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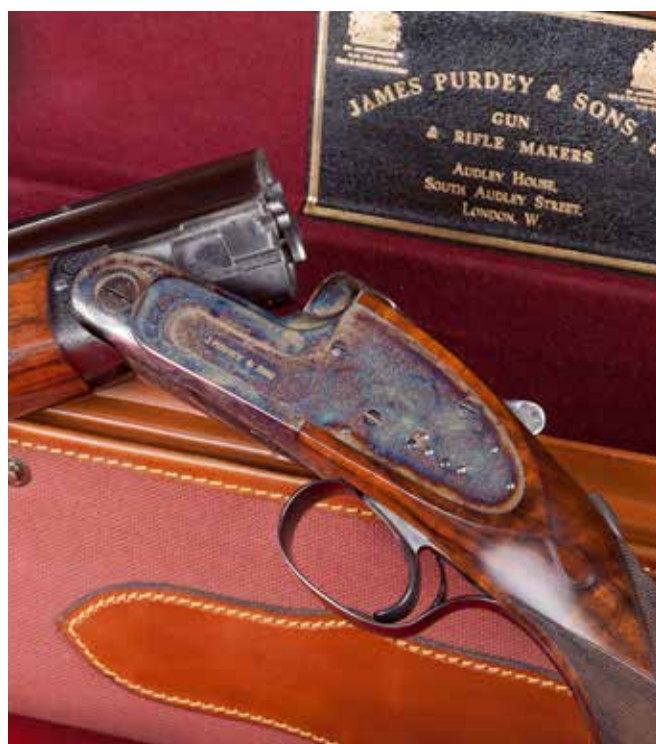
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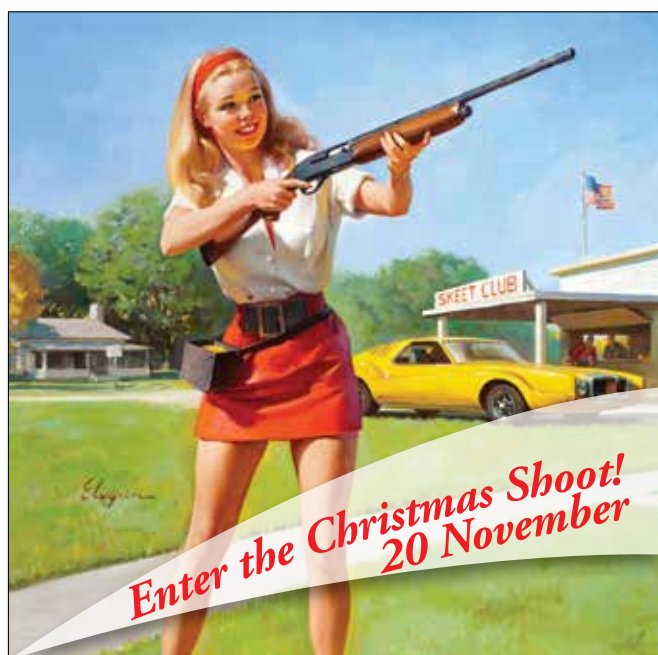
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Notice to Members

In terms of Clause 8 of the Constitution of the SA Wingshooters Association, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of SA Wingshooters will be held on Friday, 5 November 2021, at 16:15, at the Edgecombe House Conference Centre, 126 Valley Road, Kyalami, Blue Hills, Midrand (see directions on our website – www.wingshooters.org.za – go to "All Downloads" and look under the "Venue Maps" heading).

1. Chairman's Review
2. Report of the Executive Council
3. Consideration of the Accountant's Report and Financial Statements as at 28 February 2021
4. Re-appointment of external accountants
5. Election of members of the National Council

Eight members of the Association will be elected to the National Council by the General Assembly. Messrs Andrew Economou, Derek Nell, Genl. John Lizamore, Mike Holman, Tony Hampson-Tindale, Graeme Milborrow, Roland Nöfke and Anton Jooste are eligible to be re-elected for these positions for the next term.

Every member personally present at the meeting shall be entitled to one vote, whether the vote be taken by show of hands or by ballot. Voting by ballot may be recorded either personally or by proxy. The document appointing a proxy must be in writing and be signed by the principal or his duly appointed deputy or, should the principal be a juristic person, be signed by an official or representative authorised by the said juristic person. A person holding a proxy need not be a member of the Association. The holder of a general or special proxy granted by a member, shall have the right to vote if he be authorised by the proxy to attend the meetings of the Association and to participate therein whether he be a member of the Association or not.

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

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Finding Snares

What to do when you come accross snares on a farm

Poaching is on the increase country-wide and is a serious conservation problem. Snaring is more than just poaching, which is hunting without a licence. Snaring is indiscriminate killing, as usually, perpetrators who set snares set many of them at a time and any time of year. Snaring is illegal.

Should you encounter snares in the veld, please take the time to remove the snares and keep the wire, cable, string or



whatever material the perpetrator used to make the snare. Above is a photograph taken by member Shawn Kennard of a Swainson's Francolin in a snare they found whilst hunting on a farm in the Springbok Flats this season.

Keep all the snares with you and show the farmer. More often than not the farmer will appreciate your feedback and proof of snares, and will then make an effort to address his staff on the farm to help find and remove snares in future.

— SA Wingshooters

Tvl HPR Club June Field Trial Results

Tough stakes as normal in the Highveld. Bitter cold, sometimes bad scenting conditions, thick mist till 9am etc. Great open spaces. It surely is a test for dogs with

superb noses and wide ranging abilities. This is for the top dogs in South Africa that can adapt to all conditions. If your dog hasn't been there you haven't made it.

Kaggelvuur evenings with good wine and good company and camaraderie complete the picture.

This is the start of a new era of field trialling where the standard of good dogs and sportmanship is the norm. A great start with 42 different dogs in the three stakes.

Judges: Tim Snow- Chief, Kim Gensler

Field Steward: Louise Leech

Guns: SA Wingshooters Bernard Cilliers, and Rueben Cilliers

1st Slang Viljoen's GSP dog Jagblits Basjan

2nd Rupert Dedekind's GSP dog Dualwind Jenkins

3rd Karl Dedekind's GSP dog Chezenko Voodoo's Athol

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1st Slang Viljoen's GSP dog Jagblits Basjan



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24 German Shorthaired Pointers

Judges: Tim Snow - Chief Judge

Mike Maree

Slang Viljoen

Field Steward: Sjaak van der Laan and Elani van der Laan

1st Hannes Davel's Roxy

2nd Kim Gensler's GSP bitch Jagblits Beau

3rd not awarded

MAIDEN STAKE

29 German Shorthaired Pointers



Gun's Choice: 1st Slang Viljoen's GSP dog Jagblits Basjan

Most Promising Dog: JJ Maree's GSP bitch Hailey

Best Novice Handler: Rupert Dedekind

Best Chase: Sjaak van der Laan's GSP dog Jagblits Kingsley

Best Camaraderie: Sjaak van der Laan and Kingsley

Best Entertainment Round: Izelda Warne and Dexter.

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We've added more activities and shooting disciplines...

This year was overshadowed by the proposed new, and totally absurd, Firearms Amendment Act of 2021. Needless to say, this proposed government document is by no means acceptable, so we submitted official comments and totally opposing any changes to the current FCA that has any impact whatsoever on privately owned firearms, hunting and shooting. The fact of the matter is that the current FC Act 60 of 2000 as amended is more than sufficient and already sufficiently restrictive to private firearm ownership.

We sold 675 provincial bird hunting licences on behalf of the provincial departments this year, of which Gauteng province sold 267, 220 licences for Free State, Mpumalanga 112, Eastern Cape 30 and KZN 46.

Here at SA Wingshooters we offer it all. Apart from hunting, which we've offered since 1995, we offer a full line-up of sport shooting to include any type of firearm.

From shotgun shooting through to rifle, handgun and semi-auto rifle shooting sports, including the first ever Long Range rifle shooting and .22 Precision Small-Bore rifle shooting, from clay targets, steel plates or traditional target shooting... we offer all of it.

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

As always, we look forward to a fantastic year ahead, and we plan to host many sport shooting events and fun days, including training and more.

Since last year's report, no less than 303 new members have joined SA Wingshooters! Thank you and welcome to all the new members!

As always, we confirm our dedication and loyalty to our members and our duty to give them the best value for money that we possibly can.

I wish to thank the volunteer shoot captains for their continued support and assistance throughout the year. A special thank you all the active shoot Captains, who always volunteers to host shoots, even when they're pressured for time. Thank you indeed!

Shoot captains ensure a safe, controlled and organised shoot venue and they are there for your convenience, safety and to offer any assistance members might need on a shoot. This able team was also the backbone of our Mentorship Programme, which introduces newcomers to the wonderful pastime of Wingshooting.

On behalf of all members, I extend our appreciation to our National Council for their guidance, the other Executive Committee members Etienne Polson and Johan Opperman, and our finance team of Anél van der Westhuizen (book-keeping) and Barbara Bodenstein, our Financial Controller, under the watchful eye of External Treasurer Peter Karsas.

A special thanks to my wife Anél, who does a tremendous job of managing the office for us. I thank our support staff Zinzi Duma and Robert Nyangulu for their continued effort and friendly demeanour.

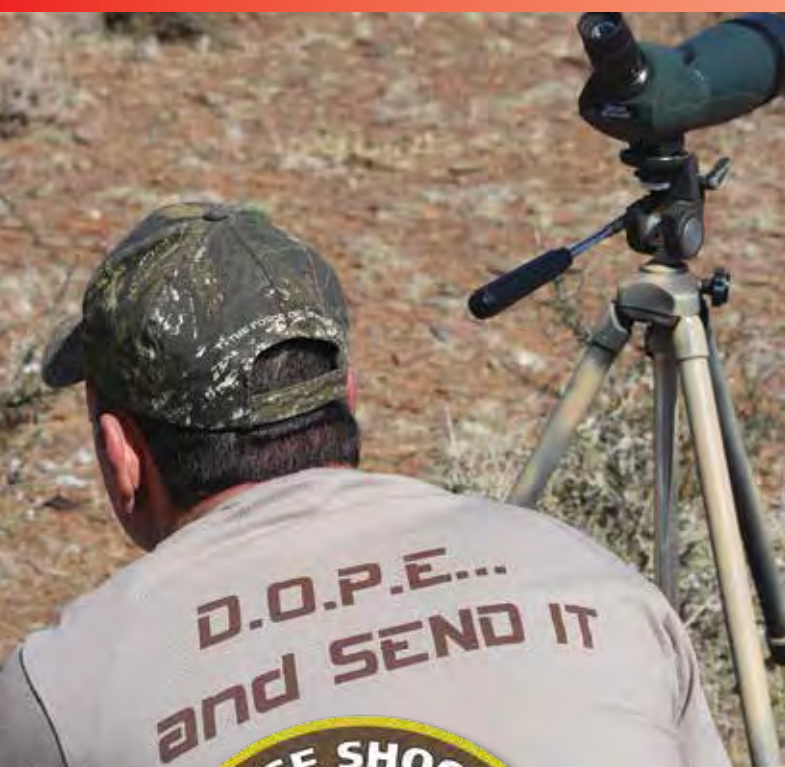
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New research evaluates social impact of shooting



It perhaps may not come as a surprise to those taking part, but involvement in shooting has been found to significantly boost the social, physical and mental well-being of participants.

In a scientific paper published in the journal *Ageing & Society*, shooting and shooting-related activities, such as beating and picking up, resulted in higher levels of mental well-being than the national average.

The findings form part of a PhD Thesis undertaken at the Institute for Social Innovation and Impact at the University of Northampton.

A multitude of benefits

The research found that shooting and shooting-related activities scored highly across a multitude of aspects related to positive well-being. These included reduced loneliness, which has been widely proven to be a pre-cursor to physical health issues in older people.

Offering a strong sense of identity and purpose was another key benefit, in addition to good social support networks, undertaking physical exercise, spending time in nature and a strong rural and/or cultural heritage.

The findings were linked to age, with older generations benefiting more from the physical and social side of shooting.

The authors also found that shooting

was of value to wider society. That is, those with high levels of physical and mental well-being would be less likely to require the assistance of public health services in the future. Also

stated by the authors was the need for the well-being credentials of shooting to be taken into account when policy on game shooting is being considered.

— by Felicity Marshall, BASC
16 July 2021

Bushmeat poaching in Kenya

Bushmeat poaching in Kenya's Galana River area (bordering Tsavo National Park) reaches industrial proportions, reported NTV Kenya. On June 21, authorities apprehended three poachers and confiscated 596kg game meat. A Voi court found the three guilty and sentenced each poacher to 16 years prison and a fine of KSh2.2 million (ca \$20,300) on July 5 – two weeks after the arrest.

— conservationfrontlines.org

Gamebirds of Africa Second Edition

Rob Little has updated the definitive monograph for this group of birds on the continent. This now includes recently published research, which has elevated two new spurfowl species, one new francolin genus and 13 new francolin species. Existing maps have been revised and new maps have been created for the 15 new species.

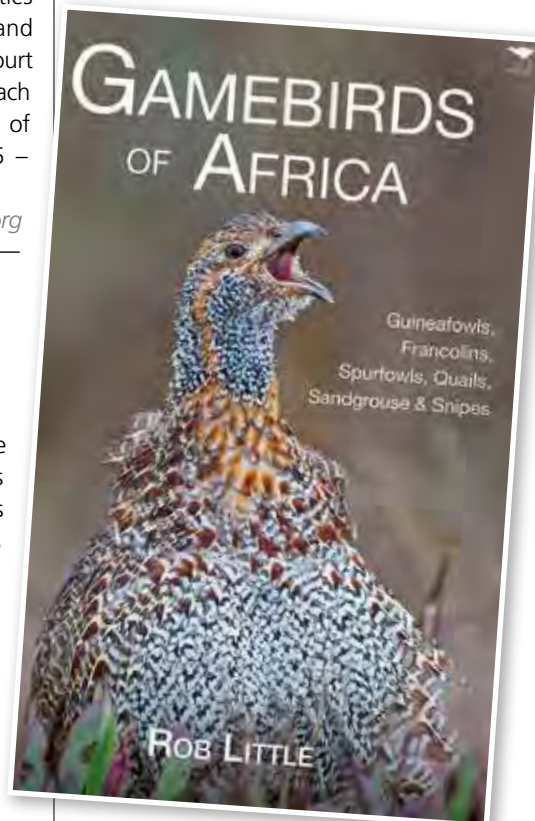
Gamebirds of Africa also offers a concise summary of the large but scattered body of accumulated scientific research and field-guide

literature. This detailed full-colour handbook includes the latest information needed to identify and get to know the 89 species that fall into six groups: guineafowls and Congo Peafowl (7 species) francolins and partridges (33 species), spurfowls (26 species), quails (3 species), sandgrouse (13 species) and snipes and Eurasian Woodcock (7 species).

Pertinent and interesting facts about the distribution, habits, breeding, and conservation status of each species are presented in a readable fashion. Numerous photographs, many improved and representing the new species, convey the appearance, characteristic features, behaviour, and, in many cases, the habitats frequented by each species.

Gamebirds of Africa will be a worthy addition to the ornithological literature and to the bookshelves of bird enthusiasts, particularly birders, wing-shooters, land owners and anyone with an interest in nature and conservation, throughout Africa and across the rest of the world.

The book can be found at most book stores and can be purchased from WildBooks online book store at <http://www.wildbooks.co.za/>



The SA Wingshooters Christmas Shoot



20 November
2021

When: SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER at 08H30

Where: Wattlespring Gun Club

Bring your own gun, ammo, friends and family and come and have a GREAT DAY with us at the ANNUAL Wingshooters Christmas Shoot. Wattlespring club is 25km east of Pretoria East Hospital and 35km from OR Tambo Airport/Kempton Park

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The Purdey 20ga Over & Under

James Purdey started to work for Joseph Manton in London in 1803 and continued until 1814 when he went on his own, and in 1826 he took over the Manton premises at 314½ Oxford Street on the former's demise. He brought out his first bar action sidelock double shotgun, based upon an excellent self-opening design by Fred Beesley, in 1880. The next year he moved to 57/58 South Audley Street, where the business still is today.



by Charles Duff

I was there in the '80s, a strange shop; on entering I was greeted by a room, empty except for a small table with a till, the walls covered with a host of small drawers. Next door the other room contained shooting gear and clothing, at about double the cost of the Barbour equivalent. All the action is upstairs in the 'long room', access to which requires an invitation.

A gentleman in a morning suit appeared and asked if he could be of assistance, I bought some 28ga snap caps in ebonite and brass, you

don't want to know what they cost! In 1924 the first over and under, based upon an E.C.Green design appeared, this was rather heavy, slab-sided and not a success. In 1947 James Woodward approached the company to build his over and under design, which they eventually agreed to do, with the proviso that he ceased to make his side-by-side sidelocks, and in the next year, the first was finished.

Here let me ride a favourite hobby-horse, we have been stuck with the terms 'over and under' and 'side by side for ever and it seems to me that, little as I like the Americans en masse, their word 'superposed' is way better than our clumsy phrase. I would suggest the word 'juxtaposed' be substituted for 'side by side' – look it up – it means exactly the same thing.

Woodward's design was pretty brilliant and the business boomed with the almost inevitable modifications and improvements along the way, such as redesigned firing pins and ejectors.

The old Purdey designs were retired and the Purdey-Woodward became their only model, and this was still produced in both 12ga and 20ga until quite recently. The chop-per-lump barrels are bought in as is the forged action; once united they are then stocked and completed in the traditional way, which is very time and labour consuming.

The result is an extremely attractive superposed weapon with immaculate engraving and finish. I have handled the 20ga example in the photographs, which was imported a few years ago by a friend, and as you can see, it is impressive with 30"(76cm) barrels, topped with flush-fitting Teague chokes, which is really as long as you should go with a 20ga gun. As a single trigger game



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gun it has an auto-safety, which is a feature I could well do without, otherwise it handles superbly and I'm sure it is worth every cent that it cost the owner.

Frankly, were it mine, I would be very loath to take it out into the veld on a day's guinea-fowl shoot-

ing, and it would be well insured! It was sold last year for R1.5million and was replaced by an exquisite Abbiattico and Salvinelli (aka Famars) 20ga superposed with a single hand-detachable trigger.

The latest Purdey superposed, made in both 12ga and 20ga, is a

continued overleaf...

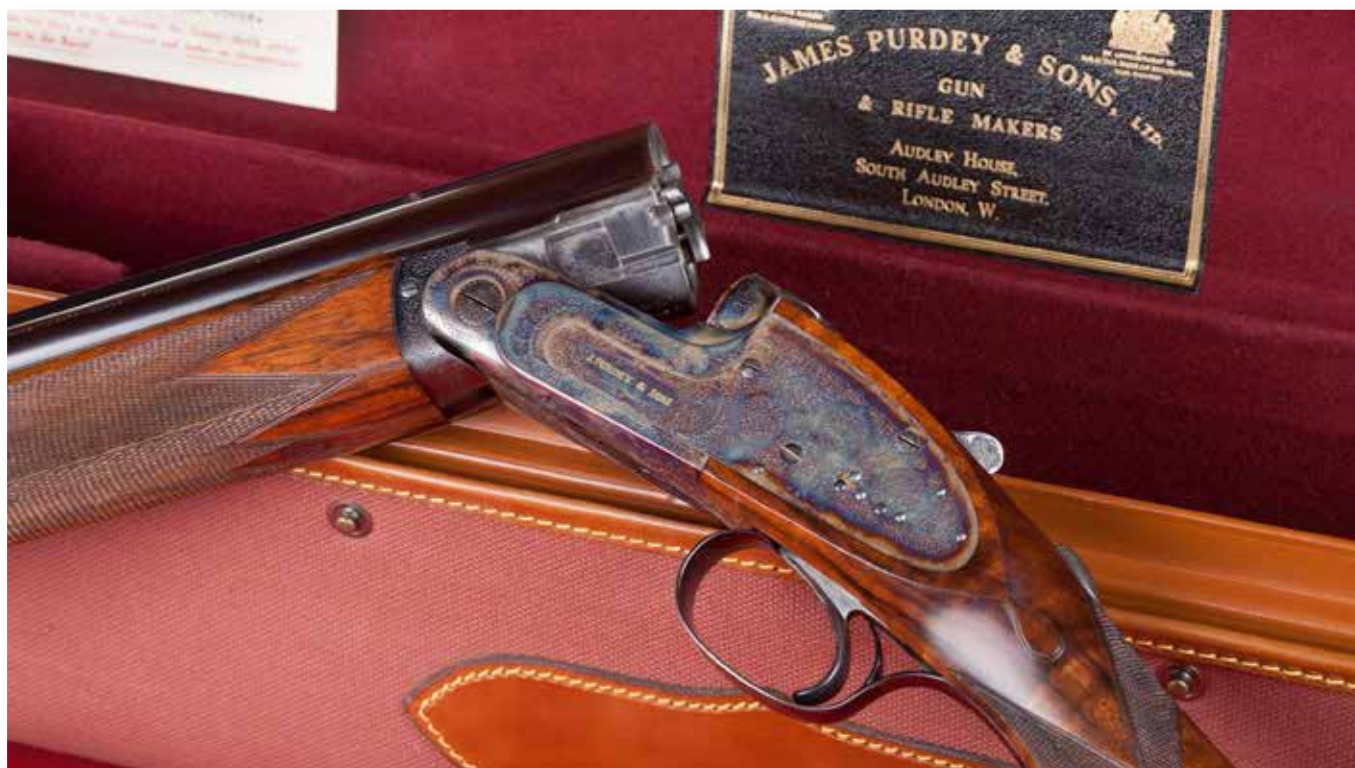
redesign in conjunction with Perrazzi and the choice of most of the features is very much up to the purchaser, with sporter or field versions available. The lower-profiled action is now a CNC machining and fea-

market segment, stand by for a whole lot of others going the same route, every manufacturer is always looking for a new fad. So you read it here first!

A couple of years ago a well-known Joburg gun dealer arrived one

be hoped that the Purdey does the same.

Back to the Purdey, the trigger guard can be had with a bead along its right-hand side, which is a very nice touch, or flat, obviously pro-



tures a square bar bolt with bolsters and side clips for added security. It is colour case-hardened with a coin finish, over which is fine hand-made engraving. This can be either a classic rose and small scroll, game scenes or more custom and gold inlaid.

Both a double or single trigger are offered, and both are hand-detachable (à la Perrazzi). In my article 'One or Two' in last year's June/July magazine, I brought up the subject of hand-detachable trigger groups and said that I was sure that many more companies would make use of them.

With Purdeys in Britain and Famars in Italy breaking into this

Sunday morning at the Waterhaven shotgun range with a Perrazzi 12ga superposed game gun with an auto safety. Lighter than any other Perrazzi I have handled, it was a very desirable gun.

At his first shot, however, the gun did not fire and the trigger group landed on his feet. Was his face red! He had pushed the safety to the 'off' position but pushed too hard and this then released the trigger group!

The Famars also uses the safety catch to release the trigger, but intelligently it requires a pull backwards from the 'off' position and through the 'on' to function. It is devoutly to

fusely engraved. The manual safety/barrel selector can be either plain or gold inlaid. The barrels are made in both Damascus and fluid steel and their length from 25"(71cm) to 34"(81cm). The chambers can be either 2¾"(70mm) or 3"(76mm) and both lead and steel proofing are offered. Solid side ribs are fitted, but the top rib can be either solid or ventilated. The front sight is a plain bead.

Fixed or Teague chokes are another option. Now 34" is a ridiculously excessive length for a shotgun, go the whole hog and add extended chokes and this makes the length close to 36". To handle such successfully you

would need to be at least over six foot and five inches in height.

Only a decade or two years ago 26" barrels were all the rage for skeet and I used such a gun in the field very happily for years; after all it takes only about 20" of the barrel to fully ignite the nitro powder charge.

The stock, from the selection of superior wood on offer, can be had in the classic straight English style or the more usual, for an O/U, pistol grip which can be had with an engraved cap, or plain wood. The length is tailored to the buyer. Gold or silver initials can be inlet into the stock above the toe, or the more usual metal oval, engraved to the owner's choice. The butt can be chequered wood or with skeleton toe and heel caps, or a full sized metal plate.



There is also the option of a leather covered recoil pad. Overall weights are, for the 12ga, from 7lbs 10ozs (3.46kg) to 8lbs (3.62kg); while the 20ga is from 6lbs 12ozs (3.06kg) to 7lbs (3.18kg); so not quite the lightest on offer, but much in line with what you see at clay ranges today.

I was very surprised to find that they also offer a 28ga barrelled gun built on a 20ga action; this removes the 28s weight advantage. If you are going to make a small bore gun, the very least you should do is have the appropriately sized action. I find 20ga on 12ga actions, 28ga on 20ga and .410 on anything else to be inapt and a mistake. If there is a point to a heavy small gauge gun, it so far escapes me.



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The Official Courier for SA Wingshooters

One association

We do it all

SA Wingshooters Association is truly the one association for all shooting disciplines. With us you can do it all. We offer shooting events and venues in all divisions, including shotgun, rifle, handgun, semi-auto rifle, long range target shooting and multi-gun sport shooting...



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

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

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

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

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

Clay Target Shooting – all members have access to Clay Target

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

Long Range Rifle Shooting – we have our own dedicated long range rifle shooting range in Gauteng, where members compete over shooting distances ranging from 100m to 1900m. This range also affords us the opportunity to offer a 2-gun sport shooting discipline (handgun and rifle combination shooting with movement and transitions), starting at 10m for handguns, to 100m and then up to 600m for self-loading rifles, with official division categories for calibres and types of rifles.

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

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

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

off by a range officer or club official.

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

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

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

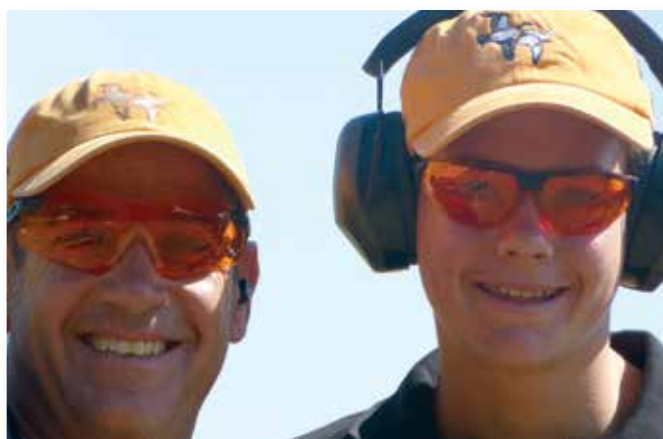
Lastly, as you know, the SA Wingshooters Association has R20-million liability insurance to cover the Association, with each individual member also having R20-million liability insurance as individual cover, for all shooting-related activities.

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



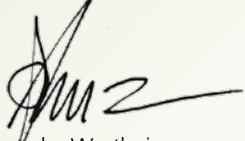


We offer all types of shooting and hunting... as well as coaching!

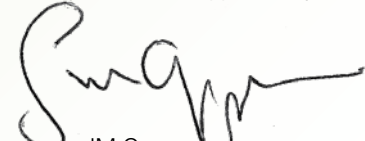


Executive Council's Approval

The annual financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2021 were approved by the Executive Council on 30 August 2021 and signed:



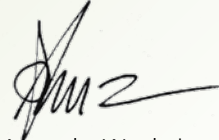
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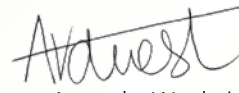
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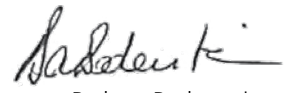
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AA van der Westhuizen
Chairman



A van der Westhuizen
General Manager and Bookkeeping



Barbara Bodenstein
Financial Controller

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

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REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S A WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

To the members of S A Wingshooters Association

I have compiled the accompanying financial statements of S A Wingshooters Association based on the information the chairman and financial officer has provided. These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position of S A Wingshooters Association as at 28 February 2021, the statement of income, statement of changes in funds and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

I have performed this compilation engagement in accordance with International Standard on Related Services 4410 (Revised), *Compilation engagements*.

I have applied my expertise in accounting and financial reporting to assist you in the preparation and presentation of these financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small- and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs). I have complied with the relevant ethical requirements, including principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care.

These financial statements and the accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile them are the responsibility of the chairman and the financial officer.

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, I am not required to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided to me to compile these financial statements. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on whether these financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS for SMEs.



P. van Zyl
Chartered Accountant (S.A.)
Registered Auditor

Pretoria
11 August 2021

Report by the Executive Council

Membership & Services

Membership fees have again remained the same for the fifth year in succession. Currently (at date of this report), the Association has 2729 members who are "current" or "paid up". There are 56 members who are 30 days in arrears, 63 are 60 days in arrears, 35 are 90 days and 296 who are 91 Days plus – totaling 3180 members, an increase of 277 members from 2903 of the previous year. A total of 303 new members joined at the date of this report, since the previous annual report. At the time of this report the LRSC has 114 paid up members and produced an income of R234,631 and the PSP has 315 current members.

During the year under review, competitions, shoots and licence fees produced an income of R175,504 compared to R168,649 in the previous financial year, a 4,06% increase. More shoots were hosted at a slight loss to benefit members and the hunting licence sales increased slightly. The Christmas shoot (and others) is always offered at a small loss, as these are direct membership benefits. This is expected, as this shoot is offered with slight mark-up to members and the entry fee is almost the same as quoted by the shooting range, caterers, etc. Advertising income in the Wingshooter magazine amounted to R62,678 – an increase of 35,87% from the previous year. This is due to the lower advertising rates for digital magazine adverts, as well as a decline in general advertising support.

Our group liability insurance product for members and the association, which was a first in South Africa, has been continued successfully.

The Association has expanded shooting venues for the annual shooting calendar and even more so for the current year. We offered in excess of 1000 organised shooting days during the year under review, and we plan to keep on offering venues to members. The LRSC has turned out to be very popular and this association has 114 members at the date of this report. The LRSC amounted an expenditure of R145,886 at the time of this report, due to the range having to move to another premises.

General Review

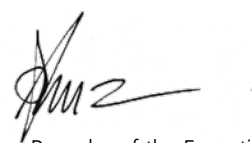
During the operational year under review, we expanded our sport shooting disciplines to include ALL types of sport shooting to cover all firearm types and uses, with the new additions of the Open-Sight rifle and Handgun – Pistol and Revolver sport shooting disciplines. We introduced the new 'Member-get-a-member' drive, which was very successful. In this drive we offer R10,000 to the recruiting member as well as R10,000 for the new member, should they win the draw. We would sincerely like to thank all members for their efforts over the past year to recruit new members. This initiative will be repeated and the next draw will be in February 2022.

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to have some serious impacts on hunting, shooting and life in general. I'm sure you know all about it. To that effect, our office has been open throughout the entire lockdown since the start of it all back in 2020 and continues to be open through the national state of disaster to assist members where we can.

Bird hunting licences remain available for purchase from our offices for Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Free State, KZN and Eastern Cape. SA Wingshooters Association is part of various forums – from wildlife forums to firearms, hunting and sport shooting forums. In these forums the industry partners up in order to focus on pressing issues that might threaten our ownership of firearms, hunting and shooting. We also participate in the Poison Working Group and the National Problem Bird Forum, where National Council member, Tim Snow, is our official representative. We remain a supporter of BirdLife South Africa and of the Overberg Renosterveld Conservation Trust. Our vision is to engage in joint conservation projects in Southern Africa, in support of bird conservation of game birds and waterfowl and birds in general. We proud to be part of the SUCo-SA (Sustainable Utilisation Coalition of South Africa) along with other hunting and wildlife associations and bodies, such as NHSA, CHASA, PHASA, WRSA, TGA and others. Internationally, our National Associate membership of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation (BASC) continues to add value to the organisation and to our members. The availability of editorial material from the BASC publications for use in our publications is gratefully acknowledged.

Financial Results

We are a government registered non-profit organisation and SARS Public Benefit organisation. The income from membership subscriptions amounted to R3,065,807 during the year, an increase of R58,050. (1,96%) over the previous year. The total expenditure decreased by -6,65% (R223,201), despite inflationary pressures and no membership fee increase to R3,134,762 to produce a modest surplus of R675,177. This was achieved thanks to the strong financial discipline of our Association's management, despite expanded membership services and benefits, such as offering official shoots below cost and free of association charges, our on-line firearm licence renewal notification and dedicated activity reporting on-line portal, shotgun, rifle and handgun shooting training, etc. The management fees of our administrators, the Advisory Bureau for Development (Pty) Ltd, amounted to R2,019,548 – and remains unchanged to the previous years. Our Funds increased to R2,881,237 which includes the Legal Action Fund of R70,246, the Publishing Revolving Fund of R40,000 and the Youth Development Fund of R89,600.



By order of the Executive Council
André van der Westhuizen
Executive Chairman

Statement of Financial Position

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	2021 R	2020 R
ASSETS			
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	2	114 269	162 259
CURRENT ASSETS		2 851 873	2 095 883
Deposits		25 013	27 492
Cash and cash equivalents	3,2	2 826 860	2 068 391
TOTAL ASSETS		2 966 142	2 258 142
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
FUNDS		2 881 237	2 206 059
CURRENT LIABILITY			
Accounts payable		84 905	52 083
TOTAL FUNDS AND LIABILITIES		2 966 142	2 258 142

Statement of Income

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Note	2021 R	2020 R
INCOME		3 809 939	3 708 075
Advertising		62 678	97 739
Competitions, shoots and licences		175 504	168 649
Donations received - legal action fund		3 539	631
Donations received - other		50	-
Income from auction and sale of promotional items		8 459	13 418
Long range shooting program		234 631	237 067
Interest received		90 193	109 120
Membership fees		3 065 807	3 006 757
Postal shooting program		7 600	6 678
Sponsorship		12 000	-
Training material and book sales		149 478	68 016
EXPENDITURE		3 134 762	3 357 963
Accounting fees		39 850	37 000
Advertising		-	13 841
Bank charges		7 217	7 445
BASC expenses and royalties		1 738	1 570
Cleaning		14 817	11 150
Competitions, shoots and licences		141 635	173 378
Computer expenses		66 963	19 782
Credit card commission		12 564	10 226
Depreciation	2	57 170	60 339
Donations		15 000	5 000
Entertainment and meetings		16 832	13 596
Huntex expenses		-	23 006
Insurance		108 830	109 364
Legal fees		5 000	-
Long range shooting program expenses		145 886	108 768
Management fees - administration services		1 336 352	1 336 352
Management fees - finance and bookkeeping		683 196	683 196
Motor vehicle expenses		55 091	77 517
Printing and stationery		89 651	217 390
Promotional items and prizes		18 100	2 348
Rent, electricity and water		78 000	78 000
Repairs and maintenance		2 270	9 046
Replacements		7 358	5 694
Secretarial and bookkeeping services		50 350	47 700
Security expenses		5 069	4 940
Staff refreshments		2 459	3 181
Subscriptions and membership		12 403	9 450
Telephone, courier, fax and postage		100 169	202 033
Trademark expenses		-	32 651
Wages		23 800	20 700
Website		36 992	33 300
Surplus of income over expenditure		675 177	350 112

Statement of Changes in Funds

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	General funds R	Youth development fund R	Publishing revolving fund R	Legal action fund R	Total R
Balance at 1 March 2019	1 660 271	89 600	40 000	66 076	1 855 947
Net surplus for the prior year	350 112				350 112
Transfer to legal action fund	(631)			631	
Balance at 29 February 2020	2 009 752	89 600	40 000	66 707	2 206 059
Net surplus for the current year	675 178				675 178
Transfer to legal action fund	(3 539)			3 539	
Balance at 28 February 2021	2 681 391	89 600	40 000	70 246	2 881 237

Statement of Cash Flows

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	Notes	2021 R	2020 R
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated by the activities of the association	3,1	677 455	280 183
Interest received		90 193	109 120
		<u>767 648</u>	<u>389 303</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	2	(9 180)	(176 699)
		<u>758 468</u>	<u>212 604</u>
Net movement in cash and cash equivalents		<u>2 068 392</u>	<u>1 855 787</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2 068 392	1 855 787
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	3,2	<u>2 826 860</u>	<u>2 068 391</u>

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

28 FEBRUARY 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1,1 Presentation of Annual Financial Statements

The annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities. The annual financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, except for certain financial instruments carried at fair value as stated in note 1.3 below, and incorporate the principal accounting policies set out below. All amounts are presented in South African Rands.

1,2 Depreciation of fixed assets

Property, plant and equipment are held for administration purposes and are expected to be used during more than one financial period.

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Property, plant and equipment are depreciated using the straight line method at rates that will reduce carrying estimated residual values over the anticipated useful lives of the assets. The useful lives are:

Computer equipment	4 years
Computer software	2 years
Equipment	5 years
Furniture and fittings	6 years
Motor vehicles	5 years
Office equipment	6 years

1,3 Financial instruments

Initial measurement

Financial instruments are initially measured at the transaction price. This includes transaction costs, except for financial instruments which are measured at fair value through profit and loss.

Financial instruments at amortised cost

Debt instruments, as defined in the standard, are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Debt instruments which are classified as current assets or current liabilities are measured at the undiscounted amount of cash expected to be received or paid, unless the arrangement effectively constitutes a financing transaction. These include accounts receivable and accounts payable.

At the end of each reporting date, the carrying amounts of assets held in this category are reviewed to determine whether there is any objective evidence of impairment. If so, an impairment loss is recognised.

Financial instruments at fair value

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at fair value.

1,4 Membership fees

Membership fees comprises subscriptions and entry fees received excluding value added tax. Subscriptions received is accounted for in the financial year in which it is received.

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements (continued)

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

28 FEBRUARY 2021

2 PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	<u>2021</u>			<u>2020</u>		
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying Amount</u>
	R	R	R	R	R	R
<u>Owned assets</u>						
Computer equipment	410 841	401 000	9 841	410 841	395 807	15 034
Computer software	149 316	124 511	24 805	140 136	99 911	40 225
Equipment	121 840	48 037	73 803	121 840	25 029	96 811
Furniture and fittings	12 529	12 521	8	12 529	12 521	8
Motor vehicles	220 270	220 270	-	220 270	220 270	-
Office equipment	44 735	38 923	5 812	44 735	34 554	10 181
Total	<u>959 531</u>	<u>845 262</u>	<u>114 269</u>	<u>950 351</u>	<u>788 092</u>	<u>162 259</u>

The carrying amount are reconciled as follows:

	<u>Carrying amount at the beginning of the year</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Depreciation</u>	<u>Carrying amount at year end</u>
	R	R	R	R	R
<u>Owned assets</u>					
Computer equipment	15 034	-	-	5 193	9 841
Computer software	40 225	9 180	-	24 600	24 805
Equipment	96 811	-	-	23 008	73 803
Furniture and fittings	8	-	-	-	8
Motor vehicles	-	-	-	-	-
Office equipment	10 181	-	-	4 369	5 812
	<u>162 259</u>	<u>9 180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>57 170</u>	<u>114 269</u>

Notes to the Annual Financial Statements (continued)

SA WINGSHOOTERS ASSOCIATION

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

28 FEBRUARY 2021

	2021 R	2020 R
3 NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT		
3,1 Cash generated by operations		
Surplus of income over expenditure	675 177	350 112
Adjustment for interest separately disclosed in the cash flow statement	<u>90 193</u>	<u>109 120</u>
	584 984	240 992
Adjustment for non cash flow item:		
Depreciation	<u>57 170</u>	<u>60 339</u>
	642 154	301 331
(Increase) Decrease in working capital	35 301	(21 148)
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	32 822	(8 090)
(Increase) Decrease in deposits	2 479	(13 058)
	<u>677 455</u>	<u>280 183</u>
3,2 Cash and cash equivalents		
Cash and cash equivalents included in the cash flow statement comprise the following:		
Cash at bank	675 561	398 044
Cash on hand	15 709	23 336
Funds on call	2 135 590	1 647 011
	<u>2 826 860</u>	<u>2 068 391</u>

4 TAXATION

Taxation has not been provided as the association is recognised as a Public Benefit Organisation in terms of section 30 of the Income Tax Act.

5 GOING CONCERN

The annual financial statements have been prepared on the basis of accounting policies applicable to a going concern. This basis presumes that funds will be available to finance future operations and that the realisation of assets and settlement of liabilities, contingent obligations and commitments will occur in the ordinary course of business.

6 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In the opinion of the Executive Council there have been no events subsequent to the end of the reporting period which have not been accounted for in the financial statements and which would materially affect the financial results of the association.

Members in the field...



Terence Unterpertinger Greywing hunting in the cool Eastern Cape

Members Ian Grey and son Pieter Jan at Singita



Anthony Coward & Thomas Ochsenbein at Rustenburg



Above: Richard Westerveld at the Rustenburg shoot
Left: Angelo Spada at the Volksrus venue



from left: Henry Playne, Jonathan Shearer, Simon Camerer and Gawie Combrinck shooting with James Bell in Dordrecht



Above: Steve Smith and his GSP "Purdey" won the KZN HPR Field Trials!

Below: Members at the Grootfontein shoot

Wynand Visser had a great weekend at the Ceres shoot in the Western Cape



LRSC Members on our Range



Member Mark Schuurmans & Jaco van Zyl enjoying their TRG 42s



The .33XC compared to the .223 Rem. The .33XC launches a 300gr bullet at a cool 3100ft/sec



Charl Jacobs... the ever present copywriter... tagging a witty slogan to everything



André & Bernard coaching members



Far left: Danie Tait, Francois Smit and behind them Ben van Dyk

Below: Hennie Grobler and André van der Westhuizen spotting and scoring



WIN R20,000!

in our **Member Get A Member** drive



Introduce a friend or family member to join and get the benefits of SA Wingshooters membership and you could BOTH be in with a chance of winning R10,000 EACH in our **Member Get A Member** prize draw this year.

Here's how it works:

Any member that recruits a new member to join full membership, stands a chance to win R10,000 and the new member also stands a chance to win the same amount! The more new members you sign up – the more chances you have at winning R10,000 each!



Rules:

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.

How to Reset your Dog

In Training

Keeping your bird dog in a training state of mind...

Written by Jason Carter

February 20, 2019.

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“**T**hat’s it. I’m sending my dog away to be trained!” So training didn’t go your way today and you are left with an alarmed dog and a bitter taste in your mouth. Hopefully, you called it a day before

impacting the trusting relationship you worked so hard to earn.

Time for both of you to recover and reset. Take a break, back up and go back to the basics where you both can find success.

These are the moments we call



Theuns Oelofse's Oscar

“pressure off.” It’s those times where we need to reset the brain for both the trainer and the dog. (Read *The Five Mental States of Bird Dogs in Training*) It’s where all of that time pairing, or bonding, with your dog as a pup pays off! Find some success and have a love fest moment with your dog, telling them everything is alright, repairing and preparing the brain for the next lesson.

Here are a few examples of how to help your dog regulate their emotions and reset their nervous system.

1. **Touch** – In our training we can’t lose sight of the power of touch. If it’s a light soothing tap on the side or a full on ground rolling love fest, touch is a very natural, clear and a healing communication pathway that expedites recovery back to a calm state.

2. **Movement** – Predictable movements and routines are visual silent commands to the dog that they pick up very quickly. If it’s your body positioning on your recall or movement patterns to release, all dogs study, learn and anticipate your movement habits every minute of the day. Use this to your advantage in your training.

3. **Tone** – Connecting positive tone to pleasure is essential in the pairing process. If it be through connecting a “Good girl!” to bait or an “Atta boy!” followed by a tummy rub and play session, positive tones repair and help bring your dog back to balance quickly and easily.

4. **Time** – Don’t expect your dog to process information like another. Dogs are individuals and may need more time and repetition to learn a skill. Often today’s lesson



A wirehaired pointing Griffon in training.

is tomorrow’s learning. Take a break, put your dog away until calmer states are restored. Often the lesson had already been conceptualised by the dog.

The ‘pairing process’ is essential for a number of reasons we often think of as intangibles, but really are well established in this very process. Simply, this is the bonding you do with your dog; it’s the process in which he/she learns to trust you. Pairing uses Classical Conditioning to establish a relationship between the dog and handler, the same as the bell and food in Pavlov’s Theory. When we choose to play, pet, walk, and hang out with our dogs outside of training sessions, we are pairing with them, we are creating and strengthening a relationship. Dogs are far better at this than we are. They learn the most subtle nuances in our behaviour: the way we walk, talk, stand and breathe are observed by them and are used in the pairing process.

The falsetto or high-pitch voice

and friendly body gestures we use when no one is watching do wonders for improving responsiveness, even in our adult dogs. When we play, hug and touch our dogs we are communicating with them. We’re telling them that they are safe and have nothing to worry about. When a dog is stressed, a friendly, high-pitched voice can soothe them and activate its upper nervous system or sympathetic system that allows self regulation.

Our visual cues are also very important. Though we all want our dogs to listen, they rely far more on visual cues than verbal. Adding patterns of repetitive movements into your lessons reinforces desired behaviors and stimulates the portion of the brain that encourages learning. We need to be cognizant that dogs are perpetually studying our body language, even the most subtle. They notice the slightest forward shift of your weight on the send, the way you adjust your hat when you’re upset or the way you shift to one

continued overleaf...

side a moment before asking them to release the bird. Your every twitch is under scrutiny, so use it to your advantage.

As such, if you are stressed or angry they'll know it, too! For those that test their dogs, you might remember the dog that showed up on your first test day that you never saw before in your training? Likely they caught the vibe that you were putting out and moved into an alarmed state where the dog spends more time reacting to your

direct link to their unpleasant experiences in their past. The dog will be unable to process any information. If training were to continue in this state, you would risk rewiring or reconditioning the dog. They would learn to misread your cues creating a confused, frightened and mistrusting dog and a further-frustrated handler. A dog that mistrusts will spend more time processing towards fight or flight than learning from you. It's better to put the lead down and be done

enced unfair training will require substantially more of your time repairing the damage.

Fear makes your dog dumb... enough said.

We all need to recognise and appreciate that when we use punishment to maintain the absence of a behaviour, the behaviour is absent only as long as the punishment is present. A perfect example is the bark collar. It extinguishes barking when in use though does not change the behaviour when not in use. Punishment doesn't teach, it just shows your dog what not to do. We need to remember that infusing lots of reinforcement in our training is just good teaching practice and perpetuates pairing, and in turn helps to motivate your dog to want to perform for you.

As a trainer, there is nothing more enjoyable to see than a dog and its handler seamlessly working together in such a way that leaves us with no doubt they share a strong bond for one another and exhibit an undeniable affinity for the hunt. The dog who has been largely imprinted through positive reinforcement will consistently be an honest and reliable hunting companion.

Disregarding your dog's mental state is a common mistake many trainers make. A great dog trainer can train towards the character of the dog and away from issues. They know what the dog can handle and are vigilant of their dog's mental state. They are able to recognise when they can pressure their dog and how to reset them to get them back to that calm, trainable state. They know how to heal emotions and how to motivate and reinforce in a way that is meaningful to the dog.

Use these foundational strategies in your training and be intuitive to your dog's needs and you will be rewarded with an honest and loyal hunting buddy for many years to come.

— https://projectupland.com/hunting-dogs/resetting-your-bird-dog-in-training-the-recovery-process/?mc_cid=8350140248&mc_eid=f4a76f1beb



Costa Halkias' Vizsla "Kouklà"

emotions and less time responding to your cues. The mind drifts from the task at hand and focuses more on its surroundings and potential dangers.

When a handler is emotionally charged, the dog's state of mind shifts out of the calm or alert part of their brain and enters the fight, flight or freeze mindset. Depending on many variables, at this point the dog's mindset moves to alarm, fear or even terror. These variables become a

for a few hours, or even the day, than to teach your dog to be fearful of you.

An exponentially more damaging scenario is early puppy traumatic experiences. Puppies that are exposed to excessive pressure or trauma may exhibit toxic stress or more intense social behavior such as excitability, nervousness or chronic stress. Their ability to respond to calming gestures as adults is severely impaired by these experiences. Dogs that have experi-

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What's in a Wad?

In the early days of smooth-bore black powder guns rags were used to separate the shot from the powder and keep the shot in place up against the powder and inside the barrel.

Eventually the cylindrical wad was born, a purpose-made item to do both tasks, and both cork and felt (which is just compressed animal hair with a dab of glue) were used. Came the self-contained cartridge and card was introduced to keep the shot in place and inside the barrel. The pressure exerted on the load by roll-crimping the card kept everything satisfactorily in place...



image: www.nobelsport.it

by Charles Duff

More experimenting gave us a mixture of cards and felt (which proved superior to cork) in the over-powder wad. There were some niggling problems however, the soft lead pellets in contact with the steel walls of the barrel deformed quite readily and obviously these did not perform, aerodynamically, as well as

those which remained nicely spherical, and this was the major cause in the shot cloud opening up both lengthways and sideways as it travelled. Choked barrels were introduced, which improved the situation somewhat, and shooters lived with the problem as the shotgun was, and is, a relatively short-ranged weapon. Leading of barrels was another persistent pest and had to be dealt with

continually because, if left, the leading increased exponentially and patterns went to hell.

Then in 1960 Remington introduced their 'Power Piston' one-piece plastic wad, a seismic event that had all the other manufacturers scrambling to make their own, and the fibre over-powder wads and over-shot cards went out of favour remarkably quickly. In fact in 1902, fifty-eight years earlier, the French firearms expert General Journee showed that a card or foil sleeve split lengthwise into four leaves reduced the deformation of shotgun lead pellets markedly, but his publicist did a bad job as the shooting manufacturers largely ignored this.

Taken from the back the plastic wad has firstly the all-important gas seal ring followed by a central section of collapsible webs, which is intended to ameliorate the sudden shock of the cartridge detonating and cushion the pellets from the ensuing deformation; here individual design and fancy have run riot. The intricacies of their design being lost on us ordinary mortals. Topping it all is the shot cup with four fingers held together tenuously by a couple of small threads between each pair of fingers. These are designed to break apart as the wad and charge exit the muzzle and opening up, propel the empty wad harmlessly to earth. In fact they can fly a fair distance and on a shotgun range you will rarely find any at less than 18-20 metres from the shooting stand. Examining a used wad will show the imprints of pellets at the base and up the fingers, but not right to their leading ends, as the shot has already started to string out before the pellet load reaches the muzzle.

The 'Star' crimp was another improving innovation. The roll crimp with its accompanying over-shot card was slower to produce and the card could, and did, interfere with the flight of some pellets, the worst case scenario being producing an annular pattern with a pellet-less centre. Both six and eight segment star crimps are to be found, in general the eight is mostly only used in USA manufactured ammunition. Britain and the continent using 6 star almost exclusively. Is the one better than the other – *quién sabe!*

The effect of the plastic wad is the equivalent of one degree of choke; in other words a barrel previously delivering a half-choke pattern would now show a three-quarter pattern, etc. Everyone was more than content and shotgunning went merrily on its way until the antis got onto the effects of lead shot on the gamebirds, waterfowl and countryside. It is now known that the use of soft iron shot (called steel because it sounds better) is much less toxic, and though

"The effect of the plastic wad is the equivalent of one degree of choke; in other words a barrel previously delivering a half-choke pattern would now show a three-quarter pattern, et cetera."

slightly more expensive than lead, is way cheaper than any of the other heavy metal substitutes which cost between five and eight times that of lead. This has in any case more than doubled its price in the last ten years. Next in the target line for the antis was the humble wad because, though the plastic cartridge cases are easy to locate and pick up, the wads not so much. Conceivably grazing farm animals could ingest these and expire from gut blockages. If this was a serious concern I am morally certain that over my many shooting years farmers would have raised the issue with me, yet only one ever has and he had no animal deaths to base

this upon. Nevertheless in Britain it is now an issue – well what else would you expect from a granny state – and fibre wadded cartridges are now all the rage, and paper cartridge cases are starting to peek around the corner, though at another considerable increase in cost.

However it is indisputable that shooting iron shot up a steel barrel at high velocities is going to cause considerable wear to both. The iron shot has to be protected by a plastic wad and this can dispense with the cushioning section of the old plastic wad, and is in effect a plain cup to accommodate the 30% more pellets in the load, iron being lighter than lead by this. The wall of the cup has to be at least twice as thick as the equivalent lead wad; thus much more long-lived, environmentally bad and possibly dangerous to livestock. Further, a real advance in barrel manufacture lengthening the forcing cone and 'back boring' the barrel has shown real advantages in better patterns and increased velocities at the same chamber pressures. Whereas up to about an increase in barrel diameter of up to 40 thou can be accommodated by the sealing ring of the lead plastic wad, the fibre and card wad has insufficient expandable sealing effect, thus a loss of velocity is inevitable and an undesirable mix of pellets and gases will play havoc with patterns.

The association of British shotgun ammunition makers have recently stated 'you can have either steel or plastic but not both'. Something that the antis should take to heart. They have also said that they need at least five years to convert fully to iron and only at a considerable capital outlay, expect therefore to pay more for a much less efficient product.

To, in my opinion, their enduring shame, a major association has joined up with the anti-lead task team group, which intends to totally ban all lead from all firearm ammunition! I wonder how many of their membership are aware of this. SA Wingshooters was approached to join the Lead Task Team but declined the offer once it was made plain that there was a strict secrecy clause in the membership – one can only ask why?

In a group ostensibly doing a public service – really!

Wild Francolin and confiding spurfowls

Even though there has been the historic use of the separate Afrikaans names 'patryse' and 'fisante' there has been some reluctance to adopt the separate English common name for the spurfowls. This is despite the various character differences between these two groups including the differing levels of habituation to the presence of humans in their habitat.

by Dr Rob Little

It has been two decades since Tim Crowe and I proposed the separation of the English common names, francolins and spurfowls. Apart from their dichotomous relationships with other galliform groups, the distinction between francolins and spurfowls is apparent in their plumage, escape flight behaviour and vocalisations.

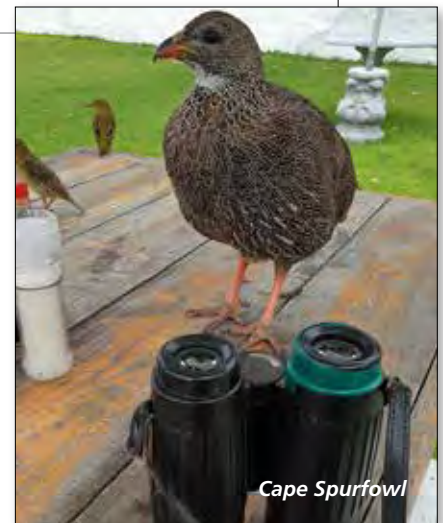
Francolins have quail-like upper parts while spurfowls have streaked or vermiculated back feathers. Francolins typically crouch and sit tight before flushing when disturbed, while spurfowls tend to run for cover. Francolins also have musical whistling calls, while spurfowls have raucous crowing or cackling calls. This is further supported by the facial markings of their downy chicks. The face of francolin chicks is multi-striped as opposed to the couple of broad bands on the head of spurfowl chicks.

Another important reason to have separate common names for francolins and spurfowls is the fact that various spurfowls can withstand sustainable utilisation, whereas with the exception of the Grey-winged Francolin, most francolins tend to occur at densities that cannot withstand sustained wing-shooting. In some regions, nesting and cover vegetation structure and forage plants are even managed to sustain or increase spurfowl numbers for wing-shooting, while this does not appear to work for francolins.

More recently, I have also considered the distinct difference in their levels of habituation with people. I recall while breeding Grey-winged Francolins on the Stormberg that we needed to suspend shade-cloth 30 centimeters from the aviary roof to protect birds from injuring themselves while vigorously flushing when we approached the aviary. This was the case even for second generation birds that were bred in captivity and were approached daily for the provision of food and water.

Although I have heard one suggestion that Grey-winged Francolins were known to be relatively tame in the West Coast National Park, I have not been able to confirm this. Nor have I been able to find any accounts of francolins habituating to the regular presence of humans. Although it is known that there is often a francolin covey near farm buildings, often known as the 'homestead covey', these birds remain as wild in their response to being approached as any covey will be.

On the other hand, I have experienced quite the opposite with different spurfowls in parts of South Africa. I have on a couple of occasions had Natal Spurfowls wandering around at one's feet soliciting food items at rest camps in the Kruger National Park. Furthermore, the chicken like behaviour of Red-billed Spurfowls scratching in camp sites often brings them into close contact with travelers, and



they are known to venture into small villages where they casually free-range feed with domestic poultry.

I have also had first-hand experience of Cape Spurfowls entering the back door of suburban houses in Cape Town to scavenge items from dog food bowls in the kitchen or pantry, even with people present in the room. More recently, I was having lunch at an outside table at the *Geelbek* Restaurant while visiting the West Coast National Park when a young male Cape Spurfwowl jumped onto the table and proceeded to take a potato chip off my plate. In this case he was not deterred by flushing one's hand at him, I literally had to push his breast with my hand to displace him from attacking my lunch.

This has been a fascinating issue to consider the differences in behaviour between francolins and spurfowls, which further convinces me that they are significantly different in their ecological biology.



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SHOOTING TIPS

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

Most of us are not willing to live like shooting monks, but a certain amount of commitment is needed just to succeed beyond your basic talent level. The workload increases exponentially as you aspire to higher levels of success.

You may have to put in twice the amount of work to go from a 92% to a 94% average that a shooter going from 60% to 80% may have to do. Making the jump in the upper atmosphere of shooting demands effort and commitment. Are you ready? Are you willing? Are you able?

— This tip came from the book *"Mental Training for the Shotgun Sports"* by Michael J. Keyes, M.D.

The rabbit target is thrown along the ground at any angle. If there is one target that causes shooters more consternation than quartering shots, it is the rabbit. Shooters often put forward allowance on any crossing target, including the rabbit, when it may not be necessary.

Shooting too high is also a predominant problem because this shot is almost always below your waist and typically below your feet. Proper posture is crucial to getting and keeping the gun on the target line.

Bend at the waist to establish the correct posture, point to the breakpoint and hold that posture, including the set of your head, and rotate back to call for the target. Your high miss will go away.

— This tip came from the book *"Shotgunning in the Automatic Mind"*

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Sporting Clays is a unique sport in that the specific task at hand changes with every station. True, our goal is always to break the targets, but how we break the targets changes from station to station.

As a result, we must use our conscious mind to analyze the targets and develop a plan for breaking each unique target pair. To put it simply, we are in "analysis mode". Once our plan is developed and we move into the stand, we should be equipped with a rehearsed plan. By "rehearsed" I mean that you should have completed a series of visualizations of the movement you will execute to break the target pair. At this point, your conscious mind should be occupied only with the focal points on each target. It is to these focal points that you apply acute visual focus just prior to and through each breakpoint. At this point, you must trust your plan and your abilities and perform only one faction: Feed the brain the visual information it needs to break the pair. Let me give you a bit of homework.

— Don Currie is the chief instructor of the National Sporting Clays Association and one of the most sought-after shooting coaches and gunfitter in our sport. For more about Don, visit his web site at <https://doncurrie.com>.

It is dangerous to assume that two number 9 shot at 40 yards will break targets as efficiently as one 7½ pellet at that distance because the total foot-pounds of energy of number 9 pellets equals one number 7½ pellet.

After shooting hundreds of clay targets in controlled conditions and recovering the fragments to count the number of pellet hits, I am convinced that two number 9s are not equal to the penetrating and target-breaking ability of a single number 7½ pellet past the 30-yard range.

— This tip came from the book *"The Sporting Clays Handbook"* by Jerry Meyer.

Quite a few people overlook the importance of the mental side of this game. It's especially critical when you miss and when you're trying to fix something. It's good to analyze why you missed a target, but before you shoot the next one, you shouldn't be thinking about what you did wrong.

Think instead about what you will change to hit the next target. This will be a positive thought, not a negative one. 🦋

— This shooting insight came from the book *"If It Ain't Broke, Fix It!"* by Gil & Vicki Ash.



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Two-year lead ammunition review –

Call for evidence

by Conor O’Gorman – Article courtesy of BASC

<https://basc.org.uk/lead-ammunition-call-for-evidence-launched/>

Conor O’Gorman has worked in a variety of conservation, policy and campaigning roles at BASC over the last 16 years. A zoology graduate with a PhD awarded for grey partridge research, he has over 25 years’ experience in conservation and land management.

In his latest blog, Conor expands on the news of the Health and Safety Executive’s call for evidence on lead ammunition in England, Scotland and Wales.

In March, Defra announced that it has tasked the Environment Agency, together with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), to start a two-year review of lead ammunition.

The review was to take place under the UK’s new post-Brexit chemical regulations referred to as ‘UK REACH’ and would result in proposals to restrict lead ammunition for England, Wales and Scotland. It was explained that Northern Ireland would be exempt from the review and any resulting proposals under the Northern Ireland Protocol.

Then things went quiet and it seemed like the review had been kicked into the long grass.

HSE work programme

However, the HSE has been busy behind the scenes and in June it published its 2021/2022 work programme. This featured timetable on the development of restriction proposals for the use and/or sale of lead ammunition and for substances in tattoo inks and permanent make up.

HSE staff have been recruited and independent experts appointed and on 23 August an eight-week call for evidence on lead ammunition was published with little fanfare, attracting no media interest nor any third sector response.

First stage in a series of reviews

The call for evidence is the first stage in a series of reviews and consultations over the next 18 months.

The draft restriction dossier is likely to be published in March/April 2022 for public consultation. A draft socio-economic opinion will follow in early 2023, which will also be open to public consultation.

The review will culminate in restriction proposals being submitted no later than April 2023 to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for consideration.

A legislative proposal will be likely thereafter subject to parliamentary scrutiny and consultation with devolved administrations.

Call for evidence

So, what’s in the call for evidence and what happens next? The scope of the review is to gather information and evidence to support the development of a report (called a UK REACH restriction dossier) on the risks to the environment and human health of the use of lead in ammunition in all habitats in England, Scotland and Wales. This includes both live quarry and target shooting. Indoor shooting activities are excluded.

Also excluded from the review is Northern Ireland and any military and non-civilian use of ammunition.

The call for evidence questions seek information pertaining to shooting ranges, hunting, game meat, and manufacture and supply. It also includes home-loading, lead ammunition alternatives, the impact of the voluntary transition, the impact of lead ammunition on wildlife; and the effect of restrictions on businesses and shooters.

This is a technical information gathering process and it is important that shooting organisations, shooting businesses and firearms and ammunition manufacturers provide as much information as possible.

Taking part will help ensure that the HSE is fully informed on the uses of lead ammunition. This is particularly important in assessing the socio-economic impacts of proposed restrictions to reduce the risks associated with some uses of some types of lead ammunition.

Assessing the risks

The outcome of the two-year review is unlikely to recommend a total ban on the use of lead ammunition for recreational shooting activities. This is about assessing the risks and looking to reduce those risks whilst taking into account socio-economic factors.

BASC will ensure that the HSE objectively evaluates the evidence and that restriction proposals consider the complex mix of socio-economics, technical factors and attitudes. If we have concerns that the resulting legislative proposals are disproportionate and will damage shooting, we will lobby for them to be revised.

There will of course be others that will be satisfied with nothing short of a complete ban on lead ammunition and they will be lobbying to that end. The political stage of the process will no doubt be challenging.

Challenging times for ammunition manufacturers

A key principle we must not lose sight of is that further restrictions must not be imposed until effective and affordable types of sustainable ammunition are available in sufficient volumes to meet demand.

Ammunition manufacturers in the UK and abroad are developing new products, which is a significant financial investment. It’s fair to say that the amount of non-lead ammunition required for the UK and world-wide markets with current production facilities is going to be very challenging.

Restrictions on lead ammunition should not result in a reduction in people participating in shooting due to a lack of ammunition for their guns and shooting disciplines.

– We will follow this closely so as to oppose any unproven restrictions on the use of lead ammunition locally – Ed.



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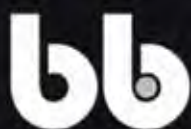
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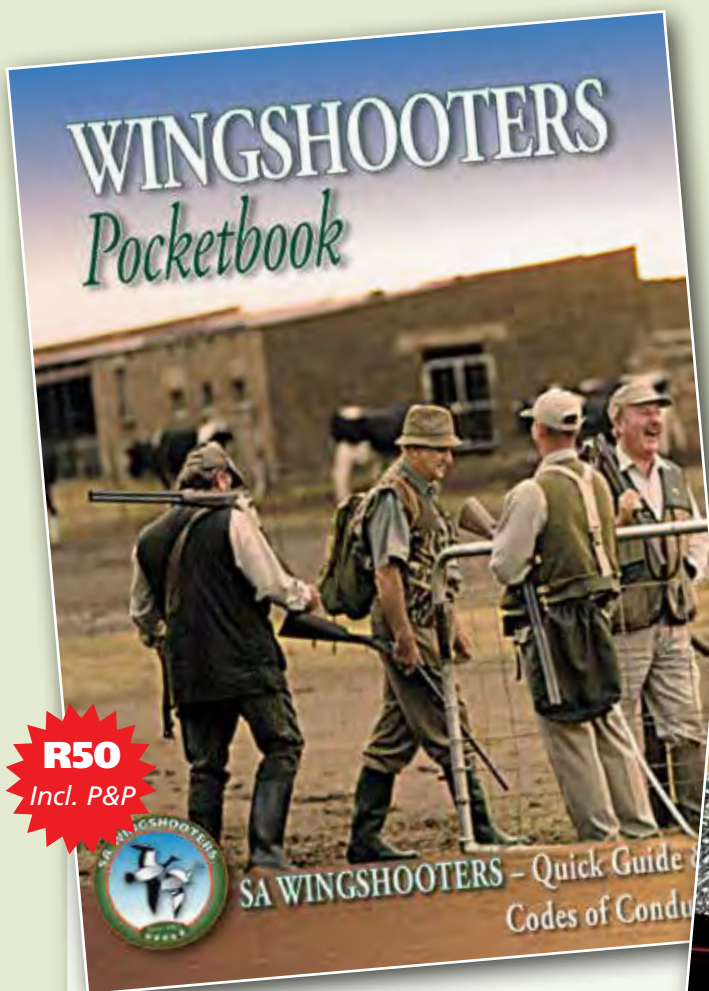
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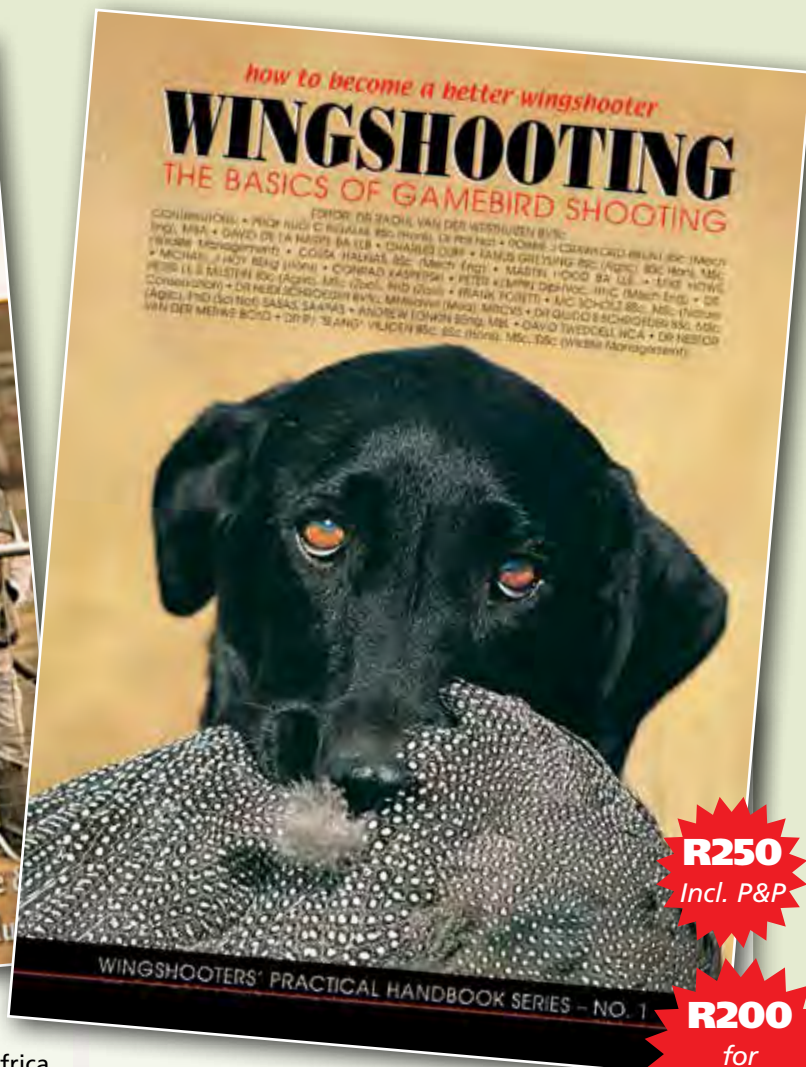
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