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Firearm Science



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Firearm Science explores some of the most basic and elaborate shooting concepts, with the aim of improving your shooting skills and performance.

Hosted by World Champion Shooter Jessie Duff alongside experts such as Top Shots Chris Cheng and George Reinas, 3-Gun Champion Tommy Thacker, Olympians Jamie Gray and Corey

Cogdell and Tac Tissy, offer instructions from basic firearm topics like aim and recoil to ballistics and customizing your own rifle. Firearm Science is a great reference for any shooter, new or experienced.

Go to:
https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXZrO9Q7fA2QU38IKz6_xxVm-burOj306

Topics covered include:

- * Aiming
- * Shooting Stance
- * Effects of Recoil
- * Grip
- * Trigger Control
- * Bullet Speed

And there are 33 more....

World Bank Funds Sport Hunting to 'preserve wildlife'

The World Bank has allocated \$700 000 to bolster trophy hunting of elephants and lions in Mozambique as a way to preserve wildlife.

"Hunting, when properly regulated and when revenues are distributed to communities in and around parks," said Madji Seck, a spokesperson at the bank's Washington, DC headquarters, "is an important tool for the sustainable management of parks and natural assets,"

However, in Mozambique elephants are in a precipitous decline. Between 2009 and 2014, their numbers fell from an estimated 20 000 to 10 300, according to a



survey by the Wildlife Conservation Society as part of the Great Elephant Census.

The World Bank "is driven by a utilitarian perspective on the consumptive use of wild species," said Phyllis Lee, zoologist with the Amboseli Trust for Elephants, in Kenya.

The idea of consumptive, or sustainable, use of wildlife, which is written into the Convention on Biodiversity, is that it makes sense for humans to benefit from animals in ways that don't undermine their habitats and populations.

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<http://www.news24.com/Green/News/World-Bank-funds-sport-hunting-to-preserve-wildlife-20150714>



SAGA betreur Jacob Zuma se uitsprake ten gunste van ontwapening

SAGA se persverklaring in Engels het op Netwerk24 verskyn.

Deur Kaydene Davids
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Die Suid-Afrikaanse Geweereienaarsvereniging (SAGA) sê dit is betreurenswaardig dat pres. Jacob Zuma vandeewee net ná 'n besoek in Katlehong, waar hy familie van vermoorde polisie-manne besoek het, ook op die wa van ontwapening geklim het.

SAGA het in 'n verklaring gesê hulle verwelkom Zuma se vrae oor hoe die polisie veronderstel is om hulself en landsburgers te beskerm as hulle te "sag" en "demokraties" is as hulle met misdadigers te doen kry.

Zuma se besoek aan Katlehong volg nadat verskeie polisie-beamptes oor die laaste paar maande aan die hand van mis-

dadigers omgekom het. "Dit is betreurenswaardig dat die president óók op die ontwapeningswa geklim het. Hoe dikwels moet dit herhaal word – mense maak mekaar dood, en nie gewere óf enige ander wapen nie."

Die verklaring lui voorts dat SAGA en alle ander wetsgehoorsame burgers daarin glo dat misdadigers en alle ander onbekwame mense wat vuurwapens besit, ontwapen behoort te word.

"Ontwapening van die 'goeie ouens' is niks meer nie as medeplichtigheid aan geweldsmisdade."

Die vereniging sê ook dat voorstanders van ontwapening vinnig is om uit te wys dat slegs wetstoepassers vuurwapens behoort te besit. Hulle sê verder die aanslag op van die polisiebeamptes wys duidelik waarom wetsge-

hoorsame burgers nie ontwapen behoort te word nie.

"Ons wil beklemtoon dat die Grondwet en die reg al die volke van die land, insluitend die president, ministers, politici, staatsamptenare, wetstoepassingspersoneel en private burgers, saambind. Die wet is duidelik wanneer 'n landsburger die lewe van 'n ander mag neem.

"Ons almal moet hieraan gehoor gee. Polisiebeamptes moet nie sterker magte eis om spesiale doodmaakregte te kry nie."

Volgens die vereniging lê die oplossing vir doeltreffende polisiëring in die regte toerusting en opleiding, dissipline, asook polisiebeamptes se houding teenoor hul werk.

Sien bladsy 3 vir die Engels

SAGA Winners/Wenners



We have now done the second draw in our Membership Drive competition. Congratulations to Mr W McNaughton from Durban on winning a hamper containing some of our 30 Year insignia and Mr Muller from Sinoville on winning a 30 Year branded Drimac.

For more information on this competition please click the "SAGA 30 Years" link on our home page.

Ons het nou die tweede trekking in ons Lidmaatskap Werwings kompetisie gehad. Baie geluk aan Mnr W McNaughton met die wen van die geskenkpak wat van ons 30 Jaar items bevat, as ook vir Mnr Muller wat 'n 30 Jaar herdenkings Drimac Baadjie gewen het!

Vir meer inligting oor hierdie kompetisie kliek asseblief die skakel "SAGA 30 Years" op ons webwerf tuisblad.

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

Police Killings And Firearms - SAGA Press Release

Issued 6 August 2015

The South African Gunowners' Association (SAGA) extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of all police officers and all other victims of crime who have been killed by the perpetrators of unscrupulous and heinous criminal acts.

During a recent visit to Katlehong to talk to family and friends of police officials who had been killed at the hands of criminals over the last few months, the President asked, correctly in our view, whether police were being too "soft" and "democratic" when dealing with criminals. He then said that he thought the *"nation has to explain how the police must protect themselves and the country"* and whether the police should be killed by criminals because they must be "soft" and "democratic" when facing criminals?

It is unfortunate that the President then embarked on the bandwagon of disarmament. How often must it be repeated that people kill, not guns, or, for that matter, any weapon? SAGA and all other law-abiding citizens believe that crim-

inals and all other incompetent people who possess firearms must be disarmed. Disarming the "good guys" is nothing but complicity to violent crime.

While allegations of corruption, mismanagement, lack of discipline, inadequate training, incompetence, lengthy response time to emergency calls, etc. in the Police Service are continually being made, the lawful firearm owner is often the first responder to violent crime. After all, she or he is on the crime scene and if armed and adequately trained, is the most efficient way to thwart an unlawful and violent attack.

Advocates for disarmament of citizens are quick to point out that only law enforcement officials should possess firearms. The killing (and robbing) of police officials is a clear demonstration as to why law-abiding citizens must not be disarmed.

We wish to emphasize that the Constitution and the law bind all peoples of the country, the President, ministers, politicians, government officials, law enforcement personnel and private citizens.

The law is clear as to the circumstances under which a person may lawfully take the life of another. We must all abide by this. Police officials should not demand stronger powers to give them special "killing rights". No, what the police need are proper and effective training, the right equipment, discipline and the correct attitude that is required of a police official.

Our judicial system has all the powers at their disposal to effectively deal with criminals who thrive on violence and especially those who attack and kill police officers or home occupiers. Attacking and killing law enforcement officials or performing acts of violence on victims of crimes such as housebreaking with intent to commit a crime, rape or robbery constitute aggravating circumstances, which justify life imprisonment.

This media statement is issued in the interest of all law-abiding citizens and in the protection of the rights of lawful and responsible firearm owners.

N.Y. Data Reveals Futility of Gun Registration Laws

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In an utter embarrassment to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and anti-gun legislators in Albany, recently released New York State Police data reveals massive non-compliance with the SAFE Act's registration provisions. Out of an estimated 1-1.2 million semi-automatic firearms within the state that are required to be registered under the new law, 23,847 people have registered a grand total of 44,485 guns. Using the lower estimate of one million semi-automatic firearms, the new data shows a compliance rate of 4%.

The scale of noncompliance was only revealed following a lawsuit brought by a New York gun rights organization. In 2014, the New York State Police rejected requests for the number of registered semi-automatics. On April 30, New York Acting Supreme Court Justice Thomas J. McNamara determined that the state police had improperly withheld the information from the public, and ordered them to turn over the registration data.

Following the passage of the SAFE Act, many New York gun owners made it clear that they would not register their firearms by the April 15, 2014 deadline.

Gun owners concerns over confiscation are well-founded. Many New Yorkers are likely familiar with the repeated confiscations carried out by New York City officials. In 1967, New York City enacted a law requiring the registration of rifles and shotguns. Subsequently, in 1991 the city banned many semi-automatic firearms. As New York City already possessed a registry of firearms and their owners, the city notified the own-

ers that their newly illegal firearms must be removed from the five boroughs (not a realistic option for many people of lesser means), permanently disabled, or relinquished to the authorities. This shameful scenario played out again in 2013, when the NYPD sent out another round of letters to New York City gun owners, once again demanding the removal, destruction, or surrender of legally registered firearms made illegal by a subsequent law.

While the recent experience in New York is strong evidence of the American public's unwillingness to comply with firearms registration, it is only the latest instance illustrating the futility of these types of laws. In Connecticut, a 2013 law required residents to register certain types of semi-automatic firearms, and individual magazines with a capacity greater than 10, by January 1, 2014. Out of an estimated several hundred thousand guns and 2.4 million magazines that were required to be registered, by the deadline Connecticut gun owners had registered 50,016 firearms and a mere 38,290 magazines.

In March, the Sandy Hook Advisory Commission, assembled by Governor Dannel Malloy "to review current policy and make specific recommendations in the areas of public safety, with particular attention paid to school safety, mental health, and gun violence prevention," issued its final report. The commission suggested that Connecticut "Prohibit the possession... of any firearm capable of firing more than 10 rounds without reloading."

Similarly, in 1989 California enacted a law requiring registration of certain semi-automatic firearms. According to a February 17, 1992 Los Angeles Times article, in the years since enactment only 46,062 semi-autos were registered. The

article goes on to note, "The state Department of Justice has estimated there are 200,000 to 300,000. Others have calculated as many as 450,000 to 600,000." The authorities attempted to bolster the lackluster compliance with a 90-day amnesty period at the start of 1992; this program only netted another 13,470 firearms.

The results of New Jersey's semi-auto ban were comparable. An April 17, 1992 *New York Times* article titled, "Owners of Assault Guns Slow to Obey Law," notes, "In New Jersey, which enacted an assault weapon ban in 1990, 2,000 weapons have been surrendered, made inoperable or registered as collectors' items, according to the State Police. The state Attorney General's office estimates that there are between 20,000 and 50,000 assault weapons in New Jersey."

During Cuomo's 2014 re-election campaign, the New York State Democratic Committee ran a pro-Cuomo campaign ad that claimed the governor had helped to enact "the smartest gun law in America." In reality, considering just how few New Yorkers have bothered to comply with the registration provisions of SAFE Act, along with the inclusion of unworkable provisions like the infamous seven-round magazine limit, Cuomo has the distinction of having supported one of the confusing, irrelevant, and unworkable gun laws in America.

G.O.P. Candidates and Mass Shootings

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Despite the repeated horror of mass shootings in churches, movie theaters and schoolrooms, the Republican candidates running for president are remarkably quiet about how they would deal with this most pressing public health challenge.

"We define gun control real simple — that's hitting what you aim at," Senator Ted Cruz of Texas told a political gathering in New Hampshire earlier this year, typifying the level of pandering by the Republican field to the gun lobby.

In contrast, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic nomination, is taking up the gun control issue once more, 15 years after the defeat of Al Gore left her party leaders swearing off the subject as a losing cause. "We have to take on the gun lobby," Mrs. Clinton told a New Hampshire crowd last month. "This is a controversial issue. I am well aware of that. But I think it is the height of irresponsibility not to talk about it."

Tell that to the Republican candidates staunchly opposed to gun safety laws, like limits on ammunition used in the rapid-fire, battle-field-type weapons favored by mass shooters and a ban on unregistered weapon sales by dealers at gun shows. Mass shootings involving three or more murder victims have been on the rise in recent years, according to federal data, while gun production has more than doubled since 2008.

Republican candidates prefer to focus on the mental health of mass shooters as the decisive issue, not easy gun access, as if both issues should not be forcefully pursued by sensible public leaders.

After the recent shooting deaths at a Louisiana movie theater by a man who obtained his gun out of state, Gov. Bobby Jindal, a Republican presidential candidate, proudly pointed to his state's recently joining the federal watch list that attempts to track mentally troubled people who should be denied guns. But his state had ignored the list for years and remains one of the lowest in spending on mental health care. After the shootings, Mr. Jindal proposed that gun owners be allowed to bring their weapons to movie theaters.

While short on sensible gun safety prescriptions, the Republican candidates are quite precise in disclosing the types of pistols and rifles they proudly own. According to The Washington Post, Senators Ted Cruz and Marco Rubio prefer .357 magnum revolvers; Donald Trump has a Heckler & Koch .45; Senator Lindsey Graham of South Carolina owns an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle, and so forth, for a total of at least 40 guns among 15 candidates.

The survey found two non-gun owners: Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey, who has been busy on the hustings scrambling back from his state's strong gun safety laws ("There would be a whole list

of things I would change," he said), and former Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida, who signed the reckless Stand Your Ground law that has been used to reduce gun owners' culpability in shootings.

Mr. Bush, rated A-plus by the National Rifle Association, said in his 2003 declaration to N.R.A. conventioners: "The sound of our guns is the sound of freedom!"

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