

THE BLACK POWDER SHOOTING UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

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Dear BPSU Members,

As you would know by now, we have recently competed in the 2008 National Championships, held our annual AGM, and announced the Protea Team for Australia during August 2008. (Shotgun announcement still outstanding)

First of all I need to welcome all the new members of the BPSU who participated for the very first time in a national event. We really enjoyed having all the new faces at the Nationals. Old friends like John Visser from KZN also joined us in the Nationals together with members as far as from the Western Province.

I want to also make use of the opportunity to thank the range officers, the arbitration committee as well as Greame Stigling for his services as Match Director, Corena De Beer for her hard work in the admin office, Johan de Beer assisting with the marking of targets and Roger Backman for writing and updating a wonderful program to reflect results as and when captured. I know that it is not always easy to participate as a shooter and be responsible for other official duties as well; somewhere along the line the official duties have some impact on your shooting.

Buffalo Black Powder Club supplied the food on the range and for the very first time in three years I did not hear a single complaint about the food – well-done guys.

For the very first time we had four provinces competing in the team events: - Gauteng, Eastern Gauteng, Northern Gauteng and Western Cape.

The results of the Nationals are posted on our web page www.sanra.co.za/BPSU.htm. For those with no internet access we have attached the results on a separate document to this news flash.

We had several juniors competing in the short range events, shooting very good scores and surely gave some of us a serious wake-up call. Well done to all those juniors and keep up the good shooting. In that way we ensure that our sport will live on.

Like in any other Provincial or National event the possibility is always there that long standing records are in danger of being equaled or bettered; the following new records were recorded (with one old record equaled)

JUNIORS: New Records

50m Offhand	96/100	F. Jacobs
200m FML	86/100	F. Jacobs

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SENIORS:

Equalled

(a record can only be broken when there is a full point difference, not only V-bulls)

300m FML	46.2/50	C. Badenhorst
	46/50	F. Jordaan (1999)

New Record

800m FML	42.2/50	M. van Rensburg
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The Protea rifle teams for Australia were announced:

Junior Team: (for the first time ever) Clint Slabbert, Wim Steyn, Frederik Jacobs and M.J. Dippenaar. Coach Willie de Beer.

Senior Team: Willie de Beer, Corena de Beer, Colin Twine and Merwe van Rensburg (Captain); Team Manager Paolo Vimercati.

The Shotgun team will be announced within the next week. Thanks to all of you who followed the hard road of qualifying, and congratulations to those who will now have the honor to represent South Africa in an international event. I wish you all well in your preparation.

During the annual AGM the members voted on several proposed changes to the BPSU Constitution. The approved changes / amendments were made to the Constitution and the amended constitution is available on the website (www.sanra.co.za/BPSU_documents.htm).

The election of office bearers for the next two years took place. In terms of the amendments a new position of Vice-Chairman was approved as well. The office bearers elected for the next two years will be:

Chairman	Merwe van Rensburg
Vice-Chairman	Japie Maritz
Secretary	Corena de Beer
Treasurer	Johann Theron

All clubs who have 10 or more BPSU members must please inform the Secretary in writing of the name of their selected Executive representative.

I have also received a request from Eddy Stern (Executive from Mariette) to attach the financial statements for the Nationals as many members are unaware of the costs involved running such an event. This document you will also find as an attachment to this news flash. The small profit made will be used for marketing expenses of the BPSU; in that way securing more members for the Union.

Kind Regards

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CHAIRMAN: BPSU of SA