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# Send IT .22LR ELR

## – Family, Friends and Fun

By Charl Gous

On 2 September, we hosted the seventh .22 LR ELR (Extreme Long Range) Send IT match at PEKS Shooting Range near Wellington in the Western Cape, with a full house of 38 adults and nine juniors competing. We welcomed new shooters to the world of rimfire ELR and are pleased to have had shooters travel hundreds of kilometres to attend this family-orientated event.

Rimfire ELR has gained tremendous interest from the sports-shooting community because it is exciting, challenging and accessible to a broad range of shooters. It provides a learning platform whereby newcomers and their families can become familiar with the technical aspects of ELR shooting in a safe, secure and inviting environment.

Our mission at Send IT is to promote ELR sport shooting in its various formats, and to be part of the drive to become more proficient at making successful impacts at extreme distances. Importantly, we want to have fun while doing so. There is a deliberate effort to create an environment where learning and knowledge are shared.

### Range Set-Up and Match Format

The course comprised three ranges, with targets set 166 m to 424 m, fitted with electronic hit indicators to confirm successful impacts. All targets were 30 cm x 30 cm in size. Each match participant took five shots at each target, with three targets per range, for a total round count of 45 for the match.

To accommodate our young shooters, we set up a separate junior range with

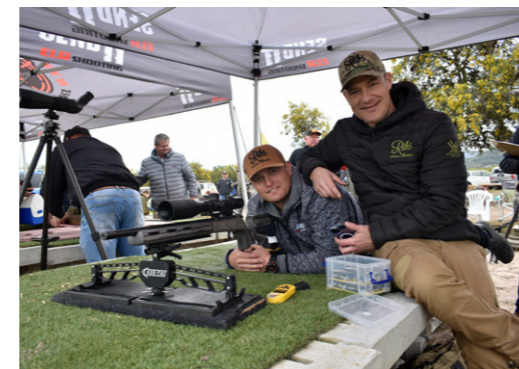
targets from 58 m to 236 m. The junior targets were smaller in size to make it more challenging to hit at closer distances. Under the supervision of a dedicated Range Officer, with licenced firearm owners present, there was an acute focus on safety and the safe handling and storage of firearms.

Lastly, a challenge gong was set up at 513 m to be engaged after the official match for bragging rights and a small prize. Each competitor was given the opportunity to shoot at the target twice, five shots at a time. To provide perspective, you needed approximately 130 MOA of elevation to reach the target and plenty of windage when the south-easter got going!

### Match Day

With a mild cold front pushing towards the range, shooters had to deal with tricky, yet manageable, wind conditions and a spurt of rain showers towards the end. The match delivered excellent results – in fact, the best scores to date. It is evident that shooters are becoming more proficient at making hits at far targets.

Paul van Gass took gold with 37 impacts (a record) and a perfect score on the second range (another record) that included five out of five hits on the 346 m and 393 m targets at Range 2. In addition, Paul followed with a first- and second-round impact on the 424 m target (Range 3) and a fifth-round impact at 424 m on Range 1. A marvellous performance and a well-deserved win that he can be proud of!



↑ Garth Terry and Martin le Roux



↑ Danie du Preez, RO and Spotter for the juniors

Equally impressive was newcomer Reinier Kruger, impacting 34 times to secure second place. Hot on his heels was Danie du Preez (32 hits) for third, and Barend Nel Snr (32 hits) missing a podium by the narrowest of margins. On any other day 32 hits would have been enough to take the top spot, but the competition is heating up.



↑ Charl Gous



↑ Perry de Jager



↑ Pierre van Gass



↑ Carlo Gous



↑ Danie du Preez



↑ Pieter Eksteen



↑ The juniors of the day



↑ Monique and Danie du Preez



↑ Perry de Jager at his attempt at the 513 m Challenge Gong



↑ Danie du Preez at his attempt at the 513 m Challenge Gong



↑ L-R: Charl Gous, Danie du Preez, 3rd, Paul van Gass 1st, and Reinier Kruger 2nd.



↑ L-R: Mia Goosen placed 3rd, Barend Nel JNR, 1st place, and Luke le Roux placed 2nd.



↑ Charl Gous presenting the match and safety briefing



↑ Spotter Izak Hanekom and Reinier Kruger





Main table with columns for Range (1-3), Target (1-3), Distance in meters, Score multiplier, and Total Score. Includes a list of participants with their names and surnames.

Hit = "1"; Miss = "0"

PEKS Shooting Range, 2 September 2023, .22LR ELR Event - Juniors (younger than 13 years)



Summary table for juniors with columns for Range, Target, Distance in meters, Score multiplier, and Total Score. Lists participants like Barend Nel, Luke Le Roux, Mia Goosen, etc.

Hit = "1"; Miss = "0"

PEKS Shooting Range, 2 September 2023, .22LR ELR Event

Ranking table for juniors with columns: Rank, Name, Surname, TOTAL, Hits. Lists participants from Paul Van Gass to Ruan van Dyk.

PEKS Shooting Range, 2 September 2023, .22LR ELR Event - Juniors (younger than 13 years)

Ranking table for juniors with columns: Rank, Name, Surname, TOTAL, Hits. Lists participants from Barend Nel to Handru Goosen.

Barend Nel Jnr, not to be outdone by his father, cleaned up with the first five targets on the junior range. The last target was intentionally made smaller to increase the difficulty level.

The 513 m Challenge Gong

The 513 m Challenge Gong delivered a surprisingly good outcome and narrow result. Here again Barend Nel Snr was in the mix with a stunning first- and third-round impact.

Later that afternoon Bernard Eksteen took his chances and matched Barend's score on his first attempt. Bernard followed up his excellent performance with a second-round impact on his second string.

Send IT, ELR Shooting - event dates 2023	
Date	Format & Venue
30 September	<b>ELR Match</b> Darling Steel Valley
4 November	<b>ELR Match</b> Darling Steel Valley

Send IT, ELR Shooting - 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 <b>.22LR ELR</b> Wellington
16 March	<b>2-Mile Challenge</b> Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
13 April	<b>2-Mile Challenge</b> Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
2-4 May	<b>Send IT ULTRA</b> Hanover, Northern Cape
25 May	<b>2-Mile Challenge</b> Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
7 September	PEKS Range <b>.22LR ELR</b> 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

shooters achieved an astounding three hits at 513 m, followed by two hits from Deon Fabel and one each to Andrew Roseveare, Perry de Jager and Pieter Eksteen.

The top-performing shooters received prizes sponsored by Helber Rifle Bullets and Innovation and MG Rifle Stocks. Thank you for providing these items to the winners and for your continued support of Send IT.

We would like to thank all those who participated, and especially invite the youngsters back to come and give their parents another run for their money! To our host, Pieter Eksteen, thank you for preparing the range and your time and commitment to help grow the Send IT initiative.

**Coming Up:** Send IT will host two ELR events at the dedicated range at Darling Steel Valley. In addition, please find the detailed 2024 Send IT calendar and event dates. Make sure to diarise these and join us for an exciting ELR experience. 🇿🇦



**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.

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