

SAGA SNIPPETS

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SAGA Updates & Information

Portfolio Committee on Police - Media Statement

Parliament, Friday, 26 November 2021 – The Portfolio Committee on Police has resolved to give the Civilian Secretariat for Police (CSP) more time to consider public comments on the Firearms Control Amendment Bill.

The decision to do so was based on the need for inclusivity, to achieve consensus and the requirement that the Bill should reflect the views of the South African public, as envisaged in the Constitution.

Public participation is the bedrock in our constitutional democracy and everything must be done to safeguard the rights of all South Africans. The committee received a report indicating that the CSP has so far received over 118 000 comments. On this basis, the committee decided to give the CSP enough time to complete the process.

It is important to give this Bill the time it needs, and thus it will be tabled when all relevant processes have been adequately dealt with by the Secretariat for Police.

Issued by the Parliamentary Communication Services on behalf of the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Police, Ms Tina Joemat-Pettersson.

We Have a Winner!!

Congratulations to Mr A Botha from Polokwane who is the lucky winner of the Glock 19X competition which was run in partnership with City Guns, Bernhard Agencies and SAGA.



SAGA would like to say a big "Thank You" to all our members who took the time to lodge an objection to the Draft Firearms Control Bill 2021.

Your efforts have helped create a much better awareness of the problems with the Draft Bill.

SAGA continues to call for the scrapping of the entire Bill and looks forward to constructive engagement on the matter in due course.

KwaZulu-Natal Shooting Events

SAGA | Hillandale Club Ladies Range Day

This incredible event was held at the Mapstone Shooting Range, KZN on 31st October 2021. It was coordinated by Lyle & Associates plus Curiosity Designs, supported by Hillcrest Security Alliance and Park Neighbourhood Watch members and hosted by Hillandale Shooting Club.

More than 40 ladies enjoyed the perfect weather and opportunity to shoot a variety of club members' firearms including Glock 17, 19 & 43, CZ P09 and P10c, GrandPower, 1911 single stack, carbines and semi-auto AR15/M4 rifles.

Many of the ladies had either, never shot a firearm before or, had not shot in a long time. Mothers and daughters, teens, 20 somethings all the way to grandmothers, rocked the range and produced inspiring groupings in many cases for the every first time. A generous anonymous sponsor provided 25 rounds of 9mmP ammo to each lady!

The event slogan for was "Yeah I May Shoot Like A Girl But I Can Out Shoot You!" but this soon evolved to "That was so cool, can I please do it again!"

Four ranges were set up – two beginner/orientation ranges mir-



roring each other, an intermediate range with moving targets, and an advanced range requiring shooter movement for more experienced and club lady shooters.

Committee members, instructors, range officers and 10 deputised club lady range assistants worked together to ensure a safe fun and exciting day. No mean feat with over 30 first time shooters!

SAGA team, Gaye and Peter Marshall-Goodridge attended the event and used the opportunity to speak about responsible gun ownership and SAGA membership. Gaye was able to join the ladies for the shooting and had a fantastic time.

Twenty-five new SAGA members were signed up on the day with more expected to follow.

With generous sponsorships from Durban and Pietermaritzburg businesses every lady was presented with an amazing goody bag. Take note of the awesome pink SAGA caps!

Sincere appreciation was extended to SAGA as the event proposer, to HSC for hosting, plus to the selfless instructors, range officers and assistants for duty on and off range, to all the incredible supporting sponsors and most of all to the ladies that attended.



Continued... KwaZulu-Natal Shooting Events

Broadway Shooting Club Competition

Another KZN event that Peter Marshall-Goodridge attended on behalf of SAGA was a competition shoot at Broadway Shooting Club on 21 November 2021.

Obviously the shooters were very focussed on what they were there for, but Peter had some constructive discussions and managed to get half a dozen new and/or old renewals on the day.

Broadway Shooting Club and SAGA are looking at ways to collaborate further in 2022.



False Bay Sports Shooting Club Open Day

Save the Date!

False Bay Sports Shooting Club will be having an Open Day on Saturday 11th December 2021 at their range at Tercentenary Way, Glencairn, Cape Town

Shooting fun for the whole family!

For more details look online at <http://www.falsebaysportshooting.com/>

Or Facebook: @FalseBaySSC

Support for Gun Control Subsidies as Crime Increases

<https://www.americas1stfreedom.org/articles/2021/11/18/support-for-gun-control-subsides-as-crime-increases>

by Garrett O'Leary
Thursday, November 18, 2021

Amidst a growing wave of crime, combined with calls for defunding law enforcement, Americans have chosen to arm themselves in record-setting numbers; new data also indicates Americans are dropping their support for stricter gun-control laws.

A new poll from Gallup found that support for stricter gun-control measures is down to 52% from 67% in 2018, reaching its lowest point since 2014. The same poll found that 35% of American adults think laws covering the sale of firearms should be kept as they are, with 11% favoring less-strict firearms laws. Support for a complete ban on handguns hit its lowest point since 1959, when Gallup first started polling the American public on "a law which would forbid the possession" of "pistols and revolvers."

Previously, we reported that crime actually increased in 2020, according to FBI crime data, during a time when many called for defunding law enforcement. At the same time, Americans have chosen to purchase firearms in record-setting numbers, and also seem to favor fewer restrictions on their right to keep and bear arms.

Another Gallup poll found that 88% of gun owners now say they own a gun to protect themselves from crime, a sharp increase from the 67% figure in 2005. Beyond this, the poll found that 31% of adults own a firearm, and 44% of households have a firearm owner.

While the accuracy of such polls may be open to question, the trend is clear; Americans are losing interest in radical anti-gun legislation, and are increasingly relying on themselves to ensure their safety.

Americans have embraced their Second Amendment rights and now understand that it is incumbent upon them to be able to defend themselves and their loved ones. After all, even the best law-enforcement responses can take minutes when seconds matter.

It is encouraging to see Americans understanding just how valuable this constitutional right is.

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

4 Self-Defense Myths (That Could Ruin Your Life)

by Sheriff Jim Wilson
3 November 2021

Due to handed-down stories and the movies, there have always been a lot of myths floating around about personal defense. Aside from the movies, people just tend to get reckless with the truth when they are telling about their adventures, adventures of associates, and adventures that they're heard about. I guess it is human nature and there is not much that we can do about it. But I'm here to tell you that many of these personal defense myths can get people hurt, or get them in big trouble. Here, in no special order, are four personal defense myths that just won't die. I've heard them all of my life and they just don't seem to ever go away.

1. WOMEN NEED SMALL GUNS AND LIGHT CALIBERS!

I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings, or challenge their manhood, but the fact is that a woman can shoot any handgun that a man can. All you have to do is observe just about any professional defensive school to see the ladies clean their targets with their .45 ACP autos. Or attend an IDPA match and watch the fairer sex rock & roll with .45's, .40 S&W's, and 9mm's. I even know one 100-pound woman who hunts successfully with a .454 Casull revolver.

Women don't need tiny pink guns in .25 or .32 caliber. What they need is the same thing that we men need—professional training and the most powerful handgun that they can shoot quickly and accurately. Guys might best refrain from shopping guns for the little lady and, instead, take her to a shooting range, let her shoot a number of good guns, and pick what she likes best. You'd just be amazed at the positive results.

2. IF YOU HAVE TO SHOOT THEM OUTSIDE, DRAG THEM INSIDE BEFORE YOU CALL THE COPS!

This one has been around since the days of flintlocks, at least. The presumption is that it is somehow illegal to shoot someone outside your home, but everything is okay if the criminal is inside your home. In personal defense, the question is, "were you justifiably in fear for your life and were your actions reasonable?"

Any law-enforcement officer worth their salt will know within five minutes of their arrival if you have lied to them about the actual location of the incident. And, if you are lying about that, you may be lying about other stuff. Hello jail house! The guy at the gun store, or shooting range, may tell you to drag an attacker inside. I seriously doubt that a criminal defense attorney will do so.

3. LOAD ROCK SALT IN YOUR SHOTGUN AND TEACH 'EM A LESSON!

We used to hear this a lot regarding kids stealing apples from a farm. However, it has somehow managed to become part of the urban legend, too.

A shotgun loaded with rock salt can cause serious injury and even death. In addition, regardless of what the gun is loaded with, you are discharging a firearm at a person. Your only justification for ever doing this is to prevent death or serious bodily injury. If your defense is that you used rock salt because you only intended to scare them and teach them a lesson, you may be surprised at the attitude of the court. Good luck with that defense.

4. JUST HAVE A GUN, ANY KIND OF A GUN, IT'LL SCARE 'EM AWAY!

Guns are not magic wands. Yes, the sight of a gun in the hands of an armed citizen may cause the crooks to cease and desist. The trouble is that it doesn't always work. And, if that is your only plan, you are liable to be in big trouble.

We don't carry a defensive handgun for when everything works out right. We carry a defensive handgun for when nothing works out like it was supposed to. Your defensive handgun should be adequate for handling the worst-case scenario. This is the reason that trained individuals carry the most powerful handgun that they can shoot quickly and accurately.

Yes, a .22 can be lethal. But personal defense is not about killing the person; it is about stopping the attack as quickly as possible, before anyone else is injured. Only a real defensive handgun can be expected to do this when properly applied.

We may chuckle at these and other personal defense myths, but they are out there and are believed by too many. The solution is to get your defensive information from trained individuals. You have made a commitment to carry a defense gun, but you should also make a commitment to get the necessary training needed to use it properly, safely and effectively.

<https://www.nrafamily.org/articles/2021/11/3/4-self-defense-myths-that-could-ruin-your-life>

SAGA Membership

Do you know someone who is a gunowner or who supports gun ownership rights that is not a member of SAGA? The time is now for them to join!

SAGA members are essential for SAGA to continue to protect your firearm ownership rights.

Take advantage of the 2021 rates to sign up a new member or renew your membership.

Rates for New Members for 2021:

Adult R250
Junior R150
Pensioner R150
Family:
1x Adult @R250 plus any number of family members @ R60 each

Rates for Renewing Members for 2021:

For most categories of membership the renewal fees are R50 less than the new membership rate. Enquire at the office.

Scan the QR code below for a quick link to the SAGA application form or join via our website at www.saga.org.za



Corporate Members

SAGA is proud to have the support of these businesses, clubs and associations as Corporate members for 2021.

We call on all SAGA members to please support our Corporate members when they can.

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested in becoming a SAGA Corporate member please contact the office for more information.

Join via the SAGA website using the Corporate Application tab on the Join SAGA page.

Corporate Member List

Ainslie International
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Border Hunting Club
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Cape Sport Rifle Club
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Clay Target Shooting Association

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Hillandale Shooting Club
Hillcrest Park Neighbourhood Watch
Hunt

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Impala Shooting Club

Kings Gun Shop
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