

Central Gauteng report May 28 2015

We have 5 clubs now listed with CG

MEMBERSHIPS

Wattlespring	71
Sterkfontein	47
Waterhaven	9
Doornkop Shooting club	30
Glassford Shooting Club	17

Total membership	174

Competitions held this year

Central Gauteng open

SA Grand

Both of these events had an entry in excess of 140 shooters

Sterkfontein hosted the African fitasc championships

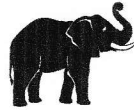
I am pleased to report that all of the events were well run and had no complaints

Wattlespring assisted Northern Gauteng by hosting the SA Olympic champs and once again this event was successful with very few problems all round. It was quite sad to see that shooters are continuing to not attend medal ceremonies.

The exco of CG has not changed due to the AGM not yet being held but we do expect some changes at the next AGM

The delegate to the CTSASA exco remains Richard Thompson

Rob Thompson



EASTERN CAPE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the Clay Target Shooting Association of South Africa

Delegate's Report – May 2015

Eastern Cape Province has had a very frenetic start to the year 2015, with no less than 6 events being staged in fewer than 5 months! As far as the provincial events were concerned, Graaff Reinet did their usual masterful presentation of the EC FITASC in February. The turnout was not as great as one would normally associate with this event, but the quality of ranges coupled with the usual Graaff Reinet hospitality made it a pleasurable occasion for all those who attended.

Port Elizabeth Clay Target Club continued in the same vein by providing a truly remarkable EC Open in March, with (dare I boast it!) not a single mechanical failure or any other gremlins, hugely attributable to Jimmy and his team's incessant preparations for this event. Some great scores were recorded and it also became the event that finalized certain shooters' position in the national teams!

Another feather in the EC cap of good provision was the SA English Sporting and 5 Stand event, hosted by Oasis Outdoor Adventure and Clay Target Club, their first SA event ever! The weather was fantastic and the targets provided a good mix of degree of difficulty, suitably endorsed by the participants. We salute our own Clifford Bartman, a double SA champion after the weekend's shooting, with nail biting shoot-offs having decided the final outcome!

In between these events, our own in house trial system provided for great competition in the EC Grand Prix event in February, together with the Inter Club events in March (Sporting) and April (Skeet).

We are also happy to have welcomed nine shooters from KZN, who chose to transfer to our province at the beginning of the year. Some of these shooters have already made their mark in our trial system for Chairman's Cup and no doubt there will be an inclusion of these shooters in our Chairman's Team for 2015!

We also want to congratulate Giuseppe Tagliaferri (ATA and DTL) and Morné van Jaarsveld (NSSA Skeet) who have secured places in the national teams to tour overseas later in the year. Their total commitment and dedication during the trials is testimony to their success and has been a catalyst for aspiring shooters in our province.

The status of Clay Target shooting is very much alive and well in the Eastern Cape!

Yours in shooting

André Nagel - Chairman: E C C T S A



FREE STATE CLAY TARGET ASSOCIATION – REPORT MAY 2015

FS Executive Committee elected 22 November 2014

- Chairman - Mark Trisos
- Vice- Chairman - Albe Blay
- Secretary - Ernie vd Berg
- Treasurer - Filip Naude

A special thanks to Jack van der Linde who has represented the FS for a number of years, his expertise will be missed.

FS Clubs – Chairman

- Maccauw Clay Target Club - *Albe Blay*
 - Maccauw has hosted a successful open day and 2 corporate shoots as well as the FS Compac. Four new Skeet machines have been purchased and are being installed.
- Wolwehoek - *Allan Peters*
 - Wolwehoek is looking at reviving its Skeet and Trap facilities.
- Hippo Creek - *Jim van Zyl*
 - Hippo Creek continues to host successful corporate shoots and Compac events.
- Wesselsbron - NO RESPONSE FROM THIS CLUB – SEEMS TO BE CLOSED.

FS Participation

- FS participated in a successful Chairman's Cup held at De Beers
- FS members have participated and have had veering degrees of success in provincial and national competitions.
- No competitions have been hosted in the FS up-until the end of May15
- The second half of the year will be more active with the hosting of the Provincial Championships.

Members Transfers

We had 4 members transferring to the FS at the beginning of the year 2 from NC and 2 from NG.

Mark Trisos

FS CHAIRMAN

20/05/2015

GAUTENG NORTH
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2015

It gives me great pleasure to report on the activities in the Gauteng North Province in the past year.

To start with I would like to thank all the shooters for their support at our competitions and their support in the competitions in the other provinces. No province can survive if it doesn't have the support of its shooters.

As always, the committee made a positive and valuable contribution in running the activities in this province.

Like the rest of the country – clay target shooting is also subjected to the present financial woes of the country and the world. The growth in the sport is also hampered by this. Our province is one of the lucky ones. The drop in numbers can be noticed, but it is not as bad as in other provinces. I think it is the duty of all members to canvass to introduce new members to the sport.

Our shooters did us proud at the Chairman's shoot at Kimberley last year. We lost to Western Province with a grand total of two targets! Congratulations to all of them and to the two managers. They will all receive their Gauteng North Provincial colours. Well done.

National colours were also achieved by: Faan Greyling +2 - 1x2014; 12014

Pieter Greyling 2015

Dave Cohen

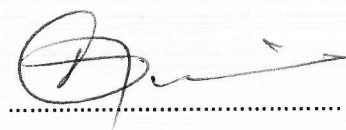
Francois Jooste

I would like to appeal to all the shooters in this province to work together at all times to support one another and to put the sport above everything else. Loyalty to the province and support to the club will ensure that we achieve success.

Thank you for supporting me as the chairman of this province. This is my 40th year of being involved in the management of this province and I regard it as a great honour.

God bless you all.

Thank you



JCC Cilliers

Chairman



KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCIAL REPORT

JUNE 2014 – MAY 2015



The province's team performance at the 2014 Chairman's Cup was the best it had been in the last 10 years with a score of only 39 points behind the winning team. KZN was placed 5th overall and won the Overall, the FITASC Sporting and the Skeet Plate. The skeet team shot a respectable 433 and mention must go to Barry Cole for his excellent 148/150 which included 100 straight on the first day.

The period under review saw some changes to the provincial association with the election of a new Chairperson. The outgoing Chairperson, Colin Mostert, is thanked for his 12 years of contribution to the sport in this province. Regrettably, all but three Creighton Valley Club members transferred to the Eastern Cape Province and the future of the club is uncertain at this point.

Eston Clay Target Shooting club continues to grow and has currently just over 110 members. Special mention must go to the club's Christmas shoot which attracted a total of 187 shooters. Despite the steadily growing membership, "competition shooter recruitment" has been slow so far, but the club is working on ways to improve this. The club is also in the process of installing a ball-trap machine and this might encourage members to give Universal Trench a try.

Riva Valley Club currently has just over 40 members, however, numbers actively shooting on the range are sometimes low and the club has, with the exception of one shooter, also had very little "competition recruitment". The club's landlord is building a large new storeroom for the club and the club is planning to replace one of their old manual trap machines with an automated one - in addition to upgrading another one. It is hoped that this will assist in increasing club activity. The club has also committed to increase their membership numbers using social media and other means. Riva Valley Club is hosting the only postal league shoots in KZN and the first of two was held successfully in May.

Nottingham Road Rifle Club, Buffalo River Club and Stanger Gun Club are the remaining provincially registered clubs and all three have a small, "informal" clay target shooting section. Buffalo River Club has undertaken to further improve their facilities and increase their membership numbers. Stanger Gun Club has committed to visiting Riva Valley Club in the near future.

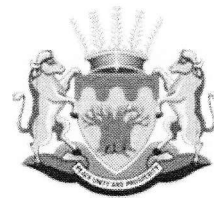
Encouraging more "feet on the range" and improving "competition recruitment" is one of the greatest challenges the province faces. Various measures to engage and attract more shooters are in the process of being implemented, e.g. improved communication channels and the use of social media etc. Plans are under-way to start a social league between the formal and informal clubs (the latter being far more prominent than seemingly evident). As is the case everywhere, obtaining sponsorship is a crucial step. On a positive note, KZN welcomes two new shooters who transferred from the Western Cape and Gauteng North, respectively.

Riva Valley Club hosted a successful KZN Open (Standards/5STD/SPD) in April with a record entry of 61 shooters which is the highest club entry and the second highest provincial entry in the last decade. A total of 24 KZN shooters entered and took home 20 medals in all disciplines. The club must be commended for its efforts and I also would like to thank Wattlespring Gun Club for the loan of a standby machine for the event. The support of shooters from the other provinces is much appreciated and I would appreciate it if this is communicated to them.

KZN will be hosting the SA FITASC Sporting National Championships in August and I know that the host, Eston Clay Target Shooting Club, will rise to the occasion and stage a memorable and successful event.

Sabine Wintner

Chairperson KZN CTSA
18 May 2015



Provincial Report for Limpopo Province: 30 May 2015

Clay target shooting in our province continues to be well supported with the great majority of our members participating in the sport. As an Association we have been focused on competitive shooting over the past few years in an effort to build a strong core. This strategy is starting show results. On club level we have spent a lot of time rethinking the involvement of non-competitive shooters and have started implementing a new strategy to draw more of the social shooters into our sport.

Sports Development

Development in our sport is a top priority, and the future of our sport depends on us taking this topic seriously. Limpopo have been trying for some years to obtain funding to assist in the development of our PDI shooters. We once again draw the attention of the CTSASA Exco to this important matter, and will once again raise our concerns at the Exco meeting.

We are especially encouraged by the strong showing of our young shooters in the Colts category. We have no less than 7 colts currently under 13 years old. We are encouraged by the inclusion of a colts category at the SA Grand and would like to see this take place across all disciplines.

South African Championships

Limpopo was well represented at the various competitions in 2015. Some noteworthy results are listed below

- South African Champion DTL – DW Schoeman
- South African Ladies DTL Champion – Samantha Pennells
- SA Championships Trap High Over All – Howard Pennells
- SA Championships Universal Trench - Team Silver medal
- SA Championships Olympic Double Trap – Team Gold Medal

Preparations for Chairman's Cup:

We are very excited to be hosting the Chairman's Cup this year and have already spent a lot of time planning the event:

- The construction of the new Olympic Trap range is well underway. Extensive earthmoving and excavations have been undertaken.
- 15 new LaPorte OT Machines have arrived and are being assembled and tested.
- Aside from the new Olympic Trap range, six additional ranges have been cleared and marked out. This includes:
 - 2 additional Skeet ranges for the Chairman's Cup and SA Grand 2016
 - 4 new DTL trap ranges for the Limpopo Standard and SA Grand in 2016. This will allow us to run 9 trap ranges simultaneously (4 trap and 4 DTL, as well as a practice range).
 - The requirement for an additional UT range is also under discussion at this time.
- The designs for the sporting ranges have been completed and the necessary bush clearing and preparation is underway.

We will have two "Dry Runs" in the lead up to the Chairman's Cup. During August we will host the annual Triangular competition which includes NSSA Skeet, ATA, Olympic Trap and Sporting. This competition will afford us an opportunity to correct issues identified in time for the Limpopo Standard competition in September. The Limpopo Standard will provide the opportunity to iron out any last issues before the Chairman's Cup arrives.

Summary

In the year ahead we look forward to hosting the Chairman's Cup and growing the sport of Clay Target Shooting in our province.

Yours in Shooting

Peter Nieuwoudt

NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCIAL REPORT

MAY 2015

The Northern Cape was very privileged to have hosted the 2014 Chairman's Cup at De Beers Gun Club in Kimberley. It went off very well, even though we have to say it ourselves!

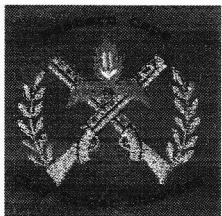
This was made possible by all the hard work that was put in by a handful of De Beers Gun Club members. A very big thank you to all those who gave up their time to make this a special event. A special thanks to Sarah who did all the scoring - her hard work is much appreciated! A big thank you too to Peter Nieuwoudt and the Steyn brothers for the assistance given me.

Duncan has decided to give up the reins of De Beers Gun Club after many years as chairman. A new committee has been elected with Alan Thompson heading it. Duncan still remains the Northern Cape representative.

Northern Cape would like to thank Jack van der Linde for all the hard work he put into the CTSA and we wish him a happy retirement from the CTSA.

Congratulations to Andro van den Heever for winning the Mackintosh Championship at the SA Grand and also to the Northern Cape Juniors (Darren Thompson, Nicholas Botoulas) who were selected to shoot against Zimbabwe at the Grand.

Duncan Coutts
Chairman
Northern Cape CTSA



WESTERN CAPE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION

Provincial report - May 2015

I am pleased to advise that shooting on the Western Cape continues to grow. Whilst I last time mentioned the number of juniors joining our sport, this time I'm pleased to say that the WC fielded three very keen Colts at the recent SA grand. Thanks to Coenie for all his hard work in coaching the youngsters. We still have about 6 active keen juniors posting some good scores. We are still seeing a large number of casual shooters at both Valley and False Bay, and hopefully we will be able to convert these to more competitive shooters and CTSASA members.

We have had a new club, in Elgin clays join us and we are hoping that we may get some inter club shoot going soon.

COMPETITIONS HOSTED AND TO BE HOSTED:

Since the last report the WC has hosted the usual WC standards which were a great success. Chairmans cup was a great victory for the province and again pleasing for us to see we had the average age of our shooters reduced by Andrew Henderson. We have two other potential juniors in the wings for WC team for this year - Sadly no major sporting shoot but we are very excited about the World shoot being held at Valley in October. Plans are well under way and I'm sure Valley will do us proud.

It is always a great pleasure having visiting shooters in the Province and we are most grateful to those who made the effort to attend shoots in the WC.

GENERAL:

On an individual level Tobie de Wet has excelled in the Olympic trap, and young Zak Cadiz has been shooting extremely well in sporting - was recently awarded his junior colors.

Rob Henderson
Chairman
May 2015