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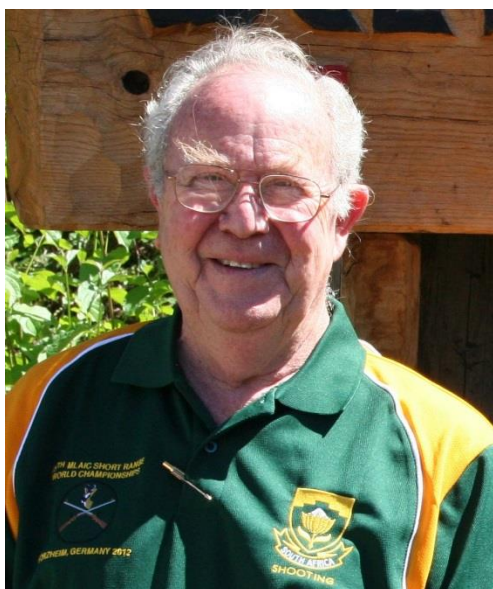
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Bernard Harry Toyk (24/09/1942 - 03/03/2016)

Dear BPSU members

Bernard Toyk passed away suddenly on 3 March 2016 after a heart attack. He was instrumental in handgun shooting and recruited several new members to the Black Powder shooting sport through his affiliations at the Cape Town Muzzle Loaders Association and Bellville Pistol Club. He was also extremely punctual in sending me the scores each and every Sunday after any of the club shoots.

Herewith a heartfelt tribute to Bernard Harry Toyk, the shottist, but also a friend and family man, written by his good friend, André Malan.



Bernard was a man of many talents.

Before he became interested in the shooting sport, he was an avid Radio Man and modified and built radio electronics. He was a music man and enjoyed classics as well as pop music. At one stage of his life, he became interested in Rally driving and drove a Renault at many events.

In the late seventies he became a member of the Cape Town Pistol Club and due to his determination and dedication, rose quickly through the ranks of club shooters, eventually obtaining WP colours for ISU shooting (today's ISSF)

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He achieved Master Class in most events and was awarded Springbok colours in the 1980s. He also represented South Africa in the Mayleigh Team shooting against USA and all Commonwealth countries.

He became the Secretary of CTPC and was an enthusiastic newsletter distributor. Unfortunately he developed heart problems and was forced to abandon the sport after bypass surgery. Thereafter he took up walking marathons to keep fit and had numerous successes.

After a number of years in the shooting wilderness he was introduced to Black Powder Shooting by André Malan and joined CTMLA where he soon started making his mark, obtaining WP colours. His constant efforts soon placed him amongst the top handgun shooters and in 2012 he was awarded Protea colours, participating in the World Short Range Champs in Pforzheim, Germany.

He was enthusiastic about the sport, sending regular notices to members about events taking place. Even though he didn't serve on a committee, he kept scores, submitting them regularly to BPSU, and did the necessary admin around the Range fees.

In 2014 he started a Heritage Day shoot for anybody interested in shooting any type of Black Powder gun and funded all the medals and prizes from his personal funds. Few people knew that 24th September was also his birthday.

Whilst Bernard was not someone who believed in "Political Correctness", he always tempered his words with gentleness and sincerity, not wishing to offend anyone.

We will remember him as being a generous gentleman.

*Andre Malan
12th March 2016*

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Wendy, his children, other relatives and friends.

Kind regards

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