sub-club – **Elite Archery Society** – has to offer, such as provincial restrictions and laws, what bow setups to use, exclusive venues, etc, then give your SA Wingshooters Association office a call.

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SHOOTING TIPS

*Some tips to help you shoot better –
clays or birds... by Don Currie*

When you measure or consciously impose lead, you are softening your acute focus on the target in order to see “the gap” between the target and the muzzle. This softening of focus causes you to visually disconnect from the target, slow or stop your muzzle movement and results in a miss behind.

The solution to this issue is good visual flow-through on the target. Watch the target break! Watch impact! The second potential cause of consistently missing behind is “database” related. Each time you successfully break a target with your shotgun, it’s like posting a new target picture to your iCloud photo album. Over time, as you shoot and practice more, your subconscious database of sight pictures grows wider and deeper. As your database grows, the occasions in which your subconscious imposes the correct lead will increase.

Novices to mid-level shooters in particular tend to have an underdeveloped database relative to longer distance targets. There is simply no substitute for time behind the gun, practice and breaking more targets, particularly when it comes to longer distance targets. The more targets you break, the more voluminous your database becomes.

If you are a sustained lead shooter having trouble with longer distance crossing targets, one technique you might want to try is pull-away. For shooters with an underdeveloped database who tend to measure, pull-away helps the shooter resist measuring or “checking” the barrel-target relationship at the end of the stroke. As you shoot more targets and apply good visual follow-through, your challenges with missing behind will fade.

Regarding shotgun barrel length –

Ballistically speaking, there is no



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difference in shooting a shotgun with a 28-inch barrel length versus a 34-inch barrel except that the wad and shot exit the barrel 6 inches earlier.

The decision on barrel length is situational and should be based on three factors in order of descending importance: 1) Proportionality and balance of your shotgun. Balance is important because it determines how your shotgun moves. A properly balanced shotgun puts the shotgun’s centre of gravity between your hands, usually at the hinge pin. Shooting with a well-balanced shotgun will enable you to move the gun more naturally and efficiently to the target with less physical effort.

2) Your chosen shooting discipline. If you are more of a skeet shooter or quail hunter, you may want to consider shorter barrels (28 inches for example). A shorter barrel is slightly easier to swing for closer or less predictable targets.

Barrel lengths tend to be longer in sporting clays, driven bird, duck and goose hunting than in skeet or quail hunting, for example.

3) What you are accustomed to. Here is where the discussion of “sight plane” and “sight picture” arises. Even though we don’t look at the rib or consciously aim our shotgun at moving targets, every shooter has a subconscious sight picture; the brain’s subconscious view of the barrel-target relationship. Throughout our years of shooting a shotgun at moving targets, our brain amasses a “subconscious database” of images with different barrel-target relationships at different target speeds and distances.

If you decide to change shotguns or barrel length, you will need to allow your brain time to adapt. So, increase your practice time and shoot lots of targets for the first couple of months after changing guns or barrel length.



– These tips came from Don Currie who is the chief instructor of the National Sporting Clays Association and one of the most sought-after shooting coaches and gunfitters in our sport. For more about Don, visit his website at <https://doncurrie.com>

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MPUMALANGA – Not yet gazetted – Same as last year

All year	Rock pigeons (need licence).
1 May-31 Jul	Yellow-billed duck, red-billed teal, Egyptian goose, Spurwing, Guineafowl and Spurfowl.
1 April-31 Jul	Grey Wing, Orange River Partridge
1 May-30 Sep	Crested francolin, Coqui francolin, Red-wing, Shelley's.

FREE STATE – NEW season dates! Take NOTE!

All year	Rock pigeons, Cape turtle dove, Laughing dove, Red eye dove.
1 June-15 Sept	Greywing & O/River partridge, common quail, guineaowl, Swainson's francolin, yellow-billed duck & red-billed teal, Egyptian goose, spurwing, Red KnbKoot
1 Jan - 30 Apr	Shelduck (1)
Note:	(maximum 10 land & 10 water birds pp per day)

GAUTENG – Not yet gazetted – Same as last year

1 May-30 April	All year. Rock Pigeons (need licence) (20).
1 May-31 Jul	Egyptian geese (5); Red-bill teal (5); Yellow-bill duck (5). Note: Spurwing remain closed!
1 Jun-30 Sep	Swainsons francolin (5).
1 Jun-30 Sep	Helmeted Guineaowl (5).

N-WEST PROVINCE – Gazetted – Same as last year

All year	Rock pigeons (No limit), Red eyed dove (20), Cape turtle dove (20), laughing dove (20) (licence required).
1 May-30 Sep	Francolin: Red-billed (3), Crested (5); Partridge: Coqui (5), Guineaowl (10).
1 May-30 Aug	Partridge: Shelleys (5), Redwing (5); Quail: Harlequin (5), Common (10); Rameron Pigeon (5).
1 Apr-31 Jul	Partridge: Orange River (5).
1 Apr-15 Jul	Namaqua Sandgrouse (5).
1 Nov-31 Apr	Sandgrouse: Burchells (5), Double-banded (5).
1 May-31 Jul	Duck: White-faced (4), Yellow-bill (4), Cape Teal (4), Red-bill (4), Cape Shoveler (4), Southern Pochard (3), Knob-bill (4), Spurwing (4).
1 Jun-30 Sep	Swainsons Francolin (5), Natal Francolin (3).
1 Jan-31 Jul	Egyptian Goose (4).
1 Jan-31 Mar	Shelduck (2).
Note:	A Maximum combined total of 10 land birds & 10 waterfowl per day.

LIMPOPO – Gazetted – Same as last year

All year	Rock Pigeons (licence) (50), Red-eyed Turtle Dove (50)
1 May- 30 Sep	Guineaowl (10), Crested Francolin, (6), Shelley's (2); Natal francolin (6).
1 May - 31 Jul	Egyptian (6) & spurwing (4), white-faced whistling duck (6), Yellow-bill duck (4), red-billed teal (4).
1 Jun- 30 Sep	Swainson's francolin (8).
Note:	Total combined daily bag of (10 land & 10 water birds)

WESTERN CAPE <https://www.capenature.co.za> – Gazetted

1 Jan-31 Dec	Spurwing (3) & Egyptian goose (10), rock pigeons (and Cape turtle dove, Laughing dove, Red eye dove, Speckled Pigeon) (40 in total), guineaowl (10),
1 Jan-30 Jun	Yellow-billed duck (5), red-billed teal (10), shelduck (5), Cape teal (10), Cape shoveler (5), southern pochard (5) (10 in all total combined).
1 May-31 Jul	Greywing Partridge (3); Red-necked Francolins (3); Cape Franc. (6). 1 March-30 April – Common quail (2).

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE – Gazetted – Same as last year

All year	Egyptian Goose (10); Red eyed, Laughing, Cape turtle Doves (10 each) and Rock Pigeons (50).
1 April-31 Dec	Helmeted Guinea-fowl (10);
1 Jan-31 Mar	Shelduck (5).
1 May-31 Aug	Spurwing (5).
1 May- 30 Jun	Orange River Partridge (5), Red-billed Francolin (5), Cape Francolin (5), Natal Francolin (5), Swainsons Francolin (5), Grey-wing Partridge (5).
1 May-31 Aug	Northern Cape Excluding Namaqualand Magisterial District Yellow billed duck (10), Red-bill Teal (10), Cape Teal (10), Cape Shoveler (10), Southern Pochard (10).
1 Apr-15 Jul	Namaqua Sandgrouse (10).
1 Jan -31 Mar	Burchell's Sandgrouse (5).
1 Jan-30 Apr	Namaqualand Magisterial District Yellow-billed duck (10), Red-billed Teal (10), Cape Teal (10), Cape Shoveler (10), Southern Pochard (10).
Note:	A maximum combined total of 10 land birds & 10 waterfowl per day.

EASTERN CAPE – Gazetted

1 Jan-31 Dec	Red eyed, Laughing, Cape turtle Doves and Rock Pigeons. (need licence).
1 Jun-31 Jul	Rameron Pigeon (Olive Pigeon) (5).
1 Jan-31 Mrt	Shelduck (4).
1 Feb-30 Sept	Egyptian Goose (15).
1 Mrt-30 Sept	Spurwing (5).
1 May-31Aug	Red-billed Teal (3), Yellow-billed Duck (3), White-faced duck (2), Southern Pochard (2), Cape Teal (2), Cape Shoveler (2).
1 May-30 Sept	Guineaowl (5).
1 Oct-30 Nov	Quail (10). (Note: Different in former Ciskei)
1 May-31 Jul	Red-Wing Partidge (2).
1 May-31 Jul	Grey-wing (4), but in Queenstown (2), Orange River Partridge (4), Red-Necked Francolin (4).
1 Jan-31 Dec	Exotic Anseriformes

KZ-NATAL – Not yet gazetted – New Biodiversity Bill to come 2022

31 May-31 Aug	Ordinary Game Licence Required for all. Common Quail, White-faced Duck, Red-billed Teal, Yellow-billed Duck, Egyptian Goose, Spurwing, Helmeted Guineaowl, Rameron Pigeon. Francolin: Red-necked, Natal, Swainsons. Partridge: Grey-wing, Red-wing, Coqui, Crested & Shelleys..
Note:	A Maximum combined total of 10 land birds & 10 waterfowl per day.

Other game birds can be shot under a SPECIAL PERMIT during the open season, please contact KZN Hunting & Extension Department on 033 845 1652.

PLEASE NOTE that all members must still consult the respective provincial ordinances, as we do not list species that are not traditionally gamebirds. All exotic Anseriformes are open all year. Contact the office for gazettes

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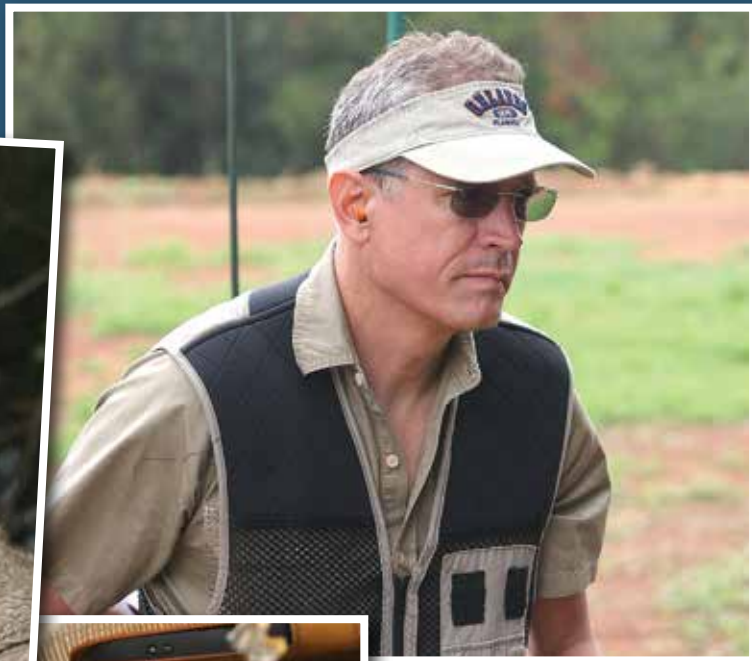
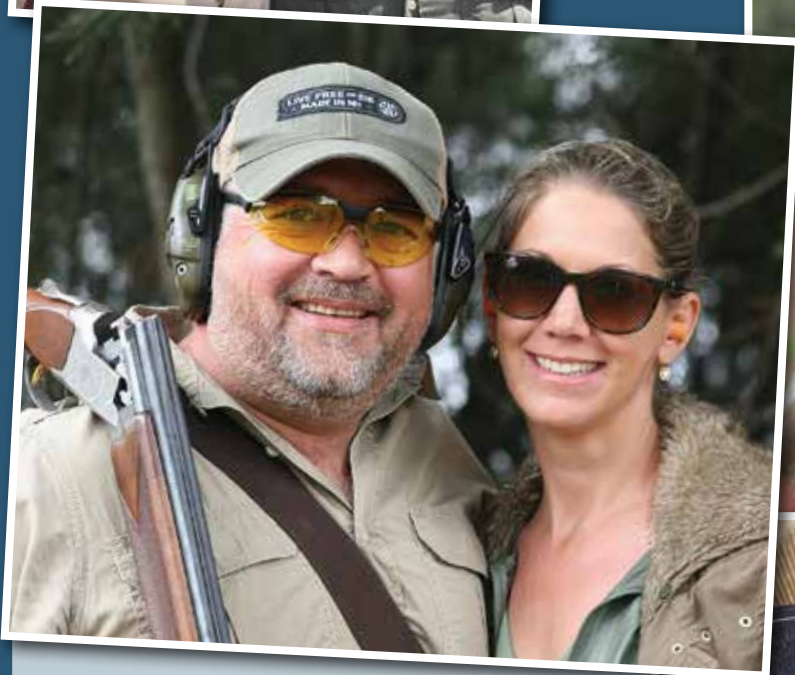
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Below: Annie and Alex Napier.
Right: Pieter Scholtz.





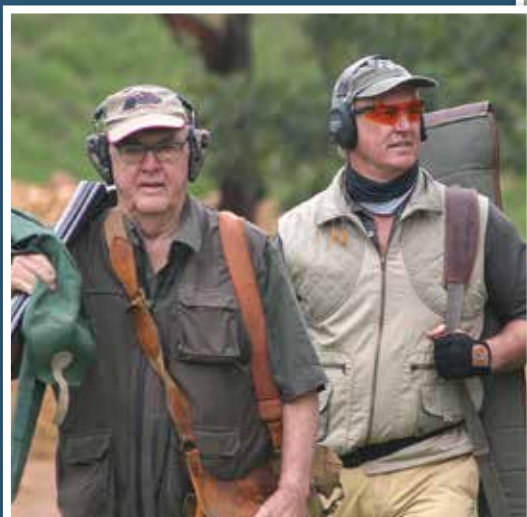
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Below: Ant Chapman and Rudy Stam.

Right: Prize giving (everyone gets a prize) and lunch.



Bottom: Team ZC... Willem Bezuidenhout, André de Lange, Regene van Lis, Gideon Bezuidenhout, ZC Kruger. Below: Tonya, Chris, Alex and Nick Aliferis with Berns Cilliers. Bottom left: Richard Adams. Below left: Trevor Cowie and Desmond Brothers.

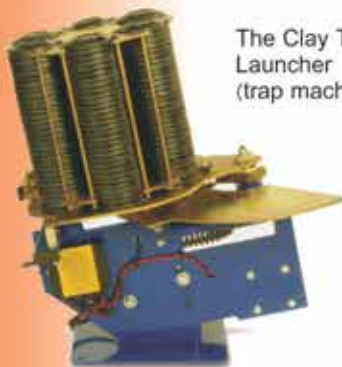


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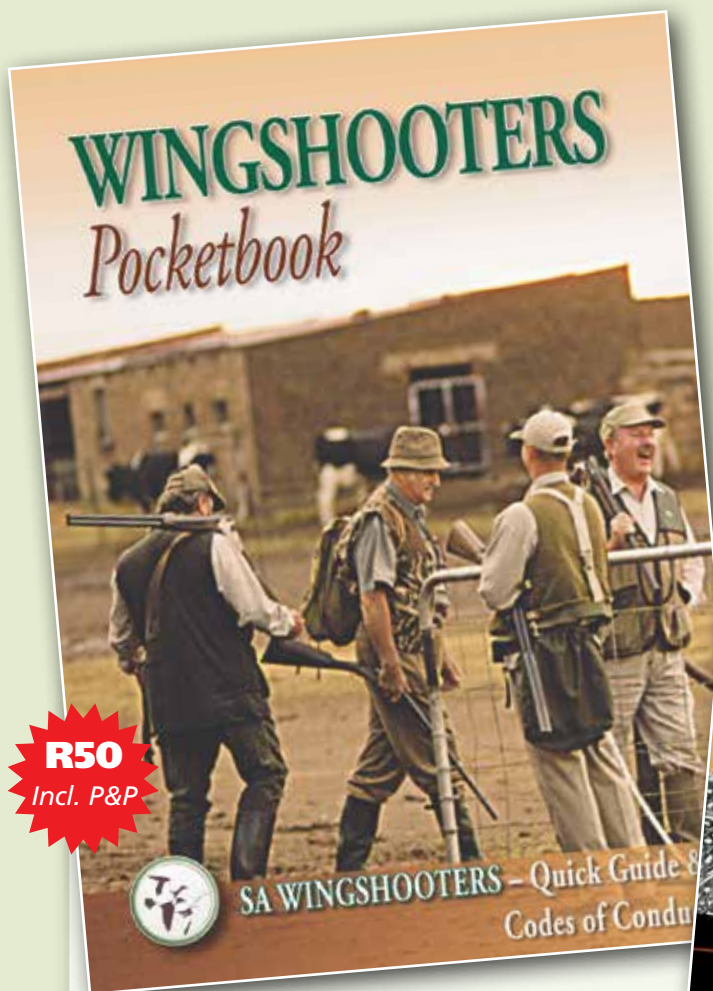
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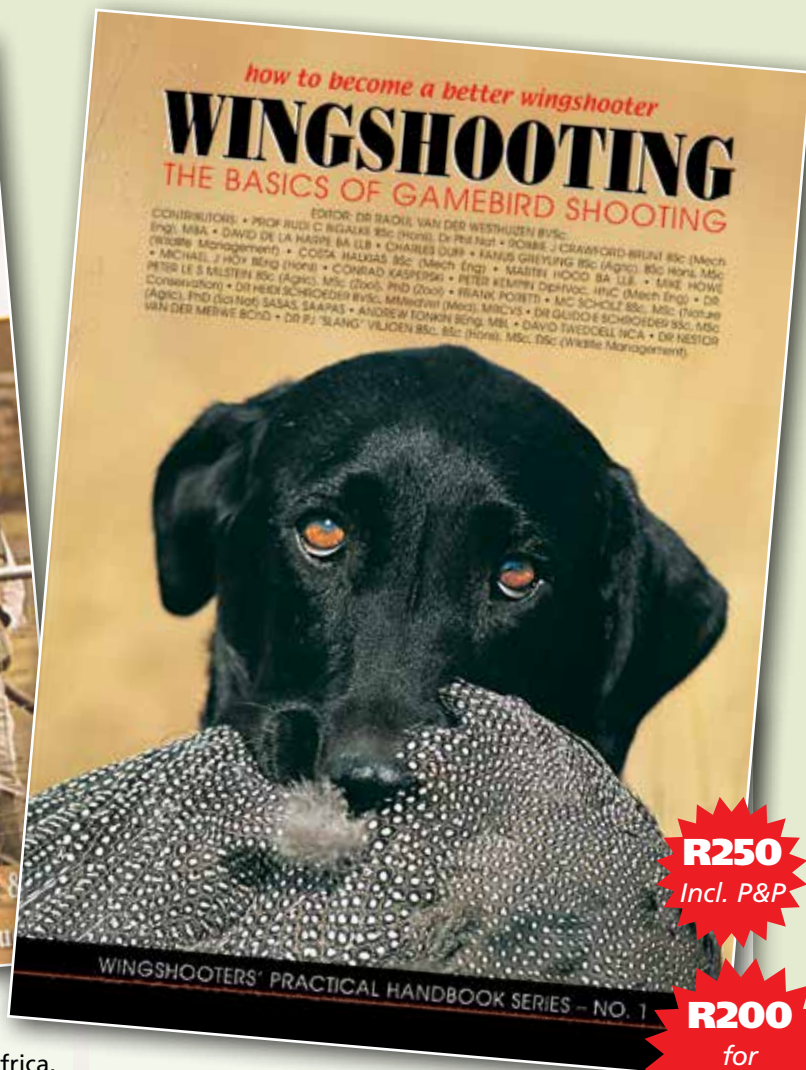
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- Option to qualify as Dedicated Hunter/Sports Person in terms of Act 60
- Membership of Police-accredited Hunting & Sport shooting Association
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YES! Sign me up and rush me my membership documents

Deposit your subscription by means of Internet banking (EFT) or deposit it in our bank account as per the details below (email us the proof of payment with the application form) to:
anel@wingshooters.co.za

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Branch Code: 335-345
Account Name: SA Wingshooters
Account Number: 1500165460

* If you are a dedicated hunter at any other association please attach a copy to receive a credit towards decated hunter status.



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Join Fee – Once off, plus:	R 350.-	R 350.-
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*Subscription Junior U/21:	☐ R 253.-	☐ R 500.-

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Your Signature

Date

I agree to honour the constitution and I do not have a criminal record. You hereby confirm that you are subscribing to SA Wingshooters Association for a period of one year or two years, depending on your option.

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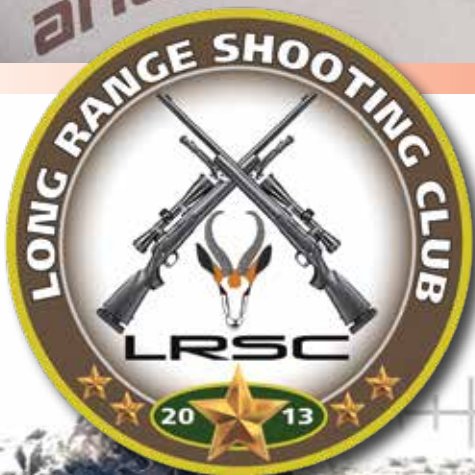
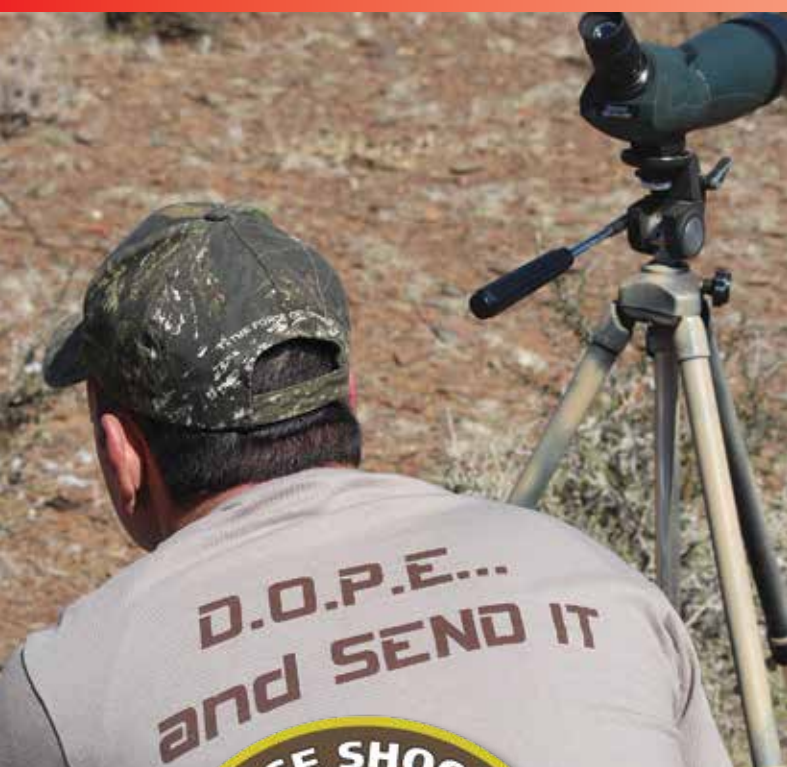
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