

THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTING UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA



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All BPSU Members,

In Newsflash 1 of 2008 on 15 January this year after our Executive meeting we communicated the following about the trials for Camp Butner 2009:

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.*

We have learned through past experience that it is important to include as many as possible shoots on different ranges. Doing so enhances our ability to adapt to unfamiliar conditions, relax quicker on an unknown range and focus better on what we are there for.

Most of us long range shooters have experienced the conditions on the Middelburg- and Cape Town Ranges before and will simply start the shoot by analyzing our sight setting records of previous shoots. Doing so would not expose us to unfamiliar / new ranges or conditions. Analyzing long range scores received to date for the *nominated shoots* as per point two above enabled us to identify those shooters who are preparing for the Camp Butner expedition.

During the week / weekend of 4 – 6 September 2008 the KZN Open Championships will take place at the Merrivale range 30 km's from Nottingham Road. On 4 September provincial mid- and long range events will take place and

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on Friday 5 and Saturday 6 September 2008 the individual events (5 details per day) will take place. After consultation with those identified as mentioned above and with the relevant Manco and Executive members it was decided to use the shoot on Friday 5 September 2008 as a replacement of the Middelburg shoot and the shoot on Saturday 6 September 2008 as a replacement of the Cape Town shoot. The effect of this:

- It will save a lot of costs for the qualifying members on travel.
- Nottingham Road Rifle club kindly offered their club house (with several rooms, kitchen and ablution facilities) to the Black Powder shooters at very low costs.
- All of the shooters competing will be exposed to a new range for the first time, shaping them for unknown conditions in America.
- The team selection for America can be announced much earlier, enabling the selected members to train together in the following 11 months.

The provincial match on Thursday 4 September 2008 will enable the shooters participating to get some idea of sight settings in preparation for the following two days of trials.

Any other member who wishes to get involved, should at least have participated in one other SABU shoot by now and will have sufficient time in the remaining two months to participate in at least another SABU shoot. The BPSU 2008 Nationals will count towards one of the three SABU shoots to save costs for members.

All participants must please formally inform our Vice-Chairman, Japie Maritz before Friday 11 July 2008 of their intention to participate. He in turn needs to communicate numbers to the KZN Bisley Union.

Communication about accommodation costs at Nottingham Road Club house will only be directed at those who confirmed with Japie Maritz.

Enjoy your shooting and the journey to good scores.

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