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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, 1 November 2019, 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 2019
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, Genl. John Lizamore, Mike Holman, Tony Hampson-Tindale, Graeme Milborrow, Roland Nöfke and Anton Jooste 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 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 be authorised by the proxy to attend the meetings of the Association and to participate therein whether he be a member of the Association or not.

The document appointing a proxy and the power of attorney or other authority, if there is one, by virtue of which it has been signed, or a copy of such a proxy certified by a Notary must be lodged at the registered office of the Association not later than forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting at which the person designated in the document wishes to vote, and in default thereof the document of proxy will not be regarded as valid. No document of proxy shall be valid upon expiry of six months after the date on which it was signed, unless specifically otherwise stated in the proxy and no proxy that could not have been exercised at the original meeting shall be valid at an adjourned meeting.

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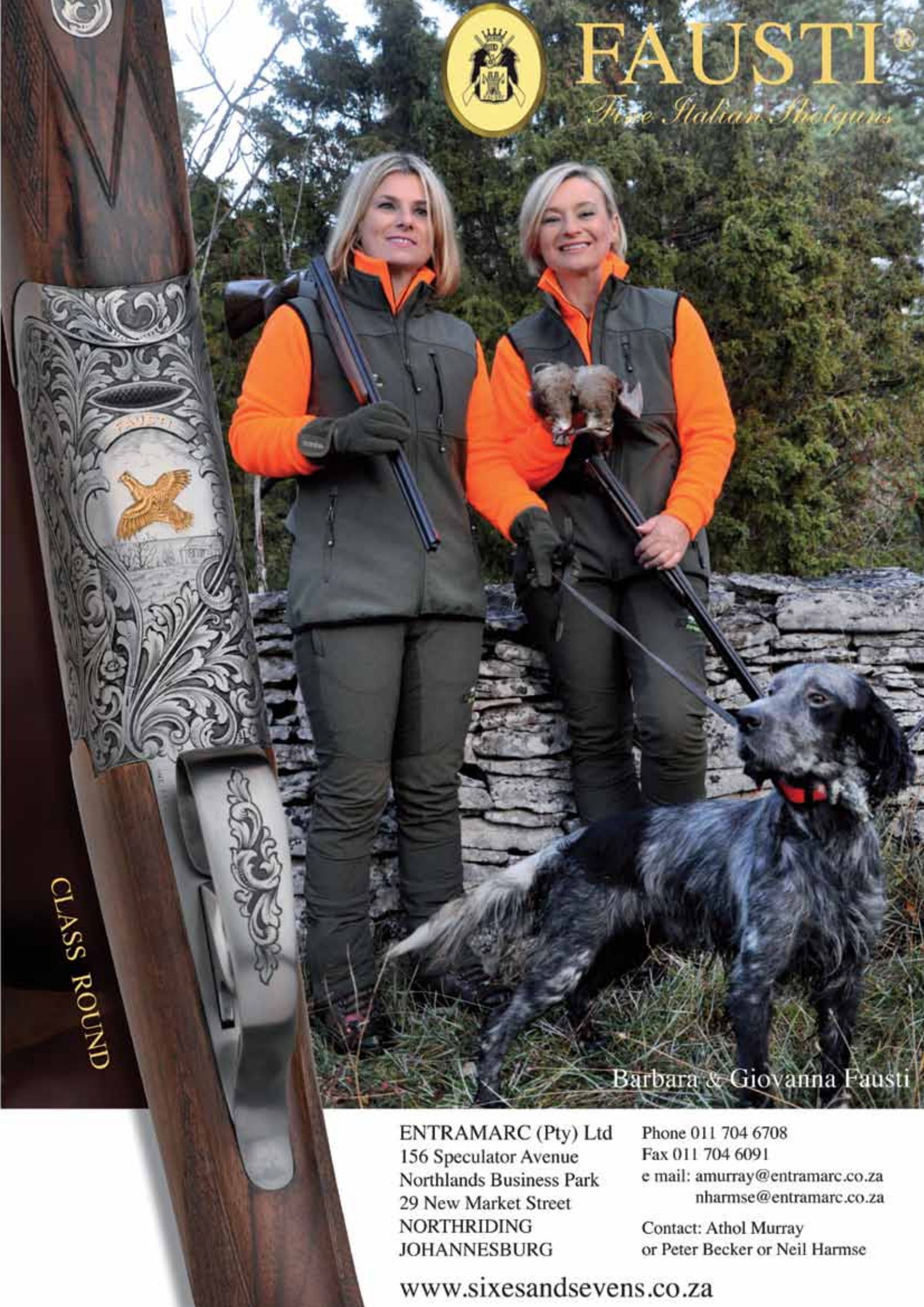
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Barrel Replacements

This year the SAPS-CFR suddenly halted the consideration and issuing of permits for barrel replacements. Barrels become shot out from many rounds of firing, especially when shot at too hot a temperature. The SAPS have been issuing permission for barrel replacement since inception of the new Firearms Control Act, until this year.

The Pretoria News reported "In a temporary reprieve for owners who need to have components of their firearms such as barrels replaced, the Gauteng High Court, Pretoria, ordered that the SAPS may not issue a blank refusal of permission



in this regard.

Acting Judge Anthony Millar issued an interim interdict preventing the police from implementing its policy decision of May 28 not to authorise the replacement of barrels.

The SAPS was ordered to accept and process all applications to replace barrels for licensed firearms and consider each application on its own merits. This order is pending a later application to review the decision by the police not to authorise the replacement of firearm barrels.

This application had been brought on an urgent basis by the South African Arms and Ammunition Dealers Association (*with financial support from associations such as SA Wingshooters, and others. - Ed.*) to safeguard the rights of all licensed firearms dealers, gunsmiths and manufacturers."

The logic is simple: Replace the barrel on the same firearm, destroy the old barrel, and you have an already licenced firearm with a new barrel. Therefore, the person does not need to buy, apply for and licence yet another firearm. One would

think it logical, if you were the SAPS, to authorise barrel replacement in lieu of having a citizen resort to buying another firearm, which then increases the number of firearms in the country. We are always open to and willing to assist the SAPS with anything, especially relating to firearms. In fact, we've offered it since 2004.

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Conservation & Research

— SA Wingshooters at the forefront in assisting Onderstepoort Veterinary Research



Wingshooting in Rustenburg. The team removes the entire digestive system of each bird and tie off all respective regions, so as to isolate parasites and store the samples for studying in the laboratory.

The team specifically studies parasitic helminths (worms) found in the birds, as well as focussing on ticks that live



During this season we assisted Dr. Kerstin Junker, a senior researcher in the field of parasitic helminths at the ARC-Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute, Prof Ray Jansen of TUT, and the team from Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute, with their parasite studies on game birds in South Africa.

SA Wingshooters first assisted Dr Junker in 2007, with sampling of Guineafowl at the various Free State shoots.

This year they collected bird samples on various shoots we arranged for them in Limpopo province and with NW

only on birds. These ticks do not bite or feed off humans and are bird ticks exclusively. Various gamebird species were carefully dissected, under the watchful eye, instruction and help of our in-house chicken specialist and SA Wingshooters member Marius Gericke. The entire digestive tract of each bird was carefully removed to keep it intact.

We will publish more on their findings when their study has been concluded, which should be in the next 20 months.

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We launched the first ever long range shooting club in 2013, as well as the first ever postal target shooting annual competition in the early 2000s. We also offer 3-gun and 2-gun sport target shooting for handguns and semi-auto (self-loading) and bolt rifles. We also exclusively offer rim-fire shooting at our PSBC (Precision Small-Bore Club), where we specialise in extended range target shooting at extremely small targets, some of which are as small as a quarter inch (6,35mm).



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.



We sold 767 provincial bird hunting licences on behalf of the provincial departments this year, of which Gauteng province sold the most at 304 licences, Free State 216, Mpumalanga 169, Eastern Cape 39 and KZN 39.

Since last year's report, no less than 239 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 to shoot Captain Debbie Odendaal,

who always volunteers to host shoots, even when she's 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.

I'd like to thank and welcome our newest executive committee member, Johan Opperman, who took over from Rudolf van der Westhuysen who resigned in October due to personal reasons. Thank you Rudolf for your many years of immeasurable service to the association. Your knowledge will be missed indeed and we are thankful that you are just a phone call away.

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 (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.

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

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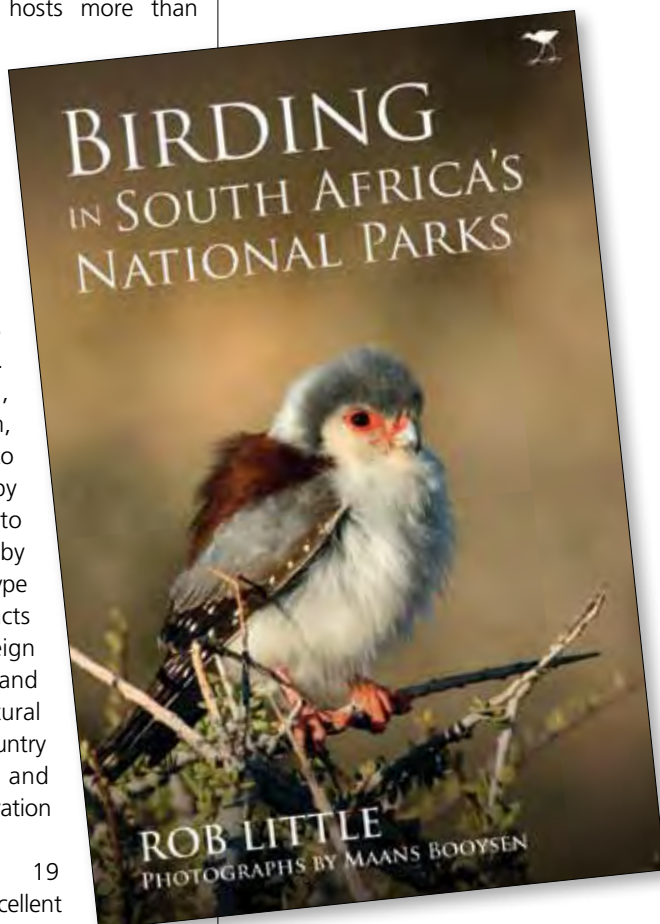
Birding in South Africa's National Parks

Southern Africa, south of the Zambezi and Cunene Rivers, hosts more than 950 bird species, of which more than 10% are endemic to the subregion. Avitourism, or travelling birdwatching, is growing in South Africa, with an influx of international tourists visiting southern Africa.

Ecotourism, including avitourism, has the potential to alleviate poverty by bringing money into the economy and by creating jobs. This type of ecotourism attracts domestic and foreign tourists to visit and experience the natural environments of a country while promoting and supporting the conservation of its biodiversity.

South Africa's 19 national parks offer excellent birding, with each park representing the habitat biomes that they respectively conserve. Of the 700 regularly seen terrestrial species in South Africa, at least 640 can be found in the 19 national parks, with 13 of the 18 species endemic to South Africa and another 19 of the 20 species endemic to South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland. A further 56 species are endemic to southern Africa, bringing the total number of southern African endemics found in the parks to 88 species. While the north-eastern parks are the most species-rich regarding birds, the south-western parks have the highest proportion of endemic bird species. It is no wonder then that 12 of the 19 national parks make up, or are contained within, a BirdLife South Africa Global Important Bird and Biodiversity Area.

Because of the conservation status and tranquil ambience of our national parks, many animals including birds are relaxed and quite accepting of the presence of visitors. Some birds can actually be fairly tame, such as the Cape spurfowl frequently



spotted amongst visitors at Geelbek restaurant in West Coast National Park, and the Natal spurfowl seen at many camps in the Kruger National Park.

Birding in South Africa's National Parks was published by Jacana Media (Pty) Ltd last year, ISBN 978-1-4314-2689-8. This is the first book dedicated to birding in South Africa's national parks. The book offers a concise introduction and summary of birding in the parks. Interesting facts about where to find birds, including the special birds of each park, and a description of general habitats, are presented in a readable fashion. All of the bird photographs in the book were taken by Maans Booysen,

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Twelve OR Twenty?



Way back in the good old days, in the midlands of Natal, it used to be that men shot twelve bore shotguns. The twenty was reserved for the odd woman who was occasionally seen on bird shoots, or for the fortunate youngster whose father had realised the formidable shortcomings of the .410 and got him a gun that actually patterned with enough shot to bring down birds.

by Charles Duff

photos by André van der Westhuizen

I remember back in the early 70s meeting my first adult male who used a twenty for everything. His abiding complaint was the trouble in getting a reliable source of cartridges with usable shot sizes and weights. This complaint was repeated by the solitary farmer's son who had been given a sixteen bore.

Certainly to come across either smaller bore guns or their ammuni-

tion in a gunshop was unusual, to say the least.

Today, however, the situation has changed, and undoubtedly for the better. Every manufacturer worth his salt makes a full range of barrel sizes because, once you have sold a man a field gun, a skeet gun and a sporter in twelve bore, what can you sell him next – another bore size being the obvious answer. So it is a good



Member Louise Swoboda with her 20ga at the official Singita venue.



idea for us to cover the pros and cons of the twelve

and the twenty. We will omit the sixteen as it is so close to the twelve that it would be really pointless to own both, unless you are a collector. The 28 gauge is in a rather special place to which we will come later. The fodder for all gauges is now much easier to get your hands on, except for the deeper recesses of some of the more benighted provinces; when in doubt you can always get it in Jo'burg.

Starting with the bore, this has always been the number of pure lead round balls of that diameter which weigh one British pound. Thus the 10 balls with a diameter of .775" weigh 1 pound, 12 balls of .729" likewise, 20 balls of .615" ditto and 28 balls of .550". Archaic, yes, but 19.69mm,

18.52mm, 15.62mm and 13.97mm do not conjure up any sort of a mental image! The .410" (10.41mm) is an aberration as the bore is just that, in terms of balls per pound it is a 67½ bore, not as so often encountered 36. To a large extent the bore size limits the maximum velocity at which the shot can be

driven at pre-determined chamber pressures, mainly due to friction of the shot charge inside its plastic wad against the walls of the barrel. For example the .410 3" shells have 1000ft/lbs higher pressure than a 12ga 2¾" cartridge at equivalent velocity.

The first difference in the guns was that the 20s were made much lighter than the 12s, normally between 1 and 1½lbs, thus easier to carry and to swing. This may not seem to be much of a gain, but believe me, by the end of a long warm day chasing after guinea fowl and francolin, every extra ounce counts, and the ammunition weighs less too.

Twenty-five 35gm 12ga cartridges weigh 1.22kg, in contrast twenty-five

of 24gm 20ga weigh 0.815kg or 33% less, a not inconsiderable difference.

Unfortunately in the over-and-under market there are all too many makers whose offerings weigh nearly as much as the 12bore. Some even use 12ga actions from which the slimmer barrels appear horribly out of place. It seems to me to be counter-intuitive to take a smaller bore gun and build it heavier and thus stronger until it weighs the same, or more, than the larger bored gun. However there is now a quite recent move by most major manufacturers to produce lightweight field 12ga O/U guns, which is to be recommended. But these are frequently lighter than the 20ga guns, just to confuse the picture. I have never come across a British 20bore side-by-side that weighed anywhere near as much as the equivalent 12bore.

The usual 20ga barrel length was at least 2" (5cm) shorter than the 12s – at 26" or 28" as opposed to 28" and 30" for the 12s. However there is a fashion trending towards ever longer barrels and 30" and 32" are being demanded today for the 20ga. Here I must say that the more sensible 20ga users of my acquaintance do agree that 32" is over the top, the only one that I know who is happy with his long barrelled gun is 6'5" tall, and well built. With the (open) gun over your arm, if the barrels catch on grass and low bushes, in my opinion they are too long for you. There is a definite correlation between a person's height and build and the length of a shotgun's barrels that he or she can successfully wield.

The difference in pellet spread is almost negligible between the 12, 20 and 28 gauges, after all the size differentials between the bores are microscopic – 0.114" (2.9mm) between 12ga and 20ga and 0.065" (1.65mm) between the 20ga and 28ga. But in the areas of the bores there quite a difference – the 12ga's being 2.70sq. cm and the 20's is 1.74sq. cm or 35% smaller and the 28's is 1.52sq. cm, 12.7% smaller than the 20ga and a whopping 43% less than the 120ga.

The effect of this on the length of the shot columns is obvious, and the

continued overleaf...

longer this column is, the less likely it is to pattern well.

The major factor in the dispersion of shot is the 'bore scrub' effect where, even though the pellets are ensconced inside the petals of a plastic wad, they still bump together and those at the base of the column are much affected by the explosion of the powder charge behind them. As the wad proceeds out of the chamber, through the forcing cone and into the barrel and then finally through the choke and out of the muzzle, those pellets on the outsides get malformed by the bore scrub, even through the sides of the wad. Both the forcing cone and the choke cause the pel-

average of just 6 pellets more.

However the length of the pellet 'mini-cloud' is different, shot stringing is more pronounced with the smaller bores, at 40yds the 12ga's shot string is +/- 10 feet (3.05m) while the 20ga's is around 12ft (3.66m) long and the 28ga's more like 13ft (3.97m).

Turning to velocities, to get the same muzzle velocity from the same weight of pellets, obviously more friction is encountered with a smaller bore, thus more powder is required. With equivalent gun weights this inevitably means more recoil. My 20ga gun firing 1oz loads subjectively recoils more than my Ultralite 12

($\frac{3}{4}$ oz) to 36gm (1 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz) in 'regular' 65mm and 70mm (2 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ "") cartridges; in 76mm (3") and 89mm (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ") cases up to 56gm (2oz) can be had, both requiring special chambers and proofing. The 20ga can be had with weights from 21gm to 28gm in 65 and 70mm cases and up to 36gm in 76mm cases. So, as you can see, the 12's standard range eclipses the 20s. Nowadays the 'standard' loads are accepted as 32gm (1 $\frac{1}{8}$ oz) for the 12ga and 24gm ($\frac{7}{8}$ oz) for the 20ga, both in 65mm or 70mm length cartridges.

Another less well known factor is that for every bore there is an optimum length of shot column to



The 12 gauge is the most versatile gauge by far

let column to reduce its diameter and the pellets jostle together. As an example, the 3" .410 cartridge has proportionately more pellets exposed to bore scrub than any other load, as a consequence of which most .410 guns are choked full and full, in an effort to keep the pellets reasonably close together enough to give half-way decent patterns.

From a cylindrical (unchoked) bore the pellets spread out at a rate of about 1" per yard, or 25mm per metre travel. Thus at 40yds (36.5m) the pattern diameter is about 3.33ft, or just over 1.1 metre. I have seen a test of 1oz (28gm) loads of No.6 shot fired through a 12ga and a 20ga with $\frac{1}{4}$ chokes at 25yds and the difference in pellet counts in a 30" circle between the 12ga and 20ga was an

bore which weighs 6oz (170g) less. In my book 28gm (1oz) is the maximum that you should go with a 20ga, heavier loads can be had, especially in the USA, but these are not user friendly at all unless you have a very heavy gun.

Looking into kinetic energy, it is a fact that a pellet fired from a 12ga has the identical striking power as the same sized one fired from a 20ga, provided that the muzzle velocities are the same and this applies to all the shotgun bores from 8ga down to .410.

However the larger the bore, usually the larger the weight of shot used though this has become clouded by the introduction of longer cartridges holding more shot. Today the 12 bore cartridges may be had from 21gm

supply superior even patterning. For the 12ga this is 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ oz (30.5gm) and for the 20ga 24gm. The extra 4gm ($\frac{1}{8}$ oz) in the 32g 12ga load hardly affecting the pattern spread. The moment the ratio of shot column length to diameter becomes disproportionate, the more likely it is to collapse and give widely disparate patterns. Thus a 36gm load in a 20ga is not a very clever idea, but with the advent of steel shot in the USA the idea of ever heavier loads has assumed idiotic proportions and regardless of the lack of pellet malformation with steel shot, trying to stuff 2oz of shot down a barrel made for half that cannot be a good idea. The patterns cannot be that impressive.

The smaller the bore, the less constriction is required to get the

equivalent choking effect, which is to remind you: full-70%, $\frac{3}{4}$ choke- 65%, $\frac{1}{2}$ choke- 60%, $\frac{1}{4}$ choke- 55 %, improved cylinder- 50% and cylinder- 40% of the pellets inside a 30" (76.2cm) circle at 40yds (36.6m).

The results of a comprehensive trial reported in the "Field" magazine in 2007 showed conclusively that the constricting effect of chokes reaches a maximum with Full choke (40thou) and Super full choke (45-50thou) had less effect regardless of size of shot or material – lead, steel, zinc and bismuth, both the pattern density and pellet counts were less.

Turning to the 28ga, this is a gun that should be at least half a pound or 1.1kg lighter than a 20ga, the ideal weight for a 28" barrelled O/U should be not more than 5½lbs. The equivalent S/S should be around 5lbs. Again, youngsters and women are usually better served by 26" barrelled guns. Cartridges in 65mm and 70mm are available and loads from 18gm ($\frac{5}{8}$ oz) to 28gm (1oz) are available. I find the 23-24gm loads are excellent for walked-up pointed game such as francolin.

Here it is advisable to obey the dictum 'the smaller the bore, the smaller the shot, and anything larger than 5s at the most is counter-productive as the pattern density suffers. Consider that the pellet count of an ounce of 6s has 55% more pellets than that of 4s and 25% more than 5s. The 28's secret is that, in loads of 21gm to 24gm its patterns are excellent and frequently better than those of the 20ga. Certainly it dovetails nicely into the light gun and ammo niche. There is a caveat however, it should not be used at ranges in excess of 35yds (32m).

Costs are always important and there's no denying that the smaller gauges' ammunition is considerably more than the twelve. Though the major cost component is that of the lead/antimony alloy used in shot, economies of scale come into play and until quite recently 12ga cartridges constituted 95% of all manufacture, the recent almost universal popularity of the 20ga has altered the ratio somewhat, but there's a long way to go before the cost of its lighter shot loads achieve to even parity with the 12ga's.

What does all of this mean? Well, if you weigh up all the above there's a good case to be made for having two 12ga guns, one a lightweight field gun in either S/S or O/U format and the other a 'standard' 12ga for clay and waterfowl shooting. This would certainly be the most economical choice. Another option would be the 'standard' 12ga and a 28ga, omitting the 20ga; while the choice of 12ga and a 20ga would be the choice of those who either prefer the steadiness intrinsic in heavier guns, or whose game shooting does not involve pounding after guinea-fowl all the live-long day!

That the 12ga is the most versatile is not to be questioned.



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

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

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

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

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

Clay Target Shooting – all members have access to Clay Target

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

Long Range Rifle Shooting – we have our own dedicated long range rifle shooting range in Gauteng, where members compete over shooting distances ranging from 400m to 1708m. 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 400m for self-loading rifles, with official division categories for calibres and types of rifles.

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

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

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

off by a range officer or club official.

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

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

The Long Range Shooting Club (LRSC) and the PSP (Postal Shooting Programme) are part of SA Wingshooters and are subject to its constitution, disciplinary codes and rules of ethical conduct.

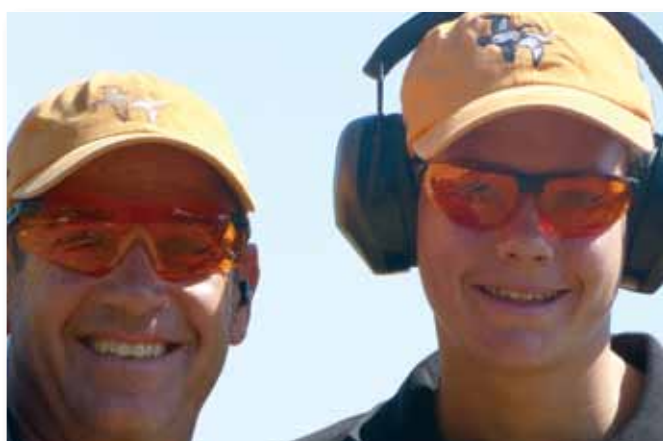
Lastly, as you know, the SA Wingshooters Association has R20-million liability insurance to cover the Association, with each individual member also having R20-million liability insurance as individual cover, for all shooting related activities.

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



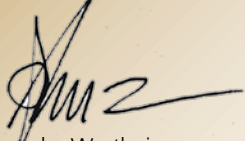


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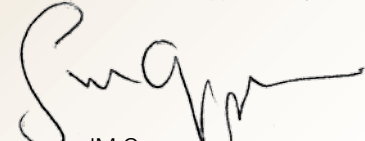


Executive Council's Approval

The annual financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2019 were approved by the Executive Council on 27 August 2019 and signed:



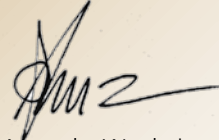
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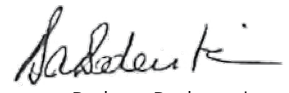
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Barbara Bodenstein
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Report of the Accountants to the members of the SA Wingshooters Association

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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 2019, 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
21 August 2019

Report by the Executive Council

Membership & Services

Currently (at date of this report), the Association has 2643 members who are "current" or "paid up". There are 51 members who are 30 days in arrears, 41 are 60 days in arrears, 47 are 90 days and 6 who are 91 Days plus – totaling 2788 members, a decrease of 110 members from 2898 of the previous year. A total of 239 new members joined at the date of this report, since the previous annual report. At the time of this report the LRSC has 104 paid up members and produced an income of R220,294 and the PSP has 245 current members.

During the year under review, competitions, shoots and licence fees produced an income of R210,074 compared to R229,444 in the previous financial year, a 8,44% decrease. More shoots were hosted at a slight loss to benefit members. 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 no mark-up to members and the entry fee is the same as quoted by the shooting range, caterers, etc. However, we will amend this going forward. Advertising income in the Wingshooter magazine amounted to R84,826 – a decrease of 38,13% from the previous year, directly reflective of our country's current economic recession.

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 far over 1000 organised shooting days during the year under review, and we plan to keep on offering venues to members. The LRSC has turned out to be very popular and this association has 104 members at the date of this report. The LRSC amounted an expenditure of R88,805 at the time of this report.

General Review

During the year under review, we expanded our sport shooting disciplines to include ALL types of sport shooting to cover all firearm types and uses. During that last quarter of 2018 and first quarter of 2019 the CFR went on a spate of refusing semi-auto rifles, which have since subsided due to industry pressure from all associations and the dealer association. The SAADA court case regarding barrel replacements was a success. We contributed financially to support this court case. A typical New Firearm Licence application for a manual firearm (not restricted semi-autos) takes between 60 and 90 working days to process, but we've had reports of many members who receive approvals in as little as 50 days. The old green licences remain valid, as per the court judgement by Judge Bill Prinsloo in 2009. However, our advice to members remain that you must renew your FCA Act 60 of 2000 white licence 90 before the expiry date on the card, as per the FCA. There is no finality regarding any person who holds an expired white licences regarding the late renewal of such. We will let members and the public know as soon as information becomes available.

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 the Hunters Forum and the SAPS-CFR Consultative Forum where all accredited hunting associations partake to assist and discuss all matters relating to firearms, licensing and hunting. Currently, the Executive Chairman of SA Wingshooters serves as Vice-Chairman of this forum. However, the SAPS-CFR Forum was put on hold, due to the SAPS-CFR not wishing to participate in the Forum at this stage. 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 corporate member and supporter of BirdLife South Africa and 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. 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. We would sincerely like to thank all members for their efforts over the past year to recruit new members.

Financial Results

We are a government registered non-profit organisation and SARS Public Benefit organisation. The income from membership subscriptions amounted to R2,946,131 during the year, an increase of R86,166. (3,01%) over the previous year. The total expenditure decreased by -2,85% (R97,718.), despite inflationary pressures to R3,335,288 to produce a modest surplus of R324,385. This was achieved thanks to the strong financial discipline of our Association's management, despite expanded membership services and benefits, such as offering official shoots below cost, 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 to the previous year. Our Funds increased to R1,855,947, which includes the Legal Action Fund of R66,076, 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 2019

	Notes	2019 R	2018 R
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	2	45 899	117 675
CURRENT ASSETS			
Accounts receivable		-	6 500
Deposits		14 434	10 561
Cash and cash equivalents	3,2	1 855 787	1 459 937
TOTAL ASSETS		1 916 120	1 594 673
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS			
		1 855 947	1 531 562
CURRENT LIABILITY			
Accounts payable		60 173	63 111
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		1 916 120	1 594 673

Statement of Income

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2019

	Note	2019 R	2018 R
INCOME		3 659 673	3 557 374
Advertising		84 826	137 100
Competitions, shoots and licenses		210 074	229 444
Donations received - legal action fund		990	1 009
Income from auction and sale of promotional items		27 911	24 029
Long range shooting program		220 294	182 013
Interest received		87 771	70 516
Membership fees		2 946 131	2 859 965
Postal shooting program		7 847	9 623
Training material and book sales		73 829	43 675
EXPENDITURE		3 335 288	3 433 006
Accounting fees		34 370	31 900
Advertising		2 564	9 590
Bank charges		7 633	6 579
BASC expenses and royalties		1 449	1 491
Cleaning		9 950	9 750
Competitions, shoots and licences		185 512	222 036
Computer expenses		35 841	38 213
Credit card commission		29 577	32 739
Depreciation	2	71 776	79 329
Donations		-	5 000
Entertainment and meetings		15 248	15 815
Huntex expenses		11 561	47 839
Insurance		102 988	103 376
Long range shooting program expenses		88 805	87 153
Management fees - administration services		1 336 352	1 336 352
Management fees - finance and bookkeeping		683 196	683 196
Motor vehicle expenses		100 042	81 641
Printing and stationery		216 019	260 346
Promotional items and prizes		31 770	5 500
Rent, electricity and water		78 000	76 000
Replacements		-	1 315
Secretarial and bookkeeping services		44 250	44 300
Security expenses		4 679	5 348
Staff refreshments		3 371	3 683
Subscriptions and membership		9 649	9 776
Telephone, courier, fax and postage		165 388	193 708
Travelling and accomodation		6 074	-
Wages		17 500	10 750
Website		40 374	30 281
Youth development fund expenses		1 350	-
Surplus of income over expenditure		<u>324 385</u>	<u>124 368</u>

Statement of Changes in Funds

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2019

	General funds R	Youth development fund R	Publishing revolving fund R	Legal action fund R	Total R
Balance at 1 March 2017	1 212 166	90 951	40 000	64 077	1 407 194
Net surplus for the prior year	124 368				124 368
Transfer to youth development fund	-	-			
Transfer to legal action fund	(1 009)			1 009	
Balance at 28 February 2018	1 335 525	90 951	40 000	65 086	1 531 562
Net surplus for the current year	324 385				324 385
Transfer from youth development fund	1 351	(1 351)			
Transfer to legal action fund	(990)			990	
Balance at 28 February 2019	1 660 271	89 600	40 000	66 076	1 855 947

Statement of Cash Flows

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2019

	Notes	2019 R	2018 R
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated by the activities of the association	3,1	308 079	123 639
Interest received		87 771	70 516
		<u>395 850</u>	<u>194 155</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	2	-	(6 450)
		<u>395 850</u>	<u>187 705</u>
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		1 459 937	1 272 232
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	3,2	<u>1 855 787</u>	<u>1 459 937</u>

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

28 FEBRUARY 2019

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 2019

2 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>2019</u> <u>Accumulated</u> <u>depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>2018</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	398 232	389 910	8 322	398 232	372 598	25 634
Computer software	91 086	91 067	19	91 086	86 386	4 700
Equipment	6 800	6 491	309	6 800	5 131	1 669
Furniture and fittings	12 529	12 521	8	12 529	12 521	8
Motor vehicles	220 270	197 579	22 691	220 270	153 525	66 745
Office equipment	44 735	30 185	14 550	44 735	25 816	18 919
Total	773 652	727 753	45 899	773 652	655 977	117 675

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	25 634	-	-	17 312	8 322
Computer software	4 700	-	-	4 681	19
Equipment	1 669	-	-	1 360	309
Furniture and fittings	8	-	-	-	8
Motor vehicles	66 745	-	-	44 054	22 691
Office equipment	18 919	-	-	4 369	14 550
Total	117 675	-	-	71 776	45 899

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements (continued)

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

28 FEBRUARY 2019

	2019 R	2018 R
3 NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT		
3,1 Cash generated by operations		
Surplus of income over expenditure	324 385	124 368
Adjustment for interest separately disclosed in the cash flow statement	<u>87 771</u>	<u>70 516</u>
	236 614	53 852
Adjustment for non cash flow item:		
Depreciation	<u>71 776</u>	<u>79 329</u>
	308 390	133 181
(Increase) Decrease in working capital	(311)	(9 542)
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	(2 938)	(6 518)
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable	6 500	(6 500)
(Increase) Decrease in deposits	<u>(3 873)</u>	<u>3 476</u>
	<u>308 079</u>	<u>123 639</u>
3,2 Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents included in the cash flow statement comprise the following:		
Cash at bank	509 548	408 203
Cash on hand	7 541	-
Funds on call	1 338 698	1 051 734
	<u>1 855 787</u>	<u>1 459 937</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...

Brad Smith with Drahthaar Ellie.



From left: John Harper, Steve Siebert, David Mattison and Roland Boesch (camera man) at a KZN shoot



Roux Struweg with his first ever dove in flight shot! Well done!



Above: Grant Harris and friends at the Riversonderend Community shoot.

Left: Dr. Enrico Maraschin's 'Gino' retrieving all day long at the Warmbad shoot.



Member Armen Kassardjian and family at the Gkhui Gkhui shoot in Northern Cape



Top: Oupa Jasper's 'Emma' at 4 months, pointing.

Above: Edwin Fichardt had a good morning's goose shoot.



Dean Stewart (left) and Andrew Lloyds-Ellis on a goose shoot in Western Cape

Below left, from left: Mark van Heeden, Troy van Heerden and Brian Gibbs with super Vizsla "Goose"!

Below: George Smith with Ellie in the Free State



Members on our Range



Dr. Mongezi Milela hitting the 1111 yard target all day long



André vd Westhuizen



Johann de Bruin getting into the zone before his 2-gun match.



Left: Charl Jacobs and Willem du Randt



Andrew Lillico engaging the 1230 yard target with the .260 Rem.

Winners of the 3-gun, 2-gun and 2-gun Bolt matches held on the multi-gun match day on 3 August: From left: Shaun Ellithorne, André van der Westhuizen, Marius Gericke, Bernard Cilliers & David Lillico



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Choosing your GSP the right way

Your choice of puppy should not be based on the beautiful colour of the puppy. It's a tad more involved than that...

by John Harper

photos: Leslie van der Merwe

John Harper's Pepper.
Photo by John Harper.



In 2011 I got an invite from a cousin of mine in the UK to come over and celebrate his 50th birthday with him.

The event was big and lasted a whole day and night. It kicked off with a driven shoot on pheasant and partridge for the men during the day whilst the women went off to a spa for some pampering. The day was rounded off with a lovely dinner dance in a marquee tent on his farm.

Knowing full well that I needed to acquire some shotgunning skills before I rubbed shoulders with these English gentlemen, I needed to get some basic guidance and knowledge of at least how to handle a shotgun and hopefully hit a bird or two. I approached a local friend of mine who without hesitation introduced me to SA Wingshooters and urged me to join. Now all of you reading this magazine know what benefits this organisation has to offer. The gun licence endorsements, the wingshooting opportunities nationwide and season calendar to go with. The dedicated hunters status and not to mention the most invaluable, the Wingshooting – Complete Handbook on shotgunning and wingshooting book by SA Wingshooters. The quarterly *Wingshooters* magazine which you are now reading.

Full of excitement and enthusiasm I joined, studied the handbook carefully, went for a few lessons down at the local clay shooting range and off to the United Kingdom I went. Well the experience was mindblowing and to tell it over would take another whole article. But this is not why I'm writing this.

When I returned, the first thing I did was start looking for a shotgun. Not a 95 000 pound Sterling hand-made Purdey but a good hardwork-

ing over and under for our hunting terrain. Now I've got a gun, some kit and I'm off to cut my teeth on some local birdshoots. The bug has bitten but something is missing. How can any bird hunter be complete without a hunting companion? Someone to find the birds, show you where they are and fetch them for you out of thick cover when you lost sight of



them going down.

Now, I wanted the most versatile gundog in SA, a German Shorthaired Pointer. Back to the handbook! Chapter 5, *How to pick a puppy*. An article written by Dr Slang Viljoen in which he clearly states "You don't choose the dog, you choose the parents." The article insist on both parents having passed the Natural Ability Test. "Nah, this all sounds too com-

plicated, surely like in thoroughbred horses you must get a dud now and again so what's wrong with just getting a pedigreed, registered GSP", I thought?

So I grab a newspaper, and look for GSPs for sale. Found some, and the price seems okay, inoculated and microchipped, nothing wrong!

So the wife and I are off to some arbitrary "breeder" a few kilometres out of town and there we find the GSP pup we were hoping for. A little liver and white tick bitch with the most gorgeous face. This is it! This is our dog. And we're going to call her "Pepper".

Her parents don't have natural ability papers but the farmer assures me "They are good hunters".

Now from chatting to some friends I realised that such a dog needs training to bring out its hunting potential to the fullest. I had no clue where to start looking so, back to basics, ask SA Wingshooters. It was here that they pointed me in the direction of the closest club to me, The TVL HPR Field trial club. I was so excited and dedicated to puppy training, which started the last week in March, that I actually passed on a fully paid trip to the Hong Kong 7's rugby.

There we were in the middle of chaos, forty to fifty odd GSPs running riot! Pepper's a hot young chick and gets loads of attention from all the males. We're pretty chuffed! She, not so chuffed!

It wasn't long before we realised that we had acquired ourselves something that came close to a sidewinder missile that's internal guidance system had collapsed. Birds? What birds? Dad! Check those cows 4 km's away! Woohoo! ...See you!

Fortunately after some time, the energy wore off and she became a lot

continued overleaf...

more manageable. A swim at the end of the session rounded it off nicely.

Move on now to October, puppy stakes and natural ability tests. Well, Pepper still found the cows more attractive than looking for birds so needless to say she came just short of being disqualified. Natural ability went a lot better. She passed all but the pointing test but, she was still young and there was still time for the "switch to be flicked".

Field hunting was a bit different, Pepper was not the most disciplined

little "Plot Girl" due to her rural origin. She would smell the sunblock being applied at 4 am and would go wild with excitement because she knew it was hunting time! She short circuited to the smell of cordite and spent many a hour on the chair up in the gunroom, fast asleep while I cleaned the guns. She taught us humility in the home and showed us new found respect and love for these talented animals.

At the age of three, she was sitting to the sound of a gun being snapped

in a hurry. Do your research properly, put your name down with a reputable breeder or better still – join your nearest field trial club and approach their committee for guidance.

If at all possible, get your hands on the recently published book by the TVL HPR Field trial club's 30 Years of GSP's in South Africa. It is bursting with information, facts, stories and accounts of real GSP owners nationwide.

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dog, not from lack of training but from the lack of breeding in the parents. She had the most amazingly keen nose and could find a wounded or dead bird just about anywhere. I had to be choosy who I went hunting with because by GSP standards she might have proved to be a bit of a menace.

The pointing was still not perfect and more birds got bumped than I care to imagine. But this did not bother me too much, she was my hunting companion, we loved her unconditionally and she contributed more to the hunt than I could ever achieve on my own. She was pretty and drew interest from many a fellow gun, hunting keenly through long grass with her little pink collar.

She was fondly referred to as our

shut and her eyes keenly scanning the terrain. Towards the end of last season, we were out at Grootfontein on a rough shoot. Pepper was on a leash due to the danger of warthogs but at one point she was straining so that I had to unclip her. Right there, right then, ten metres away from me she went into a textbook point on a Francolin that was sitting tight in some cover. She had arrived! I was in raptures to say the least. I drove home that night a happy man.

In October of 2016 at the tender age of three years and four months, she was diagnosed with lymph cancer and we had to mercifully put her down. Now to the reason for the article...

If you want a hunting dog and you particularly want a GSP. Don't be

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New Spurfowls & Francolins



by Dr Rob Little, FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, UCT

Gamebirds have provided humans with sporting quarry for centuries and have been domesticated for food production and for ornamental aviculture. Terrestrial gamebirds have representatives on all continents except Antarctica and occupy the second oldest branch of the avian evolutionary tree, after ostrich-like birds.

The nine major groups of terrestrial gamebirds; megapodes, cracids, guineafowls, grouse, turkeys, pheasants, partridges (including francolins and spurfowls), Old World and New World quails are placed in the avian taxonomic order Galliformes. Pheasants, partridges, quails, spur-

fowls and francolins are not natural evolutionary groups but rather mosaics of evolutionarily unrelated species. Even the wild ancestor of the domestic chicken, the Junglefowl, has been moved on the gamebird evolutionary tree from being with the pheasants to a branch including a mix of 'francolins' and 'partridges'.

Cranch's Spurfowl *Pternistis cranchii* photographed in Lake Mburu National Park, Uganda.
Photograph by: Cliff Dorse



Left: Rufous-throated Francolin *Scleroptila whytei* photographed in the Kasanka National Park, Zambia. Photograph by: Maans Booysen

The distinction between partridge-like francolins related to Asiatic *Francolinus* species and pheasant-like spurfowls is apparent in their plumage, escape flight behaviour and vocalisations. Francolins have quail-like upper parts while spurfowls have streaked or vermiculated back feathers. Francolins typically crouch and sit tight before flushing when disturbed while spurfowls tend to run for cover. Francolins also have musical whistling calls while spurfowls have raucous crowing or cackling calls. Until relatively recently, all 41 species of spurfowls and francolins (36 African & five Asiatic) were lumped into a single genus, *Francolinus*, but divided among seven groups.

However, the hypothesised monophyly of the genus *Francolinus* was rejected resulting in the split into two lineages, 'true francolins' and spurfowls. Anatomical and genetic research confirms that 'francolins' and 'spurfowls' are distantly related evolutionary groupings. They are now accepted as the francolins, including the spotted, striated, red-tailed and red-winged groups, and the spurfowls, including the bare-throated, montane, scaly and vermiculated groups.

African francolins are more closely related to the Asiatic francolins, the Junglefowl and the Bamboo Partridge. Since they link with Asiatic francolins, including the Black Francolin, which was the first francolin described

to science, they have retained the common English name 'francolin'. Whereas spurfowls group with quails and a range of 'partridges' from the Northern Hemisphere. The common English name 'spurfowl' was already used for the Yellow-necked Spurfowl of East Africa, which is a member of the bare-throated group.

Recent research by a team from the FitzPatrick Institute of African Ornithology, UCT, and the University of California, Berkeley, based on morpho-behavioural evidence and new evidence from genetic analyses tested the classification of spurfowls and francolins. Some exciting and long-awaited results have set the records straight.

For the spurfowls we recommend the recognition of only one genus, *Pternistis*, and the use of "spurfowl" as its collective common name. The proposed new system recognizes 25 species, up from 23 species, elevating two subspecies (*schuetti* and *cranchii*) to species level and reduces the number of subspecies from 59 to 16 (see information box).

For the francolins we recognise five genera: *Francolinus*, *Ortygornis*, *Afrocolinus*, *Peliperdix* and *Scleroptila* and propose that they should be referred to commonly as "francolins". The proposed new system recognizes 31 species, up from 17 species, elevating 14 subspecies to species level (*Ortygornis grantii*, *O. rosvuma*, *Peliperdix dewittei*, *P. hubbardi*, *P.*

thikae, *P. stuhlmanni*, *P. maharao*, *P. spinetorum*, *Scleroptila crawshayi*, *S. elgonensis*, *S. gutturalis*, *S. jugularis*, *S. uluensis*, *S. whytei*) and lumping other subspecies into more inclusive entities. We recognise 14 subspecies in contrast to 52 previous subspecies.

Amongst the spurfowls, the Scaly Spurfowl subspecies *Pternistis squamatus schuetti* has been elevated to a full species, now known as *Schuett's Spurfowl* *P. schuetti*, which occurs in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) extending east to Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi. It resembles the Scaly Spurfowl, but is less vermiculated overall, and the scaly pattern on the lower neck is less clearly defined, each feather has a deep red-brown centre. Somewhat surprisingly its closest relative is the Grey-striped Spurfowl of Angola.

The other is the Red-necked Spurfowl subspecies *P. afer cranchii* which has been elevated to a full species, now known as *Cranch's Spurfowl* *P. cranchii*. This less distinctly marked 'new species' is distributed across the southern DRC, northern Angola, northern Zambia, Malawi, western Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda. While the Red-necked Spurfowl with subspecies *P. a. afer*, *humboldtii* and *castaneiventris* are distributed along the lower Cunene River bordering Namibia and Angola in the west, and down eastern Tanzania, Mozambique and eastern South Africa in the east.

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Information box

New spurfowl and francolin species	
Scientific name	Common English name
Scaly Spurfowls	
<i>Pternistis schuetti</i>	Schuett's Spurfowl
Bare-throated Spurfowls	
<i>P. cranchii</i>	Cranch's Spurfowl
Striated Francolins	
<i>Ortygornis grantii</i>	Grant's Francolin
<i>O. rosvuma</i>	Kirk's Francolin
Red-tailed Francolins	
<i>Peliperdix dewitiei</i>	Chestnut-breasted Francolin
<i>P. spinetorum</i>	Pale-bellied Francolin
<i>P. maharao</i>	Bar-bellied Francolin
<i>P. hubbardi</i>	Plain-bellied Francolin
<i>P. thikae</i>	Thika Francolin
<i>P. stuhlmanni</i>	Stuhlmann's Francolin
Red-winged Francolins	
<i>Scleroptila crawshayi</i>	Crawshay's Francolin
<i>S. elgonensis</i>	Elgon Francolin
<i>S. gutturalis</i>	Archer's Francolin
<i>S. jugularis</i>	Kunene Francolin
<i>S. uluensis</i>	Ulu Francolin
<i>S. whytei</i>	Rufous-throated Francolin

The previously unplaced Nahan's Francolin is neither a spurfowl nor a francolin but is rather a sister species to the Stone Partridge. Even more surprising is that these two African 'partridges' are relatives of the New World Quails and thus are now placed in their own subfamily, Ptilopachinae.

The francolins have received an interesting reshuffle with a new genus *Afrocolinus* being assigned for Latham's Francolin which was previously unplaced and is now assigned as a distinct species basal to the Red-tailed francolins (*Peliperdix* spp.). Another interesting shuffle is the shifting of Ring-necked Francolin from the Striated francolin group to a basal position within the Red-winged francolins, *Scleroptila* spp. The 14 previously recognised francolin subspecies now elevated to full species level are listed with common English names in the information box.

The bantam-like Crested Francolin is designated a new genus, *Ortygornis*, and split into three species. The Crested Francolin *O. sephaena* is now confined to the band across southern Angola, north-

Male Plain-bellied Francolin *Peliperdix hubbardi* photographed in Kenya.
Photograph by: Jacques Pitteloud



ern Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe and north-eastern South Africa. The new Kirk's Francolin *O. rosvuma* has a subspecies *O. r. rosvuma* in Tanzania and Mozambique and another subspecies *O. r. spilogas-ter* in eastern Ethiopia, Somalia and north-eastern Kenya. The third spe-

cies Grant's Francolin *O. grantii* is found in southern Sudan, western Ethiopia to north-central Tanzania.

The Orange River Francolin also offers a new species, the Kunene Francolin *Scleroptila jugularis* in southern Angola and northern Namibia, while the Orange River Francolin is now confined as two subspecies *S. levalliantoides levalliantoides* and *S. l. pallidior* in South Africa and Botswana, respectively.

The closely related Archer's Francolin *S. gutturalis* in East Africa is supported as a full species. The new Crawshay's Francolin *S. crawshayi* from north of the Zambezi River is elevated from being a subspecies of the Red-winged Francolin *S. levalliantii*.

The previous Coqui Francolin group has five newly elevated species, namely Pale-bellied Francolin *Peliperdix spinetorum*, Bar-bellied Francolin *P. maharao*, Plain-bellied Francolin *P. hubbardi*, Thika Francolin *P. thikae* and Stuhlmann's Francolin *P. stuhlmanni*. While the Coqui Francolin retains four subspecies *P. coqui coqui*, *ruahdae*, *vernayi* and *kasaicus*.

Other francolin changes see Chestnut-breasted Francolin *Peliperdix dewitiei* elevated from being a subspecies of White-throated Francolin *P. albogularis*, Elgon Francolin *Scleroptila elgonensis* elevated from Moorland Francolin *S. psilolaema*, and both Ulu Francolin *S. uluensis* and Rufous-throated Francolin *S. whytei* elevated from Shelley's Francolin *S. shelleyi*.

The good news for wingshooters in southern Africa is that there are now three new species for the sub-region, Kunene Francolin in northern Namibia, Kirk's Francolin in central Mozambique and Stuhlmann's Francolin in central to northeast Zimbabwe and Mozambique. While the Orange River and Red-winged Francolins also become southern African endemics.

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

Consider a forty-yard, full-crossing target. We decide where we intend to shoot the target on its trajectory, carefully set ourselves up for the shot, call for the shot, see what we think is the required sight picture, and trigger the shot, but see the target does not break.

What went wrong? We triggered the shot as the target was in the transitional phase, and by the time the shot column reached it, energy was bleeding off and it was already dropping.

Our shot column went harmlessly over the top. It happens far more than you think, even on apparently easy targets. On long crossing shots, the problem is magnified because the shot column takes so much longer to reach the target. The solution is to take the target before it transitions, or if that is not an option, do anticipate the transition and allow for it.

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

The big problem is with birds flying into the wind. They may seem to be barely moving, and the shooter's tendency is to provide very little forward allowance. But the shot load is being drifted one way and the bird is flying the other. Here it is imperative to remember that although the bird's ground speed is slow, his air speed is probably not. Additional forward allowance should be given.

It's difficult to do, but I've found it helps me to concentrate on trying to lead one of those slow-moving upwind birds about the same as I would as if he were flying at normal speed at the yardage. This



helps compensate for drift of the shot load, but it's tricky because less compensation is required at close range than long range.

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

Have a specific goal for each practice session. You can only improve when you have isolated the problem. Find out what you can't do, and practice it. People often practice their strengths, not their weaknesses.

The only way you're going to get better is through failure, so go out and make your weaknesses your strengths.

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

Shooting out of rhythm means breaking or missing the targets at inconsistent distances. This sloppiness will generally produce missed targets. If you're ready for the target when you call, and you already know where to break the target, this disorder will dissolve.

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

If you're left-handed, you want to be

on the right side of the covey flush for the best possible swing-through. And vice-versa if you're right-handed.

– Kevin Kelly, expert in the art of bobwhite quail hunting. He owns Kevin's Fine Outdoor Gear and Apparel.

Concentration must be managed. Watch the targets of your squad mates, but only begin to really concentrate on the one immediately preceding yours. When your turn arrives, get on with it and shoot.

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

The thing about the rabbit [target] is that it's very deceiving because you get a lot of input from the background. The thing is, every time the rabbit hits the ground it goes a little bit slower, so what you really need to be aware of here is that it's easy to be too far in front of a rabbit.

What we're going to use here is the swing through method, because every time that rabbit hits the ground it creates a little bit of friction and it slows it down. The swing through allows us to come through the rabbit at a comfortable pace.

– This tip came from the DVD *“Andy Duffy's Approach to Winning Big in Sporting Clays.”*

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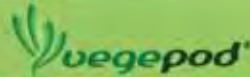
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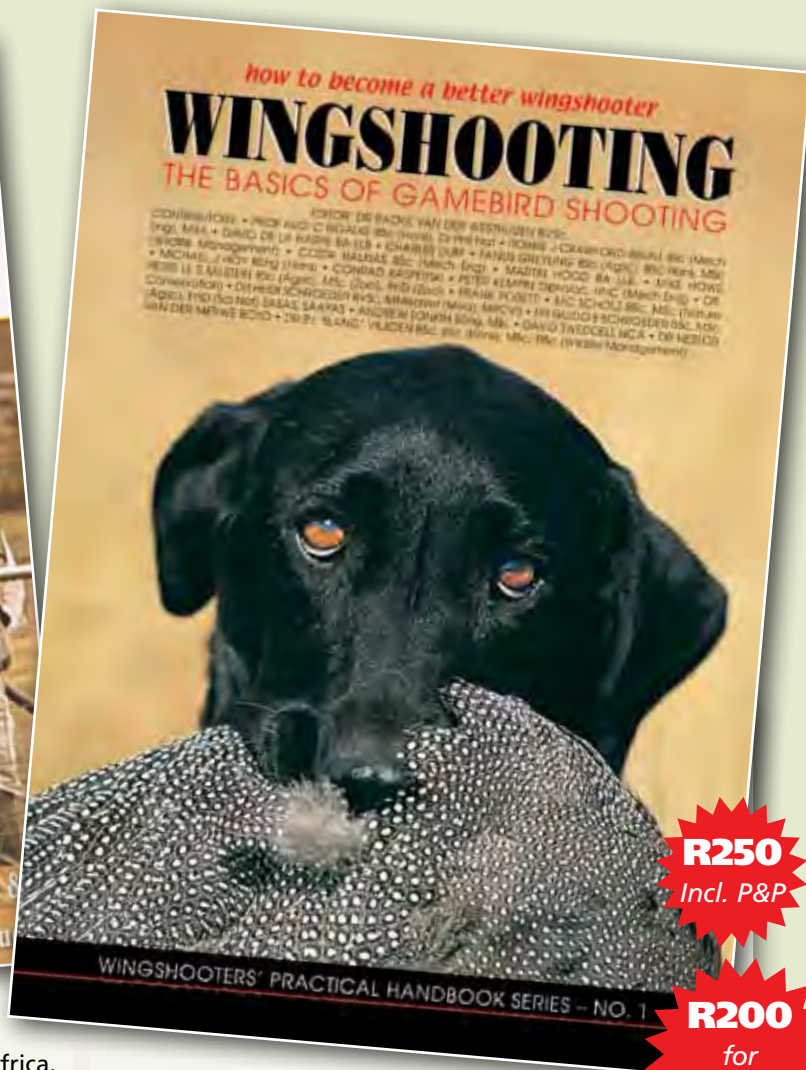
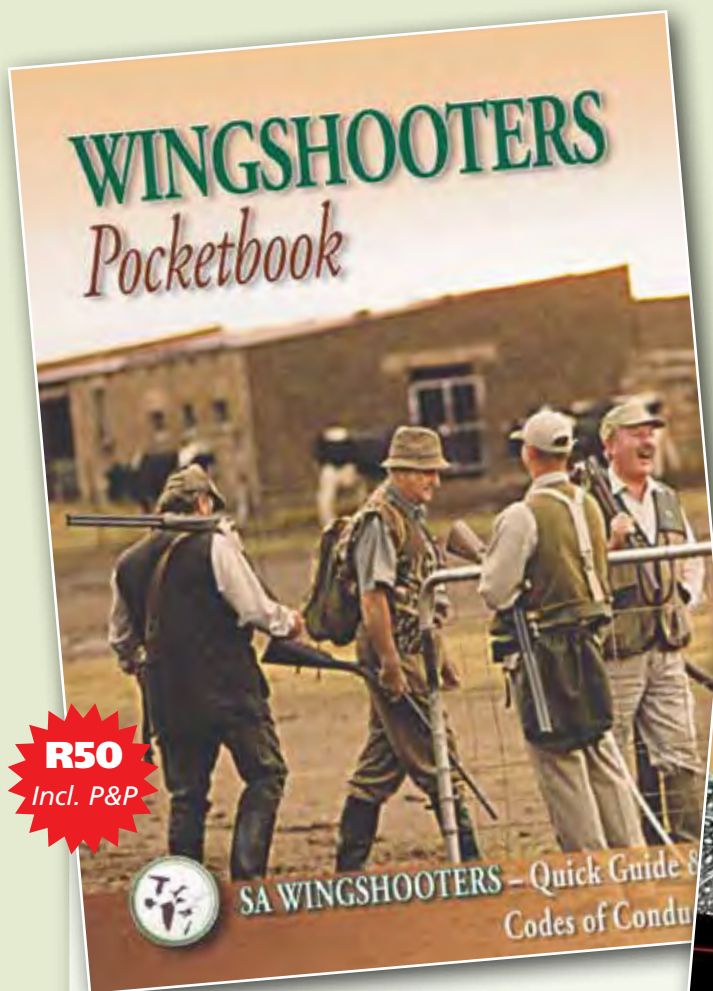
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