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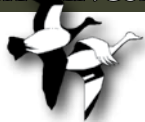
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A WORD IN YOUR EAR



Wynand Visser's GSPs "Patrys" and "Sneller" at a recent pigeon shoot near Durbanville

Use it – you only live once...

Most of us (at least I hope so) are brought up with a well-rounded sense of responsibility, values, honesty, behaviour and all the other qualities that make for a civilised person. One of these traits is the keen adherence to respect and treasure one's own property and even more so, that of others. This character trait, however proper it might be, is more often than not to the detriment of oneself. Not at all detrimental when considering someone else's property though – that is always the right thing to do!

I'm writing about our tendency (some of us at least) to not use something special often, such as (but not limited to) that special Krieghoff, Beretta EELL, Purdey or Holland & Holland shotgun you might have spoilt yourself with or received as an heirloom or gift, as you feel you might damage it whilst using it. The fact of the matter is – irrespective of how you came to own a beautiful and special firearm – you should use it. What is the point of having something special and not using it? What are you saving it for?

Personally, I used a specific shotgun on very limited occasions during the last 10 years. I was scared to use it as I thought I needed to keep it stored in the safe and only use it for special shoots. One day an old friend asked me why I don't use that shotgun. I told him that I want to keep it in perfect condition due to both its sentimental and actual value. He then said that I was foolish not to use it and plainly told me that if I don't use the gun, my wife's next husband will use it. Needless to say I now shoot with it every single opportunity I get!

It was indeed a dreadful idea of mine not to use that shotgun for whatever reason. Life is way too short! Use what you have. Should you have something special then use it even more. It's like putting canvas covers on your car's seats – for what? So you can keep the seats nice and new for the next person that buys your car? Dreadful idea, trust me. Have the pleasure of sitting on comfortable leather seats in your own car! Using something often does not mean you are ruining it, or 'using it up'. You are merely enjoying something or an object that you are lucky enough to own.

I wish you all a wonderful hunting season and year. Keep your powder and your Martinis dry.

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André –



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A New GSP Club German Shorthaired Pointer Gauteng Club

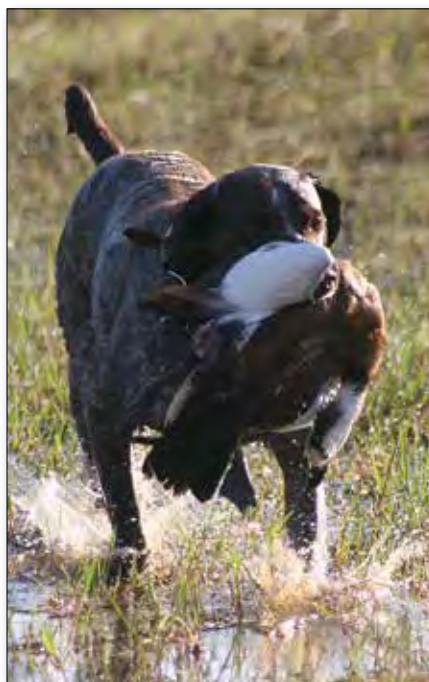


Once upon a time, a group of people who relished running after their German Shorthaired Pointers (GSPs) in the veld, found one another. Over time, they met more people who enjoyed spending time with their GSPs. They didn't all partake in the same dog-centric activities, however, they had one main thing in common: they all loved the GSP breed and the active lifestyle that comes with owning one of these extraordinary dogs.

Some of these people chose to work with their GSPs as versatile hunting dogs, through attending field trials and going on hunting trips. Others preferred to run through the jacaranda-lined streets of Gauteng, their GSP faithfully in tow (or more likely, them in tow behind a GSP). Still others enjoyed meandering in the veld, watching the dogs burn energy, and exchanging stories about how their GSP stole meat off the counter AGAIN. Many of these people were looking for an opportunity to train their GSPs to a level where they are manageable and pleasant to own. It is a well-known fact that an untrained and/or under-exercised GSP often results in a very sad garden, the death of several valuables and deeply frustrated owners.

While these people were involved in various clubs met the needs of their divergent interests, they realised after a time that there was a place in the world for a new club. Thus, the GSP Gauteng Club was founded with the idea of bringing all manner of GSP-enthusiasts together, to support and learn from each other

while partaking in a myriad of GSP-friendly activities. In doing this, the Club also aims to uphold the breed standard of GSPs through education, training, and support. All GSP owners or potential GSP owners are welcome at the Club, no matter the origin of the GSP or the field of interest of the owner. The Club will assist potential GSP owners in identifying whether a rescue or a KUSA-registered GSP is the right choice for their needs; however, strong emphasis is placed on only engaging with responsible, ethical breeders. GSP owners will be exposed to the various activities that GSPs can take part in; including attending field trials, wing-shooting, tracking, agility, obedience, show training, animal assisted therapy and even training for search and



rescue. Being part of this Club will put owners in contact with experienced trainers and fellow GSP owners. Members will also have access to information about GSP-friendly walk venues, training a GSP, owning and handling a GSP, and adopting or buying a GSP. The Club will hold several fun-filled events throughout the year, including, but not limited to, information seminars, training days, family fun days and friendly competitions.

The GSP Gauteng Club is on the hunt (get it?) for new members to join in the GSP-related fun and grow the reach of the Club, to further educate people about

the highs and lows of owning these dogs. Contact us for more information or to join.

Visit our Facebook page (@gspgclub), send us an email (gspgclub@gmail.com) or call our chairperson (+27 83 393 0800) for more information or to join.

— Louise Leech, GSPGC.

Member-Get-A-Member competition and draw

Our member-get-a-member competition was a great success and we have decided to continue the same competition this year again. The next competition draw will be on 25 February 2022.

The draw took place on Friday 26 February 2021 and the winning number was 32. The winners were Mark Schuurmans and Jaco van Zyl. Congratulations on winning R10,000 each! All members are invited to recruit just one member and stand a chance to win R10,000!

Thank you for recruiting new members – it makes your association stronger!

— SA Wingshooters.

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A MESSAGE FROM GAUTENG NATURE CONSERVATION – Whether you hunt for pleasure or the pot you are using a resource. If wisely managed, the resource is renewable and game populations should replenish themselves and continue to benefit future generations. While antelope populations can be fenced-in and managed by individual landowners, birds are not limited by farm or political boundaries and as such they need to be treated as a shared resource; the property of no-one, but the responsibility of everyone.

While those who manage the land need to ensure that there is adequate habitat to maintain healthy gamebird populations, those who hunt need to

ensure that they don't remove more than what can be replaced. Ethical hunters may claim that they never take more than they need and this sound approach was probably an adequate level of control when hunters were few and widely spaced.

Unfortunately as the demand for resources grows and the rural landscapes that provide them become smaller and increasingly fragmented, improved management is required.

The Gauteng Provincial Government through the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development is mandated to regulate use of indigenous biodiversity and must ensure that hunting remains within sustainable limits.

The distribution, density and productivity of gamebird species varies across South Africa. Each province therefore has the responsibility to determine which species may be hunted (ordinary game), the period when they may be hunted (open season), the maximum number of

projects, the Coordinated Waterbird Count project (CWAC) and the Coordinated Avifaunal Roadcount (CAR). Counts are conducted during summer and winter and cover thousands of hectares of waterfowl habitat and over 1300km of farm roads.

While it is acknowledged that licensed hunting is only one of several variables that are likely to affect gamebird populations (others include climate and habitat change, poisoning and illegal harvest), with the support of hunters such offtake is easily and accurately measured.

Hunting returns are not a bureaucratic exercise to be ignored or fudged over a beer late one night. The data generated allows resource managers to assess patterns of use and make better informed decisions that ultimately stand to benefit hunters. Record what you hunt (as well as where and when) while you hunt it and help to ensure that gamebird populations in the province persist at levels that can sustain hunting.



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birds that may be hunted per person (daily bag limit) and the area where they may be hunted (magisterial district).

Gamebirds that are considered able to sustain managed harvesting in Gauteng are grouped as waterfowl (Egyptian Goose, Red-billed Teal, Yellow-billed Duck and Spur-winged Goose), landfowl (Helmeted Guinea fowl and Swainson's Spurfowl) and doves/pigeons (Speckled Pigeon).

Species within a group have the same open season which is timed, as far as possible and practical, to avoid the main breeding period of each member.

Bag limits are set per species and are revised annually on the basis of available population data. Province-wide trends for landfowl and waterfowl are derived largely from two citizen science-based monitoring

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We ask all members to comply with sending their bird hunting returns to the department on the prescribed form available on our website. Please go to:

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Gauteng-Bird-Hunting-Report/ There is a dedicated 'Menu Heading' for this on our website. Please download this form and complete with the full details as asked. Once completed, please email it to Mr Erasmus Nkabinde and also include (cc) andre@wingshooters.co.za



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1. Only current members may be eligible for a prize. 2. There is no limit to how many new members a current member may sign up. 3. The current member and new member pair will stand a chance together. 4. Full membership is our standard membership, and does not include junior or senior membership as per our join form. 5. The recruiting member's initials, surname, and first 6 digits of his/her ID must clearly appear on the new member's join form, or be sent in an email to us. 6. Members of management, their families and relatives are not eligible for any prizes. 7. This membership initiative is open to members of SA Wingshooters Association ONLY. 8. Valid for membership of SA Wingshooters (not LRSC, PSP, etc) only. 9. The draw will take place on Friday 25 February 2022 at 12H00 at the SA Wingshooters office in Randburg. 10. Winners will be contacted via phone and email. E&OE. SA Wingshooters 2021.

Snow goose hunt

East Coast, USA

Hunting Snows, in minus 3-degree Celsius windy conditions about two hours East of Washington DC, near the town of Galena, Maryland, was a blast, no pun intended. A good friend of mine, Chris, had called me on Monday afternoon saying that he had an extra seat on a Snow Goose hunt on Wednesday morning on the eastern shore of Virginia. I was supposed to be at work on Wednesday but luckily have a flexible work schedule and great boss that allowed me to take the day off at very short notice. Did I say I was going hunting? No, but it would not have mattered.





by Col. Gert de Wet (USMC Ret.)

Chris and I planned to meet up Tuesday afternoon as soon as I could get my gear packed after work. Needless to say, I raced home after work and packed up my gear and shotgun, and while packing my ammunition, I realized I was short steel shot. I made several quick calls in record time to find a shop in the area that had not hyper inflated ammunition prices lately. The ammunition price increase in the USA is a whole other story.

I found a shop and went to get 100 rounds of 12 Gauge #2, #3 and BB shot for my 12-gauge Stoeger M3500 shotgun. This shoot would be my first true hunting test of my shotgun. Chris had told me about his two previous hunts with this outfitter that netted his group 54 and 68 Geese respectively. I had visions of grandeur, shooting till my barrel got hot and bringing home a nice pile of Geese. Don't we all have these thoughts as we head out to hunt.

Chris and I linked up and headed

North from Virginia Beach, Virginia. We were to receive a phone call from the outfitter around sunset to tell us where to meet up and be ready to hunt on Wednesday morning. The outfitter was out scouting the areas and making calls to ensure we would be hunting where the Geese were. We had envisioned a two-hour drive to the town of Salisbury, Maryland.

Unfortunately, as we arrived in Salisbury the outfitter informed us we would have to drive about two more hours north as the Geese had moved a lot further north than they had expected. So off we went. We drove to the town of Dover in Delaware and booked a room for the night. From what the guide had told us, we were planning on hunting just south east of the town of Galena on a private farm and had to meet the hunting group at 05:30 Wednesday morning. Luckily Galena was only a 25-minute drive from Dover so we did not have to get up too early Wednesday morning.

As most of us are the night before

a hunt, Chris and I were hyped up and ready for an amazing day of hunting. Checking the weather, we realized we would have to add several layers as the temperature that night was dropping to a whopping 25 Fahrenheit. We sat around scheming of all the Geese we would see and shoot the following morning. Needless to say, sleep did not come easily but 04:30 sure did come soon. Being the well-prepared hunters we are, we were up, packed up and out the door in 20 minutes. Off the to the great Snow Goose hunt we went.

We arrived at the meeting spot as several other trucks of hunters were pulling in. The wind was blowing and we could see our breath. I decided to add some hot hands heaters to my backpack, and yes, they came in very handy about 30 minutes later. I did not know it when I had agreed to go on the hunt, but this was going to be a kind of cull hunt. According to the experts, "the snow goose population is out of control because of changes in agricultural practices on



their wintering grounds and other human activities that require a man-made solution, like increased hunting. Without it, we could be witness to a catastrophic loss of habitat in the Arctic." In much of the USA, such as Minnesota, South Dakota and North Dakota, the bottom-line rule for the spring hunt is "no limit."

Simply stated, the early seasons were established to utilize hunters as free labor to control habitat degradation on the tundra. Or as some hunters like to say: "Kill a snow goose, save a polar bear." This same mindset is in Virginia. Basically, the females lay three to five eggs, which are incubated for 23 to 25 days. Young fledge within 45 days and reach maturity in two years. The lifespan of the snow goose is unknown, but is believed to be more than 15 years in the wild.

The group, which ended up being 12 hunters, met up with the guide from Black Duck Outfitters to get our white overalls and initial brief about the conduct of the hunt. About 45 minutes later, after getting all bundled up and getting our equipment ready, we piled onto an open trailer.

We were towed out into a field littered with approximately 1000 Snow Goose windsock decoys that the outfitters had put out a couple hours earlier. We off-loaded the trailer and waited several minutes before

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The guide had placed a shell decoy for each of us to lie next to that we would use to store some extra ammo under. It's also the decoy we were supposed to rest our shotgun on, facing our boots. We would lie with our heads on our small backpacks and rest our shotguns on the decoy with our ammo under it, ready for action. As it was my first guided hunt for Geese, it seemed like a good idea and very well organized. Our plan was to hunt Snow Geese, Ross and Blue Geese.

We got in our line, put our gear into place and received a safety briefing as well as being told by our guide what was going to unfold. Our guide provided instructions as to how he wanted things to happen during the hunt. He mentioned that he would provide several instructions as to who would shoot and when. He did not want anyone jumping the gun and sitting up too fast before he thought the geese were within shooting range.

We got in place, set up our gear and lay down. The guide came along and made minor adjustments to each of us, telling us about reflective surfaces, GoPro cameras, personal cameras, talking about articles that were

colorful, etc. We got ready as the sun started morning twilight. Sunrise was 06:50. We lay there, feeling the cold wind blowing across us, anticipating the hunt that was about to begin.

The sky went from pitch black to light pink to a red mix of clouds and open pockets of sky. The sky was getting redder and redder as the sun came up. I am mad at myself now as I recount this event that I did not take a picture of that awesome view. I know anyone reading this tale, that has done something like this, knows exactly the colors you see as the sky turns red before the sun is fully up. What an amazing sight.

About ten minutes after sunrise the geese started coming up from the impoundments in the area. (I don't want to seem like I am talking down to anyone; a waterfowl impoundment area is a manmade area which impounds water so as to improve conditions for waterfowl).

Within five minutes the sky was filled with Geese. It seemed like tens of thousands of geese flying in all directions, establishing their V patterns and getting ready to feed for the day.

According to the guide and a few more seasoned goose hunters, it was closer to 4,000 geese coming off several impoundments about a mile away. The geese circled and circled as they rose into the air above the trees and started moving off in large groups across the sky. It was shooting light by now and hundreds of the geese headed our way. They were flying at what seemed to be several hundred feet up. As the initial groups started seeing our decoys some decided to investigate more. It didn't take long before the first juveniles started taking the bait.

What I did not know about goose hunting was a lot, still is a lot, but particularly this morning was that the guides had put out several loud speakers to play sounds, of geese eating and chatting away. These sounds would hopefully help to relax the geese and entice them to come closer for a look and eventually make a final approach to landing close to us. Once a flock of geese was spotted the guide would also wave an *Avery* Goose power flag to attract their attention. As the geese got several hundred yards away, the

guide would lower the flag to mimic a goose landing. At times the guide would also do this when the geese were so high that they were specks in the distance, but those geese saw the movement and decoys and some came to see what was up. The guide repeated this action at intervals when the geese seemed to be bypassing us and it would inevitably attract some of them to at least come take a look.

During the hunt several flocks were enticed to come down lower and lower to begin their final approach and this is when my adrenaline spiked. My adrenaline was mounting from when I saw all those geese rise off the impoundments and I knew it was going to be a great day of hunting, at least it was promising.

As that first flock of 40 or so geese made their initial approach, I was thinking of all the things I had to do; listen to the guide, don't move, pick one of the geese and focus on it, don't shoot into the flock, shoot until it folded and hopefully bring one down.

The geese arrived and the guide said "get them". I sat up with the group and aimed in. I heard shots to my left and right. My buddy Chris was sitting to my right. I picked out a nice fat goose that seemed about 40 yards out. It was coming straight at me so I didn't need to lead it or so I thought. I pulled the trigger and nothing, nada, nitchego, rien, yes, I had not taken the safety off. I had to smile and looked at Chris. He was wide eyed, a smile ear to ear that I could not see due to our face masks protecting us from the cold wind and providing some camouflage, but I could tell he was smiling. He was not laughing at me, but smiling as he had done almost the exact same thing. My safety was still on but he had borrowed a shotgun and when he loaded it in the dark had believed a shell had been chambered.

Unfortunately for him, this had not happened. He had sat up on an empty chamber. Chris and I are both avid hunters and have done our share of military work, no excuse but we had each just pulled one heck of a rookie move. Why I am telling you, I don't

know. It was funny at the time but luckily for Chris and I, I don't think any of the other guys realized as they were blasting away. We are also not so vain that mistakes like this are not going to destroy our egos. Yes, when the fellow hunters read this article, they will be aware. At least, of the few geese that were actually within shooting range our group was able to take a few.

We waited about ten more minutes and the next group of geese were on their way. Our guide began his ritual, getting them to come closer.

This time Chris and I would be ready. I laid my hand on shotgun, finger on my safety. I was going to ensure I got a shot off this time. The geese came in and we were given the fire away signal. I sat up, picked out one and brought it down to earth. Yes, I was pleased with myself; getting the day off work on short notice, the 4 hours of driving, the 5 hours of sleep, laying on frozen ground for 30 minutes, the wind blowing across me making my eyes tear up and nearly dehydrating me had all just paid off. I had my first Snow Goose.

About 15 minutes later this scenario was about to start again. A nice large flock of Geese was approaching. My adrenalin was still going but I was more confident and relaxed this time. The geese made their first pass over us but were very high and drifted across the wind back down wind again. They came in lower a second time lower and one of the juveniles decided to drop down fast and land. It came in and almost landed 5 feet from my boots. I could not see it as I was lying flat, I just felt its presents and heard it land. The larger group had decided not to land but to make another pass over us. They went down wind one more time. As they aligned themselves for final approach, the guide started preparing us. The geese were still about 150 yards out about 50 feet off the ground when they all flared up and went straight into the air. The one that had landed near me took off almost over my head. I lay still waiting for our guides instructions. We waited about a minute or so and then he said we could sit up.

The sky was clear. We looked towards the tree line and there they were. Two Bald Eagles had come in



fast from our left side traveling with the wind towards the flock that had been trying to land and the geese had seen them coming. They knew well enough of the dangers of Eagles and departed the AO. Unfortunately, the Eagles decided to stay in the area for about 30 minutes, driving away any chance of us seeing, much less having, any geese come close to our decoys while they were in the area of operations.

We were lucky enough to have several smaller groups of 4 to 6 geese start to come back over the next few hours. Several times our guide was able to entice them close enough for shots and we took each group. I took one about 50 yards out and was very pleased with the shot.

We were also unlucky twice when our guide was a bit over zealous and instructed us to "take them" when the geese were too far out. I can say that

"Chris aimed in as it came straight at him.

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during these times, Chris and I sat up but did not shoot. We had recognized the distance and we would end up wasting ammo, plus these would not be ethical shots. I can't say the same for all of the rest of the group.

One more time, another flock came in. It was a group of four. They made their passes and came down. We sat up and took 3 of the 4. The last one took off up high. Chris took a glance at it and mentioned to our guide that the last one would come back. The guide was skeptical but within seconds he saw Chris was right. The last goose had drifted down wind and was ready for another approach. We were lying flat when the guide said take it. We all sat up but no one shot, the goose was still a bit far out. Chris aimed in as it came straight at him. He took his shot and the goose folded and came down in front of him. We heard several of the other hunters compliment him. He did with one shot what some of them took 3 or 4 shots to do.

These hunts are normally from sun up to about 10:30 in the morning. After this time most of the geese had moved to some feeding grounds and would not be up and flying around till late in the afternoon. We might get lucky around 15:30 to see some geese returning to the impoundments but it was not worth staying out for the day, freezing slowly for just in case they returned early. I have to admit, even though my boots had 2400 grams of thinsulate in them, my toes were experiencing a whole bunch of new sensations of pain. It was cold this day.

The guide called the end of the hunt. Chris and I ended our hunt on a high note. We had each made some great ethical shots and taken some nice Snow Geese. We had meat for the table and had another great hunting story to talk about over a beer or brandy with our fellow hunters.

The hunt was wrapped up with the group assisting the outfitter bring in all the decoys and putting them away. We all returned to the link up spot, put away our gear and divided up the Geese. Each hunter that wanted a Goose or three was able to take meat home. All in all, it was a great experience that I recommend to anyone.





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Why ban lead-based *Ammunition?*

The latest trend by anti-hunting groups seems to be to use “lead (Pb) in ammunition” as an attack on hunters world-wide.

We need to put need put a stop to it...

*Report and photo
by André van der Westhuizen*



extent' does lead in ammunition have an impact? If it's a small percentage then it's negligible and insignificant – which I bet it is, as otherwise we would all have witnessed its negative effects decades or centuries ago.

I am not a scientist, but a realist. Everything in life has positives and negatives. If in any circumstance the negatives outweigh the positives, then there is a case to be made and consideration needs to be given. In the case of lead in ammunition, both rifle and shotgun, I am convinced that the use of lead (Pb) in ammunition has such a low impact that it is negligible, and of no importance or significance – especially when compared to other sources of pollution and poisoning of the environment, fauna and flora and that of humans. In fact, thus far there has been no overwhelming evidence from any studies globally, which prove that lead (Pb) is of major concern causing millions of deaths, etc. Studies show minor impacts.

For example, large scale poisoning of vultures done by organophosphate and other agricultural poisons, not by way of lead used in ammunition – fact!¹

According to records kept by EWT, more than 1,200 vultures were deliberately poisoned in southern and eastern Africa during 2019. Culprits

There are not even 5,000 regular shotgun/bird hunters in South Africa, compared to more than 200,000 biltong (rifle) hunters in South Africa. Of our 3,000 members, not even 200 hunt waterfowl more than once per year.

The toxicity of lead (Pb) is well known and nothing new. Humans have been living with and using lead for the last 6,000 years, and there are more people on the planet than ever before. Why is lead in ammunition now suddenly a problem and a cause for concern for human and animal health? I'll tell you why... I believe it is now pushed as an agenda point by the anti-hunting fraternity, and the lead issue seems to be their new angle of attack. As per BirdLife SA's website, there is a huge problem with

vulture poisoning in Kenya, where hunting has been banned since 1974. Is it the lead from ammunition killing those vultures? No it's not.

Any argument against the use of lead in ammunition must be absolute and proven to be of serious impact, before we will accept any restrictions without opposing such. The fact is, there are not enough bird hunters in South Africa to make a significant impact, and our lead dispersal is negligent compared to the mining industry for example, where one mine (just one mine) uses detonators that contain 19 grams of lead each, and they disperse 85 **tons** of lead **per month** into the environment and underground water (which then eventually ends up in above ground water as well).

The question would be 'to what

include poachers who poison the carcasses of elephant and other game in an apparent effort to conceal illegal activities from rangers. These poisonings are referred to as 'sentinel poisonings', as vultures circling over poached animals alert rangers to the killings. None of these killed by lead from ammunition!

If you do ever find proof or a credible statistic where lead in ammunition killed 1200 vultures, please do let me know as I would then change my view and I will be the first to apologise. Africa's vulture populations have already declined by an average of 62% over the past three decades — with seven species crashing by 80%. Due to large scale poisoning – Not due to lead in ammunition.

As always we will assist government where we can, as we always do, but we will be transparent, and factual throughout and we expect the same of any other, especially the Lead Task Team – the task team appointed by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF). Lead research containing words such as "it is estimated that lead..." or "lead may cause..." will not suffice.

Did I mention that some of the biggest groups driving these lead bans are part of the UN? Such as AEWA, who does great work for waterfowl conservation but has now climbed on the same band wagon. If the UN is now against the use of lead in ammunition, then why does the UN continue to use lead ammunition themselves in the form of 9mm, .223, .50 BMG and 12 Bore shotguns, not to mention depleted Uranium 235U they use in 20mm and 30mm canon munitions, and many more for the UN Security Forces?

The current minimal impact that lead in ammunition does have on our local populations can be almost completely defeated by good management. Do not feed shot animals to vultures at 'restaurants'! Simple! It's similar to blaming a fork for being fat.

I cannot for one moment accept, at this stage, that lead in ammunition causes significant pollution or cause significant adverse effects on any living organism.

We will strive, using facts, to remove the emotional, irrational, unproven, anti-hunting sentiment from this debate whenever possible. We forever need to give valuable input to such an important topic, created mostly by misinformation and opinions.

¹<https://www.getaway.co.za/travel-news/critically-endangered-vulture-found-poisoned-in-kwazulu-natal/>
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<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/vultures-saved-poisoning-kenya>

<https://www.ecowatch.com/vulture-poisoning-south-africa-2643553933.html>

<https://whitleyaward.org/winners/game-of-poisons-a-strategy-to-save-kenyas-threatened-vultures/>

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The NGO Wildlife Poisoning Prevention & Conflict Resolution (NPO 132-047) was born from a need to address the problem of wildlife poisoning, initially in South Africa; but also across the sub-region since vultures and wildlife ignore human political boundaries. The training project over the past 5 years aimed to train 100 rangers and enforcers per year (target 500). This goal was addressed by fund-raising internationally; and the goal was exceeded by 20%.

The Annual Report of March 2020 shows 601 rangers trained. Whilst others claim to train many people, their training simply comprises anti-poison information, whilst we enable trainees to respond appropriately as first arrivals/responders at a toxic wildlife crime scene; in a scenario where mistakes lead to loss of court cases. Another significant observation is that poisoning of elephants in and around Hwangwe National Park, Zimbabwe has decreased annually since Zimbabwe Republic Police trainees conducted roadblocks, and confiscated almost 6 tonnes of Sodium cyanide from Zama-zama miners and their associates. Whilst there is no direct link to our training we feel this assumption is plausible.

We also are able to consult to and advise game ranchers and the wildlife industry on game ranch management, wildlife management, stocking rates and carrying capacities. We use game-birds as indicators of environmental health and can advise on their management. A key issue that we promote is Systems Thinking and its application to management; including predator and wildlife conflict management, with emphasis on non-lethal control systems.

Our projects may be viewed on <https://www.wildlifepoisoningprevention.co.za>

Financially, we operate solely as a non profit organisation, so any profit on income re-cycles through our activities. We rely heavily on international donors, since the exchange rate makes international donations very valuable and significant to us. Covid-19 has closed the gates of many zoos who are our primary source of funding; however, we are registered in South Africa as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO 930047988), which enables us to issue certificates of donation in terms of Section 18(1)(a) of the Income Tax Act. This enables tax deductions in the hands of the donor, whether corporate or private. Such donations must be used within South Africa. As a non-profit, we are required to report annually to the Department of Social Development, both on activity and financially; and we follow good accounting practices, including Annual Independent Financial Statements. A business stress-test conducted in August 2020 indicates success as we have repeated financial surpluses, albeit with poor cash flows and poor sustainability indications. Perhaps this indicates a very frugal operation where all income reaches the projects?

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WINGSHOOTING (BIRD HUNTING)

When new pigeon, upland & waterfowl shoots become available throughout the year – members are notified via e-mail Newsletter 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 9 June

Wednesday 21 July

Wednesday 11 August

GAUTENG:

Various Official Upland/Pigeon/ Dove shoots arranged all over Gauteng during the year. Notifications of these are sent out via email newsletters to members or call the office.

Upland Francolin & Guinea-fowl.

Shoots arranged on various farms on the border of Gauteng and Mpumalanga in the Delmas and Leandra areas. Call the office for booking info.

North West:

19 May

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

Wednesday 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. R1950 p/p all inclusive – Just bring your gun and ammo. 4 Guns minimum and maximum. Call SA Wingshooters to book.

23 June

RUSTENBURG MID-WEEK DAY

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7 July

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25 August

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8 September

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29 September

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Limpopo:

WARMBAD/Bela Bela:

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

This is a day shoot and no accommodation available. Three farms around Bele-Bela (Warmbad). Bring your own lunch. Cost is R1000 per gun, unguided. Min. 4 guns, Max. 8 guns. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Shoot dates available:

22 May;

5 June;

19 June;

3 July;

17 July;



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THE 2021 SHOOT CALENDAR – for members only

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

17 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

26 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

10 July

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:

23-25 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

31 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

2-4 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:

Date to be confirmed

St. Hubert Hunting Event

All SA wingshooters members are invited to the South African Field Trial Club (SAFTC). 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.

K9-TRACK SETTLERS / BELA-BELA

Guided bird hunting on offer – Guinea-fowl and Pigeons

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

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/softdrinks. Own behaved dogs welcome. R1200 per gun only for this superbly guided shoot. Dates:

8 May

22 May

19 June

3 July

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Free State:

15 July – Subject to restrictions
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.

5 August – Subject to restrictions
JIMMY WALES INTERNATIONAL SHOOT

Gamebird Shoot – Petrus Steyn, Free State

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TWEELING

Upland Shoot – Tweeling, Free State. Weekend shoots

Guinea-fowl, francolin & partridge on 350 ha. Farmhouse accommodation. Can accommodate 4 guns. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend in the hunting season. All weekends still available. 18 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 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.

26-27 May

DOORNDRAAI – BOTHAVILLE

OFFICIAL Shoot

Rietpan shoot – Free State.

Exclusive Duck hunting. Maximum 2 guns. Own dogs welcome, but not required. Self catering. Basic

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accommodation. R1500 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. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

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. Very good 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. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:
Arrange 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 for info.

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.

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends from 1 May to 31 August.

VREDE AREA

Malta Shoot – Free State

Excellent quality mixed bag (upland and waterfowl) shoot venue including Greywing.

Call SA Wingshooters for info.

Weekend Shoots available:

Choose your own weekends from 1 May to 31 August.

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

Several thousand hectares. Privately Owned & Exclusive Bird Shooting Venue. Upland Birds - Guinea-fowl & Waterfowl. For booking info, please contact SA Wingshooters office.

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:

Date to be confirmed

St. Hubert Hunting Event

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VARIOUS FREE STATE VENUES WE ARE WORKING ON

Will be notified via email throughout the season.

New venues coming

We are working on some new venues near Steinsrus and Heuningspruit areas and will let members know via eNewsletter (electronic newsletter via email) when these new shoot venues become available.

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THE 2021 SHOOT CALENDAR – for members only

Mpumalanga

DELMAS-LEANDRA

Official Shoot –

Inspected Venues

Upland and waterfowl shoots day shoots

These upland shoots (and waterfowl when available) are guided shoots on various farms around Delmas-Leandra areas. R1300 per gun. 4 to 6 guns. Full lunch, water and cold drinks provided. Own dogs welcome! Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Shoot dates available:

Saturday 8 May; Wednesday 19 May; Saturday 22 May; Wednesday 26 May; Saturday 12 June; Friday 18 June; Wednesday 23 June; Saturday 10 July; Wednesday 14 July; Wednesday 21 July; Saturday 24 July

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 – Dates to be confirmed

Waterfowl Shoot – Middelburg, Mpumalanga – Dubula Shoot

Close to Johannesburg/Pretoria. Inspected venue. Good waterfowl and Upland game bird venue. Lodge and bird hunting is well organised. Own dogs welcome!

Call SA Wingshooters to book.

Weekend Shoots available:

Call for dates and to book

AMERSFOORT/ERMELO:

Inspected Venue

Amersfoort Vaalriet Shoot, Mpumalanga. Weekend shoots

WINGSHOOTING (BIRD HUNTING)

Amersfoort, Vaalriet Camp. Waterfowl and land birds available. Four to six hunters. Weekends only (Fri to Sun). R1500 pppd for guided hunts and comfortable accommodation. Self catering. Hunting dogs welcome. Call SA Wingshooters to book

Weekend Shoots available:
Arrange your own dates

K9-TRACK ERMELO

Upland & Waterfowl

Exclusive & Privately Owned Waterfowl - Upland & Guinea fowl Venue. Ermelo & surroundings Guided hunts, own bird dogs welcome. For booking info please contact SA Wingshooters office.

Weekend Shoots available:

Arrange your own weekend

Northern Cape

HOPETOWN:

OFFICIAL Shoot

Orange River Goose, Guinea fowl 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:

5-8 August

Depending on 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.

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 shoot close to Elim/Voëlvele. Guineafowl, 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.

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: 15 May

Contact person: Jannie Esterhuyse

Tel: (028) 2611215, or Elma Putter

Email: rshshoot@gmail.com or rivierhigh@gmail.com

Shoot: Rûens College Shoot

Quarry: Cape Francolin / Guinea

Date: 29 May

Contact person: Marica

kampus@ruenskollege.co.za

Shoot: Suideroord Old Age Home

Quarry: Cape Francolin / Guinea Fowl

Date: 24 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: 14 August

Contact person: Jannie Esterhuyse

Tel: (028) 2611215

Email: rivierhigh@gmail.com

Shoot: Greyton NG Church

Quarry: Guinea-fowl

Date: 14 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

WINTERTON:

Ambleside Farm

Annual Clay target and Waterfowl shoot arranged by Ambleside Farm. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

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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.

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.

UNITED KINGDOM:

Pheasant, Grouse, Snipe, Woodcock, Wildfowl and Duck –

The 'GunsOnPegs' provides access to shoots for guns that are looking for shooting. Guns can get access to a wealth of opportunities that



previously were only available by word of mouth. Not only that, those last minute opportunities no longer have to be given away! GunsOnPegs has now become the largest shoot finder service in the UK.

Visit their website www.gunsonpegs.com and choose your next UK bird shoot.

Clay Target Shooting:

Saturday 29 May

SAFARI OUTDOOR CLAY SHOOT

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

We will host a fun day clay target shooting. Contact Shawn Stroebe for more info: 076 256 3971.

Saturday 20 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 (Covid times and restrictions now apply). Only SA Wingshooter members have access to the club. Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

WATTLESPRING SPORTS CLUB

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

CLAY TARGET AND SHOTGUN SHOOTING TRAINING

SA Wingshooters has experienced shotgun shooting training coaches. If you are new to shotgun shooting or want to improve your shotgun shooting ability – call SA Wingshooters. We'll set up a coaching session for you.

We also send out pre-arranged coaching days/dates via our eNewsletter through the year.

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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 1200m. 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 2021.**

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 ranges are permanently set up and the distances range from 100m metres to 1200m. 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:

6 February:	LRSC Rifle match
13 March:	LRSC Rifle match
17 April:	LRSC Rifle match
8 May:	LRSC Rifle match
19 June:	LRSC Rifle match
10 July:	LRSC Rifle match
14 August:	LRSC Rifle match
18 September:	LRSC Rifle match
9 October:	TPS 3-Gun and 2-Gun multi-gun Match. A competition division on its own.
30 October:	Annual .22PSBC Small-bore match.
13 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:

ADANSONIA ECO LODGE – Musina, Limpopo

Plains game hunting. Plan on a hunting trip, no need to search further. Phone us for an unforgettable time. We have a fully equipped lodge with a one in a



million chef. Daily serviced rooms. Guides to accompany you on hunting & skinning. Cold rooms available. For the game prices contact us. Member owned. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

EASTERN CAPE – Jansenville/ Somerset East

Donkerkloof Farm

Plains game hunting in the beautiful Eastern Cape. Member owned. 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.

Weltevrede Safaris – Alldays, Limpopo

The Farm is 7,200 hectares and situated near Alldays, Limpopo Province (close to the Botswana border). Weltevrede Lodge accommodates 18 people in 4 chalets. Two chalets are family chalets with two separate bedrooms, a bathroom and a living area.

Two chalets are divided into three bedrooms, each with an en-suite bathroom. The main building has a fully equipped kitchen, dining room, living room and recreation room. Linen and towels are provided. We cater for family or other groups. Hunting, game drives (photography) and bow hunting are offered. 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

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.

ROTAVI – BELA-BELA/ROOIBERG

Inspected Venue.

Rotavi is a 3400-hectare private game reserve located 65km west of Bela-Bela in the Limpopo Province, South Africa. Rotavi, which shares a 7km



border with the renowned Mabula Game Reserve, has an abundance of game including: Buffalo, Giraffe, Eland, Kudu, Blue Wildebeest, Red Hartebeest, Zebra, Waterbuck, Gemsbok, Nyala, Blesbok, Impala, Mountain Reedbuck, Warthog, Bushpig, Duiker, Steenbok, and a huge variety of birds and smaller animals. Member owned. Call SA Wingshooters for more info.

PALMIETFONTEIN Game Farm – Bloemhof, NW

Plains game hunting. Large hunting area with many species and trophies to choose from. Luxurious airconditioned accommodation for up to 15 people, serviced daily. Cold room and slaughtering facilities. Member owned. Call SA Wingshooters for info.

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PIGEON & DOVE HUNTING

All Provinces:



Singita Pigeon/Dove venue

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

Vlakfontein 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 about any of these venues when they are running.



Versatile Tests – A Bright Future





It is with great anticipation and pleasure that an exciting development in Versatile Testing is announced!

by Trudi Winter

In late 2020 the Kennel Union of Southern Africa (KUSA) formally recognized a set of regulations governing the “Versatile Tests for Pointing Breeds”. These tests may now be offered by KUSA Clubs and the results will be officially recognized and recorded on dog’s pedigrees. It has been a long time coming, but it is here!

Many of you may have a general idea of what a versatile test is but are probably not familiar with what is required in them or which dogs can enter them. If you are familiar with the SAVHDA (South African Versatile Hunting Dog Association) tests, you will have a reasonable grasp of what the KUSA tests entail. If not, here is a short summary of the What, How and Why...

A “Versatile Test” is a non-competitive performance test in which the abilities, both trained and natural, of a versatile hunting dog are assessed. The term “versatile hunting dog” refers to the HPRs and other pointing breeds. These Versatile Tests follow standardised testing systems



developed in Germany and applied there for over a hundred years to develop, improve and maintain the required performance standards in the respective breeds.

The Tests use specific criteria for judging, scoring and recording the performance of each dog in great detail and comprise age appropriate and performance driven standards based on practical hunting require-

ments. There are Tests available for dogs at various levels of development and training, helping handlers to understand, set and reach training goals for their versatile dogs.

The KUSA Versatile Tests for Pointing Breeds are run on wild birds for the field work. Dogs must find and prove natural game under tough South African conditions. These are genuine hunting tests! The retrieving

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hunting experience.”*



subjects in the tests are conducted on cold game such as guinea fowl, francolin, ducks, geese and rabbit or hare. The retrieving, or “after the shot” work is extremely important as

it goes to the heart of ethical hunting. Land and water retrieves are required.

The Tests:

1. The SA-Derby Test - For puppies and young dogs from 6 – 16 months of age. This test focuses on assessing the puppy’s natural inclinations in the field categories required for the dog to be successful in its role

as a versatile gundog.

2. The SA-Novice Test - For dogs of any age. This test is appropriate as an entry level test and is for dogs that have had some training or hunting experience.

3. The SA-Older Dog Elite Test - For dogs from 2 – 6 years of age. The SA-Older Dog Elite Test is an advanced ability and performance test.

A series of videos are available on YouTube showing what the KUSA tests are all about! Simply do a YouTube search for “Versatile Tests” or “TW Versatile Videos” and these videos will come up:

- Introduction to the KUSA Versatile Tests and to the SA-Derby Test
- Introduction to the KUSA Versatile Tests – The SA-Novice Test
- Introduction to the KUSA Versatile Tests – The Older Dog Elite Test

I wish you a wonderful year ahead training, hunting and perhaps even testing!

– For more information visit
<http://www.savhda.co.za>



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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 in Gauteng, where members compete over shooting distances ranging from 350m to 1708m.

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 are as follows:

All prospective applicants will have to complete a practical shooting qualification exercise, in either handgun, rifle or shotgun.

A minimum final score of 50%

must be attained in order to qualify and must be signed off by a range officer or club official.

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

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

The Long Range Shooting Club (LRSC) and the PSP (Postal Shooting Programme) are part of SA Wingshooters and are subject to its constitution, disciplinary codes and rules of ethical conduct, but requires an additional membership. LRSC and SA Wingshooters membership together includes membership of all the sub-clubs.

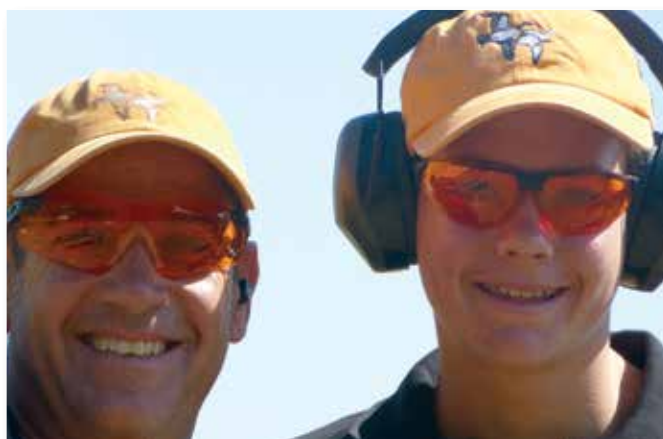
Lastly, as you know, the SA Wingshooters Association has R20-million liability insurance to cover the Association, with each individual member also having R20-million liability insurance as individual cover, for all shooting related activities.

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!



HOW FAR IS TOO FAR?

Is a subject that gets regularly chewed over in wing-shooting circles and rarely is there ever complete agreement as to when the distance to a bird becomes too far to shoot with the assurance of a kill, rather than wounding and possibly then not managing to pick up the bird.

by Charles Duff

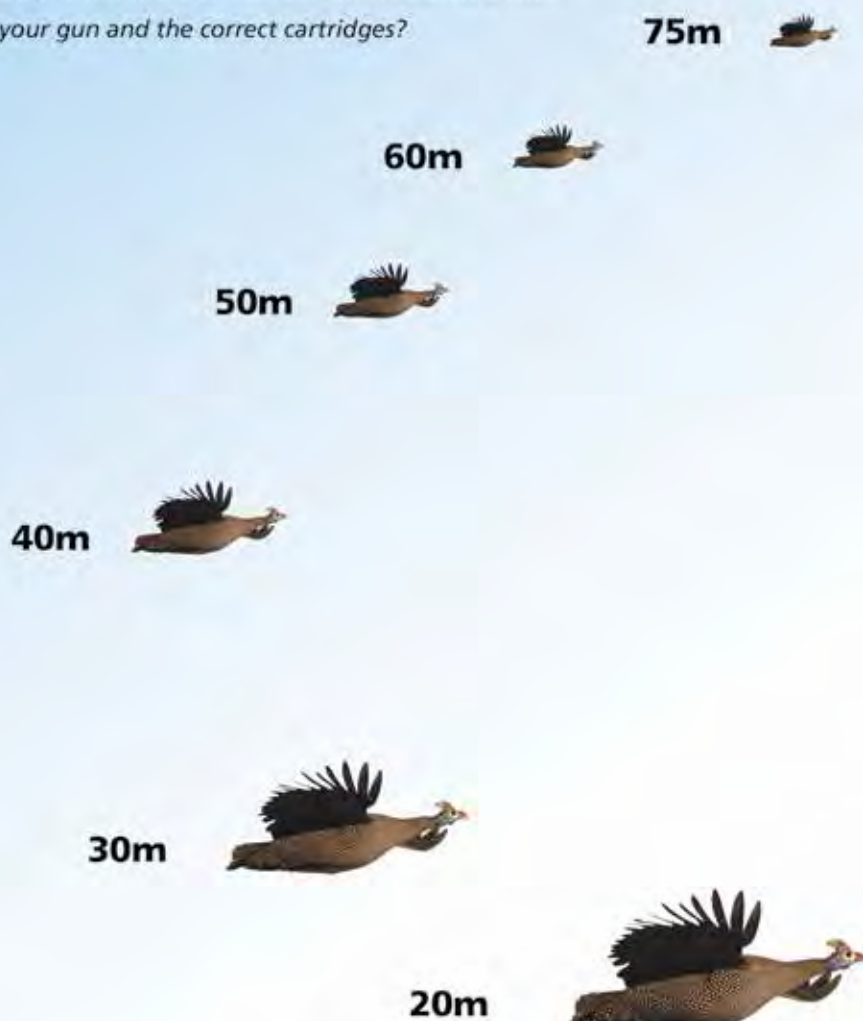
There is a fairly large constituency who would tie the 'safe' killing distance to the genus of the birds being hunted, where large tough birds such as our geese need to be shot at closer range than, say, a collared dove which can frequently be downed by a single pellet. Another group believe in using more than enough gun (and ammo) and can take this to extremes, such as 36gram magnum loads of 4s or 5s for rock pigeons and francolin/partridge.

Of course one of the problems is that our accuracy tends to fail in estimating distances, especially with small flying objects surrounded by blue sky and no convenient trees or structures to use as a reference point. Even with such it is still not easy and over the years, as I regard beyond 40 yards as my limit, I have practiced selecting a bush or tree, especially when exercising my dogs, and when I estimated a 40 yard gap then actually pacing the distance out.

Over the years I have got pretty good at it. But for the bird up in the blue I still can have problems. One thing I can categorically state is that

How far is that Guinea?

Do you know the effective clean kill distance with your gun and the correct cartridges?



For illustration purposes only.

This chart needs to be A4 size for the scale to be correct.

Figure 1

Distance:	Muzzle	20m (21.9yds)	30m (32.8yds)	40m (43.7yds)	50m (54.7yds)	60m (65.6yds)	80m (87.5yds)
Velocity:	427mps	240mps	196mps	161mps	132mps	100mps	73mps
	1400fps	787fps	643fps	528fps	433fps	328fps	239fps.

when you can identify the bill colour of a Yellow-bill duck or a Red-billed teal, they are well within a good shooting distance!

There are immutable facts about the flight of a small swarm of spherical lead pellets that can help us decide our personal maximum distance. The first is that as the load leaves the barrel, resistance to its travel through the air kicks in almost immediately. A perfect example is that of the new Gamebore 'Dark Storm' cartridge of 32g (1 $\frac{1}{8}$ oz) of No.5s which has a muzzle velocity of 427mps (1400fps) – see figure 1.

So in the first 20 metres of flight velocity loss is 44% and at 40 metres it's 62%. At the extreme range of 80 metres loss is 82%. A knee-jerk reaction to these rather shocking figures would be to increase the muzzle velocity, but sadly the faster the initial speed, the faster the loss and at extreme range the nett result is only a few metres per second difference. Also, the lighter the pellet the quicker the speed loss as lack of momentum kicks in.

Another solution would be to go to a heavier pellet, such as No.4s or 3s, but here another limiting factor comes into play. The shotgun was designed to deliver a pattern of shot, upon which we expect to kill with more than one pellet, and it has been shown that medium sized bird like a guinea-fowl, for example, require at least 3 pellets with at least 0.12m/kg or 0.85 ft/lbs each to ensure a clean kill.

For this we need sufficient pellets in the usual 76cm or 30" patterning circle and here the pattern loss per distance can become a problem. Firstly the size of the pattern is a function of the choke and not of the bore, which as the pellets exit a barrel ranging in diameter from the 12 bore's 18.5mm (0.729") to the .410's 10mm, the difference is hardly significant and bore size has minimum effect on the size of the pattern.

But loss of patterning shot is a major problem as, using a full choke, out to 27.4m (30yds) 100% of the pattern must fall inside the 76cm (30") circle.

However the drop in pellet numbers is 16% for each 4.57m (5yds) out to 45.7m (50yds), or 64%. In other words the surviving pellets to fill the patterning circle is only 36% of the original number.

From 45.7m to 50.3m (50 to 55yds) the loss is 1% extra, or 17% more; similarly from 50.3m to 54.9m (55yds to 60yds) there is another 1%, so 18% in total; from 54.9m to 59.4m (60 to 65yds) another 1%, the loss is 19%; 59.4m to 64m (65yds to 70yds) another 1%, thus 20% loss and at 73.2m (80yds) a pathetic 12% of the original pellets remain, the pattern is non-existent and the shot pattern length has doubled from 3.05m (10ft) at 36.6m (40yds) to 6.1m (20ft).

However, individual pellets can still kill at this extreme range, though it is unlikely that 3 will be close enough together to do the job, as with only 26 pellets left, spread over the 76cm (30") circle's area of 1837.8sqcms (286.36sqins) means an average of 1 pellet per 70.7sqcms (11sqins). The pattern has definitely

failed and since the percentage of pellets in the 30" circle is, at 40yds 30-40% for a cylinder bore, 50% for an improved cylinder, 55% for quarter choke, 60% for half choke, 65% for a three-quarter choke and 79-75% for full, plus 76%+ for super full, the results can only be more dismal. It is good to know how many pellets you have to start with and the figures per ounce and per 10 grams are – see figure 2.

The loss of kinetic or striking energy also follows a steeply descending curve. For example an Eley HV load of No.4s at a rather pedestrian 341.4mps (1120fps) has a per pellet striking force of 0.652m/kg at 20 metres, this drops to 0.297m/kg at 45 metres, or a loss of 54.4%; while the No.5s start with 0.490m/kg and finish with 0.205m/kg, a loss of 58.2%, the losses thus increasing with the reduction in pellet diameters. I could sharpen my pencil and supply more of these figures, but I'm sure that you have got the concept and it saves me much laborious mathematical figuring.

In summary, though I try to keep to a 40 yard, or 36 metre maximum shot distance, my longest guinea-fowl shot ever was a full 60 strides (and I'm an inch over 6 feet tall) and it was a lucky shot with two pellets in the head. I believe that the average shotgunner should keep 40 yards as a good maximum or 45 yards (41m) if he is feeling lucky. Better shots could stretch this out to 50 metres, or better 50yds, but everyone should realise that fully half of the initial velocity, pattern and striking energy has long gone. Of course the Sporting clays shooters will persist in their long shots

but breaking a clay and killing a bird cleanly are poles apart and will always be so.



Figure 2

Size:	3s	4s	5s	6s	7s	7½s	8s	9s
Per 10g:	50	60	78	95	120	140	160	210
Per Oz:	140	170	220	270	340	400	450	580

SHOOTING TIPS

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

A poor performance under tournament conditions is due to a lack of confidence in your ability to hit the target. It may be just one or two problem targets on the whole course that destroy this confidence. You can fail miserably on an easy stand because you are thinking about the difficult springing teal at the next one. You just know you are going to miss before you even get into the cage.

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

The game of competitive shooting is ten percent physical and ninety percent mental, from the shoulders up. You must learn to think your way through every competition, station by station. Read the course; get to know the targets and conditions that can affect your performance. You need to think on every shot, not just automatically shoot the course station by station.

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

If the hard lefts and rights are getting away, the coach should watch for the shooter lifting his head off the stock. In a trap example of hard rights, everyone wants to watch the bird fly out of the house at maximum angle and get a good look at it. Sometimes they lift their head off the stock to help in this. Although there are no secrets to good shotgun shooting, if there is any rule more important than all the others it is: keep your head on the stock.

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

In readiness for gun-mounting, the stock must be tucked in well under the arm. You are inviting a miss if you hold the gun



slackly with the butt at elbow-level. Place the stock with the small of the butt just forward of the right arm-pit, and squeeze it between biceps and ribs.

– This tip came from the book *“Robert Churchill’s Game Shooting”* by Macdonald Hastings.

The full choke’s reign of superiority is considerably shorter in useful yards than the improved cylinder’s. Between 40 and 50 yards, where the full choke shines, even the best patterns (from ordinary hunting loads) begin to undergo a number of ills inherent to the smoothbore. Speed of the pellets drops drastically, and difficulty of judging forward allowance increases disproportionately to distance.

The effect of air resistance is now being felt by all the pellets of the full-choke string and dissipation becomes progressively more damaging to pattern efficiency. By 55 yards, with ordinary hunting loads, the full choke has become less efficient than the improved cylinder at 40. This is partly due to loss of penetration of pellets at that yardage.

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

You’ll bag far more birds if you hunt alone or in the quiet company of one or two others and, especially, if you seek out

the smaller covers with the larger habitat.

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

The two most difficult things for a clay shooter to do are 1) apply strong focus just prior to and through the break point and 2) apply this hard focus consistently on every target thrown. Did you ever notice how you crush some clay targets and just chip others? Sure, it is possible for a particular miss to be the result of a miscalculation by your “onboard computer.” It is more likely, however, that you are not applying a sufficient level of focus to the target through your shot execution.

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

The consequences of an incorrect stance will be felt by the shooter because the gun mount will feel restricted in its final stages, causing him to hang on the trigger longer than he would like as he tries to correct by flicking the gun ahead. In really bad cases the gun will stop altogether, in which case the reason will be all too apparent

– This tip came from the book *“Move Mount Shoot – A Champion’s Guide to Sporting Clays”* by John Bidwell with Robin Scott





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MPUMALANGA – Not yet gazetted – Same as last year

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 – Not yet gazetted – Same as last year

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

GAUTENG – Not yet gazetted – Same as last year

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). Note: Spurwing remain closed!
1 Jun-30 Sep	Swainsons francolin (5).
1 Jun-30 Sep	Helmeted Guinea fowl (5).

N-WEST PROVINCE – Not yet gazetted – Same as last year

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), Guinea fowl (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 – Not yet gazetted – Same as last year

All year	Rock Pigeons (licence) (50), Red-eyed Turtle Dove (50)
1 May- 30 Sep	Guinea fowl (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), guinea fowl (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 – Gazetted – Same as last year

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 – Not yet gazetted – Same as last year

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	Guinea fowl (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 – Not yet gazetted – Same as last year

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 Guinea fowl, 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. All exotic Anseriformes are open all year.

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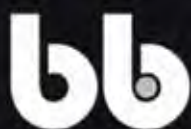
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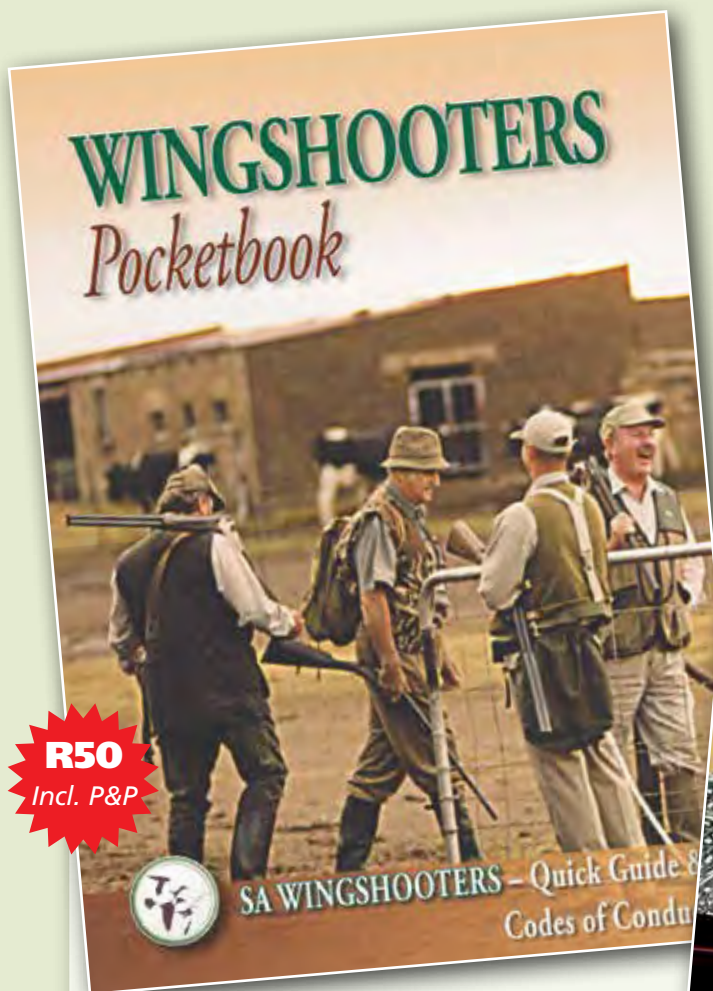
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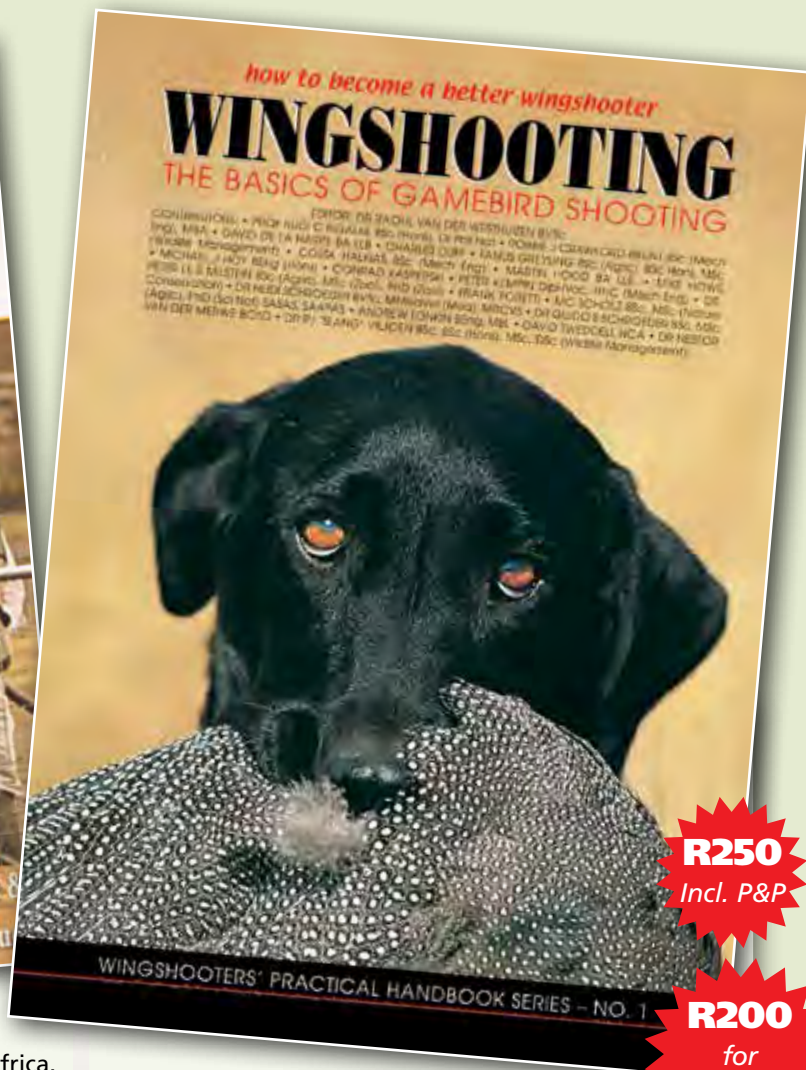
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Complete a report (you can download it from our website: www.wingshooters.org.za) and email to anel@wingshooters.co.za or fax to 086 211 5111, or you can email us a report listing 2 activities you did during the year. Dedicated Hunter activity reports are mandatory, by law, for all qualified dedicated hunters!

New Member Online Portal

For Dedicated Activity Reports & Firearm Licence Renewal Notices –

Firstly, It's nearing the end of the season, thus all Dedicated members need to send in their dedicated hunting activity report. **It's a legal (Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000) requirement for Dedicated Hunters and Dedicated Sports persons.** You can send any hunting activities report, whether it was plains game, bird hunting or range shooting and includes rifles, shotgun, handgun use, etc. You only need to list two (2) activities for the year. Remember to send us a report before end October, as we have to send a 'members activity report' to the SAPS every year in November, listing all the members who did not send in a report.

Our on-line member portal –

You can do it on our new member online portal. Please go to our on-line member area and 'Register' with us:

<https://members.wingshooters.co.za>

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: 071 132 5450.

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 071 132 5450. 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

Bank: ABSA Brooklyn
Branch Code: 335-345
Account Name: SA Wingshooters
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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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Your Signature

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