

# THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTING UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear BPSU members

During October 2013 and in Newsflashes 12 and 13 of 2013, we requested the club chairmen to forward us the names and events for which members want to qualify for the short range team for Granada.

*"How about the next world short range event in Granada, Spain during September / October 2014? I call on all short range shooters, rifle-, pistol-, revolver- and shotgun to consult with your respective Executives and to seriously start the qualification process for the Protea Team for this event. We really need to now focus on the short range qualifications that need to be finalised by **31 March 2014**.*

*I know that we have the shooters to make us proud at the Spain world championship. Now is the time to prepare and focus on that event. Now is the time to make sure that you all are on the shooting range at every possible opportunity and to practise as hard as possible. Success is only coming with the correct equipment, the correct attitude and practise, practise and more practise!*

*We need teams for at least the 50m and 100m Free Rifle events, the 50m and 100m Military Rifle events, the 25m and 50m revolver events, the 25m pistol events and the shotguns events.*

*In Portugal we have shown the world that we can dominate in the team events. This we have done with a junior team in the senior class. We should now repeat this in Granada and show the world that we can dominate in more events.*

*The long range team could each shoot out between 10 and 20 kilograms of powder in their preparation. The short range shooters, shooting with lighter loads, should at least make use of 10 kilograms of powder to prepare them adequately. There are still more than enough powder left to achieve this.*

*The club Executive members should please provide me with a detailed summary of names and events their club members are busy preparing for, for qualification for Granada. The qualifying targets (pictures) as well as the scores must please be forwarded to the Secretary with a copy to me every Monday.*

***Come on short range shooters!!** Let see an attempt from your side that will assist the BPSU Manco to convince the importers of black powder and percussion caps to continue to do so. Strengthen our hand and our ability to negotiate other options on your behalf. Let us keep our sport healthy and alive by showing positive participation and attitude."*

So far, we have received information and scores from 3 Durbanville members and one of the Mariette members informed us of his intentions to shoot qualifying targets, but have received no formal notification from Mariette as yet.

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As for the other clubs it seems that nobody else is interested in qualifying for Granada.

I once again call on all club Chairmen to ensure that they communicated the requirements for qualification properly to their members. If no members of a club intend to qualify for Granada then I expect the club Chairmen to provide us with a Nul return to enable us to plan ahead.

Where are all the pistol- and shotgun shooters? Following the AGM during the Nationals this year I expected a lot of interest.

I have monitored the club scores of our members and know that we indeed have the ability to perform well in Granada. Please let us really get down to it and focus on bettering our scores.

Once I have a detailed list of all those who want to qualify, I will get personally involved in visiting the relevant clubs / members to monitor progress for qualification and the standard the individual members are on.

Again, I request the Club Chairpersons to inform Corena and me of the names and events your members wish to qualify on for Granada.

Kind regards

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