

THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTING UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Formerly The Historical Firearms Shooting Union Founded in 1958



Affiliated to:

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

9 February 2009

NEWSFLASH 3 OF 2009

Dear BPSU Members,

The Executive Committee finalized their yearly meeting on Saturday 24 January 2009. Long hours of hard work went into strategy and general planning to ensure that the BPSU functions as it should. All the clubs in the BPSU had their representative present.

NATIONALS

It was unanimously decided that the Nationals will take place from 1 – 4 April 2009. The long range events will be hosted at the Piet Joubert Range on 1 & 2 April 2009 and the short range events will take place on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 April 2009 at the Hippo Creek Range. The program will be circulated within the next two weeks to all members. We will endeavour to keep costs as low as possible. This will only be achieved if all members will notify us of which events they will participate in to enable us not to overspend on medals. Club Chairperson are requested to consolidate entries from their clubs and to forward it to Dr. Corena de Beer on the date that will be announced on the program. The AGM will take place the evening of the 4th April 2009 at Hippo Creek after the price giving. Visit www.hippocreek.co.za if you need accommodation in the area.

PACIFIC ZONE

We have not yet received final confirmation that we may, as in the past, participate in the Pacific Zone Championships on the basis of a Postal Shoot. We need however to prepare ourselves and in any event generate the scores necessary. Members intending to participate must obtain 6 qualifying targets from their club Chairman and qualify on at least three of those targets. The Chairman's know what the rules are for qualification and will collect the relevant targets and forward the scores to the Secretary at least one week before the Nationals. This means you have six weeks left to qualify. If permitted and sufficient qualifying scores are received, South Africa will enter in the following junior and senior events: 50m Free Rifle- and Military Rifle; 100m Free Rifle- and Military Rifle; 25m Pistol and Revolver as well as the shotgun events. The constitution clearly spells out the qualifying scores to be achieved for selection. Teams consist of 3 shooters. We will however select 6 shooters per discipline if we receive the qualifying scores. The scores on the Nationals achieved by qualifying participants will simultaneously go towards the final score for the

Chairman: Merwe van Rensburg (+ 27 82 894 5284); **Vice Chairman:** Japie Maritz (+ 27 83 227 9301);
Treasurer: Johann Theron (+ 27 82 557 3283); **Secretary:** Corena de Beer (+ 27 82 826 0453)
Postal Address: The Chairman, PO Box 22993, Helderkruijn, 1733, South Africa, OR
The Secretary, P O Box 19065, Tygerberg, 7505, South Africa
Fax: +27 86 621 3268, www.BPSU.co.za

Pacific Zone. Team selection will be dealt with strictly as recorded in the BPSU Constitution. If permitted to participate, then BPSU colours will be awarded to those selected for the events.

JUNIORS

The Executive Committee decided that Mr. Willie de Beer will again be responsible to focus on the juniors for participation in the Pacific Zone, the Nationals as well as the 24th MLAIC World Championships in Portugal 2010. We want to congratulate him on his reselection for this very important function and at the same time want to thank him for his unselfish contributions made to the successes achieved by the juniors in Australia. We request all interesting juniors to make contact with Willie on **082 520 0757** or **079 528 6329**. This is a golden opportunity and I request all juniors, irrespective of where they are based, to make contact with Willie. He will work out some training programme for each and every participant. He will after the Nationals also make arrangements for training camps upon authorization of the Manco to really prepare the juniors for Portugal. Selection of the 2010 Junior Protea Team will be based on attendance-, commitment and qualifying scores achieved.

CAMP BUTNER

The Executive Committee decided that Mr. Japie Maritz will be fulfilling the role of Team Captain and Wind-Coach for the selected longrange team members. He already started communicating with the selected individuals and I can assure you that a lot of hard work will still go into this team before departure to Camp Butner. Japie understand his role clearly and committed himself fully to his responsibilities. Congratulations Japie.

HAWKEN

Good news for all the Hawken shooters. At long last the Exco settled the Hawken descriptions and it was decided that shooters would compete in two classes. The BPSU Constitution was updated and you can study the rules there. Your respective club representative will further assist you to interpret the classes correctly. The new Hawken classes will be participated in during the 2009 Nationals.

Kind Regards

MERWE VAN RENSBURG
CHAIRMAN: BPSU of SA