



SAGA SNIPPETS

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New Trustees for SAGA

SAGA is proud to announce the appointment of three new Trustees, Damian Enslin (top) Stef Grobler (middle) and Jonathan Deal (bottom). All three are very involved with firearms and are determined to work to grow SAGA to the benefit of all responsible firearm owners.

Damian Enslin

Damian is in his early forties, and is married with two young children. He is an Attorney, Notary, Conveyancer and equal equity partner at Michael Matthews & Associates in Cape Town.

Firearm related issues form approximately 30% of his practise, and he deals primarily with licence applications for private and business purposes, Section 102 hearings, business accreditation and sports shooting accreditation applications and various firearm related issues.

Damian has a wide interest in shooting and firearms. He is a member of and holds dedicated sports shooting status with the Western Shooters of South Africa – WSSA - (national and mother body for Cowboy Action Shooting in South Africa) and is currently their national Chairperson. He was integral in drafting the Constitution, founding documentation, and various other administrative documents for the formal

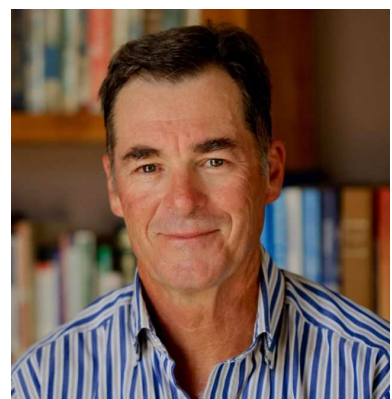
establishment of the organisation as well as being responsible for the handling of the application for Accreditation as a Sports Shooting Organisation with SAPS. He has also been involved in establishing WSSA as a national sports shooting organisation in South Africa.

He is a member of the Western Territory Rangers (WTR) which is the local cowboy club based at the False Bay Sports Shooting Club and is a member of the Board of Directors at the False Bay Sports Shooting Club as general legal advisor.

He holds Dedicated Sports Shooting Status and is a member of the National Hunting and Shooting Association (NHSA) and the South African Defensive Pistol Association (SADPA). The SADPA appointed him as their representative at Parliament in March 2015 at the Firearms Summit, as well as to attend Parliament on their behalf in June 2015.

Other memberships include Cape SAAACA; the Cape Law Society and the MG Car Club (he is currently restoring a 1968 MGB Roadster).

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Stefan (Stef) Grobler

Stef is in his early seventies. He has been married for 49 years and has children and grandchildren. He joined the South African Police in 1963 and served as a uniformed constable until 1964 when he was appointed as a detective. He received training in the use of all firearms in use by the SAP from 1963 until his retirement. He did border duty in South-West Africa during 1982/83 which included contact with SWAPO insurgents.

While at the SAP he served in many capacities including house-breaking, murder, drugs, fraud and later in the Commercial Crime Unit specializing in white collar crime from company fraud to corruption.

Stef was involved with the Department of Police Practice (Investigation of Crime) for 20 years as a marker, Moderator and External Moderator responsible for writing and compiling lecture material, setting of assignments and marking and moderating examinations.

Later, with the department of Criminology he developed a course entitled "Certificate Course in Anti-Corruption and Commercial Crimes Investigations". This was aimed at persons investigating white collar and related offences. He was responsible for setting and marking of

assignments as well as examinations. After that he was asked by the Tshwane University of Technology to lecture on the subject of Investigation of Crime which he did until the end of 2015.

He has always had an urge to collect firearms and has been a member of the Pretoria Arms and Ammunition Association (PAAA) for more than 15 years where he is currently the Vice Chairperson. He is also the Minuting Secretary for the National Arms and Ammunition Collectors Confederation of South Africa (NAACCSA) and is of course the Chairperson of the SAGA Interim Council.

He is actively involved in the activities of the PAAA and enjoys shooting activities. He holds competency as a range officer.

Jonathan Deal

Jonathan is in his late fifties, is married and has children and grandchildren. He is a very keen sport shooter participating in IPSC, IDPA, 3-Gun and Xtreme long range competitions. He has recently completed formal training, and holds an Advanced Instructor Status in all four primary firearm platforms and can train, assess and recommend firearms competencies through his new business Zero Points Down Academy.

Jonathan heads up Treasure Karoo Action Group where he is CEO, having founded the organisation in 2011. Awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize, commonly held to be the green equivalent of the Nobel prize, he toured the United States in 2013 on a fact-finding trip and campaign, meeting with President Obama, leaders in academia, US government and environmental agencies and building strategic ties with environmental organisations and individuals across the country.

He published *Timeless Karoo* in 2007, and as a freelance journalist writes for various publications. He is a member and past chairman of the Southern African Freelancers Association since 2007, and is sought after as a speaker and debater on shale gas mining at international conferences. In 2014, Jonathan was named by *City Press* as 1 of 100 World Class South Africans, sharing the honour with personalities such as Mark Shuttleworth, Charlize Theron and Dr Ian Player.

Jonathan says he is motivated by an unfair fight and will always stand up and be heard to defend his principles. He intends to play a role in the critical debate on firearms – in SA and globally.

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

Women and Firearms

Did you know that American women are the fastest-growing group of gun owners? Whether it's for self-protection, hunting, or target shooting, women are expressing more interest than ever to own a firearm and are taking steps to train and educate themselves - more importantly, getting involved. Women aren't just going with a trend, they're proving to be an important and vital part of the shooting community.

Information below was extracted from the OutdoorHub infographic.

From Outdoor Hub:

We created this infographic with the help of the NRA to show what kind of guns women are buying, and what's driving those purchases. Given that the firearms world has traditionally been dominated by men, the NRA provides resources for women looking to improve their shooting skills through the Women On Target program. see how women are changing the shooting world today.

Twenty-Three Percent 23%

The percentage of women that own guns. Based on a Gallop poll of self-reported gun-owners in 2011, 23 percent of women said they owned a gun compared to 13 percent in 2005.

How many guns do women own?

- 1 = 30%
- 2 = 28%
- 3+ = 42%

According to surveys by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, 42% of women who own a firearm have at least three.

How do women decide which gun to purchase?

According to a National Shooting Sports Foundation survey of women gun owners, 91.9% decide based on which model fits their

hand and body the best. Whether a gun featured "feminine colors" was only 9.4% of the decision criteria.

Women and America's Rifle 20%

Among women who already own at least one gun, approximately 20% own their own AR-15 rifle.

30% and Growing

The amount of gear manufactured and marketed exclusively for women in outdoor and hunting catalogs and retailers.



How do women carry their guns?

- 15% Belly Band
 - 40% Inside waistband
 - 1% Ankle holster
 - 8% Bra holster
 - 22% Shoulder / Outside waistband / Thigh
 - 13% Purse carry
- Based on a survey from The Well-Armed Women

13,000+

In 2014, more than 13,000 women participated in over 450 NRA Women on Target Instructional Shooting Clinics - a dramatic increase from only 500 participants in 2000.

Target Shooting 43.5%

Hunting 37%

Between 2001 and 2010, women participating in target shooting grew 43.5%. During the same period, the number of women hunters grew by 37%.

335 Million

The number of women hunting, which according to the National

Sporting Goods Association, represents a 43% increase in female hunters from 2003 to 2013.

21 Million

There are approximately 132 million women 15 years old and older in the U.S. An estimated 5.86 million of those already practice target shooting. If each of those women takes one friend shooting each month, every woman in America will have gone shooting in just over 21 months.

The NRA's Women on Target Program is the perfect place to begin learning about firearms for personal defense, the shooting sports or hunting. These instructional women-only shooting clinics are designed to teach firearm safety and the fundamentals of marksmanship, giving women the confidence they need to safely handle and operate a firearm upon completion. Participants will immediately feel at ease in the half- or full-day clinics, and will be provided with a hands-on, one-of-a-kind experience. No experience or equipment is necessary to participate.

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5 Movie Moments That Make Gun Owners Facepalm



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by Wendy LaFever

"No, no, no! Don't...what are you doing? Stop it!" I blurted out loud, flailing my arms at the television set.

"Wendy," sighed my husband, "it's just a movie. Relax."

For better or for worse, I have joined the ranks of gun owners who drive their spouses crazy by complaining at the television set during action movies and TV dramas. And our spouses are right: It is fiction, after all. However, sometimes the glaring errors in gun safety and handling practices in movies not only jar those of us "in the know" out of the narrative, they also foster false perceptions among the non-gun-owning public. I did an informal poll here around the office, and the result is the top five movie gaffes that make us roll our eyes...and the facts you can use to counter them.

1. "Pfft!" goes the silencer!

There are a lot of folks whose work goes into movies and TV who, if they've done their job correctly, you'll never notice. Among them are Foley artists, whose job it is to create sound effects to match what you're seeing on-screen. And somewhere along the way, the Foley artists of TV and movies decided that silencers make a noise like compressed air.

The truth: Silencers will do one of two things: With subsonic rimfire ammunition, you essentially will not hear the shot at all. Instead, you'll hear the cycling of the action. With supersonic ammunition, you will hear something that sounds exactly like regular gunfire, only 25 to 30 decibels quieter.

2. "Click" goes the safety switch!

The good guy, a cop, has finally got the bad guy at bay. He's holding the criminal at gunpoint, questioning him about where all his bad-guy buddies are. The bad guy snivels and resists; the good guy responds by clicking off the safety on his Glock. Now the bad guy knows the cop means business.

The truth: Glock's don't have external safeties. They have three passive internal safeties. Revolvers don't have safeties, either; they generally rely on either a very heavy double-action trigger pull or a hammer that must be cocked to make it so they only

discharge when the user intends them to. This is part of why the NRA's rules of gun safety never mention external safety switches. Not only are safety switches mechanical devices that can fail, but many very popular duty and personal-protection guns don't have them at all.

While we're on the subject, what on earth was the good guy doing trying to hold someone at gunpoint with the safety on or the hammer uncocked? That would mean the gun was unable to fire that whole time.

3. Conversations after a shoot-out.

How many times have you seen this scene? The good guys and the bad guys trade gunfire inside a building. As the bad guys try to make their escape, one good guy whispers to the other to go around the back.

The truth: Anyone who's ever had the misfortune of being inside an enclosed space sans ear protection when a firearm is discharged can assure you of one thing: It's deafening. Sounds cause physical pain starting at about 125 decibels (dB); a 12-gauge shotgun blast checks in at around 165 dB. Your ears will ring for several minutes to several hours afterward if you're not wearing ear protection...and you are definitely not going to be able to make sense of a whisper for some time.

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4. Fingers on triggers. Fingers on triggers everywhere.

There are simply too many examples of this to name. The list of movies and shows that do not depict people walking around with their fingers nestled comfortably on the trigger of their firearm would be easier to compile.

The truth: There's a reason why "ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until you are on target and ready to shoot" is the second NRA rule of gun safety. Part of it is that the natural reaction to an unexpected stimulus is to jump or twitch a little, which could cause you to inadvertently squeeze the trigger. Another part of it is the aforementioned phenomenon of the trigger safety mechanism present on many striker-fired pistols—pushing in on the trigger releases that safety.

5. Drumroll please!

The ultimate of all time: "Curve the bullet!"

The truth: No. Just...no. Physics does not work like that. Bullets can do things like travel much farther than you'd imagine (up to half a mile for a simple .22 rim-fire), or ricochet in unexpected ways off hard surfaces or even water. What they cannot do is change direction mid-air, no matter how cool your leather coat is.

There are other examples of movie misconceptions of firearm use, of course, but now our heads hurt from banging them on our desks.

Things to Say When Talking to Your Kids About Guns

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Regardless of whether or not you own guns, your child is eventually going to want to talk to you about firearms. Whether they grew up in a family of hunters and shooters or are introduced to guns by television or movies, kids have an innate desire to learn more about the world around them. This may seem like a basic developmental process, part of growing up and determining where we fit in in the world that surrounds us, but those early lessons can have a long-lasting impact. That's why it's important to talk to your kids about firearms early on, and the message must be clear.

It is our responsibility as gun owners to share the truth about firearms with the next generation. We need to help them understand why we own firearms, what past generations sacrificed to earn that right, and what our responsibilities as gun owners really are. Here are five key points to share with your children regarding firearms and gun safety.

1. Generations of Americans Have Fought to Preserve Our Rights, Including the Second Amendment

Kids should understand that there are generations of American who have fought and sometimes died for the Right To Keep and Bear Arms. Over the years, Americans have had to work hard to maintain that right, so the ability to own firearms is not something that should be taken lightly. The Second Amendment is one of the cornerstones of American liberty.

2. Guns, Like Fire, Knives and Motor Vehicles, Aren't Inherently Good or Bad

Guns can cause harm, but they can also do a great deal of good. Just like the other items listed here, firearms are essential and beneficial when used correctly. But "correct use" implies a level of respect for firearms, and understanding of how they work, and responsibility for their care and use.

3. If Handled Improperly, Guns Can Cause Serious Injury or Death

One mistake with a firearm can alter lives forever, and kids need to understand that. That doesn't mean that we should fear guns, but rather have a high respect for them. It's important that kids understand the permanent consequences of making a mistake with a firearm. There are no second chances.

4. Guns Are Only To Be Used By Those with Appropriate Age and Training

Kids are curious, and that curiosity gets them into trouble. As far as firearms are concerned, kids need to understand that curiosity—either on their part or the part of others—can be dangerous if a firearm is improperly handled. Children need to know that they should never touch a gun without adult consent, and they also need to be prepared to tell an adult immediately if another child is handling a firearm.

5. Firearms Can Provide Food, Fun and Protection

As previously stated, guns can offer a lifetime of benefits. Target shooting in the back yard, hunting, and trap and skeet shooting are just some of the examples of activities that kids can enjoy using guns. Exposure to these activities in a safe environment teaches proper firearm handling and also provides kids with a respect for what firearms can do.