



Newsletter to be implemented

I would like to use this opportunity to introduce a new way of distributing information to Clubs and Provinces – I hope it will be enjoyed and used by the membership to increase their involvement and their awareness of what SA Pistol Federation does and offers its membership.

This will also be a vehicle for members input, comments, contributions and of course complaints, because in an organised sport like ours, there will always be followers and complainers, so feel free to air your views openly – we will not apply “news sanctions” ever.

Please recognise that we can only distribute this newsletter via email, since the post office is unreliable and too expensive to consider.

SASSCO OK's team to BGI 2018.

In the South African arena, SAPF is just one member of the SA Sports Shooting Federation, which has many federations under its wing, including Bisley rifle (Full Bore), SA Air Rifle (SAARA), SA Clay Target, SA Silhouette, Small Bore Rifle, and possibly even some other I have not met yet.

On behalf of SAPF, I have been in discussion with SAARA, and we have agreed to consider sending a Junior Team to Bisley Junior Championships in England in August 2018 to compete against UK, Australian and possibly USA Junior teams. SAPF will select a 3-man Junior Team, and we might add a development shooter or two as well.

This team will be self-funded, in other words, the team members will be responsible for their own costs – we as SAPF will assist by training and coaching the air pistol shooters, and assist them with fund-raising, letters of accreditation to sponsors, etc. but we do will not fund this trip from SAPF coffers, that is not possible with our limited resources.

We are announcing this joint venture with SAARA, who will also be selecting either a 3 or a 6-man team to the BGI event, and by doing a JV-approach, we hope to reduce the travel and accommodation costs for the team. SAPF and SAARA will explore funding appeals to the governing bodies inside Sport & Recreation, but

only time will tell if this will result in anything meaningful.

We appeal to the clubs and provinces inside SAPF to immediately help us identify Junior air pistol shooters who should be taken into contention for selection to travel to the UK next year.

We need these juniors, from age 14 and older who can shoot Freehand to become part of a training squad with the goal of being part of the team that eventually travels to England next August.

Can we please ask that clubs forward the names of interested Juniors to our SAPF office before the end of September 2017, so that we can start the process of training and grooming these Juniors.

This is a development initiative that is aimed at long-term growth in the ISSF arena, so it needs your club's support and involvement please.

If there are members who are prepared to offer assistance in the form of air pistols, pellets and sponsorship, please contact me directly, I will be very pleased to hear from you, this is an expensive investment for the Juniors, but they must gain International exposure if we are to produce Pistol Medalists in the future.

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