



Send IT 2-Mile Challenge

By Charl Gous

On 20 May we hosted the second Send IT 2-Mile Challenge at Matroosbergstasieskietklub near De Doorns in the Western Cape, attended by 22 dedicated extreme long range (ELR) shooters. This fabulous purpose-built facility comfortably accommodates the Send IT 2-Mile Challenge matches and doubles as a training facility for members, with numerous targets strategically placed across the beautiful Karoo landscape.

Match Format

The first 2-Mile Challenge held on 18 March proved the Send IT format to be time-efficient, affording us the opportunity to add an additional target and accommodate more shooters at future events. Minor adjustments to the 20 May match format included a fourth target as part of the course of fire and a change to the number of attempts at each target (from six to five shots) to be in line with international standards.

The range was set up with four targets at 2 017 m, 2 485 m, 2 681 m, and 3 270 m. Each match participant took

five shots at each target for a total of 20 shots. Shooters started at the first target (2 017 m) with a cold bore shot, as there is no zero-range on match day. Importantly, the entire group of shooters engaged T1 before moving to T2, 3, and 4. This reduced the 'luck of the draw' element, as all shooters fired at a specific target within a relatively short period before going on to the next target. In this scenario, shooters are exposed to broadly similar atmospheric conditions and needed to fire at each target with a fresh wind call as conditions changed.

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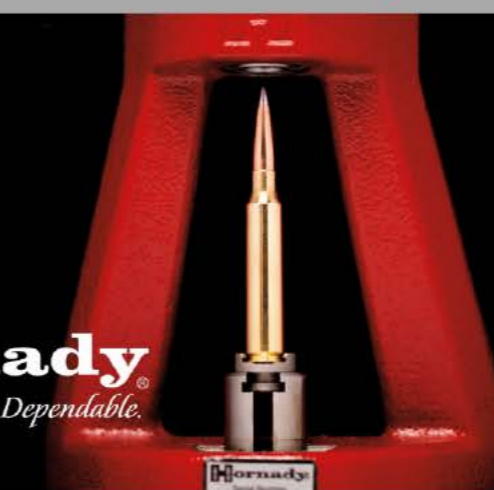
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1 Aerial view of the shooting platforms



1 Shooters and spotters ready to engage the targets



1 Michael Hitchcock clearing the firing line

Data and Statistics

We derive a great deal of satisfaction when Send IT shooters achieve success at our matches and compared to what is accomplished internationally at competitive ELR events. In this regard, we publicly circulate our detailed match results on social media and *On Target Africa* magazine for all to evaluate. Furthermore, we submit all match information to Safety First Tactical ELRhq (SFT) to be included in its global ELR ranking tables.

SFT is managed by Brian Wink based in the USA. Match directors from around the world submit competition results to Brian to compile global ELR rankings and produce valuable statistics for ELR fanatics. Brian has put in a massive effort to collect all the information, make logical conclusions from the data and compare the various scoring methodologies and match formats around the world. I encourage everyone to go to the SFT Facebook page and read the nine-page document discussing the logic applied to the ranking tables.

Benchmark for Send IT shooters

SFT provides informative data and ranking tables whereby Send IT shooters can measure their ability on a worldwide ELR ranking platform. These tables are not to be viewed as the ultimate measure of success, as many additional variables impact the comparability of such an exercise, but should rather be used as a benchmark of what Send IT shooters, all the way in sunny South Africa, can achieve relative to some very prominent and well-respected international shooters.

In this regard, we are proud to report that numerous Send IT shooters feature in the top quartile of SFT's global ranking tables (light and heavy gun) – and we will continue to work hard to stay there!

Match Day

At Matroosbergstasieskietklub, shooters were presented with the most beautiful day for ELR shooting, with cool temperatures, sunny skies and mild wind conditions. The competitors' briefing promptly kicked off at 07:30 where the do's and don'ts of the day



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were explained over a cup of hot coffee and freshly baked muffins. All shooters were excited and ready to take on the range!

When hosting ELR matches, we are always concerned at the impact of weather conditions on match results and whether shooters will leave the range feeling encouraged to come back and build on their experience to achieve even better results at their next match.

With this in mind, we were once again delighted with the results accomplished by a relatively small group of 22 shooters – especially those classified as ‘light guns’ (.338 calibre and smaller), as these firearms tackle distances much further than their intended use. Again, a testament to the spirit of Send IT shooters, giving it a go against the odds and delivering the results!

Evaluating the score sheet, we want to highlight the following impressive statistics:

- Target 1 (2 017 m), 24 impacts recorded, with **three shooters achieving 3 out of 5 impacts.**
- Target 2 (2 485 m), 20 impacts recorded, with **two shooters achieving 3 out of 5 impacts.**
- Target 3 (2 681 m), 15 impacts recorded, with **five shooters achieving 2 out of 5 impacts.**
- Target 4 (3 270 m), **four impacts on the 2-mile target**, with Izak Hanekom and Michael Hitchcock making first-round hits!

However, the most impressive statistic of the match goes to John Justus and will forever be written into the history books as a remarkable feat. Making use of his trusted 300 Norma Magnum rifle, firing 245 gr Berger bullets, John made impact on every target, including the 2-mile target, to take home the gold medal. To put this in perspective, most ELR shooters will not venture to take on a 2-mile course with a rifle chambered in such a small calibre, but John proved it was no fluke as he managed hit after hit. A superb performance that was a pleasure to witness!



Gerhardt Haasbroek with his trusty 300 PRC



Willem Vermeulen's first Send IT 2-Mile Challenge



13 year old Carlo Gous eager to take on the "old boys"



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Venue: Matroosbergstasieskietklub

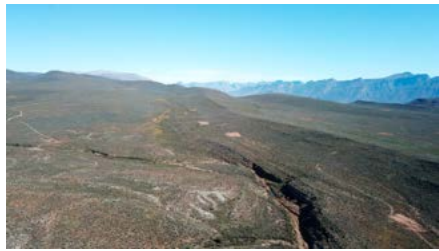
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Nr.	Shooter	Caliber	Target 1					Target 2					Target 3					Target 4					Total Nr. of HITS	TOTAL SCORE						
			1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E								
			Target Number					Target Number					Target Number					Target Number												
			Distance (in meters)					Distance (in meters)					Distance (in meters)					Distance (in meters)												
			Distance (in yards)					Distance (in yards)					Distance (in yards)					Distance (in yards)												
			Target Size, cm (H & W)					Target Size, cm (H & W)					Target Size, cm (H & W)					Target Size, cm (H & W)												
			Target Size, MOA (H & W)					Target Size, MOA (H & W)					Target Size, MOA (H & W)					Target Size, MOA (H & W)												
			Multiplier x distance (m)					Multiplier x distance (m)					Multiplier x distance (m)					Multiplier x distance (m)												
1	John Justus	300 NMI	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	24 050	Light Gun
2	Danie du Preez	37 XC	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	22 140	Heavy Gun
3	Pieter Eksteen	375 CT	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	20 479	Heavy Gun
4	DJ Van Zyl	416 Barrett	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	16 204	Heavy Gun
5	Charl Gous	375 ST	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	15 289	Heavy Gun
6	Selma vd Berg	300 PRC	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	14 946	Light Gun
7	James Preyser	375 CT	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	14 805	Heavy Gun
8	Pieter Swart	338 LM	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	13 117	Light Gun
9	Hendrie Brink	375 ST	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	11 606	Heavy Gun
10	Izak Hanekom	375 ST	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10 562	Heavy Gun
11	Deon Fabel	338 LM AI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10 528	Light Gun
12	Andrew Gallagher	300 PRC	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	10 368	Light Gun
13	Michael Hitchcock	338 LM AI	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9 566	Light Gun
14	Dwayne Cronje	300 NMI	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6 132	Light Gun
15	Trevern Haasbroek	338 LM AI	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	5 547	Light Gun
16	Gerhardt Haasbroek	300 PRC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5 362	Light Gun
17	Bernard Eksteen	338 LM AI	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3 026	Light Gun
18	Deon van Dyk	300 PRC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2 485	Light Gun
19	Carlo Gous	338 LM AI	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2 017	Light Gun
20	Philip Jooste	338 LM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	Light Gun
21	Willem Vermeulen	338 LM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	Light Gun
22	Noel Rowe	408 CT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	Heavy Gun



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↑ Extensive clearing was done to spot missed shots at T4 - 3270 m



↑ John Justus, with his rifle specs below.

Rifle Weight (lbs., i.e. 24.5)	24
Caliber/Cartridge	300 NMI
Bullet Brand	Berger EoL
Bullet Model Used	EOL 245gr
Brass	Lapua
Powder	N570
Stock or Chassis	Chassis
Stock/Chassis brand used	Victrix
Action	Victrix
Barrel Brand	Custom
Barrel Length	32
Barrel Twist	01:08
Brake/Suppressor	APW
Scope Brand	Kahles K525i
MIL or MOA?	MIL
Reticle	SKMR
Base TOTAL (Rail & Rings combined)	20
Additional Elevation	5mils Eratac
Trigger	SDNI
BiPod	Sus-Tac
Rifle Rear adjustment	Protektor
Ballistic Solver	Strelak
Electronics	Kestrel 5500
Chronograph Used	Magnetospeed

Now, this is where SFT's vast library of ELR records come into play. We contacted Brian Wink to mine SFT's data for the longest hits achieved with a 300 Norma Magnum during an ELR match. According to the data, in 2020 Jennifer Lindsay made impact at 2 911 yd (2 662 m), to date the furthest recorded hit in competition with a 300 Norma Magnum.

Brian went on to confirm that John's hit at 3 576 yd (3 270 m) is currently the furthest successful impact in the world using a 300 Norma Magnum rifle during an ELR match. What a fantastic accolade for one of the sport's most respected and humble ambassadors.

Lastly, we need to highlight Danie du Preez (2nd) and Pieter Eksteen (3rd), who put in a solid performance up to the final target, both having made impact seven times leading up to the 2-mile plate. With a bit of luck, both these gentlemen could have had taken home the gold medal. Better luck next time, gents.

We would like to thank all those who participated and invite newcomers to join us on the journey to becoming more proficient at hitting steel out to 2-miles. To our host, Estian du Preez, thank you for preparing the range and your help and commitment to help grow the Send IT initiative.



↑ L_R Pieter Eksteen, Danie du Preez, John Justus

Next Up

As we approach the second half of 2023, Send IT will host two ELR events at the dedicated range at Darling Steel Valley, Western Cape, a 2-mile Challenge at Matroosbergstasieskietklub, and one .22LR ELR competition at PEKS Range near Wellington, Western Cape.

Send IT, ELR Shooting - event dates 2023	
Date	Format & Venue
29 July	2-Mile Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
2 September	PEKS Range .22LR ELR Wellington
30 September	ELR Match Darling Steel Valley
4 November	ELR Match Darling Steel Valley

Until next time, get ready to Send IT



Anyone in need of additional information can contact Charl Gous on 083 4696 181. Be sure to follow Send IT, ELR Shooting on Facebook and send us a message to join the Send IT Telegram group where all communication is posted. <https://www.facebook.com/Senditelrshooting/>

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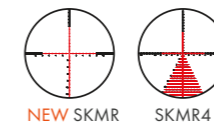
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