



SAGA Snippets

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What's Happening at SAGA?

CSoP

From February to May this year, SAGA held a number of bilateral meetings with the Civilian Secretariat for Police Service (CSoP) with respect to the FCA Bill, and has made further submissions and recommendations to the CSoP on amending the current Firearms Control Act. This includes that there should be more focus on the competency application and less on the firearm licence i.e. licence the person and register the firearm.

We also made submissions on the fact that an electronic system should be introduced, as that would be easier to maintain by the SAPS and firearm dealers, and would lessen the amount of paperwork and information that is submitted and repeated with each application.

Although the FCA Bill in its current format may not become law any time soon, the FCA Bill has not gone away, and there are still parties that are calling for the removal of self-defence as a reason to own a firearm.

SAGA remains vigilant with respect to any such poor and unsubstantiated rhetoric and we respond accordingly with logical and factual argument.

Class Action

From late last year SAGA has commenced on behalf of its members with a number of "class actions" against CFR and SAPS, and we set up



an easy electronic link for our members to add their name and details to such class actions. We are now onto our fourth series of class actions and we have had tremendous success, with approximately 65% of members' applications being approved.

The outstanding applications are in the main, amnesty applications which should however be finalised soon (we hope within the next couple of months), as we have been advised that the majority of IBIS/ ballistic testing has been performed at most stations.

Any members who have waited longer than 4 months for applications are welcome to submit their details on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEfUyzJTkqpvuxvFQlhR3kJJoJ3Bww6qf_hHbgjJdbTXSXEQ/viewform

NOTE: If your name is already on the link, there is no need for you to register again unless you have further applications to deal with.

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Licence Card Printing

On the licence card printing delays issue, it appears that SAPS and CFR are fairly up to date, and if there are delays, it's now more likely that the delay is at the Provincial SAPS to station level.

SAGA Support

SAGA has also extended its reach by engaging with many clubs and organisations. After the violence and looting in July 2021, there has been a huge groundswell of law abiding citizens who wish to own firearms for self-defence. SAGA has been sponsoring or co-sponsoring many shooting events throughout SA over the last few months.

Our Corporate Membership continues to grow with some major and well-established organisations joining, from the shooting fraternity and other industries/businesses who believe in what SAGA stands for and does.

Upcoming Events

SAGA is going to be involved with a number of shooting events for women during August (Women's Month) in a number of places. As details become available they will be shared with members.

SAGA still requires sufficient support – financially and morally – from individuals who own or wish to own firearms, or from those who support the idea of owning a firearm.

What can the average firearm owner do in the interim? The more people who are involved in, and join SAGA, and the various shooting clubs and associations, the stronger we can become. Also support club events and shooting days, so that we can show government that there is a huge groundswell of support for lawful firearm ownership. We also encourage firearm owners to support the SAGA Corporate Members (see list on page 7).

The message is to get involved. If you are keen to be involved to make things happen, volunteer your time or expertise with SAGA and at your club/range/association.

Keep up to date about the legislation by following SAGA's social media, website, etc and keep following up with SAPS on licence, competency, amnesty applications and alert your association/SAGA of any unreasonable delays.

Today, after more than 37 years, SAGA is not only one of the oldest firearm-rights organizations, but is still actively promoting what it was set up to achieve. SAGA has pursued a policy of co-operation and active engagement with government and SAPS to ensure that the legitimate reasons for owning and using firearms are still being protected.

For more information on SAGA please see our website saga.org.za, follow us on Facebook @GunLobbySAGA and Twitter @Sa_Gunowners

By Damian Enslin
SAGA Chairperson

Firearms Awareness Drive

Themba Kubheka who successfully ran a Ladies Day Shoot in Gauteng last year has been working to raise community awareness about defensive firearms. He has now secured a slot with Alex FM Radio Station every Saturday morning for an hour at 7am which he is going to use to demystify safe and responsible gun ownership.

Alex FM was established in 1994 and is one of the oldest community radio stations in Gauteng. They broadcast to the greater Alexandra community, the entire North Eastern Johannesburg and the surrounding areas.

Alex FM has a massive listenership and this is a brilliant opportunity for Themba to inform and educate the public about responsible gun ownership.

Themba states that he intends to direct people from "misinformation by the media-loved anti-gun lobby, and to bolster membership for the pro-gun lobby while creating a safe and informed community around the country."

As an offshoot of the Alex FM slot, Themba held a shoot for 10 young men and women which SAGA co-sponsored with Tactical HQ who provided the range and use of the necessary safety gear for the morning.

Those first-time firearm users who took part now have the correct information to bring about even more change. They learnt briefly how to correctly handle firearms and related discussions surrounding legal firearm ownership.

Some feedback from a few of the participants:

"When I got to the shooting range I was really terrified. I was scared of gun shots and handling the gun itself. But after my first attempt to shoot I felt at ease. I felt confident and Themba explained everything thoroughly. I am very grateful for the opportunity and



my perspective about guns has really changed."

"What an amazing experience. It was not my first time holding a gun but it was my first time firing it. I am very grateful to SAGA for the splendid experience. It made me want to go to a shooting range at least once or twice a month."

"The first time I went to the shooting range I was so scared and not relaxed around the range, I was even shaking when I heard gunshots. After taking my first shot and with the explanations that I was getting from Themba, I got to understand more about guns and how they operate and that helped me to relax and actually fall in love with them. I had a great experience and can't wait to go back for another lesson."





The Gear Dilemma

by Jim Willson

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There's nothing wrong with owning the latest and greatest products, but your skill level is the real game-changer.

I learned this lesson many years ago as a young, brand-new police officer. Trying to learn enough to stay alive in the law enforcement business, Bill Jordan became my hero. Now, for those of you who are new to the game, Bill Jordan was a career Border Patrolman, a World War II combat Marine and just about the fastest person I had ever seen with a sixgun. Jordan helped design the Smith & Wesson Model 19 revolver—back then the company called it the “Combat Magnum.” He traveled the country putting on shooting exhibitions, first for the Border Patrol and later for the NRA. He was documented as drawing and hitting a target in .27 second.

So, naturally, paycheck in hand, I set out and bought me a 4-inch Smith & Wesson Model 19. With what money I had left, I bought a Jordan duty rig from Don Hume Leather Company. Then, I got a set of Jordan revolver stocks from Herrett's.

And, then I practiced. And I practiced some more. In fact, after all these years I am still practicing. Well, I still ain't no Bill Jordan.

Nowadays, I see a lot of comments on the gun forums and social media that suggest if you don't have the latest, greatest gear, you just need to go ahead and plan your funeral. Some of those folks would have you believe that you are lost if you rely on an old 1911 and you are absolutely hopeless if you are still packing a double-action revolver.

Here at Shooting Illustrated, one of our jobs is to make you aware of the new guns, ammo and gear that become available. That should not be construed to mean that you have to have it or you can't survive without it. We also spend a lot of ink suggesting ways to become proficient with whatever gear you happen to have.

When we talk about personal defense, it's not about what you have, it's all about what you can do with it. The goal of the defensive shooter should be to become skillful in hand-

ling the defensive firearm. That includes the presentation, speed loading, tac loading and dealing with whatever malfunctions might be common to the gun being used.

In the same vein, we work to continually improve our marksmanship. A quick draw and center hit, working on multiple targets, drawing and shooting from awkward positions, etc. are all things focused more on developing skills than on particular gear. In short, the “latest and greatest” gear cannot make up for poor gun handling and bad marksmanship. It's not what you carry, it's what you can do with it.

By the same token, fancy gear will not make up for poor tactics. Gun handling and marksmanship are one thing; being able to win a fight with the firearm is a whole different endeavor.

Being able to spot trouble as early as possible, identifying cover and exits and having a plan for dealing with the situation are all more important than what we are carrying. Those who are serious about personal defense are continually studying the criminal mind, reading up on actual shootings and gaining information from those who have survived violent criminal attacks. It is one thing to know how to shoot; it is another thing entirely to know when to shoot. And, it is even more important to know how to survive without having to shoot.

So, please don't think that I am down on all the new stuff. Most of it is really good, often provides marked improvements over older gear and I enjoy testing and evaluating it as much as anyone else. Good gear will enhance one's ability, but it won't make up for the lack of ability. One might be well advised to take some of the money that would be spent on new gear—just some of it, mind you—and spend it instead on a good training school. So, no, I'm not the next Bill Jordan, but I'm still trying. After all these years, goodness knows, I'm still trying. And you should be, too.

Extracted from:
<https://www.shootingillustrated.com/content/the-gear-dilemma/>

How To: Master Sight Radius, Sight Picture & Hold



Three simple things that affect your marksmanship with every shot.

by NRA Staff

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There are three simple things that affect your marksmanship with every shot; two of them are under your control, and the third depends on your firearm. Under the first category are sight alignment/sight picture and hold—under the latter category, sight radius. We'll start with sight radius, since it's a consideration you'll want to take into account before you purchase your gun...and it's also the least likely to offer a significant impact for the "everyday" shooter.

Sight Radius

The distance between the front and rear iron sights is called the sight radius. A longer sight radius offers greater theoretical precision. For this reason, many iron-sighted target guns have features to increase the sight radius, such as front sight extenders on target pistols and "bloop" tubes on the end of rifle barrels. Tang rear sights mounted on the stocks were used for the same purpose in the 19th century.

Sight radius also affects iron-sight adjustments. A typical match-type micrometer rear sight offering 1/4 m.o.a. clicks moves the aperture .002 inches with each click. With a 30-inch sight radius, this changes bullet impact .24 inches per click at 100 yards, very close to the advertised value. Shorten the sight radius to 24 inches, however, and the change in bullet impact per click is .3 inches. This is not significant at 100 yards, but in a

1,000-yard match each click will move the strike of the bullet 3 inches.

Sight Alignment and Sight Picture

Sight alignment and sight picture are two critical and related concepts regarding iron sight use. Sight alignment refers to the proper visual relationship between the front and rear sights. For example, the front post should be sitting squarely and evenly in the rear notch. Sight alignment is critical to accuracy, as small errors in sight alignment produce greater bullet dispersion as the range increases.

Sight picture refers to the relationship of the correctly aligned sights with the target. Small errors in sight picture produce small deviations in bullet impact at the target. Though aiming is normally a deliberate action, in practical shooting competition or in a real-world defensive shooting situation, the process of aligning the sights with the target must be compressed into an instant. Under these conditions, the shooter must use a flash sight picture, that is, rapidly covering the target with the front sight, and concentrating on the front sight.

Hold

Hold refers to the part or area of the target on which the sights are aligned during aiming. For example, many shooters use a six o' clock hold, in which the front sight is held at the bottom of the round bullseye on the target. Other shooters prefer to hold the front sight in the center of the target, at the point where the bullet impact is desired. Under conditions of strong cross-, head- or tailwinds, a shooter may hold off to one side of the target or another to compensate for wind deflection. Such "guesstimated" compensation is called "Kentucky windage."

<https://www.nrafamily.org/content/how-to-master-sight-radius-sight-picture-hold/>



Membership of SAGA

Thank you for supporting SAGA!

By being a member you keep us in 'business' and we are able to continue working for fair and just firearm rights for responsible firearm owners in South Africa.

Do you know someone who supports the right to own a firearm for lawful purposes?

Refer them to SAGA today!

Rates for New Members for 2022:

Adult R260

Junior R160

Pensioner R160

Family:

1x Adult @R260 plus any number of family members @ R70 each

Scan the QR code for a quick link to the SAGA application form or join via our website at www.saga.org.za

Should you have any queries please contact the office on 031-562-9951 or email saga@saga.org.za

SAGA is now available on WhatsApp on our cellphone number **066 003 9226**.

If you would like to send us a query or message, please remember to include your Name and Membership Number (if applicable).





SAGA Corporate Membership

What are SAGA Corporate members?

SAGA Corporate Members are clubs, associations and businesses who actively endorse the work being done by SAGA to protect firearm ownership rights in South Africa.

Join via the SAGA website using the Corporate Application tab on the Join SAGA page or contact the office.



We are **so proud** to have the following as current SAGA Corporate Members:

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