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Send IT, ELR Shooting: Reflecting on 2024 and Setting the Stage for 2025

By Charl Gous

Send IT, ELR Shooting was established in 2019 by a group of friends with a passion for extreme long range (ELR) shooting and the aim to promote and grow sports-shooting. Since then, Send IT has seen substantial support and growth and is now recognised as a credible sports-shooting host covering several challenging formats.

Send IT matches are based on the premise that shooters want to shoot more and compete in similar weather conditions as their counterparts, particularly in an environment such as the Western Cape, where weather patterns are extremely volatile. Send IT matches are formulated to **not** expose a single shooter or team to a specific time slot but rather have shooters compete across numerous ranges and targets in similar wind conditions.

The above principles are applied to Send IT .22LR ELR rimfire matches (targets from 100 m to 500 m), the Send IT ELR format at the range known as Darling Steel Valley, Darling, Western Cape, and Karoo King of the Plains Shooting Range near Hanover, Northern Cape, home of the Send IT ULTRA (targets from 900 m to 2 200 m), and

the Send IT 2-Mile Challenge as hosted at Matroosbergstasie Shooting Range, near De Doorns, Western Cape, where targets are set as far as 4 km.

Simply put, shooters want to leave the range knowing they had a fair chance to compete and display their skill. Constructive feedback from a group of intelligent shooters should be taken seriously by a match director and be a reason to re-evaluate shooting procedures or a match format. Listen to the people, as they have good ideas and are passionate about shooting and attending matches. The obvious benefits of the Send IT shooting format are translating into spinoff matches to be hosted by associated match directors, based on the same set of rules and procedures.

1-Mile Challenge Launches in 2025

For example, in 2025 the gents from Axis Precision Works (APW) and 3% Tactical will launch a 1-Mile Challenge, based on the Send IT 2-Mile Challenge rules, which will run concurrently with the Send IT 2-Mile Challenge at

Matroosbergstasie Shooting Range.

It is a fantastic initiative to grow ELR that will make for a more comprehensive ELR match day and funnel more shooters for the 2-Mile Challenge. In addition, there is talk of a rimfire ELR match, based on the Send IT .22LR ELR match rules, which will launch soon in the Eastern Cape.

Sports-shooting is about bringing people together to enjoy what they love to do. The next step is people buying into the concept and movement – a movement that pulls forward and bring shooters together to learn about the challenges of ELR shooting.

At Send IT we are blessed with the most wonderful group of people that take part, laugh at and with each other, share their knowledge, help build the ranges and, most importantly, live the brand, goals, and objectives of Send IT.

Thank you to all for being part of this journey and the energy you bring to match day!



Send IT ULTRA

By Charl Gous

Heading into 2025, we highlight the Send IT **ULTRA**, our flagship event to be hosted from 1 to 3 May. If you are enthusiastic about ELR or long-range shooting, this is an event not to be missed.

A summary of the **ULTRA** match procedures, round count, and target distances follows.

◀ Aerial photo of New Holme

Send IT ULTRA 2025

The fourth **ULTRA** event will once again be held at the beautiful Karoo King of the Plains Shooting Range, about 33 km north from Hanover, Northern Cape over three days. Days 1 and 2 are dedicated to a team competition. On Day 3, the top individual shooters will fight it out for the coveted individual **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 combined 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 on Days 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 combined to determine the individual shooter ranking.

The above format will provide for 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 individual **ULTRA** winner. We look forward to hosting you and invite ELR shooters from across the country and the globe to enter.

Lastly, we thank the people who put in all the hard work to prepare our ranges and promote sports-shooting in South Africa and abroad. We thank Hendrie Brink (Darling Steel Valley), Pieter Eksteen (PEKS Shooting Range), Estian du Preez (Matroosbergstasie Shooting Range), and PC Ferreira (Karoo King of Plains Shooting Range) for your efforts and for making your facilities available for all to enjoy.

A special thank you to Louise Taylor from *On Target Africa* Magazine for your contribution to Send IT and sports-shooting in South Africa. We appreciate your efforts.

**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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Send IT ULTRA 2024 2 to 4 May 2024



▲ Charl Gous, Individual and Team JWNWJTDHN winner



▲ Pieter Eksteen, Team JWNWJTDHN winner

Send IT ULTRA 2023
27 to 29 April 2023

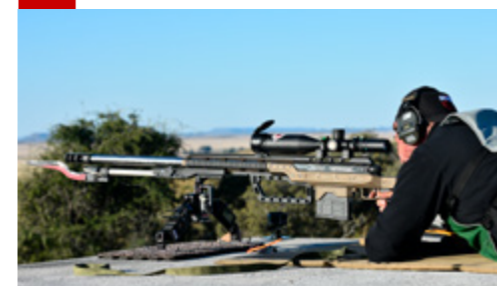


▲ Charl Gous, Team JWNWJTDHN winner



▲ Pieter Eksteen, Individual and Team JWNWJTDHN winner

Send IT ULTRA 2022
28 to 30 April 2022



▲ Danie du Preez, Team AVO winner



▲ DJ van Zyl, Team AVO winner



▲ Pieter Eksteen, Individual winner

SEND IT, ELR Shooting ● Darling Steel Valley ● 2 November 2024

Individual Results:

Nr.	Shooter	Team name	TOTAL	Hit %
1	Ivan Fourie	3% Tactical	41,064.3	79%
2	Izak Hanekom	Pakkie & Sakkie	39,311.8	71%
3	Warwick du Preez	3% Tactical	36,498.5	71%
4	Danie du Preez	AVO	35,655.5	68%
5	Dwayne Cronje	Pakkie & Sakkie	34,779.5	64%
6	Martin Le Roux	JSN Precision	33,057.5	61%
7	Michael Hitchcock	InSyBefokstes	32,315.8	61%
8	Deon Fabel	NoCall	30,385.8	54%
9	Mario Snyman	Zip Code	30,193.0	57%
10	Pol Filipis	AVO	29,774.5	54%
11	Emil Fabel	NoCall	28,631.5	54%
12	Pieter Eksteen	InSyBefokstes	28,413.5	54%
13	Tony Ingram	JSN Precision	28,015.8	54%
14	Loutjie Hanekom	Hornady	26,221.3	54%
15	Johan Zulch	Tarentale	25,812.5	50%
16	Pieter Swart	Zip Code	24,287.5	46%
17	James Preyser	Noodhulp Topgun	24,006.3	46%
18	Johann van Zyl	H208	22,073.0	43%
19	Jan Rabie	PM2	18,908.0	36%
20	Gerhardt Haasbroek	SonOfAGun	18,665.0	36%
21	Herman Maree	Noodhulp Topgun	17,274.3	32%
22	John Justus	Wise John	16,913.0	32%
23	Floris Stemmet	PM2	16,503.3	32%
24	Edgar Doubell	Swift	16,268.3	29%
25	JB Erasmus	Tarentale	15,910.0	32%
26	Tony Wiseman	Wise John	15,403.8	29%
27	Louis van Zyl	H208	14,178.3	29%
28	David Johnson	Potshot	14,035.3	25%
29	Charl Gous	Tiere	13,530.3	29%
30	Hendrie Brink	Hornady	12,193.3	21%
31	Vincent de Boer	Tiere	11,397.5	21%
32	Philip Potgieter	Potshot	8,140.8	14%
33	Marthinus Erasmus	Swift	6,764.5	14%

Team Results:

Nr.	Team	TOTAL	Hit %
1	3% Tactical	77,562.8	75%
2	Pakkie & Sakkie	74,091.3	68%
3	AVO	65,430.0	61%
4	JSN Precision	61,073.3	57%
5	InSyBefokstes	60,729.3	57%
6	NoCall	59,017.3	54%
7	Zip Code	54,480.5	52%
8	Tarentale	41,722.5	41%
9	Noodhulp Topgun	41,280.5	39%
10	Hornady	38,414.5	38%
11	H208	36,251.3	36%
12	PM2	35,411.3	34%
13	Wise John	32,316.8	30%
14	Tiere	24,927.8	25%
15	Swift	23,032.8	21%
16	Potshot	22,176.0	20%
17	SonOfAGun	18,665.0	18%



▲ L to R : Warwick du Preez, Ivan Fourie and Izak Hanekom (Individual)



▲ L to R : Dwayne Cronje and Izak Hanekom (Team Pakkie and Sakkie), Warwick du Preez and Ivan Fourie (Team 3% Tactical) and in image, Danie du Preez (Team Avo)

Warwick du Preez, both with 20 hits and a 71% hit rate. Izak, using a custom built .375 Chey-Tac, had to settle for silver, while Warwick (.375 Chey-Tac) took home a well-deserved bronze medal. It was a day where the big guns dominated.

The top three teams complemented each other remarkably well, with all team winners securing a top ten position on the individual ranking table. Team 3% Tactical (Ivan Fourie and Warwick du Preez) took first, followed by a new pairing, Pakkie and Sakkie (Dwayne Cronje and Izak Hanekom), in

second and Team Avo in third.

A special mention to team JSN Precision (Martin le Roux and Tony Ingram), which narrowly missed the team medals, and to father-and-son team Deon and Emil Fabel (NoCall) for an excellent team effort on their first outing as a pairing.

To all the competitors, thank you for making this another enjoyable event. Our host, Hendrie Brink, 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.

Send IT, ELR Shooting - event dates 2025	
Date	Format & Venue
18 January	2-Mile Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
8 February	ELR Match Darling Steel Valley
8 March	PEKS Range .22LR ELR Wellington
15 March	2-Mile Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
12 April	2-Mile Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
1-3 May	Send IT ULTRA Hanover, Northern Cape
24 May	2-Mile Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
6 September	PEKS Range .22LR ELR Wellington
27 September	ELR Match Darling Steel Valley
25 October	N/S ELR Knockout Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
1 November	ELR Match Darling Steel Valley
15 November	2-Mile Challenge FINAL Matroosbergstasie Skietklub

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Send IT 2-Mile Challenge - Matroosbergstasie Shooting Range Series Final - match feedback 16 November 2024

By Charl Gous

In 2024, Send IT ELR Shooting introduced the Send IT 2-Mile Challenge Series, hosted at Matroosbergstasie Shooting Range near De Doorns in the Western Cape, where shooters engaged targets up to two miles.

The series was made up of four 2-Mile Challenge qualifying matches, from which an individual shooter's two best scores were used to calculate a year-to-date ranking table. At the qualifying matches, the range was made up of five preselected targets for a total of 25 shots (five per target).

The final 2-Mile Challenge event was exclusively for the top 15 shooters, as per the ranking table, and consisted of eight targets for a total of 40 shots (five per target). An individual shooter's top two scores (50%) and final score (50%) was used to calculate the overall series rankings and winner.

Heading into the finals, the top seven shooters was separated by 10 000 points and the top three (Ivan Fourie, Danie du Preez, and Karl van Eck) scores differed by less than 2 000 points. To put that in perspective: 10 000 points can be accumulated with three or four successful impacts given the extreme distances shot at and the multipliers



▲ Charl Gous



▲ Karl van Eck

Range Card

Send IT, ELR Shooting Cutting Edge 2-Mile Challenge FINAL - SESSION 2

Target Number	Target 1	Target 3	Target 5	Target 7
Distance (in meters)	1996	2246	2465	2980
Distance (in yards)	2183	2456	2696	3259
Target Size, cm (H & W)	100	110	130	140
Target Size, MOA (H & W)	1.72	1.68	1.81	1.61

Send IT, ELR Shooting Cutting Edge 2-Mile Challenge FINAL - SESSION 1

Target Number	Target 2	Target 4	Target 6	Target 8
Distance (in meters)	2145	2340	2655	3249
Distance (in yards)	2346	2559	2904	3553
Target Size, cm (H & W)	100	110	145	165
Target Size, MOA (H & W)	1.60	1.62	1.88	1.75



▲ Charl Gous

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



Nr	Name & Surname	Caliber	Target 1					Target 3					Target 5					Target 7				
			1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E	1A	1B	1C	1D	1E
1	Karl van Eck	375 CT	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
2	Charl Gous	37 XC	1	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
3	Loutjie Hanekom	375 ST	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Bernard Eksteen	33 XC	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	James Preyser	375 CT	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	Pieter Eksteen	375 CT	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
7	Ivan Fourie	375 CT	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
8	Warwick du Preez	375 CT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1
9	Danie du Preez	416 Hellfire	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
10	Dwayne Cronje	37 XC	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
11	Hendrie Brink	375 ST	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
12	Edgar Doubell	375 CT	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
13	John Justus	33 XC	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Deon Fabel	37 XC	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15	Pieter Swart	338 LM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-

SESSION 2

Nr	Name & Surname	Caliber	Target 2					Target 4					Target 6					Target 8					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			
1	Karl van Eck	375 CT	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	23	75,069	Heavy Gun
2	Charl Gous	37 XC	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	60,345	Heavy Gun
3	Loutjie Hanekom	375 ST	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	15	55,058	Heavy Gun
4	Bernard Eksteen	33 XC	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	13	48,910	Light Gun
5	James Preyser	375 CT	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	14	48,433	Heavy Gun
6	Pieter Eksteen	375 CT	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	14	47,270	Heavy Gun
7	Ivan Fourie	375 CT	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	13	41,826	Heavy Gun
8	Warwick du Preez	375 CT	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	12	39,565	Heavy Gun
9	Danie du Preez	416 Hellfire	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	35,165	Heavy Gun
10	Dwayne Cronje	37 XC	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	10	30,078	Heavy Gun
11	Hendrie Brink	375 ST	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	25,028	Heavy Gun
12	Edgar Doubell	375 CT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	23,687	Heavy Gun
13	John Justus	33 XC	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	23,617	Light Gun
14	Deon Fabel	37 XC	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	17,042	Heavy Gun
15	Pieter Swart	338 LM	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	12,691	Light Gun

▲ Shooters engaged 4 x targets x 5 shots (2 x sessions)

SESSION 1



Send IT Cutting Edge 2-Mile Challenge Matrosbergstasieskietklub • 2024 Ranking Table

Match 1 of 4 Match 2 of 4 Match 3 of 4 Match 4 of 4 FINALS Total 2 Best FINAL x50%
2 best x50%

Nr	Name & Surname	20/01/2024	16/03/2024	13/04/2024	25/05/2024	16/11/2024	2 Best Scores	TOTAL
1	Karl van Eck	29,919	0	36,268	0	75,069	66,187	70,628
2	Ivan Fourie	37,276	23,354	30,503	0	41,826	67,779	54,802
3	Charl Gous	21,296	15,528	15,015	25,828	60,345	47,123	53,734
4	Pieter Eksteen	30,388	14,574	29,636	26,593	47,270	60,023	53,647
5	Danie du Preez	21,718	35,952	24,704	30,982	35,165	66,934	51,050
6	Warwick du Preez	26,290	8,136	31,836	0	39,565	58,126	48,845
7	Loutjie Hanekom	0	22,351	16,314	0	55,058	38,665	46,861
8	James Preyser	0	24,838	17,932	18,316	48,433	43,154	45,794
9	Bernard Eksteen	0	0	0	39,540	48,910	39,540	44,225
10	Hendrie Brink	9,252	0	29,992	27,988	25,028	57,980	41,504
11	Edgar Doubell	0	0	21,263	32,381	23,687	53,644	38,665
12	Dwayne Cronje	0	13,763	16,753	18,245	30,078	34,998	32,538
13	John Justus	19,834	14,231	8,392	13,645	23,617	34,065	28,841
14	Tony Ingram	14,709	16,821	30,005	26,433	0	56,438	28,219
15	Pieter Swart	13,893	0	23,174	12,866	12,691	37,067	24,879
16	Deon Fabel	5,062	7,963	18,601	13,612	17,042	32,213	24,627
17	Carlo Gous	21,392	12,387	0	0	0	33,778	16,889
18	Johann van Zyl	16,952	9,042	14,143	0	0	31,095	15,547
19	Izak Hanekom	0	16,359	9,329	0	0	25,688	12,844
20	Johan Coetzee	0	0	21,240	0	0	21,240	10,620
21	Michael Hitchcock	0	18,829	0	0	0	18,829	9,415
22	Trevern Haasbroek	16,930	0	0	0	0	16,930	8,465
23	Constantine Semka	0	0	0	16,346	0	16,346	8,173
24	Louis van Zyl	7,879	7,545	7,571	0	0	15,450	7,725
25	Gerhardt Haasbroek	9,024	0	0	0	0	9,024	4,512
26	Danie Koch	0	0	8,338	0	0	8,338	4,169
27	Pieter Meyer	0	0	7,746	0	0	7,746	3,873
28	Riaan Ludik	0	0	0	7,454	0	7,454	3,727
29	Shane Burger	0	0	6,690	0	0	6,690	3,345

Equipment

Nr	Name & Surname	TOTAL YTD Rank	Firearm Detail:											
			Caliber	Action	Trigger	Barrel	Barrel twist rate	Barrel length (inch)	Stock / chassis	Bullet type	Bullet weight (grains)	Scope and model	Magnification	Bipod
1	Karl van Eck	70,628	375 CT	BAT	Bix n Andy	Bartlein	7.7	37	McMillan	Cutting Edge Lazer	400	Schmidt and Bender	6-36 x 56	Accu-Tac
2	Ivan Fourie	54,802	375 CT	Barnard	Timney	Krieger	8	34	Sus-Tac/BB	Hornady A-Tip	390	Zero Compromise	5-27 x 56	Sus-Tac
3	Charl Gous	53,734	37 XC	Barnard	Barnard	Bartlein	8	36	Sus-Tac/BB	Cutting Edge Lazer	400	Nightforce ATACR	5-25 x 56	Accu-Tac
4	Pieter Eksteen	53,647	375 CT	Victrix	Victrix	Lilja	8	38	Victrix	Cutting Edge Lazer	400	Nightforce ATACR	7-35 x 56	Phoenix
5	Danie du Preez	51,050	416 Hellfire	BAT	Trigger Tech	Bartlein	8.5	36	Fusion Pro	Cutting Edge Lazer	550	Nightforce ATACR	5-25 x 56	Phoenix
6	Warwick du Preez	48,845	375 CT	Barnard	Timney	Krieger	7	36	Sus-Tac/BB	Cutting Edge	425	Zero Compromise	5-27 x 56	Sus-Tac
7	Loutjie Hanekom	46,861	375 ST	Stiller	Trigger Tech	Lilja	9	35	Gun Warrior	Hornady A-Tip	390	Zero Compromise	5-25 x 56	UTG
8	James Preyser	45,794	375 CT	BAT	Trigger Tech	Kreiger	9	37	Gun Warrior	Hornady A-Tip	390	Zero Compromise	5-27 x 56	Custom
9	Bernard Eksteen	44,225	33 XC	Ralph Badenhorst	Trigger Tech	Krieger	9	34	Vorster Prototyping	Hornady A-Tip	300	Nightforce BEAST	5-25 x 56	Phoenix
10	Hendrie Brink	41,504	375 ST	Stiller	Trigger Tech	Lilja	9	35	Gun Warrior	Hornady A-Tip	390	Lynx	5-25 x 56	UTG
11	Edgar Doubell	38,665	375 CT	Victrix	Victrix	Victrix	10	32	Victrix	Hornady A-Tip	390	Schmidt and Bender	4-27 x 56	Accu-Tac
12	Dwayne Cronje	32,538	37 XC	Barnard	Barnard	Ralph Badenhorst	9	34	Dolphyn	Cutting Edge	375	Kahles K328i	3-28 x 56	Accu-Tac
13	John Justus	28,841	33 XC	Barrett	Barrett	Ralph Badenhorst	9	34	Barrett	Berger OTM	300	Nightforce BEAST	5-25 x 56	Sus-Tac
14	Tony Ingram	28,219	375 CT	Barnard	Barnard	Krieger	8	34	Sus-Tac/BB	Cutting Edge Lazer	400	Nightforce ATACR	7-35 x 56	Sus-Tac
15	Pieter Swart	24,879	338 LM	Savage	Savage	Savage	9	26	Savage	Berger OTM	300	Leica	5-30 x 56	Atlas

Winners of the match on the 16th November



▲ L to R: Loutjie Hanekom, Karl van Eck, Charl Gous

Winners of Send IT 2-Mile Challenge series



▲ L to R: Charl Gous, Karl van Eck, Ivan Fourie

applied to the scoring formula. With the higher round count of the final (40 shots) and 50% weighting to the year ranking calculation, the Send IT 2-Mile Challenge Series was all set for a nail-biting finale.

Match results

Shooters were greeted with a lovely day, yet shooting conditions became more challenging as the match progressed. A tricky fishtail wind frequently turned more aggressive and severe mirage hampered visibility as temperatures picked up towards midday. Eight targets, set from 1 996 m to 3 249 m, glimmered in the sun as the match promptly kicked off at 07:00.

Karl van Eck (375 CheyTac) delivered a standout performance to take gold in the final round. Excluding the two furthest targets, 2 980 m or 3 259 yd and 3 249 m or 3 553 yd, Karl managed 23 hits from 30 shots. To put this into perspective, he achieved a 77% hit rate at targets set from 1 996 m to 2 655 m. What a superb performance!

Loutjie Hanekom (375 SnipeTac) secured third place in the season finale with 15 successful impacts, including a full house on the 2 340 m (2 559 yd) target and four out of five hits on the 2 655 m (2 904 yd) plate. Congratulations on a fantastic result!

The 2-Mile Challenge has consistently delivered hits and excellent shooting results in 2024. The final produced six impacts at 3 249 m (3 553 yd), with Bernard Eksteen (33 XC) and Dwayne Cronje (37 XC) achieving two successful impacts each. In addition, James Preyser (375 CheyTac) and Warwick du Preez (375 CheyTac) too managed to hit the elusive two-mile plate. Well done, gents! Given Karl van Eck's excellent final round, no one was surprised to see him secure

the top spot on the year-to-date Send IT 2-Mile Challenge ranking table. Karl produced consistent hits throughout the series, performing exceptionally well and winning several ELR competitions across the country. Well done, and well deserved!

Ivan Fourie, having to defend a narrow lead in the year-to-date ranking table, had to settle for second, while Charl Gous secured third place. We look forward to another challenging series in 2025 where I am sure Ivan will again be contending for the top spots.



▲ Loutjie Hanekom



▲ Ivan Fourie



▲ Pieter Eksteen



▲ Danie du Preez



▲ Charl and John enjoying the Send IT vibe.

We thank Boomsticks for supporting the 2-Mile Challenge series and for providing generous hunting packages as prizes for the top three shooters. Thank you to Cutting Edge Bullets, Guns & Bows, and Inyathi Sporting Supplies for caps and prizes for the shooters. We appreciate your contributions. Lastly, we thank Goede Hoop Slaghuis for the delicious braai packs and to Swift for arranging a fabulous custom knife for the winner of the series.

To all the competitors, thank you for making this another enjoyable and safe event. Our host, Estian du Preez, 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. 🇿🇦



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**Send IT, ELR Shooting
- event dates 2025**

Date	Format & Venue
18 January	2-Mile Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
8 February	ELR Match Darling Steel Valley
8 March	PEKS Range .22LR ELR Wellington
15 March	2-Mile Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
12 April	2-Mile Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
1-3 May	Send IT ULTRA Hanover, Northern Cape
24 May	2-Mile Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
6 September	PEKS Range .22LR ELR Wellington
27 September	ELR Match Darling Steel Valley
25 October	N/S ELR Knockout Challenge Matroosbergstasie Skietklub
1 November	ELR Match Darling Steel Valley
15 November	2-Mile Challenge FINAL Matroosbergstasie Skietklub

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