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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 19 February 2026

Dear All,

RE: CHANGE OF VENUE - THE SA OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

The Executive Committee of the SA Bisley Union (SABU) hereby informs all participants that the traditional venue for the SA Open Championships, the Genl De Wet Shooting Range at De Brug, will unfortunately not be utilised for the 2026 Championships.

This decision follows careful consideration of the following circumstances:

1. Military Deployment at De Brug Base

A large contingent of troops is temporarily stationed at the base till mid-May 2026. As a result, key facilities traditionally utilised for the Championships - including the offices, halls and camp facilities - will not be available for use during our championships.

2. Marker Accommodation and Facilities

The base has historically provided accommodation and essential facilities for the markers. Due to the above situation no accommodation and facilities are available to accommodate our markers.

3. Sewerage and Health Risks

The increased troop presence have places significant strain on the sewerage infrastructure that runs through the range area. The current overflow and spillage present a material health and safety risk to competitors, officials, and support staff.

Extensive efforts were undertaken to explore mitigation measures and alternative arrangements at De Brug. However, after consultation with all relevant stakeholders and a comprehensive risk assessment, the SABU EXCO has resolved that these challenges cannot be sufficiently addressed for 2026.

Accordingly, the 2026 SA Open Championships will be moved and hosted at the CMH Sport Shooters Retreat, Vereeniging.

The SABU EXCO remains fully committed to delivering a Championship that upholds the proud traditions of South African Bisley Shooting and maintains the highest competitive and organisational standards. **PLEASE TAKE NOTE** that the SA Open Championships will still

be held from the **10th till the 18th of April 2026**. Further logistical details, accommodation guidance, and programme information will be communicated in due course.

We apologise for any inconvenience and trust that we will still see you all at the SA Open Championships and thank you all for your understanding and continued support.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernand De Beer', written over a horizontal line.

Bernand De Beer
(Chairman)