



SAGA SNIPPETS

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Introduction

Welcome to the first issue of SAGA Snippets. The idea behind this "newsletter" is to bring you brief information on firearms matters of interest, both national and international, on a more regular basis. As you will see there is a lot of overseas activity at the moment.

Prospective new members often ask: What does SAGA stand for? The SAGA Memorandum provides a clear explanation.

Memorandum

SAGA is an independent non-party-political, non-profit association of law-abiding citizens.

SAGA was formed to protect the rights of citizens who own, or wish to own, firearms for legitimate purposes.

SAGA acts as a spokesman for all responsible firearm owners and strives to promote the many positive aspects of private firearm ownership.

SAGA negotiates with government and other bodies to obtain reasonable and rational firearm-related legislation and regulations.

SAGA promotes the safe handling, safekeeping and judicious use of firearms for sport, recreation and personal protection.

SAGA's overall objective is to protect and promote the interests of owners of firearms in South Africa and to encourage safety and responsibility in the ownership of firearms.

Advertising Standards Authority

Following a Gun Free South Africa (GFSA) Advertisement in the Sunday Times on 18 May 2014, SAGA has lodged an official complaint with the Advertising Standards Authority objecting to the advert. The same advert has also appeared on television.

The anti-gun advertisement states that 18 South Africans are shot and killed every day. And that if your stolen gun was used, you were there.

SAGA's Objection:

1. The advert is false and misleading. It states categorically that the owner of a stolen gun is responsible for any crime committed with

it. 2. The advert does not specify whether these killings were crime-related, suicides, accidents or what. 3. It does not quote its source. 4. The advert clearly shows a gun being used in a criminal act thereby linking all firearms to illegal activities.

Since the objection was lodged, the advert has been removed from the GFSA website and has not been screened on television. Once we have feedback from the ASA we will let you know.



COPS LEAKING GUNS

.....A scandal relating to firearms handed in to the police for destruction has been uncovered. It appears that corrupt policemen have been supplying firearms to criminals. Investigations are underway. Read the article at: www.timeslive.co.za/thetimes/2014/06/04/cops-leaking-guns

Our objection to the ASA therefore carries even more weight...firearm owners who handed in their weapons for destruction cannot be held responsible for crimes committed with them if the SAPS did not provide sufficient safety measures.

Fifth Biennial Meeting of States to Consider the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, 16 – 20 June 2014



This meeting in New York is part of the follow-up process to the 2001 Conference on the same issue.

Relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the provisions of Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996 may attend.

WFSA (World Forum on Shooting Activities www.wfsa.net) of which SAGA is an Executive Committee Member, will be attending and participating as an NGO with such status. Representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations will be allowed to address the Conference during one meeting specifically allocated for this purpose. These meetings will not coincide with other meetings of the Conference.

Feedback on the conference will be provided once it is concluded.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs will post information and documents related to the Fifth Biennial Meeting of States at www.poa-iss.org/bm5

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Bloomberg Plans a \$50 Million Challenge to the N.R.A.

Michael R. Bloomberg, making his first major political investment since leaving office, plans to spend \$50 million this year building a nationwide grass-roots network to motivate voters who feel strongly about curbing gun violence, an organization he hopes can eventually outmuscle the National Rifle Association.

Mr. Bloomberg's blueprint reimagines the way gun control advocates have traditionally confronted the issue. Rather than relying so heavily on television ad campaigns, Mr. Bloomberg will

put a large portion of his resources into the often-unseen field operations that have been effective for groups like the N.R.A. in driving single-issue, like-minded voters to the polls.

Women, and mothers in particular, will be the focus of the organizing and outreach, a path that he and his advisers have modeled after groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The plans call for a restructuring of the gun control groups he funds, Mayors Against Illegal Guns and Moms Demand Action

for Gun Sense in America. They will be brought under one new umbrella group called Everytown for Gun Safety. The strategy will focus not on sweeping federal restrictions to ban certain weapons, but instead will seek to expand the background check system for gun buyers both at the state and national levels.

Extracted from an article in the New York Times, April 15, 2014: Bloomberg Plans a \$50 Million Challenge to the N.R.A. By JEREMY W. PETERS

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

California: Workshop on Implementation of the Lead Ammunition Ban, 3 June 2014

The California Fish and Game Commission is continuing to explore ways to implement the statewide lead ammunition ban. In 2013, the California Legislature passed Assembly Bill 711 to ban the use of traditional ammunition for all hunting in California.

The Commission is required to adopt regulations to ban lead ammunition in the state no later than July 1, 2015, with full implementation of the ban to occur no later

than July 1, 2019.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) will hold a public workshop on June 3 to discuss the implementation of the lead ammunition ban.

For more information about the NRA opposition to bans on traditional ammunition and the truth behind the anti-hunting groups' agenda to ban lead ammunition, please visit the website: www.HuntForTruth.org

Information supplied by NRA-ILA (Institute for Legislative Action)



N.R.A. Backs Away From Article Criticizing Advocates of Carrying Guns in Public, 4 June 2014

The National Rifle Association is distancing itself from an article on its website that called demonstrations by gun rights advocates who brandished weapons in public "scary" and "weird," and that said such advocates had "crossed the line from enthusiasm to downright foolishness."

The article and the subsequent denunciations in the past week are an unusual public disagreement inside the N.R.A. about the tactics of protesters, particularly in Texas, who have shown up with shotguns and rifles in parking lots and inside stores and restaurants

to assert their right to openly carry firearms.

"The truth is, an alert went out that referred to this type of behavior as 'weird' or somehow not normal, and that was a mistake. It shouldn't have happened," Chris W. Cox, the group's chief lobbyist, said in an interview on Tuesday on an N.R.A.-hosted program that was posted on the group's website on Wednesday.

"The National Rifle Association supports open carry," Mr. Cox said. "We support concealed carry. We have led the charge across the country to not only protect our

members' rights to self-defense, but to expand it."

Laws approved by several state legislatures in the last two years to enact or expand "open carry" laws have led some places of worship and a number of retailers to ask patrons to leave their guns at home or in their vehicles to avoid upsetting others.

Extracts from an article by Timothy Williams

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/06/05/us/nra-backs-away-from-criticism-of-open-carry-advocates.html?emc=edit_th_20140605&nl=todaysheadlines&nlid=16098491

Wild Expo 20-22 June 2014

SAGA will be exhibiting at the Wild Expo at the Tshwane Events Centre (Pretoria Show Grounds) on the weekend of 20-22 June 2014. We will be at stand G8 on the upper level. Show times are 09:00-17:00 on Friday & Saturday and 09:00-15:00 on Sunday.

Memberships will be available,

insignia for sale and we will have leaflets to hand out.

The Expo hosts exhibitors from the hunting, wildlife ranching, conservation and outdoor environment, as well as lots of entertainment for the whole family and a variety of food stalls.

Entry fees: adults R80, pensioners

R40, primary school children, R20. Parking is free.

Visit: www.wild-expo.co.za

