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Chairmans Chat Nov 2013

Ek wil nog eendag n boek skryf oor al die “sales talk” en verkoopstegnieke wat ek al op skoue gehoor en gesien het. Party manne het darem net die slag om met n paar woorde ’n klient na sy tjekboek te laat gryp. Sommige manne skeer hulle voorarms kaal deur n skou, ander probeer n storie of persoon aan elke mes koppel. Daar is die ernstige manne wat tegniese data oor die mes afrol en dan is daar weer die vriendelikes wat oor alles en nog wat met die klient gesels en dan toevallig vir hom n mes in die hand stop. Jy kry die ouens wat nooit gaan sit nie en met elke ou wat verby kom n geselsie aanknoop. Ander sit weer agteroor en wag tot n klient hom uitvra. Dan is daar die kuiergatte wat die verkoop aan sy vrou oorlaat en die hele skou by ander tafels rondhang en gesels. Die admin guru’s wat permanent besig is om iets te sit en skryf die skoonmakers wat heelyd besig is om sy messe op te vryf en skoon te maak. Die perfeksioniste wat heelyd sy tafel regpak en seker maak elke mes is presies op n aangewese plek en die hippies waar dit lyk asof hy sy messe uit n sak op sy tafel geskud het en elkeen lê waar en soos hy wil. Wel wat ookal jou verkoopstegniek hierdie jaar was dit het uitstekend gewerk want almal het baie goed verkoop. Die statistiek wys dat daar nie n enkele maker was wat swak besigheid gedoen het nie.

Ons is besig om lekker bederf te raak met goeie skoue. Hierdie jaar se afgelope skou was weereens n rekordbreker - altesaam R2.1 miljoen se messe is verkoop. Weereens is ons diep in die skuld by Marietjie en Marie vir die uifers professionele skou reelings. Die Vrydag verkope was so goed dat daar Saterdag baie min messe op die tafels oor was en ons sal moet begin werk aan n plan om dit steeds vir ons Saterdag besoekers die moeite werd te maak om te kom. Soos julle almal weet het Marietjie aangedui dat sy weens omstandighede op die stadium net te besig is om voortaan die skou te bly reel. Melinda Rietveld sal voortaan die skou organiseer en Marietjie het aangedui dat sy bereid is om te help sodat die oorgang glad sal verloop. Bertie Rietveld sal die amp van tesourier oorneem. Met Andre en Marietjie het ons geleer dat dit amper n vereiste is dat die tesourier en skou organiseerder uit dieselfde huishouding moet kom as jy gladde en effektiewe skouelings wil verseker.

Een probleem wat ons wel ge-identifiseer het is die lang prysuitdeling agv die groot hoeveelheid pryse wat toegeken word. Die EXCO het dus besluit om die aantal kategoriee drasties te verminder. Die groot aantal kategoriee maak dit ook moeilik om betyds klaar te kry met die evaluering vir die pryse en die uitskryf van sertifikate wat weer veroorsaak dat die prysuitdeling baie laat moet begin. Sekere kategoriee se relevansie het ook al getaan en van hulle het meestal die aandag gekry van “sertifikaat jagters” (julle weet goed waarvan ek praat). Willie sal die nuwe kategorieë in die Edgehog publiseer.

Die Exco het ook besluit dat die makers van “raffle” messe voortaan deur die Exco gekies sal word uit n lys van bereidwilliges eerder as om lootjies by die AGM te trek. Dit is om te verhoed dat daar bv twee jaar na mekaar dieselfde persoon getrek word en om te kyk of ons soms ook messe van die bekender makers kan bekom. Die raffle messe word gebruik vir die advertensie van die skou en as aanmoediging om ons databasis op datum te hou en dit is dus van kardinale belang dat dit die kliente se aandag moet trek.

Op n ernstige noot is die probleem dat EXCO die afgelope paar jaar geweldig baie klagtes vanaf ongelukkige kliente ontvang oor die manier waarop sommige Gildelede met hulle besigheid doen, selfs van buitelandse kliente. Dit het al veroorsaak dat die lidmaatskap van n paar lede opgeskort is. Ongelukkig is dit baie moeilik om die vertroue van n klient weer te herstel en omdat die internet dit deesdae so maklik maak dat hierdie ongelukkighede op forums geplaas word is die impak daarvan baie meer ver-reikend as wat ons besef .

Een van die grootste voordele van lidmaatskap tot die Gilde is dat n lid toegang tot die kliente basis van die Gilde kry. Hierdie basis is oor die bestek van 33 jaar met baie moeite deur die Gilde opgebou. Die voordeel wat n klient trek om by n Gildelid te koop is nie net gewaarborgde kwaliteit nie maar ook die beskerming wat hy vanaf die Gilde kry teen wanpraktyke. Daarom word die gedrag van lede teenoor kliente duidelik in ons konstitusie uiteengesit en streng toegepas. Ek wil n beroep op alle lede doen om weer vir n slag ons konstitusie deur te lees en hulleself net weer daarmee vertrouwd te maak. Soveel ongelukkige kliente is net tot ons almal se nadeel en bring die goeie naam van die Gilde in gedrang. Ek kan net noem dat daar werklik lanklaas ernstige klagtes ontvang was oor die kwaliteit van messe deur Gildelede gelewer so dit wil blyk asof ons vakmanskap redelik mooi op datum is maar ons besigheid etiket is plek plek maar lekker laks.

Die Evalueerings Komitee het dan ook versoek dat ons in die toekoms by nuwe toelatings aansoeke die aansoekvorms so verander dat n kandidaat moet aandui dat hy vertrouwd is met die konstitusie en dat hy onderneem om hom daarby neer te lê indien hy toegelaat sou word. Aansluitend daarby sal die aanbevelings briewe van Gilde lede vir n nuwe aplicant aan sekere vereistes moet voldoen. So bv sal n lid in sy brief moet aandui dat hy self die aplicant se messe gesien het en dat dit volgens hom aan Gilde standarde voldoen en ook dat hy kan instaan vir die nuwe aplicant se integriteit. John Arnold sal die toekomstige performans van sulke briewe in Edgehog publiseer. Dit sal verhoed dat so n groot hoeveelheid aansoekers teleurgestel word en dat lede n persoon wat hy skaars ken aanbeveel vir lidmaatskap.

Graag wens ek almal 'n voorspoedige 2014, kom ons maak sommer baie messe want voordat ons ons oë uitvee is dit weer skoutyd.

Voorspoed en skerp wees
Carel

Chairman's Award

Each year the Chairman of our Guild presents this award for excellence...

2013 recipients are :

Willie Venter

- for his hard work and dedication on The Dangerous Weapons Act.

Marietjie Thorburn

- for her hard work and dedication as Guild Show organiser.

Melinda Rietveld

- for hard work and dedication to the Guild's Newsletter - Edgehog and the eagerly awaited Edgehog Book.

Thank You

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Pic above - Chief judge Willie Venter was happy with the quality of knives in the competition .

Pic below -
Thinus Herbst collecting his certificate from chief judge Willie Venter. (proud parents watching)

Competition Category winners 2013

Art Folder	Erich Vosloo
Art Fixed Blade (Collaboration)	Mike Fellows , Rob Brown
Bird & Trout	Thinus Herbst
Hunting Knife	Rob Brown
Gentleman's Folder	Andre' Thorburn
Working Folder	Andre' Thorburn
Gentleman's Tactical Folder	Corrie Schoeman
Fighting Knife	Kevin Harvey
Boot Knife	Neill Schutte
Dagger	Bertie Rietveld
Sets	Chris Booysen
Historical	Kevin Harvey
Sword	Thinus Herbst
Points Of Interest & Innovations	Kevin Harvey
Finest Own Damascus	Lourens Prinsloo
Best New Knifemaker	Francois Massyn
Best Overall Maker	Kevin Harvey
Best Knife on Show (Collaboration)	Rob Brown, Mike Fellows
Best Table Display	Albie Wantenaar
Best own engraving	Kevin Harvey
Judges Choice (non-entrant)	Lourens Prinsloo
Special Judges Award	Des Horn





THE KNIFEMAKERS' GUILD OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

MEMORANDUM TO THE MEMBERS OF THE KNIFEMAKERS' GUILD OF SOUTHERN AFRICA ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGISLATION REGULATING THE POSSESSION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, SUPPLY, COLLECTION, DISPLAY AND EXHIBITION OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

BACKGROUND

Prior to the promulgation of the *Dangerous Weapons Act, Act No. 15 of 2013: Dangerous Weapons Act, 2013 (DWA 2013)* on 24 July 2013, the manufacture, sale and possession of dangerous weapons in South Africa was regulated by the *Dangerous Weapons Act, 71 of 1968 (DWA 1968)*.

Herewith a report on the manner in which the Knifemakers' Guild of Southern Africa (**KGSA**) actively and successfully influenced the evolution of legislation, thereby to bring about that the provisions of the DWA 2013 would find the most fair and equitable balance between the Minister's duty of care to control and regulate the possession of objects which may in certain circumstances constitute a risk or a danger to society, on the one hand, and the constitutional rights of KGSA and the interests of the Members and the clientele of KGSA, on the other hand.

2008

On 01 February 2008, the Minister of Law and Order (**Minister**) published Notice 158 of 2008 in Government Gazette 30717, whereby the Minister intended, by virtue of the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 of the DWA 1968, to publish a list of objects, the possession, manufacture, sale or supply of which would be prohibited.

This list included virtually every item manufactured by Members of KGSA for sale in the normal course of the activities of the Members.

The proposed 2008 Notice posed a very real threat to the livelihood of the Members and even the continued existence of KGSA.

The Minister invited written comments on the 2008 Notice, to be submitted to Director J Slabbert, Legal Support: Crime Operations SAPS.

KGSA joined forces with The National Arms and Ammunition Collectors Confederation of South Africa (**NAACCSA**), The South African Arms and Ammunition Collectors Association (**SAAACA**), The South African Hunters and Game Conservation Association (**SAHGCA**), The South African Gunowners' Association (**SAGA**), The Blade, Tool and Sporting Goods Forum (**BTSGF**), and various other interested organizations (**the Stakeholders**), in order to present a united front in opposing the proposed publication of the unacceptable 2008 Notice.

André Thorburn and Willie Venter then requested an audience with Director Slabbert to make verbal representations and also to gain clarity on the required format and contents of the written comments, which were to be submitted at the invitation of the Minister. This meeting took place on 23 April 2008 and was very positive.

KGSA thereafter submitted these written comments to Director J Slabbert on 27 May 2008.

The KGSA written comments were very favourably received.

As a consequence of the combined efforts of KGSA and the Stakeholders, the Minister abandoned the proposed publication of the list of the prohibited objects in terms of the 2008 Notice.

2011

On 02 September 2011, the Minister published the Draft Dangerous Weapons Bill, 2011 (**DWB 2011**) and invited written comments from the public to be submitted to Major General P C Jacobs, Legal Services SAPS, within 30 (thirty) days from 02 September 2011, i.e. 02 October 2011.

The proposed DWB 2011 posed an even greater threat to KGSA and the livelihood of its Members than would be the case if the 2008 Notice had been published.

KGSA again joined forces with the Stakeholders and written comments were submitted to Major General P C Jacobs on 29 September 2011.

The KGSA's written representations were again very well received and as a consequence of the combined efforts of KGSA and the Stakeholders, the Minister did not pursue the DWB 2011 and no new legislation came into being as a result thereof.

The Chairman of KGSA issued a written report on these developments to the Members on 28 September 2011.

2012 & 2013

On 23 October 2012, the Minister published the draft Dangerous Weapon Bill, 2012 (**DWB 2012**).

Although less restrictive than the DWB 2011, the DWB 2012 again sought to prohibit the possession of dangerous weapons in a manner which posed a very real threat to the livelihood of the Members and even the continued existence of KGSA.

Although on this occasion the Minister did not invite written comments on the draft DWB 2012, KGSA and all the Stakeholders again submitted written representations.

KGSA's written comments were submitted to the Committee Secretary - Babalwa Mbengo, Portfolio Committee on Police, on 10 January 2013.

By way of these written comments, and in addition to objective comments on the legality, constitutionality and practicality of the proposed legislation, KGSA sought to achieve four primary objectives:

- Recognition of KGSA as an accredited organization;
- Recognition of KGSA as a meaningful Stakeholder, willing and able to assist the Minister to
 - control and regulate the possession of objects which may, in certain circumstances constitute a risk or a danger to society, **in keeping with the existing legal principles of the presumption of innocence and proper investigative procedures;**
 - find a **fair and equitable balance** between the constitutional rights of the Members of KGSA and their clientele on one hand, and the need to control and regulate the possession of objects which may, in certain circumstances constitute a risk or a danger to society, on the other hand;
- Recognition of the right of the Members of KGSA to manufacture, sell and supply dangerous weapons;
- Recognition of the right of the Members of KGSA and their clientele to legitimately possess, collect, display and exhibit dangerous weapons.

As a consequence of these written comments, KGSA was invited by the Portfolio Committee on Police, on 08 February 2013, to make oral submissions to Parliament in supplementation of the written comments submitted by KGSA on 10 January 2013.

Willie Venter attended the Portfolio Committee Hearing which took place on 15 February 2013 and presented the oral submissions on behalf of KGSA. These oral submissions were supported by a PowerPoint presentation.

Five other Stakeholders, including NAACCSA and SAHGCA were also invited to make oral submissions.

KGSA was first to present its submissions and we are pleased to report that these submissions were most favourably received.

DANGEROUS WEAPONS ACT, NO 15 OF 2013

On 24 July 2013 the Dangerous Weapons Act, No 15 of 2013 was published **with a notable relaxation of the existing provisions of the Dangerous Weapons Act, 71 of 1968, and the proposed provisions of the DWB 2012.**

It must be borne in mind that the Dangerous Weapons Act, 71 of 1968 had remained in force until it was repealed by the publication of the Dangerous Weapons Act, No 15 of 2013 on 24 July 2013.

INSUMMARY

The success with which KGSA and the Stakeholders influenced Parliament to promulgate fair and reasonable legislation can be seen when the provisions of **DWA 1968** and **DWA 2013** are compared:

DWA 1968

- DWA 1968 provided for the prohibition of the possession, manufacture, sale and supply of dangerous weapons (Sections 2 & 3);
- DWA 1968 contained no exemptions with regard to activities related to the possession of dangerous weapons in pursuit of any lawful employment, duty or lawful activity;
- DWA 1968 contained no exemptions with regard to the legitimate collection, display or exhibition of dangerous weapons.

DWA 2013

- DWA 2013 provides that the Act does not apply to the legal manufacture, sale and supply of dangerous weapons, and such legal manufacture, sale and supply of dangerous weapons are therefore permitted (Section 2(a));
- DWA 2013 provides that the Act does not apply to the possession of dangerous weapons during participation in any lawful recreation or entertainment, and the possession of dangerous weapons during participation in any lawful recreation or entertainment is therefore permitted (Section 2(b));
- DWA 2013 provides that the Act does not apply to the legitimate collection, display and exhibition of dangerous weapons, and such legitimate collection, display and exhibition of dangerous weapons are therefore permitted (Section 2(c)).

ACHIEVEMENT OF KGSA's PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

The provisions of the new DWA clearly demonstrate the KGSA has successfully achieved its four primary objectives, namely:

- the recognition of KGSA as an accredited organization;
- the recognition of KGSA as a meaningful Stakeholder, willing and able to assist the Minister to
 - control and regulate the possession of dangerous weapons which may, in certain circumstances constitute a risk of danger to society, in keeping with the existing legal principles of the presumption of innocence and proper investigative procedures;

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- find a fair and equitable balance between the constitutional rights of the Members of KGSA and their clientele on one hand, and the need to control and regulate the possession of dangerous weapons which may, in certain circumstances, constitute a risk or a danger to society on the other hand;
- the recognition of the right of the Members of KGSA to manufacture, sell and supply dangerous weapons;
- the recognition of the right of the Members of KGSA and their clientele to legitimately collect, display and exhibit dangerous weapons.

CONCLUSION

Allow me to confidently submit that the EXCO of KGSA has served its Members well in finally achieving the promulgation of legislation which represents the most fair and equitable balance between the Minister's duty of care to control and regulate the possession of dangerous weapons which may constitute a risk or a danger to society, on the one hand, and the constitutional rights of KGSA, its Members and the clientele of KGSA, on the other hand.

Kindest regards,

WILLIE VENTER

VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE KNIFEMAKERS' GUILD OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

02 OCTOBER 2013

There's never been a better time than right NOW, to belong to the Knifemakers Guild of Southern Africa. I cannot wait for someone to ask me — What does the Guild do for its members ? My ready answer is - they go to Parliament and have the laws of the land changed and adapted so that your knifemaking , the members of the Knifemakers Guild and the annual Guild Knife show is legal and protected ! (as long as you have your membership card)

This is a momentous event in the history of the Guild and knifemaking in South Africa and every single member of the Guild owes the Committee and especially Willie Venter a THANK YOU for time and expertise in this matter.

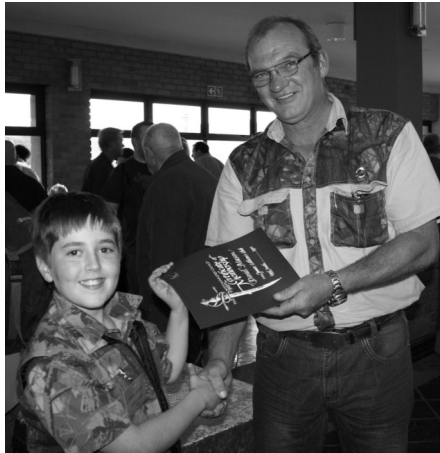
Melinda Rietveld

Save the Date :

2014 Guild Show

12 and 13 September 2014

Junior Collectors Club



Daniel Mason (pic Left) and Zjac Strydom (pic Right) collected their membership certificates from our Chairman Carel Smith at the Guild Show 2013



Corrie and his "secret sales weapon", his lovely daughter.

Guild Show 2013



Buzz filling in his Stats form. It takes a long time if you sold all your knives!!



Stuart , forging ahead with another sale.



Victor King , from the USA loved the Show and as it was his first knife show, he asked a lot of questions and everyone was most helpful.

Heather, Greg, Bertie
Wonder what they watching ?



Joyce was busy.



Non Guild member KnifeCompetition 2013

Wow...the winners of the competition were all at the Show, the announcement was made and before I could get the camera out, they had all disappeared ! Fast guys!

So pics of the winning knives and the display of knives entered into the competition will have to suffice. Next time I'll be ready with the camera.

The display of knives is always popular with visitors to the Show.

Big Thank You to the organisers, sponsors and supporters of the Competition.

Later in 2014 the new design for the 2015 competition will be unveiled.....more details later !

If anyone would like to contribute a prize/prizes for the next competition, please contact Thinus Herbst.
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And the Top 3 are :

As they appear in pic:

3 Jaco de Kock

2 Dave Skinner

And the winner is

Orton Becker

**Well done !
Enjoy your prizes**



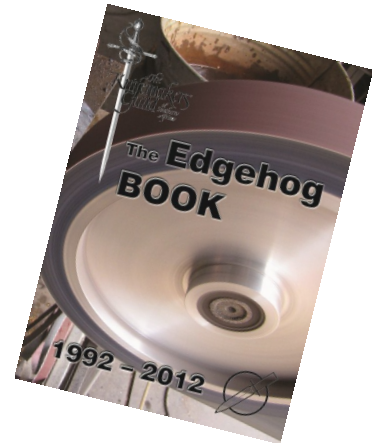
Stuart Smith did a forging demo at the Show and it was very well attended.

Here are pics of the knives during the forging demo and then he finished them the week after the Show.



3 Dec 2013

Carel collects the first Edgehog Book , moments after we collected them from the printers !



Firstly, a big thank you to all....you've been waiting patiently for your Edgehog and it has taken a while to get this issue out.

The last issue that was sent out was June 2013. I, was busy putting The Edgehog Book together and that took the best part of 7 months last year. It is now completed and was printed early in December. If you would like to purchase a copy of the Book please contact me.

Because this issue was so late, I will start immediately with the next issue and hopefully have it in the mail by early April...please send articles, pics, news, etc and adverts (Did you miss ads ? There weren't any in this issue). I do have quite a lot of Out n About pics and a few other articles for you to look forward to in upcoming issues, but more articles will always be very very welcome.

Regards
Melinda

The last word....

Nothing will work unless you do ~ John Wooden