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Notice to Members

In terms of Clause 8 of the Constitution of the SA Wingshooters Association, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of SA Wingshooters will be held on Friday, 4 November 2022, at 16:15, at the Edgcombe House Conference Centre, 126 Valley Road, Kyalami, Blue Hills, Midrand (see directions on our website – www.wingshooters.org.za – go to "All Downloads" and look under the "Venue Maps" heading).

1. Chairman's Review
2. Report of the Executive Council
3. Consideration of the Accountant's Report and Financial Statements as at 28 February 2022
4. Re-appointment of external accountants
5. Election of members of the National Council

Eight members of the Association will be elected to the National Council by the General Assembly. Messrs Andrew Economou, Derek Nell, Tony Hampson-Tindale, Graeme Milborrow, Roland Nöfke, Anton Jooste and Theuns Oelofse are eligible to be re-elected for these positions for the next term.

Every member personally present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote, whether the vote be taken by show of hands or by ballot. Voting by ballot may be recorded either personally or by proxy. The document appointing a proxy must be in writing and be signed by the principal or his/her duly appointed deputy or, should the principal be a juristic person, be signed by an official or representative authorised by the said juristic person. A person holding a proxy need not be a member of the Association. The holder of a general or special proxy granted by a member, shall have the right to vote if he/she be authorised by the proxy to attend the meetings of the Association and to participate therein whether he/she be a member of the Association or not.

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Flying with Firearms – What to do when flying to Bloemfontein with firearms

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Cries of the Savanna – An adventure. An awakening. A journey to understanding African wildlife conservation.

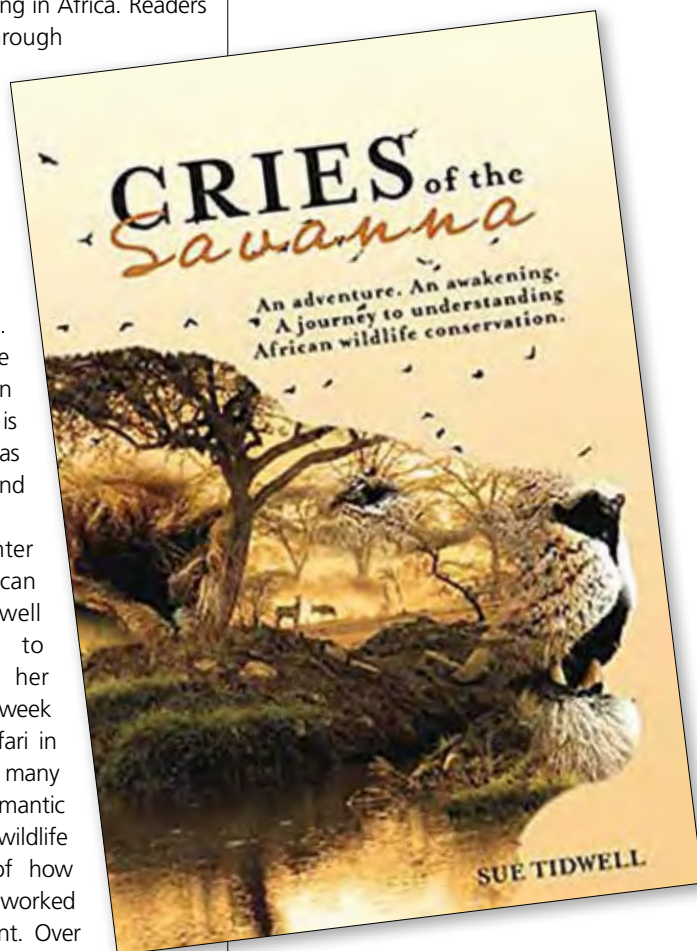
This book by Sue Tidwell is a story about big game hunting in Africa. Readers will slink warily through the long grass in the wake of Cape buffalo, pursue wild game in meticulous games of follow-the-leader, and lie terror-stricken as the cries of lions and hyenas fill the tent with dread. Yet, the adventure is much more than a hunting safari, it is a story of Africa – as well as its people and wildlife.

As a non-hunter enchanted by African wildlife, Sue Tidwell never expected to be accompanying her husband on a three-week big game hunting safari in remote Tanzania. Like many Americans, she had romantic notions about African wildlife and a naïve view of how wildlife conservation worked on the Dark Continent. Over the course of her African adventure, that all changed.

Africa is a wondrous and intriguing land but it is also harsh and unforgiving -- for both animals and humans alike. Tidwell's boots-on-the-ground experiences and relationships with the people of Masimba Camp exposed her to realities that she had never considered. Those truths and her love for the people and wildlife of Africa lit a fire in her gut, fueling a passion to share her journey with the world.

Readers will experience a riveting hunting adventure through the eyes of a greenhorn encountering Africa's charm and peril for the first time. They will come to know the people of Masimba Camp, while

learning about lions, leopards, elephants, hyenas, Cape buffalo, hippos, crocodiles, and many other species. Loaded with humor, emotion, thought-provoking pieces of truth, and 90 pictures and illustrations – Tidwell's African adventure will bring these people and animals to life, offering a glimpse of a continent that many imagine but few ever really get to know.



Whether an animal lover, conservationist, wanderer, adventurer, or human rights advocate, her unexpected journey will arm readers with the awareness necessary to support rural Africans while conserving Africa's spectacular wildlife. Only then will the beastly cries of the savanna remain a part of the wild.

This book is available on Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Cries-of-the-Savanna/dp/1737903903?tag=linkfire-smarturl-20>
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Hunting is a cultural activity...

The year in review brought many challenges regarding the Firearms Control Act amendments, as well as nature conservation and Wildlife Forum new proposals and laws the government want to implement – many of which make no sense at all and are purely politically driven.

One of our most serious threats of late is the global anti-hunting brigade! This is a serious issue and we need to combat it. The claims by anti-hunter are always driven by false statements. The fact is – hunting is a cultural heritage activity and, therefore, protected by our constitution. So these anti-hunters (and gun-free advocates for that matter) are barking up the wrong tree. We will continue to hunt and shoot as part of our heritage, thank you.

We sold 422 provincial bird hunting licences on behalf of the provincial departments this year, of which Gauteng province sold 2189, 145 licences for Free State, Mpumalanga 46, Eastern Cape 20 and KZN 27.

Here at SA Wingshooters we offer it all. Apart from hunting, which we've offered since 1995, we offer a full line-up of sport shooting to include any type of firearm.

From shotgun shooting through to rifle, handgun and semi-auto rifle shooting sports, including the first ever Long Range rifle shooting and .22 Precision Small-Bore rifle shooting, from clay targets, steel plates or traditional target shooting... we offer all of it.

As always, we look forward to a fantastic year ahead, and we plan to host many sport shooting events and fun days, including training and more.

Since last year's report, no less than 206 new members have joined SA Wingshooters! Thank you and welcome to all the new members!

As always, we confirm our dedication and loyalty to our members and our duty to give them the best value for money that we possibly can.

I wish to thank the volunteer shoot captains for their continued support and assistance throughout the year. A special thank you all the active shoot Captains, who always volunteers to host shoots, even when they're pressured for time. Thank you indeed!

Shoot captains ensure a safe, controlled and organised shoot venue and they are there for your convenience, safety and to offer any assistance members might need on a shoot. This able team was also the backbone of our Mentorship Programme, which introduces newcomers to the wonderful pastime of Wingshooting.

On behalf of all members, I extend our appreciation to our National Council for their guidance, the other Executive Committee members Etienne Polson and Johan Opperman, and our finance team of Anél van der Westhuizen (book-keeping) and Barbara Bodenstein, our Financial Controller, under the watchful eye of External Treasurer Peter Karsas.

A special thanks to my wife Anél, who does a tremendous job of managing the office for us. I thank our support staff Zinzi Duma and Robert Nyangulu for their continued effort and friendly demeanour.

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Birds and muthi – Over 100 animals killed in suspected poisoning in Kruger National Park



The vulture population in the Kruger National Park is under threat. The illegal trade in vultures for traditional medicines, known as muthi, is a dire threat to the conservation of African vultures. Over 100 vultures and a hyena have died after feeding on a buffalo carcass near Punda Maria in the Kruger National Park.

The grisly discovery was made on Thursday morning near the park fence bordering a local village. Two similar incidents were reported in the same area last year. "Rangers on patrol discovered the carcass of a buffalo, which appeared to have been laced with poison. They also found over 100 dead vultures and a dead hyena likely to have fed off the carcass," SANParks said. A further 20 vultures were discovered at the poisoning scene and were in a bad condition.

With the assistance of the Endangered Wildlife Trust (EWT), these birds were rushed to Shingwedzi and Moholoholo rehabilitation centres for treatment.

Yolan Friedmann, CEO of the EWT and SANParks board member, expressed her concern that: given the critical status of vultures globally, poisonings at this scale places the species at increasing risk of extinction. The scene has been cordoned

off for further investigation and the carcasses have been burnt to ensure that there are no further poisonings.

Initial indications are that some of the carcasses were harvested for their body parts. SANParks confirms that the matter has been referred to the police for investigation. Gareth Coleman, the managing executive of the Kruger National Park, said: "This reprehensible act once again highlights the ever-present danger of poisoning by unscrupulous people. We cannot afford to let our guards down and we call on law-enforcement agencies outside the park to move swiftly to arrest the perpetrators."

Birds and muthi

Research papers indicate that traditional healers make use of vulture body parts alone, or in combination with plants or minerals, for various purposes, primarily to give clairvoyant abilities, but also to promote good dreams or increased intelligence, to treat illnesses, and to appease the ancestors.

"Vultures were acquired (for use in traditional medicine) by poisoning and trapping in communal rangelands and inside protected areas (the Kruger National Park, Manyeleti Game Reserve, Sabi Sands Game Reserve, and Bushbuckridge Nature Reserve). Vultures reportedly varied in price from R300 to R1500 for a whole bird," according to a research paper published in the Journal of Raptor Research in September, 2021. Researchers polled a total of 51 traditional healers from the Kukula Traditional Health Practitioners Association in Bushbuckridge, Mpumalanga.

It is estimated that this association of traditional health practitioners uses 400 to 800 vultures a year.

— by City Press, Laila Majiet
11 August 2022

<https://www.news24.com/citypress/news/sanparks-calls-on-law-enforcement-to-probe-animal-poisoning-at-kruger-national-park-20220811>

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It's the *Catch*



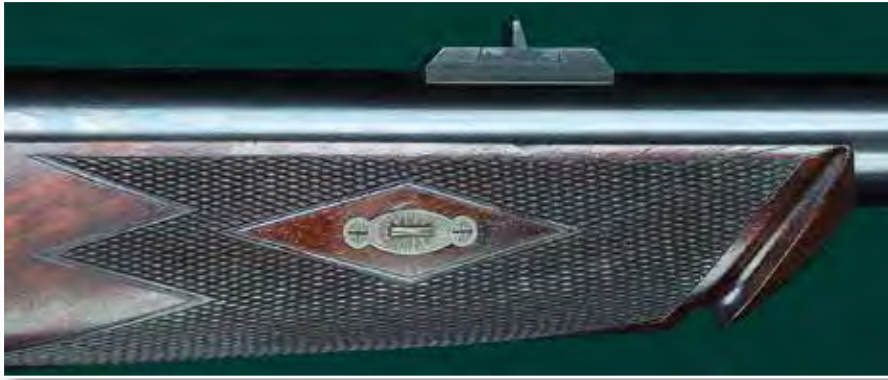
The Takedown Lever Latch – The forearm is held to the barrels by a cross-screw in a slot which allows the forearm to move forwards and back to take the barrels off the action.

images: gunsinternational.com

Or latch that holds the separate fore-end to the barrels of double guns and in doing so keeps the gun together and in one piece. So one can safely say that it is rather vital. Over the centuries many varied designs have appeared and each usually has a back story. Some complicated, some very simple, yet all have the important, nay crucial, task of keeping the two main parts of the gun – the barrels and the action/butt stock – together.

by Charles Duff

Be this as it may, it is not a part of the gun that gets much attention unless it malfunctions and most shotgun users don't know, or care about the differences of the various examples in use today. A balance between engineering function and the necessary excavation of wood, without weakening the forearm, is most important. Over the years there have evolved a fairly wide choice of this essential, the first two



Left: The Wedge or Cross bolt (AKA the cross-pin fastener) comes from the muzzle loading times. The fitting on the barrel through which the wedge slides is known as the 'loop'

Below: Lever Release or Harvey catch is one of the sturdiest examples and is most unlikely to malfunction, in fact it is known for its positivity.

are without any springs while all the rest need at least one to function:

The Screw – more likely to be found on bottom-of-the-line single barrelled guns, consisting of a plain machine screw, which turns into a small threaded block that is dove-tailed, brazed or welded onto the underneath of the barrel. Simple, and usually bomb-proof, though an engraved head to the screw and an associated brass finial does make it look a whole lot better. Its removal from the barrel obviously requires the use of a turnscrew, this leading to its replacement with quick acting latches which require a hook or loop brazed or silver-soldered to the underside of the barrel.

The Wedge or Cross bolt (AKA the cross-pin fastener) comes from the muzzle loading times where there were usually a pair along the fore-end which, allied with a screw or two in the top tang of the barrel into the stock, kept the gun's main parts together. The fitting on the barrel through which the wedge slides is known as the 'loop'. Apart from the rectangular hole across the semi-circular longitudinal groove for the barrel for the sliding bolt, very little wood removal is required. Its main draw-back is the need of some sort of tool to loosen it, which is why it is completely out of favour today, you will only encounter it on older pre-1870 era guns.

The Harvey catch (AKA the Grip or Lever Release) is one of the sturdiest examples and is most unlikely to malfunction; in fact it is known for its positivity. Harvey was working for Williamsons at the time. It requires very little removal of fore-end wood to get it into place though it is one of the more expensive to produce and



is frequently found on double rifles, where the cost of a really secure latch is negligible in the overall scheme of things. The opening lever is pushed over to the right, past its small sprung ball retaining détente until it clears the substantial barrel lug or hook. The forearm is then lifted clear of the barrels. Rigbys bought the patent from Williamsons and on their double rifles the lever usually is stamped or engraved with 'Rigby's Patent'. W.W.Greenier says that it descends

from the original Lefauchaux lever used in their breech-loading guns to secure the barrels to the action and its lock-up resembles that of the Jones rotary underlever quite markedly.

The Deeley and Edge – this pair of Westley Richards employees are noted for several other devices, but this is by far their most popular patent. The eponymous John joined Westley Richards in 1871 and produced the famous boxlock action with Anson in 1875. In 1873 he

continued overleaf...

produced, in collaboration with Edge who was another Westley Richards employee, the catch which today is used by a considerable percentage of modern shotgun makers. It requires lifting of the latch to clear the hooked lug or hook on the barrel.

It requires the most excavation of wood from the fore-end but can be seen in a multitude of shotgun marques, it is especially popular with the Italian gunsmiths.

That fitted to the Browning B25 guns has an added hinged latch which dovetails into the floor of the action, presumably as an added safety feature. W.W.Greener stated that

Development' shows only a single paragraph devoted to fore-end catches – a rather essential part – and states that the sliding bolt affords a much stronger grip and that externally both fore-ends appear the same.

The Anson Push Rod, patented in 1872 – another ingenious Westley Richards employee, who with Deely patented and produced the ultimate in boxlock side-by-side actions. All that shows of this elegant catch which was patented in 1872, is the end of the push rod peeking out of the fore-end, sometimes with a finial, sometimes just plain. Further back towards the action is another screw ensconced

The Roller – in the heyday of the S55, S56 and S58 model Beretta O/Us there was this unique fore-end catch with a knurled roller fastening device, best operated by a thumb. This functioned satisfactorily until continual dis- and reassembling weakened the spring and the fore-end then fell off.

I had a S58 Skeet and my main and continuing complaint was that no matter how hard the retaining screws were fastened, the whole fore-end catch continually worked itself loose from the recoil, defying any attempts to stop the rot.

This was in the days prior to



A Deeley latch



Anson push-rod was patented in 1872

the Deeley and Edge was the most favoured owing to its handiness and neat appearance. It is usually positive in action, though with much use the mating of the latch and its hook can work loose.

The Greener Improved Deeley version (photo on page 10) uses a square sectioned bolt sliding in a groove rather than the original's hook and half-circle movement. This does not appear to have been in regular use at WW's works and most Greeners that I have examined used the ordinary Deeley and Edge type.

Referring to his usually proliferate to me 'The Gun and Its

in a finial, holding the rear of the catch in position. All in all, it is the most discrete of them all. Very positive and trouble-free in action. It uses a cylindrical bolt with a spiral spring in a tube and is the most involved to situate in the fore-end.

It requires the most, and complex, inletting into the fore-end, and consequently, is more likely to be seen on more expensive guns rather than entry-level ones. Its function is positive and it rarely jams. However, can come apart as the gun fires if the fingers of the supporting hand curl around the front of the fore-end and depress it.

acrilo-nitrile glues and other lock-fast type glues, and the fact that it is no longer used must mean something.

The Spring Lever – there's always something new, or in this case rather old. I found this on an otherwise nondescript old English side-by-side 12gauge which I catalogued for one of the Classic Arms auctions. I am at a loss as to what else one could call it. This moves the hook much closer to the muzzle side of the barrels and a plain lift-up plate is kept under tension by a leaf spring.

This example was very plain and no-nonsense, though the possibilities for more attractive shapes and deco-

ration are obvious. It is positive in use though the spring might, over the decades, become slack.

Lastly there's, for want of a better word, the **Pull Catch**. Much smaller than most of the others, it is set in a small oval well in the wood and has a curved lip onto which you insert your fingertip. To free the fore-end from its hook requires this curved lever to be pulled. For the larger-fingered gentry this can be a bit on the small side and awkward, especially if the spring is tough. Sometimes a bit of a fiddle to open, but needs much less wood removed to position it, is firmly fixed to the fore-end iron and is unobtrusive.

So there you have it, nine different latches all to do the same job, and I'm sure that there have been others. For example I found a reference to the 'Scott' latch and on chasing this down found



that William Scott of Birmingham patented his latch in the USA, during 1874. This is the Scott who joined up with Webley to form their well-known company.

Reading the patent description made me realise that I have seen examples, if not every day, then quite frequently. It has a hidden spring catch and the fore-end is pressed into position under the barrels, inserting the metal base first.

The spring catch engages the barrel hook or lug and remains under tension. The nose of the fore-end is tapered somewhat away from the barrels, allowing a forefinger to prise the fore-end away from them.

I have only seen this catch on side-by-side guns, though there's theoretically no reason why it shouldn't work on a superposed gun.



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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 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, manual 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.

Multi-gun (3-gun & 2-gun) sport shooting – we offer multi gun events, where self-loading rifles, handguns and bolt action rifles are used, at our LRSC range and elsewhere

Membership of the LRSC gives you additional membership of the following sub-clubs:

- The LRSC (Long range shoot-

ing club for rifles in both Bolt Action and Self-loading rifle, which are to distinct separate divisions).

- The .22PSBC (Precision Small-Bore Club)

- The TPS (Tactical Precision Shooting) multi-gun club for 3-gun and 2-gun shooting and competition

- The LR Open Sight club (Open Sight rifle division)

- The LR Handgun and Revolver sub-club – for handgun shooting in various divisions.

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!



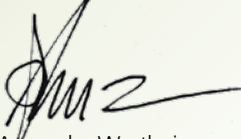


We offer all types of shooting and hunting... as well as coaching!



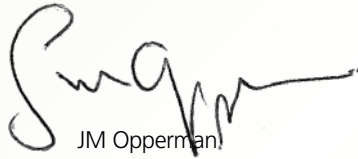
Executive Council's Approval

The annual financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2021 were approved by the Executive Council on 30 August 2021 and signed:



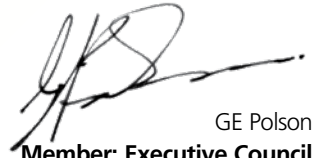
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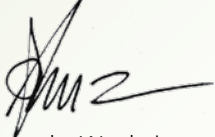
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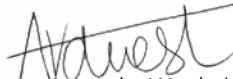
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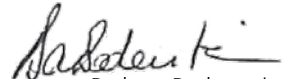
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Barbara Bodenstein

Financial Controller

Report of the Accountants to the members of the SA Wingshooters Association

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REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S A WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

To the members of S A Wingshooters Association

I have compiled the accompanying financial statements of S A Wingshooters Association based on the information the chairman and financial officer has provided. These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position of S A Wingshooters Association as at 28 February 2022, the statement of income, statement of changes in funds and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

I have performed this compilation engagement in accordance with International Standard on Related Services 4410 (Revised), *Compilation engagements*.

I have applied my expertise in accounting and financial reporting to assist you in the preparation and presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small- and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs). I have complied with the relevant ethical requirements, including principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care.

These financial statements and the accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them are the responsibility of the chairman and the financial officer.

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, I am not required to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided to me to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on whether these financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS for SMEs.



P. van Zyl
Chartered Accountant (S.A.)
Registered Auditor

Pretoria
11 August 2022

Report by the Executive Council

Membership & Services

Membership fees have again remained the same for the sixth year in succession. Currently (at date of this report), the Association has 2713 members who are “current” or “paid up”. There are 77 members who are 30 days in arrears, 30 are 60 days in arrears, 41 are 90 days and 285 who are 91 days plus – totaling 3147 members, a decrease of 33 members from 3180 of the previous year. A total of 206 new members joined at the date of this report, since the previous annual report. At the time of this report the LRSC has 115 members (with 105 paid up, 4 current, 1 at 60 days, 1 at 90 days and 4 at 91 days +) and produced an income of R186,831. The PSP has 318 current members.

During the year under review, competitions, shoots and licence fees produced an income of R175,631 compared to R175,504 in the previous financial year, and remain almost the same. More shoots were hosted and the hunting licence sales increased slightly. The Christmas shoot (and others) is always offered at a small loss, as these are direct membership benefits. This is expected, as this shoot is offered with slight mark-up to members and the entry fee is almost the same as quoted by the shooting range, caterers, etc. Advertising income in the Wingshooter magazine amounted to R36,609 – a decrease of 41,59% from the previous year. This is due to the lower advertising rates for digital magazine adverts, as well as a decline in general advertising support. Our group liability insurance product for members and the association, which was a first in South Africa, has been continued successfully. The Association has expanded shooting venues for the annual shooting calendar and even more so for the current year. We offered in excess of 1000 organised shooting days during the year under review, and we plan to keep on offering venues to members. The LRSC amounted an expenditure of R76,105 at the time of this report, which is a considerable reduction since the previous year.

General Review

During the operational year under review, we expanded the Association's membership services and offerings to include all forms of hunting and sport shooting, with the exception of big-bore sport shooting, which we do not offer currently. We again promoted the ‘Member-get-a-Member’ drive, which was again successful. We would sincerely like to thank all members for their efforts over the past year to recruit new members. Our cultural heritage activity of hunting, as well as sport shooting and firearms ownership in general, is under constant threat from government and gun-free lobby groups. We supported #SafeCitizen campaign (a national pro-firearms lobby organisation) with a donation of R15,000 to oppose the FCA Amendments and changes to the Act that we deemed irresponsible to impose on citizens. The proposed FCA Amendments have been stalled in part because of the SafeCitizen and our action, but remain an issue we need to oppose.

The Covid-19 pandemic continued in the year under review and no doubt had an impact of membership, hunting and sport shooting nation-wide. We assisted members where we could regarding membership fees and we thank specific members who financially assisted other members and paid membership fees on their behalf. You are truly exceptional individuals!

Bird hunting licences remain available for purchase from our offices for Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Free State, KZN and Eastern Cape. SA Wingshooters Association is part of various forums – from wildlife forums to firearms, hunting and sport shooting forums. In these forums the industry partners up in order to focus on pressing issues that might threaten our ownership of firearms, hunting and shooting. We also participate in the Poison Working Group and the National Problem Bird Forum, where National Council member, Tim Snow, is our official representative. We remain a supporter of the Overberg Renosterveld Conservation Trust. Our vision is to engage in joint conservation projects in Southern Africa, in support of bird conservation of game birds and waterfowl and birds in general. We proud to be part of the SUCo-SA (Sustainable Utilisation Coalition of South Africa) along with other hunting and wildlife associations and bodies, such as NHSA, CHASA, PHASA, WRSA, TGA and others. Internationally, our National Associate membership of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) continues to add value to the organisation and to our members. The availability of editorial material from the BASC publications for use in our publications is gratefully acknowledged.

Financial Results

We are a government registered non-profit organisation and SARS Public Benefit Organisation. The income from membership subscriptions amounted to R2,928,318 during the year, a decrease of R137,489 (4,48%) over the previous year. The total expenditure decreased by 0,62% (R19,369), despite inflationary pressures and no membership fee increase to R3,115,393 to produce a modest surplus of R395,054. This was again achieved thanks to the strong financial discipline of our Association's management, despite climbing inflation, expanded membership services and benefits, such as offering official shoots below cost and free of association charges, our on-line firearm licence renewal notification and dedicated activity reporting on-line portal, shotgun, rifle and handgun shooting training, etc. The management fees of our administrators, the Advisory Bureau for Development (Pty) Ltd, amounted to R2,019,548 – and remains unchanged since 2016. Our Funds increased to R3,276,291 which includes the Legal Action Fund of R70,446, the Publishing Revolving Fund of R40,000 and the Youth Development Fund of R89,600.



By order of the Executive Council
André van der Westhuizen
Executive Chairman

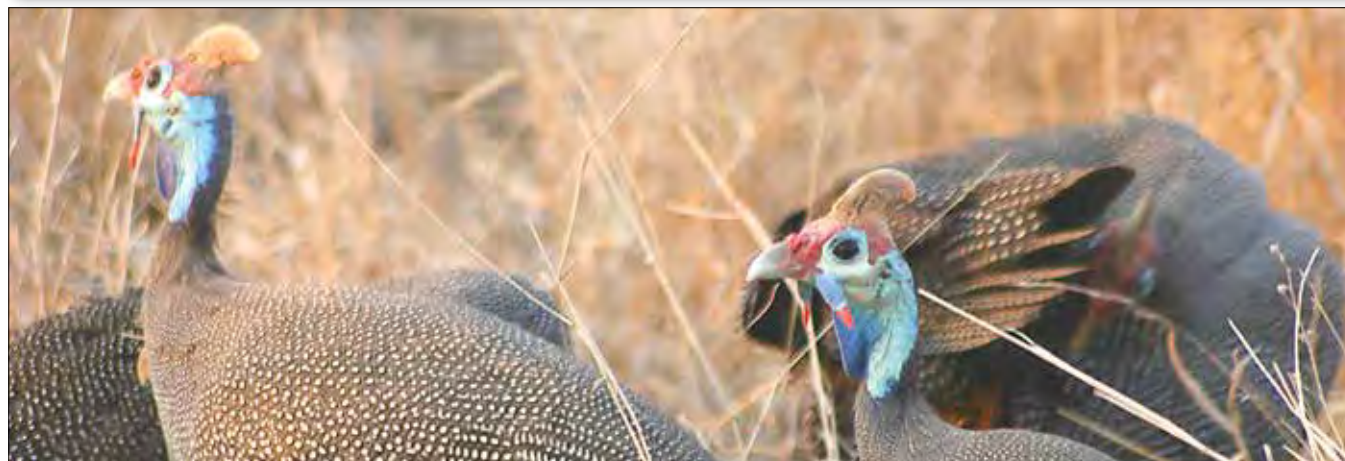
Statement of Financial Position

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Notes	2022 R	2021 R
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	2	62 543	114 269
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accounts receivable		12 493	25 013
Cash and cash equivalents	3,2	3 261 358	2 826 860
TOTAL ASSETS		3 336 394	2 966 142
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS			
		3 276 291	2 881 237
CURRENT LIABILITY			
Accounts payable		60 103	84 905
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		3 336 394	2 966 142



Statement of Income

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Note	2022 R	2021 R
INCOME		3 510 447	3 809 939
Advertising		36 609	62 678
Competitions, shoots and licences		175 631	175 504
Donations received - legal action fund		220	3 539
Donations received - other		-	50
Income from auction and sale of promotional items		6 303	8 459
Long range shooting program		186 831	234 631
Interest received		89 783	90 193
Membership fees		2 928 318	3 065 807
Postal shooting program		4 809	7 600
Sponsorship		-	12 000
Training material and book sales		81 943	149 478
EXPENDITURE		3 115 393	3 134 762
Accounting fees		43 140	39 850
Advertising		12 000	-
Bank charges		5 914	7 217
BASC expenses and royalties		1 790	1 738
Cleaning		14 200	14 817
Competitions, shoots and licences		140 268	141 635
Computer expenses		47 770	66 963
Credit card commission		10 960	12 564
Depreciation	2	51 726	57 170
Donations		15 000	15 000
Entertainment and meetings		19 306	16 832
Huntex expenses		23 384	-
Insurance		104 921	108 830
Legal fees		20 000	5 000
Long range shooting program expenses		76 105	145 886
Management fees - administration services		1 336 352	1 336 352
Management fees - finance and bookkeeping		683 196	683 196
Motor vehicle expenses		112 968	55 091
Printing and stationery		55 904	89 651
Promotional items and prizes		39 603	18 100
Rent, electricity and water		78 000	78 000
Repairs and maintenance		-	2 270
Replacements		7 547	7 358
Secretarial and bookkeeping services		50 200	50 350
Security expenses		5 643	5 069
Staff refreshments		6 335	2 459
Subscriptions and membership		9 400	12 403
Telephone, courier, fax and postage		95 928	100 169
Wages		18 600	23 800
Website		29 233	36 992
Surplus of income over expenditure		<u>395 054</u>	<u>675 177</u>

Statement of Changes in Funds

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	General funds R	Youth development fund R	Publishing revolving fund R	Legal action fund R	Total R
Balance at 1 March 2020	2 009 752	89 600	40 000	66 707	2 206 059
Net surplus for the prior year	675 178				675 178
Transfer to legal action fund	(3 539)			3 539	
Balance at 28 February 2021	2 681 391	89 600	40 000	70 246	2 881 237
Net surplus for the current year	395 054				395 054
Transfer to legal action fund	(220)			220	
Balance at 28 February 2022	3 076 225	89 600	40 000	70 466	3 276 291

Statement of Cash Flows

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	Notes	2022 R	2021 R
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated by the activities of the association	3,1	344 715	677 455
Interest received		89 783	90 193
		<u>434 498</u>	<u>767 648</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	2	-	(9 180)
		<u>434 498</u>	<u>758 468</u>
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2 826 860	2 068 392
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	3,2	<u>3 261 358</u>	<u>2 826 860</u>

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

28 FEBRUARY 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1,1 Presentation of Annual Financial Statements

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The annual financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments carried at fair value as stated in note 1.3 below, and incorporate the principal accounting policies set out below. All amounts are presented in South African Rands.

1,2 Depreciation of fixed assets

Property, plant and equipment are held for administration purposes and are expected to be used during more than one financial period.

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated using the straight line method at rates that will reduce carrying estimated residual values over the anticipated useful lives of the assets. The useful lives are:

Computer equipment	4 years
Computer software	2 years
Equipment	5 years
Furniture and fittings	6 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Office equipment	6 years

1,3 Financial instruments

Initial measurement

Financial instruments are initially measured at the transaction price. This includes transaction costs, except for financial instruments which are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

Financial instruments at amortised cost

Debt instruments, as defined in the standard, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Debt instruments which are classified as current assets or current liabilities are measured at the undiscounted amount of cash expected to be received or paid, unless the arrangement effectively constitutes a financing transaction. These include accounts receivable and accounts payable.

At the end of each reporting date, the carrying amounts of assets held in this category are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence of impairment. If so, an impairment loss is recognised.

Financial instruments at fair value

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at fair value.

1,4 Membership fees

Membership fees comprises subscriptions and entry fees received excluding value added tax. Subscriptions received is accounted for in the financial year in which it is received.

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements (continued)

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

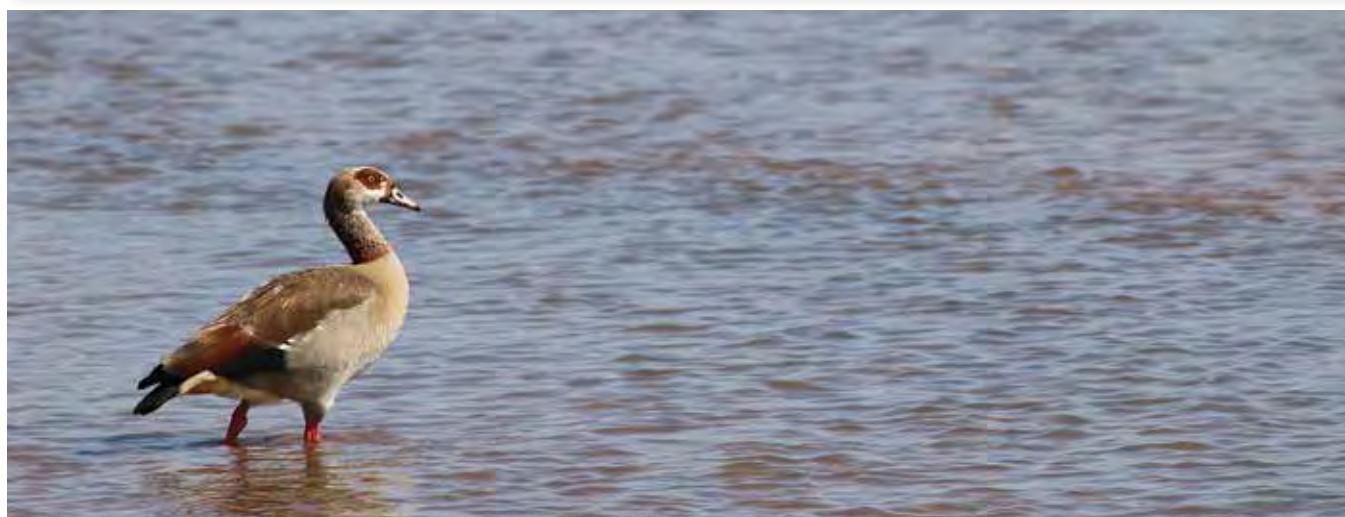
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2 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Accumulated</u> <u>depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Accumulated</u> <u>depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying</u> <u>Amount</u>
	R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>Owned assets</u>						
Computer equipment	410 841	405 292	5 549	410 841	401 000	9 841
Computer software	149 316	144 780	4 536	149 316	124 511	24 805
Equipment	121 840	71 045	50 795	121 840	48 037	73 803
Furniture and fittings	12 529	12 521	8	12 529	12 521	8
Motor vehicles	220 270	220 270	-	220 270	220 270	-
Office equipment	44 735	43 080	1 655	44 735	38 923	5 812
Total	<u>959 531</u>	<u>896 988</u>	<u>62 543</u>	<u>959 531</u>	<u>845 262</u>	<u>114 269</u>

The carrying amount are reconciled as follows:

	<u>Carrying</u> <u>amount at</u> <u>the</u> <u>beginning</u> <u>of the</u> <u>year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying</u> <u>amount at year</u> <u>end</u>
	R	R	R	R	R
<u>Owned assets</u>					
Computer equipment	9 841	-	-	4 292	5 549
Computer software	24 805	-	-	20 269	4 536
Equipment	73 803	-	-	23 008	50 795
Furniture and fittings	8	-	-	-	8
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Office equipment	5 812	-	-	4 157	1 655
	<u>114 269</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51 726</u>	<u>62 543</u>



Notes to the Annual Financial Statements (continued)

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

28 FEBRUARY 2022

	2022 R	2021 R
3 NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT		
3,1 Cash generated by operations		
Surplus of income over expenditure	395 054	675 177
Adjustment for interest separately disclosed in the cash flow statement	<u>89 783</u>	<u>90 193</u>
	305 271	584 984
Adjustment for non cash flow item:		
Depreciation	<u>51 726</u>	<u>57 170</u>
	356 997	642 154
(Increase) Decrease in working capital	(12 282)	35 301
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	(24 802)	32 822
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	12 520	2 479
	<u>344 715</u>	<u>677 455</u>
3,2 Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents included in the cash flow statement comprise the following:		
Cash at bank	1 028 828	675 561
Cash on hand	7 157	15 709
Funds on call	2 225 373	2 135 590
	<u>3 261 358</u>	<u>2 826 860</u>

4 TAXATION

Taxation has not been provided as the association is recognised as a Public Benefit Organisation in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act.

5 GOING CONCERN

The annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

6 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In the opinion of the Executive Council there have been no events subsequent to the end of the reporting period which have not been accounted for in the financial statements and which would materially affect the financial results of the association.

Members in the field...



Ryan Hammond, Juan Rossouw, Gerhard Laubscher and party hunting with Robbie Stretton in the Molteno area

Oom Jan Breed at the Donkerhoek shoot



Above: Robbie Stretton's pointers. Photo by Gerhard Laubscher

Left: Andrew Toy at the official Leandra shoot.

Far left: Chesney Tager at our Singita shoot.



Wynand Visser and his GSPs Patrys and Sneller at the Caledon shoot



*At the Poortjie pigeon venue.
Photo by Gerhard Laubscher*



Above: Andy Charalambous at the official Leandra shoot

*Below: Layla owned by Angelo Spada with a yellow-billed duck retrieved
Below left: Mrs Honiball on the laptop!
There's no excuse not to go shooting!*



Members on our LRSC Range

Shaun Ellithorne and Neil van Vuuren setting up before the match

Marius Gericke & Cliff Alexander



Helping new shooters is what we do... here Zelda Grundling just hit the 831m Springbok target



Hennie Grobler & Charl Jacobs practising timed fire shooting



The range



Dr Gerald Matika enjoying the match day

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Crate Training A Dog

*Learning the process, equipment and
troubleshooting of crate training a dog*

Written by Jennifer Wapenski

July 11, 2019

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It was a late stop in a hotel room for a quick sleep before continuing the road trip the next morning. Arms loaded with bags and dog gear, the executive decision was made to leave the kennel in the car. “She’ll be fine, it’s late, and we’re all tired anyway.” Famous last words.

And so began the longest night ever spent in a hotel room. The poor Deutsch Langhaar pup, used to the comfort and security of her crate, had never spent a night “out” on the floor. Without the familiar enclosed space, she spent a restless night on high alert. Every mosquito that flew down the hallway was cause for a bark alarm. Each distant car door was surely worth growling about. Finally, at 2am, we reached a point of desperation and did the unthinkable: she was scooped up into the bed to just get some peace and quiet. The pup stretched out to impossible dimensions for a small dog and soon fell asleep in her newfound security.



The humans, regrettably, did not.

With this experience still etched in my memory, I caught up with Gunner Kennels Ambassador and pro trainer Kaitlynd Wilson to talk about the importance of crate training young puppies. Kaitlynd has been training advanced obedience topics and hunting skills for several years, but stresses the importance of setting a good foundation of crate training from an early age.

“Crate training is more than just teaching your dog to go in a box on a command. It’s a big part of the puppy’s development, whether you’re house training, preparing for travel, or just teaching the puppy to be calm,” Kaitlynd says. Since dogs are naturally den-dwelling creatures, the crate simulates a den by offering a safe and secure place for a dog to relax. Puppies who are taught that the crate is their space will naturally learn to seek it out as their quiet place.

This den mentality also extends to house training. By keeping an unsupervised pup in its crate instead of wandering the house, the puppy will quickly learn the concept of waiting to go outside, since it will naturally avoid going in its den.

This isn’t to say you can simply lock your pup up until it is house trained, but the concept of a den space goes a long way toward teaching this important subject.

Finally, crate training is essential for the safety of your dog throughout its lifetime. At home, being crated when left alone will keep her out of destructive trouble and possibly prevent the ingestion of something harmful. On the road, a durable crate is critical for safety in the unfortunate event of an accident by keeping the dog safely restrained. When you reach your destination, the crate becomes a portable “safe place” to help the pup relax in unfamiliar places.

Choosing the right kennel size

Selecting the correct kennel size is an important part of the process and will set you up for easier success. An appropriately sized kennel is safer, more comfortable, and more effective for house-training a puppy.

The kennel should be just large enough to allow the dog to stand up, turn around, and sit comfortably. Remember that this is meant to simulate a den, not a bedroom. Dogs don’t think of space in the same way we do, so don’t assume bigger is better. In fact, for transport, bigger is definitely not safer in the event of an accident or sudden maneuver.

Puppies make the question of kennel size a challenging one, since they don’t stay small for very long.

too large during house training, the puppy may use part of the crate as a toilet area, which works against your best efforts to teach the puppy to wait until he’s outside.

To be most efficient at training and safest while traveling, the same general rules of sizing a crate for an adult dog should be applied to puppy crates. It’s also a good idea to discuss crate sizes with your veterinarian, especially if you have travel plans with your pup.



The author training her German longhaired pointer

Kaitlynd is often asked whether a smaller kennel such as the Gunner G1 Small is required for puppy training, or if you can start with an Intermediate or Large size for the puppy to grow into.

“You can use any size kennel to teach the concept of going in and laying down, but if you’re traveling or house-training, it’s really important to have an appropriate puppy-sized kennel,” she says. If the kennel is

Getting started with crate training

Regardless of how you approach kennel training with a puppy, there is one unbreakable rule: always keep it positive.

“It’s really important that the puppy always associates the crate with a positive experience, or else you’ll hurt your ability to create that calm place,” Kaitlynd recommends.

Begin crate training from the first day the pup arrives at home. Put the

continued overleaf...



Gordon setter puppies with their Gunner Kennel. Photo by Buzz Hayes

kennel in a central location and leave the door open. Encourage the pup to enter and praise him enthusiastically when he does.

Don't shut him in at first, but allow him to check it out and get used to entering and exiting. Be consistent in praising his good behavior.

Once he's comfortable with going in and out, you can begin to close the door briefly. Continue with the generous praise whenever the pup is in the crate and behaving calmly.

At this point you can begin to introduce a command word of your choice and start to associate it with entering the crate.

Keep these sessions short and fun. Puppies have short attention spans and you'll want to be sure to always end on a positive note. It's better to err on the side of ending the session too soon than to risk over-pressuring a young pup.

Graduating towards independence

Once the pup gets the concept of entering the crate, you can start latching the door and leaving his sight. At this point, it's an exercise in reading

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your dog; you'll have to determine if the whining is truly a young pup's insecurity or if it's a loud demand to be let out.

Start by ignoring the crying to see if the puppy gives up and calms down. If it seems like the puppy is truly scared of being left alone, you might pass by his field of view and reassure him that everything is ok and you're still in the vicinity.

Kaitlynd advises that above all, you must remain patient and controlled when dealing with the pup at this stage. "Make sure you never open the door of the crate when the puppy isn't being calm and quiet, or else you've just taught him that he can be released with enough whining and crying – which is a hard thing to undo."

When the puppy has calmed down and is sitting quietly in the crate, return to open the door and let him out. Once again, be generous with the praise. You're rewarding the calm behavior and demonstrating that tantrums don't result in his freedom.

Soon the pup will see the crate as his space where he can go to take a nap or just relax. This is a huge achievement because you can now transport this special space anywhere you need to go, throughout the life of the dog. The permanent association of the crate with calm behavior is crucial for safe and sane travel.

Final thoughts

As dog training goes, crate training hardly makes the list of fun or exciting training subjects. It's not as thrilling as seeing your pup's first point or as entertaining as retrieving. However, crate training provides a strong foundation for shaping your dog's future as a calm, balanced, well-behaved companion – which is ultimately what we all want most out of our dogs. That, and a good night's sleep.



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Snake Encounters



For those of us that spend time in the field, snake encounters are inevitable. The risks increase if dogs are involved as most dogs quickly go into hunting mode and attack any snake that they encounter.

by Johan Marais –
African Snakebite Institute
Photographs – Johan Marais



The most common and widespread snake in Southern Africa is the Puff Adder. A slow-moving and elusive snake that spends most of its life well camouflaged and hard to find. Recent research by the Alexander Lab at Wits University confirmed that these snakes remain well camouflaged most of the day and when well concealed they rarely bite, even if accidentally stood on!

The biggest danger is when they are on the move. Should you accidentally stand on a Puff Adder while on the move it will strike out quickly – it is without doubt our fastest striking snake. And if dogs encounter a Puff Adder on the move and get within half a meter, they are well within the striking range.

It is commonly believed that most of our snakes hibernate in winter and are far less active as the temperature drops. While most do go into a state of torpor, they may emerge from

their underground shelters on warm days to bask. Puff Adders in Gauteng and further north mate in the middle of winter and males move great distances in search of females, increasing the risk of an encounter.

Black Mambas are shy and elusive snakes and are usually very quick to move off. Bites from Black Mambas are not common but invariably very serious because of their fast-acting neurotoxic venom. The biggest danger is accidentally cornering a Black Mamba in a confined space like a pump house on a farm.

In recent years we have seen a few Black Mamba bites where the snake was basking in the sun, likely fast asleep, when someone accidentally steps onto or close to one. In one instance a farmer was inspecting his game on a scrambler and as he stopped and put a foot onto the ground, he was bitten on the lower leg. Having said this, if you or your dog is four or five meters away from a mamba or any other snake, you are quite safe and will not be bitten.

The Highveld grasslands has no shortage of Rinkhals and while these snakes are quick to disappear down a hole, they often get surprised by dogs and will quickly lift their head off the ground and form a hood. From this position they rarely bite but are quick to eject venom. Should a dog get with half a meter of such a snake it may well bite. While we regard this snake as one of our potentially deadly snakes, the last recorded human fatality was more than forty years ago.

Cape Cobras occur in the drier western parts of Southern Africa, reaching Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp in the east. This is a feisty snake that will hood and bite quickly if cornered. Like the Black Mamba it has a potent neurotoxic venom and dogs rarely survive bites from mambas and Cape Cobras.

Most of the twenty-odd species of potentially lethal snakes in Southern Africa are far more active in summer and most bites are recorded in the early evening and between November and April – well out of game bird hunting season.

As most bites on humans are well

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below the knee, snake gaiters provide excellent protection. Such gaiters must be developed for full protection against snakebite and the modern lightweight gaiters made from Kevlar are lightweight, water resistant and flexible.

Snake aversion training is highly recommended for bird dogs and despite several discussions with dog trainers, I have yet to find a reliable training facility. I have worked with many bird dogs in the USA that have been trained to avoid snakes and they do it well. Even getting your dog to point snakes should do the trick, provided it remains at least two meters away from any snake.

In the event of a person getting bitten by a snake, the priority is to get to the nearest hospital. In neurotoxic bites from snakes like the Black Mamba or Cape Cobra, breathing may be compromised in less than an hour.

For cytotoxic bites from snakes like the Puff Adder or Mozambique Spitting Cobra there is little that can

be done other than getting to a hospital quickly.

If necessary, the early administration of antivenom may well reduce the extent of tissue damage. Less than 10% of snakebite victims need antivenom after a bite from a highly venomous snake. First aid for snakebite is well covered on the free African Snakebite Institute App ASI Snakes (<http://bit.ly/snakebiteapp>).

As for dogs and snakebite, there seems to be a great deal of misinformation and ignorance. In any snakebite, get your dog to a vet and if serious, antivenom may well be lifesaving.

With neurotoxic bites dogs deteriorate rapidly and few survive. Breathing is compromised quickly and assist-breathing a dog is no easy task. Forget about charcoal, milk, allergex tablets and all the other old wife's tales – get the dog to a vet urgently.

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BIRMINGHAM

Everywhere!

A not too well known snippet of information about the manufacture of shotguns in Britain is that, frequently, 'best' guns from the big names in London – always touted as the only people from whom to buy guns – were in fact made by Birmingham gunsmiths, either partially or completely. This also occurred amongst the Birmingham makers themselves.

by Chalres Duff

Webbley and Scott were prolific makers and those who are known to have used their produce as their own include William Evans, James Woodward, Harrods and Cogswell & Harrison. Holland & Holland were also in the club though they used W. Bennet and C. Bickley as well. The Army & Navy CSL likewise, they used W&S plus John Rigby and Westley Richards as well. W&S were also the source of the best side-by-side action on which to build a double rifle, just one thing made it superior to all the rest, the action pin was roughly a half an inch further from the face or vertical part of the action. This meant that the turning forces about the pin were markedly reduced, making it more resistant to the explosion of heavy charges of cordite.

William Baker was frequently used by E.J. Churchill who also used A.A. Brown. Charles Lancaster was another patron of William Baker. W.J. Jeffery used the services of both Harry Leonard and his son Daniel, Harry is credited with making all 23 of their .500 magazine rifles on Mauser actions. These were used by just about every maker of magazine rifles throughout the British Isles. He



also built most of their double rifles.

Even other provincial gunsmiths used the Birmingham makers, for example Robert Lisle of Derby were another William Baker user. Hardy Bros of Alnwick got many of their guns from Holloway & Naughton. W.R. Pape, Newcastle bought from Chas Osbourne of Birmingham. In Scotland Alex Martin of Glasgow used A.A. Brown; J. Graham of Inverness utilised Skinner & Wood, and Walter Locke of Lahore was a Daniel Leonard fan.

In fact, throughout the peak of the gunsmithing era in Britain there was swopping and outsourcing of compo-

The Bull pub still stands today; in the mid-19th century it was where gun workers were paid their wages. The first recorded gun maker in Birmingham was in 1630.

The Gun Quarter is a district of the city of Birmingham, England, which was for many years a centre of the world's gun-manufacturing industry, specialising in the production of military firearms and sporting guns.

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Pay close attention to what the target is doing at the break point and in identifying the leading edge of the target at the break point. If the target is in transition at the break point, such as a chandelle or descending target, you should select a clock direction for your focal point.

– This tip came from the book *"Mastering Sporting Clays"* by Don Currie.

I think you'll find that one of the biggest things that you're going to need to train if you're training on longer birds is training your eyes to move your focus from the whole target to the front of the target and to be able to talk about where you want your focus to end up in the terms of a clock. I'm going to look at the whole bird, and I'm going to be at 3 o'clock when it goes into the breakpoint; or when it gets right there, I'm going to move my eyes to 3 o'clock so that I'm on the front of it as it goes toward the breakpoint.

– This tip came from the book *"The Coaching Hour Chronicles – Conversations in the Pursuit of Clays Excellence, Volume 6"* by Gil & Vicki Ash.

Components of a good gun mount:

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Start

End

Forend Hand Position

Hands Working Together.

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

You will be told time and again that the top competitors could all win a tournament with a gun, new, out of the box. Yes, they could, but I can guarantee that they are all shooting a custom-fitted gun. Sporting Clays, in particular, is so instinctual that



any distraction that breaks the visual connection with the target will compromise the shooter's style and technique, and a poorly-fitted gun will do this.

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

Being tense means you are expecting to mess up, and what you expect is what you get. Trying harder should mean being patient with yourself, not expecting overnight miracles. It means building confidence by spending more time on practice and shooting more targets under the competitive pressures of registered shooting. Practice will help you learn not to tie yourself up in knots..

– This tip came from the book *"Finding the Extra Target – The Ultimate Guide for All the Clay Target Sports"* by John Linn & Stephen Blumenthal.

On any right-to-left picture (vice versa for lefties) you want to hold your gun just a little lower and a little farther out, toward the breakpoint. Then, as you mount the gun, insert the muzzles from underneath in front of the bird in a soft move that traces the reversed shape of the letter "J." It doesn't have to be really exaggerated, just

enough to keep the gun under the target's flight line. If you don't do this, the bird will pull your eyes to the gun and off the line of its flight..

– This tip came from the book *"If It Ain't Broke, Fix It!"* by Gil & Vicki Ash

Where you place your eyes to first pick up the target can be critical. This is called the visual pickup point. Both eyes softly focus on the visual pickup point, which is somewhere along and slightly above the target line.

– This tip came from the book *"Shotgunning in the Automatic Mind – The Guide for Shotgunners and Instructors"* by Warren Watson and Mike Wilfley

The shooter should not be conscious of the gun muzzle, the rib or the sight. The eye, or rather his attention, should be fully occupied with the bird, and, if he holds his gun properly, he will hit whatever he is looking at.

– This tip came from the book *"Robert Churchill's Game Shooting"* by Macdonald Hastings



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by the Executive Committee



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- The lapsed firearm/s you wish to apply for must be taken to your

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Here are the steps:

1. One may apply for a new licence (form SAPS271) against a lapsed licence (please make sure that your competencies are valid before you apply – it is a NEW licence application so you must first have a valid competency to possess the specific type of firearm relevant to your application).
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with a lapsed licence if that person wants to apply for a new licence against a lapsed licence.

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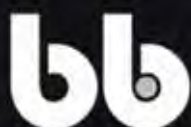
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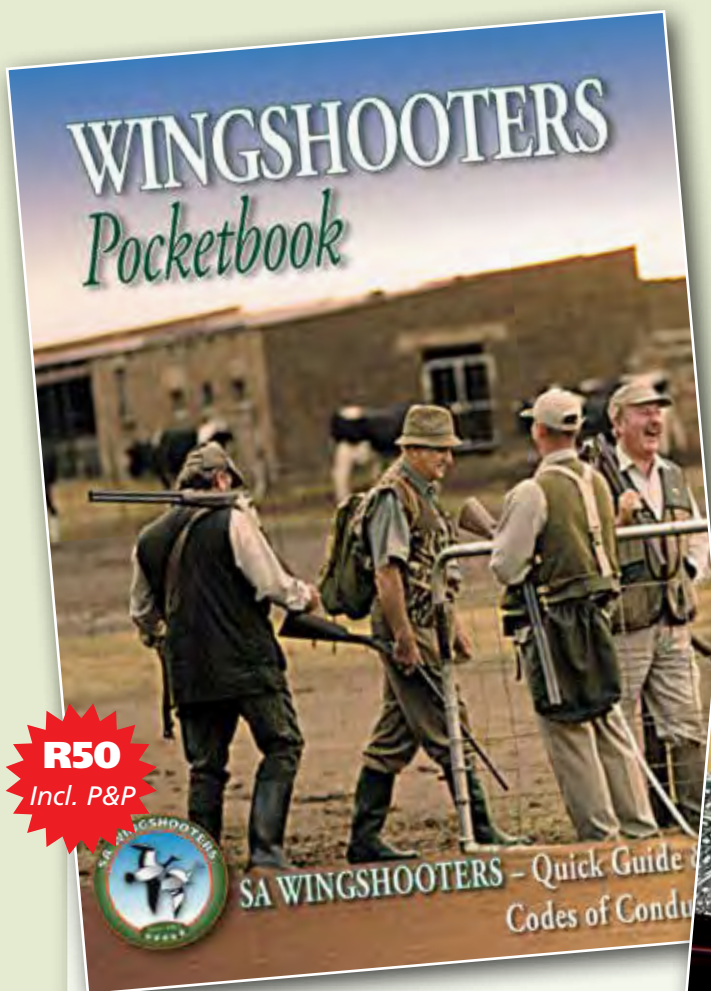
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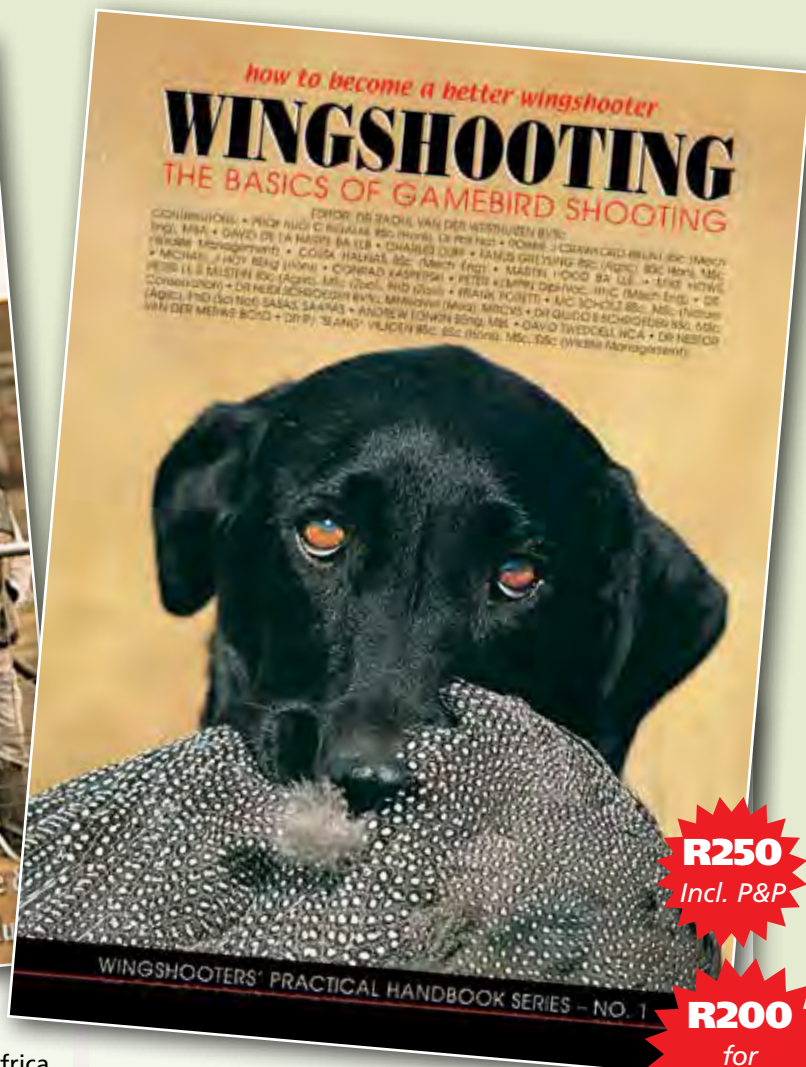
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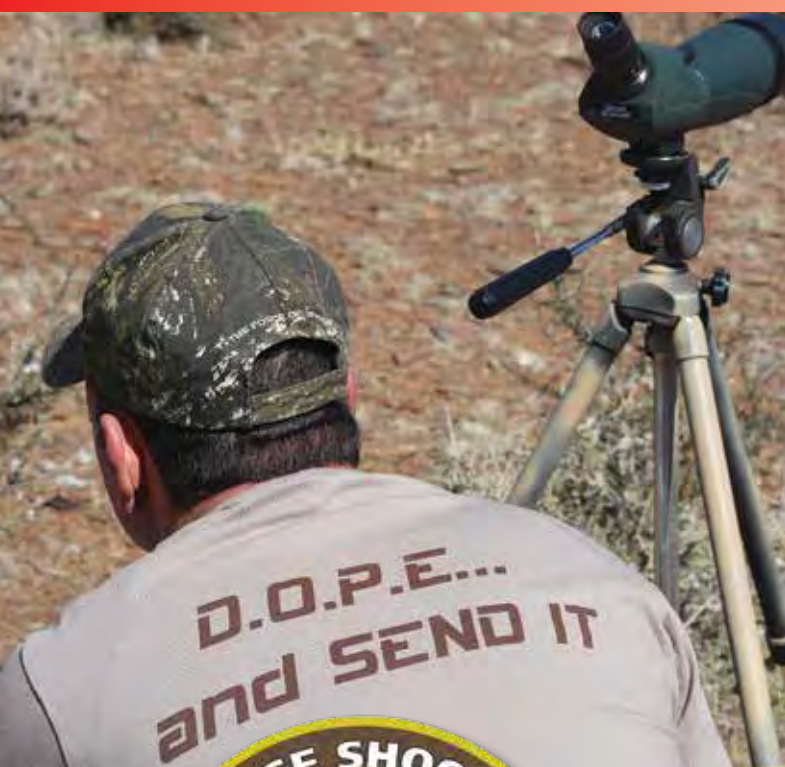
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