



### New Training Equipment being acquired

I am very pleased to advise that the SAPF Exco has approved the purchase of several new generation training aids.

The SAPF Exco researched the available training systems in use by various International Shooting Academies and training centres within the ISSF and Shooting federations in several countries before deciding on equipment that can be used by both ISSF and NPA shooters alike.

The equipment is already on order and will be received in the next 8 to 10 weeks, depending on availability and final shipping arrangements.

This leads to the next important announcement:

We will be holding coaching and training sessions for SAPF members in several venues around the country during the next twelve months... Now read on.....

### Electronic Training Aids

There are many shooting academies in operation around the world where the top shooters are regularly evaluated and assisted with the use of modern electronic training aids that can be fitted to pistols and revolvers to help the shooter identify aiming and triggering faults, the two main causes of poor shots.

The EXCO identified the SCATT systems from the USA and the TRACE systems from Latvia as being the most suitable for ISSF training, and we will introduce these systems to groups of ISSF shooters over the coming months at various venues still to be decided upon.

There is also a new NPA and PPC training system from a US-based company called Mantys X that has been ordered as well – this camera-based system is slightly different because it is meant to be used in the more rapid fire style of shooting needed for NPA and PPC events.

At present the EXCO are working on a coaching and development program that will be aimed at top-end, middle-rank and development shooters as well where the new electronic aids can be used effectively to up-skill our members.

The EXCO identifies coaching and training to be a long-term rather than a short-term investment that has to be made, so these electronic aids are a starting point for our shooter development plans within the SAPF.

Be assured that this equipment is the best we could acquire and it is exceedingly expensive, so it will not be loaned out to clubs without an SAPF Exco member being on hand.

### Training and Coaching to follow

The training program that is presently being devised will give all the provinces acceptable and fair access to the use of the new equipment, but we will also be using the equipment for squad training of selected shooters that have been earmarked for future national teams.

The SAPF recognises that if our shooters are to perform on the International stage in the future, then they need assistance, high quality guidance and access to high level coaching that needs to be put in place sooner rather than later.

The SAPF is therefore also investigating Coaching development and will advise on this in due course as well, but in a nutshell, we aim to have a Coaching program in place that will see coaches trained at Club, Provincial, National and International level over the next three to five years.

This is an ambitious plan that we feel can have significant and tangible benefits for our membership, irrespective of their present grading or current level of shooting competence.

We believe this goes some way to answering that evergreen question: "So what is SAPF doing for it's members?"

The answer is "A lot, just watch this newsletter platform, there are several good things going to happen and quite soon to."

#### **FINAL NOTE:**

***We appeal to Club Presidents to ensure that the PISTOL NEWS newsletter gets pride of place on your noticeboard at the club please.***

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