

## New supply of FAS Target-grade Air Pistols on the way

With the permission and understanding of the SAPF EXCO, I have been investigating ways and means of obtaining support from the existing major firearms dealers in South Africa, and we are pleased to advise that Safari & Outdoor's Holding company, Inyathi Outdoor Supplies, have offered to assist the SAPF members.

The Procurement Director at Inyathi has taken a personal interest in our Association and has immediately arranged a special offer on match-grade air pistols for SAPF members.

This Pistol News serves to provide our members with details of the special offer Safari & Outdoor will be able to make to paid-up, affiliate members of the SAPF by the end of January, 2018, and it's very good news indeed.....

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### The Upgraded FAS 6004 Air Pistol ...



The FAS brand name is well known in ISSF circles, and the older members of SAPF will recognise the "Domino" inspired design of the new generation FAS match grade air pistol shown above.

Domino sold the design to Chiappa Arms Internationally, and the latest version, called the 6004 model, is the new edition, but based on the very solid model 604 that Domino originally and very successfully released in the 1990's.

The new generation model 6004 is offered in several versions, depending on the country of delivery, and in the USA, for example, the universal ambidextrous version is the most popular, which in the UK and Europe, the orthopaedic left or right-handed version is preferred.

The Model 6004 that Inyathi have secured for SAPF members is available in the orthopaedic version and in two standard grip sizes, either Medium or Large.

The newly released 6004 air pistol is quite easy to shoot, and it is designed as a single-stroke piston powered air pistol.

The design is excellent, the grip is perfect for 10-M performance, the trigger is really good, and the sights are high quality, offering a broad rear blade and a nice wide front sight, for an optimal sight picture at 10-M.

The orthopaedic grip has an adjustable palm shelf and a good thumb position, so the pistol "points" well and is well balanced overall.

The mass of the pistol is around 900 grams, so it suits both male and female shooters, and is really ideally for high school shooters as well, all of whom can cock and load the pistol quite easily.

The match-grade barrel, (I suspect it's a Walther-lother barrel, but they are declaring this), delivers superb groups and averages about 400 to 420fps velocities, ideal for the Olympic 10-M event.

If the Fas 6004 is partnered with high quality, match grade pellets, then the sky is the limit.

A small word of caution – there is no safety on the pistol, so once it has been cocked and the pellet loaded into the barrel and the action closed, the pistol is always able to fire.

I own a 1990's model 604 and it still performs superbly well and easily delivers 90/100 with good quality match-grade pellets.

An initial supply of 20 pistols has been reserved for SAPF members, and they will be sold on a "First-come, First-served" basis via the SAPF offices.

In doing this investigation of opportunities with the major firearms dealers, I have also uncovered some other air pistol options for new shooters that are capable of shooting the Olympic 10-M match as well....

I provide below a short overview of the other entry-level air pistols currently available for your consideration....

### The Zoraki HP-02 Air Pistol



The Zoraki HP-02 is available in two versions, the Standard and the Ultra version.

Both offer new match-grade triggers and orthopedic grips in both left and right-versions, with the Ultra offering a 100mm longer barrel, and thus higher velocities, and in my opinion, slightly better performance.

The Zoraki is a multi-stroke air pistol, delivering from 350fps to 700-fps velocities, but seems to shoot best with two pumps. High school kids can cope well with one stroke, but it takes an adult to cope with two or more strokes, with 2 being my recommendation.

The Zoraki is delivered in a plastic case, so it makes a nice package for getting into air pistol shooting. High school kids shooting with both hands over the bench regularly record 95/100 scores with the Zoraki, so we know it works well.



### The Baikal IZH-46M Match pistol

Perhaps the most under-rated Match-grade air pistol available today is the single-stroke model 46M from Baikal.

With well over 100 of these air pistols in active IO-M use in SA already, I can highly recommend this high quality, really accurate air pistol.



The Baikal probably has the finest trigger mechanism of any Match-grade pistol out there today, Walther, Steyr and Feinwerkbau included in that assessment.

The problem is a highly problematic Russian manufacturer who has not shipped this model to SA for more than two years now, so we are not sure when we will see them in stock again.

#### Pricing structure:

Prices are as follows:

Zoraki HP-02 Std model: R3,650; (in Stock)

Zoraki HP-02 Ultra model: R3,950; (in Stock)

Baikal IZH-46M, RH-only: R8,150; (4 only);

FAS 6004 Ortho-model: R7,900.(Jan 2018)

You need to call me directly if you want to order a Zoraki or a Baikal 46M, **OR**, to reserve a FAS, please send me an email urgently so I can assemble a bulk order with Inyathi.

We need to give Inyathi a confirmation for the 20 pistols by 10<sup>th</sup> December, or we lose this reservation and the opportunity as well.

Please act urgently, we cannot guarantee any future support from Inyathi or any other dealers in the future if we do not take up this offer now.

Inyathi are currently negotiating a pricing structure for high grade Focchi Standard Velocity ammo for SAPF members, so we hope to have more good news on that front very shortly.

I have just completed a testing phase with three different Focchi standard velocity target grade ammo, and the results are excellent, so we will update our members on this shortly.

Yours in shooting.

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