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GMSSA NEWSLETTER - GMSSV NUUSBRIEF 2011/1

Dear GMSSA members

I trust that you have all had a blessed festive season and wish you all a prosperous 2011 and may you amongst all other good things, enjoy a great silhouette shooting season.

SAMSSA

At the 2010 SAMSSA AGM a new committee was elected into office and the members are:

SAMSSA President: Pannetjie Rossouw (FS)

Vice President: John Rutherford-Jones (FS)

Secretary: Annette Rossouw (FS)

Treasurer: Deon Dixon (WP)

Additional members: WAG Nel (WP) Johan Postma (GP) Dawie Willemse (GP)

Co-opted members: Bossie Boshoff (Dedicated status) Philip de Lange (IMSSU rep)

Ludy Starke (IMSSU rep)

This committee convened for their first meeting on the 5th December 2010 in Sasolburg to decide on the way forward in terms of various matters including such as the updating of the SAMSSA constitution and the national team selection criteria.

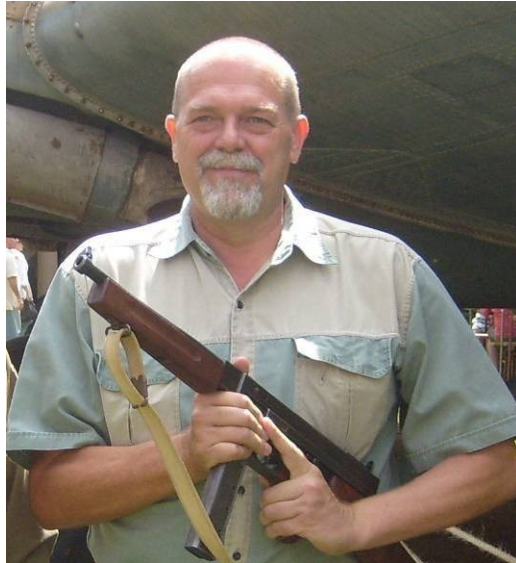
As you may well know by now, South Africa will be hosting the 2012 world championships and the venue will again be the Atlantis range outside Cape Town. The exact date has not yet been finalized.

WÊRELD KAMPIOENSKAP 2010

Die afgelope wêreldkampioenskap is eintlik ou nuus, en die meeste lede weet dat Suid Afrika twee wêreldkampioene opgelewer het naamlik Philip de Lange (Field Pistol) en ons eie Johan Postma (Klein kaliber rewolwer) Baie geluk weereens aan julle twee met hierdie uitmuntende prestasies. Johan, ons hou jou skiet loopbaan met belangstelling dop en glo jy sal nog groter hoogtes bereik.

NEW GMSSA COMMITTEE FOR 2011

Closer to home, a new GMSSA committee was elected at the 2010 GMSSA AGM and the members with their various portfolios are:



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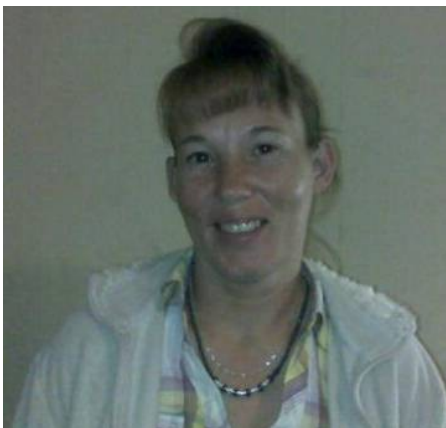
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DEVELOPMENT

The introduction of new shooters, inclusive of juniors and previously disadvantaged individuals features high on the agenda of SAMSSA. Every province therefore has to engage in a development program in order to sustain the longevity of our sport.

We therefore urge everyone to invite new shooters, young and the not so young, to come to the range and to shoot a few rounds at silhouette targets. We have an abundance of fun events, therefore, should a person not be in possession of an IMSSU silhouette grade firearm, he/she can still compete in any of the fun events. Sport Handgun, Small Bore Rifle open sights and Air rifle are excellent events to introduce newcomers to the silhouette game.

The GMSSA official tasked with the development portfolio is Brian Morgan – please contact him or the Chairman or Secretary with any ideas and suggestions.

GMSSA also plans to introduce a new fun event – Black powder rifle. A trial was conducted and it was established that two shots can comfortably be loaded, aimed *and* fired accurately in the standard 21/2 minutes and the event will most probably consist of sixteen shots fired during the time period for a normal 40 round rifle stage.

This event will be hosted for the first time at the Transvaal Classic championships during 10 – 12 March 2011.

SKIETKALENDER 2011

Die skietkalender vir 2011 sien soos volg daaruit:

3-5 Feb	BMSSC (BMSSC, Bloemfontein)
10-12 Mar	Tvl Classic (Krokodilspruit, Pta)
31 Mar-2 Apr	WP Open (Atlantis, CT)
7-9 Apr	EP Open (Koedoeskloof, Despatch)
25-27 Apr	FS Open (BMSSC, Bfn)
1-4 Jun	FS Classic (Steenbok, Sasolburg)
14-16 Jul	OP Classic (Koedoeskloof, Despatch)
10-13 Aug	Gauteng Open (Krokodilspruit, Pta)
1-3 Sep	Steenbok Classic (Steenbok, Sasolburg)
1-3 Sep	WP Classic (Atlantis, CT)
5-8 Oct	National Championship (Atlantis, CT)

Die datum vir die Krokodilspruit klubsiet sal op 'n later stadium bekend gemaak word. Hierdie kompetisie sou aanvanklik in Februarie plaasgevind het maar die Krokodilspruit baan is nie beskikbaar gedurende hierdie tydperk nie.

Ons beplan ook 'n SAMSSV onderskrewe kompetisie vir Julie 2011 te Thabazimbi, Limpopo. Hierdie belof om 'n uitdagende kompetisie wees aangesien die baan voorheen 'n militêre baan was met geen skadu op die skietpunt nie en daar is ook geen grondwal op die verskillende afstande nie. Gedurende 2010 het GMSSV saam met verskeie skuts van die Vrystaat 'n demonstrasie skiet op hierdie baan aangebied wat baie goed deur die plaaslike skuts ondersteun was.

Verdere inligting sal later bekend gemaak word nadat alle reëlins bevestig is.



John Rutherford-Jones en Pikkie Wilson wys hoe dit gedoen word op die Koos Cronje skietbaan te Thabazimbi

BLESBOK SHOOTING RANGE

The Blesbok shooting range is situated on the premises of the ZINCOR mine just outside Springs.

This is an accredited range that caters for rifle, handgun, shotgun etc.

Although it is not a silhouette range, it is possible to practice small bore rifle, small bore handgun, field pistol and big bore handgun at this range.

Plans are afoot to resurrect the dormant Blesbok Silhouette Shooting Club that operated on the MTSC range 10 years ago and to use this range for practice and league shoots. The range has a maximum distance of 200 meters therefore big bore rifle can unfortunately not be accommodated here.

All interested in joining this venture, please contact Dawie Willemse – there is a lot of work to be done but as it is situated on the East Rand, those residing in the vicinity may find it convenient for practice.

Present 2011 fees are R300.00 per annum per family (Parents and non-income earning children) There are no day fees but should a silhouette club be established we will obviously have to decide on an additional fee to allow for target maintenance and range improvements.

The range is open four weekends per month and various disciplines have been allocated time slots on weekends. All are welcome to join in at any of the disciplines; you just have to shoot according to their schedules. Handgun silhouette has been allocated the second and fourth Sunday of the month. On the rifle and black powder days we are also allowed to shoot on paper targets along with the hunters and black powder shooters.



Blesbok shooting range - Springs

FUN & LEAGUE SHOOTS

The GMSSA will endeavour to host at least 2 shoots during 2011 where only SAMSSA fun events and league events will be offered.

These will be shot on the Krokodilspruit range on Saturdays only – the fun events will be normal 40 shot events and open for all and the league shoot will be 20 shots and for GMSSA members only.

Medals will be available for the fun events.

More on this later.

WEBSITE

The GMSSA website is currently under construction – the temporary hyperlink to this site is currently <http://deimos.byethost5.com/gmssa/>. Our website administrator is Jacobus Willemse, who has put in a lot of time and effort in getting the website up and running. We are indebted to him as he has to work on the site in between his studies which does not include web page design.

All are welcome to send any suggestions or requests through our secretary to him.

The permanent address will be communicated to all as soon as the website becomes fully operational.

In the meantime, please feel free to visit the site and I would like to encourage all to start participating in the various forums.



Jacobus dreaming up new ideas for the GMSSA website

GENERAL

In closing, we would like to emphasize that everyone should feel at liberty to approach this committee on any GMSSA or SAMSSA-related subject should information be sought. Should e-mail correspondence be directed to any committee member, please remember to CC the secretary as well, for record keeping purposes.

We would also welcome any suggestions that may lead to the growth and expansion of the sport.

We are here to serve, but please remember, as silhouette shooting is an amateur sport all of us serve voluntary and we have other commitments as well, therefore we are liable to err or disappoint in some way sooner or later.

Yours in shooting

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