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Send IT, ELR Shooting ULTRA Event

Karoo King of the Plains Shooting Range

1 to 3 May 2025

By Charl Gous



▲ Rifle set-up of Martin le Roux, first up, first shots. first day - 1 May 2025, 07:42



▲ Charl Gous presenting the competitors meeting, 1 May 2025, 08:15

As of writing this the Send IT team has hosted six extreme long range (ELR) matches in 2025, covering four different shooting formats, and our annual flagship match, the 2025 Send IT ULTRA. The team delivered another safe and flawless event, for which I am particularly grateful.

The first Send IT ULTRA was held in 2022. It is now established as a multi-day, testing ELR match attracting top ELR shooters from across the country. For a competition to be credible it needs to be well attended



▲ Welcome pack for all competitors

and representative of a competitive group of shooters. This is exactly what the Send IT ULTRA targets – an environment where shooters have the opportunity to display their skills and assess their own individual standing in comparison to others.

The 2025 Send IT ULTRA was once again held at the New Holme Nature Lodge, home of the suitably named Karoo King of the Plains Shooting Range, situated about 25 km north of the small town of Hanover in the Northern Cape off the N1. The venue is accessible from all corners of South Africa within half a day's drive and is ideal for a centrally located, competitive ELR match.

The Send IT format is unique in that shooters engage multiple targets across six ranges with a high round count over several days. In this environment shooters get to shoot more and are exposed to the same atmospheric conditions as their fellow competitors with no advantageous time slots that could benefit a particular shooter.



▲ Freda and Ivan Fourie



▲ Dirk Pio



▲ Bernard and Louise Classen



▲ L to R: Edgar Doubell, Mariana Lubbe, Dawie Lubbe, Eduan du Toit, Pine Louw and Bence Horváth



▲ Vernon Harms and Dirk Pio



▲ Theunis aka Twakkies Goosen



▲ Martin le Roux



▲ Deon Fabel



▲ Martin le Roux , 1 May, 08:37

2025 Send IT ULTRA match format

The match was held over three days, with Day 1 and 2 dedicated to a team competition and Day 3 exclusively shot by the top 21 scoring individual shooters. A team was made up of a shooter spotter combination which reversed roles as they engaged the course of fire.

Shooters were divided into two groups. On Day 1, Group A engaged Ranges 1 to 3 while Group B shot Ranges 4 to 6. On Day 2, the groups switched and completed the remaining stages.

Each match participant fired 27 shots per day for a total of 54 shots for the team match. Scores from Days 1 and 2 were combined to determine the team winners. In addition, individual scores from Day 1 and 2 were used to calculate a ranking table to decide qualifying shooters for the Top 21 Individual final.

Scoring system

The scoring system was developed to reward shooters with higher points should they hit further targets. Points are allocated based on the distance of the target in metres times a higher factor for a first-round hit versus a second- or third-round hit.

On Day 3 the top 21 individual shooters, as per the cumulative scores achieved on Days 1 and 2, were divided into three groups to systematically engage three predetermined ranges and fire an additional 27 rounds. Scores from Days 1, 2, and 3 were combined to calculate the overall ranking table.

In addition, on Day 3 a side match was organised for those shooters who did not qualify for the top 21 individual final. Thanks to our generous sponsors, some fantastic prizes were there to entice those to enjoy another day on the range for bragging rights.

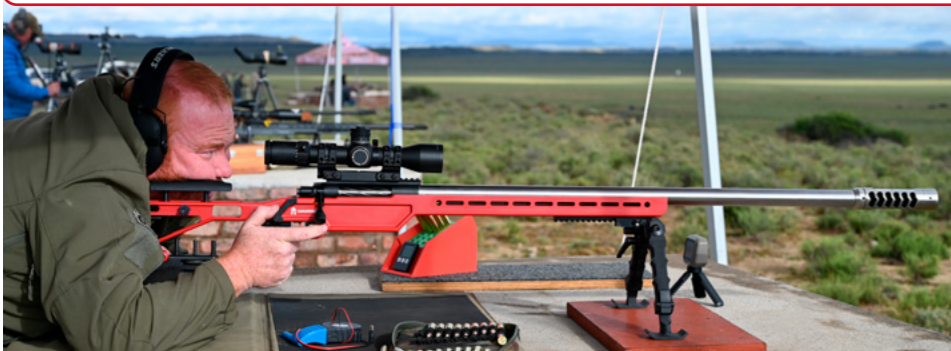
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Range Card



	Range 1	Range 2	Range 3	Range 4	Range 5	Range 6
Target 1	900 m	1000 m	1148 m	1200 m	1050 m	1129 m
Target 2	1250 m	1500 m	1619 m	1601 m	1451 m	1278 m
Target 3	1450 m	2000 m	2100 m	2201 m	2000 m	1477 m



◀ Albert Stoel, 1 May, 08:56

Obviously, they did not need much encouragement!

The ULTRA format gives us the opportunity to run a team and individual match simultaneously. In addition, it affords those individuals who choose to shoot with a less experienced partner or one who does not necessarily have the most suitable equipment for ELR the opportunity to do so and still excel as an individual shooter.

Importantly, at the 2025 Send IT ULTRA, shooters were tested throughout the day, over multiple days, and not in a particular time slot that might or might not present favourable shooting conditions. Once completed, and after firing 81 shots, the most consistent shooters rises to the top of the scoreboard.

2025 Send IT ULTRA range

Targets were set from 900 m to 2 201 m and shot from six different ranges. On each range match participants fired three shots at each target for a total of nine shots per range, before handing over to his or her shooting partner and spotter to complete the course of fire with another nine shots at the same targets, all within the allotted 15 minutes per team.

The distances were set within the range of medium-sized calibres to accommodate more prospective ELR shooters. All targets were fitted with at least two hit indicators to eliminate the risk of equipment failure and provide visual identification of hits. Targets were about 1.8 MOA in size (width and height) at a given distance and professionally surveyed to pinpoint the exact distances.

For the top 21 individual final, Targets 3, 4 and 5 were used to increase the level of difficulty and allow for potentially higher scores to be achieved given the 'longer' range and distance multiplier used in the scoring calculation.

Match day

Proceedings kicked off promptly at 07:45 with a competitor meeting, attended by 43 match participants, to discuss the rules and procedures of the day. What followed was a flurry of activity and excitement to get the first shots fired and the scoreboard ticking.

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▲ Tony Ingram, 1 May, 08:45

Thursday 1 May, Day 1: Team match

Day 1 was tough for shooting. Heavy rainfall the day before and overnight resulted in wet grounds and difficult shooting conditions with limited splash. Coupled with a tricky, inconsistent 7 mph to 14 mph wind that kept changing direction, several shots were pushed left or right from the target and were very difficult to spot.

Warwick du Preez (375 CT) and Ivan Fourie (33 XC) had a strong start individually and as team The Bomb

Squad, with Warwick scoring 23 and Ivan 22 impacts from their allotted 27 shots for Day 1. In addition, Theunis Goosen (33 XC), Shaun Flink (300 NM AI) and Thys de Beer (300 Norma SMF) were hot on their heels with solid scores.

It was immediately clear that the standard of shooting was going to be high throughout this multi-day ELR competition and that every opportunity to score points would be vital to the

outcome of the ranking tables.

As the scores from Day 1 circulated a distinct nervousness appeared. The Bomb Squad had a clear advantage in the team division and shooter places second to seventh were separated by only one or two scoring shots. Those ahead of the pack pondered how to maintain their lead while others had one more chance to secure a spot in the top 21 individual final and improve their team's standing.



▲ Michael Hitchcock, 1 May, 09:05



▲ Louise Classen, 1 May, 09:49



▲ Dawie Lubbe, 1 May 2025



▲ Riaan Ludik, 1 May 2025



▲ Anton de Jager, 1 May, 09:07



▲ Warwick du Preez, 1 May, 09:19



▲ Pine Louw, 1 May 2025



▲ Charl Gous, 1 May, 09:27



▲ Bernard Classen, 1 May, 09:42



▲ Edgar Doubell, 1 May 2025



▲ Izak Hanekom, 1 May, 12:28



Friday 2 May, Day 2: Team match

We kicked off the morning with a strong fishtail wind from 5 'o clock to 7 'o clock running 8 mph to 12 mph. These conditions persisted throughout the day with gusting winds up to 18 mph making it another challenging day at the range. There were no easy points on offer!

Warwick du Preez put in another fantastic performance, only missing six

shots to maintain his lead. In addition, several shooters narrowed the gap to the leaders, making up valuable positions. These included noteworthy scores from Etienne de Beer (300 NM), JD Els (375 CT), Schalk Jacobs (33 XC) and Albert Stoel (338 LM).

It was getting tight at the top of the log. For example, at the end of Day 2, sixteenth placed Pieter Eksteen had a cumulative score of 51 202 versus fifth placed Shaun Flink at 57 556 – a tally that could easily be made up with two or three hits at the far plates. Given

this narrow range, the expectation was that positions could shift materially in the finals, being both an opportunity for those lower down the order and a threat to those at the top.

The detailed results from Day 2 were not shared with shooters until the prizegiving ceremony on the evening of 4 May. Instead, we opted to keep shooters in suspense and only provided a list of the top 21 individual shooters who would compete on Day 3 (in alphabetical order) upon the completion of Day 2.



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TOP 21 Individual FINAL Contenders (Alphabetic Order)

Nr.	Shooter	Nr.	Shooter	Nr.	Shooter
1	Albert Stoel	8	JD Els	15	Pierre du Toit
2	Charl Gous	9	Johan Coetzee	16	Pieter Eksteen
3	Deon Fabel	10	Joshua Devenish	17	Schalk Jacobs
4	Dirk Pio	11	Louise Classen	18	Shaun Flink
5	Etienne de Beer	12	Loutjie Hanekom	19	Thys de Beer
6	Ivan Fourie	13	Martin Le Roux	20	Twakkies Goosen
7	James Preyser	14	Michael Hitchcock	21	Warwick du Preez

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▲ Brendan Speck, 2 May, 08:37



▲ Peter Kenmuir, 2 May, 08:42



◀ Rifle set-up of Jaco Harmse, 2 May, 09:27

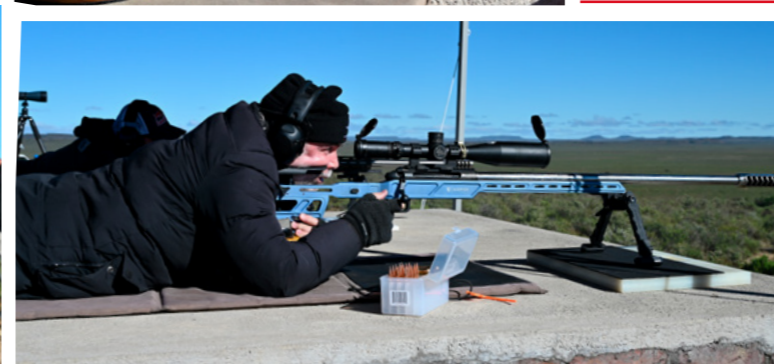
▶ Jaco Harmse, 2 May, 09:40



▲ Dwayne Cronje, 2 May, 09:57



▲ Vernon Harms, 2 May, 08:24



▲ Etienne de Beer, 2 May, 09:47



▲ Alan Hewetson, 2 May, 09:49



▲ Eric Krige, 2 May, 10:00



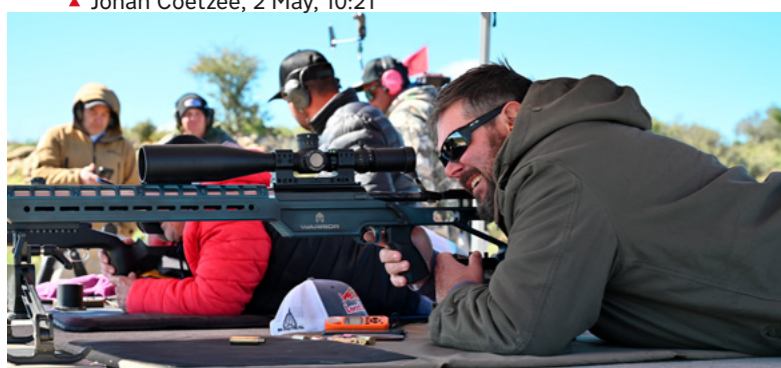
▲ John Justus, 2 May, 10:06



▲ Johan Coetzee, 2 May, 10:21



▲ Theunis "Twakkies" Goosen, 2 May, 10:36



▲ Thys de Beer, 2 May, 10:56



▲ Clara Coetzee, 2 May 10:58



▲ Pieter Meyer, 2 May, 11:02



▲ Schalk Jacobs, 2 May, 11:23



▲ Danie Koch, 2 May, 11:26



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▲ Ivan Fourie, 3 May 2025



▲ Warwick du Preez, 3 May 2025



▲ J D Els, 3 May, 08:25



▲ Side match: 3 May. L to R: Bence Horváth and Edgar Doubell

It was a nerve-racking wait until the prizegiving. Competitors were fully aware of how sensitive the outcome would be to one or two more successful shots, especially at distance, and how it could swing the result for or against them. As explained earlier, a side match was set up to occupy those not qualifying for the top 21 and afford them an opportunity to apply their learning from the previous days. Here, Tony Ingram delivered a standout performance with 22 out of 24 successful impacts to walk away with bragging rights in the side match. Feedback was positive, with all shooters enjoying the extra range time and opportunity to further finetune their ballistic solvers.



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Best of the Rest Ranked

Nr.	Shooter	Range 1												Range 2						TOTAL SCORE	
		1A				1B				1C				2A			2B				2C
		S1	S2	S3	S4	S1	S2	S3	S4	S1	S2	S3	S4	S1	S2	S3	S1	S2	S3		
1	Tony Ingram	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	38,100
2	Danie Koch	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	29,425
3	John Justus	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	29,263
4	Clara Burger	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27,825
5	Dawie Lubbe	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	25,288
6	Izak Hanekom	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	22,863
7	Pine Louw	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	22,400
8	Dwayne Cronje	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	22,113
9	Hendrie Brink	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	1	20,875
10	Bernard Classen	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	20,825
11	Peter Kenmuir	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	16,300
12	Jaco Harmse	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,000
13	Alan Hewetson	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	14,100
14	Bence Horvath	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,300
15	Brendan Speck	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	6,613
16	Eric Krige	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,913

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▲ Shaun Flink, 3 May, 12:06



▲ Pierre du Toit, 3 May, 13:51

SEND IT, ELR Shooting - ULTRA Individual Results

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Nr.	Shooter	Team name	Range 1-3	Range 4-6	Ind FINAL	TOTAL	Hit %
1	Warwick du Preez	The "BOMB SQUAD"	40,704	37,375	32,199	110,277	77%
2	Ivan Fourie	The "BOMB SQUAD"	37,990	28,395	38,602	104,987	73%
3	Thys de Beer	Impact Xtreme 1	23,044	34,327	40,191	97,562	69%
4	Charl Gous	JWNWJTDHN	24,629	30,454	37,972	93,055	67%
5	Twakkies Goosen	Gooi Lood	30,421	36,307	26,154	92,882	64%
6	James Preysler	JD Snipers	23,932	32,060	34,485	90,476	65%
7	Schalk Jacobs	Min Jokes	29,366	22,601	38,160	90,127	65%
8	Johan Coetzee	Aiming Aces	27,798	29,039	31,876	88,712	63%
9	Loutjie Hanekom	Team Hornady	35,079	26,805	22,416	84,300	59%
10	Louise Classen	Helber Maven	27,570	19,305	34,070	80,945	56%
11	Joshua Devenish	Solo Shooter	29,254	22,765	28,921	80,940	58%
12	Etienne de Beer	6-Sigma	32,032	24,927	23,457	80,416	59%
13	Shaun Flink	Impact Xtreme 1	21,701	35,855	22,127	79,683	57%
14	Deon Fabel	JD Snipers	18,766	26,119	33,963	78,849	53%
15	Michael Hitchcock	Maskam Wapens	24,114	24,500	27,344	75,958	56%
16	Pierre du Toit	Gooi Lood	18,522	29,402	27,882	75,805	56%
17	Pieter Eksteen	JWNWJTDHN	20,052	31,150	24,489	75,691	59%
18	JD Els	Peregrine Bullets Brothers Arms	23,751	30,756	20,968	75,475	56%
19	Martin Le Roux	JSN Precision	25,729	27,839	20,183	73,751	54%
20	Albert Stoel	Delta	21,890	29,318	20,472	71,679	54%
21	Dirk Pio	Trigger Titans	25,118	20,722	19,771	65,611	51%
22	Anton de Jager	Delta	18,232	25,819	-	44,051	-
23	Riaan Ludik	Bakkie & Bek	18,708	23,387	-	42,095	-
24	Pieter Meyer	Peregrine	18,007	23,849	-	41,855	-
25	Bernard Kotze	Min Jokes	24,670	17,092	-	41,762	-
26	Izak Hanekom	Maskam Wapens	20,365	21,397	-	41,761	-
27	Dawie Lubbe	Mik Hoog	12,632	27,781	-	40,413	-
28	Bernard Classen	Helber Maven	16,438	23,465	-	39,903	-
29	Pine Louw	Mik Hoog	23,709	15,100	-	38,809	-
30	Danie Koch	Aiming Aces	17,762	20,592	-	38,354	-
31	Tony Ingram	JSN Precision	13,832	24,356	-	38,188	-
32	Eric Krige	6-Sigma	20,097	17,355	-	37,452	-
33	John Justus	Team Kahles	11,739	23,649	-	35,387	-
34	Jaco Harmse	Impact Xtreme 2	18,825	15,859	-	34,685	-
35	Brendan Speck	338 IMPACT	15,232	19,249	-	34,481	-
36	Dwayne Cronje	Team Kahles	18,293	16,058	-	34,351	-
37	Alan Hewetson	Impact Xtreme 2	16,118	15,389	-	31,507	-
38	Hendrie Brink	Team Hornady	19,027	12,023	-	31,050	-
39	Clara Burger	Peregrine	19,729	7,160	-	26,889	-
40	Peter Kenmuir	338 IMPACT	12,775	13,761	-	26,536	-
41	Rudi Barnard	Peregrine Bullets Brothers Arms	13,636	12,310	-	25,947	-
42	Edgar Doubell	Bakkie & Bek	8,471	3,853	-	12,323	-
43	Vernon Harms	Trigger Titans	0	0	-	0	-

Saturday 3 May: Prizegiving ceremony

One or two shots can make all the difference and a couple of shooters down the order came through with strong results on Day 3. By this time all the shooters had an idea who performed well and were doing calculations. Everyone was aware that it is not just the number of hits that matter, but what really counts are hits at the further targets and at the start of a string. This would ultimately be the differentiator.

At New Holme Guest House everyone gathered at 18:00 for the prizegiving ceremony with the generous prize table on display for all to see. All match participants were eagerly awaiting the results as they took their seats in the dining area before enjoying a three-course meal.

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Team Results

Nr.	Team	Range 1-3	Range 4-6	TOTAL	Hit %
1	The "BOMB SQUAD"	78,694	65,770	144,464	77%
2	Impact Xtreme 1	44,745	70,182	114,927	64%
3	Gooi Lood	48,943	65,709	114,652	60%
4	JWNWJTDHN	44,680	61,605	106,285	62%
5	JD Snipers	42,698	58,179	100,877	56%
6	Delta	40,121	55,137	95,258	56%
7	Aiming Aces	45,559	49,631	95,190	53%
8	6-Sigma	52,129	42,282	94,411	54%
9	Min Jokes	54,036	39,693	93,729	53%
10	Team Hornady	54,106	38,828	92,934	52%
11	JSN Precision	39,561	52,195	91,756	52%
12	Maskam Wapens	44,478	45,897	90,375	50%
13	Helber Maven	44,008	42,770	86,778	48%
14	Peregrine Bullets Brothers Arms	37,387	43,066	80,453	45%
15	Mik Hoog	36,341	42,881	79,222	46%
16	Team Kahles	30,031	39,707	69,738	41%
17	Peregrine	37,736	31,008	68,744	37%
18	Impact Xtreme 2	34,943	31,248	66,191	39%
19	338 IMPACT	28,007	33,011	61,018	36%
20	Bakkie & Bek	27,179	27,240	54,418	33%
21	Solo Shooter	29,254	22,765	52,019	29%
22	Trigger Titans	25,118	20,722	45,840	27%

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Nr.	Shooter	Team name	TOTAL	Calibre	Action manufacturer	Trigger manufacturer	Barrel manufacturer	Barrel twist rate	Barrel length (inches)	Stock/chassis manufacturer	Bullet manufacturer and type	Bullet weight in grain	Scope manufacturer / model	Magnification	Bipod manufacturer / type
1	Warwick du Preez	The "BOMB SQUAD"	110,277	375 CT	Barnard	Timney	Krieger	7	36	Ballistic Beast / Sus-Tac	Cutting Edge	425	Zero Compromise	5-27 x 56	Sus-Tac
2	Ivan Fourie	The "BOMB SQUAD"	104,987	33 XC	Barnard	Barnard	Lilja	9	35	APW	Berger	300	Zero Compromise	5-27x56	Phoenix
3	Thys de Beer	Impact Xtreme 1	97,562	300 Norma SMF	BAT	Bix n Andy	Bartlein	9	35	Gun Warrior	Berger	245	Nightforce ATACR	7-35	Phoenix
4	Charl Gous	JWNWJTDHN	93,055	300 NM AI	Ralph Badenhorst	TriggerTech	Ralph Badenhorst	8	32	Gun Warrior	Berger	245	Nightforce ATACR	5-25 x 56	Sus-Tac
5	Twakkies Goosen	Gooi Lood	92,882	33 XC	Ralph Badenhorst	TriggerTech	Ralph Badenhorst	8	34	APW	Berger	300	Nightforce ATACR	7-35 x 56	Sus-Tac
6	James Preyser	JD Snipers	90,476	33 XC	Barnard	TriggerTech	Ralph Badenhorst	9	34	Gun Warrior	Berger	300	Zero Compromise	5-27 x 56	Accutac
7	Schalk Jacobs	Min Jokes	90,127	33 XC	Barnard	Barnard	Lilja	9	35	APW B-52	Berger	300	Leupold MK5	7-36	Phoenix
8	Johan Coetzee	Aiming Aces	88,712	375 CT	Barnard	Barnard	Bartlein	10	36	Ballistic Beast / Sus-Tac	Hornady A-Tip	390	Nightforce ATACR	7-25 x 56	Accutac HD50
9	Loutjie Hanekom	Team Hornady	84,300	338 LM AI	Barnard	Barnard	Krieger	10	30	CD Precision	Hornady A-Tip	300	Kahles K525i	5-25	Atlas
10	Louise Classen	Helber Maven	80,945	300 NM AI	Infinity	TriggerTech	PROOF	8	32	Custom	Berger	245	Maven	2,5-30 x 56	Helber
11	Joshua Devenish	Solo Shooter	80,940	33 XC	Tubb	Tubb	Schneider	9	30	Tubb	Tubb D-Tac	299	Leupold	5-25 x 56	Tubb
12	Etienne de Beer	6-Sigma	80,416	300 NM	Victrix	Victrix	Victrix	10	32	Victrix	Berger	230	Vortex Razor	5-25 x 56	Phoenix
13	Shaun Flink	Impact Xtreme 1	79,683	300 NM AI	BAT	Bix n Andy	Bartlein	9	33	McMillan	Berger	245	Schmidt & Bender	6-36 x 56	Phoenix
14	Deon Fabel	JD Snipers	78,849	37 XC	Barnard	Barnard	Schneider	9	33	Gun Warrior	Cutting Edge	400	Schmidt & Bender	6-36	Accutac
15	Michael Hitchcock	Maskam Wapens	75,958	338 LM AI	Surgeon	Jewell	Krieger	9	32	Ballistic Beast / Sus-Tac	Berger	300	Nightforce ATACR	5-25 x 56	Phoenix
16	Pierre du Toit	Gooi Lood	75,805	300 PRC	Howa	Jard	Ralph Badenhorst	8	32	Phantom X	Berger	245	Nightforce ATACR	5-25	Sus-Tac
17	Pieter Eksteen	JWNWJTDHN	75,691	300 NM AI	Barnard	Barnard	Bartlein	9	32	Renier Mostert	Hornady A-Tip	230	Nightforce ATACR	5-25 x 56	Accutac
18	JD Els	Peregrine Bullets Brothers Arms	75,475	375 CT	Infinite Arms	TriggerTech	Schneider	9	34	Gun Warrior	Peregrine Glider	395	Hawke Frontier	3-18	Accutac HD50
19	Martin Le Roux	JSN Precision	73,751	300 NM AI	Ralph Badenhorst	TriggerTech	Ralph Badenhorst	8	32	Gun Warrior	Berger	245	Vortex Razor	5-25 x 56	Sus-Tac
20	Albert Stoel	Delta	71,679	338 LM	Savage	RifleBasix	Savage	9	30	MDT	Peregrine	305	Delta	30 x	Accutac
21	Dirk Pio	Trigger Titans	65,611	338 LM	Infinite Arms	TriggerTech	Schneider	9	36	Renier Mostert	Peregrine Glider	290	Hawke Frontier 34	3-18 x 50	RF Tactical
22	Anton de Jager	Delta	44,051	33 XC	Ralph Badenhorst	Timney	Ralph Badenhorst	9	32	Gun Warrior	Peregrine	305	Delta	21 x	Accutac
23	Riaan Ludik	Bakkie & Bek	42,095	338 LM	Savage Elite Precision 300 PRC	Savage Elite Precision 300 PRC	Savage Elite Precision 300 PRC	9	26	Savage Elite Precision 300 PRC	Hornady ELDM	285	Vortex Razor MK2	5-25 x 56	Accutac
24	Pieter Meyer	Peregrine	41,855	37 XC	GI Gunsmith	GI Gunsmith	Eagle	8	32	GI Gunsmith	Peregrine Glider	395	Valdada	4.8-30	Accutac HD50
25	Bernard Kotze	Min Jokes	41,762	300 NM AI	Sako	Sako	Ralph Badenhorst	8	32	Gun Warrior	Berger	245	Leupold MK5	5-25 x 56	Sus-Tac
26	Izak Hanekom	Maskam Wapens	41,761	338 LM AI	Sako	Sako	Krieger	10	30	Custom	Hornady A-Tip	300	Kahles K525i	5-25	Accutac
27	Dawie Lubbe	Mik Hoog	40,413	338 LM	RSA	Timney	Pac Nor	10	33	Custom	Berger	250	Nightforce ATACR	5-25	Accutac
28	Bernard Classen	Helber Maven	39,903	300 NM AI	Infinity	TriggerTech	PROOF	8	31	Custom	Berger	245	Maven	2,5-30 x 56	Helber
29	Pine Louw	Mik Hoog	38,809	300 Win Mag	Winchester	Jewell	Bartlein	9	30	McMillan A5	Berger	245	Athlon Ares ETR	4.5-30	Atlas SC
30	Danie Koch	Aiming Aces	38,354	300 NM	Victrix	TriggerTech	Bartlein	10	32	Victrix	Berger	245	March	5-25	Accutac
31	Tony Ingram	JSN Precision	38,188	338 LM AI	Sako	Sako	Ralph Badenhorst	9	30	Vision	Berger	300	Nightforce ATACR	7-25 x 56	Accutac
32	Eric Krige	6-Sigma	37,452	300 NM AI	Mojet	TriggerTech	Ralph Badenhorst	8	33	Sus-Tac	Berger	245	Kahles 525i DLR	5-25	Accutac HD50
33	John Justus	Team Kahles	35,387	33 XC	Victrix	Victrix	Ralph Badenhorst	9	33	Victrix	Tubb D-Tac	299	Kahles 525i	5-25	Accutac
34	Jaco Harmse	Impact Xtreme 2	34,685	300 PRC	Howa	Howa	Howa	9	26	Gun Warrior	Hornady ELDM	225	Kahles 525i	5-25	Atlas
35	Brendan Speck	338 IMPACT	34,481	338 LM	Ruger	Timney	Ruger	10	27	Ruger	Hornady ELDM	285	Vortex PST	5-25	Custom
36	Dwayne Cronje	Team Kahles	34,351	30 XARC	Barnard	Barnard	Lilja	8	33	Gun Warrior	Berger	245	Kahles K328	3-28	Accutac
37	Alan Hewetson	Impact Xtreme 2	31,507	338 LM	Savage	Savage	Savage	9	30	Savage	Hornady A-Tip	300	Zero Compromise	5-27	Phoenix
38	Hendrie Brink	Team Hornady	31,050	300 PRC	Ruger	Ruger	Ruger	9	26	Ruger	Hornady A-Tip	230	Riton	32 x	FR Tac
39	Clara Burger	Peregrine	26,889	338 LM	Ruger	Ruger	Ruger	9	26	Ruger	Hornady A-Tip	300	Nightforce ATACR	7-25 x 56	Accutac HD50
40	Peter Kenmuir	338 IMPACT	26,536	338 LM	Barrett	Barrett	Krieger	10	29	Barrett	Berger	300	Vortex Razor	6-36	Custom
41	Rudi Barnard	Peregrine Bullets Brothers Arms	25,947	33 XC	Truvelo	Truvelo	Truvelo	9	32	Gun Warrior	Berger	300	Arken EP5	5-25	Atlas BT72
42	Edgar Doubell	Bakkie & Bek	12,323	338 LM	Ruger	Ruger	Ruger	9	26	Ruger	Hornady ELDM	285	Leupold MK5	5-25 x 56	Accutac
43	Vernon Harms	Trigger Titans	0	33 XC	Infinite Arms	TriggerTech	Schneider	9	34	Gun Warrior	Peregrine Glider	305	Delta Stryker	3-18	Atlas BT72

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K540i DLR | 5-40x56i

THE GAME-CHANGER



K328i DLR | 3,5-28x50i

EXPAND YOUR LIMITS



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First-placed individual went to Warwick du Preez (375 CT) with an incredible 77% hit rate. It was visible how proud Warwick was about his achievement as well as his determination and focus to perform well among his fellow shooters over the previous days. It is emotional moments like these that make us proud to host events where we can witness the joy of many years hard work pay off.

In addition, Warwick's teammate Ivan Fourie (33 XC) was in superb form, securing second place with a 73% hit rate. Thys de Beer (300 Norma SMF), with a 69% hit rate had to settle for a well-deserved bronze medal. Charl Gous (300 NM AI, fourth-placed individual and a 67% hit rate) and Theunis Goosen (33 XC, fifth-placed individual and a 64% hit rate) made up the rest of the top five.

The quality of shooting was astonishing given the difficult conditions experienced, with all top 21 individuals achieving a hit rate of more than 50% and the top eight over 60%, displaying the depth and skill level of shooters competing at the 2025 Send IT ULTRA.

Worthy of mention was Louise Classen (300 NM AI). At her first ULTRA event in 2022 she managed to score one hit over the course of the competition and finished tenth in 2025 with a hit rate of 56%, outscoring several seasoned ELR shooters. A wonderful example of how a shooter can grow in the sport.

Unsurprisingly, the team category was won by The Bomb Squad (Ivan Fourie and Warwick du Preez, 77% hit rate) by a comfortable margin. Impact Xtreme 1 (Shaun Flink and Thys de Beer, 64% hit rate) finished second while team Gooi Lood (Pierre du Toit and Theunis Goosen, 60% hit rate) took home bronze. The second and third team were separated by a mere 275 points!

In addition, team JWNWJTDHN (Charl Gous and Pieter Eksteen, 62% hit rate) moved up the ranks to secure fourth place while JD Snipers (Deon Fabel and James Preyser, 56% hit rate) placed fifth in the team division.

Day2 vs Day 3 Individual

TOP 21 Individual Contenders Ranking at the end of DAY 2

Nr.	Shooter	TOTAL
1	Warwick du Preez	78,078
2	Twakkies Goosen	66,728
3	Ivan Fourie	66,385
4	Loutjie Hanekom	61,884
5	Shaun Flink	57,556
6	Thys de Beer	57,371
7	Etienne de Beer	56,959
8	Johan Coetzee	56,836
9	James Preyser	55,991
10	Charl Gous	55,083
11	JD Els	54,507
12	Martin Le Roux	53,568
13	Joshua Devenish	52,019
14	Schalk Jacobs	51,967
15	Albert Stoel	51,207
16	Pieter Eksteen	51,202
17	Michael Hitchcock	48,614
18	Pierre du Toit	47,924
19	Louise Classen	46,875
20	Dirk Pio	45,840
21	Deon Fabel	44,885

TOP 21 Individual Contenders Ranking at the end of DAY 3

Nr.	Shooter	TOTAL
1	Warwick du Preez	110,277
2	Ivan Fourie	104,987
3	Thys de Beer	97,562
4	Charl Gous	93,055
5	Twakkies Goosen	92,882
6	James Preyser	90,476
7	Schalk Jacobs	90,127
8	Johan Coetzee	88,712
9	Loutjie Hanekom	84,300
10	Louise Classen	80,945
11	Joshua Devenish	80,940
12	Etienne de Beer	80,416
13	Shaun Flink	79,683
14	Deon Fabel	78,849
15	Michael Hitchcock	75,958
16	Pierre du Toit	75,805
17	Pieter Eksteen	75,691
18	JD Els	75,475
19	Martin Le Roux	73,751
20	Albert Stoel	71,679
21	Dirk Pio	65,611

Ranking change from DAY 2 to DAY 3

- Up 1 position
- Up 3 positions
- Up 6 positions
- Up 3 positions
- Up 7 positions
- Up 9 positions
- Up 2 positions
- Up 7 positions
- Up 2 positions
- Up 2 positions



Day 3: Top 21 Individual results analysed

The table below shows the Top 21 individual contenders' cumulative scores at the end of Day 2 and after the final day's shooting results on Day 3. In addition, the arrows indicate how a shooter moved up or down the ranking table as well as the number of positions gained from Day 2 to Day 3.

It is notable that positions changed materially following the final day's scores with a couple of shooters to highlight. Firstly, Louise Classen moved up the ranks by a massive nine positions as well as Schalk Jacobs and Deon Fabel who gained seven positions each. Secondly, several top performers moved lower in the ranking table, and this again highlights the characteristics of the 2025 Send IT ULTRA as a multi-day, 81 shot ELR match that tested shooters over a high round count covering multiple ranges.

2025 Send IT ULTRA: Statistics and hit percentages

Given the number of shots fired at the 2025 Send IT ULTRA, 2 889 to be exact, and 18 targets engaged, we calculated statistics on the achievements of the 43 shooters over three days. The average distance of the range was 1 464 m. Interestingly, the target with the highest percentage hit rate was not the closest but Target 2 on Range 6 at 1 278 m, hit 76% of the time. The overall hit rate of all competitors and all shots fired was a very respectable 52%.

From the hit rates below it is clear that hits at the far targets (2 000 m or further) were the differentiating factor and determined who ended up at the top of the rankings. For example, the overall hit rate on all targets for all competitors (covering Days 1, 2, and the Top 21 Individual Final) for targets set at 1 619 m or less was 60% and only 25% for targets at 2 000 metres or more. Importantly, all targets were hit multiple times and the overall success rate at the extended ranges was consistent and high.

SEND IT, ELR Shooting - ULTRA

Dates: 1-3 May 2025

Venue: Karoo King of the Plains Shooting Range (Hanover, Northern Cape)



	Range 1	Range 2	Range 3	Range 4	Range 5	Range 6
Target 1 range in meter	900	1000	1148	1200	1050	1129
Target 1 HIT %	67%	64%	61%	64%	68%	58%
Target 2 range in meter	1250	1500	1619	1601	1451	1278
Target 2 HIT %	59%	55%	51%	54%	60%	76%
Target 3 range in meter	1450	2000	2100	2201	2000	1477
Target 3 HIT %	53%	27%	21%	27%	25%	56%

Total Number of shots fired (Day 1, 2 & Top 21 Individual Final)	2889
Average distance of Send IT ULTRA range (meter)	1464
Overall hit % on all targets for all competitors (Day 1, 2 & Top 21 Individual Final)	52%
Overall hit % on all targets for all competitors - less than 1619 m (Day 1, 2 & Top 21 Individual Final)	60%
Overall hit % on all targets for all competitors - more than 2000 m (Day 1, 2 & Top 21 Individual Final)	25%



▲ All the range officers: L to R: Louise Classen, Bernard Classen, Ivan Fourie, Hendrie Brink, Dwayne Cronje, Charl Gous, Pieter Eksteen

In closing, after all was done and dusted, we achieved what we set out to do. The 2025 Send IT ULTRA was formulated to be a test of a shooter's skill and ability to repeatedly make impact at distance while adapting to changing winds and conditions throughout the day. Match participants were tested three times per day over three days and it is no surprise that the shooters who produced more consistent results came out tops.

Looking back, shooters provided excellent feedback and a positive stance towards the Send IT match format. Shooters unfamiliar with the format enjoyed the challenge and additional range time that this competition provides and the

camaraderie that is part of the DNA of Send IT regulars.

We thank all the sponsors, shooters, and our host for being part of the Send IT ULTRA event. Thank you to PC and Marisca Ferreira for meticulously preparing the range and making your facilities available for a joyous couple of days and for having faith in the Send IT team to deliver a successful event.

Louise Taylor, thank you for travelling to attend the Send IT ULTRA match and for providing coverage of sports-shooting matches and Send IT in *On Target Africa* magazine. We thank all the people who put in the demanding work to prepare our ranges, act as range officers, and helped set up and take down equipment.

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We were once again humbled by the support received and thank all the prize sponsors for their generous support of the 2025 Send IT ULTRA. We set out with the ambitious target of putting a prize in every match participant's hand and succeeded again this year.





▲ Marisca and P C Ferreira



▲ L to R: Tony Ingram, Danie Koch, John Justus



PRIZE TABLES



Shooters were spoiled with numerous highly valued prizes and gift vouchers. We thank all the individuals and businesses for contributing and being part of the Send IT initiative to help grow ELR sport shooting in South Africa. Thank you very much for the fantastic support!

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▲ L to R: Deon Fabel, James Preyser, Pieter Eksteen, Charl Gous



▲ L to R: Twakkies Goosen and Pierre du Toit



▲ L to R: Schalk Jacobs, James Preyser, Louise Classen, Loutjie Hanekom, Johan Coetzee



▲ L to R: Shaun Flink and Thys de Beer

