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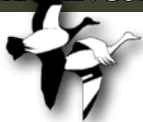
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A WORD IN YOUR EAR



Our 25th Anniversary this year...

Twenty-five years ago the SA Wingshooters was started by the late Dr Raoul van der Westhuizen. There was an SA Wingshooters in existence before 1995, which was started by Frank Poretti in 1983 – hence our logo reflecting that initial date in honour and respect for Mr Frank Poretti, a wingshooting and pointer field trial legend in South Africa. This first club faded away in the late eighties, unfortunately.

Today twenty-five years down the line, we have grown and expanded in every way to where we are today. From a small group of enthusiast back then, to a police-accredited association, focused on the enjoyable and superb cultural activity of wingshooting, shotgunning and more. In fact, we now cater for all hunting and sport shooting enthusiasts in one association.

Thank you to all the members who supported us through the last 25 years, especially the club 30 founder members and Life members, and those remaining 64 members who joined us in 1995 and who are still members today! Your support is truly appreciated! We will be making a special 25th Anniversary cap, which we will make throughout the course of the year.

We thought it a splendid idea to give away some cash this year, and we're running a 'Member Get A Member' campaign. You, as introducer, get a new member to sign up with full membership and both of you stand a chance to win R10,000 each! What is even better, is that the more new members you recruit, the better your chances. For every new member you sign up, you receive one entry in to the lucky draw.

This year's hunting calendar is full of shoots, and includes a few new venues. We're also offering a fun clay shoot on 4 April as well as many other shooting events and hunts. I hope you enjoy the year with us.

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Conservation & Research SA Wingshooters assisting Onderstepoort Veterinary Research Update...

In the *Wingshooter* Volume 25, Number 3 – 2019 edition, we reported on the assistance we are providing Dr. Kerstin Junker and her team.

Below is some initial feedback about what they have found in the game birds to date and how things are progressing.

"We have worked through all the gastrointestinal tracts of the birds we collected last year and have recovered the helminths from the crop, proventriculus, gizzard, small intestine and caeca.

For now, we have identified and counted the helminths of the 32 Swainson's spurfowl, three Crested francolin, two Natal spurfowl and the single Harlequin quail shot during the shoot of the Springbok Flats Farmers Association in the Settlers district on 15 June 2019 (a total of 958 nematodes and 369 trematodes recovered from these birds; cestodes not yet processed). We still need to work through the helminths recovered from the nine Swainson's spurfowl and 26 Helmeted guineafowls collected in Rustenburg (17 July 2019) as well as the second lot collected from the Settlers district (27 July 2019, Bela-Bela), which yielded one Crested francolin, seven Helmeted guineafowls and 37 Swainson's spurfowl.

The Swainson's spurfowl from the Springbok Flats shoot harboured 10 nematode species: *Gongylonema congolense* (crop); *Tetrameres numida* and *Tetrameres swainsonii* (proventriculus); *Acuaria gruvelli*, *Cyrtocerca eurycerca*, *Cyrtocerca parroti*, *Dispharynx nasuta*, *Stellocaronema* sp. (gizzard); *Allodapa dentigera* and *Allodapa suctorior* (caeca). A single trematode species, *Echinoparyphium* sp., was found in the small intestine of two of these birds. Nematode species richness ranged from one to six species per host, with a single host uninfected. Four of the nematode species (*C. eurycerca*, *D. nasuta*, *Stellocaronema* sp. and *T. numida*) as well



as the trematode are new parasite records for Swainson's spurfowl.

Helminths collected from the remaining host species were subsets of the helminth fauna of Swainson's spurfowl, but since we only had very few hosts to work on, absence of helminths from these hosts could simply reflect a lack of data at this stage. The most prevalent (prevalence: percentage of hosts infected with a given parasite species) and abundant ($\pm$ Standard Error; mean abundance: total number of individuals of a given parasite species divided by the total number of hosts examined, i.e. infected and uninfected) nematode in Swainson's spurfowl was the generalist *Allodapa suctorior* (93.75% and 17.19 ± 4.56 , respectively), followed by *A. gruvelli* (75% and 3.78 ± 0.57 , respectively). Both parasites use grasshoppers and beetles as intermediate hosts. Nematodes were twice as abundant in adult ($n = 20$) as in juvenile birds ($n = 12$), probably because of a higher chance of exposure to infective stages as a function of time.

We also collected cestodes, but have not yet identified those. While the nematodes were largely in good condition, irrespective of how early in the day the birds had been shot, the cestodes are severely contracted, because we could not spend time to isolate and carefully relax them prior to fixation. We will have to see if we can eventually identify them to genus or species level, or if we will just use presence/

absence data for the cestodes. What we can say though, is that the prevalence of cestodes was distinctly higher in juveniles (75%) than in adults (10%), likely due to a diet higher in arthropods. Crowe (2000) have shown that arthropods form a greater proportion of the diet of, for example, first-year Helmeted guineafowl.

It will be interesting to compare our results from Swainson's spurfowl to those of Helmeted guineafowl at the two sites where we were able to obtain both hosts. In Helmeted guineafowl from the Free State Province (Davies et al. 2008), *C. parroti* was distinctly more prevalent than its congener *C. eurycerca*, suggesting that Helmeted guineafowl are more susceptible to infection with the former parasite. Conversely, in Swainson's spurfowl from Settlers, *C. eurycerca* was more prevalent (25%) than *C. parroti* (6%), suggesting that Swainson's spurfowl might be a more suitable host for *C. eurycerca*.

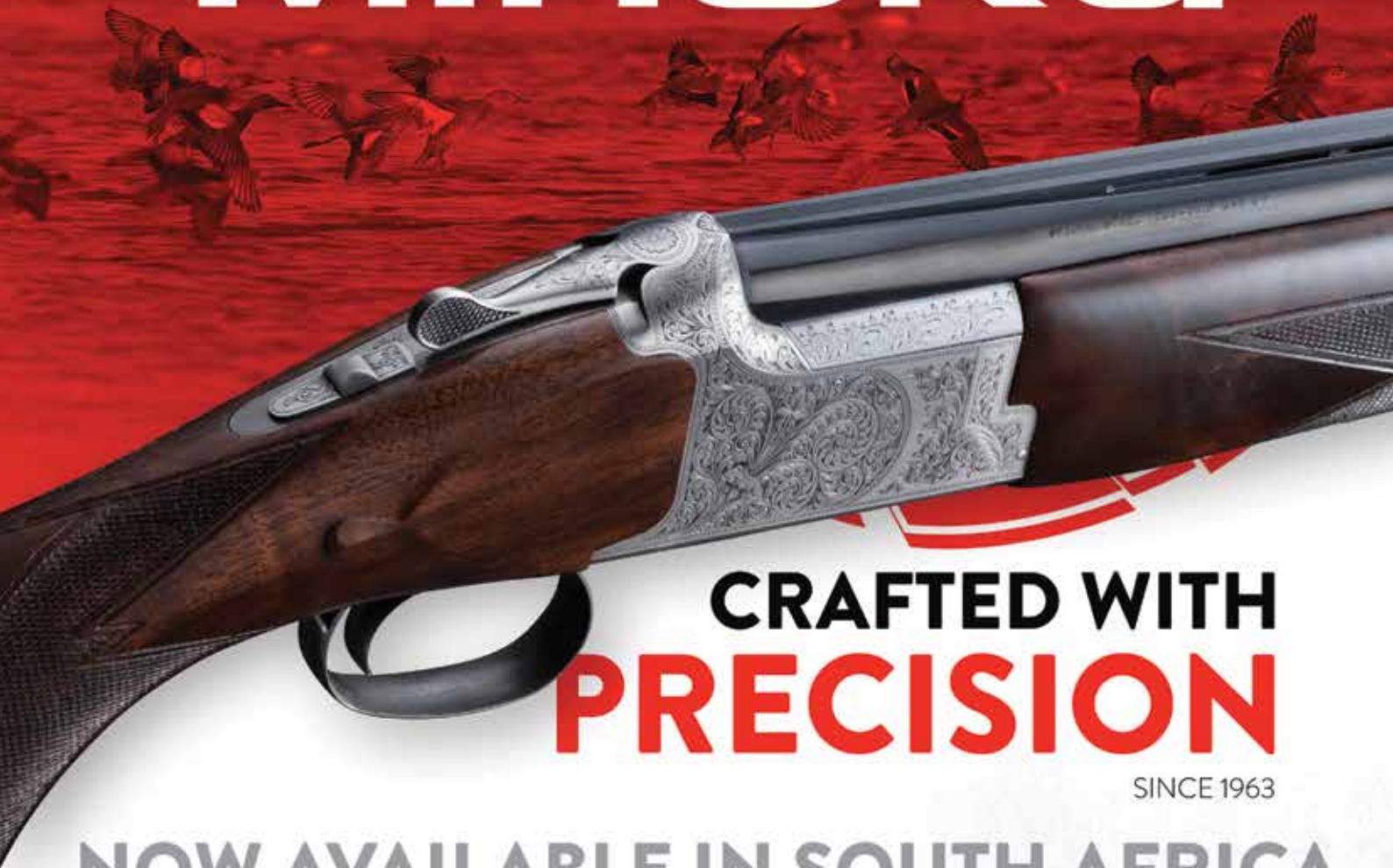
In addition, concerning Swainson's spurfowl, the picture emerging from the birds shot in Settlers is somewhat different from that based on the five birds collected in the Free State Province (Davies et al. 2008). This again emphasises the importance of being able to examine larger number of birds as well as from a wider geographic range in order to get a true representation of the helminth fauna of these terrestrial game birds. For example, *T. numida* was absent in birds from the Free State, but was present in birds from the Settlers district (Limpopo), albeit with a low prevalence of 6%. *Allodapa suctorior* (as *Subulura suctorior*) had a prevalence of 20% in birds from the Free State, but was the most prevalent nematode in the birds from Settlers.

Anyway, for now, these are preliminary results, but I am sure that once we have worked through all the materials collected and have done our proper analyses, we will have an interesting story to write up. To start, we intend to present our current set of data at the International Congress on Parasites of Wildlife at Skukuza in September 2020.

From all of us on the team, thank you so much again for all your help and assistance with making these collections possible!

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collections this year. This year, we would again ask for bird samples for further testing.

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— Kerstin Junker, PhD
Parasitic Helminths

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Joint statement by the Directors of the UK's leading shotgun cartridge manufacturers.

Friday 28th February 2020

From: Rodrigo Crespo of Eley Hawk, Paul James of Gamebore, David Bontoft of Hull Cartridge and Roger Hurley of Lyalvale Express.

We, the UK's leading shotgun cartridge manufacturers, hereby address the announcement made by BASC and other organisations on Monday 24th February, stating their "wish to see an end to both lead and single-use plastics in ammunition used by those taking all live quarry with shotguns within five years".

Firstly, BASC and their fellow organisations had NO consultation with the UK cartridge manufacturers prior to the announcement being made. The UK manufacturers have now discussed the matter collectively. We believe the organisations have looked at a limited amount of products and assumed that these are a viable answer to the issue at hand. Unfortunately, this is not the case.

This is a major concern to us for a number of reasons, reasons we would have

explained to the organisations prior to the publication of their announcement, had we been given the opportunity to do so.

Europe is currently experiencing a steel shot shortage. A move from lead to steel shot for the majority of UK's shotgun ammunition will inevitably put more pressure on the market for raw material. This would create further shortages in the short term and push up the price as the steel shot industry invests to increase capacity.

The examples of overseas markets successfully transitioned to steel shot such as Denmark and the USA waterfowling sector, should not be used as proof of a solution. This is because the steel loads used in these markets in any significant volume are loaded with plastic wads. In addition to this, the US and Danish regulations allow steel cartridges to be loaded to a much higher level of performance than here in the UK, to increase the lethality of the pellet.

Limitations to performance levels of steel ammunition currently allowed in the UK mean that we are already facing tougher challenges when developing an effective steel load compared to those used overseas. Couple this with the move away from plastic wads and we are even further limited on performance. We would like to see an increase in the performance levels allowed before we can begin to develop loads effective enough to produce clean, humane kills in the various types of shooting carried out in the UK.

There are indeed a handful of non-lead ammunition options with biodegradable wads currently on the market, however, at this stage it is simply impossible to make these commercially viable. We cannot make a complete switch over to these products within a five year period without substantial investment into the industry. BASC and its fellow organisations do not have an understanding of the manufacturing processes involved and are therefore in no position to determine the length of time required to evolve.

Tungsten and Bismuth materials are very limited in their availability and significantly more costly to produce than steel. This will result in huge increases in costs, based on raw material prices, for

smaller gauge shooters who cannot use steel. This may price many shooters out of the sport.

Right now, we need to decide which to eliminate – lead or plastic? We cannot avoid using both. At present, the only commercially available options are lead shot with fibre wads, steel with plastic wads or unaffordable premium non-lead shot. Shooters and land owners will need to consider these options and then decide which option is preferable going forward.

We must be clear and educate the organisations as to what is realistic and achievable. Although the development of non-lead, non-plastic alternatives are in the early stages of development, it will be a considerable time before a full range of options are available to shooters. This process is a long one that will require vast research, development, and investment.

Collectively, we do agree that the industry needs to evolve to become more environmentally friendly. We anticipate this happening as larger industries continue to invest in plastic alternatives which will naturally filter down to ours and other smaller industries. These major industries are in a better position to develop the alternatives, the smaller industries such as ours will then follow. It is unrealistic to expect a relatively small industry such as ours to be at the forefront of the development of such materials.

Moving forward we will continue to encourage the use of steel shot where required, but at this early stage we have no alternative option but to support the use of lead with fibre wads as the solution to the issue of plastic pollution. Where non-lead shot is needed, we encourage the shooters to collect their used plastic wads where possible and dispose of them accordingly, as we know many already do.



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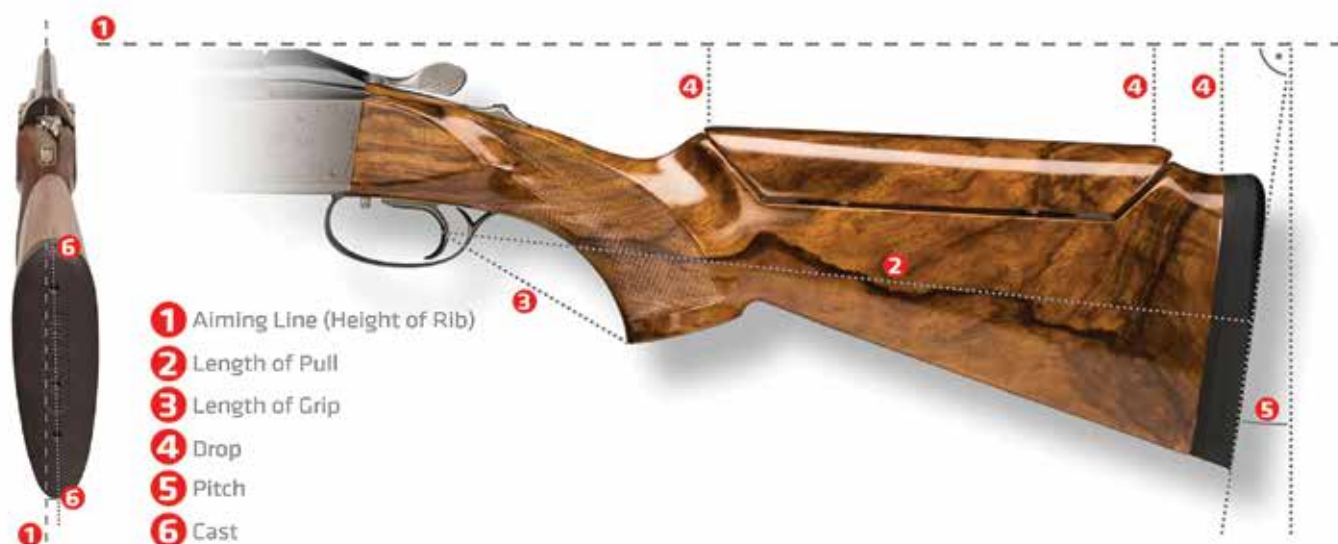
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Before you *Pick up that shotgun...*

...there is an awful lot you should know about its capabilities and limitations which can markedly help you become a good shot with it. Here are some points that you should know and act on...



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by Charles Duff



A shotgun is not just “off the shelf”, and here’s why –

Gunfit – The alpha and omega of shotgun shooting is that the gun must fit you. Without this you are needlessly handicapping yourself. I’ve never heard of a rifle being bought and then taken straight out into the field without being sighted-in, though this occurs all too frequently with shotguns, and often with experienced shooters who should know better.

At the very least, try patterning rounds that you will routinely use. You need to know where the pattern centre of each barrel lies in relation to the aiming mark, and to each other. How to pattern is amply covered by the internet; google it.

The acid test of gun-fit is that, with the head erect and looking at the target, the gun is brought up to firmly contact the zygomatic arch (underside) of the cheekbone and the shooter should then have a perfect view of the front sight perched over

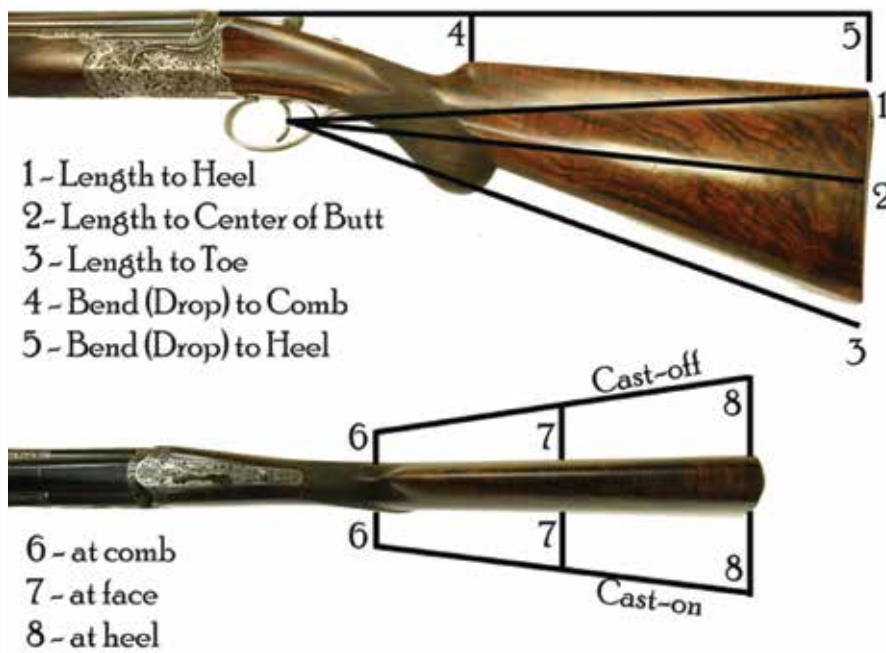
the centre of the curve of the breech. If any movement of the head is required to achieve this view then the gun does not fit.

Barrel Length – Like ladies’ skirts, these go up and down according to fashion. Present fad is for ever longer barrels and protruding chokes tubes to make them even longer. It is a fact that the powder charge is completely ignited in the first 15 to a maximum of 22 inches of the barrel.

Anything longer is there for balance, swing and, yes, fashion. Some rifle calibres have the bullet accelerating for the full length of the barrel, but this is usually only accomplished by having some unburnt powder exiting the barrel after the bullet. Rifle powders burn slowly, shotgun powders are much faster. Incontrovertibly, friction comes into play and so does practicality.

While 34” barrels are fine for the clay ranges, in the field you are going to find them a cumbersome bother. 28 to 30 inch barrels are infinitely preferable out in the veld. Often for-

Stocking measurements



“However, if you intend to solely shoot game-birds then you should give consideration to a side-by-side, these are generally lighter than over and unders and this can count during a long hot day in the field.”

gotten is the fact that your physique is a major factor. If you are small and/or slight, or of the female persuasion, then barrels longer than 28” are a bit too much for you to handle. An over six-footer is best advised to avoid short barrels, but remember that shorter barrels are more quickly brought into battery.

Over-and-under vs. side-by-side – If you intend to shoot both clays and game then your best bet is to get an over and under. However, if you intend to solely shoot game-birds then you should give consideration to a side-by-side, these are generally lighter than over and unders and this can count during a long hot day in the field.

The shot cloud – The mass of pellets emerge from the muzzle enclosed in a plastic wad with protective fingers that then open up. The wad decelerates and falls away, usually within the first 20 metres, the pellets proceed in a roughly egg-shaped mass with the blunt end foremost. 50% of the pellet mass is in the first 1 metre and 75% is in the first 1.5metres ; the pellets in the tail are noticeably sparser.

From a 12ga the initial diameter is 18.5mm and with a cylindrical (unchoked) barrel the pellet mass increases in diameter by roughly 25mm per 1 metre of travel. The diagrams show what happens down-

range and the effect of choke as well as advised minimum and maximum ranges. The shot cloud length also develops and at about 40m this can be as much as 2-2.5m. The smaller bores tend to have 15-20% longer shot columns than the 12ga, but the same pattern widths according to the choke.

Shot range – Obviously depends upon the mass of each pellet, lighter pellets being shorter ranged due to their lack of mass and hence momentum. The standard backstop distance for shotgun ranges range is 300 metres, at this distance no birdshot pellet up to and including 2.5mm diameter (No.6½) pellets will reach you. Buckshot can reach out to 500m, but has very poor patterning potential at anything over 20m. The solid 12ga slug can travel up to +/-1,000m, though aiming it would be very much hit-and-miss with only a bead front sight and your eye as the back sight!

Extreme range – 55 yards (50.3m) is the accepted extreme range for sporting, ethical, bird shooting. Beyond this the velocity and kinetic energy losses are dramatic. A No.4 (3.30mm) pellet at 80 yards (73.2m) can still kill, but to be able to consistently put at least 3 such pellets into the ‘boiler-room’ of the guinea-fowl or duck is extremely unlikely.

Shot velocity/striking power – As a spherical pellet has very poor ballistics the loss of both velocity and striking power upon it exiting the muzzle is marked.

Figures such as a loss of velocity of 30% at 20yds (18.3m), 45% at 40yds (36.6m) and 55% at 60yds (54.9m) and striking power loss of 50% at 40yds and 80% at 60yds are commonly quoted. The number of pellets in the shot cloud is worth considering – No.5 shot has 22% less pellets in the charge and No.4 shot a whole 59% less pellets compared to the same charge weight of the slightly smaller No.6 pellets.

Wind – Can considerably affect pellets. A light crossing breeze of 15 kph will move No.6 pellets 28cms at 40yds. At 60yds this doubles to 58cms. If the wind is blowing at 45kph plus (gale strength), unless you are a very experienced shot the best advice you can be given is – pack up

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“The straight hand (English) style of stock is made for the double trigger gun as the hand needs a small repositioning between shots. The pistol grip is only suitable for single trigger guns, unless the grip is of a very relaxed curvature.”

and go home!

Weather – very cold weather does affect both the velocity and striking power of a pellet cloud adversely, reducing both.

Altitude – at the coast the air is at its thickest. As you go inland the air gets thinner, humidity drops and thus air resistance to the pellets lessens. On the Highveld at $\pm 5,000$ feet, this can tighten the pattern by as much as one degree of choke, so your half-choke barrel becomes three-quarters, etc. Also the retained velocity and kinetic energy are somewhat better.

Recoil – is determined by the combination of gun and charge weights. Increase the gun weight and for the same charge, recoil diminishes. Increase the charge weight and velocity and recoil markedly increases. Perceived and actual recoil both

exist and vary in their effect according to the individual. For example the noise of the discharge can, in sensitive shooters, increase the recoil effect.

Point of aim – Most shotguns shoot slightly high to point of aim; in the field this is so that you can see the whole bird over the front sight. Pattern percentages above line of sight are usually 60% above and 40% below for field and sporting guns. Many prefer 70%/30% and most trap guns are 90%/10% or even 100%/0% as targets are invariably still rising when shot. Skeet guns can be 50%/50%. Without patterning, you will never know what your gun delivers.

Auto and manual safeties – Only the more expensive shotguns have safety catches that immobilise or disconnect the tumblers/hammers. All the rest only immobilise the trigger/s. Drop a loaded shotgun and it can go off.

I was present when a shooter dropped his gun, butt down, and it discharged and took his peak cap off, he was a few centimetres away from losing his face. The only truly safe gun is one that has the action broken-open and the chambers empty. It is not safe to rely upon your safety catch. Therefore, in my opinion, automatic safeties on shotguns are not needed. Even in the field, unless carried in the high-port position, the shotgun should be broken open.

Slings & sling swivels – In my opinion fitting such to a shotgun is akin to having a towbar on a sports car. The gun should be carried in a secure and well-padded gunslip until it is about to be used when it is then carried in the hands. A sling slows up getting the gun into action and can, and frequently does, get caught up in undergrowth. Throw them away!

Pistol grip or straight hand stock – The straight hand (English) style of stock is made for the double trigger gun as the hand needs a small repositioning between shots. The pistol grip is only suitable for single trigger guns unless the grip is of a very relaxed curvature.

Modern sporting O/U guns are appearing with ever tighter curved grips, which I find tend to crowd the fingers together. A field gun's pistol grip should be more relaxed. 

The SA Wingshooters 25th Anniversary Fun Shoot



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Teams of 4 to 5 guns can enter in a group. If you are on your own you'll be squadded in a team.

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Lapsed Licence!

What now...?

Should you have a firearm, or many, for which the white card licence has lapsed, then please read this article.

Foreword by Martin Hood.

"What we suggest members do" by André van der Westhuizen



I will try to explain the situation about green and white licences.

Green licence = issued in terms of the Arms and ammunition act 75 of 1969.

White card licence = issued in terms of the Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000 as amended.

A point to bear in mind in this discussion is that the old act has been repealed, and it no longer exists in our statute books. It has been replaced by the FCA.

Green licences not converted to white are valid, no discussion or debate needed.

SAPS are of the opinion that if you transition to the new white licence your green licence is no longer valid/relevant.

If you have an expired white licence you cannot, according to the police, rely on your old green licence. I stress this is the opinion of SAPS and is not my opinion, and I am well aware of what Judge Prinsloo said in his judgement.

Bear in mind too, that there has been a conviction in the High court of a person who had an expired white licence, and an old green licence, for unlawful possession of a firearm.

This conviction may or may not be on appeal and it may or may not be upheld, but a high court has made a decision that you cannot rely on green licences if you transitioned.

In addition, one must bear in mind that the FCA repealed the Arms and Ammunition Act so there is something illogical in the argument that although you complied with the new legislation, if you fall foul of it or are not compliant you now want to rely on a piece of legislation that no longer exists.

So if someone asks me, in my professional capacity if they can rely on a green licence if they have an expired white licence my advice is based on all of above and because no court has made a finding that green is still valid if you converted to white – my advice is that you do not have a valid licence in the opinion of the police and notwithstanding my own personal views on the SA Hunters 2009 court order the advice I give is designed and intended to keep you out of trouble, not to put you in an uncertain legal position where at some point the law will have to be tested with you as the guinea pig – you in your personal capacity will be held accountable to the law.

It follows that I advise if you have

an expired white licence and a green licence, use the amnesty to become legal. Do not be a guinea pig to make a point in an uncertain legal environment. Leave that responsibility to someone who wants to make a point and possibly go to jail making that point.

Here's what we suggest you do, should you be in this expired white licence position:

As mentioned in the first emailed electronic newsletter of this year to members regarding the amnesty, your safest option is to use the amnesty and apply for a new licence for the firearm in question. Due to various reasons one cannot safely rely a hundred percent on any other option at this time. You are welcome to get a legal opinion of your own, and I would most definitely advise that, should you decide to ignore the amnesty. Personally, however, there is no firearm in this world that is worth a possible 15 year minimum jail sentence. I don't mean to raise alarm at all, just pointing out what could happen.

You would want an endorsement from us for the application, the same as for a new application. Visit our website for the endorsement form that you need to complete with the firearm details you want to apply for. Save, and email back to me. I will send it back with all relevant documents.

Do not hand in the firearm unless the SAPS asks for it to be handed in (some SAPS stations do not have adequate safekeeping facilities, and therefore will not take your firearm). In any case, tell your DFO you intend to apply new for this firearm. Make sure you retain proof that you applied for a new licence.

Do not sign the SAPS 522b form under any circumstances. Reason being: The word 'Forfeit', as verb means: to lose or be deprived of (property or a right or privilege) as a penalty for wrongdoing.

You did nothing wrong or criminal, you merely forgot (human nature) to renew in time, and you might not have correctly understood the various renewal times, especially noting all the continuous changes to the Firearm Control Act.

You can apply for the white expired licences as well as a new Competency application at the same time (or if you still have a valid competency due to other weapons not being expired, you can only apply for the new firearms licences).

Endorsement process for new/renew firearm applications with SAPS is the same as usual – please note that the SAPS will require you to have valid membership with an association as a dedicated hunter/sport person for at least three months during the SAPS application process, therefore please check your membership dates and renew membership if needs be before we process any endorsements for you in order to reflect the correct membership



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Get an endorsement from us for the firearm/s you need to apply for. We then return the stamped endorsement along with covering letters and proof of membership, as well as the checklist and SAPS forms that needs to be completed for the application.

Endorsements are very helpful for firearm applications, as the SAPS cannot refuse the application based on intended use, and it often speeds up your application process.

What we suggest you do if you have an expired white licence/s:

1. We advise you to make use of this amnesty period to hand in your expired firearm/s and apply for a New licence (SAPS 271) for that same firearm within 14 days of handing in the firearm/s. We suggest you do it on the same day! And, if your Competency has expired, to apply for a new competency at the same time.

In our opinion, you cannot renew a competency if it has already expired. If you don't have any other firearm/s relating to that competency that is still valid, you'd have to apply for a new Competency (SAPS 517), and not a renewal (SAPS 517g).

You must write a superb motivation or seek advice regarding your motivation from firearm legal spe-

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cialist if you are unsure, especially if you have high value firearms, then it might be a good idea to contact a firearms lawyer for motivational help.

You may remove all parts of the firearm that is not considered a firearm or licenced part, such as the telescope, mounts, rings, bases and the stock or chassis, fore-end, silencer, muzzle brake, etc. Take photographs of the firearm/s from all angles to show the current condition of the firearm and get a witness and sign

your own confirmation regarding the condition of the firearm/s.

Some might consider the GOSA interdict (which was appealed by the SAPS) to be enough to protect them against prosecution, but we cannot make any guarantees, as no one knows how the main case will be decided, due to the legally technical nature of the issues that have to be argued in that case and when it will be heard. It might only happen after the amnesty period.

When handing in a firearm/s for which you'd like to apply for a new licence, any applicant may choose not to complete the SAPS 522B – Forfeiture of Firearm Item. If you are forced to do so by the SAPS, then write in red on the SAPS 522B – Forfeiture of Firearm Item form that you completed it under duress and state the officer's name and rank. Take a photograph of the form as well as where you state the above.

Get a gunsmiths report, which indicates the value of the firearm so that you can prove value if the firearm should it get lost after having been handed in with SAPS (state make, calibre and serial number – also take photographs of the firearm)

The amnesty is in effect until 31 May 2020.

Call or email the office for the contact details for someone that can help you with comprehensive motivations: We also send you examples of motivations if you prefer to do the applications yourself

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WINGSHOOTING (BIRD HUNTING)

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

IMPORTANT:

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

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

Gauteng:

GAUTENG:

Official Donkerhoek Shoot – Upland Guinea-fowl

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

Morning Shoots available:

Wednesday 10 June

Wednesday 15 July

Wednesday 12 August

GAUTENG:

Various Official Pigeon/Dove Shoots –

Pigeon/Dove shoots arranged all over Gauteng during the year. Notifications of these are sent out via email newsletter to member.

North West:

11 April

Clay Coaching Shoot and evening braai:

OFFICIAL CLAY COACHING DAY – Rustenburg, North West

Join us for a relaxed clay coaching day and evening braai, accommodation (shared) for the Saturday night included. Min/Max 8 Guns. R1500-. per gun (bring and braai in the

evening). An SA Wingshooters official shoot.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

20 May

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

Shoot:

OFFICIAL SHOOT –

Upland/Walk-up Shoot –

Rustenburg, North West.

Co-hosted by André van der Westhuizen

Four guns can book with André to go on this day shoot. R1800 p/p all inclusive – Just bring your gun and ammo. 4 Guns minimum and maximum. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

29-31 May

RUSTENBURG WEEKEND Shoot:

OFFICIAL SHOOT –

Upland/Walk-up Shoot –

Rustenburg, North West.

Co-hosted by André van der Westhuizen

4 to 6 guns can book on this weekend shoot. R4500.- per gun all inclusive – Just bring your gun and ammo. 4 Guns minimum and maximum.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

24 June

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

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22 July

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26 August

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16 September

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– Just bring your gun and ammo. 4

Guns minimum and maximum.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Limpopo:

WARMBAD/Bela Bela:

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

This is a day shoot and no accommodation available. 30km outside Warmbad. Bring your own lunch. Cost is R1000 per gun, unguided. Min. 4 guns, Max. 8 guns. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

16 May; 30 May;

13 June

11 July

8 August

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THE 2020 SHOOT CALENDAR – for members only

Limpopo continued... WINGSHOOTING (BIRD HUNTING)

11 July

Laerskool Tuinplaas Guinea-fowl Shoot – Limpopo

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

13 June

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

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

27 June

Agri Tuinplaas Shoot

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

DENDRON:

3-5 July

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

28 July

Laerskool Warmbad Community Shoot – Warmbad, Limpopo

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

3-5 July

Waterberg CSV School shoot, Limpopo

Community shoot to the benefit of the school. To book call: 084 258 1814. fiona.abrie@leapfrog.co.za

SETTLERS:

Beulah Shoot – Upland birds, Waterfowl & Pigeons

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

SETTLERS:

31 July-1 August Settlers St. Hubert Hunting Event

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

OHRIGSTAD/LYDENBURG AREA:

Guinea-fowl and Francolin shoots

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

SETTLERS / ROEDTAN

Guided bird hunting on offer – Upland birds

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

TOLWE AREA:

WELTEVREDE Hunting Lodge. Guinea-fowl and Francolin shoots

Big lodge for gamebird and plains game hunting. Full catering, etc. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

GROOTFONTEIN SHOOT:

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

Great upland walk-up and Driven day shoots. Bring your own lunch/braai. Own behaved dogs welcome. R1200 per gun.

**2 May
16 May**

6 June

20 June

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Free State:

Dates not yet confirmed

JIMMY WALES INTERNATIONAL SHOOT

Gamebird Shoot – Petrus Steyn, Free State

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

Dates not yet confirmed

WINDHEUWEL INTERNATIONAL SHOOT

Gamebird Shoot – Petrus Steyn, Free State

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

KROONSTAD

Inspected Venue

Wild Olive Shoot – Free State

Mixed bag shoot gamebirds & waterfowl. Self-catering. Accommodation in farm house. 10% discount to members on the hunting day fee. Gutting, plucking and packaging of birds will be done at no additional costs to the hunter. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends in season: 1 May to 31 August.

TWEELING

Upland Shoot – Tweeling, Free State. Weekend shoots

Guinea-fowl, francolin & partridge. Two farms to shoot. Good farmhouse accommodation. Can accommodate 12 people. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

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

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STEYNSRUS:

OFFICIAL SHOOT – Inspected Venue

Vals River Shoot – Steynsrus, Free State

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends in season: 1 May to 31 August.

19 to 20 August

DOORNDRAAI – BOTHAVILLE

OFFICIAL SHOOT

Rietpan shoot – Free State.

Exclusive Duck hunting. Maximum 2 guns. Own dogs welcome, but not required. Self catering. Basic accommodation. R1800 per gun. Personally guided by André van der Westhuizen. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

ZASTRON:

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

Waterfowl (geese, duck, etc) and Guinea-fowl. Accommodation available. Max. 6 guns.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

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

VREDEFORT

Inspected Venue

Witklip Upland Shoot, Vredefort, Free State. Weekend shoots

Game birds, mostly Francolin. Shoot hosted and organised by the farmer and his wife, and includes lunch.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends in season: 1 May to 31 August.

VILJOENSKROON

Inspected Venue

Grassmere Wingshooting – Viljoenskroon, Free State

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Call for available dates.

MEMEL

Ronderus Shoot – Free State

Classic highveld mixed bag, including Greywing and Redwing. Dogs needed. Lodge with 7 beds in 5 bedrooms.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends in season: 1 May to 31 August.

VREDE

Inspected Venue

Groenfontein Shoot – Free State

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

Call SA Wingshooters to book

Weekend Shoot dates:

Choose your own weekends

VREDE

Little Long Creek Shoot – Free State

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends from 1 May to 31 July.

PARYS

OFFICIAL SHOOT – Inspected Venue

Grootfontein Shoot, Parys, Free State. Weekend day shoots

Good size farm for day hunting. Swainson's, Guinea-fowl, Orange River Partridge. Saturdays only. 4 guns minimum, 6 guns maximum. R600 per person. Bring your own lunch. Own dogs needed – sheep farm, so make sure your dog is under

control!

Choose your own weekends in season: 1 May to 31 August.

BRANDFORT

Andrew McLaren Safaris – Free State

Upland gamebirds & Waterfowl available during the open season. For more booking information, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

HEILBRON

Mixed bag birds – Free State

Upland gamebirds, Waterfowl and Pigeons available during season. For booking info, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

BOTHAVILLE

Inspected venue

Kleinbroek Upland/Walk-up weekend shoots – Free State

Guinea-fowl, Francolin, Pigeons, etc. Around 6000ha of farmland to hunt. Accommodation on family farms. Catered or Self-catering. 4 to 6 guns maximum. Minimum of 4 guns. Arrive Friday, shoot Friday afternoon and Saturday, depart Sunday morning. Own dogs required – Well trained bird dogs welcome. Call SA Wingshooters for booking info.

Selected weekends available

WINBURG

Inspected Venue

Upland birds – Jasper Shoot, Winburg, Free State

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

MEMEL:

5-6 June, Memel

St. Hubert Hunting Event

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Mpumalanga

VOLKSRUST

Inspected Venue

Mpumalanga

Four star selected wingshooting for two or four friends on a special farm in the Volksrust district. Must have bird dogs. Very pleasant and hospitable farmer. Inspected and accredited landowner. Accommodation available (3 bedrms).

Call SA Wingshooters to book

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends in consultation with the venue custodian

MIDDELBURG

Inspected Venue

Waterfowl Shoot – Middelburg, Mpumalanga – Dubula Shoot

Close to Johannesburg/Pretoria.

Inspected by SA Wingshooters. Good waterfowl and Upland game bird venue. Lodge and bird hunting is well organised. R500 p/p per session (morning or afternoon), R280 p/p accommodation, catering can be easily arranged. Pigeon shooting at R300 per session. Own dogs welcome! Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

9 May; 13 June; 18 July for Waterfowl.

23 May; 11 July for Upland.

AMERSFOORT/ERMELO:

Inspected Venue

Amersfoort Shoot, Mpumalanga. Weekend shoots

Typical gamebirds, i.e. guinea-fowl, francolin, redwing, quail, and various waterbirds on 12 km of river front. Gundog, plucking, and vehicle at your disposal. Your own disciplined dogs are very welcome, with portable kennels. (sheep farming!) Experienced guides for maximum exposure to birds from Fri 13:00 to Sunday 13:00. Self-catering chalets. Permits arranged on request.

Maximum 6 guns in group @ R12,000.- per weekend for the group, including accommodation. 50% non-refundable deposit required to confirm booking. 10% discount for card carrying SA Wing-

WINGSHOOTING (BIRD HUNTING)

shooters. Call SA Wingshooters to book

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own dates

Northern Cape

HOPETOWN:

OFFICIAL Shoot

Orange River Goose, Guineafowl and plains game Shoot – Hopetown, Northern Cape.

Wingshooting and plains game on the Orange River. This shoot is guided by André van der Westhuizen. Comfortable accommodation for 3 guns. R4200.- per gun catering & fine accommodation included.

Arrive Thursday, depart Sunday.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

16-19 July

Depending om geese numbers

HOPETOWN/ORANIA:

Inspected Venue

Gkhui Gkhui Shoot, Northern Cape.

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

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

Western Cape

CERES:

Inspected Venue

Waterfowl, Ceres, Western Cape

Waterfowl (Duck and Geese) on a great venue near Op-die-Berg. Good shooting and accommodation hosted

by our Western Cape Shoot Captain. Catered. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season.

RAWSONVILLE:

Inspected Venue

Rawsonville, Western Cape

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

Shooting available on certain dates.

GOUDA / PICKETBERG AREA:

Inspected Venue

Waterfowl, Western Cape

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

Shooting available on certain dates.

BREDASDORP:

OFFICIAL Venue

Bredasdorp Walk-up – Bredasdorp, Western Cape

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season.

STRANDVELD

OFFICIAL Venue

Strandveld Waterfowl & Upland birds – Western Cape.

Walk-up shoot close to Elim/Voëlvllei. Guinea fowl, Spur-wing, Egyptian geese and duck in season only. No accommodation – Arrange yourself in the area or ask André at the SA Wingshooters office where to stay. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Arrange your own dates in the hunting season.

TOUWS RIVER:

Exclusive Venue

Soutrivier Shoot – Western Cape.

Members may not hijack shooting rights for themselves or their syndicates on any of the properties being advertised through SA Wingshooters – thereby effectively blocking other members. That's unsportsmanlike behaviour.

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

HEIDELBERG:

Exclusive Venue

Nonarosa Shoot Waterfowl & Upland birds – Western Cape.

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season.

OTHER DAY SHOTS IN WESTERN CAPE:

Shoot: Riviersonderend School Shoot

Quarry: Cape Francolin

Date: 16 May

Contact person: Jannie Esterhuyse

Tel: (028) 2611215

Email: rseshoot@gmail.com

Shoot: Rûens College Shoot

Quarry: Cape Francolin / Guinea

Date: 30 May

Contact person: Sumari

Email: admin@ruenskollege.co.za

Shoot: Suideroord Old Age Home

Quarry: Cape Francolin / Guinea Fowl

Date: 11 July

Contact person: Karin Dickason

Tel: +27 (28) 424 1080

Email: bestuur@suideroord.co.za

Shoot: Caledon Round Table Shoot

Quarry: Cape Francolin / Guinea-fowl

Date: Not yet confirmed

Contact person: Ivan Volschenk

Email: ivan@elsfineleather.co.za

Shoot: Riviersonderend School

Quarry: Guinea-fowl

Date: 15 August

Contact person: Jannie Esterhuyse

Tel: (028) 2611215

Email: rivierhigh@gmail.com

Shoot: Greyton NG Church

Quarry: Guinea-fowl

Date: 15 August

Contact person: Piet Matthee

Tel: 072 606 1579

Email: pdkmatthee@gmail.com

Eastern Cape

LADY GREY AREA:

Memo Shoot – Lady Grey, Eastern Cape

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

Weekend Shoots available:

You can select your own dates

RHODES:

Grey-wing Partridge – Eastern Cape

Professionally guided Grey-wing hunting, as well as Plains game. Accommodation and food/meals can be arranged. You need to book a year or so in advance, or hope for a cancellation. Good reviews of this shoot received from members.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Choose your own shoot dates within the various bird seasons.

ALICE:

Alice shoot – Eastern Cape

Self-guided. Own accommodation and food/meals must be arranged. Shooting fee is R300 pp per day. Many species available in their respective seasons. The Egyptian goose season just started 1 February! Bring your own decoys.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own shoot dates within the various bird seasons.

EAST LONDON:

Douglasvale Shoot – Eastern Cape

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

STUTTERHEIM:

Eastern Cape

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

KwaZulu-Natal

KOKSTAD:

Upland and waterfowl

Upland gamebirds, Waterfowl and Pigeons available during the open season. Can arrange accommodation.

Week & weekend Shoots available:

You can select your own dates



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INTERNATIONAL HUNTING & LOCAL SPORT SHOOTING

International Wingshooting:

ARGENTINA – South America

Duck, Dove, Pigeon, Perdiz and mixed bag hunts

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

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

EAST COAST, USA:

Atlantic Seaboard Waterfowl hunting

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

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

CANADA:

Waterfowl hunting

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

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

TEXAS, USA:

Upland and other

From mid-September through March, Upland Bird Hunting is the main attraction at Joshua Creek Ranch. Texas bobwhite quail are found in great numbers on the ranch as are pheasant and chukar. Starting in December each year, hunters can also harvest Hungarian partridge.

Traditional walk-up hunting with guides and dogs is the most popular style of hunting at Joshua Creek Ranch.

Call SA Wingshooters for info.



2-4 October

SA Game Fair – Wattlesprings Gun Club

A fun game fair, just like in the UK, will be held during this time at Wattlesprings Sports Club.

See adverts in the Wingshooter magazine for further info and details of what will be on offer at this game fair.



SOUTH DAKOTA, USA:

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

Clay Target Shooting:

Saturday 4 April

SA WINGSHOOTERS FUN CLAY TARGET SHOOT.

A fun clay shoot to be held at Wattlespring Gun Club – All welcome!

We will host a fun day clay target shooting, consisting of 50 fun clay targets and a lunch. This is an event for the entire family, so bring all and come have some fun! Space is limited to 180 people. Call Anél at the office to book!

Saturday 28 November

SA WINGSHOOTERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CLAY TARGET SHOOT.

Our annual year-end clay target shoot – 25th anniversary shoot!

We will host our annual Christmas clay target shooting, consisting of 50 fun clay targets and a lunch and prizes. Space is limited to 150 people. Call Anél at the office to book!

STERKFORTEIN SHOOTING

ACADEMY – Olifantsfontein, GP

Exclusive club access to SA Wingshooters members only –

The club is open from 09:00 till 16:00 every day of the week and weekends – 363 days a year. Only SA Wingshooter members have daily access to the club. SA Wingshooters members pay a reduced fee of only R100 for any round of 25 targets. SA Wingshooters members can also join there as country members for R400 per year. Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

Saturday 21 March

SAFARI OUTDOOR CLAY SHOOT Wattlesprings Club

A fun clay target shooting day hosted by Safari Outdoor. Call Jacques Pieterse at Safari Outdoor to book: 011-662 2100.

WATTLESPRING SPORTS CLUB

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

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SPORT SHOOTING – TARGET & STEEL

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

MULTI-GUN RIFLE, SHOTGUN & HANDGUN MATCHES

At our LRSC private shooting facility –

We offer 3-gun and 2-gun combined rifle and handgun shooting events. Multi-stage events include handgun shooting from 10m to 100m and transition rifle shooting up to 500m. This division is for semi-auto rifles, shotguns and handguns.

Call SA Wingshooters for more info.



PSP Handgun & Rifle Shooting:

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

**of the PSP. Send your targets for
entry into this annual competition
to us before 1 October 2020.**

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



LRSC – Long Range Shooting Club:



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

Come and join us at our shooting facility just outside Leandra, where we host long range shoots, etc. Our range is permanently set up and the distances range from 100m metres to 1300m. The range is currently available 7 days a week.

This facility is not a public shooting facility



and is available on invitation and for members of the LRSC only. Should you be interested, visit the site below or call the office. **www.longrangeclub.com**

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

LRSC – LONG RANGE SHOOTING CLUB MATCH EVENT DATES 2020:

The 2020 LRSC (Long Range Shooting Club), TPS 3-gun and 2-gun, .22PSBC and handgun Official Match event dates for 2020 is as follows:

8 February:	LRSC Rifle match
14 March:	LRSC Rifle match
18 April:	LRSC Rifle match
9 May:	LRSC Rifle match
23 May:	TPS 3-Gun and 2-Gun multi-gun Match. A competition division on its own.
20 June:	LRSC Rifle match
11 July:	LRSC Rifle match
1 August:	LRSC Rifle match
5 September:	TPS 3-Gun and 2-Gun multi-gun Match. A competition division on its own.
19 September:	LRSC Rifle match
10 October:	Annual .22PSBC Small-bore match.
24 October:	Annual .22PSBC Small-bore match.
21 November:	Year-end Fun Shoot and medal/certificate ceremony. Not counted towards LRSC Match points

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

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

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



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PLAINS GAME HUNTING

Plains Game Hunting:

TULI, BOTSWANA

A variety of plains game available. Tented bush camps and large hunting area. Bowhunting.

Call SA Wingshooters for info.



Otterskloof – Phillipolis, Free State

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

Groesbeek Plains game hunting – Vaalwater, Limpopo

Rifle hunting. Various species and accommodation, self-catering. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

KZN – 2020 Hunting Packages For Local Amateur Hunters Umkhuze Game Reserve And Ithala Game Reserve

Hunting packages are available for local amateur hunters who are paid up members of an amateur hunting association and have been proficiency graded, both in theory and practical aspects. Various packages available. Kindly be informed that Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife have limited hunting packages available for local hunters. For more information, visit the Ezemvelo website www.kznwildlife.com.

Alternatively contact the office on: Tel: 033 845 1717 or 033 845 1394. E-mail: Rahman.Devduth@kznwildlife.com

ROOIBOKKRAAL, LIMPOPO

Inspected venue

Plains game hunting near Rooibokkraal, Limpopo. Hunt on a beautiful bushveld farm, with small koppies, flat sweetveld bushveld bordering Botswana on the river. Two and a half hours from Gauteng. Self-catering in a basic bushveld camp. Rifle hunting and bowhunting on totally separate parts of the farm. Blind/sit hunting or walk-and-stalk. Very fair pricing! Some weekends this season still available. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

HOPETOWN/ORANIA

Inspected Venue

Gkhui Gkhui Shoot, Northern Cape.

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

MOUNT CARMEL SAFARIS

Near Daniëlskuil, Northern Cape

Included in the rates: Breakfast and light lunch, Cold room, Freezer, Butchery, Trackers, Skinners, Fully equipped and serviced hunting lodge. A trophy describes any animal that has to be caped and/or horns cooked, and that qualifies for the SCI Record Book (field preparation). Minimum 3 days hunting. Facilities include Caping, Catering available, Cellphone reception, Cooling facilities, Eskom power, Family friendly, Hunting vehicle, Meat processing, Self-catering, Slaughter facilities and Swimming pool. 4 - 8 guests can be accommodated. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

SWARTRUGGENS

North West. Inspected Venue.

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



Special Course available for members:

COURSE ACTIVITIES

- **Tactical Combat:**
Presented by former SF operator Jacques du Toit
- **Tracking:**
Presented by Andreas Liebenberg (qualified firearms instructor, un-armed combat and tracking instructor).

Bateleur Mobile Camp, Timbavati Private Nature Reserve (we will set up the mobile tented camp adjacent to the now permanent Bateleur shooting range. This consists of a 25m and 50m range, a kill house that is a permanent structure and adjacent natural terrain used for rural and/or urban training scenarios).

Date:

5-10 May 2020

Cost:

R15,000.- VAT Incl. per person. Timbavati gate fees are R190 per vehicle. Maximum 10 Pax. Bring your own Semi-auto rifle, pistol and ammunition (a complete kit list will be provided on booking; this kit list will make reference to ammunition quantities)

Call SA Wingshooters for booking info.



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PIGEON & DOVE HUNTING

All Provinces:



The Ceres waterfowl venue – January 2020. See page 22.

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

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

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

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

The Singita shoot venue, GP
Elandsfontein venue, GP
NW Wingshooting venue, NW
Somerset venue, FS
Rooikoppies venue, MP
Erdzak venue, MP
Middelburg venue, MP
Sasolburg venue, FS
Goedehoop venue, FS
Concordia venue, MP
Witklip venue, FS
Uitkoms venue, FS
Vlaktefontein venue, GP
Lillydale venue, NC
Merinovlakte venue, Lim
Renosterfontein venue, GP
Geelong venue, FS

There are many more venues on our venue database.

Call SA Wingshooters to enquire on any of these venues when they are running.



Singita Pigeon/Dove venue



Something to do *in the months with Rs*





It is often around the campfire, whilst reflecting on the day's hunt and experiences are shared with hunting pals that the topic inevitably turns to our four legged companions.

by Oscar Neumeyer

Photographs by Oscar Neumeyer & André van der Westhuizen

Memories of staunch points on cliff edges, relentless pursuit and recovery of quarry through a vile marsh and of course the excitement that comes with a new pup, culminating in debates about the makings of the ideal dog.

Newcomers to the sport of wing-shooting over dogs are often in desperate search for information and guidance. Videos of hunting perfection are posted and shared, but excitement turns to despair when the reality sets in - those moments of perfection captured on video didn't just happen – they took time, effort and commitment.

Our dogs are often mostly constrained by our own ignorance – and this is where SAVHDA comes in. The Association provides the opportunity where a typical South African wingshooter can train and under-



stand his /her own dog – and unlock all the capabilities inherent in the dog's DNA.

The practical experiences and insights gained through training for, and testing in the Association's tests are compressed into a program that would take a lifetime for the average hunter to accumulate.

The various training stages and tests are broken into levels of diffi-

culty, so that your own expectations of the dog's experience and skillsets are realistic and appropriate to the progress of your dog. The dogs are individually tested and graded per test subject – which are all based on hunting simulations, and in accordance with international standards and benchmarks.

Feedback is provided at the end of each test day and this is especially

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useful where focused and goal-oriented training is required.

At the end of the day, when you are equipped to train and handle your own dog to pass the testing systems successfully, you will have the experience and expectation to match your dog’s capabilities, and move from hoping for success, to confidently achieving it when out hunting. You will know how to engage with and set your dog up to succeed.

The organization is not about competition – it is our desire to see all members succeed and reach their maximum potential with their HPR dogs. Along the way you will be introduced to likeminded hunters, and breeders that share knowledge and experience. We train together

and test together, celebrate combined successes and work harder on the shortcomings – all towards common goals.

Instead of reminiscing about the last hunting season, get outdoors and join us for a practical and fun method to prepare for next year’s hunt. Let’s face it, successful hunts makes better stories around that campfire.

Or don’t.

Go ahead and lose another bird this year that haunts you on those quiet nights. It’s that bird that you know you should have bagged, if only you and your dog understood each other better on that miserable day.

— For more information, visit
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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. 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, 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 near Leandra, where members compete over shooting distances ranging from 100m to 1300m.

This range also affords us the opportunity to offer a 3-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. We also offer .22LR Precision Small-Bore club rifle shooting through our LRSC membership.

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 is 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 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, but requires an additional membership. LRSC and SA Wingshooters membership together includes membership of all the sub-clubs.

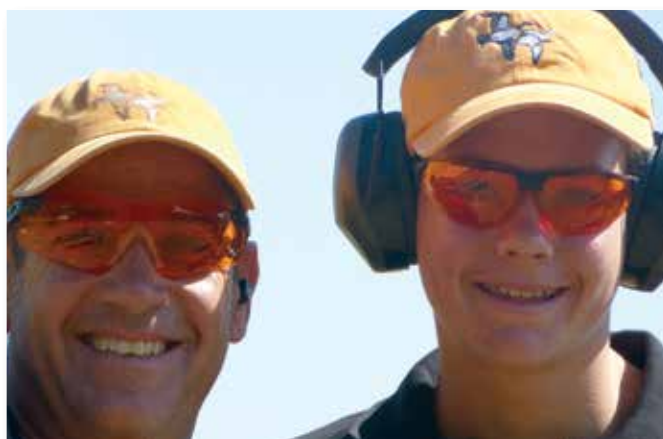
Lastly, as you know, the SA Wingshooters Association has R20-million liability insurance to cover the Association, with each individual member also having R20-million liability insurance as individual cover, for all shooting related activities.

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!



THE NEW

Pyramex Amp BT Earmuff

This new earmuff from Venture Gear has changed the entire hearing protection concept in various areas.

The most exciting aspect of the new Venture Gear™ AMP BT is the Bluetooth feature. Shooters can link a smartphone to the earmuff and listen to music or speak on a cell phone. The fast noise suppression feature is not compromised while listening to music or speaking on a mobile phone. If you want to connect the hearing protection to a media pair, no problem. Pyramex included a AUX with 3.5 mm AUX Jack cord.

The fact that you can take an important call on the shooting range is a great advantage. You still have the rapid noise suppression function in both cases that, ultimately, is the biggest benefit of electronic earmuffs. Moreover, the Bluetooth earmuff amplifies surrounding sounds via 4 microphones for maximum coverage.

The Pyramex Venture Gear™ AMP BT has independent volume controls for both ambient and Bluetooth sound, which means you can control the volume of the shooter next to you. The BT AMP will require a 2 AAA batteries which are included in your blister pack. Another plus is that the unit automatically shuts off after four hours. Those of us who have ever forgotten to switch off the volume button on your hearing protection only to find it dead on arrival at your next shooting session, will appreciate this feature.

The earmuffs were extremely comfortable on the range. The fold away padded headband is ergonomically arched, and the rubberized pad-



ding on the earcups makes for a great shooting experience.

The Pyramex Venture Gear™ AMP BT Electronic Earmuffs have a myriad of features that makes them the most exciting product in the Venture Gear range. It is often required of us to communicate with a range officer or co-hunter in the field.

The Venture Gear Amp BT Electronic earmuff not only suppresses harmful sounds up to safe levels, but due to its fast noise suppression technology, it also strengthens sounds around you.

The four microphones positioned around the unit provide users with maximum coverage for the action that is happening around them. Simply turn the easy-fit volume and voice control button to make a conversation possible.

Exposure to noise levels higher than 140 decibels can permanently damage your ears. Large caliber guns and most pistols produce sound levels of 175 decibels or louder. Shooters are therefore required to wear hearing protection at all times. The Venture

Gear brand falls under Pyramex Safety products. This is the same company that introduced the Dropzone glasses a few years back, and which remains one of the best sellers in the industry. Just like to the Venture gear range of passive ear muffs and electronic earmuffs the Bluetooth Amp BT is superb quality and Pyramex never disappoints when it comes to innovation and new technology.

Pyramex has over 2000 distributors in over 60 countries. Pyramex invests many hours of research to make sure their products are of world-Class quality. The new Venture Gear™ AMP BT Earmuffs are currently available at select retailers.

Inyathi is giving away a pair of Bluetooth Amp BT earmuffs for the best picture we receive. We would love to see your actions photos on range or in the field with your Venture Gear Earmuffs (Passive or Electronic) and /or your Dropzone glasses.

Please send the images to Belinda@inyathi.net by 1 June. The winner will be announced in the next Wingshooter edition.

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SHOOTING TIPS

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

Both skeet and trap are to some extent trick shooting, in that once you learn the trick you can certainly smoke a lot more clay than when you first walked out on the field attempting to shoot as you would at real birds.

For this reason, no good field shooter who fares poorly his first round of either game should give up and go home. Nor should any sharpie at skeet and trap come to believe he must automatically be better on birds than the man who follows bird dogs all season.

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

The difference between the 35-mph target and the 55-mph target, even though there's 20-mph difference in there, the lead requirement on the full crosser is only about a foot of difference out there at the target.

– This tip came from the DVD “Peter Blakeley's Unit Lead System for Sporting Clay”

On the quartering bird, the trap was set close to Craig, and the bird out under more power but diminished in speed and angle as it moved away from him.

This means the visual tempo of the target was: fast as the target came out of the trap...slow as the distance increased and it stopped rising...and then even slower as the angle diminished further, heading nearly straight away from Craig. And, of course, the tempo of Craig's move matched this visual speed. Fast (mostly his head)...slow...slower. The importance of the move tempo matching target tempo will not truly



be revealed until you begin shooting pairs.

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

Stress alters the way you shoot and think because it gives you too many things to think about while shooting. The secret is to learn ‘not to think’ while on the line.

This is harder than you might imagine, even for those who don't think a lot anyway. This where relaxation, visualization, self talk and rhythm come into play.

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

The original gun position, relative to the house from which the bird is launched, is very important. Often a shooter first trying trap-shooting will start with is gun pointing at the top of the trap house, which means that with targets rising fast and high he has a lot of catching up to do. Watch the targets. If they are flying high, it helps to start the gun well above the top of the house (many top shooters hold the

gun horizontal to the ground, at eye level where little upward movement is required). Trap targets are likely to make abrupt jumps upward in a headwind.

Skeet shooters can experiment with bringing the gun back near the house; the nearer the house the more they have to chase the target and swing with it. Starting farther from the house gives a jump on the bird but can lead to poking rather than swinging Practice will show where your gun position works out best to suit your shooting style and reflexes.

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

The difference between the 35-mph target and the 55-mph target, even though there's 20-mph difference in there, the lead requirement on the full crosser is only about a foot of difference out there at the target.

– This tip came from the DVD “Peter Blakeley's Unit Lead System for Sporting Clay”

On going-away, trap shots... A lot of these shots you want to shoot straight at them. You hold the gun low, you let your eyes look above the gun, and then you call pull. When you see the bird above the gun, take the gun to the bird and immediately pull the trigger. A lot of people don't want to shoot when you get to the bird. You've got pull the trigger the second the gun hits the bird.

– This tip came from the DVD “Bobby Fowler, Jr.’s Championship Techniques... Made Easy”

When a high incomer is approaching dead-on, with no sideways deviation to the left or right, it is difficult to swing smoothly through the target without a slight drift to the left (right-handed shooter), due to muscle tension in the extended left arm and upper body as the gun hits the shoulder.

The muzzles will drag, off-line and prescribe an arc, and a miss down the side of the target will be the result. To compensate, move your grip on the fore-

end back slightly. This will also help to produce maximum swing past vertical because there is now slightly more weight forward of the leading hand than normal, resulting in slightly more momentum in the barrels. This will help to produce a good, continuous, smooth swing as the shot is taken..

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

Every sporting clays course will contain fields that simulate a wide variety of game birds. It would be unreasonable to expect anyone to shoot passing ducks and flushing quail with the same chokes and loads, so why use just one choke and load combination on sporting clays?

– This tip came from the book “The Sporting Clays Handbook” by Jerry Meyer.

Most shooters who claim they simply cannot shoot with both eyes open probably

decided this by looking down a gun barrel with eyes focused on the gun rather the object to be hit. If anyone looks at a gun with both eyes open he is pretty certain to see two guns, a double image. But if he concentrates on focusing both eyes on the distant target, then brings gun up into firing position without changing focus to look at it, a remarkable thing occurs. He's seeing just one vague blur of a barrel. That is because his master eye is locked on the target and the gun coming up into the peripheral vision is likewise seen best by the master eye.

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

There are three things we need to consider for every target. The first thing is the speed. The second thing is the angle. And the third is the distance, or range. 

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MPUMALANGA 013-759 5329 – same as 2019

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

FREE STATE 083 632 3992 – same as 2019

All year	Rock pigeons, Cape turtle dove, Laughing dove, Red eye dove.
1 May-31 Aug	Greywing & O/River partridge, common quail, guineaowl, Swainson's francolin, yellow-billed duck & red-billed teal, Egyptian goose, spurwing.
Note:	(maximum 10 land & 10 water birds pp per day)

GAUTENG – same as 2019

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

N-WEST PROVINCE – same as 2019

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

LIMPOPO 082 802 0871 Not received – same as 2019

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

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

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE – same as 2019

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

EASTERN CAPE 040 609 4717 same as 2019

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

KZ-NATAL 033 845 1652 Not received – same as 2019

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

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

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2019 Christmas Shoot



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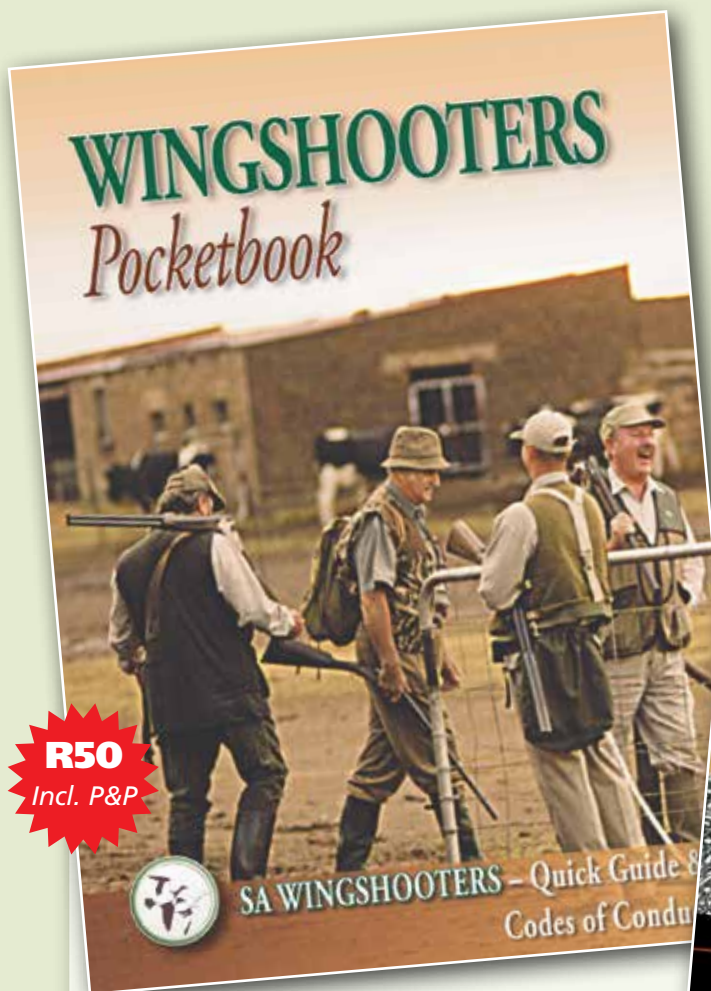
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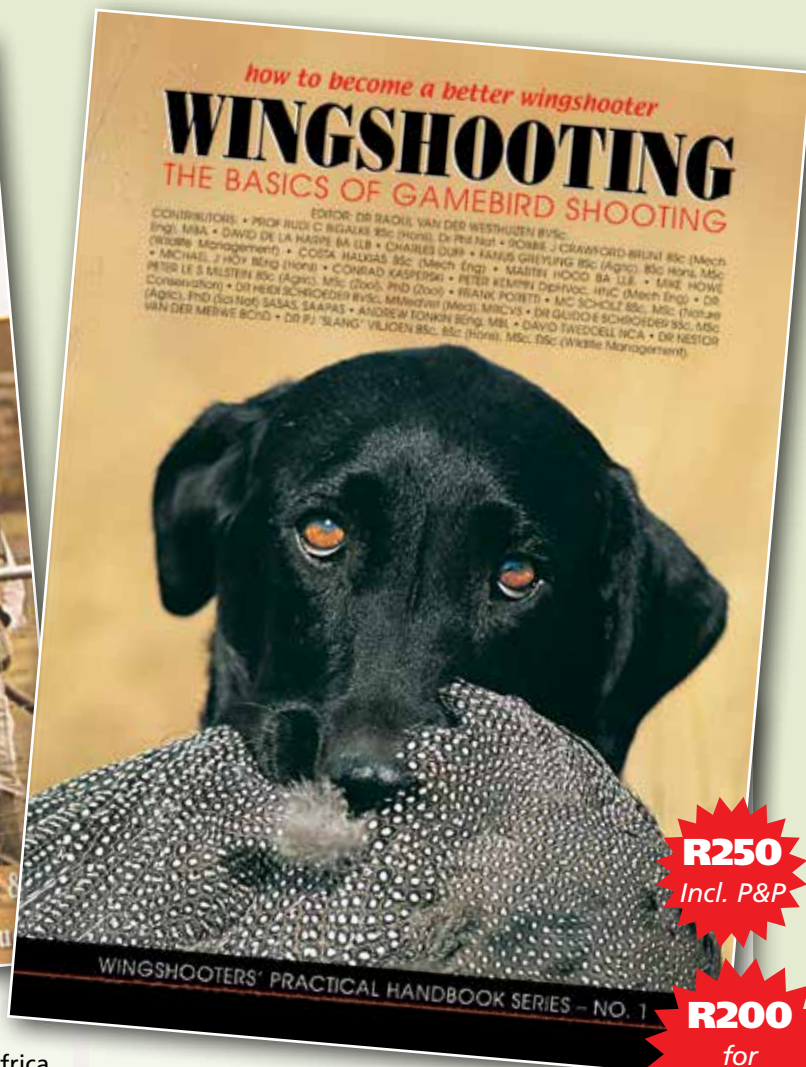
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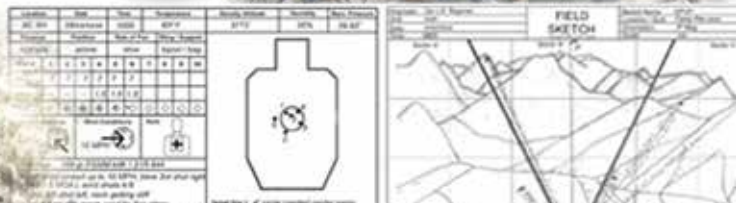
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