



SAGA Snippets

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False Bay Sports Shooting Club Open Day

By Damian Enslin, SAGA Chairperson

On Saturday 7th December 2024, three SAGA Trustees, SAGA Representatives and many SAGA members were once again in full support of the False Bay Sports Shooting Club Open Day held at the Glencairn Quarry, Glencairn, Simon's Town.

This Open Day is one of the premier firearm events in Cape Town, and is generally held on the first Saturday in December.

At the Open Day, members of the public - and often those who have never handled or fired a firearm before - have an opportunity to shoot different firearms, from pistols and revolvers in different calibres, to different rifles both bolt-action and semi-auto, and shotguns. Also on hand was a sniper rifle in .50 BMG - which was extremely popular!

There were also black power and muzzle-loading firearms, both single and multi-shot pistols, as well as rifles and a muzzle-loading miniature cannon was on hand to entertain the public.

There were also cowboy guns in both revolver and lever action rifles.



SAGA wishes to thank the NHTA for their sponsorship for this event. On the day the NHTA was represented by Cornel and Ilze Els.

Thank you also to all who volunteered to help out on the day:

SAGA Trustees: Lance Allam, Gideon Joubert, and Damian Enslin
SAGA Representatives: Jonny Levin, Murray MacDonald, David Szoke, and Tegan Slater.

SAGA Members: Greg MacDonald, Natalie Pretorius, Zurayda Jaffer and Sharfaa Jaffer.

A final thanks to Leonie Du Raan of Du Raan Creations who took many pictures and videos of the day's activities and events.

The open day was a huge success and was extremely busy. Don't miss this event next year!



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Holidays, Travelling and Family

By Shaun Lyle

December 2024

High Days, Holidays & Firearms

It's December again, and for most it's none too soon. A time for relaxing and chilling with friends and family, also a time when our guard is more likely to be down.

Firearm owners need to remain vigilant, especially with extra people around, including family and friends' children that don't necessarily understand firearm safety as well as your own family.

You might be travelling to a holiday destination or visiting family. Keeping your firearm readily accessible, while at the same time safely out of the way of bored or inquisitive young minds, is imperative.

Children & Gun Safety

Social media, television and video games brainwash children to believe that good guys always win, they never die, and even dead bad guys come back to life. So, some firearm rules as part of your travel or holiday at home 'briefing' - especially when young children are in the home or vehicle - should be:

DON'T touch, ever

LEAVE alone and move away

TELL a responsible adult

Short, simple and non-negotiable - these should be red line issues for everyone.

Travelling

As all firearm owners know, our firearms must always be locked away or carried on us and under our direct control, what we could call the 'touch test' - your firearm must be within touching distance.

The Rules & regulations are clear, your firearm must be carried on your person or securely bagged. The problem comes in when you are travelling long distances with your firearm and possibly your favourite long gun for some sports shooting or hunting. Having it bagged in the vehicle is not the issue, rather, making that overdue rest break is a potential problem.

A concealed handgun accompanies you into the restrooms, what about the long gun? Leaving it in a locked vehicle out of line of sight is a PROBLEM; lugging a rifle bag into the toilets is also a PROBLEM; as is leaving it in the vehicle with a responsible adult.

The latter might be the obvious choice or least worst option, when nature is calling loudly, however, it will be a major issue, heaven forbid, in the event something untoward happens. It is a dilemma you will need to address before you embark on that trip!

On the Range

what about on the range introducing family and friends to the world of shooting? While the Firearms Control Act (FCA) does not go into the details of the "how" another person may, with your express permission, use your firearm, as long as the firearm remains under your direct supervision, and you always have close access to the firearm for their safety and for other users on the range.

Despite the festive and carefree mood of the holidays any non-firearm trained family or friend joining you on the range MUST clearly understand the fundamental firearm safety rules before they get to the gate:

* Treat all firearms as loaded.

* Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot.

* Never point a firearm at anything you do not intend to shoot.

* Know your target and what is behind it



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If there are young children present with you on the range there needs to be responsible adult supervision for them, especially while you are focused on the 'new shooter'. While this is less of an issue on an indoor range as the rules as to who has access are strictly enforced, a greater problem exists on outdoor ranges or on private farms.

The Passing Shot

Be safe out there, recharge for the new year while remaining vigilant and have fun doing so. As gun nuts will tell you, when dragged kicking and screaming away from the range and into a shopping mall, sitting quietly and playing 'Who do I think is packing?' is an interesting exercise in situational awareness. It beats mindless, brain numbing browsing from shop to shop while tripping over every holiday maker and visitor in town!

A message endorsed by the SAGA Trustees who wholeheartedly wish all our SAGA members a Peaceful Festive Season and Happy New Year.

SAGA Office - News

Special Insignia

In January 2025 we will be launching some special, limited edition insignia. Look out for more information in January.



Office Holiday Closure

Please note that the SAGA Office will be closed from midday on Friday 13 December and will re-open on Monday 13 January 2025.

Any membership applications and/or insignia orders submitted during this time will be processed as quickly as possible in mid-January.

The SAGA Trustees and staff wish you and your family all the best for the festive season and the new year.

Thank you for your ongoing support!



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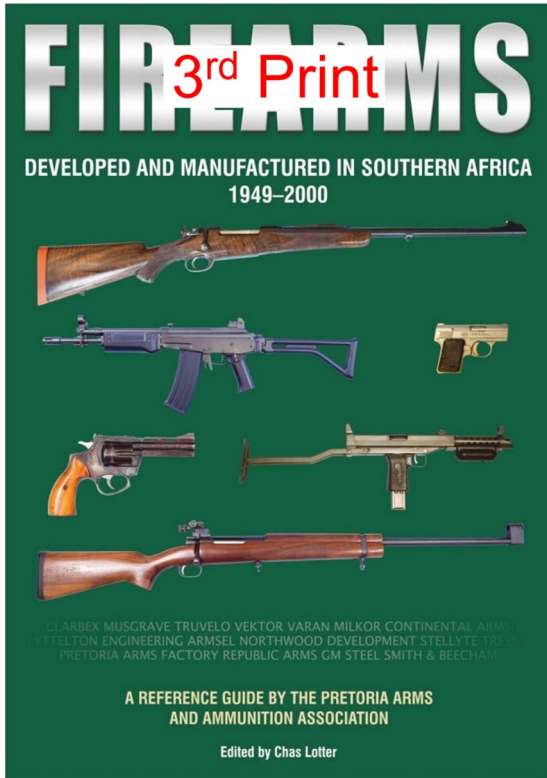
By being a member you keep us in 'business' and we are able to continue working for fair and just firearm rights for responsible firearm owners in South Africa.

Do you know someone who supports the right to own a firearm for lawful purposes? **Get them to join SAGA today.**

The SAGA office is now available on WhatsApp on our cell-phone number **066 003 9226.**



Reprint of PAAA Book



The Pretoria Arms and Ammunition Association (PAAA) has decided to embark on a third, updated, edition of its very successful book *Firearms Developed and Manufactured in Southern Africa 1949-2000*.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy please visit this website to pre-order: www.g5books.com



'Tis The Season

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

by Sheriff Jim Wilson

2 December 2024

It's no secret that crime goes up during the holiday season. A quick check of your local news sources will confirm this fact. For the predators in our society, it is kind of like a month and a half of Black Fridays all rolled into one. Potential victims are everywhere and most of them aren't paying attention like they ought to.

In addition to this, otherwise regular folks may be under a lot of pressure. Job issues and family issues may increase for many. And, of course, there is also the temptation to partake of a bit too much holiday cheer of the liquid kind. All of which can cause tempers to flare and conduct to become a bit more violent. It is the time of the year when the concerned citizen had better double down on personal safety and security.

To begin with, you don't leave home without your personal defense gun. Yes, I know, you're only going to run down to the corner store; take your gun anyway. And, you are right, nothing ever happens in your neighborhood, except when it does.

And then there is the matter of personal communication with the members of your immediate family. Since virtually everyone has a cell phone these days, you just make sure that they have not forgotten it when they go out. There are also a number of tracking programs and devices; have you looked into obtaining them?

And, if at all possible, a family member should not go shopping alone. Even traveling in pairs makes you a less inviting target for predators. In addition, extra sets of eyes makes for more effective awareness.

Looking back at these few safety suggestions, you might point out that they should be practiced year-round, and you would be exactly correct. The holiday season is a good time to take a fresh look at the defensive techniques that we should be using all the time, both our personal safety and our home security. A really good holiday resolution might be to discuss these and other safety techniques with the entire family and making a fresh commitment to being alert, aware, and ready to deal with the predators of our society.

Extracted and shortened from:

https://www.shootingillustrated.com/content/tis-the-season/?utm_source=newsletter



Prioritizing Safety in Your Situational Awareness Plan

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by Savannah Sisk
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It's easy to fall into complacency when it comes to our personal safety routines—especially if you have never felt threatened. But as this author found out, that is precisely when the unexpected happens.

As a new homeowner, I must make a confession: Neighborhood life made me complacent. In the early months of this year, when I first purchased my home, I maintained a vigilant routine. Doors stayed locked, windows were shaded, my fence gate was always secured, and I never left the house without adequate preparation.

Over time, however, my carefully constructed routine fell apart. I stopped securing my gate, because delivery drivers couldn't deliver packages to my door. I gave up on covering windows and doors, because I hated how dark it made the house. Even locking the door (I am not proud of this) went overlooked for a few weeks when I misplaced my key and didn't want to bother with replacing the lock or calling a locksmith. I knew all my neighbors, my area has a low crime rate, and since I work from home, my house is rarely left undefended anyway. All too easily, I was lulled into a false sense of security.

Unfortunately, sooner or later false security tends to be body-slammed by reality. In my case, that came in the form of a vicious, hulking dog bent on tearing myself and my furry best friend to pieces. For context, my pup, Milo, is like a canine battery. He requires multiple walks each day just to prevent him from bouncing off the walls. As soon as I

moved into my neighborhood, we began a routine of laps around the block at certain intervals to keep him calm (and myself sane). On our route, I quickly recognized one house as the "mean dog" house. At any given time, one giant brute of a dog, and sometimes two, would be tied out front, and do its best to terrorize anything that dared come into its line of sight. However, with time even the "mean dog" house faded into the background of our walks, as Milo and I both realized the dog was securely contained in its own yard.

That is, until recently when, in a dramatic moment worthy of cinema, the mean dog's chain snapped. I'm embarrassed to say I suddenly found myself frozen in ill-fitting flip flops, an air pod in one hand and phone in the other, with the leash wrapped around my wrist, as a gigantic dog barreled towards me, growling all the way. Of course, my 20-lb. beagle mix who has never known a stranger, wanted to bound straight for the snarling teeth, and did his best to drag me with him until I snapped to my senses. In a split-second decision, I did the only thing I could: kicked off my silly shoes, dropped my phone, and did my best to haul my dog back as we struggled away from the danger. Fortunately for me, a more prepared individual stepped up. As I fumbled backwards, not moving nearly fast enough to escape, a nearby neighbor rushed forward, tackling the dog and ending its short-lived terror spree.

While sheepishly collecting myself and my belongings, I was reminded of a self-defense course I'd taken a few years prior, where I learned the acronym "APT": Alert, Prepare and Threat Analysis. While it doesn't exactly roll off the tongue, the abbreviation is a concise method of remembering key safety points: stay alert of surroundings; prepare for encounters and activities; and maintain an ongoing threat analysis.



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I'd applied exactly zero of those points to my walk that day, and if I was honest with myself, I'd been inconsistent about applying them to my day-to-day life.

As far as the walk went, I was not at all alert to my surroundings, my dog's actions, or the actions of the volatile dog, who, in a span of seconds morphed from potential threat into potentially deadly threat. Between listening to music and chattering obliviously on the phone, I'd denied myself the chance to recognize the warning signs of an incoming attack. Moreover, even though it was only a short walk in my neighborhood, I was in no way prepared for my chosen activity. I was wearing illogical shoes, didn't have any pockets to hold accessories, and left the leash of my headstrong pup around my wrist, where he could easily pull me in a direction I didn't want to go.

But the real kicker was my complete lack of threat analysis. My previous knowledge of my neighborhood could have indicated that any number of the decisions I made weren't wise, and I made them anyway. I chose to walk past the angry dog's house because it was a more convenient route, despite knowing about the consistent presence of a risk. I chose to wear shoes unsuitable for any speed faster than a trudge, because they were easily accessible. On their own, these seemed to be simple, harmless choices; but combined with my situation and surroundings, they should have failed my threat analysis.

My point in sharing this story isn't to fear-monger; it's to demonstrate how quickly an ordinary situation can deteriorate into a dangerous one. For example, just last month, hurricane Helene caused a chain reaction that devastated East Tennessee's water systems and power grid. I went to bed one night expecting little more than high winds, and woke up the next morning to limited re-

sources and mass panic. I was fortunate enough to be largely removed from the path of destruction, but several of my coworkers weren't so lucky. One peer with Type 1 Diabetes had to have insulin and needles air-dropped by drone for four weeks while roads were being rebuilt. Another lost both his home and family business. If I had approached a situation of that magnitude with the same level of apathy I've applied to my safety the past few months, I could've faced a lot more disastrous outcome.

NRA runs a longtime award-winning program called Refuse To Be Victim (RTBAV), which teaches the tips and techniques you need to be alerted to in potentially dangerous situations, and how to avoid criminal confrontation. It is one of NRA's few programs that does not focus on firearm training or self-defense, but rather preventative situational awareness tips. And of course, NRA Women readers know about Jeff Cooper's Color Codes, which explains different levels of situational awareness in colors, from white (the lowest) to red (the highest). So, whether you use an acronym like APT or principles taught in an RTBAV seminar, follow the color codes, or just keep a level head on your shoulders, remember to consider and prioritize your safety.

It's far too easy to get swept along in the hustle and bustle of day-to-day life and fall into bad habits. Such habits become the building blocks of lifestyles, and with holidays on the horizon, and a new year just around the corner, it's more important than ever to exercise our lifestyles as a safeguard.