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ASA / SAGA / GFSA Update

On Thursday, 19 February 2015 both SAGA and GFSA's representatives appeared before an appeal committee under the chairmanship of former Gauteng Judge President Bernard Ngoepe.

GFSA's advocate Varney firstly argued that the ASA did not have authority to make rulings regarding advertisements placed by organizations who were not parties to the agreement. Our advocate Ilse Joubert convincingly argued to the contrary. She quoted various decisions where the appeal authority had ruled that, under circumstances such as the

present matter, it had jurisdiction over non-parties.

Although issues such as the constitutionality of freedom of speech were also raised, this right was never denied. The important issue was whether the advertisement could be seen as an expression of fact or an opinion. SAGA's argument was emphatically that it was a misleading advertisement since it implied that irrespective of the circumstances, and whether or not there was fault on the part of the gun owner, his or her firearm was stolen, s/he was liable should that firearm be used in the commission

of a crime. Our view, obviously, was never that the gun owner would be physically present when a crime was committed by the thief, but at the very least that GFSA meant that the gun owner would be morally liable and responsible. Since this was stated as a fact we strenuously objected and argued this point.



HuntEx VIP Day 24 April 2015

HuntEx Johannesburg will be having a VIP day on Friday 24 April 2015 from 10:00 to 17:00. As a benefit to members, SAGA would like to offer availability to these limited tickets. The tickets can only be bought online and no tickets will be available for sale at the gate on this day.

The price per ticket is R150.

If you are interested, please go to the HuntEx website at www.huntex.net and select the "For Visitors" tab and then the "VIP Tickets" link. Details of the offer appear and you click on the Buy Bullet Pass button. You will need to use the promo code: 300winmag

SAGA Stand at HuntEx

The SAGA stand at HuntEx has changed position. We will be in the same hall (number 2) but at stand number 251.

Please make sure you visit us to renew your membership; sign up a friend (see Membership Drive offer on the next page); and see all the exciting 30th Birthday insignia....long sleeve shirts, beanies, Drimac jackets, USB memory sticks, biltong knives and special cloth patches.

The custom made Mackrill knife will also be on display.

HuntEx is open to the public on Saturday 25 April 8:00-18:00, Sunday 26 April 9:00-18:00 and Monday 27 April 9:00-17:00.



Membership Drive / Lidmaatskap Werwing



Sign up a new member today and get your name entered into not only one, but two, prize draws. Every quarter we will draw two winners and then at the end of the year we will draw the final big winner.

The quarterly prizes are (1) a hamper of 30 Year insignia (Patch, Beanie, Memory Stick, Knife and Long Sleeve Shirt) valued at R625 and (2) a 30 Year commemorative Drimac Jacket valued at R430.

The big winner at the end of the year will win a custom-made knife by well-known knifemaker Stephen Mackrill valued at R2,200.

The Mackrill knife is a special skinning knife made of Bohler N690 steel, the blade has a satin finish and a brass bolster. The handle is made from tamboti wood with a brass name plaque inlaid into it. There is also a sheath made of kudu hide and the whole thing is presented in a beautiful custom box.

See www.mackrill.co.za for more on knives made by the Mackrills.

All you need to do, is get someone you know to join and get them to provide your name and contact

number when they apply. Membership forms are available from the office or applications can be done via our website at www.saga.org.za.

This membership drive offer also applies if you get a lapsed member to rejoin.

Terms and conditions apply.

Skryf vandag 'n nuwe lid in en kry jou naam ingeskryf vir nie net een, maar twee, prystrekkings. Elke kwartaal sal ons twee weners aankondig en dan aan die einde van die jaar sal ons die finale wenner trek.

Die kwartaallikse pryse is (1) 'n geskenkpak van 30 Jaar insignia (Lapwapen, Wolmus, Datastafie, Biltongmes en 'n Langmouhemp) ter waarde van R625 en (2) 'n 30 Jaar herdenkings Drimac Baadjie ter waarde van R430. 'n Handgemaakte mes, gemaak deur die wel bekende mesmaker Stephen Mackrill, is die prys vir die finale trekking aan die einde van die jaar.

Die groot prys is 'n enig-in-sy-soort handgemaakte afslagmes wat deur Stephen Mackrill van Mackrill Custom Knives spesiaal vir SAGA gemaak is. Die waarde van die mes is R2200.

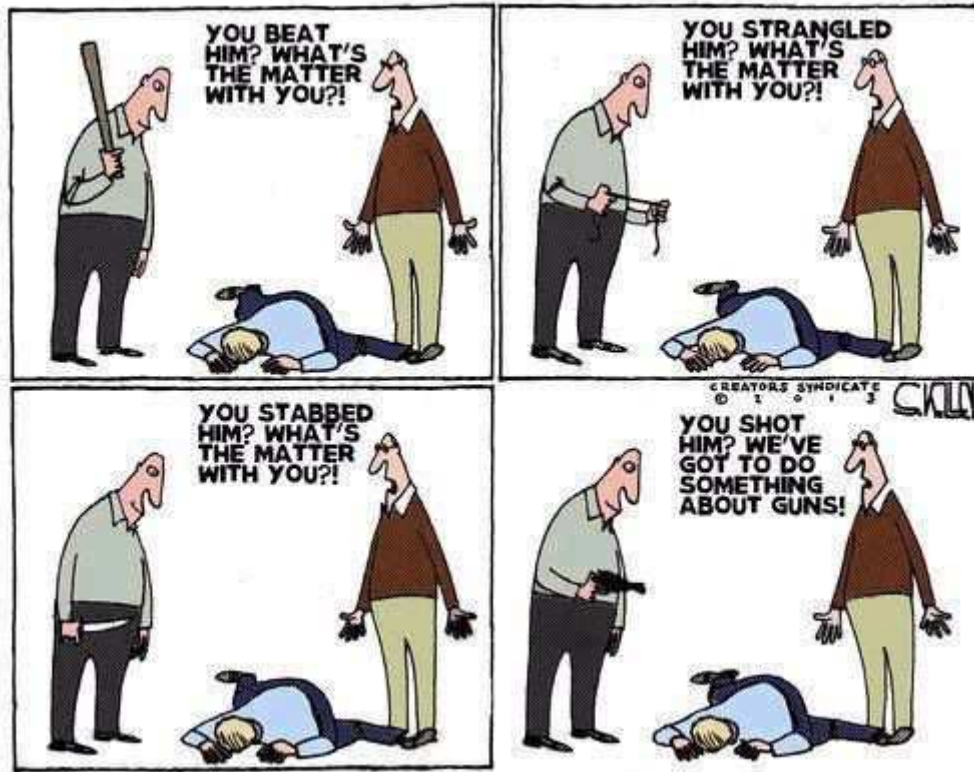
Tussen die Bohler N690-staal lem met 'n dowwe afwerking en die tambotiehout handvatset met 'n ingelegde geelkoper naamplaatjie, is 'n geelkoper stut. Die mes pas in 'n egte koedoeleer skede. Die mes is in 'n handgemaakte kassie verpak.

Besoek www.mackrill.co.za vir meer inligting oor messe gemaak deur die Mackrills.

Al wat jy hoef te doen is om iemand wat jy ken te kry om aan te sluit en jou naam en kontakbesonderhede te verstrek wanneer hulle aansoek doen. Lidmaatskapvorme is beskikbaar by die kantoor of aansoeke kan gedoen word deur ons webwerf by www.saga.org.za. Dit ledewerwing aanbod geld ook as jy 'n vervalde lid kry om weer aan te sluit.

Voorwaardes en bepalinge geld.

Guns???



Norway Repeals Lead Shot Ban

The Norwegian parliament today (3 February) resolved by 79 votes to 16 to reintroduce lead shot for live quarry hunting outside wetlands. The decision follows a lengthy campaign by BASC's sister organisation in Norway the Norwegian Association of Hunters and Anglers – the Jegernes Interesseorganisasjon (JI).

BASC chairman Alan Jarrett welcomed the move by the Norwegian parliamentary committee responsible, saying: "BASC firmly believes that all legislative decisions on ammunition should be based on sound science and this underpins our policy on lead ammunition of "no sound evidence, no change."

In a statement issued on 29 January last week jointly with Norway's Weapons Council (Våpenrådet), the JI had said that the country's four main political parties were supportive of the move to bring back lead shot for hunting in spite of "massive pressure from a smaller group of researchers and veterinarians against lead ammunition". "The fact that these parties have not been affected by excessive argumentation on the basis of campaign based research commands respect," the statement said.

Banned in 2005

The JI has been campaigning to bring back lead – which it sees as "the most suitable material in hunting ammunition" – since the Norwegian government brought

in a lead shot ban in 2005. The organisation criticised the ban on the grounds that it lacked a solid evidential basis and that the use of alternative ammunition posed animal welfare risks. Non-lead ammunition does not kill as cleanly or as efficiently as lead, and therefore causes unnecessary suffering to quarry, the JI has argued. It also maintains that the potential adverse effects of such substitute materials on health and the environment have not been studied in sufficient detail. This is not the first time that proposals to repeal the lead shot ban have come before Norway's politicians and in 2013, a move to bring lead back was defeated when a parliamentary majority voted against it.

Political support

However, last year, the tide appeared to be turning again, and the JI received statements of support for partial repeal from Norway's Conservative Party, Progress Party, Christian Democratic Party, Center Party and the Social Democratic Party, which it believes should give the proposals a clear majority in a parliamentary vote.

In spite of their optimism over the latest vote, the JI remains conscious that the lead shot issue is still a live one. It said: "The case is probably not over even though parliament now chooses to lift the ban. The pressures from those who want to ban all lead based ammunition are most likely maintained and they will probably try



to find new ways to succeed. They already have their focus towards a ban for lead based rifle bullets. We as dedicated hunters, shooters and professionals must keep up the commitment that our victory is to be a permanent one."

Adrian Blackmore, director of the Countryside Alliance's shooting campaign, welcomed the news: "The conclusion now reached by the Norwegians that there is insufficient evidence to justify the continued ban of lead shot outside of wetlands and clay shooting grounds clearly shows that one should only act on firm scientific evidence when considering restrictions to types of ammunition. We should also not be told to use alternatives when the full impact of those to the environment and human health remain unknown.

Read more at http://www.shootinguk.co.uk/news/lead_shot_vote_norway-42462#av45rCsvc6FY5ksI.99

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

Research Request

WFSA (World Forum on Shooting Activities) have asked members to forward any recent research, presented in their own country, regarding the hunting, shooting, firearms and ammunition produc-

tion or any other research that could be subject of interest to the group.

SAGA is an Executive member of WFSA so if you know of any relevant research please forward it to

the SAGA office for consideration for WFSA.

Thank you.

Pakistani Teachers Arm Themselves

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Back in November, we reported on Israeli Public Security Minister, Yitzhak Aharonovitch, announcing a decision to relax the rules governing the carrying of firearms in the wake of the murder of four Orthodox Jewish men and a police officer in a West Jerusalem Temple by terrorists armed with knives, axes and a gun. We noted then that Israeli officials had rightly recognized the protective benefits of "good guys" with guns.

This week, we report on a similar response to another outrageous terrorist attack, this one in Pakistan.

On December 16, Taliban terrorists slaughtered 150 innocent children and teachers at the Army Public School and Degree College in Peshawar. The educators could offer no real resistance as the six-hour ordeal unfolded into the deadliest terrorist attack in Pakistani history. The unarmed teachers were essentially defenseless against their attackers, and that reality is prompting change.

As reported by the Washington Times, Government authorities in northwest Pakistan have now granted teachers permission to carry concealed firearms in

schools in response to the attack.

According to the Times story, Mushtuq Ghani, the higher education minister in the Khyber Pak-tunkhwa provincial government based in Peshawar, said the Cabinet supports the arming of teachers as a logical step after the December rampage.

Mr. Ghani noted that the police are stretched too thin to provide a first line of defense to the region's nearly 50,000 schools. Ghani suggested that armed teachers could at least potentially hold off gunmen until reinforcements arrived.

The story further reports that a local police force has started basic firearm training sessions for teachers interested in learning how to use firearms, and approximately 20 female teachers have already received training from Inspector Rozia Altaf.

"The tragedy of December 16 has emboldened these women," Altaf said. "Most of them were mothers and they were helpless then -- they will never be helpless again."

A teacher at the Frontier College for Women said she and 10 other women at her school have received firearms

training. When she was asked whether she felt confident of killing a terrorist at her school, she replied, "Yes. Whoever kills innocents, God willing I will shoot them."

The Associated Press reported that some teachers, licensed and trained to carry firearms, have already begun bringing them to school. Meenadar Khan, a teacher at Government High School in Peshawar, is one of them. He said teachers at his school met to discuss the government's plan and agreed it would be good to have armed teachers in the event of an emergency to "defend our school and kids."

The people of Peshawar Province faced implacable evil on December 16. Fortunately, they will not be defenseless should it strike again.

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Bloomberg's Comments on Gun Control Rhetoric

Bankrolling ceaseless endeavors to dictate what Americans can eat and how they can defend themselves, ...is ex-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. However, recent comments suggest that his efforts on this front incorporate a disturbing racial component. On Friday Feb. 6, the Aspen Institute hosted "A Conversation with Michael R. Bloomberg," during which the notoriously outspoken billionaire shared some of his thoughts on reducing urban crime.

These comments suggest Bloomberg wants to disarm young adult minorities, stripping them of their rights under the condescending pretense that it is for their own good. Whatever Bloomberg meant by his remarks, racism has long been a part of efforts to strip minorities of their right to keep and bear arms.

Today, New Yorkers are still subject to a gun licensing scheme that favors rich and connected elites, and shuns poorer minority communities.

The onerous NYC handgun licensing procedure costs over \$400 in fees alone. The process is so burdensome that some find it necessary to hire an attorney that specializes in navigating the bureaucracy.

All of this acts as a financial barrier to gun ownership; one that disproportionately effects often economically disadvantaged minority communities. Bloomberg vigorously defended this scheme while mayor.

New York aside, American history is replete with examples of gun controls that were either racially motivated or have had a disparate impact on minorities.

As for Michael Bloomberg, while his comments are distasteful to those who respect the individual liberties of all persons regardless of race, they fit squarely within a long tradition of gun control fear-mongering.

Even if Bloomberg is motivated by a paternalistic sentiment, rather than a racist one, to advocate for the diminution of the rights of certain minority groups is inimical to all of the individual rights we enjoy as Americans and should be rejected by all those who cherish a free society with equality under the law.

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