



Dear Compak SA Member and Fellow Sport Shooter

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Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown and Effects on Our Sport.

We trust that you are safe and healthy in these unprecedented times.

Compak SA is not immune to the lockdown restrictions imposed on our country and for that matter, the entire of the planet. We have already missed out on two shoots, Sterkfontein Shooting Academy - and Centurion Gun Club Compak Trials respectively. All indications currently are that all shoots until the end of the year are under threat in South Africa. These would be the Waterhaven Country Estate Compak Trial earmarked for 15 & 16 May, SSA Compak Trial on 30 & 31 May, Outeniqua Gun Club Compak Trial on 6 & 7 June, Maccauw Clay Target Club Compak Trial on 12 & 13 September; Presidents Cup & SA Championships at Valley Gun Club on 17 & 18 October as well as the Compak SA Grand Prix on 7 & 8 November at Sterkfontein Shooting Academy.

We hope and trust that due to immense pressure from the business sector, etc., locally and internationally, would influence our government and that an accelerated Lockdown exit would be implemented. If any chance of this happening, who knows, we might be able to commence with our Compak Trials earlier than the current dates as per the lockdown stages.

As the tight lockdown restrictions in Europe and Asia are currently being re-assessed with certain countries slowly commencing with economic and to some extent, sports activities, there is a 50/50 chance that The 17th World Championship and Finale of the Beretta Cup in Compak Sporting to be hosted in Bydgoszcz, Poland from 20 – 23 August 2020, could still proceed. However, sending a team to represent South Africa to this event with the current ban on international travel, is currently looking to be out of the question. We understand the frustration and feel the disappointment of shooters that have put their heart and soul into making the teams to the World Champs. Emirates Air has unfortunately made a public statement that no international flights from South Africa would resume until end-August 2020.

Compak SA is however also considering a potentially more positive outcome within South Africa and the effect that this would have on our shooting calendar. Should any changes on the lockdown status be implemented, Compak SA will communicate with the affected clubs and will attempt to adjust the calendar and **re-schedule** shoots in a responsible manner to give clubs and shooters the best possible opportunity to salvage whatever is possible from an extremely disruptive shooting year.

Stay safe, and positive, we are looking forward to seeing each one of you on our shooting ranges very soon!

We trust you find this in order.

Compak SA Executive Committee