

NEWSLETTER

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READ THIS, ALL OF IT PLEASE.

THE MAY GENERAL MEETING IS ON.

(Pending any COVID Changes).

**AT PRESENT MASKS ARE NO LONGER
MANDATORY.**

**Please feel free to continue to wear a mask if you
desire to do so.**

Bring Your OWN MASK

Current SA Health advice is that even where wearing masks is not made mandatory, it is recommended masks still be worn in close contact interior situations.

LICENCES - SAPOL EXEMPTION – some members have notified the Secretary that they will be utilizing the current COVID exemption. See note immediately below.

COVID Exemption for Collectors and H Class Licence Holders

The latest Covid exemption for Collectors and H Class Licence Holders in the period January to June 2022 still applies. CFC liaised with SAPOL on the general exemption to apply to all affected licence holders as previously. SAPOL tacitly agreed, and CFC have confirmed their agreement in writing. Secretary will circulate that correspondence to members.

SELF-AUDIT - See next page.

Members are reminded SAPOL's position is that the self-audit must be completed through the mySA GOV account. All firearms holders in SA must download the app and access the self-audit through this medium. There are no other options at present to complete the audit.

SAPOL are not providing an owner with the details SAPOL have on their register, as was originally advised as the process for the self-audit. **The new reporting process requires the owner to report all the firearms they possess. SAPOL will then advise if they match SAPOL register and/or require further detail.**

SAPOL advised that the new self-audit process through the mySA GOV app should only take about 5 minutes per firearm. This is disputed by most persons who have undertaken the audit to date, the average time being generally 30-35 minutes or more, due to the reported situation that those completing the audit to date are required to then submit more detail and photographs for the majority of their firearms - only one firearm per each email to SAPOL. The CFC are monitoring this issue.

Please attempt to complete the Audit should you receive the letter requesting you do so - if you have issues, please advise either Ray or Graham who will refer it to CFC.

As reported last newsletter the CFC President was to contact the OC FAB assuming he had returned from Leave. Ray has since been advised during contact with SAPOL on errors in their Data Base, that the OC FAB has been redeployed. Current stand-in is Acting OC Inspector John Edwards.

GELBLASTERS

Refer Previous Newsletters - Following the President's discussion re Gelblasters for collectors and SAPOL acknowledging the matter was "an unintended consequence" of the hasty legislation and the current legislation ascribing Class A to Gelblasters (permitting these firearms to be held on a Collector Licence and hence owned and displayed without any further provision necessary) SAPOL requested CFC to present this formally for review before progressing with wide circulation.

Ray submitted as requested in October, pointing out there was already provision in the current legislation and hence no changes were required, merely SAPOL to amend their policy, but was no response yet from SAPOL

Still nothing from SAPOL - this was to be taken up with OC "Billie" Thompson, but he has departed FAB. Acting OC will be approached re this long outstanding member.

CHIT REQUESTS AND AUTHORISED OFFICERS

Despite continual advices re provision of chits, members continue to contact the Secretary and this has got beyond a joke, creating unnecessary work for the Secretary and just delays processing the chits. Those involved, please lift your game. (entered by the President)

Members, please read the Newsletters regarding the processes for requesting chits.

The Secretary IS NOT an Authorised Officer to sign chits.

Authorised Officers are:-- Tony Hylton, Greg Lane and *Peter Hillyard (Due to family reasons please refrain from sending requests for Chits to Peter for two months).*

CALENDAR OF TOPICS

| Month | Topic 1 | Topic 2 | Topic 3 |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|
| May | Cat D & P Firearms | Air Force Items | Anything in your Collecting Field. |
| June | D Day Items from all participants being with Allied or Axis Forces. | Trench Art | Anything within your Collecting Field |
| SPECIAL NOTE | | | |
| July | DEFERRED TRADE and SELL NIGHT | | D |

Haven't brought something along to display because the topics don't fit your collection? Feel free to suggest some topics that do. We are always on the hunt for new and interesting display topics.

BRANCH MEETINGS

Next Northern Branch meeting will be Friday 27th May 2022 at the Pt Pirie Pistol Club commencing at 1930 hrs, (7:30 pm)

Next Yorke Peninsular Branch meeting to be held at the Minlaton Uniting Church. Date TBA. Phone Trevor on 0414404482 for details.

Next SE Branch meeting Friday 6th May 2022 at the Mt Gambier Gun Club. Phone Ian on 0429918045 for details.

DAYTIME MEETINGS

The next Daytime Meeting will be in what remains of the usual hall at **Clayton Wesley Uniting Church** on **Thursday 30th June 2022** commencing at 1330 hrs (1:30 pm). **Items for display for the next daytime meeting are anything in your collecting field.**

ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BADGES

The 50th Anniversary Badges have been issued to all Country Branches. Approximately 50% of Metropolitan members have received their free 50th Anniversary Badge. Any metropolitan members who have not yet received their free 50th Anniversary badge and wish to obtain one may do so on attendance at the general monthly meeting of the Association.

Any member who wishes to purchase a 50th Anniversary badge may do so at a cost of \$10. See Tony Rech if you wish to purchase a 50th Anniversary Badge.

UPCOMING TENDER - MILITARIA REFERENCE BOOKS FROM THE ESTATE OF BRUCE TUNSTILL

There will be an upcoming tender for militaria reference books from the estate of Bruce Tunstill. All offers will be considered. There will be a selection of both reserved and un-reserved prices as applicable. All monies raised will be donated to the Association.

A reference list of titles along with a price guide will be available with the June Newsletter. The point of contact for further information, after the auction process is set, is Graham Tweeddale.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Nil new applicants for this newsletter.

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

The new format of the Association's Quarterly Magazine is to be reviewed and finalised by the new Editor for the Committee of Management to review the first edition.

SUBS UPDATE. – SUBS PAYMENTS ARE NOW OVERDUE See next page

Subs should have been by February 2022 otherwise a late fee will be incurred. (See information below).

Members who are unfinancial by COB May 2022 will no longer be members of the Association under the Constitution and SAPOL MUST BE ADVISED with associated consequences. Please ensure that you have paid your 2022.

SAPOL will be advised of those members who are the holders of a Collector Firearms Licence that are unfinancial in 2022.

Former members who wish to join the Association must reapply by way of application to do so.

The Association Constitution details the following conditions regarding subscriptions and ongoing membership of the Association:

Due date for payment: Subscriptions are due in January of each year but must be paid no later than 7th February of that year. (As a matter of ongoing historical practice fees are accepted without penalty up until the March AGM). If not paid, then a 50% penalty fine of the amount of the subscription can be applied. If the penalty and fee is not paid by May in the year the subscription fee is due, then the person ceases to be a member of the Association.

** Subs must be paid by the February meeting in each club year. **

**In 2022 subs will recommence at the previous standard rates: - Ordinary Membership: \$50.00
Family Membership: \$65.00 & Corporate Membership: \$50.00.**

The preferred method of payment of Annual Subs is by **Direct Bank Payment** as below, using the following information.

Payees Account name: Antique and Historical Arms Association of SA Inc.

Beyond Bank

BSB No: 325 185

Account No: 03621686

Description: To include in order of priority: **Name / Subs / Year**
(See next page for example)

Example only: **J. Smith Subs 2021** or if long surname: **P. Vandenburg Sub**

The priority is your name, so we know who has paid. **Other methods of payment** are cheque or money order **by post** to AHAASA Inc, PO Box 401, Kent Town, and SA 5071 or with cash, cheque, or money order at the **monthly meetings**. Cash does require extra handling on meeting nights, so be patient please. If possible, correct money will help save time.

IT IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT THAT WE NOTIFY SAPOL OF ANYONE WHO IS NO LONGER AN ACTIVE and FINANCIAL MEMBER OF THE A&HAA of SA Inc.

FIREARM & LICENCE CHITS

Please - Read this. If you ring a Committee Member or Authorised Officer and ask how to apply for a chit or why your application was rejected, you will be told to go back and read it anyway!

Copies of Firearms Chits and Collector Firearms Licence Endorsement Chits were attached to previous Newsletters for the convenience of members.

Chits are still applied for in the same manner as in the past. See below for details.

To apply for a Firearm or Licence Chit you must be an Active Member. To achieve this, you must attend at least four (4) Association activities in the 12 months preceding the chit application. This is not hard to do, especially this year.

LICENCE CHITS

Any application for a Licence Chit or Licence Continuation Chit must contain a chit (or scan thereof if applying by email) with the following required information recorded in a legible manner:

A) Your Name

B) Your Full Address

C) Collectors License number

You must also **include the following information in your covering letter / email:**

- D) The Licence Classes you are approved for
- E) The current Licence expiry date.

ANY APPLICATION NOT CONTAINING THE ABOVE, WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

There are only three ways members can gain either Licence Chits or Licence Continuation Chits.

1. You can obtain a chit in person at any Committee, Metro General (but not necessarily daytime ones at this stage) or Annual General Meeting. Simply approach the authorised officer at the meeting with a chit with the relevant details (see above) filled in and your chit will be approved. Current authorised officers are Peter Hillyard (*See special note for 2 months*), Tony Hylton and Greg Lane.
2. If time is an issue (it seems too often members do not plan ahead or SAPOL are dragging their feet) or you can't get to a meeting- send application by email to association email address and text Peter on 0413780008 to let him know it is coming.
3. A letter sent to the Association at *P.O. Box 401, Kent Town 5071*. Included must be a **stamped, self-addressed envelope and a filled in chit** and **text Peter on 0413780008** to let him know it is coming. NOTE - The P.O. Box is cleared twice per month. So, allow time or you will be late.

The licence chit issuer can determine best method of return chit or forwarding chit.

Members take note of the issue date/ expiry date of their licence & keep tab on their attendances. As it comes up to 12 months anniversary of licence issue or nears expiry, **don't wait for letter from SAPOL. For Licence continuation, SAPOL are happy to accept your continuation chit once you have your 4 attendances up for the 12 month period.**

FIREARM CHITS

Firearms Chits. **Your application must contain a chit (are scan thereof, if applying by email) with the following required information:**

- A) Your Name
- B) Your Licence Number
- C) Licence Class of the firearm
- D) Make of the firearm
- E) Type of firearm (revolver, semi auto pistol, double barrel shotgun, Single Shot Rifle, Bolt Action Rifle etc.)
- F) Serial number of the firearm
- G) Calibre of the firearm.

IF THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

You can apply for firearms chits in 2 ways. 1. You can obtain a chit in person at any Committee, Metro General (but not necessarily daytime ones at this stage) or Annual General Meeting. Simply approach the authorised officer at the meeting with a chit with the relevant details (see above) filled in and your chit will be approved. Current authorised officers are Peter Hillyard (*See special note for 2 months*), Tony Hylton and Greg Lane.

2. A letter sent to the Association at *P.O. Box 401, Kent Town 5071*. Included must be a **stamped, self-addressed envelope and a filled in chit**. NOTE - The P.O. Box is cleared twice per month. Alternatively, if acquiring the firearm from a dealer, who submits PD 306's by email, you can email your chit in as a scan and the Authorising Officer will then return the approved version, as a PDF file, to you or email it straight to the dealer which ever you desire.