

Muzzle Loaders Associations International Committee

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Dear Delegate,

The Pacific Zone Championships which are taking place now and for the first time is an official postal event. The World Masters Games is taking place now in Torino, Italy and Muzzle Loading Events (which have been included for the first time since it's inauguration in 1985. Thanks to the foresight of Giuseppe Masino) are due to start on 6 August, which I will be attending. Two weeks after that the European Zone Championships start in Eisenstadt, Austria, September sees the MLAIC Long Range ~World Championships taking place in Cape Town, South Africa and in October the first Spanish Grand Prix will be taking place in Madrid where Felipe, Prince of Asturias the Crown Prince of Spain Will be attending. This will truly be a memorable occasion and I urge you all to send a team.

As you can see it is a very busy year for muzzle loading shooting.

People

I received an email from Karl-Heinz Baumgartner, he has decided to retire from his post as President of the Oesterreichischer Schuetzenbund after many years. We wish him a long and happy retirement and hope he continues to compete in our championships and his scores will improve now that he will have nothing to do. Robert Szuppin was elected to replace him and will be the new delegate for Austria, you will know him as he has been a competitor for many years, I hope his shooting is not affected by his workload as President.

MLAIC Pacific Zone Championships

Because of the vast distances the teams have to travel and the limited number of entrants the costs for hosting these events is prohibitively expensive. The Deputy Secretary General proposed a change in the Rules which would enable this event to be organised on a postal basis, which I fully support.

I am awaiting the results and a match report on the event. It was necessary to draft a set of rules for this and they will be appended to our Constitution and Rules, once finalised. You should have received a copy of these rules with this document

Constitution and Rules

You should receive with this newsletter a proposed amended Constitution and Rules of the MLAIC. I am eternally grateful to Gerard Lang who was asked to translate our Constitution and Rules into German for the DSB, in doing so he found a number of phrases that were not easily translatable, he also found a number of other issues that needed correcting, these have been included.

For a number of years the question of "authentic" reproductions has been raised, both at firearms inspection and amongst the members of the MLAIC Commission. These questions focus primarily on "European" matchlock pistols and the two "Gibbs" type shotguns that are on the market, these firearms do not comply with our rules as they simply did not exist in that form.

The current rules covering reproductions is very restrictive and a great many other firearms are questionable in regard to these rules, there are so many in fact that it would be virtually impossible to ban them as it would be too expensive for our shooters and would probably be detrimental to the MLAIC.

I have made a proposal that the wording to Rule 4.7 is changed and this has been included in the attached draft.

Changes to the rules are indicated in red and renumbering and word order are indicated in green.

I will ask for an electronic vote on the proposed changes in **November** after conclusion of the Grand Prix of Spain.

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I will be leaving for the World Masters Games on 5 August, then to Croatia and then returning to the European Zone Championships in Austria. I will be out of touch for some of this time as I will be sailing in Croatia but I look forward to your comments on the proposed changes to the rules and look forward to discussing them with those of you who will be at our meeting in Eisenstadt.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Brigden
Secretary General
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