



CELEBRATING THE **RICH CTSASA HISTORY**

THE PEETERS of WOLWEHOEK:

PART ONE CONQUERORS OF THE CLAY SHOOTING RANGES



THE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

My Dad (Wim Peeters) was a pilot (from the flying club days) and had an **Auster J5B plane**, a canvas covered high wing, like a tiger moth, but with the bottom wing missing (see photo below). As a youngster, I remember Mom and Dad leaving for Lorenzo Marques (as it was called in those days - now Maputo) for a weekend. They landed at Komatipoort to clear customs and then hopped into Mozambique.



There they used to shoot and come back with load of trophies, half a hessian bag of oysters and tins of cashew nuts - and big smiles on their faces. Dad was apparently a legend there, especially with the live pigeon shooting. He had a knack for this, presumably from his natural shooting ability and shooting doves in the sunflower lands on the farm. So, needless to say, he was the one to back (like horse racing here), he was the jockey. And he was a good jockey. His winnings paid for the whole trip and then some.

South African Records and Championships

I saw Hein win 3 Mackintosh Championships - two with 300 straight. Both Hein and Wim's achievements were prolific!

SA RECORDS : HEIN PEETERS

1970	M/INTOSH	TRAP S/B	100 ex 100
1969	M/INTOSH	TRAP S/B	100 ex 100

SA RECORDS : WIM PEETERS

1981	TRIALS	SPORTING	340 ex 400
1973	SA GAMES	TRAP S/B	190 ex 200
1981	TRIALS	SPORTING	254 ex 300
1973	SA	O/TRAP	98 ex 100

SA CHAMPIONSHIPS : HEIN PEETERS

1969	OLYMPIC SKEET	93 ex 100
1974	OLYMPIC SKEET	96 ex 100
1970	ATA TRAP	97 ex 100

SA CHAMPIONSHIPS : WIM PEETERS

1973	OLYMPIC TRAP	98 ex 100
1969	ATA TRAP DOUBLES	87 ex 100
1972	ATA TRAP DOUBLES	94 ex 100
1979	ATA TRAP DOUBLES	89 ex 100

MACKINTOSH CHAMPION : HEIN PEETERS

1969	300 ex 300
1970	300 ex 300
1977	298 ex 300



The old days : Wim and Hein with side by sides

Wolwehoek Wall of Fame

I decided to get a **Wall of Fame** going. I used beautiful railway sleeper wood and Perspex and it now hangs proudly in the club.

Luckily George and Hantie du Plessis were into railway sleeper furniture and they built the bar and my Wall of Fame. It was a lot of work to get all the names and dates and achievements sorted out, but I think I got it right thanks to lots of input from lots of shooters.

Wolwehoek Gun Club can be very proud of it's members' achievements in various shooting disciplines (pistol, rifle and clay target) and according to my records at 2020 it has produced:

15 World Champions
60 Springbok caps
24 Protea caps

Allan Peeters

Wolwehoek Gun Club

[to be continued]



The Clay Target Shooting Association
of South Africa

CLICK HERE to see the series so far
and for more **HISTORY** of the CTSASA

**Watch out for Part Two in the
next newsletter!**



CELEBRATING THE **RICH CTSASA HISTORY**

THE PEETERS of WOLWEHOEK:

PART TWO CONQUERORS OF THE CLAY SHOOTING RANGES



THE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

The Peeters Family

My Mom and Dad (Wim and Doreen) both shot.



Dad was an all-rounder who shot everything and excelled in all.

Mom shot mainly skeet with a Remington auto. She, Val and Joan Taylor (the Secretary of CPSA at that time) used to run the scoreboard. **There were no computers in those days** so everything was manual with the big score sheets on the big board and the results were out pretty quickly. **All the shooters** were behind you **checking the maths** so there were **not many comebacks** at the prize-giving because **everyone could audit** the results as they came in.

A qualified engineer who decided to carry on farming

Dad was a qualified engineer whose schooling began on the farm school at Coalbrook. He went to Potch where he matriculated at 16 and then attended Wits University where he earned his degree. However he decided to be his own boss and carried on farming.



Dad with Olympic council members



Early days at SAFTC. (South African Field Trial Club) Hein Peeters. William van der Bijl. H Chancellor Maddison, (Maddy). Wim Peeters. Dr Mike Hearn

Dad could shoot with many different shotguns. He started with a Browning auto, then a Beretta SO3 o/u and then a Perazzi.

He was chairman of the CTSA from 1974 – 1977 (and was given life president status) and also served on the Olympic Council for 15 years.

The Munich Olympics, Terrorists, Test Matches and Springbok Colours

Dad was the last South African to qualify to shoot in the Olympics in 1960 in Rome, Italy. He and Eric Luck went over. There was no trench range in South Africa, so they practiced in Pretoria at a police base before going over. He reached the semi-finals and on his return, he built the first trench range in South Africa at Wolwehoek.

Dad was in Munich in 1972 when the Israeli athletes were killed by terrorists and the helicopter was blown up killing them. He was over there inviting shooters to come to South Africa.

Dad's history

He has 16 Springbok caps :

South Africa 1957/58/58/59 and 1960/62/64/79/82/84.
Rhodesia 1959 and 1961/63/65.
Switzerland 1974 (Manager), Germany 1975

More on Wim's international exploits in Part Three!

[to be continued]



The Clay Target Shooting Association
of South Africa

CLICK HERE to see the series so far
and for more **HISTORY** of the CTSASA

**Watch out for Part Three in the
next newsletter!**



CELEBRATING THE **RICH CTSASA HISTORY**

THE PEETERS of WOLWEHOEK:

PART THREE CONQUERORS OF THE CLAY SHOOTING RANGES



THE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Wim Peeters in his Trophy Room



Wim Peeters represented South Africa in Bern, Munich and at the S.A. Games and the Clay Pigeon Silver Jubilee.

He **stopped** shooting **Trench** and **started Sporting** shooting which he liked. He has shot in Portugal twice then Spain and the United Kingdom.

As a **member of the South African team**, he travelled to **Switzerland** to shoot in the Grand Prix.

Not ONE but TWO FITASC Sporting Veteran World Champion Titles

The **highlight** of his **career** was at the age of 57 he won the **Veteran World Champion** title in France against 26 competitors in 1982 and then **again** in **South Africa** 1984.

He also invited Ennio Matterelli over here (Mr Perazzi) who carried out coaching sessions all over the country including at Wolwehoek Gun Club. Wim was instrumental in developing Sporting shooting in South Africa.

Wim Peeters' Children : Tony, Allan, and Linda

Tony is the eldest son who didn't shoot a lot of clays but received provincial colours in 1986. He was more into cars, motorbikes and flying. Tony used to do a **bit of car racing** and started the **Sasol motor club**. He once had to take a load of **sporting clays** to Drakensberg Gardens in the 'plane. They had run out. He packed the aeroplane to the roof with clays. When he landed at their landing strip, it was short, very short - I think he landed with full flaps and the handbrake on! **Tony also** received his **Protea colours** for rally flying.



Wim Peeters with his eldest son, Tony

Allan : I started shooting early and earned my **first Springbok colours** in 1981. 83, 84, 86.



One of my first big shoots - the Natal Open Champs at the old oil refinery range near the airport

[to be continued]



The Clay Target Shooting Association of South Africa

CLICK HERE to see the series so far and for more **HISTORY** of the CTSASA

Watch out for Part Four in the next newsletter!



CELEBRATING THE **RICH CTSASA HISTORY**

THE PEETERS of WOLWEHOEK:

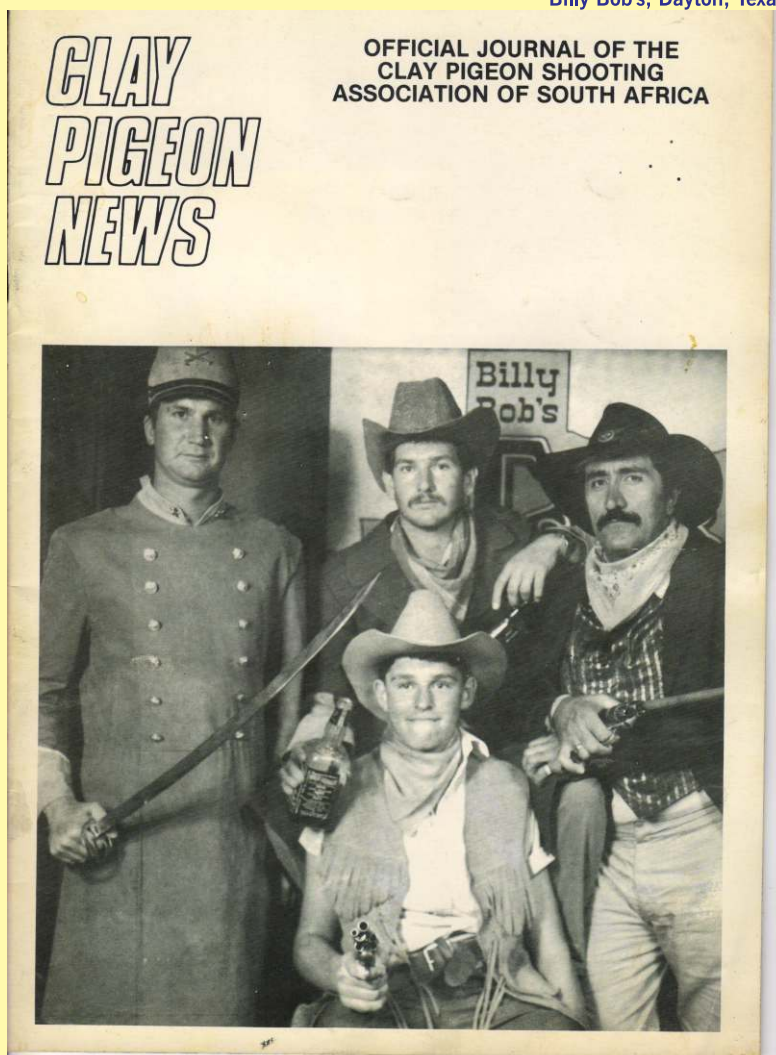
PART FOUR CONQUERORS OF THE CLAY SHOOTING RANGES



THE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Allan Peeters is Back!

Billy Bob's, Dayton, Texas



I went to England in 1981 and shot the British Open at Kippen Gun Club at Bannockburn in Scotland. We were an unofficial team. Jack van der Linde was the Team Manager with Hentie Beukes, Zak Cillers, Dave Reynolds, Jeff Berman and me as team members.

Pomp and Ceremony in Scotland

I was present at Dunblain Castle at the ceremony and formal dinner of the opening of the Mackintosh scores. It was something to see - the pomp and pageantry, the lonely piper, the toast to the Queen etc.

Off to the USA

In 1983 it was time to go to the USA for the Grand American (ATA World Trapshooting Championships). Jack van der Linde was once again the Team Manager with Hentie Beukes, Jan Boodenstein, Garry Geissler, Koos Fisher, Robert van der Berg, Carel Lourence and me. We were the first South African Team to shoot at the Grand American in Vandalia. We came back with amazing stories of how to shoot Trap! I was interviewed on American TV - quite an experience - I could not believe how many shooters recognised me from the interview!

On our return we suggested to the CTSASA we switch to ATA Trap, as we were *persona non grata* in the rest of the world.

How the Americans shoot ATA Trap

At the Grand American shooters arrive at the first of four ranges and shoot the first 25 targets. The squad then moves to the next range, shoots 25 targets and so on until 100 clays are shot. All over in less an hour, what a pleasure! I shot my first 100 straights there. There were about 4000 shooters on the last day, it was an eye opener!

I went over to the USA again in 1984 as Captain/Manager of the team with Kallie Solomon, Frans Swart, and young Botha, who won the Foreigners High Gun entry cup in the grand finale.

Once again I went back to the USA in 1986 with Jack as the manager and Daan Grobler, Mike Landau, Ernie Van Der Berg, John van Wyk and me as the South African team.

Serving the Sport

I have also served on the Free State CTSA Executive Committee as well as a CTSASA Executive representative for the Free State with Jack van der Linde.

[turn to next page]



The Clay Target Shooting Association
of South Africa

CLICK HERE to see the series so far
and for more HISTORY of the CTSASA

Watch out for Part Five (the final instalment!) in the next newsletter!



CELEBRATING THE RICH CTSASA HISTORY

THE PEETERS of WOLWEHOEK:

PART FOUR CONQUERORS OF THE CLAY SHOOTING RANGES



THE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Part Four Continued....

GRAND AMERICAN — VANDALIA August 1984

Springboks Allan Peeters, Frans Swart, Kally Solomon and Johan Botha arrived in Dayton, Ohio 28 hours after leaving South Africa on the 10th August 1984.

A cordial welcome was extended to them by President Larry Scott of the American Amateur Trapshooting Association and after some practice shooting they felt fit enough to enter the "Foreign Countries Competition" over 200 Targets at 16yds. This was a Team Event, but unfortunately the S.A. group consisted of only 4 members. Other Countries taking part were Canada, Australia, West Germany and New Zealand. On the individual scores Johan Botha took first place with 195/200; Allan Peeters was second with 194 and Kally Solomon tied for third place with a Canadian shooter.

Captain/Manager Allan Peeters is going to give a comprehensive report to the Executive Committee, but from a brief discussion with him it looks as though there will be some interesting facts to consider for the future.

Congratulations to all of them, particularly Johan and Kally, two new Springboks.

P S Allan says there were 84 200 bird straights shot in the Grand American.

Photographs by Allan Peeters



Johan Botha — winner, "Foreign Countries" event.



Transport to the ranges.



Kally Solomon with this year's CPSASA Pennant — note 1983 Pennant already on the wall.

10

Continued from previous page

I stopped Clay Target Shooting after returning from the Grand in 1986 and switched to combat, bow, rifle, .22 and combat rifle, (Bisley) for the army and police. I received provincial colours for most of these disciplines and shot in the South African veteran combat rifle team for the army.

Obstacles played hell with my joints!

Combat shooting, running and shooting under and over obstacles played hell with my joints! I decided in 2012 to start shotgun again after 26 years. I qualified to go to France in 2012 for DTL Trap and New Zealand in 2014 also for DTL Trap but did not go.



Crocodile attack halted my Shooting Career but I'm now back!

Needless to say, a crocodile attack whilst fishing for Tiger Fish at Komatipoort, where I was pulled off the riverbank into the river, brought my shooting career to a stop. I lost my left arm and most of the use of my fingers in my right hand. My wrist is fused so there is no movement there. After a month in a coma, one month in intensive care and months of re-hab I am back! Two years later, I now have a prosthetic arm fitted. I started big bore rifle .308 cal over X bags. And .22 silhouette shooting and airgun shooting. What can I say? it's in your blood!

I started shooting Skeet again with a .410 shotgun 3 years after the accident and I am now after 4 years using a 12 gauge at Skeet and starting Trap which is my game.

I have also started 9mm combat shooting. It's going slow, but I'm getting there. I also made myself a fitting for my fly rod so that I can hold it in my right hand, so I'm now trout fishing as well.

[to be continued]



The Clay Target Shooting Association
of South Africa

CLICK HERE to see the series so far
and for more HISTORY of the CTSASA

Watch out for Part Five (the final instalment!) in the next newsletter!



CELEBRATING THE RICH CTSASA HISTORY

THE PEETERS of WOLWEHOEK:

PART FIVE CONQUERORS OF THE CLAY SHOOTING RANGES



THE CLAY TARGET SHOOTING ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Part Five (final part)

MARK PEETERS

Mark Peeters: My son, shot the world sporting champs at Sun City. He shoots a bit, but was more into parachute jumping. Their 4-man formation team won the SA champs in Pretoria. But since becoming a dad he has now slowed down and does a bit more shooting. Has been hunting with me a few times, also started shooting Olympic skeet, but enjoys sporting and occasional rifle and handgun. Shoots at the club quite a lot.

Linda (my sister): was not into shooting.



Sean Cochrane:

Linda's son, shot the World sporting in Sun City with my son Mark. Likes to shoot at Wolwehoek; not much competition experience yet. But he is getting to do a bit more shooting now.

HEIN PEETERS

Hein and Val: Hein was Dad's cousin. Val used to shoot a bit and helped mom and Joan on the scoreboard.

Hein is a true legend. He has been mentioned in a lot of the CTSASA articles and has often been reported as one of the great shooters. I do not know many stories of him. But he and Dad were a formidable team for Wolwehoek. Wherever they shot, they won a lot and held Wolwehoek's name high.

Hein's history: *He has 14 springbok caps :*
South Africa - 1958/58/59. In 1960/60/62/64/69
Rhodesia - 1959/61/63/65/
Germany - 1966
Switzerland - 1974

His children Andrew and Darryl

Andrew: shot and earned his Provincial colours in 1989 and SA colours in 1990 in South Africa. I cannot recall a lot of his shooting career.

Darryl: as far as I can recall Darryl did not shoot Clay Targets.



Hein Peeters

CHRIS PEETERS

Chris and Joan Peeters. Not as well-known, Chris was Hein's brother and Joan was Dad's sister, they also used to shoot well.

Chris's history:
He has two caps:

South Africa - 1957

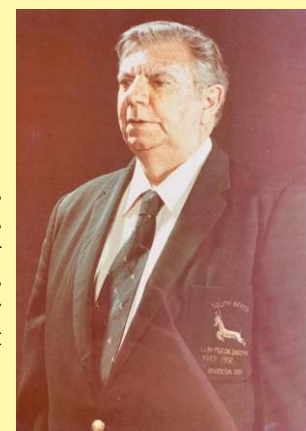
Rhodesia - 1959

Their children Vernon, Marry-Ann and Jeanette

Vernon: the son shot well and worked at Groeneveld and Hicks, a Gun shop in Church Street in Pretoria. Shot at Pretoria at the Pretoria Skeet Club out Silverton way. Was diagnosed with Leukaemia and died at the age of 32.

The daughters Marry and Jinny were involved with shooting, but not much.

I hope you found this journey into the Peeters' Family shooting history interesting!
Allan Peeters



The Clay Target Shooting Association
of South Africa

CLICK HERE to see the series so far
and for more **HISTORY** of the CTSASA

**We hope you enjoyed this
celebration of the Peeters' family**