

THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTING UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear BPSU members

Herewith some feedback from the Exco meeting. For detailed information, please contact your club chairmen / Exco representative.

1. BPSU Nationals - **Enter before 15 March to enable us to make the necessary arrangements.**

a. Long Range – Good Hope Range, Atlantis, Cape Town, 3-4 April 2014

300m-800m will be shot on Thursday, 3 April 2014 and the 900m on the morning of the 4th. Markers will be provided.

The 2015 Long Range Nationals will be held at Heidelberg.

b. Short Range – Western Cape Shooting Union Range, Atlantis, Cape Town, 4-5 April 2014

200m events will start at 12:00 on Friday, 4 April 2014. This will be shot on the Good Hope Military Range on the normal 200m target and each shot will be marked in the butts.

All 25-100m rifle and pistol events will be shot on Saturday, 5 April 2014 on the Western Cape Shooting Union Founders' Range, Atlantis.

The AGM and dinner will follow the shoot. Chairmen are requested to encourage club members to sign proxy votes if they cannot be present. If you want to add any points to the agenda, please forward that with a brief motivation to the secretary **before 1 April 2014.**

Shotgun Nationals will be shot on their own range on Saturday, 5 April 2014. Entry fee will be R250. **Please contact Kevin Ireland to confirm your participation.**

The short range nationals for 2015 will be held on a Friday and Saturday at Hippo Creek and will include all 25-200m events, as well as shotgun. Date to be confirmed.

2. 2014 MLAIC Short Range World Championship

Will take place in Granada, Spain from 28 September until 5 October 2014. South Africa will send a small group of shooters to compete.

3. General

a. Classic Handgun

The classic handgun event was approved at the AGM in 2013 and the proposed definition needs to be approved at the 2014 AGM:

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- “Classic Handgun
- 50m ISSF Pistol Target
- Any original or reproduction handgun, dating pre-1945
- Original sights, standard trigger, overall conforming to the original
- 25 m standing”

This event will be included in the Constitution after the AGM, but will already be catered for at the 2014 Short Range Nationals in Cape Town.

b. Provincial shoots

The Gauteng Provincial Championship will be somewhere between the Nationals and the World Championships. Mariette and TML (including TML SG) will jointly host the Gauteng Provincial on Mariette’s range. Only 25-100m events will be included.

Free State will present the Free State Provincial Championships on 6 September 2014.

Western Province will host their annual Provincial Championship in November 2014. Dates to be confirmed.

c. Membership Fees 2015

BPSU membership has not increased for the last several years, partly in an effort to absorb the annual increase in SABU fees. However, BPSU membership fees will increase to R230 per year for full members and R115 for Junior members <21 years **from January 2015**. Veterans over 70 will still be free, except for the first year of membership (i.e. if a member join the BPSU for the first time when he/she is already 70 years or older, the full membership fee will apply for that first year).

d. Pacific Zone 2015

Seven countries are members of the Pacific Zone, i.e. USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Argentina and South Africa. It was agreed in 2013 that the Pacific Zone is presented as a postal shoot. There were several problems with the 2013 Pacific Zone event and despite the BPSU paying a subscription fee, no medals or certificates are forthcoming from this event.

South Africa will therefore bid to host the 2015 Pacific Zone Championship as a postal shoot. We have already communicated with the Secretary General of the MLAIC, requesting a meeting with the SG and delegates of the Pacific Zone member countries at the Short Range World Championships in Spain in September 2014. We will present a full proposal, which will include a detailed budget for a new die for the medal, the cost of medals and certificates for events shot and postage to send the medals and certificates to the countries after the event.

We will shoot our Pacific Zone matches at our National Short Range Championships. Please acquaint yourselves with the procedures and requirements for qualification early so that we can enter more than the usual 4 or 5 members in the 2015 Pacific Zone Shoot. Remember, this will enable you to obtain official BPSU colours for the event.

e. HuntEx Show – 25-28 April 2014

Pedersoli will be exhibiting at the HuntEx show this year. Paul Vimercati (Lindley Arms) will be at the show and other members will also work there.

BPSU members are encouraged to visit the show and to liaise with Paul if they need Pierangelo Pedersoli to bring specific parts for you.

<http://www.huntex.net/index.html#s1>

f. Qualified Range Officers at BPSU and club events (Alex Cunningham)

Almost none of the ROs doing duties at club, provincial and national events are qualified range officers. Any member who are interested to become a qualified RO need to contact their club chairmen / Exco representative as soon as possible, so that the necessary arrangements can be made for a once off training session.

g. Qualification for future Long and Short Range Protea Teams

To be considered for inclusion in the team for the Long Range World Championships, participation in the 2014 and 2015 National Long and Short Range Championships is compulsory. Winning a class or event at Short and Long Range World Championships no longer provides an automatic qualification for subsequent World Championships.

Kind regards

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