

THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTING UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA



Formerly The Historical Firearms Shooting Union Founded in 1958

Affiliated to:

MUZZLE LOADERS' ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE
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WORLD LONG RANGE HISTORICAL RIFLE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION
SOUTH AFRICAN BISLEY UNION (SABU)

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All BPSU Members,

The BPSU Executive Committee wishes all of our members a wonderful 2008. This goes for their private lives, their businesses and for their shooting. It is furthermore our wish that all will experience good health in the future.

On Saturday, 12 January 2008, we had our first annual Executive Committee meeting in Helderkruijn, Johannesburg. All the BPSU Executives attended this meeting. Several issues and the way forward for 2008 / 2009 were discussed. The Exco members will give their respective clubs detailed feedback.

A few issues of immediate importance are:

- ✓ New club came on board
- ✓ Membership fees
- ✓ BPSU Nationals
- ✓ Adelaide MLAIC World Championships in August and the selection criteria
- ✓ Trials for the 2009 MLIAC Long Range Championships – Camp Butner, USA
- ✓ Our website

New Club

A new Black Powder club affiliated to the BPSU. This club is known as the Wonderboom Club and uses the Genl. Piet Joubert Range as a home range. The Wonderboom Club is a bisley club with several Black Powder shooters affiliated. Wonderboom Bisley Club applied for affiliation with BPSU to accommodate their Black Powder shooters. Several of the 2007 Protea team members did their preparations at the Wonderboom Club. For short range purpose the Wonderboom Club will make use of the Krokodilspruit Range. This range has a covered pistol range that can accommodate 16 shooters at a time and a 50 – 200m range that can accommodate 30 shooters at a time.

We welcome the club on board. As soon as they have 10 affiliated members they will have the right to nominate a representative on the BPSU Exco.

Membership fees

As you are all aware the BPSU is affiliated to SABU. This was done for very specific reasons like dedicated status applications, insurance and national

colours. SABU raised its annual fees to **R300-00 for annual and affiliated members. Veterans >70 = R75-00 and Juniors <19 = R150-00.** Each BPSU member must also complete a SABU membership renewal form every year.

The Exco decided that the 2008 BPSU fees will be **R150-00 and R75-00 for Juniors.** Each member must also complete a BPSU membership renewal form every year. This therefore means that the BPSU fees (**inclusive of the SABU fees**) will be:

✓ Ordinary Members	R450-00
✓ Veterans	R225-00 (R75-00 for the BPSU Life members)
✓ Juniors	R225-00

The fees is payable to your respective clubs who will transfer the fees to our Treasurer, Johann Theron. Please do not make any direct individual payments to Johann.

All the forms you need are in the possession of your relevant Exco members. You can also visit our webpage www.sanra.co.za/BPSU.htm and download the forms which you will find under [GENERAL / Documents 2008](#).

BPSU Nationals

Our National Championships will be from 10 – 12 April 2008 in Gauteng. The new Wonderboom Club, together with the BPSU, will host the event. On 10 & 11 April 2008 we will shoot all the short range events on the Krokodilspruit shooting range. On Saturday 12 April 2008 we will shoot 300, 600, 700 and 800 meters on the Genl Piet Joubert shooting range 20km north of Krokodilspruit. The Krokodilspruit range is 25 km north of Pretoria. Full details / program of the nationals as well as available accommodation will be communicated shortly.

The Shotgun nationals will be shot over the same weekend at the Shotgun range where TML Shotgun is currently shooting.

Adelaide 2008 MLIAC Short Range World Champs – selection criteria

I have announced previously that the 50m and 100m qualifying scores are 95 for 3 out of 6 targets. The Exco decided otherwise. The qualifying scores will settle as previous on **92**. You will have to buy the targets as previously from the BPSU at R45-00 a set of 5 targets. **Three out of the 5 you need to achieve a score of 92.** All five targets will have to be specially marked and numbered. The **6th** target you will have to shoot shoulder to shoulder during the 50 and 100 meter **National event at Krokodilspruit.** The selection committee will then scrutinize the targets and announce the 4 shooters per event for the World Championships. Those who make the selected teams will be awarded Protea colours.

The trial targets will be shot in Cape Town under the supervision of Johan de Beer and in Gauteng under the supervision of myself. Please make your arrangements in time.

The shotgun qualifications remain the same as for Bordeaux.

Trials for Camp Butner 2009 World Long Range Championships

We still have time on our hands, but we need to conclude the trials by 28 February 2009 to enable the selected shooters to practice together and do proper combination (bullets–powder) developments as was done for the 2007 Championships. The latter being one of the reasons why we became World Champions in both the Mid- and Long Range.

The trials will be shot as follow:

1. One Trial in Cape Town and one in Middelburg (Mpumalanga) – both compulsory.
2. There will be three nominated shoots with bisley clubs or BPSU official shoots – not practice session – but really for competition
3. The team for Camp Butner will be selected by taking the best scores per distance in the two compulsory shoots plus the two best scores per distance from the three nominated shoots.

Our website

As mentioned earlier, you can obtain all the information you need about BPSU, club management details as well as club shooting dates from our website www.sanra.co.za/BPSU.htm. Do yourself a favour and visit the site. All the documents relevant to prohibited medicines as well as exemption application forms are on the website and can simply be downloaded.

Our Constitution

Our constitution hasn't been updated since the first publication. I have asked Adv. Japie Maritz to work on it, which he has done. At the BPSU Exco meeting we presented the proposed changes to all the Executives and had lengthy discussion. The Executives from your clubs are in possession of the pre-approved changes / amendments. Please ensure to you know what they entail, because it will be expected of you to vote on those changes during our 2008 AGM.

Please do your best to pay your fees as soon as possible. Our cut-off date with SABU is the end of February 2008.

Enjoy your shooting and the journey to good scores.

MERWE VAN RENSBURG
CHAIRMAN : BPSU of SA