



**THE LEE ENFIELD RIFLE
ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH
AFRICA
(LERASA)**

The Lee Enfield Rifle Association of South Africa started in July 2009 and was affiliated with LERA in England on December 29th, 2009, after some negotiations.

The main reason for establishing the Association here in South Africa was the fact that there are so many Lee Enfield rifle owners that never shoot their rifles. In most instances it is always the "old" .303 Enfield rifles that are handed in at the Police by uninformed owners. After all, where is the glamour in these old rifles? Why keep it? Well, nostalgia may be the Association's main drive to protect the existence of this grand old concept.

Interested in joining LERA SA?

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AIM, MISSION & VISION

- Our Aim is to promote the shooting, collection and study of the Lee Enfield series of rifles.
- Our Mission is to limit the destruction of these incredible rifles and educating current owners before handing these rifles in for destruction.
- To ensure that these old war horses are given its rightful place in history and to restore its credibility in the shooting fraternity.

With this background, there are very few owners who really understand or know the rich history behind the Lee Enfield rifle and its origin. It is the oldest military bolt action rifle design that is still in daily use in current wars and police forces, like Afghanistan, Iraq, India, Pakistan, Canada and Malawi Police to name but a few. Canada and South Africa is probably the countries where most active Lee Enfield rifles are in use by hunters and sport shooters.

The most common Lee Enfield rifles are the Short Magazine Lee Enfield (SMLE) No.1 Mk.III and the No.4 Mk.1 & Mk.2. The rifles are divided in different classes, reflected by their design dates and accuracy. The classification is broken down as follows:

- Vintage: (Victorian Era) Lee Metford, Long Lee Enfield and Martini Enfield
- Veteran: (World War 1 Era) Short Magazine Lee Enfield and P14
- Classic: (World War 2 Era) No.4 Mk.1 and No.5 Mk.1 (Jungle Carbine)
- Modern: (Post War) No.4 Mk.2, L42A1, L39A1, Envoy, Enforcer, 2A1 Ishapore
- Modified: Any Lee Enfield rifle that is modified (Sporterised)

Matches are fired on military type A11 and A12 targets. The targets are used for practices and competitions. It is designed with a black figure on a bright yellow background and gives no readily-discernible aiming mark. It needs considerable skill by a person to keep the shots in the centre of the target.

Shooting is done as follows:

- Practice 1 - 100 meters; Standing position with no support except the rifle sling.
- Practice 2 - 200 meters; Sitting or kneeling with no support except for the rifle sling.
- Practice 3 - 300 meters; Prone with no support except the rifle sling.

We do various other shooting competitions including gong shooting and .22 competitions.

LERASA shoots once a month on a Saturday morning at the Rooikraal Shooting Range as well as the Bothaville Shooting Range in the Free State. Inter-branch shooting competitions are held annually, One at The Rooikraal range and the other at the Bothaville range.

On the grounds of the Association's affiliation with LERA England, LERA Ireland, LERA Australia, LERA International and the Canadian Lee Enfield Collectors; there are several international postal shooting competitions annually.

The Association is accredited with the SAPS as a Sport Shooting body (CFR Accreditation no: 1300112). This makes it possible for motivating license renewals and new applications, as well as qualification as a Dedicated Sportsman under Section 16 of the Firearms Act.

On joining you become a probationary member of the Association, and over a minimum of three LERASA shoots you will receive instruction on the safe handling of rifles and types of Enfield rifles you may encounter, as well as range rules and etiquette. After completing the probationary period, you will receive full membership.