



KWAZULU-NATAL HUNTING & CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

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KZNHCA: Proudly setting standards for sustainable hunting since 1959

A Summary of The Benefits Offered to Members

BACKGROUND:

Our Association was founded on the 21st September 1959 by a handful of Hunter/Conservationists to:

- Promote knowledge, love and respect for wildlife and wilderness;
- Assist and influence legislation formulation regarding hunting and conservation;
- Make available for members, hunting facilities and information;
- Encourage, train and promote in hunters, both young and old, the skills, rules and ethics of good sportsmanship.

We assist members by:

- Issuing letters of good standing and/or endorsements to submit with your firearm applications – both for new applications and renewal applications
- Dedicated status – This is offered for sport shooting, hunting and professional hunter
- Sourcing of hunting opportunities, including bow hunting
- Training Courses – senior hunters (proficiency grading), junior rangers, CHASA range officer
- Junior proficiency courses: once a junior member has successfully passed the proficiency course, he/she qualifies to participate in a subsidized hunting opportunity as well as a competition to win a fully paid hunt
- Sport shooting – both social and competition options
- Wildlife management – damage causing animal control (DCAC) and anti-poaching activities
- Waterholes – social gatherings at Branches
- Affiliations to CHASA, SUCo-SA, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife Honourary Officers, National Hunters Forum, SAGA, WESSA, SACAN, WRSA - KZN, True Green Alliance EWT and FreeMe

PROFICIENCY GRADING – DEDICATED HUNTING STATUS

Members are urged to give consideration to attending one of our training courses and enrol for the hunter's proficiency test. This will enable members to apply for Dedicated Hunter status which in turn has benefits in terms of the Firearms Control Act. For further information regarding this contact the office to find out when the next course is scheduled. Hunting in many areas is now limited to Proficiency Graded members only, specifically the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife controlled hunting areas.

DEDICATED SPORT SHOOT STATUS

Members with sport shoot status, who participate in the various CHASA sport shooting events, are able to have their scores entered into the CHASA Website ranking. Then at the end of the year, the top scores are awarded. KZN Hunters boasted no less than 45 medals in 2024. Members are also welcome at the Inter Association National shoots. The Association offers the following CHASA sport shooting disciplines:

Centre Fire Rifle – Vlakteskiet; Baanskiet; Gong shoot and Big Bore (with specific calibre specifications). Semi-Auto rifles – the same disciplines, excluding Big Bore.

Rimfire Rifle – .22LR: The same disciplines as the Centre Fire Rifle, excluding the Vlakteskiet and Big Bore shoot.

Handgun – NRA Action Pistol disciplines, including the standard TYRO safety shoot.

Shotgun – Clay target disciplines.

Archery – Target and hunting options.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting is held in November and members are encouraged to attend. Members' feedback is valued, and this is their opportunity to voice their opinions, elect the Executive Committee as well as the Financial Committee, and lodge their vote if there are any changes that need to be made to our Constitution. In addition, we have the hugely popular Ezemvelo KZNWL auction hunts as well as various awards and trophy exhibition. We have a long list of trophies available to be awarded ranging from "Best Student" at the various courses, many different animal species, ladies, juniors, first time hunters and photographic competition. Definitely an event not to be missed.

FUNDRAISING

National Hunting Day is celebrated each May and we are grateful to our Durban Branch who hosts the event on our behalf. This is also one of the many fundraising initiatives we administer in order to create awareness to the general public. Our recent National Lottery Commission registered Buffalo Hunt Raffle is our main fund raising initiative. We also have a variety of Sniper Africa apparel for sale at our Head Office.

By attending our courses, range days, functions and supporting our Association, members are helping fight for our right to hunt and own firearms. We encourage members to participate in as many activities arranged by the Association as possible, in order to fully reap the benefits of being a member.

We look forward to welcoming you as a perspective member to the Association. Please do not hesitate to contact our office for more information.