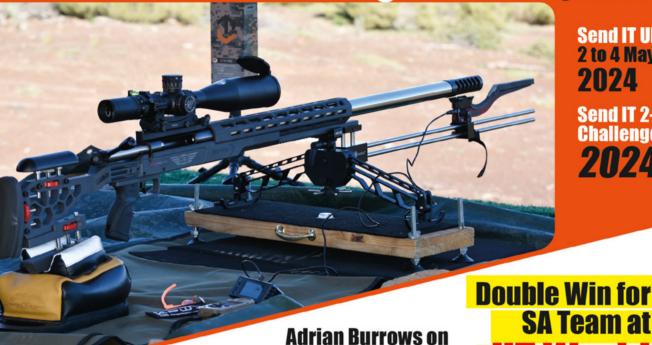
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# 2-Mile Challenge and 2024 ULTRA and 2-Mile Series

**By Charl Gous** 

On 30 July we hosted the third **Send IT 2-Mile Challenge** at Matroosbergstasieskietklub near De Doorns in the Western Cape with a group of very brave and determined Extreme Long Range (ELR) shooters.



To date, Send IT has hosted two 2-Mile Challenges, in March and May 2023, yielding fantastic results. At both events, match participants successfully engaged targets at 2 017 m, 2 485 m, 2 681 m and the mighty 2-Miles (3 270 m) - with numerous impacts. In fact, at both matches a remarkable four hits were recorded at 3 270 m from a relatively small group of aspiring ELR shooters.

Pieter Eksteen

Carlo and Charl Gous







Warwick du Preez



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 in *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. SFT offers informative data and ranking tables whereby Send IT shooters can measure their ability on a worldwide ELR ranking platform. 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!



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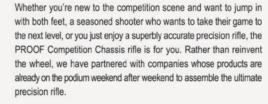
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#### Match day, 30 July, **Send IT 2-Mile** Challenge

The match was postponed by a day as a severe cold front with rain and snow was predicted to hit the range and surrounding areas. As the shooting calendar extends into winter, we frequently deal with weather conditions that are not ideal, but this was the most severe setting to date. At Matroosbergstasieskietklub, shooters were presented with a terrible day for ELR shooting, with icy temperatures (3°C), snow-covered mountain tops, and a firm 15 mph to 25 mph fishtail wind.

Persistent rain and freezing temperatures in the months leading up to the match left the grounds soaked, making it impossible to see missed shots in the wet soil. It was an extremely difficult backdrop to attempt ELR shots. Notwithstanding a massive effort to clear the grounds and remove vegetation around targets, shot after shot after shot was followed by the now irritatingly familiar "No call" from the spotters.

After achieving very pleasing results in previous 2-Mile Challenges, it was disappointing and frustrating to witness shooters struggle through the day with little success. However, there was still plenty of jokes and smiles around, some in disbelief as we endured the match.



1 L-R: Selma vd Berg, Andrew Gallagher, Philip Jooste





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times on the 2 017 m target and once at 2 485 m to take the gold medal. In second place, Deon Fabel was successful with two consecutive hits on the 2 485 m target. Pieter Eksteen took bronze after getting off to a strong start with three impacts at 2 017 m. The top performing shooters received prizes sponsored by Swift and MG Riflestock. Thank you for providing prizes for the winners and for your continued support for Send IT. The shooters worked hard for them! When hosting ELR matches, we are always concerned about the impact of weather conditions on match results and whether shooters will leave the

Edgar Doubell made impact three

range feeling encouraged to come back and build on their experience to achieve even better results at their next match.

Even though these are not the results we aspire to or want to celebrate, everyone put in a valiant effort to host and take part in the match and took on brutal weather conditions to do what they love to do, evolved their skills, and learned from what was an exceptionally difficult shooting day.

Thanks to all the competitors who gave up their valuable time on the range in what was obviously a day to rather spend in bed or in front of a fire. A huge effort over the last six months transformed this range into a fabulous







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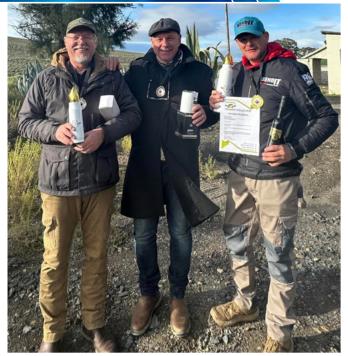
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17	Andrew Gallagher	338 LM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	Light Gun
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20	Louis van Zyl	300 PRC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	Light Gun
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Send IT ELR Winners 2-mile Challenge 30th July 2023 L-R: 3<sup>rd</sup> Deon Fabel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pieter Eksteen, 1<sup>st</sup> Edgar Doubell

ELR destination. Thanks to Estian and the team for their effort to prepare the range and their welcoming attitude. Planning for the 2024 Send IT calendar is already in full swing. As we have a brief report back on about the recent match, we thought it appropriate to provide an update regarding the 2024 Send IT ULTRA event, our flagship match of the year, and the further development of the Send IT 2-Mile Challenge.



1st Edgar Doubell



2<sup>nd</sup> Pieter Eksteen 1



3rd Deon Fabel (1





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## Send IT ULTRA Event, 2-4 May 2024

The **ULTRA** event has gained in popularity, necessitating minor changes to the shooting format to accommodate more shooters at this competitive ELR match. The event will once again be held at the beautiful Karoo King of the Plains Shooting Range near Hanover in the Northern Cape

The match will be held over three days, with Days 1 and 2 dedicated to a team competition. On Day 3, the topperforming individual shooters will compete for the coveted **ULTRA** title. With minor changes to the shooting format, we are confident that up to 72 shooters will be able to attend the 2024 **Send IT ULTRA** event.

#### Days 1 and 2: Team Match

Two person teams will engage the course. Targets will be set from 800 m to 2 200 m and will be shot from six different ranges over two

days. Each range will consist of three targets and each shooter will fire three shots at a target.

Shooters will be divided into two groups. On Day 1, Group 1 will engage Ranges 1 to 3, while Group 2 will shoot Ranges 4 to 6. On Day 2, the groups will switch and complete the remaining ranges. Each match participant will fire 27 shots per day for a total of 54 shots for the team match.

Scores from Days 1 and 2 will be combined to determine the team winners. In addition, individual scores from Davs 1 and 2 will be used to calculate an individual ranking table to decide qualifying shooters for the Top 21 Individual Final.

#### Day 3: Top 21 Individual Final

The Top 21 individual shooters, as per the cumulative scores achieved on

Days 1 and 2) will be divided into 3 groups. Each group will engage three predetermined ranges (with three targets per range), rotating through the course of fire. Shooters will engage the targets without the assistance of a team member or spotter and will fire an additional 27 rounds. Scores from Days 1, 2 and the final (Day 3) will be combined to determine the individual shooter ranking.

The above format will provide a very competitive, widely attended, and testing three-day ELR match where the top performers will fire a total of 81 shots at distances of up to 2 200 m to determine the **ULTRA** winner. We look forward to hosting you and invite ELR shooters from across the country to

### Send IT 2-Mile Challenge Series, 2024

Send IT. ELR Shooting is pleased to announce a series of 2-Mile Challenge matches to be held at Matroosbergstasieskietklub at De Doorns in the Western Cape.

The series will consist of four 2-Mile Challenge qualifying matches where an individual shooter's two best scores will be used to calculate a year-to-date ranking table.

The range will comprise eight targets from 1500 m to 4000 m. At the qualifying matches the range will consist of four preselected targets for a total of 20 shots (five per target). However, the series finale will comprise eight targets for a total of 40 shots (five per target).

The final 2-Mile Challenge event will be held exclusively for the top 15 shooters,

> Send IT, ELR Shooting event dates 2024

as per the ranking table, and will consist of a higher round count and additional targets at a challenging season finale.

Individual shooters' top two scores (50% contribution) and final score (50% contribution) will be used to calculate the overall series ranking and winner.

#### **Next Un**

As we enter the second half of 2023, Send IT will host two ELR events at the dedicated range at Darling Steel Valley and a .22LR ELR competition at PEKS Range near Wellington in the Western Cape.

In addition, please find the detailed 2024 Send IT calendar and event dates below. Make sure to diarise these and join us for an exciting ELR experience.

Send IT, ELR Shooting - event dates 2023									
Date	Format & Venue								
2 September	PEKS Range <b>.22LR ELR</b> Wellington								
30 September	<b>ELR Match</b> Darling Steel Valley								
4 November	<b>ELR Match</b> Darling Steel Valley								

event dates 2024								
Date	Format & Venue							
20 January	<b>2-Mile Challenge</b> Matroosbergstasie Skietklub							
10 February	<b>ELR Match</b> Darling Steel Valley							
9 March	PEKS Range .22LR ELR Wellington							
16 March	<b>2-Mile Challenge</b> Matroosbergstasie Skietklub							
13 April	<b>2-Mile Challenge</b> Matroosbergstasie Skietklub							
2-4 May	Send IT ULTRA Hanover, Northern Cape							
25 May	<b>2-Mile Challenge</b> Matroosbergstasie Skietklub							
7 September	PEKS Range .22LR ELR Wellington							
28 September	<b>ELR Match</b> Darling Steel Valley							
2 November	<b>ELR Match</b> Darling Steel Valley							
16 November	<b>2-Mile Challenge FINAL</b> Matroosbergstasie Skietklub							



#### 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 communications are posted. https://www.facebook.com/ SenditeIrshooting/

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