

**SA Open Championships 2009 Meeting**  
(Including 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Matches)  
Newsletter No 2

The organising committee has made considerable progress finalising arrangements. We have determined the programs and entry fees. We also know what numbers we can cope with. Indeed if everyone who has indicated that they are going to attend, does attend, we will have used all available space and will not be able to entertain any further entries.

#### 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Team Matches

We have made a significant change to the team match conditions for 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary matches. The originally published international team conditions stipulated that a country could only enter either a 12 man International team or an 8 man International team not both.

We decided some time ago that we would change this stipulation and allow countries to enter both a full 12 man International team as well as an 8 man International team. This was introduced as a concession to those countries planning to bring large groups of people to the meeting. However as stated above all indications are that we are at full capacity as far as team matches are concerned and it essential to get the entry forms in early.

#### SA Open Team Matches

There are two team matches in the SA Open Championship, viz. the Vice President and the Chairman's matches, which are open to teams of 12. After international matches these matches are the most senior ranked in the SA Open and are normally shot between the SA President's Team, the SA Honoris Team and the SA Veterans team.

From time to time we also open this match to teams that we refer to as international magpie teams. These are teams made up from groups of overseas visitors from various countries who are not in major International teams that we invite to shoot in these two matches. There are likely to be quite a number of people in 2009 and we could have two or three such teams. We have also decided that the British Army will be eligible to shoot in this match should they wish to do so.

In order to help get such teams organised we need two or three visitors to volunteer as team co-ordinators. Therefore if you are not involved in one of the major international teams and are prepared to assist in this way please let me know.

Documents with this Newsletter.

There are a number of documents accompanying this newsletter.

These include:

the Individual Entry Form,

the Team Entry Form,

the Firearms Permit Application Form together with instructions of how to complete it,

The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Matches program

and the SA Open program.

In order to avoid disappointment and to enable us to move the arrangements along we earnestly request all entrants to complete these forms and return them to the SABU office by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008 at the latest.

Entrants do not need to pay their entry fees until arrival at the meeting in Bloemfontein, however we do need the completed forms by the aforementioned date.

The completed forms must be sent to the following address.

South African Bisley Union,

P.O. Box 1522,

Montana Park, 0159,

South Africa.

New Sabu Website launched: [SABISLEY.COM](http://SABISLEY.COM)

The South African Bisley Union has a new website. The SABU Office will broadcast the name to everyone on the SABU email list.

### Shipping of Ammo

We have had discussions with a shipping firm that has agreed to ship loaded ammunition to South Africa on behalf of any visitors who wish to do so. The firm is a SA Police approved shipper of arms and ammunition that shipped all the SA PALMA team's ammunition to Canada.

The head office is in Pretoria and has an office in the UK.

The details are as follows:-

Name of Company - SEBENZA

Managing Director/Owner - Des. Rohrbeck

Telephone - +27 12 6651141

Mobile - +27 83 3778296

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Email address - [drohrbeck@sebenza.co.za](mailto:drohrbeck@sebenza.co.za)

I would advise that visitors wishing to ship ammunition to South Africa next year make use of this company, as SABU has had successful dealings with them.

If there is anything that you wish to discuss or require more information on please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help you.

My email address is [sydlaine@iafrica.com](mailto:sydlaine@iafrica.com) and my telephone number is +27 21 9791489.

I trust that all the information in this newsletter is helpful and that your arrangements are progressing successfully

Best Regards,

Syd Goslin

9<sup>th</sup> August 2008