

# ASSOCIATION OF MALTESE ARMS COLLECTORS & SHOOTERS

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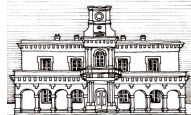
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### AMACS 27<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION AND DINNER

AMACS will be commemorating its 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the first anniversary of the inauguration of the Tigne' premises by means of two activities that will be held at the Tigne' premises:

**Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

- The Malta Arms & Militaria Society (MAMS) will set up an exhibition of fine arms & militaria will be held at our Tigne' Club House. Entrance will be free. Members who have pieces that stand out in their collections for quality, rarity or historical background are encouraged to offer some of these items by filling in the form at the end of this newsletter and to return it to the CEO by not later than Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012. The organising committee will select the items that will go on display. We are offering 24/7 security and display in security cabinets. Should you require further information please call Cedrik Dalli on 79427947 or Mr Franco Piccinino on 77411600.
- The Malta Tactical Airsoft Club (MTAC) will be setting up a display of equipment that is used in the increasingly-popular airsoft gaming scene.
- Battlefront Living Re-enactment Group will be organising a display of WWII uniforms, weapons equipment and vehicles at the Tigne' Point Square.

This is a great occasion to come to Tigne' and spend a day with family and friends - we look forward to seeing you there!

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

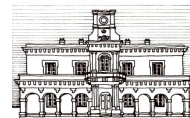
AMACS will host a buffet dinner on the terrace of the Tigne' clubrooms. The price is € 15.00 (Drinks are not included). The menu may be found at the end of this newsletter.

Booking is on a first-come, first-served basis (members will have priority) by phoning 21411600 during our office opening hours or sending an e-mail to [info@amacs-malta.org](mailto:info@amacs-malta.org).

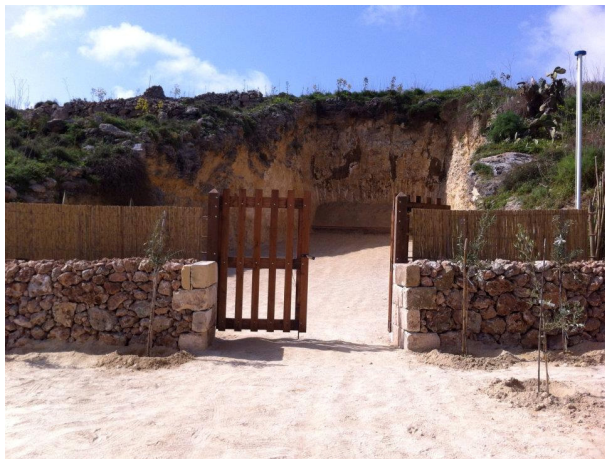


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## NEW RANGE TO OPEN IN GOZO



We are pleased to announce that the Gun Blast Shooting Range in Nadur, Gozo will soon be opening for bookings. Work on the 40 meter range is almost complete. The range will provide for shooting of pistols, revolvers, rifles, shotguns and airguns/rifles. Different types of targets will be available including steel plates, poppers and also

moving targets. We shall be organizing day trips and weekend trips to this range in the very near future. Those that wish to leave their car in Malta will be able to avail themselves of transport from the ferry in Gozo. Food and drink will be available at the range. Visit the range's website for more exciting news: <http://gunblastshootingrange.com>



## AMACS WEBSITE

Members are encouraged to visit our website frequently. The website (<http://www.amacs-malta.org/>) is constantly updated with information on Club news and upcoming activities.

## AMACS GROUP IN FACEBOOK

Members are invited to join the AMACS group in Facebook. Here you can be kept updated of current and upcoming events. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/10184671049/>

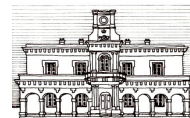
## EMAIL ADDRESS

Please make sure that we have your correct email address. Some members have recently changed their email address and did not notify us. Other members have not given us their email address. Please ensure that we have your correct email address by sending an email to [info@amacs-malta.org](mailto:info@amacs-malta.org). In the email, please state your name and membership number. **(This is not necessary if there wasn't a change in your email details).**



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## RECENT EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### VISIT BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE SNIPER RANGE CLUB - SICILY



Members of the Committee and their families from the Sniper Range Club in Pedalino Sicily visited our Club House on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. A good number of AMACS members attended and were able to reciprocate the hospitality that our Sicilian friends afford us when we go to shoot at their range.

On Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> May a group of members visited the Sniper Club Range and got in some good shooting. As always the Range Staff treated us like family.

## FORTHCOMING EVENT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2012

This year's annual General Meeting shall be held on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

The agenda shall be as follows:

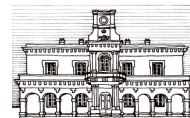
1. 16:00 hrs: Reception and registration
2. 16:30 hrs:
  - a. Reading of the Minutes of the previous AGM.
  - b. President's address.
  - c. Vice President's report.
  - d. Guest speakers.
3. 18:45 hrs:
  - e. Administrative report by the Secretary.
  - f. Financial report by the Treasurer.
6. 19:30 hrs: Conclusion

As per our Statute Conditions, Committee elections will be held next year.



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## CLUB NOTICES

### MALTA ARMS & MILITARIA SOCIETY



On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June the BLHG Re-enactment team will be setting up a display at Tigne' Point. This event is one of the three that are being held to commemorate the AMACS 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and will feature:

- Ongoing lectures about arms and equipment by re-enactors in period WW2 uniform.
- Blank firing demonstrations and drill with WW2 weapons
- Display of WW2 weapons, militaria and vehicles

The above will compliment the display at the AMACS Club House, comprising of an assortment of arms and militaria and featuring several fine and rare pieces, together with ongoing lectures about the history of firearms. Please refer to page 1.

### MALTA RIFLE & PISTOL SHOOTING CLUB



We are pleased to announce that AMACS has been reconfirmed as the IPSC affiliate in Malta. Clive Brockdorff has been appointed Regional Director.

Participation in IPSC events is open to MRPSC members and members of all shooting clubs provided that they register with the C.E.O. and attend an IPSC course organized by the RD.

We have already embarked on a very busy schedule of IPSC events - members are encouraged to make the most of them.

Several shooting events have been held recently and more are scheduled.



The next IPSC event will be a competition which will be held at VSR on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June; 8am to 12pm at VSR

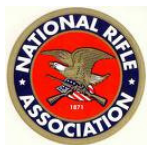
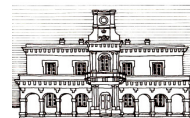
Pistol/Shotgun/Carbine/Mini Rifle can be used for this event.

All IPSC events are open to all licenced target shooters of all Clubs. Call on 21411600 or send an email on [info@amacs-malta.org](mailto:info@amacs-malta.org) to book



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An NRA Bulls Eye Competition was held at VSR on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May; 8am to 12pm

The top three scorers are as follows:

## Centerfire

First place:	Anthony Mifsud	No 727	Score 229
Second place:	Michael Risiott	No. 125	Score 198
Third place:	Charles Wallbank	No. 441	Score 197

## Rimfire

First place:	Charles Wallbank	No. 441	Score 230
Second place:	Clive Chipperfield	No. 829	Score 172
Third place:	Martin Scicluna	No. 491	Score 158

Well done to all who participated.



We shall be holding the first-ever Cowboy Action Style Shooting on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 4pm to 7pm. Contact the AMACS office on [info@amacs-malta.org](mailto:info@amacs-malta.org) or 2141 1600 to book.

## MRPSC Shooting Course

The next firearms safe handling course will be held in English on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> May from 9am to 4pm. This is for members who wish to obtain a Target Shooter license A (revolver/pistol/rifle) and Target Shooter license B (tactical shotgun). The fee is € 30.00. Those interested in attending the course should send an email to our administration office on [info@amacs-malta.org](mailto:info@amacs-malta.org) or call on 21411600 during our office hours.



Anthony Mifsud  
*Committee Official - Shooting*

OUR AIM IS SAFETY

**MALTA MUZZLE-LOADING SHOOTING CLUB**



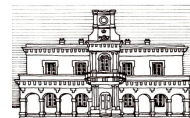
## A Short History of Black Powder Shooting in Malta

Black powder (BP) shooting in Malta started way back in 1989 when a Napoleonic re-enactment was staged at the Armed Forces of Malta ranges in Pembroke. Original flintlock and percussion guns



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were used since at the time it was not possible to import any firearms other than shotguns. It was thanks to the assistance of Brig. Maurice Calleja that this first event ever got under way.

Having broken the ice, this was followed by monthly shooting events at the AFM Safi Pistol Range. The Army provided Range Conducting Officers (RCO) and shooting used to take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. As BP was the only shooting discipline permitted almost all members participated. Attendance of more than 30 shooters was quite common. It took ages between a round and another, the interval was always filled with discussions about shooting, powder weight, techniques. This was invariably punctuated by a good dose of jokes, clean or otherwise!

Eventually RCO courses were organised by the AFM and soon after we did not have to depend on the presence of an AFM RCO. We managed to acquire permission to shoot every Sunday and soon after also on Saturdays.

The increased number of shooting days and especially the introduction of cartridge firearms following the coming into force of the Arms Act in 2006 saw a decline in the enthusiasm and attendance in black powder shooting events; members opted for the new toy in town, the smokeless cartridge and its guns, that meant less hassle to load and clean. What really hit black powder hard though was the AFM closing its Safi range gates to civilian shooters.

Fortunately the private range at Handaq became accessible - a blessing for the shooting fraternity. Shooters could once again practice their sport. Yet again the trend was in favour of centerfire cartridges and the range mainly catered for this discipline. However a number of members have shown keen interest in shooting their BP guns again and the Malta Muzzle-Loading Shooting Club (MMSC) has come to an agreement with the Victoria Shooting Range operators so that its members can shoot Black Powder on particular days. Pre-booking is necessary.

As a first step we shall be holding a meeting on Wednesday, 20 June at 1930 hours at the Club premises in Tigne' Point. Members interested in BP shooting and intending to acquire a Target Shooter Licence B (Muzzle Loader) are urged to book a seat by contacting Franco at [info@amacs-malta.org](mailto:info@amacs-malta.org)

As for the BP veterans it's time to unpack your old trusted muzzle loader and prepare to use it again! Send your comments to [info@amacs-malta.org](mailto:info@amacs-malta.org).

*Alex Vella*  
*MMSC Chairman*  
*Tel. 2141 1600*

**MALTA AIRGUN SHOOTING CLUB**

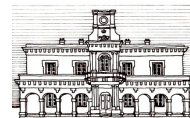


The next Basic Airgun Induction Course for those wishing to obtain a Target Shooter licence B (airguns) will be held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May starting at 19:30 hours at our Tigne' Premises. It is free for our MASC and MTAC members. Call 2141 1600 or send an email to book.



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## MALTA TACTICAL AIRSOFT CLUB

Members of MTAC who need to attend a safety course to obtain a police licence should contact the office to book for the course scheduled for Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May as announced in the MASC section. In the meantime arrangements are being made to utilize a new site for our airsoft activities. Further details shall be announced later.

Co-option of an MTAC Committee member. Mr Marlon Vassallo has resigned from the MTAC Club Committee. The AMACS Committee as per statute clause 3.21.6. has made the decision to co-opt Mr. John Camilleri to the MTAC Club Committee. Welcome to John and a big thank you to Marlon for the excellent work that he has done while on the MTAC Club Committee. Marlon will continue to assist when ever possible.

## MALTA CROSSBOW SHOOTING CLUB



Members who wish to obtain a Crossbow target shooter licence A, should contact our office so that we will book you for the next course.

## NOTICE BOARD

### CLUB HOUSE REGULATIONS

Members are requested to strictly observe the following basic regulations to avoid embarrassment:

**Attendance Book:** The book is located at the entrance and every member is obliged to sign upon arrival. This also applies to members' guests.

**Children:** Members and their guests are not to bring children below the age of 14 to the club premises.

**Pets:** Members and their guests are advised not to bring pets to the club premises.

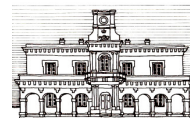
**Dress Code:** Members and their guests are to wear appropriate clothing that reflects the good standing of our Association and its premises' location. Shabby or indecent clothing shall not be tolerated. If you are in doubt seek the club officials' guidance.

**Guests:** Members are encouraged to bring guests. However they should be aware that they are entirely responsible for their behaviour.



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## COMMERCIAL ADVERTS AT THE CLUB HOUSE

We shall start to run paid adverts on the two televisions located in the members' area of the Club House. The advert may be in the format of a self running power point presentation, a video or a combination of both and may be up to five minutes long. It will be shown at least twice during each Club evening for a period of four weeks against a fee of € 50.00 for members and € 100.00 for non-members. Interested parties are to contact the CEO at the earliest opportunity. Dealers are encouraged to leave catalogues for the attention of the members.

## COMMERCIAL ADVERTS BY SMS

We have the facility of sending an SMS to all our members. AMACS members who wish to send an advert to our members may do so for a fee of € 90.00. Fee for non-AMACS members is € 150.00. Your message will reach over 800 members. Send an email to [info@amacs-malta.org](mailto:info@amacs-malta.org) for more information.

## COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENTS

**Advertising Rates-** Members pay € 25.00 for 1/3 of a page, € 30.00 for 1/2 of a page, € 45.00 for a full page. Non-members fee is double the member's rate. Adverts are accepted subject to space availability. Interested parties should e-mail artwork to us at [info@amacs-malta.org](mailto:info@amacs-malta.org). Reach our members by advertising your products and services... and support your Newsletter!

## List of firearms for exhibition on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2012

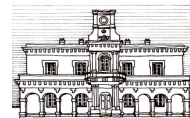
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## AMACS Dinner on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### Menu for Buffet Dinner

#### *Appetizers*

*Pork Sausage*

*Beef Burger*

*Chicken Drumstick*

*Pork Loin*

*Cube Roll*

*Potato Salad*

*Green Salad*

*Coleslaw*



*Price € 15.00*

*Drinks are not included in price*

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