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OBITUARY – EDWARD SHERIDAN

Dear BPSU members

We just received the sad news that Edward Sheridan, longstanding member of BPSU and CTMLA, has passed away on Sunday morning. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

Thank you to John Austin for providing this tribute.

OBITUARY – EDWARD (SHERRI) SHERIDAN, OF THE CAPE TOWN MUZZLELOADERS' ASSOCIATION

It is with great sadness that I have to convey to our members the news of the passing of our dear friend and shooting comrade "Sherri" Sheridan in hospital at the age of eighty, in the early hours of Sunday, 1st April, after a long illness which he battled with great courage and fortitude.

Sherri's membership of the CTMLA and BPSU began in 1962 making him, up until his passing, the second longest serving member of both Associations. His 50 years of membership has only been eclipsed by John Davis who died last year after having had a continuous membership of both Associations for 52 years.

His shooting career was curtailed some 15 years ago by several operations which made prone shooting uncomfortable and impractical for him. In spite of this he continued with small-bore shooting from the bench up until 2009 and maintained his ability to shoot well and participate in club events. He was a past chairman of the CTMLA and served as an Ordinary member with distinction in competitive muzzle-loading shooting at club Provincial and National levels, and won his Springbok colours in 1988 for Free Muzzle Loading Rifle shooting against a visiting team from Great Britain.

In spite of his declining health and physical disability in more recent times, he continued to visit the range on club days as an observer and to participate in club lunches and functions. He also made a point of always attending the AGM of the Association and maintaining an active interest in its affairs.

As a person, he was always genteel, reserved, refined and approachable and always a pleasure to be with. In his life he epitomised the cornerstones of integrity (honesty, fairness, diligence and transparency) in his interactions with all both on and off the shooting range. He was truly loved by all who were close to him.

In 2000 at the end of his active shooting career he was made an Honorary Life Member of the Cape Town Muzzleloaders' Association at a memorable dinner held in his honour at The Kelvin Grove Club, for his

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considerable service to the Association over some 40 years and for the distinction he achieved in his competitive shooting career.

His passing from our midst will leave a void in the affairs of the CTMLA which will be particularly felt by its older members to whom "Sherri" Sheridan was for so long a mentor, a dear friend and comrade in arms.

Our sincerest sympathies and condolences go out to his wife Valerie and to his family at their bereavement.

We will remember Sherri for his humanity, his humility, his generosity, his warm smile and his offbeat sense of humour which always warmed our hearts and lifted our spirits when he was with us.

John Austin



This is one of the last pictures I have of John Davis (left) and Sherri Sheridan on the Atlantis shooting range in December 2006

Kind regards

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