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Redaksioneel/Editorial



Die somer het met mening begin en dus vir alle praktiese doeleindes is die 2019 jagseisoen ongelukkig iets van die verlede. Ongeag baie uitdagende ekonomiese en politiese omstandighede in die land het die jagbedryf weereens bewys dat ons hierdie situasie te bowe kan kom. Individue, organisasies en regerings wat teen jag gekant is en wat weier om die bewaringswaarde daarvan openlik te aanvaar bly ook 'n knelpunt vir ons almal en die gepaardgaande onsekerheid oor ons toekoms as jagters pla maar bietjie.

Tog kan ons met sekerheid sê dat Suid Afrikaners daagliks aan die wêreld bewys dat deur aktiewe volhoubare benutting van wild verseker ons gesonde stabiele en in sekere gevalle groeiende populasies. Ons wild boerdery en gepaardgaande jagbedryf is 'n groot suksesstorie in terme van ons land se ekonomie en bewaring en niemand kan logies redeneer teen hierdie feite nie. Ons as jagters moet dus trots wees en nie weg skram vir dit waarin ons glo en lief het nie.

In hierdie uitgawe is die planne vir die Algemene Jaarvergadering en Jaareinfunksie uiteen gesit. Sestien November is wanneer alles gebeur. Moet nie hierdie spoggeleentheid mis loop nie. "By the way", later die aand gaan daar bietjie "ge-jive" word vir diegene wat nog energie het. Die jaarlikse jagtrofee en fotokompetisies word weereens dieselfde dag gehou. Lees meer hieroor op bladsye 4-8. Ondersteun julle Vereniging asseblief. 'n herhaling van 'n skrywe oor NKJV vereistes vir motiveerings wanneer endossemente aangevra word. Die uitreiking van endossemente maak 'n groot deel uit van ons daaglikse dienste aan lede en dus is dit belangrik dat die riglyne gevolg word. Daar is ook 'n interessante en belangrike artikel onder "Conservation Talk" waar ons kyk na die krities bedreigde Witruugaasvoël. Let wel dat hierdie so 'n belangrike kwessie is dat daar opvolg artikels hieroor sal wees in toekomstige uitgawes. Kyk ook gerus na wat te koop is by ons "Classifieds". Onthou kersfees is om die draai. Ons nuwe Toegewyde Jagterwapens is ook nou beskikbaar teen R50 elk. Dankie aan Douglas Cox vir sy moeite in hierdie verband.

In die volgende uitgawe sal die 2020 jaarprogram uiteengesit word. Ek noem dit nou al want ons wil graag hê dat Mammias en Pappas moet regstaan om hul Jannies en Sannies inteskryf by die jeugaktieweite vir volgende jaar. Dit sluit aan by my Voorsittersverslag in die Hartebees waar ek noem dat opleiding in die regte rigting krities is. So wag asseblief in spanning vir die Februarie uitgawe van die Hartie en bespreek dan onmiddellik en maak sodoende 'n verskil in u kind se lewe.

Finally, I would like to thank all our advertisers for their loyalty throughout the year. You guys rock! Thanks also to Madelaine in the office for your unwavering support and to DJ for the clever work in the design and layout. May you all have a blessed Christmas and a prosperous 2020.

Charles

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Presents

Year-end Function 2019

Date: 16 November 2019

Place: Camelot Conferencing Centre

Programme

09h00 -12h00 Trophy & Photographic Competition
(Refreshments and something to eat will be on sale)

14h30 Annual General meeting

18h00 Dinner, Dance & Prize-giving

Dress: Smart Casual
RSVP 11 November 2019 (12H00) at Madelaine (053 831-1480)
Cost : R 280.00 per person

A cash bar will be available



AGM Notice

Notice

is hereby given of the Northern Cape Hunters' Association

AGM

To be held at the Camelot Conferencing Centre
on Saturday 16 November 2019 at 14h30

Any motions for discussion must be handed in at the NCHA's office
in writing before the 8th of November 2019

Kennisgewing

van die Noord-Kaap Jagtersvereniging se

AJV

wat by die Camelot Konferensie fasiliteit
op Saterdag 16 November 2019 om 14H30 gehou sal word.

Enige mosie vir bespreking moet skriftelik by die NKJV se kantoor voor
8 November 2019 ingehandig word.

Trofee Kompetisie

Die jaarlikse NKJV se trofee-kompetisie word by die Camelot Konferensie fasiliteit op 16 November 2019 gehou. Die inskrywingsfooie is R20 per trofee. Slegs lede mag deelneem en net trofee wat gedurende 2019 se jagseisoen ge-oes is mag ingeskryf word, alhoewel trofee wat in 2018 gejag is en wat nog by die taksidermis was ten tye van verlede jaar se kompetisie, ook sal kwalifiseer. Inskrywings sal tussen 09h00 en 12h00 by Camelot Konferensie ontvang word. Onthou asseblief dat wenners aangekondig sal word by die jaar-eindfunksie.

Enige navrae kan gerig word aan: Charles Hall: 083 530 1959

Belangrik : Alle bekere en skilde wat by verlede jaar se funksie aan u toegeken is, moet so spoedig moontlik, maar nie later as 1 November 2019, by Madelaine ingehandig word.

Menu

STARTER

Surprise

MAIN

Crumbed chicken fillets stuffed with spinach & cheese
 Mutton stew
 Savoury rice
 Pumpkin fritters & caramel sauce,
 Potato-bake
 Greek salad, Carrot and Pineapple salad

DESSERT

Malva Pudding and Custard



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SPESIE	REKORD HOUER	LENGTE	JAAR
SPRINGBOK	R. KLEMP	17 1/8"	2010
BLESBOK	S. COX	18 7/8"	2001
BONTEBOK	E. VAN WYK	15"	2011
GEMSBOK	H. GROENEWALD	45 9/16"	2004
KUDU	J. VAN ZYL	60 3/16"	2018
NYALA	G. HUMPEL	32 1/8"	2006
ROOI HARTEBEEES	R. STEYN	27 7/8"	1995
BLOU WILDEBEEES	C. STEVENS	31 1/8"	2005
SWART WILDEBEEES	D. MEYER	31 3/16"	2007
ELAND	C. HALL	40 1/4"	2001
BUFFEL	A. DE VILLIERS	41"	2017
ROOIBOK	P. JOUBERT	26"	2015
WATERBOK	K. FOURIE	30 7/8"	2013
BOSBOK	R. KLEMP	16 13/16"	2008
TSESSEBE	C. HALL	14 7/16"	2016
VLAKVARK	G. HUMPEL	14 5/8"	2004
BOSVARK	J. BREDEKAMP	6 1/2"	2013
ROOI LECHWE	T. BURGER	28 3/8"	2017
RIETBOK	A. DE VILLIERS	16 5/16"	1998
VAALRIBBOK	J. BREDEKAMP	7 1/2"	2016
ROOIRIBBOK	G. Verwey	8 3/16"	2018
GRYS DUIKER	R. VIGNE	5 15/16"	2011
ROOI DUIKER	J. BREDEKAMP	2 9/16"	2016
BLOU DUIKER	J. BREDEKAMP	1 7/8"	2016
SUNI	G. HUMPEL	3 13/16"	2009
STEENBOK	H. VLOK	6 7/16"	2008
DAMARA DIK DIK	J. BREDEKAMP	2 3/4"	2016
ORIBI	J. PEREIRA	5 11/16"	2010
KLIPSPRINGER	J. PEREIRA	5 3/8"	2004
GRYSBOK	J. BREDEKAMP	3 1/4"	2010
JAKKALS	R. VIGNE	10 1/16"	2011
TIERBOSKAT	J. PEREIRA	8 3/4"	2008
ROOIKAT	J. BARTIE	10 1/16"	2016
DAMARA SKAAP	J. PEREIRA	11 1/4"	2010
KROKODIL	J. HADDAD	7.25 ft	2017
BOBBEJAAN	E. ROBERSTSON	13 5/16"	2017
SWARTWITPENS	N. VAN ZYL	46 7/16"	2018



RULES

Members can compete in the following sub-sections

1. Action Photograph

This will be awarded to the best action photograph of wild animals/birds in their natural environment. Photographs of animals held in captivity (eg. zoos) will not qualify. Hunting and stalking scenes of wild animals/birds of prey would be advisable.

2. Family Group Photograph

These photographs should portray any family groups of wild animals/birds in their natural environment. Again, zoo photographs will not qualify.

3. Hunter and his Quarry Photograph

This certificate will be awarded to the person who has submitted the entry. It is not a prerequisite that he/she should appear in the photograph.

4. Landscape Photograph

Any landscape photograph within the African context eg. sunsets, sunrises, windmills, trees, moon, mountains, etc.

5. Miscellaneous

Any other photographs not covered by above categories - can be humorous or funny.

The competition is open to all NCHA members. Cost per entry will be R5 per photograph. Maximum size is A5.

Number of entries per person/category is limited to 5. All photographs will be displayed for everybody to view. It is requested that photographs entered are to be on display till after the Year-end Function in the evening. The NCHA will do its utmost to safeguard the photographs during this period. However the association cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage thereof. Photographs will be listed as per entry number and available for collection at the office on Monday.

A panel appointed by the committee will judge the photographs. Certificates will be presented at the Year-end Function, which is to be held at Camelot Konferensie. The judge's decision is final.

Enquiries: David Knight: 083 823 9263





AGM Agenda

Annual General Meeting/ Algemene Jaarvergadering 17 November 2018.

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| 1. Verwelkoming | 6. Voorsitter se verslag |
| 2. Teenwoordigheid | 6.1 Vaalharts Tak |
| 3. Verskonings | 6.2 Bo-Karoo Tak |
| 4. Notule van vorige Algemene Jaarvergadering | 6.3 Williston Tak |
| 5. Sake vooruitspruitend uit vorige notule | 6.4 Vaal-Oranje Tak |
| 5.1 NKJV/Marrick Skietbaan | 6.5 NKJV |
| 5.2 Die Hartebees en Hartie | 7. Finansieel |
| 5.3 Vereniging Vuurwapens | 7.1 Verslag |
| 5.4 Webwerf | 8. Nuwe Mosies |
| 5.5 GWK Borgskap | 9. CHASA aangeleenthede |
| 5.6 CHASA Skiet formaat | 10. Algemeen |
| 5.7 'Cloth Badges' | 10.1 _____ |
| 5.8 Rifle Telescopes | 10.2 _____ |
| 5.9 Motivations for Endorsements | 10.3 _____ |
| 5.10 Firearm Legislation | 10.4 _____ |



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AGM Minutes

MINUTES OF THE CORRECTLY CONSTITUTED AGM OF THE NCHA HELD ON SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2018 AT THE CAMELOT CONFERENCE CENTRE

The meeting was opened with a prayer by one of our members, Lucas Steyn Jnr.

1 WELCOME

The Chairman, Charles Hall, welcomed all in attendance, especially those from afar. These included Barbara Jellis, Alan Jellis, James Wright, Carl van Heerden, Charl Strydom, Grant Mckenzie, Jannie Bredenkamp, James Vigne, Dirk Koetzee and all others that he might have missed..

2 PRESENT

See attached list

3 APOLOGIES

See attached list as well as Douglas Cox, Vernon Cloete, Steven Koetzee, Jan Engelbrecht, Clayton Butler and Ian Mcrovie.

4 ACCEPTANCE OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 4.1 In point 3, APOLOGIES, remove the last line as it is a repeat of the part of the previous sentence. "and we wish them all a speedy recovery."
- 4.2 The previous minutes were accepted
Proposer:- André de Villiers;
Seconder:- James Wright.

5 MATTERS ARISING

5.1 NCHA/MARRICK SHOOTING RANGE

The Shooting Range was built by contributions from sponsors. It cost approximately R10 000.00 per year in upkeep (licences, target stands, E.T.C.) Due to the fact that Marrick put high value species next to and behind the backstop and that a new owner of the farm behind the backstop was unwilling to agree with the safety zone formalities we would have had to spent more than R150 000.00 to raise the backstop, make the sides safe with tyres. etc.. The NCHA can use the range free for 7 activity days per year and our members pay a reduced hourly rate or pay a reduced

yearly rate access to the range. Members must be aware that these rates will increase early in 2019 with consultation with NCHA and will every year

5.2 HARTEBEEST AND HARTIE

The Hartie will be sent electronically to the members as it costs approximately R80 000 per year to print and mail the Hartie to all the members and we need to save this cost. The Hartie will be available as a PDF file in the NCHA website. Niel van Vuuren asked if we need a Hartie to be published. Is a membership card and year program not sufficient. It was then explained that the Hartie was the platform that is used to inform the members of important news throughout the year and especially the October edition with regard to the AGM and related activities. Piet Cronje also indicated that there must be a way for the committee to be able to communicate with the members even if it is in a different format. The new committee will debate and decide the way forward. Johan Olivier started the Hartie in 2005 and the following editors were Andre de Villiers, Charles Hall, Neville Fritz, Charles Hall and Neville Fritz who will continue if he is re-elected. The Hartebees will still be printed at a cost of approximately R94 000 and posted to members. Andre de Villiers started the Hartebees and is still its editor. Andre again explained the members that photos taken using a cell phone make a bad quality print in the magazine and asked the members to please get these photos to Swift Print directly and not using WhatsApp as this degrades the quality even further. Andre requested that members taking photos of trophies to take care that bakkies, and pools of blood, etc., are not in the photo. Andre is surprised that there are so few hunting related businesses that are advertising in the Hartebees as the readers are their clients and the NCHA must try and increase these numbers. Anyone interested in placing ads in the Hartie and the Hartebeest can approach Madelaine. This is ongoing.



The members were asked to please read and take note of the editorials and the year program. This is ongoing. The editorials point out what members can share on multi Media, in print format and in the general public domain and what not to share or do in public. e.g. Bakkies full of blood driving through town. Charles mentioned that it seems that our members and hunters in general have noted this concern as he has not had any negative feedback regarding this for some time. This was highlighted again. The members were asked to please make suggestions on anything new that they want to see in the Hartie and the Hartebeest AND in the year program. This is ongoing. Thanks was expressed by Charles Hall to André de Villiers for producing the 2018 edition of the Hartebeest, Swiftprint and Haley in particular, Madelaine, the Advertisers and Contributors. André published all the usable photos sent to him and articles. Some of the quality of the photos in the 2018 are not good. Photos should not be sent on via cell phones or email as they seem to deteriorate quality. Please read the article on firearm motivations and endorsements in the current Hartie.

5.3 ASSOCIATION FIRE-ARMS

Three of our .22s' have been relicensed. One more 410 Shotgun donation is still to be applied for. This licence has been refused. Douw will get the refusal letter from SAPS and reapply.

5.4 WEBSITE

Our service provider has a time delivery problem. The committee is addressing this issue. The Hartie, Hartebeest and the Captive Bred Lion documentation need to be added onto the website.

5.5 GWK SPONSORSHIP

The GWK gun shop has opened in the Kimberley branch. Members can get 15% discount on selected items but must ask the salesman, François, for it and produce their current membership card. Charles informed the meeting that the NCHA sent 5 photos into CHASA for the Mentor and Young Hunter competition. The NCHA were fortunate that 3 of these photos were drawn in our favour. The first

prize winner will receive R6000.00 and the other two will receive R2000.00 that they can spend at GWK on hunting related items.

5.6 CHASA SHOOTING FORMAT

The new formats of the various CHASA shoots will be discussed with the branches. They are the Inter Association Shoot (23rd March already), the Multi disciplinary Shoot (2 Days) and the Inter Provincial shoot. There is talk that the traditional SA Hunting Rifle shoot will also be reintroduced. The NCHA cannot afford to send teams to all so it must be decided which we will attend and perhaps there will have to be a shootout among members who want to participate.

5.7 CLOTH BADGES

Hannes Squires raised the point of possibly producing a cloth badge/patch to indicate that a member is a qualified Dedicated Hunter of the NCHA. James Haddad has an example and this issue will be addressed in 2019.

6 CHAIRMANS REPORT

6.1 VAALHARTS BRANCH

All is well at Vaalharts and the Chairman's report is published in the Hartebeest. James Wright thanked Charles Hall and Douglas Cox for attending their AGM.

6.2 BO-KAROO BRANCH

All is well at the Bo-Karoo and the Chairman's report is published in the Hartebeest. Jannie invited all the NCHA members to attend their Shooting Activities. Jannie also requested that the NCHA investigate if we can indicate their affiliation to the NCHA with a sign Board at their Shooting Range gate. This will be investigated in 2019. Charles used this moment to introduce Jannie to the attending members and to inform them that the NCHA will be nominating Jannie for the CHASA award in 2019 and explained what the CHASA was.

6.3 WILLISTON BRANCH

All is well at the Williston and the Chairman's report is published in the Hartebeest.



6.4 VAAL-ORANJE BRANCH

No Chairman's report was received from the Vaal-Oranje branch. The new NCHA committee will investigate in 2019.

6.5 NCHA

Charles Hall gave a summary of the activities of the year and the Chairman's report that is also published in the Hartebeest. Charles mentioned that an article regarding NCHA activities was published in the October 2018 edition of the "Wild en Jag". The Research Hunts were outstanding as always and Charles thanked Johan Olivier (the Hunt Master), Andre de Villiers (the Sheriff), Douw Jacobs (the Deputy) and the whole team involved. The Junior Winter School was a big success and thanks to Douw Jacobs, Chris Bothma, Gavie de Wit and their team. Thanks also to De Beers for making the venue available. Charles informed the meeting that too few candidates attended and that they should help in getting young hunters to attend. Charles also gave feedback relating to the other junior activities. Charles informed the members that the NCHA held a Big open Grouping Shoot competition. Many prizes were sponsored and some businesses came to the venue to set up stalls. The turn out of members attending was very disappointing as only approximately 20 participants took part although many shot more than once. The committee is considering to halt all of these types of activities and rather expend our energy on more productive activities. Charles thanked Madelaine Fouche for all her hard work in the office and when helping with all the NCHA activities.

7 FINANCIAL

James Haddad gave feedback on the finances for 2018. There was a loss of R52 000.00 due to the previous CHASA increase and the timing thereof and our increases. The finances were accepted by Michael Vigne and seconded by Lucas Steyn Jnr. The yearly fees will increase to R550.00 for 2019 and this is only to cover the 2019 CHASA fee increase and cover the increasing costs of postage. We pay R130.00 per member to CHASA with a 10% yearly increase.

8 NEW MOTIONS

None

9 CHASA MATTERS

Charles explained to the members that the issue of the Expired Fire Licences is still not finalised and as of today the members who do have expired fire arm licences must not hand them into SAPS but must also not use or transport them. They must be kept in the members safe till we all get more clarity from SAPS through CHASA on the way forward. Charles informed the members that PHASA and CHASA were expelled from the CIC due to the fact the they support Captive Bred Lion Hunting as it is legal in South Africa under strict conditions. PHASA and CHASA cannot be expected to censure members for something that is not illegal. PHASA and CHASA do not support canned hunting of any animal, lions included. Carl van Heerden expressed his concern that Anti-Hunters can now claim that PHASA and CHASA have no credibility as they have been expelled from a recognised international forum. Charles took note of this concern. There was a question that if CHASA did not have to attend the CIC meetings then why is there a 10% increase in the CHASA fee for 2019. Charles will follow up. Charles also informed the members that it has come to light that only PHASA was going to be expelled, but because CHASA went to support PHASA they were expelled as well. Charles is going to ask CHASA who gave the mandate to support PHASA at the next CHASA meeting. Richard Smart gave some feedback regarding the renewal dates of Competency Certificates and the basic message was that if your Competency Certificate for hunting firearms is 10 years old then renew it.

10 GENERAL

10.1 RIFLE TELESCOPES

A request was made to members for donations for working variable telescopes so that we can replace the fixed scopes on our hunting rifles that the young hunters use on the Junior Winter School as to give them a better sight picture of the hunted animals. 3-9 x 40 scopes will be ideal.



10.2 MOTIVATIONS FOR ENDORSEMENTS

It was explained again to the members and the members attending the meeting affirmed the NCHA Endorses the Motivations that the members are going to send into SAPS with their applications for licencing/relicensing of firearms. There are some criteria that NCHA requires to be in the motivation for NCHA to be able to issue the endorsement. These are published in the OCTOBER 2018 Hartie and are available on request from the office.

10.3 LION HUNTING

Discussed under point 9

10.4 FIREARM LEGISLATION

Discussed under point 9

11 ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE

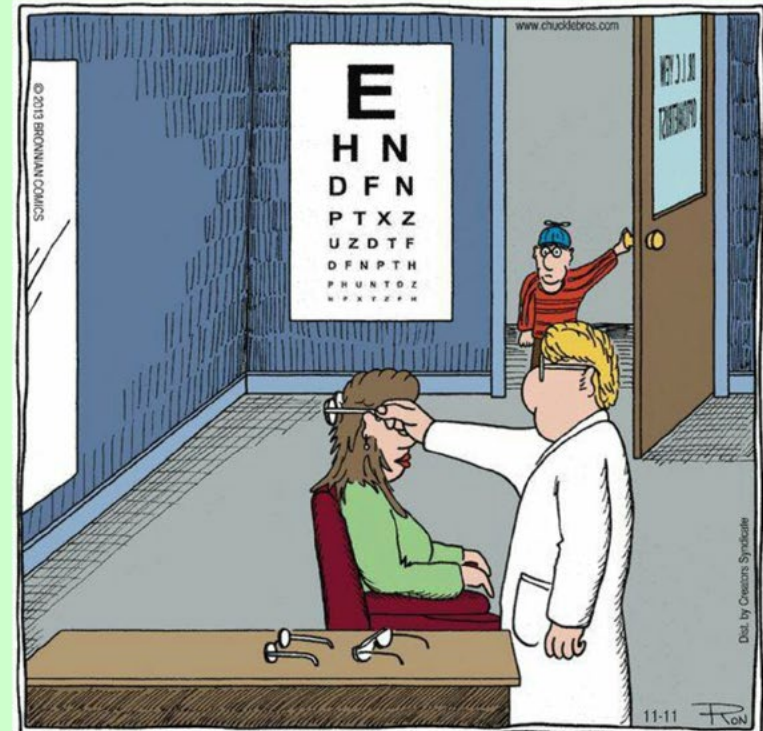
All the old committee members resigned. All the old committee are available for re-election except Henk Brink and Richard mart. Charles Hall thanked all the old committee members for their efforts, guidance and help especially over the last 2 years. Charles Hall handed the Chairman's seat to Richard Smart for the voting of the new committee. The following new names were nominated for election: Wendall Paulse, Johan Visser, Kevin Harding, Wilma Fritz, Piet Cronje and Willie Oosthuizen. Michael Vigne was voted in as President. Charles Hall was voted in as Chairman. The other members voted in are David Knight, Gawie de Wit, Chris Bothma, Douw Jacobs, James Haddad, Schalk van der Merwe, Doug Cox, Wilma Frits, Neville Fritz and Piet Cronje. Richard Smart was co-opted on an AD HOC basis. The other nominated but unelected will be approached to see if they are willing to be co-opted on an AD HOC basis as well.

12 CLOSING

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and declared the meeting closed.



Carla van der Merwe t/a



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NCHA requirements for motivations when Endorsements are requested

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- 1) Full name, ID number, address and contact number of the member.
- 2) The firearm make, calibre and serial number.
- 3) The species of animal/bird that the member intends to hunt with this firearm.
- 4) Technical specifications regarding this calibre that makes it suitable to be used on these species.
- 5) Names of farms, the farm owner's names and their contact details of where the member has previously hunted.

If you are a certified Dedicated Hunter then include in the motivation that you are applying for a "license to possess a firearm for dedicating hunting in terms of Article 16 of the Firearms Control Act No. 60 of 2000."

The advantages are that you will be able to have in your possession more than 200 rounds of ammunition for that calibre and will be able to own more than 4 firearms. The license will be valid for 10 years.

If you are not a certified Dedicated Hunter then include in the motivation that you are applying for a "license to possess a firearm for occasional hunting in terms of Article 15 of the Firearms Control Act No. 60 of 2000."

Remember as an Occasional Hunter you may not have in your possession more than 200 rounds of ammunition for that calibre and will not be able to own more than 4 firearms.

The licence will be valid for 10 years.

When applying for handguns mention that you carry a handgun in the veldt to administer a "coup de grais" or "doodskoot" on wounded animals as this minimises meat and trophy damage.

When applying for .22's mention that this is a good way to practice during the off hunting season as it is cheap and that it is a good calibre to start training/exposing novices to shooting.

Members should also be aware that their applications should also take into account the local "NATURE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS" and "ACTS" and the motivations should therefore not contain anything that is contrary to the LAW.

Examples of the things to look for in the act/regulations are:-

- 1) Certain species are only allowed to be hunted with a firearms of a minimum calibre of .270 of an inch.
- 2) Certain species are only allowed to be hunted with a firearms of a minimum calibre of .375 of an inch.
- 3) No animals may be hunted with a Rimfire cartridge of 5.56mm or smaller.
- 4) In certain provinces it is illegal to hunt mammals with a shotgun, so don't mention that slugs can be used on any animal (e.g. Warthog and Jackal). Only mention the bird species and the relevant shot sizes to be used on them.
- 5) Many other points regarding when permits are required for certain types of hunting, hunting methods, etc.



Please don't ask me to provide all the details in the regulations/acts as I might miss something and might be blamed for not bringing it to the members attention.

Go and read these documents that are available in electronic format if you ask the DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURE CONSERVATION to send you a copy.

You will learn a lot of other interesting things if you read these documents and might find out that you are not complying with the LAW in some instances and if caught out this will have serious implications.

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 Various vulture species face the threat of becoming extinct in the wild in my lifetime. This is a scary thought especially since they provide an invaluable clean-up service, ensuring a healthy ecosystem which would otherwise be riddled with diseases and overrun by other scavengers. These scavengers do not possess the unique digestive ability that vultures do where the potential spread of disease from infected carrion is prevented.

The White-backed vulture is the most regularly seen species in our area. This vulture is a Sub-Saharan African species that can be found from Mauritania east to Sudan and Ethiopia and south to northern and eastern South Africa. It is medium in size (4-7kg weight; 90-95cm tall; 1.95-2.25 wing-spans) in comparison to its counterparts and a brown to cream color in its adult form, with juveniles darker. They have dark tail feathers with a white rump patch.

The White-back is found in open wooded savanna with scattered tall trees which are used as nesting sites. A single chick is raised per season which poses a great risk in terms of securing a stable population – loose the chick or a parent and that's it for the year! These birds were once one of the most widespread and common vulture species in Africa. In recent years however their numbers have declined to such a degree that they have disappeared altogether from some of their original range. Estimated numbers for Southern Africa are 40 000 birds while in Africa as a whole there are only 270 000 left in the wild.

So, what are the reasons for this decline? Due to their scavenging behavior and specific habitat requirements White-backed Vultures have been purposefully and accidentally persecuted by:

- **Habitat destruction** via irresponsible agricultural practices and urbanization. Removing big trees removes nesting sites and destroying wilderness areas reduces their food source.
- **Poaching** of the birds for bush meat and also for body parts used for traditional medicine (Muthi trade).
- **Electrocution** and injury by power-lines.
- **Direct poisoning** of birds by game poachers as they are regarded as the alarm bells for anti-poaching forces.
- **Accidental poisoning** of birds through ingesting poisoned carrion put out by farmers to kill predators like jackal. Recent research has also shown alarmingly high lead levels in blood samples taken from various populations. These levels have serious repercussions in terms of vulture health and survival. The source of this lead is deemed to be from bullet points that penetrate an animals' body, leaving particles in the meat which are then ingested by the vultures. This research is ongoing so watch this space for follow-up articles on our responsibility as hunters towards vulture conservation.



3 Augustus is Noordkaap Jagtervereniging uitgenooi om uit te stal by die "Products and Produce and Market Golf Day".

Die golfspelers en ondersteuners het lekker by ons stalletjie gepeusel en sodoende het NKJV uitstekende bloodstelling gehad. Looitjies is verkoop vir die gelukkige trekking van n geraamde André de Villiers print. Verskeidenheid kwaliteit items uit ons winkel is ook verkoop.

'N Groot dankie aan ons borge Tom's Deli en Vasvat Pro Venisus asook Micheal Vigne vir die geleentheid.



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JAGTER VAN DIE JAAR - TOEKENNING

Doelstelling:

Om 'n lid van die Noordkaap Jagtersvereniging jaarliks te vereer vir dit wat hy of sy oor 'n tydperk vir jag in die algemeen, maar ook vir die Jagtersvereniging in die breet gedoen het.

Die wissel trofee, wat deur een van ons Oud-presidente, Hendrik van Eck, geskenk is om aangewend te word na goedenke van die komitee, maar veral gerig is om etiese jag te bevorder.

Proses van Toekenning

- Dat daar 'n kennisgewing in die Oktober/November-uitgawe van die Hartie verskyn om nominasies te vra vir bogenoemde toekenning
- Die nominasie skriftelik met voldoende motivering deur 'n ander lid as die genomineerde, moet geskied.
- Die nominasie by die kantoor ingedien moet word nie later as die tweede Maandag in November nie.
- Die komitee sal dan besluit oor die mees geskikste kandidaat en dat die toekenning tydens die dinee na die Algemene Jaarvergadering gemaak sal word.
- Die komitee se besluit sal finaal wees.

Riglyne om vir hierdie toekenning in aanmerking te kom

- Kandidaat moet 'n opbetaalde lid van die NKJV wees.
- Kandidaat moet 'n lid "in good standing" van die NKJV wees. (Byvoorbeeld geen geskiedenis van on-etiese gedrag, "poaching", wangedrag in die jagveld of die verontagsaming van Natuurbewaring wetgewing hê nie.)
- Kandidaat moet veral bekend wees vir hy/sy etiese gedrag in die jagveld, wat hom beywer om die wense van die eienaar van die plekke waar hy/sy jag te eerbiedig.
- Die kandidaat moes 'n beduidende bydrae gemaak het tot die welvaart (welsyn) (well-being) van die Noordkaap Jagtersvereniging
- Die kandidaat moet bekend wees dat hy/sy jag op alle vlakke bevorder en bewaring van die natuur vooropstel.

AS JY IEMAND INGEDAGTE HET VIR HIERDIE TOEKENNING, NOMINEER HOM/HAAR, MOTIVEER JOU BENOEMING EN STUUR DIT IN OM DIE KANTOOR NIE LATER AS MAANDAG 11 NOVEMBER TE BEREIK NIE.



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