



SAGA Snippets

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SAGA Chairperson Report for 2021

We can certainly say that 2021 was an interesting year for firearm owners and firearm issues in general.

We started off the year with many complaints from members concerning poor service delivery on the part of SAPS and CFR with many members advising that their licence and competency applications were taking many many months.

Firearm Amnesty January 2021

We were involved in the final portion of the second amnesty which ended in January 2021 and many of our members who had expired licences took advantage of the amnesty to submit new applications and surrender their firearms to SAPS.

There were of course serious concerns from members about the surrendering of their firearms to SAPS relating to theft, loss, destruction, and corruption within SAPS. Unfortunately once more these concerns have proven true (eg: Norwood Police Station) with firearms either being stolen by criminals, or certain elements within the police being complicit in the selling of firearms to criminals.

FCA Bill 2021

The big story for 2021 was of course the FCA bill which was released on the 21st May 2021. Initially, submissions were to have been submitted by the end of June, but this was then extended to 2nd of August 2021.

There was obviously a huge outcry against the FCA Bill, specifically with

respect to the fact that the Bill sought to remove section 13 self-defence and section 17 collecting, as well as to limit sport shooting and hunting licences, restrict section 20 licences, the removal of reloading, and the introduction of age limits, etcetera.

SAGA was at the forefront of mobilizing communities, neighbourhoods, firearm owners, sport shooting clubs, the media and others against the FCA Bill.

We were also fortunate to be able to mobilize a good team that was involved in drafting, or assisting with the drafting, of submissions against the Bill. SAGA wishes to thank all those members, students and professionals that assisted with the drafting of the submissions.

On the 1st August 2021, SAGA submitted its objections and we also assisted four other organizations with their objections against the FCA bill.

All in all, I think we covered the FCA Bill logically and to the point, and I think that SAGA's submissions have been carefully considered by the Civilian Secretariat for Police.

July Riots

In July 2021, we saw riots and what appeared to be an attempt to overthrow the government, in KZN and parts of Gauteng, and law-abiding citizens were left with no choice but to defend themselves, their families, their neighbourhoods and communities against the criminal element as it was clear that the SAPS was unable to control the criminal element or be an effective force at all. → →

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This clearly indicated that a law-abiding citizen, armed with a firearm, could make a difference and could be an effective deterrent. As a result, SAGA representatives met with various community leaders and role players and offered advice and support in the affected areas.

COVID 19

The year was another affected by COVID19, which had an impact across society, the firearm industry and shooting in general. The SAGA office was closed on couple of occasions because of COVID19.

We have hopefully seen off the last major effects of COVID and that some sort of "normal" life can continue with SA economy starting to rebuild itself – a major part of this economy is the firearm industry, including hunting and sports shooting.

Projects

SAGA was also involved in a number of projects throughout South Africa during the 2021 year with some womens' day shoots, various community type shoots, and self-defence shoots. SAGA sponsored a number of events both small and large, at a number of shooting clubs and events.

SAGA Class Action

A meeting was held with Brigadier Mabule on the 30th of September 2021 and at that meeting a comprehensive list of our members' complaints were handed over to Brigadier Mabule and his officers. Unfortunately nothing much came of this meeting and therefore SAGA commenced with a mini class action on behalf of its members with many letters being sent to Major General Mamotheti as well as to the CFR as a prerequisite to High Court action.

This class action is now bearing fruit with many hundreds of our members applications being granted as a result.

Summary

SAGA has been extremely active in the media in 2021 and in many forms; radio, television, social media, online media with various interviews, print media, marches on parliament, newspaper articles, etc.

I believe that SAGA has once more been very much at the fore front of ensuring, and continuing to ensure, that law-abiding South Africans have the right to choose to own a firearm for whatever legitimate purposes they may wish.

Damian Enslin – SAGA Chairperson

WFSA Statement in Support of IOC Recommendations

WFSA statement in support of IOC recommendations regarding the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes in official shooting competitions

8th March 2022

The WFSA – World Forum on Shooting Activities – representing 50, national, regional and international Associations and Federations, has always been committed to safeguard, before the main international cooperation organizations, the interests and rights of all those who lawfully and respectfully work in or practice shooting sports in a spirit of mutual cooperation.

In this regard, the WFSA is convinced that the frank but open dialogue with those who have different ideas is the only way to settle any dispute and to ensure a peaceful coexistence that is beneficial to the whole community.

In the light of the current conflict escalation in Ukraine and hoping for a quick return to peace, the WFSA, as ratified at its last General Assembly of 2nd March 2022, welcomes and supports the recommendation by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to temporarily suspend the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes from any official shooting competition in order to protect the integrity of the shooting sports.



SAGA is a founding member of the WFSA (The World Forum on Shooting Activities) and is a voting member on the Executive Committee. SAGA enjoys close ties with many of the WFSA role players.

The WFSA is an association of hunting, shooting, and industry organizations. Founded in 1996, the WFSA has over 50 member associations and organizations from as far apart as Switzerland and New Zealand, Sweden and South Africa. It represents over one hundred million sport shooters around the world. The WFSA and its member associations for over twenty years have attended every major UN conference affecting hunting or sport shooting.

The WFSA is an official United Nations Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) recognized by the Economic and Social Council of the UN General Assembly. It is one of the few NGOs in the world to have been invited to speak before one of the five committees of the UN General Assembly.



SAGA Membership

The time is now to get firearm owners to join SAGA!

SAGA Membership Fees for individuals for 2022 are really affordable and good value.

Adult R260

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1x Adult @R260 plus any number of family members @ R70 each

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Maintain your Carry Gear

Why You Should Continually Maintain Your Everyday Carry Gear

by Sheriff Jim Wilson

Recently a friend of mine wanted to show me his new pocket semi-auto. When he took it out of his ankle holster, we both realized that the front sight was missing and my friend had no idea when he had lost it. The missing front sight was an embarrassment to him and it would have been worse than that if he had discovered the loss while trying to deal with a violent attack. He had been in the habit of just taking the holster and gun off at night without ever taking the gun out of the holster. I hope that was a habit that he changed.



Years ago, I formed the habit of keeping an old t-shirt, covered with light gun oil, on my nightstand. In the evening I take my carry gun out and wipe it off with that oily rag before setting it down. Not only is that a way to maintain a good gun, but it also gives me an opportunity to examine the gun. By the same token, when I dress in the morning, I examine the gun before holstering it.

Depending upon what part of the country a person lives in, and the humidity that they have to deal with, it is also an excellent idea to give the gun a good cleaning and check up on a regular basis, whether it has been shot or not. Where I live, dust is the culprit that needs to be dealt with on a regular basis. In short, the gun you bet your life on needs to be clean and properly lubricated at all times

and a smart person does whatever it takes to maintain that.

At the same time, it is an excellent idea to examine the defensive holster. Do the screws on that Kydex rig need to be tightened? Has that leather holster become stretched and loose and in need of replacement; and what kind of shape is the stitching in?

In the same vein, I have gotten into the practice of examining every defensive cartridge that I load into my gun and the reload that I carry. I am looking for damaged bullets and damaged cases. I also check the primers to see if any are seated improperly or seated upside down. While I carry the best defensive ammo that money can buy, I've seen all of those problems with factory ammunition over the years—it doesn't happen very often, but it does happen.

In short, the serious defensive shooter sets up a regular schedule of checking out his gear. If something is doubtful, replace it or throw it away. A fight for your life is no place to try to rely on cheap stuff or to find out about poorly maintained equipment.

<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/content/why-you-should-continually-maintain-your-everyday-carry-gear/>

31 December 2021

Firearm Safety: We've Come A Long Way



<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/content/firearm-safety-we-ve-come-a-long-way/>

by Sheriff Jim Wilson

25 March 2022

I enjoy seeing and re-posting the vintage photos of old-time lawmen, outlaws and famous shooters on social media. As a life-long history buff, I am generally most interested in their guns and gear. However, what I have noticed is the number of people who respond by pointing out some obvious safety violations such as trigger placement or muzzle control. Far from being distracting, I think it is a really good thing.

There was a time, not all that long ago, when folks were pretty complacent about gun safety. You'd see exhibition shooters firing rifles and handguns at objects being thrown in the air without regard for the fact that the bullet was going to come down somewhere and could hurt someone. They even shot objects that other people were holding in their hands and/or even their mouth. Winchester exhibition shooter Ad Topperwein once shot the end off his wife's finger while she was holding an empty shotgun shell.

And then there was the era of the TV westerns. Just about every evening you could

watch one of your favorite cowboy heroes whip his six-shooter out of a Hollywood designed holster and go to blazing away at the bad guys—using blanks, of course. The trouble with that was the number of folks who got themselves a six-shooter and a Hollywood gun rig and tried that at home. The results often involved a bullet in a wall, a television set or worse ...

When you think about that sort of thing, you realize just how far we've come in preaching and teaching gun safety. I think that it was Jeff Cooper who first insisted that we stop calling them "shooting accidents" and, instead, call them negligent discharges. The term, by its very nature, puts the responsibility right back on the person who was mishandling the firearm.

At about the same time, shooters were instructed to keep their finger off the trigger until their sights were on the target. Mas Ayoob even insisted that the shooter keep their trigger finger outside the trigger guard, and alongside the frame, until the gun was on target—an exceedingly good idea.

So, yes, we've come a long way in teaching and preaching gun safety. But, we can never afford to rest on our laurels. I don't know who first coined the phrase, "You are responsible for your own safety," but I've stolen and used it hundreds of times. It puts the responsibility for safety, including gun safety, right back on each and every one of us.

So, no, I don't mind it a bit when readers point out obvious safety issues on those old photos. We all (novices, gun experts and gun writers) need to be constantly reminded of safety procedures.

So, go ahead and pat yourselves on the back—but keep your finger off the trigger!



SAGA Corporate Membership

Here is a list of our current Corporate Members for 2022. A warm welcome to all our new members!

SAGA Corporate Members are clubs, associations and businesses who actively endorse the work being done by SAGA to protect firearm ownership rights in South Africa.

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Recap of Recent Matters



civilian secretariat for police

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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

Meetings with Civilian Secretariat for Police

Representatives from SAGA and a number of other firearm rights organizations recently met with the Civilian Secretariat for Police (CSOP) on a number of issues including the draft Firearms Control Amendment Bill.

SAGA Chairperson, Damian Enslin, put forward some additional proposals including:

- * The licensing process should focus more on the competency rather than the licence i.e. license the person and then register the fire-arm.
- * The administration of the FCA should not fall within the ambit of SAPS any longer.
- * Persons with expired licences should be able to renew them post the expiry date, possibly with a reasonable penalty.
- * There is a need for an electronic system for persons to use for submitting applications which would make it easier for administration and submission.

SAGA believes that the engagements with the CSOP have been positive and it appears that the officials were receptive to the submissions made by SAGA and the other organizations.

SAGA Class Action

Poor service delivery from SAPS and CFR is being addressed through a SAGA mini class action and although the problems persist, we are seeing a number of approvals for our members that have been involved in the class action.

We encourage members who have problems with service delivery and who have not yet submitted their information, to contact us and join the SAGA class action.

The link to join the action is:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEfUyzJTkqpvuxvFQlhR3kJJoJ3BwW6qf_hHbgjJdbTXSEQ/viewform