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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SOUTH AFRICAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

On behalf of the South African Bisley Union, please accept our invitation for you and your team to attend the SA Open Championships from 6 April to 13 April 2019.

The program runs from Saturday, 6 April 2019 to Saturday, 13 April 2019.

We take cognizance of your preference to shoot longer distances and where possible, adjusted the program to suit this.

There is a prestige competition, State Presidents Trophy, which for the first two stages are shot over 300 / 500 / 600m. The top 30 – 35% qualify for the third and final stage on the Saturday which is then shot over 800 / 900m.

Due to tradition this could not be changed but I highly recommend that you all do shoot this competition as this is the prestige event of the SA Open Championships.

If you are able to field a team of 4 shooters per discipline, provision is made for three International Test matches between the countries present.

Please also take note of the functions. The Sunday night, the SA Bisley Union Exco members and F Class Committee would like to entertain you to a typical South African Barbeque.

The Thursday Night is our prestigious SABU and Protea Function to which you are also invited.

Various other informal get togethers will in all probability also occur. I am sure you are aware of our tendencies to socialize.

Below is the current summary of the program for your attention. The International matches are highlighted in grey.

The Full program will be available on the SA Bisley Union website www.sabisley.com

PROGRAM

SA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019					
SATURDAY, 6 APRIL 2019					
TIME	COMPETITION	DISTANCE	TYPE	REMARKS	SHOTS
0830	SCOTTISH SWORD	300M	IND		2+7
		600M	IND		2+7
		900M	IND		2+7
1300	HAMILTON CUP (CLUB TEAMS)	300M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+10
		600M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+11
SUNDAY, 7 APRIL 2019					
1600	RIFLE WEIGHING & CERTIFICATIONS				
1800	WELCOMING BRAAI - INTERNATIONAL TEAMS				
MONDAY, 8 APRIL 2019					
TIME	COMPETITION	DISTANCE	TYPE	REMARKS	SHOTS
0700	OPENING CEREMONY				
0800	OFS	300M	IND		2+10
		600M	IND		2+11
1100	MUNICIPAL CUP	800M	IND		2+10
1310	LUNCH				
1410	DEWAR	800M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+10
		900M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+10
	15 MIN AFTER LAST SHOT	F CLASS AGM			
TUESDAY, 9 APRIL 2019					
TIME	COMPETITION	DISTANCE	TYPE	REMARKS	SHOTS
0800	DALRYMPLE	300M	IND		2+10
		600M	IND		2+11
1130	DAVE SMITH	900M	IND		2+10
1310	LUNCH				
1410	RHODES	800M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+10
		900M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+10
	15 MIN AFTER LAST SHOT	SA BISLEY UNION AGM			

WEDNESDAY, 10 APRIL 2019					
TIME	COMPETITION	DISTANCE	TYPE	REMARKS	SHOTS
0800	JACK MITCHLEY	300M	IND		2+10
0945	PRESIDENTS CUP	800M	IND		2+10
		900M	IND		2+10
1300	LUNCH				
1400	RSA INTERNATIONAL	800M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+15
		900M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT (F OPEN & FTR TEAMS)	2+15
1830	PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY				

THURSDAY, 11 APRIL 2019					
TIME	COMPETITION	DISTANCE	TYPE	REMARKS	SHOTS
0800	STATE PRESIDENTS 1ST STAGE	300M	IND		2+7
		500M	IND		2+7
		600M	IND		2+7
1145	LUNCH				
1245	KINGS NORTON	600M	IND		2+10
1425	COL BODLEY	900M	IND		2+15
1615	TIES SHOOT OFF				
1930	SABU / PROTEA FUNCTION				

FRIDAY, 12 APRIL 2019					
TIME	COMPETITION	DISTANCE	TYPE	REMARKS	SHOTS
0800	STATE PRESIDENTS 2ND STAGE	300M	IND	TOP 30% PROGRESSES TO STATE PRESIDENTS 3RD STAGE	2+10
		500M	IND		2+10
		600M	IND		2+10
1300	LUNCH				
1400	INTERNATIONAL MATCH	800M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+15
		900M	TEAM	(F OPEN & FTR TEAMS)	2+15
1400	INTERPROVINCIAL MATCH	800M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+15
		900M	TEAM	(F OPEN & FTR TEAMS)	2+15

SATURDAY, 13 APRIL 2019					
TIME	COMPETITION	DISTANCE	TYPE	REMARKS	SHOTS
0900	INTERNATIONAL MATCH	800M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+10
		900M	TEAM	(F OPEN & FTR TEAMS)	2+10
0815	CHAIRMAN'S MATCHES	300M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+10
		800M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+10
		900M	TEAM	TEAM OF 6 - 4 TO COUNT	2+10
1215	LUNCH				
1315	STATE PRESIDENTS 3RD STAGE	800M	IND	TOP 30%	2+15
		900M	IND		2+15
1800	FINAL PRIZE GIVING				

ENTRY FORMS

This will shortly be published on the SABU website (www.sabisley.com).

RIFLE IMPORT / EXPORT PERMITS

The forms are available also on the SABU website (www.sabisley.com).

Please forward your completed forms to the SABU office **AND** also copy myself at mias@telenetix.co.za

I will oversee the process but need to know who will be attending.

FLIGHTS

All major airlines fly to South Africa. From the USA you can travel direct with United/SAA or with Delta.

If you want to do a one stop, London, Amsterdam, Paris, Frankfurt and Qatar/Dubai is available.

LOCAL TRAVEL

All major rental companies operate in South Africa. We can also arrange to meet you at the Airport (OR Tambo in Johannesburg) and accompany you to Bloemfontein. It is an 4 hour 30 minute drive.

ACCOMMODATION

We recommend that you book for 2019 at one of the following Hotels;

Protea Hotel by Marriot – Bloemfontein

Protea Hotel by Marriot – Willow Lake Bloemfontein

Villa Bali Hotel & Guesthouse

SAFETY

As anywhere in the World today, it is unsafe to enter dubious areas. In general, we live in a safe country. I have travelled extensively all over the World and for example, if I go to slums areas in any major city in any country, I am at risk. Same applies in South Africa.

AMMUNITION & RELOADING

If you require any reloading items from powder, bullets, primers etc, please let me know urgently so we can source for you. Varget, IMR4350, H4451, H4831SC is obtainable. We also have CCI and Federal primers available currently. Berger bullets, Sierra and Hornady is also obtainable.

Re presses, Powder dispensers etc we can assist you for small teams. You really only need to bring your resizing and seating dies, measuring tools and that should be all you require.

If you want to ship ammunition, I am sure we can make a plan through one of the retailers that import from America. This might be an option for 2021 as well.

WEATHER AND SHOOTING CONDITIONS

The Shooting Range near Bloemfontein is at 4500ft AMSL.

During April the early mornings are generally cool (15-18°C) but it can get hot during the day (28-34°C).

In general you will encounter a left wind in the morning, switching winds from around 1000 and a right wind in the afternoon. That said, it can also do anything else as well.

We tend to experience mirage and you can also expect a thunderstorm or two during the week.

MANAGEMENT

Last Saturday, I was appointed as the South Africa F Open Captain till 2021FCWC and Henk Venter was appointed as the South Africa FTR Captain till 2021FCWC. Our respective contact details are as follow;

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Chairperson:	Hermann Rolfes	hrolfes@wispeco.co.za	Tel: +27825713697
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Selection:	Jaco van Tonder	jaco.vantonder@mweb.co.za	Tel: +27833846584

Please let me have your thoughts, any requirements and any additional remarks.

Please also copy Henk, Hermann, Jannie and Jaco on the mails to ensure we can assist and make your trip a memorable one.

If you require a formal invitation, please let me know so I can forward it. I will need to have the following information:

- Full Names and Surname
- Address
- eMail

I will then forward the Invitations to you for distribution.

If you want to arrive earlier or stay later for a hunt, please also let us know to make arrangements for this.

We are excite to meet up again and look forward to a enjoyable time on and off the range.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mias Nieuwoudt', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mias Nieuwoudt
Executive Committee Member - Official Liason
SA Bisley Union

Cc: Bernand de Beer
Janine Buys
Hermann Rolfes
Jannie Els
Jaco van Tonder