

CHASA ELECTS NEW VICE CHAIRMAN

Big Bore Association of Southern Africa (BASA) member Stephan Palos has been elected new vice chair of the Confederation of Hunters' Associations of SA (CHASA) at a Board meeting held on 20 February 2010 in Cape Town. This follows the resignation of Adri Kitshoff, who has been appointed CEO of PHASA.

Stephan started hunting at a very young age with his father, who was of Greek origin, "so our hunting was mainly wing-shooting for guinea fowl, pheasants, etc".

He adds, "I 'discovered' real animals were also huntable when I hunted my first impala the year after school in 1982, and the bug bit big time. I typically hunted the bushveld region for impala, kudu, warthog, etc and got involved in organised hunting associations when I joined SA Hunters around 2001. I did the original CHASA tests in those days.

He found a home with BASA in 2005 and in 2008 joined their Exco. Last year saw him representing them on the CHASA board. "Given my previous experience in organised hunting I was most astounded at the superb manner and spirit in which things were done in the CHASA board and did my best to engage in a constructive and creative manner. I am humbled by the way in which this has been positively accepted, and which resulted in my election to the vice chair. I sincerely hope I fulfil or exceed the expectations of the board and association members in this role."