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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, 3 November 2023, 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 2023
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.

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Caesar Guerini – The Ellipse Curve...



The world's best shotguns can cost as much as a quarter of a million dollars and take years to make. The engraving alone can account for up to one-third of the price. The result is a shotgun that combines art and function in a way that few man-made objects can match.

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Keep it sustainable...

The year in review was highlighted by mainly wildlife and conservation issues, and resistance to and combating of the global anti-hunting sentiments and pro animal rightists.

This is a continuous threat driven by individuals and groups that do not understand how conservation works and who base their decisions and thought patterns on emotion, rather than logic and science. The Kruger Park elephant crisis is a case in point.

For many people around the globe and especially Africa, sustainable utilisation is a way of life.

Together, we as hunters and conservationists must educate these groups. We must by no means allow our natural heritage to perish, which is surely where it will end should we not take action.

We sold 506 provincial bird hunting licences on behalf of the provincial departments this year, of which Gauteng province sold 203, 175 licences for Free State, Mpumalanga 36, Eastern Cape 36, Western Cape 20 and KZN 36.

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 and arrange many sport shooting events and fun days, including training, educational courses and more.

Since last year's report, no less than 192 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 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.

Finally, we thank our IT consultants, risk managers, auditors, sponsors and advertisers for their valued contributions and support.

André van der Westhuizen,
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South Africa reports two outbreaks of H7 bird flu in poultry

PARIS, June 26 (Reuters) - South Africa reported two outbreaks of highly pathogenic H7 bird flu in poultry east of Johannesburg, the Paris-based World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) said on Monday.



In total 9,500 farm poultry died from the virus in the town of Victor Khanye in Mpumalanga province, with one location having 2,000 poultry and the other 7,500, WOAHA said, citing South African authorities.

The strain detected was H7, which is different from the H5N1 one that has killed several hundred million birds around the world.

— Reuters

The Western Cape Veterinary Services has warned poultry farmers that avian influenza has been detected in two commercial layer farms in the Paardeberg area (in the Drakenstein and Swartland Local Municipalities) earlier this year – Therefore, Western Cape is also affected. Members will be informed of escalations directly should the need arise – Ed.

The Scourge Of Animal Rightsism – Banning Trophy Hunting Will Not Stop the Killing of Wild Animals

THE ANIMAL RIGHTS BRIGADE seem to have bamboozled the whole world into believing that if they succeed in banning trophy hunting they will put a stop to the killing of all wild animals by man. Nothing could be further from the truth. Nothing could be less desirable. Nothing could be worse for wildlife. And if that is what the animal rightists truly believe, then that fact is proof enough that they know nothing about the science of wildlife management. And when society allows its unqualified members to meddle in the scientific affairs of man – when they know nothing about the subjects of those affairs – that is when the most damage is done.

This is not a slight on the intellect of society. Not everybody can become a brain or heart surgeon. Nor can any-old-body build a rocket that will take man to the moon and bring him back again. But there are some amongst us who can.

Within our specialised communities there are qualified people that determine who can and who should, do these very special and essential tasks for humanity, and who should not.

The same principles apply to the specific science of wildlife management.

How can people who have spent their whole lives in an urban environment, even those who are in very essential, recognised and honourable professions such as being a motor mechanic, a medical doctor or a waitress in a city restaurant, and who have never ever seen a truly wild animal in its essential rural environment, be expected

to understand the complicated science of wildlife management?

And how can society allow such uninformed people to demand that whatever the solutions they prescribe should be applied? Yet that is exactly what is happening.

Let me explain this a little further.

Wildlife management is the action that man takes to achieve a man-desired objective. Simple as that! So, there is nothing



natural about wildlife management. It is:-

1. Man conceived
2. Man designed
3. Man implemented
4. Man manipulated and
5. Man is the principle beneficiary.

How come man is the beneficiary? Because it is man's objective that is being achieved. The most important of all wildlife management objectives is to maintain species diversity. And to achieve that objective you have to be able to apply the principles and practices of wildlife management.

One of which is that different species of herbivorous animals are adapted, by nature, to live in different habitat types. And if a particular habitat type is not available (in a game reserve or on a game ranch, for example) the species of animal that is adapted to that habitat type, will not be able to exist there.

Read the full article here: <https://www.mahohboh.org/the-scourge-of-animal-rightsism-banning-trophy-hunting-will-not-stop-the-killing-of-wild-animals/>



— Ron Thomson (CEO True Green Alliance of South Africa)

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When: SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER at 08H30

Where: Hippo Creek Shooting Centre

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It's A New Side-by-Side Shotgun *Renaissance*



Manufacturers never saw a new side-by-side shotgun revival coming from a younger generation.

by A.J. DeRosa

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Whose idea was it to put two barrels on a single firearm? I'm not quite sure; however, I do know that the concept predates modern portable firearms. Although a stacked barrel design comes rather naturally when considering its purpose, it was the side-by-side that dominated the stage when it comes to the early history of shotguns.

Unsurprisingly, Italy is a part of this origin story, a place where double gun manufacturing enjoys an ongoing stronghold. But, as upland hunters, our interests lie in the concept

of a "sporting gun." Before we had an ample selection of lightweight shotguns, decreasing weight was the first hurdle in the practical use of shotguns.

William Wellington Greener II's documents are essential to shotgun history. An inventor's son, W.W. Greener was born in England in 1834. His father, also named William, developed the expandable bullet and even an electric lamp that predated Edison. Greener took over his father's gun manufacturing business in 1869. He would go on to write eight books on firearms, documenting critical information at a time of rapid inno-

vation. Four of his books highlighted shotguns of the past and followed the evolution of the firearm after the turn of the century. Much of that historic technology has not changed today.

"The first successful double-guns were built with the barrels over/under, and not side by side, and certainly not until after the introduction of the wheel-lock into Italy," W.W. Greener wrote in *The Gun and its Development* (1910). "The first inventor of this double gun appears to be one Giuliano Bossi, of Rome, who in 1616 wrote describing the qualities and advantages of the double arms of his design."

The Invention of the Shotgun

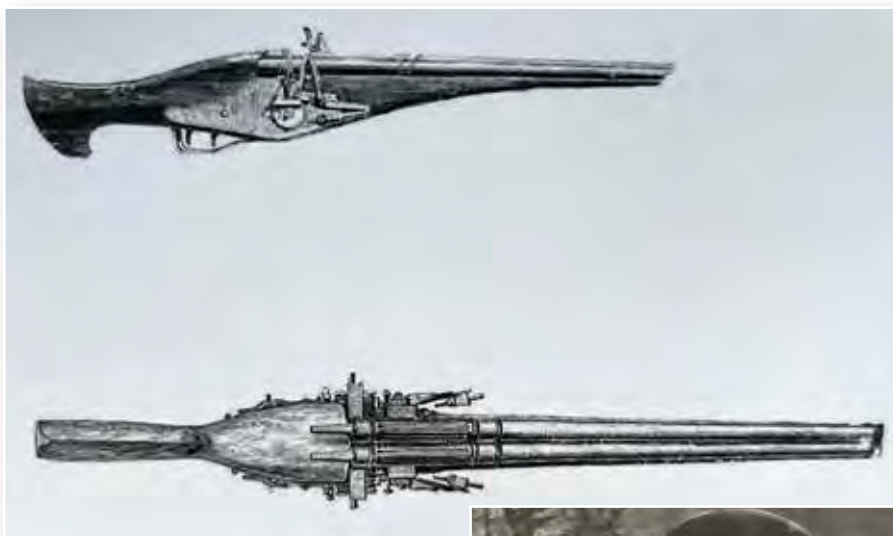
W.W. Greener wrote in his 1888 book, *Modern Shot Gun*:

The Shot Gun was gradually evolved from the original hand firearm, but as a Shot Gun its history can only date from the introduction of double-barrelled arms. The Sporting Shot Gun may therefore be termed a modern weapon. It was not until the middle of the seventeenth century that double guns were made sufficiently small or light to be used as sporting weapons. The development was very slow; the earlier guns had no ribs, and were furnished with wheel locks; in the eighteenth century ribs were added, and the flint-lock and hammer employed. The gun then became essentially the sporting weapon; its clumsiness and slowness had hitherto prevented its general adoption, and the Flint-lock Gun was considered by the sportsmen in the

first quarter of this century to have established itself firmly as an almost perfect sporting weapon."

The side-by-side shotgun was the pinnacle of ongoing advancement

Theodore Roosevelt had an A.H. Fox that he spoke highly of. The market was flooded with these American-built icons until the Second World War when many of those factories



and it dominated the market through the turn of the 19th century. This period included the invention of the hammerless shotgun, which was all the rage in the 1870s and beyond. In 1875, the Anson and Deeley Boxlock would become the standard of the modern double gun through today, including the over/under.

The Early American Double Gun Makers

England orchestrated the development techniques that dominated double guns for the next 100 plus years and patented many valuable designs. However, American double gunmakers were experiencing their own boom. Driven by American popularity, famous people like trickshooter Annie Oakley would shoot both American- and British-built side-by-sides. Iconic manufacturers like Parker Bros., A.H. Fox, Ithaca, Lefever, and L.C. Smith were available in just about every hardware store. They were made famous by early outdoor writers like Burton Spiller and William Harden Foster. Even President



closed, never to reopen.

But it would not be the modern, popular over/under shotgun that unseated the first side-by-side renaissance. No, it was the semi-automatic shotgun that shook the market. Writer Gregg Elliot wrote in *Rise of the Over-Under Shotgun: A History Lesson*:

"While guns like the Winchester Model 97 and the Browning A5 lacked the style and elegance of a

continued overleaf...



Parker or Fox side-by-side, they made up for it with something American shooters liked far more: firepower. The Model 97 held six shells; the Auto-5 one less. A hunter with one of these shotguns could blast through these rounds before a person with a side-by-side could fire two rounds and reload. This blazing speed attracted thousands of buyers right after pumps and semi-autos were introduced.”

As our troops came home from the war, semi-automatics were something they were familiar with. Even more importantly, the manufacturing of semi-automatic and pump shotguns was far easier. This resulted in

but the Italians keyed in on the largest yet most subtle influencing factor: economics. Gregg Elliot wrote:

Beretta addressed this price issue in 1955 when they introduced the S55 (Silver Snipe), S56 (Golden Snipe), and S57 (Ruby Snipe). These O/Us combined features of the S1 and ASE with mass-production techniques. Compared to a Superposed, all the S55, S56, and S57 weighed less; the S55 and S56 cost less, too. Thanks to these differences, the Beretta’s S-line of O/Us sold well. Over time, these guns evolved into some of the best-selling O/Us ever, like the Beretta 686 and the S687 Silver Pigeon.

In the 1950s, you could buy a

never garnered mainstream popularity until today.

The Side-by-Side Come Back

Something about side-by-sides speaks to the grouse hunter in me. My personal journey into side-by-sides is likely similar to others’ amongst the under-45 crowd finding their way into them today: nostalgia seeped into my veins. Although I wanted one, I hesitated to buy a vintage gun because I lacked confidence and the knowledge of how to select one that functioned properly and was fairly priced. I had never even shot my great-grandfather’s Belgium-built hammer gun, even though I always meant to take it to a gunsmith to learn about the barrel condition and proper loads.

New was what I needed. Instead of purchasing a timeless antique, I bought a 12-gauge Stoeger Side-by-Side. This was long before they offered the various models of today. Price was a determining factor for me in my early 20s; this model was very affordable at about \$400.

I hated that shotgun. I thought I hated side-by-sides.

Eventually, I bought an over/under and put side-by-sides to the back of my mind. I had several good seasons with my over/unders. However, by happenstance, I ended up with a 20-gauge CZ Sharp-tail and had an incredible season with it. The simple result? I rethought my relationship with side-by-sides.

CZ’s Bobwhite carried the torch forward for the revival of side-by-sides in the broader shotgun community. It was introduced to the market in 2005. As economics would have it, the Bobwhite could be purchased for under \$600 with two triggers and a straight English stock in the mid-2000s. Although a far cry from the handcrafted European market, I believe this low-cost entry point became the catalyst for the side-by-side renaissance.

In 1911, you could buy a Fox Sterlingworth for about \$55; that price point translates to \$822 in 2020. Today, the over/under market is dominated by shotguns over the \$1000 price mark. The affordably priced Bobwhite was, in a way, perfectly timed both economically and



a production scale the side-by-side market could never fill both in volume and price.

The Over/Under Renaissance

While the side-by-side continued to have a place in American hunting culture into the 1900s, it was not the most popular kid in school. Italians brought the next shotgun revolution. They stormed competitive shooting circuits with the over/under shotgun, which were previously dominated by the semi-automatic. The Browning Superposed is credited with the first popular American over/under design,

Beretta Silver Snipe for \$159.75. Comparatively, Browning’s Superposed cost \$260.00. This lower price brought it much closer to the dominant semi-automatic shotguns of the day. A Browning Automatic-5 would have sold for \$121.50, showing how competitive the over/under became as a player on the American shotgun market.

The over/under shotgun has sat quite comfortably as the most popular style shotgun in the niche upland community for a very long time. While our traditions have always kept the side-by-side market relevant, it

culturally. While not a perfect example of a good side-by-side, it was a giant leap forward in that price point and a catalyst to truly introduce new side-by-side enthusiasts. It drew a demographic with growing financial resources, prime to graduate into more expensive side-by-sides with time, reopening a once dead market.

A Data-Driven Side-by-Side Renaissance

The renaissance of the side-by-side shotgun is fueled by an increase in popularity, notably among millennials. Project Upland's annual survey of upland bird hunters has shown consistently increasing trends since 2018. While baby boomers account for the largest and most stable demographic in side-by-sides, millennials account for the second largest demographic in popularity, a number that has grown by almost 10 percent in four years.

Brands have taken notice. Spanish gunmaker AYA, who specialises in double barrelled shotguns, was close to closing their doors only to experience a rebirth in manufacturing. Other manufacturers, like Franchi and Weatherby, are working to bring back their side-by-side offerings, too. These folks are only adding to the collection of new and exciting modern-built side-by-sides.

While the CZ Bobwhite opened up a new generation of side-by-side lovers, it also opened the floodgates to progressions in price points. The new market once accounted for only large jumps to expensive built side-by-sides. Besides vintage shotguns, the old market had gone from under \$700 to above \$2000 pretty quickly; today, there are options filling that \$1000 to \$1500 gap.

This is the tip of the iceberg. The next decade will likely continue to bring new side-by-side models to the market. The data show both a trend in popularity and increased offerings on the market, which will only serve to fuel both factors.

The side-by-side market has also become more competitive. Brands that let their side-by-side dreams fall by the wayside are now revisiting former offerings and producing new ones. While the Italian market is still dominant in this factor, you have new introductions like the RFM from Upland Gun Company starting at \$2,000. Even brands like France's Chapuis, which was recently acquired by Beretta Holdings, are starting to show promise in a once-dying style of shotguns.

Our culture continues to embrace the artform upland hunting can be. Whether it is waiting for that perfect point, experiencing a well-trained spaniel, or appreciating the fine craftsmanship and history of the side-by-side shotgun, our poetic culture is far from dead. For side-by-side shotguns and the enthusiasts who stand to gain from their renaissance, this is truly an exciting time.

<https://projectupland.com/shotguns-and-shooting/shotguns/side-by-side-shotgun-revival/>



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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 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!



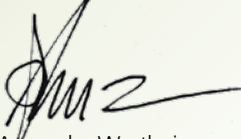


We offer all types of shooting and hunting... as well as coaching!



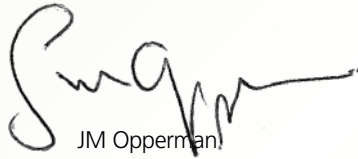
Executive Council's Approval

The annual financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2023 were approved by the Executive Council on 31 August 2023 and signed:



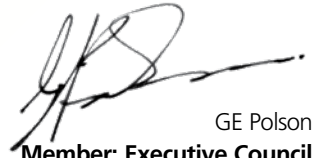
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Barbara Bodenstein

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

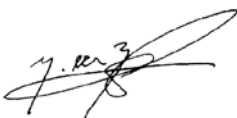
I have compiled the accompanying financial statements of S A Wingshooters Association based on the information the chairman and financial officer has provided. These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position of S A Wingshooters Association as at 28 February 2023, the statement 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 2023

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 2576 members who are "current" or "paid up". There are 89 members who are 30 days in arrears, 50 are 60 days in arrears, 46 are 90 days and 343 who are 91 days plus – totaling 3104 members, a decrease of 43 members from 3147 of the previous year. A total of 192 new members joined at the date of this report, since the previous annual report. At the time of this report the LRSC has 118 members (with 98 paid up, 6 current, 1 at 30 days, 2 at 60 days, 2 at 90 days and 9 at 91 days +) and produced an income of R186,831. The PSP has 346 current members.

During the year under review, competitions, shoots and licence fees produced an income of R169,831 compared to R175,631 in the previous financial year, and remain almost the same. 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 R23,604 – a decrease of 35,5% 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 R110,235 at the time of this report, which is a slight increase due to steel cost increases and rentals for the year-end LRSC function and shoot.

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 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. The weak RSA economy is putting many people under financial strain and we try and keep costs to members as low as possible. 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! We have not increased membership fees and the annual membership fees remained the same since 2017 – This is a direct benefit to members.

Bird hunting licences remain available for purchase from our offices for Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Free State, KZN, Eastern & Western 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. We support and engage in joint conservation projects in Southern Africa, in support of bird conservation of game birds and waterfowl and birds in general. We're 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 R2,935,699 during the year, an increase of R7,381 (0,25%) over the previous year. The total expenditure increased by 2,68% (R83,628), due to inflationary pressures and no membership fee increase to R3,199,021 to produce a modest surplus of R340,459. 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 R2,059,939. Our Funds increased to R3,616,749 which includes the Legal Action Fund of R71,803, 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

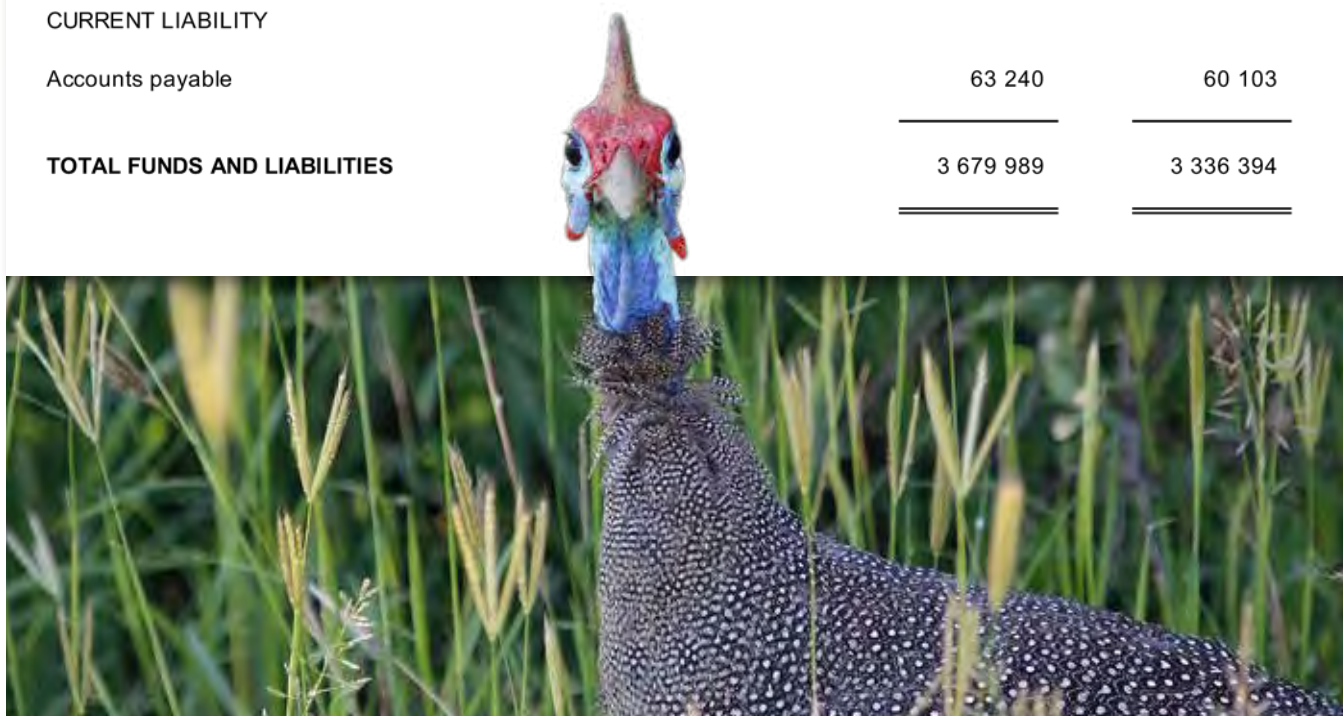
Statement of Financial Position

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	2023 R	2022 R
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	2	31 311	62 543
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accounts receivable		14 975	12 493
Cash and cash equivalents	3,2	3 633 703	3 261 358
TOTAL ASSETS		3 679 989	3 336 394
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS			
		3 616 749	3 276 291
CURRENT LIABILITY			
Accounts payable		63 240	60 103
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		3 679 989	3 336 394



Statement of Income

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Note	2023 R	2022 R
INCOME		3 539 480	3 510 447
Advertising		23 604	36 609
Competitions, shoots and licences		169 831	175 631
Donations received - legal action fund		1 337	220
Donations received - other		25 000	-
Income from auction and sale of promotional items		6 925	6 303
Long range shooting program		177 740	186 831
Interest received		145 657	89 783
Membership fees		2 935 699	2 928 318
Postal shooting program		4 757	4 809
Training material and book sales		48 930	81 943
EXPENDITURE		3 199 021	3 115 393
Accounting fees		42 860	43 140
Advertising		1 243	12 000
Bank charges		6 364	5 914
BASC expenses and royalties		1 798	1 790
Cleaning		19 981	14 200
Competitions, shoots and licences		202 538	140 268
Computer expenses		67 839	47 770
Credit card commission		12 009	10 960
Depreciation	2	31 232	51 726
Donations		36 000	15 000
Entertainment and meetings		28 751	19 306
Huntex expenses		23 778	23 384
Insurance		105 839	104 921
Legal fees		-	20 000
Long range shooting program expenses		110 235	76 105
Management fees - administration services		1 363 079	1 336 352
Management fees - finance and bookkeeping		696 860	683 196
Motor vehicle expenses		107 843	112 968
Printing and stationery		25 422	55 904
Promotional items and prizes		11 081	39 603
Rent, electricity and water		78 000	78 000
Repairs and maintenance		10 689	-
Replacements		-	7 547
Secretarial and bookkeeping services		50 950	50 200
Security expenses		6 461	5 643
Staff refreshments		7 980	6 335
Subscriptions and membership		20 015	9 400
Telephone, courier, fax and postage		77 215	95 928
Wages		22 900	18 600
Website		30 059	29 233
Surplus of income over expenditure		340 459	395 054

Statement of Changes in Funds

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	General funds R	Youth development fund R	Publishing revolving fund R	Legal action fund R	Total R
Balance at 1 March 2021	2 681 391	89 600	40 000	70 246	2 881 237
Net surplus for the prior 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
Net surplus for the current year	340 458				340 458
Transfer to legal action fund	(1 337)			1 337	
Balance at 28 February 2023	3 415 346	89 600	40 000	71 803	3 616 749

Statement of Cash Flows

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	Notes	2023 R	2022 R
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated by the activities of the association	3,1	226 689	344 715
Interest received		145 657	89 783
		<u>372 346</u>	<u>434 498</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	2	-	-
		<u>372 346</u>	<u>434 498</u>
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents		372 346	434 498
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		3 261 357	2 826 860
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	3,2	<u>3 633 703</u>	<u>3 261 358</u>

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

28 FEBRUARY 2023

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)

28 FEBRUARY 2023

2 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	<u>2023</u>			<u>2022</u>		
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>
	R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>Owned assets</u>						
Computer equipment	410 841	408 444	2 397	410 841	405 292	5 549
Computer software	149 316	149 294	22	149 316	144 780	4 536
Equipment	121 840	94 053	27 787	121 840	71 045	50 795
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	43 638	1 097	44 735	43 080	1 655
Total	959 531	928 220	31 311	959 531	896 988	62 543

The carrying amount are reconciled as follows:

	<u>Carrying amount at the beginning of the year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying amount at year end</u>
	R	R	R	R	R
<u>Owned assets</u>					
Computer equipment	5 549	-	-	3 152	2 397
Computer software	4 536	-	-	4 514	22
Equipment	50 795	-	-	23 008	27 787
Furniture and fittings	8	-	-	-	8
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Office equipment	1 655	-	-	558	1 097
Total	62 543	-	-	31 232	31 311



Notes to the Annual Financial Statements (continued)

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

28 FEBRUARY 2023

	2023 R	2022 R
3 NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT		
3,1 Cash generated by operations		
Surplus of income over expenditure	340 459	395 054
Adjustment for interest separately disclosed in the cash flow statement	145 657	89 783
	194 802	305 271
Adjustment for non cash flow item:		
Depreciation	31 232	51 726
	226 034	356 997
(Increase) Decrease in working capital	655	(12 282)
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	3 137	(24 802)
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	(2 482)	12 520
	<u>226 689</u>	<u>344 715</u>
3,2 Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents included in the cash flow statement comprise the following:		
Cash at bank	856 213	1 028 828
Cash on hand	6 461	7 157
Funds on call	2 771 029	2 225 373
	<u>3 633 703</u>	<u>3 261 358</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...

Gerhard Laubscher (photographer) and Ryan Hammond, Thinus Laubscher shooting Greywing Partridge hosted by member Rob Stretton and Grant Stretton of Stormberg Elangeni Safaris in the Molteno area



Nicholas & Alexi Constantinou at Witkoppies



Above: Members Craig Vincent and Phumudzo Magodi hunting in Mpumalanga.

Left: Harry Katrakilis' Molly-Moon at a recent goose shoot.

Far left: Junior member Mason le Roux won the Colts division at the recent Beretta Gold Cup Challenge & Hippo Creek CompakSA Trials. Well done! He won a pistol!





At the Windheuwel International shoot hosted by member Peter Wales

From left: Kyle Smith, Pedro Costa and Chad Engelbrecht at the Tuli Safaris shoot near Bela-Bela



Above: Stefan Grippa at Singita Dove venue.

Below: Dr Mongezi Milela with a nice Impala.

Below left: Richard Moffat and 'Wally' at the Suideroord Charity Shoot in the Overberg. Photo by Mark Middelhoven.



Members on our LRSC Range



Left: Members at the .22PSBC Match. The .22PSBC is a sub-club of the LRSC

Hulme Scholes says he hit that gong!



Andile Solwandle checking his DOPE before the next division start



A proper .22 LR rifle for our .22PSBC tactical division shooting matches!



Kristi Gallow ladies division winner



From left: Marius Gericke, Johann de Bruin and Rui Torres not happy with the wind conditions at the .22PSBC match



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The Etiquette of Hunting Over Another Person's Bird Dog

*Think about these rules to get invited
back to hunting over someone's bird dog*

Written by A.J. de Rosa

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I will say it upfront: I am far from being an expert on bird dogs. But if there is one thing I have become certain of over the years, it is that there is not enough information out there for new people to understand the proper etiquette of hunting over someone else's bird dog.

Now more than ever, the influx of mentoring in the upland community coupled with a real thirst for knowledge from novices, begs for some helpful guidance on the etiquette of hunting over someone else's dog.

I may say this even stronger as a bird dog owner who has had a few bad experiences, which I credit to my lack of communication rather than the error of the mentee. These things exist for two main reasons: first and foremost, for the dog's safety; and second, so that you the hunter actually get invited back.

Here are eight essential rules to follow unless the owner tells you otherwise.



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Thou shall restrict muzzle control even further

Anytime I watch new videos pop up across social media I cringe at the lack of muzzle control around bird dogs. Yes, hunter's education taught you that a muzzle pointed at the ground is safe, but that can change in an instant when a hunting dog is involved. Start practicing keeping your muzzle up at all times while still being mindful of the people around you. Keep that gun action open as often as possible, which may be easier with pointing dogs than with flushing dogs.

When approaching a point, the gun's muzzle should always be ready at a level above the dog. If you approach a point with your gun shouldered but pointed towards the ground, you will often have to sweep the muzzle up through the dog in order to shoot. This is a very dangerous situation where safeties and trigger fingers are at their most vulnerable points. While the idea of pre-mounting a gun on a point is a whole other topic around poor instinctual wingshooting, at a minimum, low-mounted guns should always be avoided for the dog's safety.

Thou shall not command another's bird dog

Just as we would not discipline another person's child or bark orders at them, the same principle is true with a bird dog. Sure, jumping up on us is one thing. But when a bird dog is working, we must stay out of that person's vibe (even if it's a bad vibe). In some cases, a handler may ask you to call a dog your way, or maybe help contain their dog for some reason. All that is fine given that we were actually requested in our actions.

A few years ago, I experienced what was a long day when a novice hunter proactively took it upon himself to command a handler's dogs. Every time he opened his mouth, I wanted to crawl out of my skin, it was so awkward. Not only did this person not understand the process of bird dog work, it is bad for both a dog's training and the opportunity to get future invitations. Over

the years I have now made it a point to say something to novices before a dog hits the ground when filming, whether it's my dog or not. This can save what can be a painful day in the field and a real tension I am not interested in filming.

Thou shall not shoot a bird on the ground or a low flush

This is the fastest way to end a hunt. Yes, this has happened to me. Honestly, it was my own fault because

decisions like these – as long as you are conscious of them. This is all so important to the safety of a bird dog that is most likely like a child to the handler. I know.

Thou shall not give another advice on their bird dog unless solicited, even if you are a pro

Past the world of novices, even veteran handlers are tempted to command another's bird dog. There are moments of painful dog work that



I did not set the groundwork before we started the hunt. Never shoot anything (even a rabbit) on the ground over someone's bird dog unless they tell you otherwise. The same is true for low-flying birds. Many dogs are only steady to flush, which means a dog hot on its tail. If a dog can jump that high, do not shoot.

One thing I have learned is that the human thought processes and body are very capable of split-second

seem to scream "Help!" But truth be told, we must let people develop at their pace and via their moments of learning. Patience is mandatory. When people are ready for advice, they will ask if they feel comfortable. But let them get there first; if not, it just makes for an awkward day afield rather than a potential future opportunity for learning and teaching.

Novices must be even warier of this. Maybe some people are just

continued overleaf...



overbearing, but I have seen a novice give advice on bird dog handling that has been everything from irrelevant to lunacy. Save those thoughts for your own dog in the future and keep note of what you personally would do.

Thou shall not judge another's bird dog because it's just complicated

Recently I was subjected to a novice giving proactive criticism by comparing a Wirehaired Pointing Griffon work to English Setter work. For anyone who knows a little bit about bird dogs, we can easily point out that this is like comparing apples and oranges. If you hunt over a dog and do not like its style, understand that it is probably related to a breed's style (or to the way the dog was trained).

Don't want to chase a dog through the woods and rush to a point because slow is a good pace for you? Then do not buy a Pointer. That has nothing to do with a dog being trained wrong or a handler letting the dog do things it should not. It is the fact that dogs are bred for different types of game, country, and even competitions.

Blood lines in a breed can vary greatly by the purposeful nature of what traits and behaviours were favoured. Until you are knowledge-

able on what you want in a bird dog and understand how different they all are, restrain yourself from jumping to conclusions. Even once we achieve a better understanding, it's still best to keep our personal preferences to ourselves.

Keep in mind that the conditions alone can dictate a good or bad day in the field. If the conditions just aren't right, there is nothing the handler or the dog can do to make them ideal. Like a good or bad hair day, so goes the world of a bird dog.

Thou shall not judge a whole breed by one dog

I have done this. More than once. I was wrong every time. Just like we all like different styles of bird dogs (hence the variety of breeds in the world), we also cannot judge a whole bird dog breed based on one dog. Why? Because of a million reasons. Maybe they were trained poorly (still keep that to yourself).

Maybe they had a bad day like I mentioned above. The reality is that bird dogs are complicated creatures and everything from good breeding (or bad), training and even daily conditions can go into the art and science of how a dog works.

I have seen good quail dogs tank on their first day of grouse. I have

seen it in reverse. I have seen good grouse dogs fail on woodcock. I have seen my own dog be a rock star one day and an asshole the next. Frankly, I have seen more bad Griffon work than good, but I still love the breed.

Thou shall ask the rules of the dog before the hunt

Asking goes a long way. Most people that want only pointed birds shot will tell you. If people say things like "stop to flush," ask what it means. In the north woods, many of us will say pointed woodcock only but wild flush grouse are okay.

Some of us will say if you are new, shoot it whether it's a wild flush or not to get your first bird. Just open the lines of communication. Most of the time we will end up learning a wealth of information about what dog work actually is, looks like, and shouldn't be, by starting these conversations.

Even something like approaching a point is not just a learning experience but a moment of varying habits and styles. Do not be afraid to ask, "Where should I go?" "What should I do?" and even, "What the hell do I do now?!" Once the communication starts, you will understand all these rules of etiquette and hopefully be invited again.

Thou shall ask questions and listen

If you are fortunate enough to experience bird dog work for your first time, you will be exposed to different breeds, bird dog training styles, and game. Ask questions. Learn. You will be amazed by the accelerated knowledge you will gain over time being in the field with different people and dogs.

Then someday, you can judge your own dog to the standards you want to achieve. There is always something to learn with a bird dog on the ground. Be a good mentor, mentee, friend and communicator. 

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Various Shotgun types for Hunting

For the purpose of this article, I only consider various shotgun types and their gauges/bores/calibres used for hunting purposes. I exclude the various shotguns used for the myriad of sport shooting disciplines in which shotguns are used.

by André van der Westhuizen

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Many people think... I have a shotgun and that's fine for any and all types of shotgun hunting – wrong! One needs various shotgun designs and action types for various hunting activities – from upland gamebird hunting right through the spectrum to Waterfowl hunting and dangerous game back-up shotguns. There are numerous shotgun types, designs and variants. Here's why...

High-volume (within bag limits) pigeon/dove shooting

A shotgun of decent quality that



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IC = Quarter Choke; M = Half Choke; IM = Three-Quarter Choke & F = Full Choke

can handle many shots in a single day, without breaking a firing pin or ejector spring, week after week, season after season. Such a shotgun would be on the heavy side and well built.

A main reason for a heavy shotgun when firing many shots a day is to counter excessive recoil. Barrel lengths of up to 32" with medium chokes (quarter and half) would be suitable in either an over-and-under designed shotgun or a semi-auto field shotgun. One cannot use a side-by-side designed shotgun for this purpose, as it is way too light in physical weight and not built for high volume shooting as it overheats the barrels and action.

Semi auto shotguns are also used for high volume dove and pigeon hunting. The semi-auto action design results in reduced felt recoil.

One does not move around much when hunting pigeons or doves, so a heavier shotgun is not uncomfort-

able and is more suitable, as one is mostly stationary when on a pigeon/dove hunt. Hunting with a semi auto shotgun is legally limited to certain species and provinces, unless one holds a permit, and that is why they are not used by many hunters in South Africa.

Upland (Rough) shooting, also known as Walk-up shooting:

A field gun such as a side-by-side or a lightweight over and under shotgun design for upland (rough) shooting when many kilometres are walked on a day's bird hunting, is required. Such a lighter upland shotgun would have shorter barrels between 25 to 28 inches, and be of light weight, easier to carry and quick to mount.

Here the lighter gauges, such as the 16 gauge, 20 gauge, 28 gauge and .410 are preferred for francolin and partridge hunting. For smaller birds, such as partridge, quail, sand-

grouse, etc the smaller gauges/bores/calibres are required as cartridges are also lighter to carry and sometimes use ammunition of lighter weight in order to preserve the birds better for consumption.

Waterfowl shooting:

Another required shotgun would be a waterfowl hunting (duck, geese, etc) are purpose-built for the environment they are used in and will be robust and almost always made of synthetic stock material. Waterfowling shotguns will also have longer barrels (30 to 36") with tight chokes.

SA Wingshooters Association suggest the following preferable shotgun types and gauges/bores/calibres to be used for specific hunting disciplines and respective quarry:

Pigeon/Dove Hunting:

A well-built 12ga over-and-under

barrel shotgun or semi-automatic single barrel or pump-action shotgun with a barrel length of 24" to 30".

Guinea-fowl Hunting (over bird dogs):

Upland walk-up: A lightweight side-by-side barrelled shotgun with barrel lengths from 26" to 30". Best gauges/bores/calibres for this purpose would be 12ga with lightly choked barrels – IC to IM.

Guinea-fowl Hunting (Driven):

A side-by-side barrelled shotgun with barrel lengths from 28" to 34".

bores/calibres are suggested, such as the 20 bore and 28 bore shotguns.

Waterfowl (Duck and Geese):

Purpose-built waterfowl over and under, or side-by-side barrelled or pump action, shotgun with barrel length from 30" to 36". Chokes should be Modified (M) and/or Improved Modified (IM) or Full and in 12 gauge/bore.

Waterfowl (Teal):

Purpose-built waterfowl over and under, or side-by-side barrelled or pump action, shotgun with barrel

.410 shotguns are suggested for this type of hunting

Quail:

Side-by-Side or over-and-under shotgun designs may be used. Smaller gauges, such as 28 bore and .410 shotgun gauges/bores/calibres are preferred and suggested for the hunting of these birds.

Furred Game hunting:

Shotguns, usually 12 gauge/bore shotguns are suggested for culling (especially from helicopters), when hunting Leopard (following up

"Purpose-built waterfowl over and under, or side-by-side barrelled or pump action, shotgun with barrel length from 30" to 36". Chokes should be Modified (M) and/or Improved Modified (IM) or Full and in 12 gauge"



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Best gauge/bore/calibre for this purpose would be 12ga with tight choked barrels – Modified to Full chokes.

Francolin and Partridge hunting:

Lightweight side-by-side or over and under barrelled shotgun with more open chokes (IC to M). Barrel length 25" to 28". Smaller gauges/

length from 38" to 32". Chokes should be Modified (M) and/or Improved Modified (IM) or Full and in 20ga, 28ga. .410 or 12 gauge/bore.

Sandgrouse:

Side-by-side or over-and-under shotgun designs may be used. Smaller gauges, such as 20 bore, 28 bore and

wounded) and bush pig and other damage-causing animals. Shotguns for this use should have shorter barrels to ensure safe and fast manoeuvrability and used in conjunction with the correct ammunition type, size and weight. Call the office should you have any questions regarding shotgun and all firearm types. 



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SHOOTING TIPS

Hints & tips from shotgun shooting pros and authors...

In the comfort of your living room, practice mounting by following lines between walls and ceiling (horizontal shots) and wall and wall (vertical or rising shots). Doing this exercise 10 to 30 times daily, or you until you tire, will help your muscles develop memory. In the field, you will then be on autopilot.

– This tip came from the book *"The L.L. Bean Upland Bird Hunting Handbook"* by Tom Huggler.

Recognizing there is a problem, most people come up with exactly the wrong answer. They bear down harder. Their scores do not improve or get worse. They cannot understand why they shoot better in practice than in competition. The answer, of course, is they are trying too hard in competition and are tense, hurting their concentration and smooth swing to the target.

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

Generally, however, 90 percent of misses are behind or over the target or both, and 90 percent of those would have been hit with greater positive follow-through.

– This tip came from the book *"Mastering Skeet – Fundamental shooting techniques for the target in championship form"* by King Heiple.

Although we should never look at the barrels or bead as we trigger a shot, there is no doubt that the rib influences the acquisition of the muzzle in relation to the shooter's eye as the gun is brought to the point of aim. The sole purpose of the rib of the gun is to act as a guide for the eyes in the peripheral vision.

– This tip came from the book *"Successful Shotgunning — How to Build Skill in the Field and Take More Birds in Competition"* by Peter Blakeley.



Most top shooters and instructors across all disciplines to clay target sports agree that intensity of focus on the target is the single most critical factor in a shooter's ability to break a clay target with a shotgun.

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

When you first learn crossing targets, you start with closer, slower birds and learn how to meet the front edge of the bird, match its speed, and then stretch away to finish your lead.

As you add speed and distance to the clays, you must learn to insert the gun farther in front of the target, at what we call plus one, plus, and so on.

– This tip came from the book *"Straight Shooting – A World Champion's Guide to Shotgunning"* by Anthony Matarese, Jr. with Kerry Luft.

Successful target reading cannot be superficial. Target reading is a function of being aware of the target's line, speed,

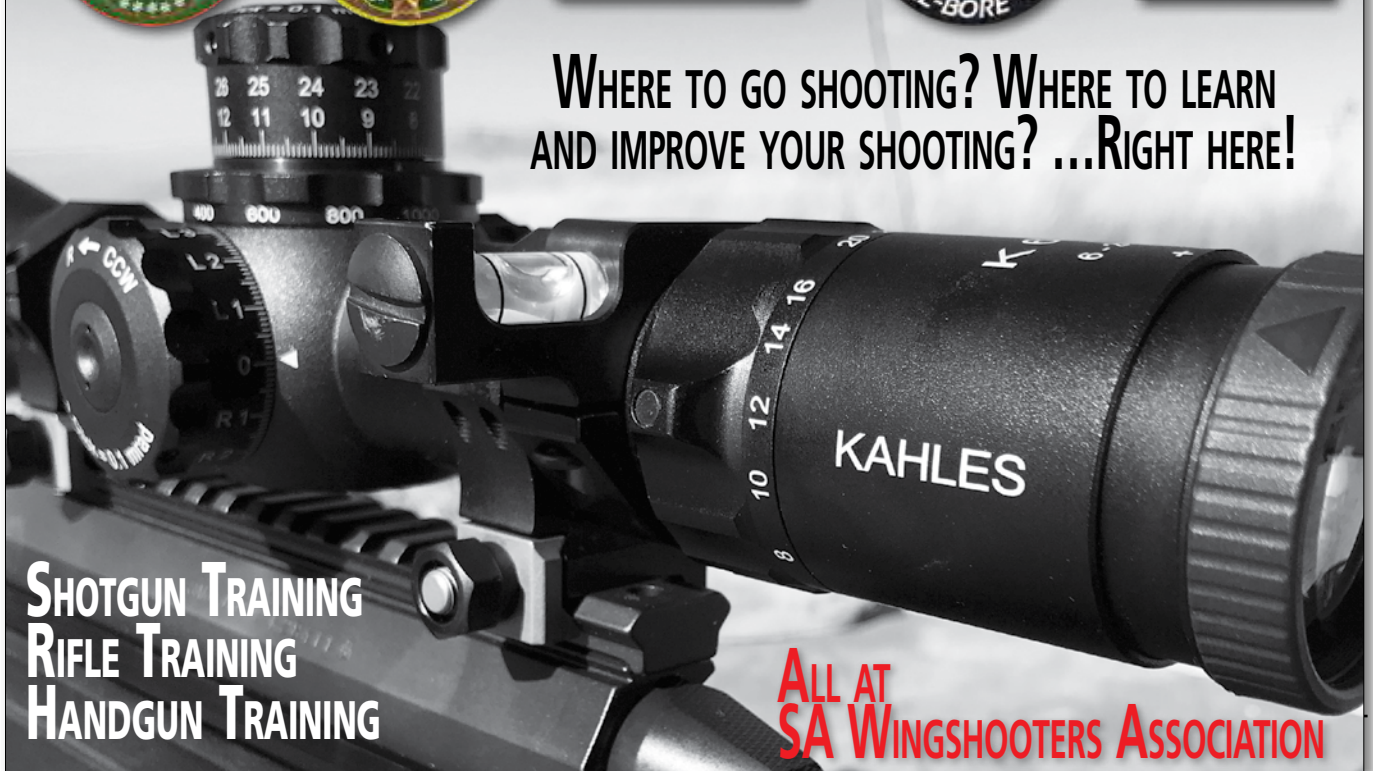
and distance. From this information, you decide the shooting method to be used, the breakpoints, the muzzle hold points, and the visual hold point.

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

Of all the faults which are the consequence of over-anxiety, the commonest is checking the swing of the gun. It is what you do when you see the first bird of the day or the last, or the one you have promised the kitchen for dinner. You make too sure of it, and, nine times out of ten, you miss behind. Good shooting is never hasty, never over-cautious.

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

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Carbon Barrels

Many of us are aware of the use of “carbon” barrels as a modern alternative in new rifles. Following some discussion with other shooters it is obvious that there is little or no understanding of the technical aspects of these barrels and the general view appears to be founded on ignorance.

by Johann de Bruin, Pr Eng (UP)

There is no such thing as a “carbon” barrel. These barrels are conventional steel (various grades of stainless or chrome moly) that have been machined down to a very thin steel barrel, which contains the rifling and chamber of your barrel. This steel element is then wrapped with carbon fibre to the desired thickness.

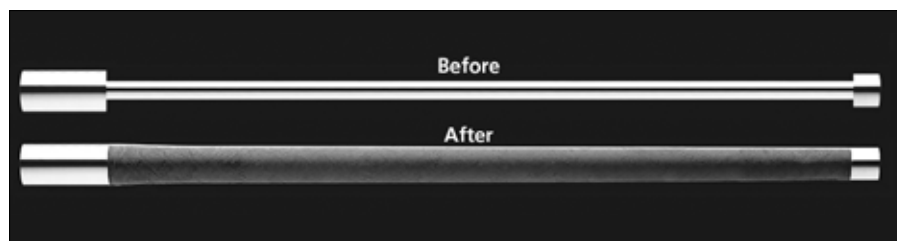
Background

Rifle barrels are longer than revolver/pistol barrels, as this additional length allows us to have control over the projectile for a longer period, thereby significantly improving the accuracy of the bullet.

The burning of the propellant in the cartridge causes heat transfer into the barrel, which affects the stiffness of the barrel. Consider that if you heat a piece of metal to a high enough temperature, it will eventually become completely ductile and liquid.

A longer piece of steel is more susceptible to the effect of heat than a short piece of steel. Modern barrels have found a sweet spot where length and diameter have mostly been optimised.

Allowing your barrel to overheat will affect accuracy, due to the pliability of the hot barrel vs that of a cold barrel and the impact that has on the projectile as it travels through the rifling. Furthermore, we try to keep



our barrels as cool as possible to minimise the wearing of the rifling of the barrel, as the barrel wears from the cartridge end where the heat intensity is the highest.

Carbon Barrels

A “carbon” barrel can potentially increase accuracy as the carbon fibres have greater tensile strength than steel and the barrel will thus remain rigid (stiff) even when the barrel is hot. This should translate into less vertical variance due to heat and could even result in finding nodes easier.

But, beware! These benefits come at a compromise. Carbon fibre has a heat transfer coefficient 10x lower than that of steel. That simply means that the heat generated within the barrel will not be transferred to the outer regions of the barrel. In other words, the barrel will not feel hot to the touch, even under extreme conditions.

The heat is trapped within the centre/steel part of the barrel and the barrel operating temperatures will remain very high for a much longer period of time (10 times longer).

The only part of the “carbon” barrel that is exposed to the atmosphere for cooling is a minute sized donut at the front of the barrel. Consider that the purpose of fluting is to increase the surface area of the barrel, specifically to assist with the cooling of the barrel, without compromising on the stiffness.

Considerations:

If you use these “carbon” barrels for hunting purposes where few shots are fired in succession, they will significantly outperform a steel barrel in terms of weight, and will be no less accurate.

If you intend using such a barrel for high volume shooting, you need to be ultra vigilant in terms of the number of shots fired and then allow sufficient time for the barrel to cool down. If not, you are likely to reduce the useful life of your barrel significantly, without ever realising that the barrel was extremely hot.

Research shows that there are a multitude of carbon wrapping methodologies, each with their own quality control procedures.

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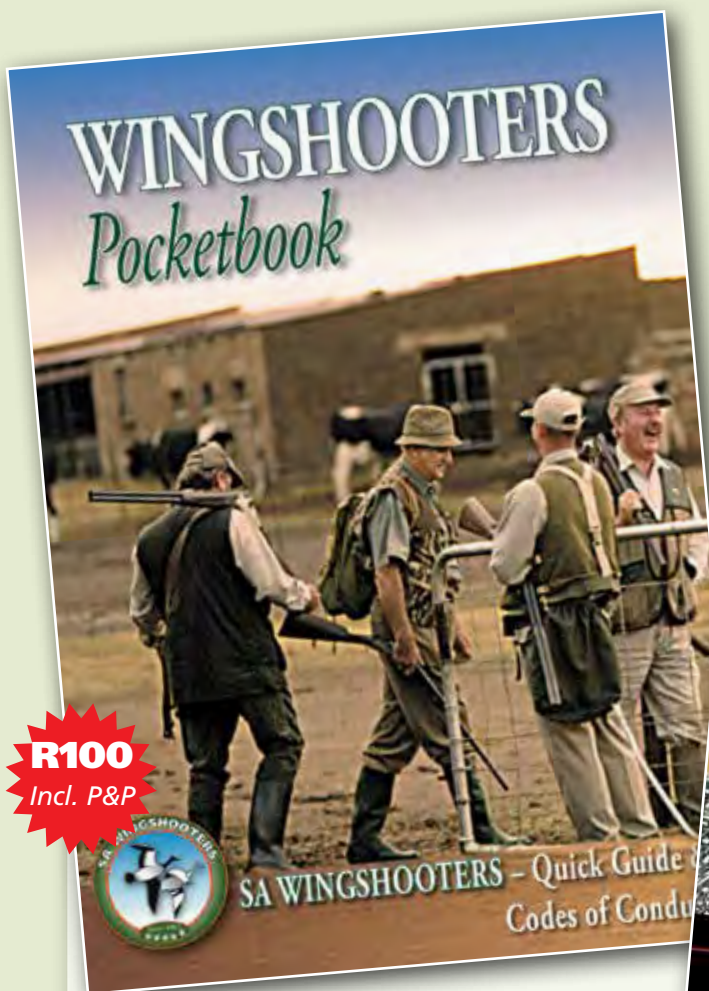
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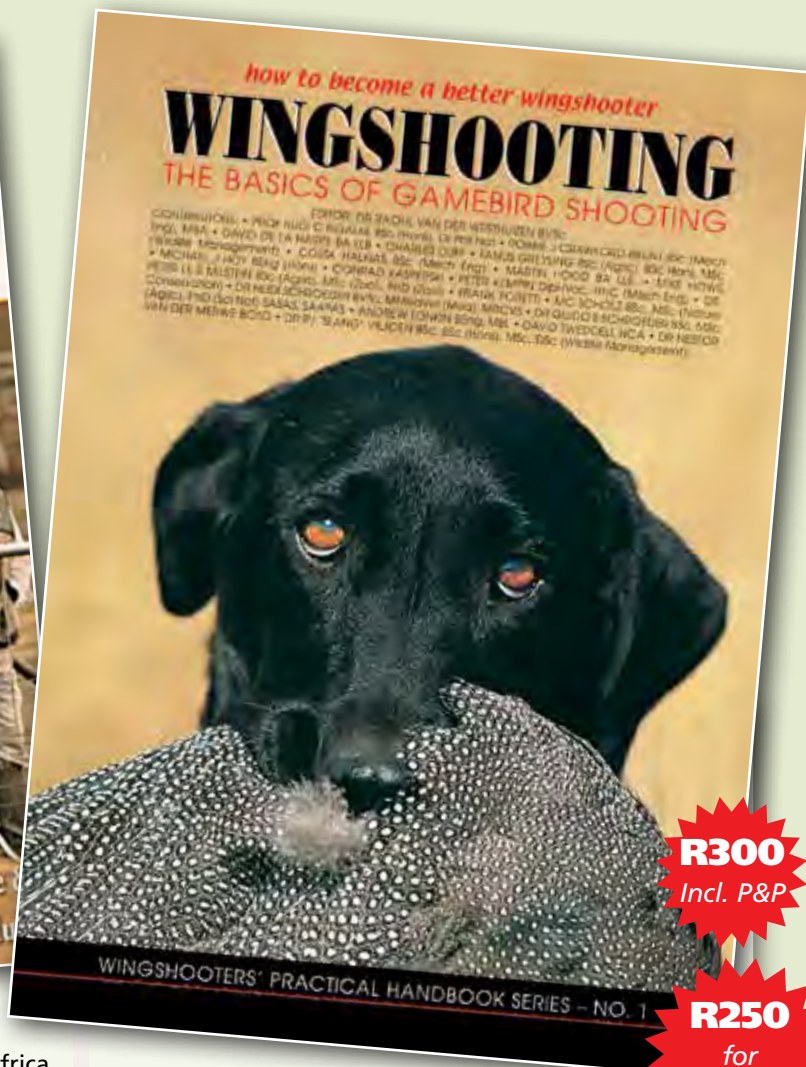
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