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Send IT Cutting Edge 2-Mile Series

16th March 2024

Matroosbergstasie Skietklub

Western Cape, South Africa

Match 2 of a 4 part series plus grand finale



By Charl Gous

Target 7 Send IT 2-Mile Challenge

On the 16th of March we hosted the second (of four) qualifying matches of the Send IT, ELR Shooting Cutting Edge 2-Mile Challenge series – proudly supported by Boomsticks, a local importer of Cutting Edge Bullets.

The range was laid out with five targets set at 1718 meters (1879 yards), 2012 meters (2200 yards), 2158 meters (2360 yards), 2485 meters (2718 yards) and 3270 meters (3576 yards). All targets measure 1.7 to 1.8 MOA at their respective distances and each shooter fired five shots per target for a total round count of 25.

Estian du Preez, owner of Matroosbergstasie Skietklub, put in massive effort to upgrade targets, clear sufficient land to spot missed attempts and build a new shooting platform for the dedicated Send IT 2-Mile Challenge range. Once

completed, the new shooting platform will provide an improved view of the targets and a better feel for atmospheric conditions.

In addition, two targets set at 3611 meters (3949 yards) and 3913 meters (4279 yards) was constructed to allow us to offer a “side match” to be held after the “official” match. The reasoning was that should these targets be included in the “official” match it would deter shooters from entering given their extreme distance and equipment limitations to reach these targets.

Match day

We were greeted with a beautiful morning with relatively calm weather conditions. As the day progressed it got more challenging with an unpredictable left to right wind that varied between 7 and 14 mph – creating shifting winds that pushed shooters left and right of the target.

Danie du Preez, sporting his brand new 416 Hellfire rifle, produced excellent results out of the blocks with four hits on the first target, three on the second target and two each on the third and

fourth target. His excellent consistency paid off and Danie managed his maiden competition hit on a 2-mile target to comfortably take home the gold medal.

The next three positions were separated by one scoring shot and remarkably all three shooters had successful impacts at 2-miles. James Preyzer (375 CT and 8 impacts) too managed to hit every target on the range to secure 2nd position ahead of the ever-present Ivan Fourie in 3rd (375 CT and 7 impacts). Loutjie Hanekom (375 ST and 8 impacts) had

TOTAL SCORE		Target 1					Target 2					Target 3					Target 4					Target 5						
TOTAL SCORE		1718 1879					2012 2200					2158 2360					2485 2718					3270 3576						
Total Nr. of HITS		85 85 85 85 85					100 100 100 100 100					110 110 110 110 110					130 130 130 130 130					165 165 165 165 165						
Target Size, cm (H & W)		1.70 1.70 1.70 1.70 1.70					1.71 1.71 1.71 1.71 1.71					1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75 1.75					1.80 1.80 1.80 1.80 1.80					1.73 1.73 1.73 1.73 1.73						
Target Size, MOA (H & W)		2.00 1.75 1.50 1.25 1.00					2.00 1.75 1.50 1.25 1.00					2.00 1.75 1.50 1.25 1.00					2.00 1.75 1.50 1.25 1.00					2.00 1.75 1.50 1.25 1.00						
Multiplier x distance (m)		1A 1B 1C 1D 1E					1A 1B 1C 1D 1E					1A 1B 1C 1D 1E					1A 1B 1C 1D 1E					1A 1B 1C 1D 1E						
Nr	Name & Surname	Caliber	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	Total Nr. of HITS
1	Danie du Preez	416 HF	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	12	
2	James Preyser	375 CT	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	
3	Ivan Fourie	375 CT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	
4	Loutjie Hanekom	375 ST	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	8	
5	Michael Hitchcock	338 LM AI	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	7	
6	Tony Ingram	375 CT	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6	
7	Izak Hanekom	338 LM	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	6	
8	Charl Gous	33 XC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
9	Pieter Eksteen	375 CT	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	
10	John Justus	375 CT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
11	Dwayne Cronje	37 XC	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
12	Carlo Gous	37 XC	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	
13	Johann van Zyl	300 PRC	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	4	
14	Warwick du Preez	375 CT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	
15	Deon Fabel	338 LM AI	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
16	Louis van Zyl	300 PRC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	



James Preyser 2nd Place



Pieter Eksteen



Warrick du Preez



Danie du Preez



John Justus



Michael Hitchcock

Send IT, ELR Shooting Cutting Edge 2-Mile Challenge
Matroosbergstasieskietklub, 16 March 2024

Nr	Name & Surname	Caliber	SHOOTER ORDER					SHOOTER ORDER					Total Nr. of HITS		
			1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E			
1	Warwick du Preez	375 CT	1	-	1	-	1	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	2
2	Danie du Preez	416 HF	2	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	0
3	Deon Fabel	338 LM AI	3	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	0
4	Izak Hanekom	375 ST	4	-	-	-	-	1	10	-	-	-	-	-	1
5	John Justus	375 CT	5	-	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	0
6	Pieter Eksteen	375 CT	6	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	1	-	-	-	1
7	Louis van Zyl	300 PRC	7	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	0
8	Charl Gous	37 XC	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	0
9	Ivan Fourie	375 CT	9	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	0
10	Johann van Zyl	300 PRC	10	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	0
11	Tony Ingram	375 CT	11	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	0
12	Dwayne Cronje	37 XC	12	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1
13	James Preyser	375 CT	13	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	0

Send IT, ELR Shooting Cutting Edge 2-Mile Challenge,
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Target Number	Target 1	Target 2	Target 3	Target 4	Target 5
Distance (in meters)	1718	2012	2158	2485	3270
Distance (in yards)	1879	2200	2360	2718	3576
Target Size, cm (H & W)	85	100	110	130	165
Target Size, MOA (H & W)	1,70	1,71	1,80	1,86	1,73



↑ Pieter Eksteen, minutes after his impact at 3913 meters (4279 yards)

to settle for a well shot 4th position and the satisfaction of a successful 2-mile impact.

We are delighted with these strong results given numerous variables at play when attempting to hit a target at extreme distances and are pleased to report five successful 2-mile impacts from a small group of dedicated shooters.

Side match – excellent achievements and bragging rights

In addition to the Send IT Cutting Edge 2-Mile Challenge we arranged a “side match” where shooters, under the same rules and procedures, took 5 shots each at two targets set at 3611 meters (3949 yards) and 3913 meters (4279 yards).

To our surprise Warwick du Preez (375 CT) kicked off with two impacts on the 3611 meter (3949 yard) target – but it did not end there as Izak Hanekom and Dwayne Cronje followed up with more hits at 3611 meters (3949 yards).

However, it was Pieter Eksteen that stole the show. Pieter nailed the 3913 meter (4279 yard) target with his second shot after Loutjie Hanekom’s superb spotting skills picked up faint splash 10 meters to the right of the target in a bush. The saying, that splash is king was never truer.

The “side match” was just that, a side match for bragging rights. Not for records but to try and attempt something that is not necessarily repeatable or 100% predictable, but an achievement nonetheless, for fun and to push the envelope.

However, we have a story to tell and that is important to us. The day included several 2-mile impacts, personal best achievements and most importantly a group of friends that enjoyed the day and pitched in to make

it a success. To all the competitors, thank you for making this another safe and enjoyable event that we all can be proud of.

To our host, Estian du Preez (Matroosbergstasie Skietklub), thank you for your efforts to prepare the range and for making your facilities available for all to enjoy. We appreciate the work and your commitment to Send IT. Lastly, thank you to Goede Hoop Slaghuis for providing braai (barbecue) packs for a delicious lunch after the match. 🇿🇦

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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↑ WINNERS L-R Ivan Fourie 3rd, James Preysler 2nd and Danie du Preez 1st

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

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