

Vaaldriehoek Praktiese Skietvereniging Vaal Triangle Practical Shooting Association



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

After the election of the current Vaal Triangle Executive Committee at last year's AGM we took steps to put the following structures in place:

1. A WhatsApp group was compiled to serve as the official platform of communication for our members. This is tightly managed to prevent abuse of the group and served us well during the year both in sharing information and to get members input on pressing matters.
2. The drafting of a new constitution was completed, circulated to our member for commentary and adopted by special vote making use of the WhatsApp platform.
3. Authorization of the bank account was transferred to enable me to release payment loaded by the Treasurer to enable us to comply with financial obligations. At the time we managed to negotiate a reduction in bank fees that would save us close to R1000/year in bank fees. A great "Thanks" to Mr. M. van Drünick that continued to assist us as Treasurer until we could get someone to replace him, and "Thanks" also to Mr. J. Seyffert who will be looking after this in future.
4. With the banking facilities in place, we could deal with the debt with the website domain host to get access to our website which was dormant for several years. The login information was lost therefore the existing content could not be edited and new content had to be created from scratch. Mr. E. Burger took the lead here and progress has been made, but it remains a work in progress. Thanks also to Mr. J. Otto who has started to assist Mr. E. Burger with this. Material that has been added so far include:
 - Details of the affiliated clubs,
 - the IPSC rule book and IPSC course design notes,
 - the new Constitution of VTPSA,
 - minutes of meetings,
 - the handgun logs for 2022,
 - the calendar of 2023,
 - some pictures from our members.

I would like to invite our members that have suggestions-or-contributions for the website to contact us. This is a showcase of our activities and something we should all feel proud of.

5. A new club, Vos Gun Club, was provisionally affiliated with us for a period of 2 years. Mr. A. van Tonder is running the handgun activities at their indoor

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shooting range. For the moment only Level I matches (club shoots) are presented due to capacity and space constraints. They cater for shooters who have difficulty in attending club shoots and the moderate round count of 50 makes it more accessible for entry level shooters. Their matches will still count 1 point towards your Dedicated Status.

6. Five handgun and PCC league matches were held during 2022, 2 at Vereeniging, 3 at Wolwehoek, of which one was in collaboration with Kameeldoring Shooting Club. The matches were generally well attended and updated logs were circulated on the WhatsApp platform after each match. The final logs for 2022 are available on the website as previously mentioned.
7. Promoting shooting in the region is arguably the main objective of our association. In this regard support was given to members attending Nationals for the first time by making a 50% contribution to their registration fees. We had 6 members who shot their first Nationals during the past year – this is truly a great achievement. We could also enter a PCC team for the first time and had a team in both of the 2022 PCC Nationals events. A very generous contribution was also made to the 3 members selected for the National Squad for the World Shoot. I hope that these investments made by the region to develop our shooters would be to benefit of all our members that wish to improve their shooting ability.
8. The prize giving event was organized by Mr. E. Burger who stood in for me during my absence. Thanks to Mr. Q. Fitzpatrick for sponsoring the printing of the certificates. As recognition for Range Officer services on National level, a certificate was awarded for the first time in this context – congratulations again to Mr. W. van Waveren. On this note, I would really like to see more of our Range Officers attending Nationals. The sport has changed significantly in the last 10 years and to remain up to date as a Range Officer. This would be valuable experience. Three members received Vaal Triangle colours, one for the first time. I am interested to see if we are going to have enough PCC participants this year to make division and maybe have someone qualify for Vaal Triangle colours for this as a first.

I would like to thank you all for the support received during the past year. We will continue to support our members in their shooting needs. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you need assistance with any SAPSA related matters.

Fanie Otto

Chairman - VTPSA