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A WORD IN YOUR EAR



Doing the things we do...

This year we again expanded our members' exclusive hunting and sport shooting calendar and in this issue there are 9 pages (pp 18 to 27) of shooting venues and shoot dates arranged by the office for members only. There are more shoots, hunts and sport shooting events than you can throw a stick at! As always, none of these shoots were pre-booked.

Since we are on the topic of arranging shoots and events for members, I would like to explain why most of our venues are for members only – as we get asked often and to me it's fairly obvious...

When we negotiate with farmers in order to obtain hunting/shooting rights on their property, I use the fact that shoots are controlled (by way of shoot captains), or closed to members only and the fact that the association and each individual member has R20 million liability insurance cover, to convince the farmer/land owner that he or she need not worry and that we will take care of, and look after, his/her property. This immediately puts landowners at ease, as they can immediately see that we are keen to work with them and are responsible. Many farmers have no interest in letting total strangers on their farm, which is completely understandable. We are there to assist the farmers, make sure shoots are well managed and as safe as can be, in order to be invited and welcome time after time.

Moreover, I feel it is every member's right to have exclusive access to venues and events, as you are paying a membership fee to enjoy the privilege and benefits available to members. Why should your friends, or anyone else for that matter, enjoy the same privileges and benefits, without being members and paying? If your non-member friends want to participate, they are more than welcome, but they must become a member to do so, which is the right thing to do! On events and venues where there are limited participants allowed, non-members also fill up spots that paid-up members could have taken. This is not fair to our members!

Lastly, all our adverts in the eNewsletter are free of charge and we also do not make a cent on any transaction or sales whatsoever. We do it purely as a membership benefit.

We hope you enjoy this year's shooting and take advantage of the many services we offer to members. Thank you, as always, for your enthusiastic support! We are proud to be of service to our members and we thank you for your continued support!

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Krieghoff Introduces K-20 Victoria Shotgun For Women At SCI Convention

At the SCI Convention in Reno, Nevada, Krieghoff has introduced the K-20 Victoria shotgun, designed by the women of Krieghoff for ladies who enjoy the shooting sports.

From inception the K-20 Parcours, with its sleek lighter-weight design, was the natural choice as the foundation for Krieghoff's first dedicated Lady's model.

Working with women of varying shooting experience, including members of its own staff, Krieghoff gathered feedback, insights and specifications to create an adjustable comb stock that fits comfortably and points instinctively right out of the case.

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Dimensions decided, Krieghoff went a step further and designed an exclusive checkering pattern for the Victoria. Softly pointed checkering accented with elegant scroll adorn the stock and forearm adding beauty and smooth handling.

The beautifully styled Victoria is delivered in a specially designed Negrini case featuring slim design, cream colored exterior accented in tan leather with carrying strap for easy transport.

Specifications of the new K-20 Victoria are: Available in either 20 gauge or 28

Gauge, barrels are parours 30" or 32", rib is 7-6mm tapered flat, fixed chokes M/IM, and ladies Victoria stock with adjustable comb, oil finish and special Victoria checkering. Weight is Approximately 7 lbs.

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— SA Wingshooters

Gauteng Waterfowl count stats

CWAC data (Table 1) suggests that waterbird numbers are below average and in most cases experiencing a multi-year decline. We have received no hunting returns for waterfowl so presume that hunting is not a significant contributing factor. We will again recommend no hunting of Spur-winged Geese, but not sure

if a reduced daily bag for the other species is merited at this stage. Please consult the GDARD Gauteng hunting gazette when published to see what species are open in 2019.

— GDARD

Correction to Aldicarb article as published in Wingshooter Vol. 24 No.3 2018

The article published in that issue of Wingshooter magazine, op page 30 and 31, stated that the chemical mentioned in the article is a white crystalline powder.

Wingshooters would, however, never encounter the active chemical ingredient, *aldicarb* in the field but only possibly the product *Temik*, which is a charcoal colored granule resembling gunpowder, and in cases of abuse, on or within a bair, such as meat.

— Tim Snow (M.Env.Dev.- Env. Mgmt)

— SA Wingshooters



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Table 1. Waterbird count data for 38 sites across Gauteng (2014-2018)

Species	Winter 2014	Winter 2015	Winter 2016	Winter 2017	Winter 2018	Average
Red-billed Teal	954	2022	1165	870	933	1189
Yellow-billed Duck	1982	2448	1469	1356	1125	1676
Spur-winged Goose	2389	1219	1147	936	655	1269
Egyptian Goose	2005	1713	1998	1625	1574	1783



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DISTRIBUTION AND ABUNDANCE

This migrant breeds in two separate areas and consists of a western population in Scandinavia, and an eastern population that extends from Poland to western Siberia (Kålås 2004). The global population numbers between 500,000 and 1,050,000 individuals (IUCN 2012a).

The Great Snipe spends its entire non-breeding period in sub-Saharan Africa. In southern Africa it is mostly restricted to northern Namibia, where it occupies an area of roughly 4,000 km², and Botswana, Zimbabwe and central Mozambique, with scattered records from southern and eastern South Africa (Hockey & Tree 2005). It has become increasingly rare in southern Africa, particularly in South Africa, with a northward shift into Zimbabwe since 1955 (Hockey 1997, Hockey & Tree 2005). Few birds have been recorded from Namibia (Hockey et al. 1986) where it cooccurs with the Ethiopian Snipe *G. longipennis* (Maclean 1997e) in ephemeral wetlands.

Fewer than 200 birds are likely to be present in Namibia at any one time, but may be locally common at the Nyae Nyae Pans when they are partly flooded after good rains (Komen 1988, Hines 1993), with up to 30 birds being counted in an afternoon, together with both African Snipe *G. nigripennis* and Greater Painted Snipe *Rostratula benghalensis* (Hines 1989).

They have also been recorded as rare on the 'Pannetjies Veld' wetlands of Bushmanland and on perched wetlands alongside the Okavango River in the Mahango area of the Bwabwata National Park (Hines 1989). There are records from the Rundu Sewage work (Ryan 1987c), from Fischer's Pan in Etosha National Park and from Lake Oponono in north-central Namibia (CJ Brown pers. obs.). Numbers might be under-reported because its cryptic plumage and behaviour can make it difficult to detect, particularly in dense ground vegetation.

ECOLOGY

The Great Snipe currently holds the world record for the fastest non-stop long-distance flight, after a tracked individual covered nearly 7,000 km in 84 hours without resting, thanks to its ability to nearly double its weight before starting its migration (Klaassen et al.



Photo: IUCN.org

2011). It leaves its breeding grounds from early August (del Hoyo et al. 1996), arrives in southern Africa between September and November, and departs again in March (Hockey & Douie 1995).

In southern Africa, it usually occurs singly or in small scattered flocks (Hockey & Tree 2005), where it frequents sedge marshes, short grass on lake edges, abandoned fields, golf courses, sports fields and drier grasslands (del Hoyo et al. 1996). It probes soft mud or pecks at the surface for worms, gastropods, insect larvae, crustaceans and occasionally feeds on seeds of marsh plants (del Hoyo et al. 1996, Hockey & Tree 2005).

THREATS

The Great Snipe has fairly specific habitat and food requirements (Løfaldli et al. 1992, Kålås et al. 1997). The loss of breeding habitat and resultant contraction of its range, particularly in Russia and Ukraine, due to agricultural expansion and draining of wetlands (del Hoyo et al. 1996, Kålås et al. 1997) probably poses the greatest threat to the species.

Its northward range contraction in southern Africa is probably linked to the draining of wetlands and to wetland siltation caused by soil erosion due to poor land management (Zaloumis & Milstein 1975, Hockey & Tree 2005).

It is hunted in parts of its non-breeding range (Stattersfield & Capper 2000, Debayle 2003), but this is unlikely to occur in Namibia. Global climate is predicted to impact parts of its breeding range (Kålås 2004) and may reduce its incidence in southern Africa

further, as projected declines in rainfall (Midgley et al. 2001) would decrease the availability of flooded ephemeral wetlands (Simmons et al. 2004).

CONSERVATION STATUS

The rapid decline of the population between the end of the 19th and the first half of the 20th century (Kålås 2004), coupled with the species' breeding range contraction and disappearance from much of Europe caused it to be categorised as globally Near Threatened (IUCN 2012a).

Although its western breeding population appears to be stabilising, the eastern population continues to decline (Kålås 2004). Despite being a relatively rare visitor to Namibia, its global conservation status and decline in southern Africa during the last century justifies its local listing of Near Threatened. The species is listed in Annex 2 of the Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA), in Appendix II of the Convention for the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and needs to be accorded Specially Protected status under Namibian Parks and Wildlife legislation.

ACTIONS

An international single species action plan, with the aim of improving the Great Snipe's conservation status and improve knowledge about this species, lists a number of conservation management recommendations (Kålås 2004). The action plan specifically considers countries where the Great Snipe breeds, but also takes countries visited during migration into account, including Namibia.

Recommendations detailed for southern Africa include the maintenance or enhancement of key habitats, the mapping of the distribution and determination of population size, as well as the monitoring on wintering habitat use and diet. The action plan identifies the Bushmanland (Tsumkwe) Pan System as a key Important Bird Area (IBA) for the Great Snipe in Namibia.

A monitoring programme should be established for this IBA, with emphasis placed on a number of Red Data species, including the Great Snipe.

— J Kemper; RE Simmons. Reviewed by: CJ Brown; H Kolberg; LG Underhill



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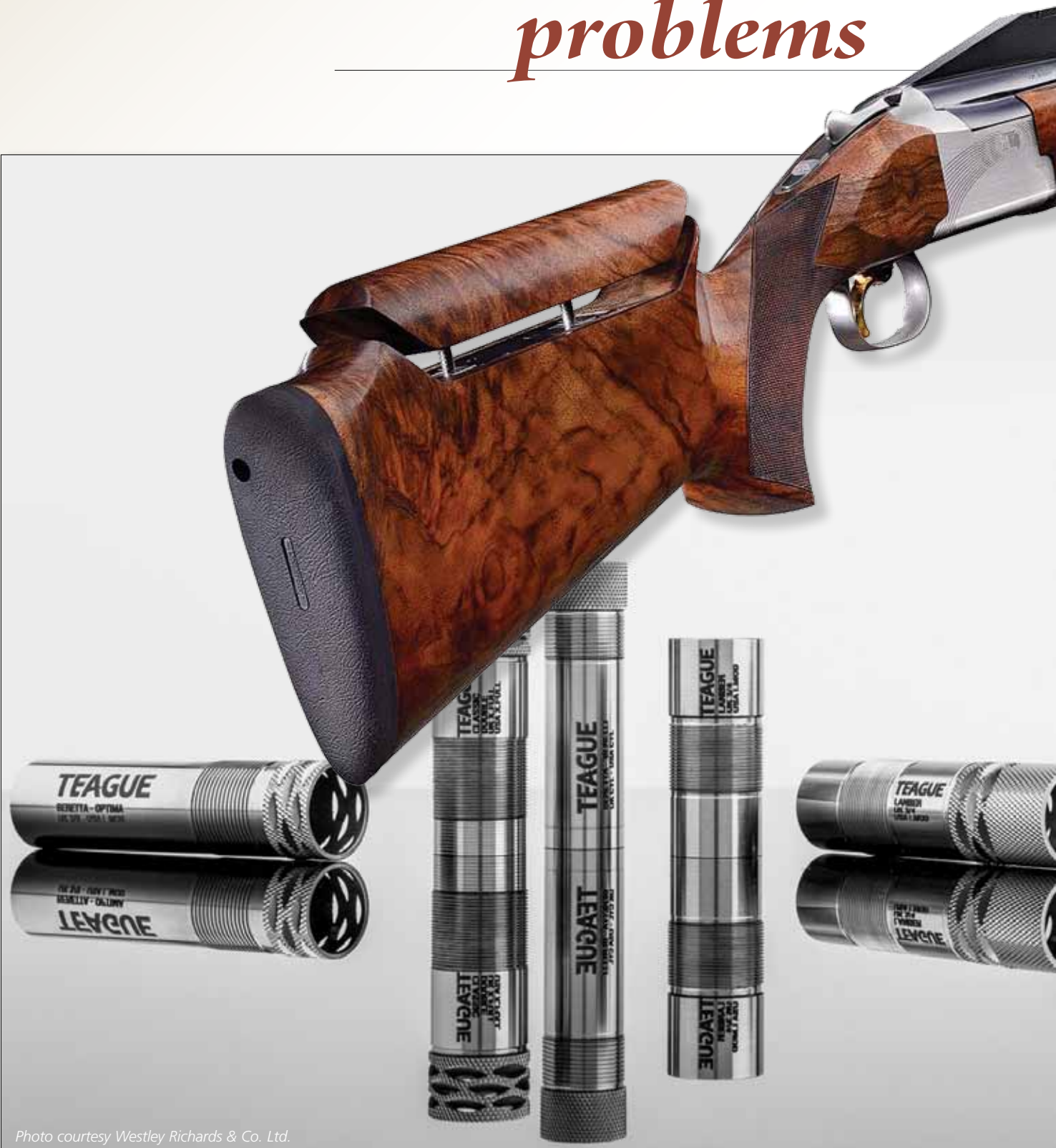
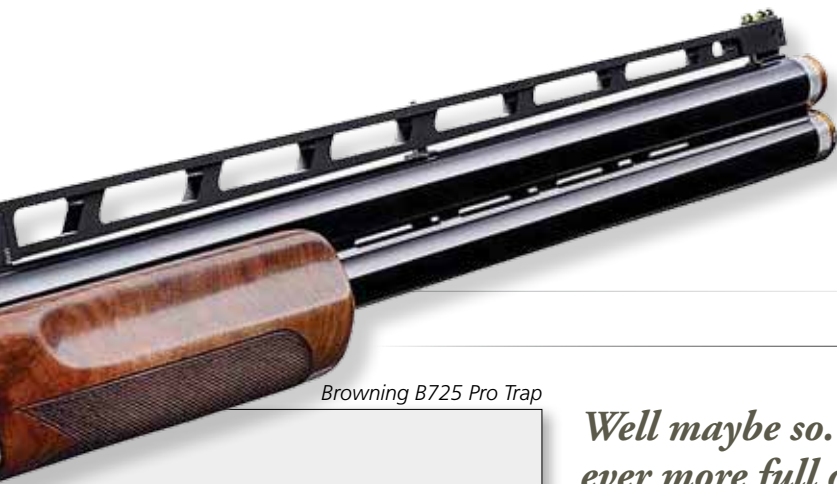


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Browning B725 Pro Trap

by Charles Duff

Well maybe so. The modern world is becoming ever more full of such things as we continually invent ways to improve upon existing states of affairs. The fascinating world of pteryplegia – or shooting flying – is no exception.



Let's take interchangeable chokes. Back in the good old colony days, when we lived under a king, all shotguns were made with cylinder bores, until 1866 when the choke process was patented by W.R. Pape of Newcastle. The killing range got extended markedly, from 25-30 yards to 40-45 yards, a major advance. You bought a double barrelled shotgun with the chokes that you wanted and lived with it and, not surprisingly, most people were quite happy with the status-quo, which lasted for a long time.

It's a fact that if you don't know that you are being deprived, you actually aren't deprived! As always there was a down side, 'leading' of barrels increased substantially and its removal was a bugbear. But a century later, in 1969, interchangeable or multi-chokes burst onto the scene. The first practical version being the 'Winchoke' by Winchester. By the late 70s early 80s, every manufacturer

of shotguns worthy of the name had them, and several speciality companies came into being.

These, not being content with the sales of existing chokes, introduced new ones between every 'old' choke, making the original seven (full, improved modified (3/4), modified (1/2), improved cylinder (1/4), skeet 1 & 2 and cylinder) into eleven, (extra full, full, light full, improved modified, modified, light modified, improved cylinder, improved skeet, skeet, light skeet and finally cylinder) thus vastly increasing the product range and adding to the confusion.

The idea was that the shooter could select the right chokes for each type of shooting that he would encounter, a most worthy aim. But this concept could have boomeranged disastrously for the gun-makers as theoretically every shooter would only ever need one gun.

However, fortunately for them, except for a small group of really knowledgeable shooters, the average

wing-shooter neither knows nor cares about such minutiae. Thus the bulk of guns with multi-chokes are used as they come out of the box. A certain percentage get fitted with chokes as advised by friends, counter hands and occasionally an expert and then they all remain in the muzzles until they end up so securely gunged-in that they can be almost impossible to take out.

I am as guilty as any; years ago I got a 30" barrelled Miroku and had it fitted with multi-chokes. Shortly thereafter I went on a goose shoot with a bunch of cowboys so I put in the full and three-quarter chokes. Switched back to quarter and half

or an existing one altered to suit.

A somewhat inconvenient problem is that the person doing the fitting needs to know what he is doing, otherwise from the get-go the whole wonderful idea collapses. Consequently certain select gun shops or shotgun ranges offer such a service and nowhere is it widespread.

Thus adjustable combs and butt plates would seem to be a perfect answer, the individual making the settings that suits himself. However bear in mind the fact that he is even less likely to be an expert or even vaguely well-versed in the process. But once this is done, the expensive engineering is no longer required, so

*"A quite recent innovation has been **adjustable combs** and to a lesser extent, butt plates."*



THE FULLY ADJUSTABLE STOCK

chokes and those were still in the gun a decade or so later when I sold it. It is my experience that wing-shooters tend to buy guns for a purpose rather than an all-purpose gun.

A quite recent innovation has been adjustable combs and to a lesser extent, butt plates. Specialised test or try-guns were produced by the gun trade a long time ago. The theory was that when wishing to buy a shotgun our sportsman would hie himself off to the nearest gunshop where a try-gun would be fitted to him, the necessary measurements would be taken and then either a bespoke stock made

it only gets used once.

Granted, a person's physique alters with age, but insofar as the critical points for a shotgun fit are concerned, (size and position of the hands, stance, eye to bottom of cheekbone, eye to top of shoulder, cheekbone to point of comb, pitch of butt and cast-on or cast-off), actually not so much; your girth can double without altering the fit of your gun to any discernible extent.

The only logical place for such modifications to standard stocks is the shotgun shooting range where tuition and corporate/group shoot-

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Waterhaven has a membership of +/- 225 people from beginners to the more experienced sporting shooter and is affiliated to the Clay target shooting Association of South Africa (CTSASA) as well as Compak SA.

The club boasts a selection of sporting ranges which are situated throughout the estate and vary from week to week to create a sporting variety. The club encourages new people to the sport and assists in coaching and tuition for those wanting to try the sport or improve their skill. The club is open Wednesday to Saturday and Sunday mornings.



ing is catered for. There it can be useful indeed, especially with respect to shortening the length of pull for children and women and raising the comb for women. But again, it needs an experienced person to use it properly.

Though, to be fair, we must again exclude that small select group of competitive clay target shooters. Such a one of my acquaintance has a gun with every adjustable possibility, and he told me that putting-on or losing a couple of kg means re-doing his stock dimensions. However I think that he's the exception that proves the rule.

A relatively modern invention has been the introduction of removable trigger groups, usually of single trigger design. The first patent for a single trigger was issued in 1864 and since then over 100 further patents have been granted.

Their complexity varied immensely, for example the Boss design required 14 parts, Lancaster's 16, Jones' 17 and Fulford's 20. W.W Greener scooped the pool with a paltry 7 while Westley Richards on an 1899 patent had 19. Need it be emphasised that the more moving bits in any mechanism, the greater the likelihood of something going wrong? So a removable trigger group would seem to be a really worthwhile idea.

To the best of my knowledge only Perazzi, and latterly Antonio Zoli have come out with a hand-detachable single trigger group. Perazzi's published reason was that to get really good and consistent trigger pulls they determined that 'V' springs were better than coil springs. But these suffered the problem that, on becoming old and well-used were liable to snap, without notice. Thus for the competition shooter (and an impressive number of Olympic shooters use their guns), the ability to replace a broken trigger instantly is a decided insurance policy. But what they say about coil versus leaf springs flies in the face of everything that I've ever read on the subject. The Zoli guns use coil springs which rarely, if ever, break; so their introduction of a hand-detachable trigger group seems strange, especially as they make much of the durability and dependability



Zoli detachable trigger

of their guns. So spin is in, but mark my words – expect many other makers following their lead in the near future.

Of course, on a slightly different tack, several makers made hand-removable locks, usually back or bar action sidelocks, Westley Richards produced the renowned drop-locks for their Anson and Deeley boxlocks. The underlying reason being that, if equipped with a spare or two, your safari into darkest Africa or India would not be discommoded should your trusty double break a spring or any other delicate part of the locks. And for the 19th and early 20th centuries this could be a distinct possibility.

However with the improvements in metallurgy, communications and transportation since then, this reason is now largely defunct and for any maker to introduce a new version would be, frankly, marketing spin.

All sidelocks are relatively easily removable with a couple of minutes' use of a turnscrew (that's a very upper-class screwdriver), should your gun get immersed in a dam or river. Most, like multi-chokes, never get moved. So, perfect solutions to non-existent problems?

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Waterfowl

Utilisation

The major issues concerning the sustainable utilisation of waterbirds in South Africa, of which we only focus on waterfowl (duck and geese), as no other waterbirds may be hunted or harvested in the Republic, which are not listed in any of our provincial nature conservation ordinances. What are the threats to our waterbirds? Here are some of the considerations:

*For: UNEP – AEWA MOP 7 Conference, Durban, South Africa.
Side event on sustainable utilisation held on 6 December 2018.
by: André van der Westhuizen – SA Wingshooters Association*

Water pollution on a national scale is a serious concern. Johannesburg sits atop the world's most productive gold reef - a staggering 40 000 tons of the precious metal has been mined from it during a history tracing back 130 years. That legacy of riches has left behind a toxic inheritance: radioactivity from uranium hauled up in the mining process.

Scientists have found uranium quantities in rivers west of the city to be as much as 4 000 times natural levels, and in tap water as much as 20 times higher.

A soil sample taken by Bloomberg News and tested by government-certified WaterLab Ltd. from pumpkin roots grown a little more than a mile from a recently closed gold mine contained five times more uranium than background levels considered normal by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Residents of Johannesburg and surrounding communities live among an estimated 600 000 metric tons of uranium buried in waste rock and covering an area four times the size of Manhattan, according to university researchers.

"There's nowhere in the world



where you'll find so many people living alongside such a vast amount of ore-bearing uranium," said Dr. Carl Albrecht, head of research at the Cancer Association of South Africa.

"There are 400,000 people in the area who are subjected to this environment and yet the government is unwilling to consider the health impact."

The effects of low-level, chronic exposure to radiation include cancer and changes to DNA, known as mutations, that can be passed onto offspring, according to the US government.

High uranium intake over time can also lead to increased cancer risk and liver damage, the agency said.¹

Over a million Gauteng residents are exposed daily to high levels of uranium with some areas in the West Rand exceeding that of disaster zones from Chernobyl – site of the 1986 Ukrainian nuclear disaster.²

These locations are not only limited to Gauteng Province, and include the Mooi River near Potchefstroom (the drinking water of the town of Potchefstroom), and many other places country-wide.

The half-life of uranium 238 is

4.5 billion years, while uranium 235 has a half-life of 'only' 700 million years.³ Fifty thousand litres of sewage flow into SA's rivers every second!⁴ If these are some of the risks for humans, imagine what the impact is on our waterbirds, that live in it!

Poisoning (Aldicarb / organophosphates, etc.):

There are too many cases of bird poisoning to mention on an individual basis. Here are some reference websites:

<https://mg.co.za/article/2014-05-08-poisoning-africa-natural-wealth>

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/northern-cape/blue-crane-massacre-1819128>

<https://africageographic.com/blog/more-incidences-of-vulture-poisoning-in-south-africa/>

<https://www.unep-aewa.org/en/news/countries-meet-tackle-poisoning-birds-southern-africa>

<https://sciencing.com/pollution-effects-birds-5317418.html>

Waterfowl hunting in South Africa is a very limited activity – low hunter numbers nationally:

The SA Wingshooters Association has 2 900 members country-wide. We are the only association dedicated to bird hunting and sustainable utilisation of birds. Of our 2 900 members, it is estimated that not more than 400 members participate in more than 2 waterfowl hunting activities each year.

Taking all into account a fairly accurate estimation of all waterfowl hunters resident in South Africa is therefore no more than 2000 individuals who hunt waterfowl more than twice per year.

Provincial hunting laws and regulations – perhaps there is a need to nationalise waterfowl hunting regulation?:

Annual provincial hunting gazettes and laws need to be updated more often, depending on annual rainfall, in order to limit hunting in times of drought. In drought, waterfowl will congregate in areas where water may still be present, which could cause over utilisation, as they then appear to be in abundance.

There are no national annual hunting bag and bird number statistics. Very few of the government nature conservation agencies actively research and process gamebird and waterfowl numbers. None of them make it available to the public or at the very least – to stakeholders. The SA Wingshooters Association launched a National Gamebird Survey in June 2018. This survey will continue for at least two to three years. We will share any relevant information with all relevant and interested parties.



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Fortunately there is very limited government land for hunting – 99% of all legal waterfowl hunting is on private farmland.

Almost all waterfowl hunting takes place on private farm land. There are no waterfowl hunting taking place on state owned land, as far as we are aware. Of the 55 major national dams, vleis, waterways and estuaries in South Africa⁵, excluding the Vaal Dam, and including the 23 RAMSAR wetland sites, only five are not inside or part of a National Park or Nature Reserve, and most are totally encompassed by the reserve or national park.

These five mostly border private farm land. Therefore, waterfowl in South Africa enjoy increased sanctuary, especially in these areas, where they rest. A large number of our waterfowl species feed on agricultural lands early mornings and late afternoons/evenings, and rest on waterways, vleis, dams and wetlands when not feeding.

Bag limits set by provinces inconsistent, and no bag limits in some provinces:

Waterfowl hunting (including terrestrial gamebird hunting) in South Africa, is regulated by provincial nature conservation laws. There are however, no consistency in bag limits between provinces as to how many birds may be hunted/harvested per day per person. The province of Mpumalanga for instance, has no bag limits of gamebirds or waterfowl! There you can shoot as many as you like.

Due to constant pressure and determination by SA Wingshooters Association, amongst others, the KwaZulu-Natal province recently introduced a maximum bag limit of 10 waterfowl and 10 terrestrial birds per hunter per day. Prior to this, they had no bag limit.

Inconsistencies such as these in various provinces cause uncertainty in the hunting fraternity as to what is the legal limit. This can be easily rectified by a national daily limit.

Hunting season duration:

Hunting of certain waterfowl species is open all year round in some provinces, such as Western



***“Maximum bag
limit of
10 waterfowl and
10 terrestrial birds per
hunter per day”***

Cape Province and Northern Cape Province. This could also have an effect on the sustainability of waterfowl populations. Seasons could be shorter, especially in specific provinces. South Africa has some of the longest hunting seasons globally.

The lack of nature conservation policing also plays a role. No nature conservation officials are available to monitor and enforce nature conservation laws. Lack of interest and funding from government is one of the major reasons. Nature conservation department field officers are largely non-existent.

SA Wingshooters as one of the custodians of waterfowl and their habitats:

The general hunting public is not aware of the laws in existence relating to gamebird and waterfowl hunting in South Africa. The SA Wingshooters Association is the only hunting and sport shooting association that continuously promote and publishes gamebird and waterfowl

hunting laws, regulations, bag limits, ethical considerations, to name but a few, in our various media formats.

Most non-member public hunters are not even aware of the fact that one needs a bird hunting licence in order to hunt birds. We have ethical codes and standards for waterfowl hunting, of which we inform our members. The government needs to start a campaign to inform the public of waterfowl conservation and sustainable utilisation.

Local community impact:

The local community impact is low relating to waterfowl only. In South Africa, we have never witnessed, or heard of, waterfowl being harvested by other means than hunting. Methods such as snaring, trapping, catching, etc. are for the most part, not effective on waterfowl.

There is very little, if any, impact on waterfowl specifically by non-hunters or local communities that do not own firearms, due to the fact that waterfowl are wary birds and difficult to hunt.

Terrestrial gamebird hunter numbers versus waterfowl hunters:

There are at most an estimated 5 000 to 6 000 terrestrial gamebird (upland) hunters, and even less who hunt more than twice per year, as opposed to the approximate 2 000 waterfowl hunters. For this reason the impact on the waterfowl population is less than what most would expect.

South Africa is host to 16 species of duck and geese. Waterbirds, including waterfowl (duck and geese) are fairly well protected in South Africa, through laws and regulation.

The problem remains with serious major impacts, such as water pollution, secondary poisoning, bad management and other effects that cause long term and large scale damage to populations. This is cause for concern, and SA Wingshooters will monitor the situation going forward.

*1. Source: IOL Business Report

*2. Source: www.health-e.org.za

*3. <http://www.radioactivity.eu.com>

*4. <https://img.co.za/article/2017-07-21-south-africas-shit-has-hit-the-fan>

*5. Available from SA Wingshooters Association

The SA Wingshooters May Fun Shoot



25 May
2019



photo: Beretta.com

When: SATURDAY 25 May at 08H30

Where: Wattlesprings Gun Club

Bring your own gun, ammo, friends and family and come and have a GREAT DAY with us at our new MFS – May Fun Shoot!

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW –

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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HOW MUCH?

- An entry fee of only **R290.-** per gun for 50 clay targets.
- Non-shooting family members and invited guests welcome.

There is a full restaurant and bar available throughout the day for your own cost. For lunch, you can order what you like off their menu. If there are more than a certain number of people, we will be given a set menu, consisting of a few options, available to choose from. This is a relaxed, fun shoot, for the enjoyment of shooting and member interaction. It is not a formal competition and no prizes will be given.

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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. R750 p/p. Guided and hosted by SA Wingshooters & NW Wingshooting. Call the office to book.

Morning Shoots available:

Wednesday 12 June
Wednesday 7 August

BRONKHORSTSPRUIT & VEREENIGING AREAS

Guided bird hunting on offer – Upland gamebirds, Geese and Pigeons available during the open season. Weekend & Midweek minimum 2 Day Shoots. For more booking information, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

North West:

RUSTENBURG Shoot:

OFFICIAL SHOOT VENUE – Rustenburg Upland/Walk-up Shoot – Rustenburg, North West

THE BEST gamebird shooting! Francolin & Guinea-fowl with HPR dogs. Minimum 4 guns on any shoot. Max. 6 guns can be accommodated. An SA Wingshooters officially appointed shoot. The best

shoot you can go on! 10% discount for SA Wingshooters members. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available: Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season. All weekends available.

Season: 1 May to 31 September.

Mid-week Day Shoots also available.

RUSTENBURG JUNIOR Shoot:

OFFICIAL SHOOT – Father & Son/Daughter Upland/Walk-up Shoot – Rustenburg, North West

THE BEST gamebird shooting! Francolin & Guinea-fowl with HPR dogs. Minimum 4 Parents and 4 kinds/guns on the shoot. An SA Wingshooters officially appointed shoot. The best shoot you can go on! 10% discount for SA Wingshooters members.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available: Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season.

5 June

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. R1700 p/p all inclusive – Just bring your gun and ammo. 4 Guns minimum and maximum. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

17 July

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

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14 August

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

Shoot:

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18 September

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

Shoot:

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Limpopo:

WARMBAD:

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. 7 guns. 5 Guinea-fowl & 5 Francolin daily limit per gun. Call SA Wingshooters to book

Weekend Shoots available:

18 May
15 June
20 July
3 August

13 July

Laerskool Tuinplaas Guinea-fowl Shoot – Limpopo

Upland community day shoot.

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THE 2019 SHOOT CALENDAR – for members only

Limpopo continued... WINGSHOOTING (BIRD HUNTING)

To book contact: Lorette van der merwe, or Tersia Giannacopoulos
Tel/Faks: 014 792 0820/ email:
laerskooltuinplaas01@gmail.com

15 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

29 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:

5-7 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

27 July

Laerskool Warmbad Community Shoot – Warmbad, Limpopo

A well organised community shoot to the benefit of the school. Cost is R1000 per gun (SA Wingshooters members get 10% discount). To book please call: Leonelle Moolman: 078 803 8075 or email: lsw.birdshoot@gmail.com – Bookings close 24 June.

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 to book.

SETTLERS:

9-10 August & 7-9 June (Memel) 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 contact Vicki Martin for more information: 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 to book.

GUIDESERVICES – SETTLERS / SPRINGBOK FLATS

Guided bird hunting on offer – Free State

Upland gamebirds and pigeons available during the open season. Weekend & Midweek minimum 2 Day Shoots. For more booking information, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

Free State:

18-21 July (Provisional)

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.

1-4 August (Provisional)

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 to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

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

VILLIERS:

Waterfowl Shoots – Villiers, Free State

Waterfowl shoot weekend includes 2 nights luxury lodge accommodation and catering. 3 waterfowl hunting sessions. Min. 10 guns. Spa in lodge available for partners/spouses. Own dogs welcome. This is a self-guided shoot! Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

17-19 May, 22-23 June; 19-21 July. More dates available.

SASOLBURG:

Rock Pigeon shooting. From now until flights stop –

Day shoots inclusive of a braai lunch. Saturdays and weekdays. Groups of 4 or more. Good shooting at feed lots also available. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

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 to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

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

STEYNSRUS:

OFFICIAL SHOOT – Inspected Venue

Vals River Shoot – Steynsrus, Free State

Mixed bag along the Vals river. Shoot waterfowl & gamebirds on the river. Self-catering. Accommodation on the

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river bank. Day shoots also available. R500 p/p/day self catering.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

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

BOTHAVILLE

OFFICIAL SHOOT

Rietpan shoot – Free State.

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

Currently not OPEN:

Will consider dates in season water permitting. TBC.

VREDEFORT:

Esperanza Upland Shoot – Vredefort area, Free State.

Weekend shoots

Guinea-fowl and francolin on various farms. Accommodation available.

Max. 8 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.

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. This

is a one star shoot.

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 AREA

Malta Shoot – Free State

Vrede area. Excellent quality mixed bag of land and water birds, including greywing.

Weekend Shoots available:
Choose your own weekends

VREDE

Inspected Venue

Groenfontein Shoot – Free State

Upland & Waterfowl shooting. This shoot is for 3 guns and is hosted and guided by André van der Westhuizen. 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

selfcatering 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, or buy a lamb braai pack @ R250 per person. Own dogs needed – sheep farm, so make sure your dog is under control!

Weekend Day Shoots available:
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.

FRANKFORT / HEILBRON AREAS

Guided bird hunting on offer – Free State

Upland gamebirds, Waterfowl and Pigeons available during the open season. Weekend & Midweek minimum 2 Day Shoots. For more booking information, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

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

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THE 2019 SHOOT CALENDAR – for members only

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends in consultation with the venue custodian

MIDDELBURG

Inspected Venue

Waterfowl Shoot – Middelburg, Mpumalanga – weekend 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, R250 supper, R135 Brunch. Pigeon shooting at R500 per day or R300 half day. Own dogs welcome!

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

17-19 May • Upland Birds

21-23 June • Waterfowl

19-21 July • Upland Birds

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 Wingshooters. Call SA Wingshooters to book

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own dates

SECUNDA AREA

Guided bird hunting on offer – Free State

Upland gamebirds, Waterfowl and

Pigeons available during the open season. Weekend & Midweek minimum 2 Day Shoots. For more booking information, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

Northern Cape

HOPETOWN:

OFFICIAL Shoot

Orange River Goose Shoot – Hopetown, Northern Cape.

Wingshooting on the Orange River. Egyptian Geese hunting at its best! This shoot is guided by André van der Westhuizen. Comfortable accommodation for 3 guns. R4200.- per gun catering & fine accommodation included. Two full days shooting. Arrive Thursday, depart Sunday. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

29 August to 1 September Shoot to be confirmed

HOPETOWN:

Inspected Venue

Edelweiss Shoot, Northern Cape.

Wingshooting on the Orange River. All birds that are open in their various season dates. Basic accommodation, but good shooting. Self-catering. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

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

BREDASDORP:

OFFICIAL Venue

Bredasdorp Walk-up – Bredasdorp, Western Cape

Guinea-fowl & waterfowl. Accommodation & restaurant on site. Self guided hunting.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season.

STRANDVELD: CLOSED DUE TO DROUGHT

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.

Accommodation for 5 guns.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

No shooting available this season: Until further notice!

TOUWS RIVER:

Exclusive Venue

Souttrivier Shoot – Western Cape.

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

HEIDELBERG:

Exclusive Venue

Nonarosa Shoot Waterfowl & Upland birds – Western Cape.

Walk-up shoot close to Heidelberg.

Guinea-fowl, Spur-wing, Egyptian geese and duck in season.

Accommodation for 6 guns self catering.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season.

OTHER DAY SHOTS IN WESTERN CAPE:

Shoot: Riviersonderend School

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.

Shoot

Quarry: Cape Francolin
Date: TBC
Contact person: Jannie Esterhuyse
Tel: (028) 2611215
Email: rshshoot@gmail.com

Shoot: Rûens College Shoot

Quarry: Cape Francolin / Guinea
Date: 1 June
Contact person: Sumari
Email: admin@ruenskollege.co.za

Shoot: Suideroord Old Age Home

Quarry: Cape Francolin / Guinea Fowl
Date: 27 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: Not yet confirmed
Contact person: Jannie Esterhuyse
Tel: (028) 2611215
Email: rivierhigh@gmail.com

Shoot: Greyton NG Church

Quarry: Guinea-fowl
Date: 10 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**

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.

GRAHAMSTOWN:

Exclusive Venue

Fish River Shoot – Eastern Cape
Professionally guided. Own accom-

modation and food/meals must be arranged. Shooting fee is R500 pp per day. Many species available in their respective seasons. The Egyptian goose season just started 1 February! Bring your own decoys. Good goose shooting. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

**Weekend Shoots available:
Choose your own shoot dates
within the various bird seasons.**

VARIOUS AREAS:

Nieu Bethesda, etc.

Bespoke and group hunts available over dogs in the following areas throughout the hunting season: Nieu Bethesda EC, and Somerset East areas. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

KwaZulu-Natal

NEWCASTLE AREA:

Guided bird hunting on offer – Free State

Upland gamebirds, Waterfowl and Pigeons available during the open season. Weekend & Midweek minimum 2 Day Shoots. For more booking information, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

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NW WINGSHOOTING RUSTENBURG SOUTH AFRICA Game Bird Hunting

Francolin, Guinea Fowl, Water Fowl & Pigeon

- Hunt is a rough shoot with pointing and flushing dogs
- Hunting season starts 1 May to 30 September
- Hunting concession—Rustenburg, North West Province, South Africa
- Hunting Cabins situated on farm in a African Bushveld setting:
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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.



12-15 September

SA Game Fair – Wattlesprings Gun Club

A fun game fair, just like in the UK, will be held during this time at Wattlesprings Gun 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 25 May

SA Wingshooters FUN Clay Target Shoot.

A fun clay shoot to be held at Wattlesprings 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 9 November

SA Wingshooters Annual Christmas Clay Target Shoot.

A fun clay shoot to be held at Sterkfontein Shooting Academy – All welcome!

We will host our annual Christmas clay target shooting, consisting of 50 fun clay targets and a lunch and prizes. This is an event for the entire family, so bring all and come have some fun! Space is limited to 100 people. Call Anél at the office to book!

STERKFontein 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.
Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

WATTLESPRING GUN CLUB – East of Pretoria:

Discount for SA Wingshooters members

SA Wingshooters members receive a substantial discount on round fees. SA Wingshooters members (with proof of membership card) pay only R100 per round for any discipline, except Sporting. 25 Sporting clays cost R120. Call Wesley Olwage: 078 151 1090

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SPORT SHOOTING – TARGET & STEEL

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

Multi-Gun rifle & handgun matches

At our LRSC private shooting range

We offer 3-gun and 2-gun combined rifle and handgun shooting events at our LRSC range. Multi-stage events include handgun shooting from 10m to 100m and transition rifle shooting up to 500m. This division is for semi-auto rifles, bolt actions 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 2018.**

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 own range just 18km from Broederstroom, where we host long range shoots and training. Our range is permanently set up and the distances range from 350 metres to 1708 metres, and includes a 2,4km range! The range is currently available 7 days a week.

This range/farm is not a public range and



is available on invitation and for members of the LRSC only. Should you be interested, visit:

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 2019:

The 2019 LRSC (Long Range Shooting Club), TPS 3-gun and 2-gun, .22PSBC and handgun Official Match event dates for 2019 is as follows:

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|---------------|---|
| 2 February: | LRSC Rifle match |
| 2 March: | LRSC Rifle match |
| 16 March: | TPS 3-Gun and 2-Gun multi-gun Match. A competition division on its own. |
| 13 April: | LRSC Rifle match |
| 11 May: | LRSC Rifle SPEED match. Limited and Timed match. As well as official wind/fundamentals/form coaching after the event. |
| 1 June: | LRSC Rifle match |
| 13 July: | LRSC Rifle match |
| 3 August: | TPS 3-Gun and 2-Gun multi-gun Match. A competition division on its own. |
| 14 September: | LRSC Rifle match |
| 12 October: | Annual .22PSBC Small-bore match. A competition division on its own. |
| 16 November: | Year-end Fun Shoot and medal/certificate ceremony. Not counted towards LRSC Match points |

Participants may enter multiple calibre division at any event, as per the LRSC calibre divisions, however, we request your consideration when entering multi-calibres so as not to hold up other participants or cause unnecessary delays to the event timing and progress. 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, including. Tented bush camps and large hunting area.

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

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.

Bothaville – Free State.

Exclusive Venue

Blesbuck hunting. Basic accommodation, self-catering. Exclusive to SA Wingshooters only. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

2019 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. (Copies of certificates must be attached to the applications). These hunts are not for re-sale, and should the applicant not take up the hunt, it will be offered to the next person on the waiting list. These are non-trophy hunts and must be completed within the allocated time frame. No carryover requests will be entertained. Various packages available.

Kindly be informed that Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife have limited hunting packages available for local hunters. For more information on these packages, kindly refer to the Ezemvelo website www.kznwildlife.com (from 29 January 2019) alternatively they may contact my office on: Tel: 033 845 1717 or 033 845 1394. E-mail: Rahman.Devduth@kznwildlife.com

HOPETOWN/ORANIA:

Inspected Venue

Gkhui Gkhui Shoot, Northern Cape.

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

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

Mount Carmel Safaris.

Near Daniëlskuil, Northern Cape

Included in the rates: Breakfast and light lunch, Cold room, Freezer, Butchery, Trackers, Skinners, Fully



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

Alldays – Limpopo – Game hunting

Brombeek 2000ha game farm. Walk and stalk. Excellent s/c facilities and guides.

Call SA Wingshooters for info.



Special Courses available for members:

COURSE ACTIVITIES

- Fundamentals Of Pistol And Rifle Craft
- Tactical Combat Use Of Primary And Secondary Firearm
- Use Of Cover And Concealment
- Instinctive Pistol Shooting
- Urban And Rural Contact Drills
- Entering Urban Structures In Small Teams
- Low Light & Night Shooting
- Situational Scenarios
- Firearm Retentions, Disarms And Associated Unarmed Combat Drills

Andreas Liebenberg conducts specialized training for professionals in the security and conservation industries. These courses cover a wide range of topics, including the tactical use of firearms, combat man tracker training and unarmed combat.

Andreas also leads select courses for the civilian market.

Andreas is a qualified firearms instructor, unarmed combat and tracking instructor.

Date:

28 July to 3 August 2019

Cost:

R15,000.- VAT Incl. per person Timbavati gate fees and vehicle levy extra. Min. 4 and Maximum 8 Pax. Supply own Firearms, ammo & kit.

**Call SA Wingshooters for
booking info.**

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PIGEON & DOVE HUNTING

All Provinces:

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 hunters. If you want to participate, then join us! We receive many benefits and it is the right thing to do anyway.

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

The Singita shoot venue, GP
Elandsfontein venue, GP
NW Wingshooting venue, NW
Somerset venue, FS
Rooikoppies venue, MP
Erdzak venue, MP
Middelburg venue, MP
Sasolburg venue, FS
Goedehoop venue, FS
Concordia venue, MP
Witklip venue, FS
Uitkoms venue, FS
Vlakfontein venue, GP
Lillydale venue, NC
Merinovlakte venue, Limp
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.



Do you know





WHAT A TITER TEST IS?

Shockingly, many pet owners have no idea!

by Rodney Habib

Photographs by Leslie van der Merwe

A titer test (pronounced tight-errr) is a laboratory or in-house veterinary test measuring the existence and level of antibodies (necessary to fight off disease) in your pet's blood. Basically, it's a test that will tell you whether or not you actually need to vaccinate your pet.

It's also super useful when making a decision about vaccinating a pet with an unknown vaccination history, or for determining if pets have received immunity from vaccination.

Why is this so important? Because of what can happen if you over-vaccinate your pet! "Vaccinosis", the name for the chronic disease, is caused by continued use of vaccines. These symptoms mimic the original disease in parts.

According to the guide "Canine Nutrigenomics" by world-renowned veterinarian immunologist Dr. Jean Dodds and Diana R. Laverdure:

"Vaccines have achieved many important benefits for companion animals, including:

- Saved more animals' lives than any other medical advance.
- Significantly reduced canine distemper, hepatitis and parvovirus.
- Significantly reduced feline panleukopenia.
- Eliminated rabies in Europe.

However after spending many years monitoring the results of vaccination, those in the animal healthcare field now have a duty to re-examine and improve the current vaccine protocols for the health and safety of their patients. This is especially true for animals with compromised immune systems, since vaccines represent one more stressor that could prove to be the tipping point between health and disease.

Side effects from dog vaccinations can occur anywhere from instantly up to several weeks or months later.



*"The most useful time to run a titer test is after your youngster has **received her initial series of** vaccinations.*

Especially if you've limited that series to just one or two vaccinations, the last being after 16 weeks of age."

Vaccines can even cause susceptibility to chronic diseases that appear much later in a dog's life (Dodd, 2001).

Severe and fatal adverse reactions include:

- Susceptibility to infections.
- Neurological disorders and encephalitis.
- Aberrant behavior, including unprovoked aggression.
 - Vaccines are linked to seizures.

Distemper, parvovirus, rabies and, presumably, other vaccines have been linked with poly neuropathy, a nerve

accompanying cost of treatment."

"The most useful time to run a titer test is after your youngster has received her initial series of vaccinations. Especially if you've limited that series to just one or two vaccinations, the last being after 16 weeks of age. The odds are you've just conferred lifetime immunity to your youngster.

If you want to know how effective your vaccinations were in conferring immunity (i.e. did vaccination = immunization?), ask your vet to run a titer test a few weeks later." - Dr. Falconer



disease that involves inflammation of several nerves. (Dodds, 2001)"

The most basic method for a titer is where your pet's blood is drawn and sent away for testing. It ranges anywhere from \$150 to \$200. The most affordable method is the new "in house" testing procedure. This test is performed at the vet clinic and it takes about 20mins to get the results. The price range is anywhere from \$60 to \$80!

According to truth4pets.org, "Although titer testing may cost somewhat more than vaccination in the short run, it is a bargain long term. Titers do not have to be repeated yearly or even every three years. By testing rather than vaccinating, you avoid the risk of adverse reactions from unnecessary vaccines and the

And there you have it. Now you know.

Remember: there is a huge difference between "not vaccinating" and over-vaccinating your pet. Unfortunately some are very quick to pull the "Anti-Vaxxxer trigger" these days, the second a vaccine article is released.

With most vet clinics today vaccinating pets every six months for the rest of these pets' lives, does this not warrant thought or research?

— article from <https://www.facebook.com/rodneyhabib?fref=nf>
<https://www.facebook.com/PlanetPaws.ca/>

SA Wingshooters suggest you consult your veterinarian on the merits of vaccination.

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The NATIONAL Gamebird Survey

SA Wingshooters launched our own Gamebird Research project in 2018 – to promote the conservation of indigenous gamebirds and their habitat through sustainable utilisation – SA Wingshooters is asking its members to participate in the National Gamebird Survey. This will not only provide us with valuable information as to the present status of the gamebirds but will also provide us with comparison numbers from 1996. Please do your part for the conservation of our gamebirds, and complete the survey...

by Dr P.J. (Slang) Viljoen
An SA Wingshooters initiative
photographs: André van der Westhuizen



African Black Duck with ducklings

MOTIVATION

On a year-to-year basis, there is a lack of knowledge regarding the national status and trends of our gamebirds populations on which effective policy decisions, legislation and management should be based.

Following a National Council decision, SA Wingshooters now has the task of building up a national network of field observers to cover

at least each bio climatic zone in the country. This network, in collaboration with other surveys, will operate through a central data bank and will enable us to monitor population trends on a regional and national basis.

This will not only aid legislation and forecasts for the hunting season but will also identify problem areas pro-actively. It will also pre-

vent unfounded assumptions from the anti hunting and animal rightist brigade.

MODUS OPERANDI

Field observers can be any farmer, conservationist, birdwatcher, hunter, gundog owner, and falconer etc. who spends some time in the veld. It will be required of each field observer to complete a simple data sheet of his/her region once a year and send it through to Wingshooters. There will be two categories of field observers and each observer can choose in which he wants to be.

In the first category all observations can be done while hunting or working dogs. The observer simply lists the species of gamebirds encountered during the day in the region together with his/her impressions of whether the birds are scarce or abundant and whether they had a good or bad breeding season.

This data will then be correlated with regional climatic conditions and existing research data to determine trends. From a scientific point of view it will still be far from accurate, but will be one hundred percent more accurate than the system used this far.

The second category will be in coordination with other bird counting systems in South Africa and will be required to do an actual census of the gamebirds in his/her area.

Each observer will be advised of the appropriate census techniques applicable to the gamebird species and habitat in his/her region. By coordinating and standardising the census techniques and timing, we will be able to compile a database from which accurate long and short term trends can be determined.

POISON SURVEY

The alarming increase of reports on gamebird poisoning also compelled Wingshooters to investigate the matter. Linked to the survey of the gamebird trends and numbers, field observers will also be requested to report on cases of gamebird poisoning in their area.

In this way SA Wingshooters plans to establish channels country-wide through which reports on gamebird poisoning can be consolidated and analysed.

The ultimate aim will be to find practical solutions to the problem, which will benefit conservation and agriculture alike.

INSTRUCTIONS: GAMEBIRD SURVEY DATA SHEET

Please read through the instructions and complete the data sheet as accurately as possible.

If you cannot provide all the information, please complete the sections you can, or contact us for further clarification. Remember, any information is better than none, and we can gain valuable knowledge even if you only list the gamebird species in order of abundance in your area.

We need all the data possible to make a meaningful assessment of the gamebird population trends in our country. To enable us to include your contribution in our initial database, please return the completed form within 30 days.

DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS –

LOCATION

Give the district and registered farm name or name of reserve or

municipal area and/or coordinates

SIZE

Size of the observation area in hectares (if only a portion of a farm has been surveyed, please indicate the approximate size of that particular area).

PERIOD OF OBSERVATION

State month of observation. If possible, state time of day and duration of your survey. Preferably, observations should be made in a specific month within the optimum period for the species concerned.

E.g. April to July:

Guineafowl, Swainson's Francolin, Natal Francolin, Coqui Francolin, Redwing Francolin, Greywing Francolin.

December to April:

Crested Francolin, Rock pigeon.

October to December:

Quail

March to May:

Cape Francolin

Whole year:

Sandgrouse

May to July:

Waterfowl

GAMEBIRD SPECIES

Number all gamebird species in order of abundance relative to each other in your area, starting with the most abundant species.

TREND

Indicate with a cross in the relevant column whether the population has been stable or has increased or decreased in your area, compared to the previous year.

STATUS

Indicate with a cross in relevant column.

Rare – seldom seen or heard. Less than 10 birds seen or less than three groups heard per outing (francolin).

Common – often seen or heard. Between 10 and 100 birds seen or between 3 and ten groups heard per outing.

Abundant - Numerous, more than 10 groups or 100 birds in area.

ADDITIONAL

If you did a count of the game-



Young, Helmeted Guinea-fowl, less than 3 months old

birds in your area, you can put in the actual numbers in the relevant columns instead of a cross.

With some species, such as greywing, redwing and coqui francolins a fair assessment of their numbers can be obtained by listening for different covies in the early morning or late afternoon. Total population size of the area is calculated by determining the mean covey size of some groups and multiply it by the number of groups heard in the observation area

REPRODUCTION SUCCESS

Bad – No or only few chicks seen;

Fair – Chicks often seen in breeding season;

Good – Virtually all adult groups with chicks.

POISONING

Indicate with a cross in relevant column. If affirmative, you will receive a poisoning report form, requesting information on location and number of birds involved etc. as well as instructions on handling and submitting specimens for toxicology analysis.

Please email your survey to Dr. P.J. (Slang) Viljoen and to André van der Westhuizen. The details are at the bottom of the survey form.

Continued overleaf...

THE NATIONAL GAMEBIRD SURVEY 2019 REPORT FORM

Name: _____ Tel: _____
 Address: _____ Email: _____
 Location – Reg. Farm name: _____ District: _____ Province: _____ Size of Survey Area: _____
 Period of Observation: _____ Coordinates: _____

GAMEBIRD SPECIES: Please note that the list include protected gamebird species.	Order of abundance	TREND			STATUS			REPRODUCTION SUCCESS			
		Dec-rease	Stable	Inc-rease	Rare	Com-mon	Abundant	Bad	Fair	Good	Unknown
GUINEAFOWL											
COMMON GUINEAFOWL <i>Numida meleagris</i>											
CRESTED GUINEAFOWL <i>Guttera pucherani</i>											
PARTRIDGES											
COQUI PARTIDGE <i>Peliperdix coqui</i>											
CRESTED FRANCOLIN <i>Dendroperdix sephaena</i>											
GREYWING FRANCOLIN <i>Scleroptila africanus</i>											
SHELLEY'S FRANCOLIN <i>S. shelleyi</i>											
REDWING FRANCOLIN <i>S. levaillanti</i>											
ORANGE RIVER <i>S. levaillantoides</i>											
FRANCOLINS											
REDBILLED FRANCOLIN <i>Pternistis adspersus</i>											
CAPE FRANCOLIN <i>P. capensis</i>											
SWAINSON'S FRANCOLIN <i>P. swainsonii</i>											
RED NECKED FRANCOLIN <i>P. afer</i>											
QUAIL											
COMMON QUAIL <i>Coturnix coturnix</i>											
HARLEQUIN QUAIL <i>C. delegorguei</i>											
SANDGROUSES											
NAMAQUA SANDGROUSE <i>Pterocles namaqua</i>											
YELLOWTHROATED S.GROUSE <i>P. gutturalis</i>											
DUBBELBANDED SANDGROUSE <i>P. bicinctus</i>											
BURCHELL'S SANDGROUSE <i>P. burchelli</i>											
PIGEONS AND DOVES											
ROCK PIGEON <i>Columba guinea</i>											
RAMERON PIGEON <i>C. arquatrix</i>											
DELEGORGUE'S PIGEON <i>C. delegorguei</i>											
REDEYED DOVE <i>Streptopelia semitorquata</i>											
LAUGHING DOVE <i>S. senegalensis</i>											
MOURNING DOVE <i>S. decipiens</i>											
CAPE TURTLE DOVE <i>S. capicola</i>											
DUCKS AND GEESE											
WHITEFACED DUCK <i>Dendrocygna viduata</i>											
FULVOUS DUCK <i>D. bicolor</i>											
WHITEBACKED <i>Thalassornis leuconotus</i>											
EGYPTIAN GOOSE <i>Alopochen aegyptiacus</i>											
S.A. SHELDUCK <i>Tadorna cana</i>											
YELLOWBILLED DUCK <i>Anas undulata</i>											
AFRICAN BLACK DUCK <i>Anas sparsa</i>											
CAPE TEAL <i>Anas capensis</i>											
HOTTENTO TEAL <i>Anas hottentota</i>											
REDBILLED TEAL <i>Anas erythrorhyncha</i>											
CAPE SHOVELLER <i>Anas smithi</i>											
SOUTHER POCHARD <i>Netta erythrophthalma</i>											
KNOBBILLED DUCK <i>Sarkidiornis melanotos</i>											
SPURWING GOOSE <i>Plectropterus gambensis</i>											
PYGMY GOOSE <i>Nettapus auritus</i>											
MACCOA DUCK <i>Oxyura punctata</i>											
REDKNOBBED COOT <i>Fulica cristata</i>											

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open out with your body and when you pull the trigger you will come into the comfortable zone. And as you come into that comfortable zone, your body is moving with you and the gun, and that makes it very difficult for you to stop the gun moving. A very, very common fault within shooting is people stopping the gun as soon as they pull the trigger. This technique tries to eliminate that.

– This tip came from the DVD “George Digweed’s Guide to Perfection in Sporting Clays.”

Avoid using a semi-auto shotgun. For quail hunting you should shoot a side by side or an over under because it’s safer – you know that when the shotgun is broken open it won’t fire.

– With more than 30 years’ experience in the upland market, Kevin Kelly is a foremost expert in the art of bobwhite quail hunting.

It’s time to call “pull.” You have an excellent pre-shot routine, and you have excellent pre-shot mechanics. You have picked a breakpoint and are ready to commit to it no matter what happens along the move and mount. You have a solid, balanced stance that will allow you to track the bird precisely. Your grip pressure is equal in both hands – confident, but not white-knuckle. Both eyes are focused and still, held on an object you’ve chosen, ready to go to the front edge of the target as it emerges. You are holding the gun in a comfortable way with the muzzles pointed at a spot in relation to the breakpoint and focal point. You are relaxed physically and alert mentally. It’s time to call “pull.”

– T This tip came from the book “If it Ain’t Broke, Fix It!” by Gil and Vicki Ash.

What you want to do on a battue is never follow the battue very much. I see a lot of people, they follow it, follow it, follow it, and it’s in the air a long time, and then you have the chance to do something crazy, like stop the gun and or pick your head up. So what I like to do, is wherever I’m going to break it, I like to hold maybe half-way back. And I’m not opposed to unmounting the gun on this particular shot. I get that baby mounted real quick so I can take the shot.

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

Now let us consider the effects of variable gun speed. With any method that relies on gun speed to produce the correct amount of forward allowance, it is almost impossible to repeat the exact speed of swing accurately on every shot without some sort of reference for the speed of the gun. Perception of lead varies as gun speed varies. Perceived lead is the amount of lead

that the shooter thinks is necessary, and is directly proportional to his gun speed.

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

When you see the bird, you go to the breakpoint, pull the trigger, and trust your subconscious; and it’s a little scary in the beginning because it doesn’t feel like you have as much to do with the result. Your conscious mind certainly doesn’t. What we’ve always found is that the less you had to do with the result, the better the result always was.

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

You need to be comfortable when you pull the trigger. So in the technique I advocate you always feel, or nearly always, feel uncomfortable when you’re ready to call for the target. You will then

Don't see the whole bird – look for a specific part of the bird. Force yourself to look at the bird's eye or beak. It is of little consequence what detail on the bird you focus on, but I would suggest something on the eating end. If you look at a part rather than the whole, you will be less likely to break your visual lock on the target.

– This tip came from the book *"The Orvis Wingshooting Handbook – Proven Techniques for Better Shotgunning – New and Revised"* by Bruce Bowlen.

On a true pair...

If they're from back to front, at the same height, not spread out, we always take back to front. We work from the back one so that the motion of the gun stays in flow through the second one. Granted, the second one is a pass through shot, but you're still in flow. You've just killed the first one, your brain knows the lead, it automatically stretches out the lead to the second one.

– This tip came from the DVD *"Dan Carlisle's Complete System for Successful Shooting."*

When you're practicing these longer birds, you'll have a tendency to want to shoot a lot, and when you miss you'll have a tendency to want to keep shooting. Remember to take frequent breaks. If you miss six in row, take a five-minute break.

Walk away from it. Break the cycle. Go do something else. If you hit three and miss three, shoot a few more. Shoot 15 shells and then take a five-minute break. If you're absolutely in the target and you're in the zone, shoot a whole box of shells; but don't worry about what it looked like. Focus on what it felt like.

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

To ensure the maximum mobility and control, the weight should be well-balanced and distributed seventy percent on the ball of the front (left) foot and thirty percent on the back foot. There should be a slightly forward inclination of the body from the waist up, towards the target, like a boxer ready to throw a punch. The head should be slightly forward and to the right with the chin angled down (For the right handed.)

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



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MPUMALANGA 013-759 5329 Not received – same as 2018

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

FREE STATE 083 632 3992 Not received – same as 2018

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 Not received – same as 2018

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 Guineafowl (5).

N-WEST PROVINCE Not received – same as 2018

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), Guineafowl (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 2018

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)

WESTERN CAPE 021-483 3586 Not received – same as 2018

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 – Correct for 2019. well done NC!

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). Burchell's Sandgrouse (5). Namaqualand Magisterial District Yellow-billed duck (10), Red-billed Teal (10), Cape Teal (10), Cape Shoveler (10), Southern Pochard (10).
1 Apr-15 Jul	
1 Jan -31 Mar	
1 Jan-30 Apr	
Note:	A maximum combined total of 10 land birds & 10 waterfowl per day.

EASTERN CAPE 040 609 4717 Not received – same as 2018

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 2018

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 Guineafowl, Rameron Pigeon. Francolin: Red-necked, Natal, Swainsons. Partridge: Grey-wing, Red-wing, Coqui, Crested & Shelleys..
Note:	A Maximum combined total of 10 land birds & 10 waterfowl per day.

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

PLEASE NOTE that all members must still consult the respective provincial ordinances, as we do not list species that are not traditionally gamebirds, such as Hadedas Ibis, etc.

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Background image: Thumbs up from Mark Boyd, with André Westerveld and David Lillico.



photographs by Lilo van der Westhuizen

Top left: Lunch and prize giving.
Below: Armando Maraschin ready for the target.
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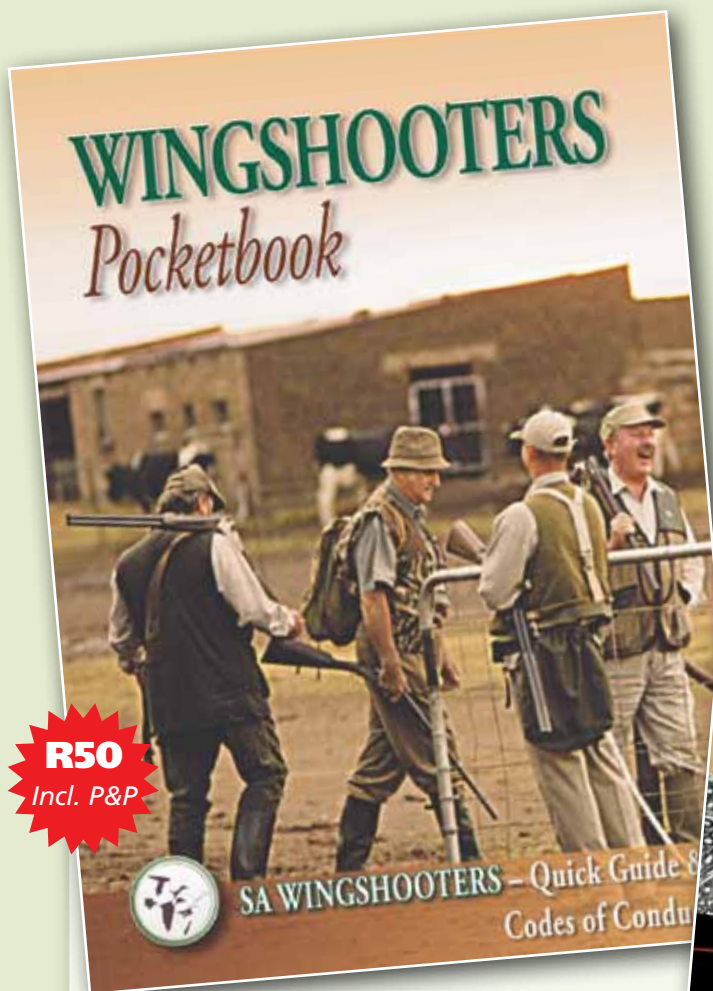
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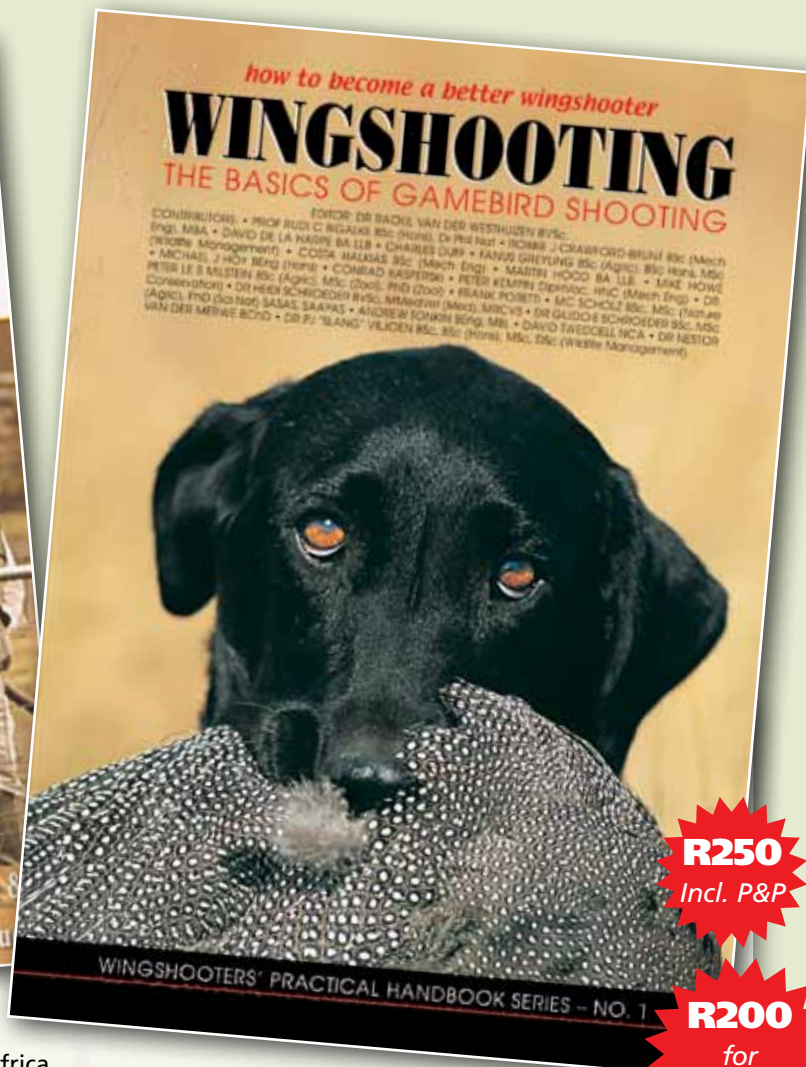
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Once we've approved your registration request, you can 'Login' and start to use this service for your dedicated reporting and to list your firearms renewal dates for our renewal reminder service. Call the office if you don't know what to do! Tel: 011-781 4762 or 011- 7813613.

You can also enter your dedicated hunting/sport shooting activities report online, on our website! Go to www.wingshooters.org.za and click on the "Dedicated Hunters" menu and complete the form right at the bottom of the page. It's quick and easy!

Or, if you prefer to remain old school you can download the form from the "All Downloads" page on our website. You can fax it to 086 211 5111 or 011-781 3486. You can also send us the same one you might have done for another association you belong to... it needn't be our form.

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

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



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