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Send IT, ELR Shooting .22LR ELR PEKS Shooting Range 9 March 2024

By Charl Gous



1 Igna Botha



Tinus De Grijis and Sunelle De Grijs



Charl Gous presenting the safety and match briefing

ELR (Extreme Long Range) Send IT match at PEKS Shooting Range near Wellington in the Western Cape, with a full house of 35 adults and 11 juniors competing. Rimfire ELR has gained tremendous interest from the sports-shooting community because it is exciting, challenging and accessible to a broad range of shooters. The Send IT rimfire ELR events provide a learning platform for newcomers to become

On 9 March we hosted the eighth .22 LR

Send IT rimfire ELR events have transformed into a family affair with wives, girlfriends and children joining the

familiar with the technical aspects of

ELR shooting in a safe, secure and

inviting environment.

festivities and outdoor entertainment. Juniors are now eagerly questioning when they can compete at the adult range, while ladies' participation and skills have grown rapidly.

Range set-up and match format

The course consisted of three ranges with targets from 155 m to 423 m, fitted with electronic hit indicators to confirm successful impacts. All targets were 30 cm x 30 cm. Each competitor 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 juniors had their own set of targets, smaller in

.22LR ELR Range	9	Range 1	Range 2	Range 3
Target 1	Distance (m)	155	189	164
Target 2	Distance (m)	261	343	264
Target 3	Distance (m)	423	392	421

Challenge Gong	Distance (m)	510	2 attempts of 5 shots each
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Junior Range		Range 1	Range 2	
Target 1	Distance (m)	58	148	
Target 2	Distance (m)	88	180	
Target 3	Distance (m)	120	236	

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.



.22LR ELR Event

March 2024,

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PEKS Shooting Range, 9 March 2024, .22LR ELR Event - Juniors

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1	Zach	Helberg	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	26	5	4	5	6	6	4,957.0
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6	Joshua	Eksteen	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	21	5	3	4	4	5	3,716.0
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9	Luke	Le Roux	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	15	2	3	2	5	3	2,169.0
10	Ferdinand	du Preez	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	10	1	1	4	2	2	2,132.5
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Martin Le Roux



Rick Jaffe





Andrew Roseveare



Emil Fabel

Match day

The start was delayed by about 45 minutes due to heavy fog but thankfully there was plenty of sugar-infused donuts, rusks, coffee and hot chocolate to accompany the usual friendly morning conversation.

As the fog lifted, a beautiful shooting day emerged, with mild frontal fishtail winds to keep shooters guessing their windage inputs. It was a good day for rimfire ELR as reflected in the excellent all-round scores achieved.

Analysing the furthest targets on each range, we can conclude (from 35 shooters) that a total of 103 successful impacts were recorded beyond the 392 m mark.

PEKS Shooting Range, 9 March 2024, .22LR ELR Event

	Name	Surname	TOTAL	
1	Sunelle	De Grijs	14196	36
2	Tinus	De Grijs	12287	33
3	Deon	Fabel	12248	34
4	Rick	Jaffe	11831	32
5	Pieter	Eksteen	11601	32
6	Michael	Hitchcock	11519	31
7	Carlo	Gous	10416	29
8	Igna	Botha	10273	28
9	Paul	Van Gas	10264	30
10	Theunis	Goosen	10242	29
11	Charl	Gous	9837	28
12	Kosie	Botha	9770	27
13	Kelley	Hart-Davies	9669	29
14	Andre	Hanekom	9477	27
15	Danie	du Preez	9291	26
16	JP	Gerber	9147	26
17	Jeandri	Goosen	8669	25
18	Tony	Ingram	8647	27
19	Frikkie	Louw	8198	24
20	Kobus	Beukes	7942	24
21	James	Preyser	7931	24
22	Andrew	Roseveare	7267	23
23	Izak	Hanekom	6980	22
24	Andre	Volschenk	6974	21
25	Emil	Fabel	6646	20
26	Nico	Louw	6538	20
27	Franscois	Gous	6333	21
28	Trevern	Haasbroek	5978	16
29	Nicolaas	Louw	5657	17
30	Loutjie	Hanekom	5657	18
31	Martin	le Roux	5228	17
32	Anton	Eksteen	5190	18
33	Jurie	Helberg	5086	17
34	Gerhardt	Haasbroek	4947	16
35	Kyle	Troy	2417	8
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PEKS Shooting Range, 9 March 2024, .22LR ELR Event - Juniors (younger than 13 years) Rank Name Surname TOTAL Hits

1	Zach	Helberg	4957	26
2	Elmie	du Preez	4884	25
3	Konrad	Beukes	4691	26
4	Lila	Gous	4629	22
5	Riley	Ingram	4114	23
6	Joshua	Eksteen	3716	21
7	Nina	du Preez	3354	19
8	James	Treurnicht	3012	15
9	Luke	Le Roux	2169	15
10	Ferdinand	du Preez	2133	10
11	Handru	Goosen	1631	7

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Tinus De Grijs















1 ALL the Juniors.

These included 34 hits on Range 1 (Target 3, 423 m), 39 hits on Range 2 (Target 3, 392 m) and 30 hits on Range 3 (Target 3, 421 m). Excellent results at testing distances.

To further highlight the standard of shooting, we observed that all the way down to 20th position, shooters achieved a hit rate in excess of 50%. Six match participants managed more than 30 successful impacts (a greater than 66%

hit rate). It was testament to the great depth and breadth across the scoreboard at this challenging rimfire event.

Girl power to the fore

Sunelle De Grijs brought her A-game to take gold as the first ladies' winner of a Send IT .22LR ELR match. She managed 36 impacts and a perfect score on each of the first two targets on Ranges 1, 2 and 3. In addition, Sunelle scored exceptionally well on the far targets, achieving two hits



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1 L-R Deon Fabel 3rd, Tinus De Grijs 3rd and Sunelle De Grijs 1st for the day

at 423 m (Range 1), three hits at 392 m (Range 2) and one hit at 421 m (Range 3) to keep the scoreboard ticking. A marvellous performance and

a well-deserved win that she can be

Not to be outdone by the first lady winner, Igna Botha secured a very credible 7th position, consistently scoring on the furthest targets of each range. In addition, Kelley Hart-Davies managed 13th with three hits at 421 m (Range 3) and Jeandri Goosen produced a solid performance to finish 17th. Well done, ladies!

The boys had to settle for silver (Tinus De Grijs, 33 hits) and bronze (Deon Fabel, 34 hits), notwithstanding their excellent performance. In addition, noteworthy results from Rick Jaffe (32 hits), Pieter Eksteen (32 hits) and Michael Hitchcock (31 hits) challenged the top spots but fell short of the medals.

Zack Helber was the top scorer in the junior division and cleaned the first three targets on the junior range. The last target was intentionally made smaller to increase the difficulty level, where young Zach scored four successful impacts. Little Elmie du Preez (25 hits) and Konrad Beukes (26 hits) put in a commendable effort to finish second and third. Well done to all our young snipers! 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 for your time and commitment to help grow the 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.

> Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ Senditelrshooting/

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Next up:

Send IT ULTRA Event, 2 to 4 May 2024

The **ULTRA** event has gained in popularity, necessitating minor changes to the shooting format to accommodate more shooters. The event will once again be held at the beautiful Karoo King of the Plains Shooting Range over three days.

Days 1 and 2 are dedicated to a team competition. On Day 3, the top performing individual shooters will fight it out for the coveted **ULTRA** title.

Days 1 and 2 – Team Match:

Two person teams engage the course. Targets are set 800 m to 2 201 m and shot from six different ranges over two days. Each range consists 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 engages Ranges 1 to 3 while Group 2 shoots Ranges 4 to 6. On Day 2, the groups switch and complete the remaining ranges. Each match participant fires 27 shots a day for a total of 54 shots for the team match.

Scores from Days 1 and 2 will be added to determine the team winners. In addition, individual scores 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 Davs 1 and 2) will be divided into three groups.

Each group engages three predetermined ranges (with three targets per range), rotating through the course of fire. Shooters engage the targets without the assistance of a team member or spotter and fire an additional 27 rounds. Scores from Days 1, 2 and the final (Day 3) will be added 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 fire a total of 81 shots at distances up to 2 201 m to determine the **ULTRA** winner. In addition, shooters will be tested in broadly similar atmospheric conditions as their counterparts as the pre-determined groups move through the range.

We have a couple of slots available, so get in contact and do not miss the opportunity to take part and learn and develop your ELR skills in a friendly and welcoming environment.

Until next time... get ready to... Send IT

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



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