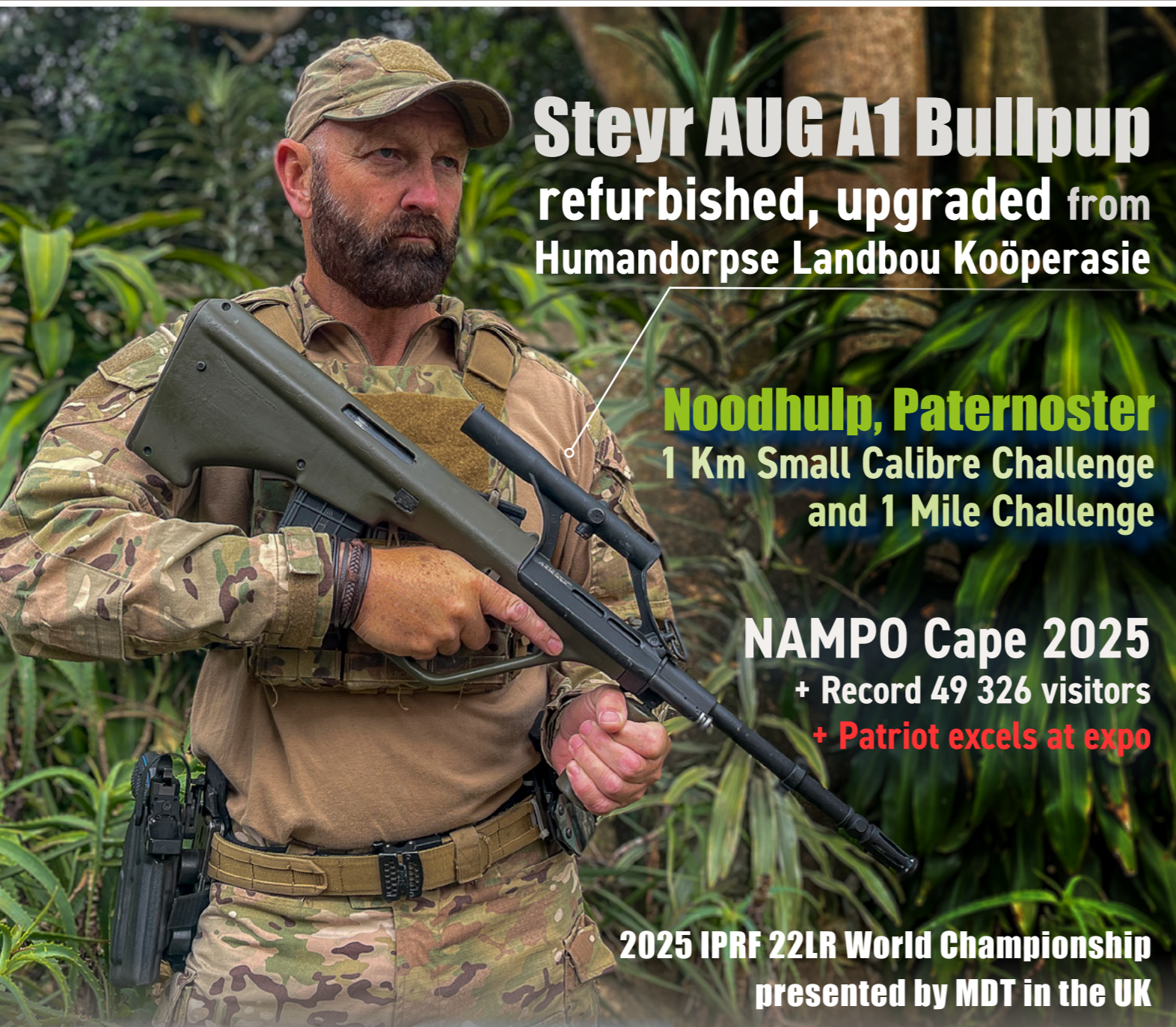


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33 Adults and 15 Juniors**

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F-Class Championship  
at the NRA Bisley ranges in the UK  
Gold and Silver medals for  
Team South Africa**

## from the editor's desk

What an exciting month it has been for the sports-shooting community! The Frontier Shooting Range in Matlosana, North West, proudly hosted the 2025 IPSC Handgun World Shoot from 11 to 28 September, where 1 700 competitors representing 76 countries came together in a true celebration of skill, dedication, and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to each and every competitor, the hardworking range staff, the IPSC management team, and the Frontier Company for delivering such an extraordinary event. We are especially proud of our esteemed contributor, Adrian Burrows, who competed in the Production Optics Senior Division.

Adrian will be sharing his experiences and reflections on this international competition, giving readers a first-hand perspective on the lessons learned from competing at such a high level. For full results, visit: [facebook.com/IPSCWorld](https://facebook.com/IPSCWorld).

At *On Target Africa*, we pride ourselves on providing independent and comprehensive firearm reviews, offering readers objective insights to guide their choices. In this issue, Adrian Burrows from Kinetic Solutions reviews two refurbished Steyr AUG A1 Bullpup rifles, made available by Humandorpse Landbou Koöperasie (HLK), a subsidiary of Sentraal-Suid Koöperasie (SSK).

We are deeply grateful to Southern Sky Operations in Durban, whose professional team handled the logistics and legal requirements with efficiency and care, making this comprehensive review possible.

This issue also takes us abroad, where Michael 'Mac' Contreras from Black Plague Precision brings us full coverage of two major championships: the 2025 Precision Rifle .22LR World Championship, held in August in the UK, and the GBFCA European F-Class Championship, hosted at the NRA Bisley ranges from 1 to 8 September.

With his unmatched eye for detail, Mac continues to capture the spirit of global competitions. Be sure to follow his page, tune into his podcasts, and explore the thousands of free images he generously shares.

Closer to home, Rick Jaffe provides an account of The Peninsula Rifle Club's 2025 .22 Open Championships, held on 13 September at the Good Hope Military Range near Atlantis in the Western Cape.

We are also privileged to feature world champion Gerhard Slabbert's reflections from Finland, where he competed in the 2025 WRABF World Cup and European Championship. Gerhard's report, complemented by his professional photography, offers both inspiration and insight into the level of excellence required at these events.

Beyond the competitions, September also brought us the NAMPO Cape Expo at Bredasdorp Park. A premier platform for showcasing agricultural innovation in the winter grain regions, the expo once again demonstrated flawless organisation and seamless hospitality. Safety, both at home and in the fields, was a key concern for many visitors we spoke with. While the event's firearm representation remains limited, we are hopeful that the self-carry sector will

grow in years to come. A heartfelt thank you goes to our three freelance representatives who covered the expo. We are already looking forward to their hospitality in 2026.

As always, Charl Gous from Send IT, ELR Shooting brings an unmissable update, this time from the Send IT .22LR ELR match. A lively, fun-filled event, it was especially exciting to see junior competitor Carlo Gous rise through the ranks to claim the gold medal. Congratulations, Carlo, on such a promising achievement!

Further up the West Coast, the Noodhulp range, nestled between the charming seaside town of Paternoster and inland Vredenburg, hosted another memorable match on 20 September. The day was filled with camaraderie, the sharing of knowledge, and the warm hospitality that has become a hallmark of these gatherings. With new competitors joining in and invitations for 2026 already sent out, Leon Avenant once again proves the value of careful planning and a true love for the sport.

As we close this issue, I extend my deepest gratitude to our contributors, industry partners, and, most importantly, our readers. Your passion and support are what keep *On Target Africa* thriving. Enjoy reading, and as always, we welcome your feedback and comments, which help us grow and continue to serve you better. ♥

Warm regards

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# Send IT, ELR Shooting .22LR ELR



## PEKS Shooting Range

By Charl Gous

On 6 September 2025, we hosted the eleventh .22 LR ELR (Extreme Long Range) Send IT match at PEKS shooting range near Wellington, Western Cape, with a full house of 33 adults and 15 juniors competing.

The first Send IT rimfire ELR event took place in 2020. From thereon, Send IT rimfire ELR events transformed into a family affair, with wives, girlfriends, and kids joining the festivities and outdoor entertainment. It has become a picnic with .22s!

### Range Set-Up & Match Format

The course of fire was made up of three ranges, with targets set from 155 m to 423 m, and fitted with electronic hit indicators to confirm

successful impacts. All targets were 30 cm x 30 cm. Each match participant took five shots at each target, with three targets per range, for a total round count of 45.

To accommodate our young shooters, we set-up a separate junior range with targets from 88 m to 268 m. The juniors have their own set of targets that are 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.

### Match Day

We were greeted with a fabulous, sunny spring day. Conditions were fair yet testing throughout the day, as all shooters had to contend with a mild fishtail wind doing just enough to push bullets off the edge of the target. We were again delighted with the results, which displayed great depth and breadth across the scoreboard, and certainly reflective of a

challenging, well-attended rimfire ELR match. To further highlight the standard of shooting, we observed that the top ten all achieved 30 or more hits from their allotted 45 shots for a hit rate of 66% or more. Looking further

down the score sheet, we can conclude that the top 24 competitors all achieved a hit rate of over 50%. These are excellent results at testing distances using a very small calibre!



▲ Barend Nel Snr.



▲ Tracy Jacobs



▲ Gerhard Stabbert



▲ Kelly Hart-Davies Ingram



▲ Deon Fabel



▲ Lynette Gous



▲ Ivan Fourie



▲ Helgard Nel



▲ Rick Jaffe



▲ Danie du Preez



▲ James Preyser



▲ Tony Ingram



## Match Results

The match results require explanation. The Send IT .22LR ELR match is a .22LR rimfire match, but in the past, we allowed PCP (pre-charged pneumatic) rifles to compete as we are as enthusiastic about shooting as those PCP shooters, so why exclude someone? Similarly, in the past we did not separate the results from rimfire shooters and PCP shooters as there were very few PCP shooters (two or less) that competed. Until now.

Gerhard Slabbert, no stranger to competitive sports-shooting and the podium in South Africa and abroad, produced an incredible result, with 35 successful impacts and a total score of 13 607 points. He was declared overall match winner – and made use of his trusty PCP rifle to achieve these great results. Well done, Gerhard, on your first win at a Send IT .22 LR ELR match. Well deserved!

All other shooters attending the match shot with .22LR rimfire rifles. As such, we awarded first, second, and third places to rimfire shooters. Carlo Gous (34 hits and 13 377 points), Pieter Eksteen (35 hits and 12 978 points) and Deon Fabel (32 hits and 11 460 points) secured the top three rimfire spots and took home gold, silver, and bronze medals for their efforts.

Fifteen-year-old Carlo's excellent five-out-of-five hits on Target 3, Range 3 at 421 m will surely go down as the highlight of the day, which secured him a gold medal. Pieter Eksteen, as consistent as ever, went four-out-of-five on Target 3, Range 2 at 392 m, and followed up with impacts at 421 m and 423 m. Deon, too, managed to hit all the far targets and achieved four-out-of-five hits at Target 2, Range 2 at 343 m.





## PEKS Shooting Range, 6 September 2025, .22LR ELR Event

Rank	Name	Surname	TOTAL	Hits
1	Gerhard	Slabbert	13607	35
2	Carlo	Gous	13377	34
3	Pieter	Eksteen	12978	35
4	Deon	Fabel	11460	32
5	Ivan	Fourie	11125	31
6	Jaco	du Preez	11101	31
7	Schalk	Jacobs	10802	29
8	Tony	Ingram	10665	31
9	Barend	Nel	10497	30
10	Tracy	Jacobs	10368	30
11	Bernard	Eksteen	10285	29
12	Barend	Nel, JNR	10250	28
13	Lynette	Gous	9922	28
14	Martin	le Roux	9436	28
15	James	Preyser	9280	28
16	Danie	du Preez	9042	27
17	Rick	Jaffe	8727	26
18	Helgard	Nel	8668	27
19	Peru	van Staden	8435	25
20	Kelly	Hart-Davies-Ingram	8413	26
21	Anton	Eksteen	8138	24
22	Charl	Gous	7966	25
23	Andrew	Roseveare	7277	21
24	Tiaan	Vermeulen	6934	23
25	Ignatius	Lambert	6456	22
26	Hannes	Helberg	6318	21
27	Stefano	Fernandes	6317	20
28	Jurie	Helberg	6167	21
29	Damian	Fernandes	6167	20
30	Tinus	De Grijjs	6112	21
31	Albertus	Smith	5760	20
32	Franscois	Gous	5358	19
33	Arthur	Kemp	4805	18

## PEKS Shooting Range, 6 September 2025, .22LR ELR Event - Juniors (younger than 13 years)

Rank	Name	Surname	TOTAL	Hits
1	Aniena	Nel	6802	27
2	Riley	Ingram	6792	28
3	Berrick	Kotze	6363	26
4	Luke	Le Roux	6247	25
5	Lila	Gous	5396	20
6	Ivan	Fourie	5218	23
7	Lea	Kotze	5018	22
8	Schalkie	Jacobs	4509	21
9	Ferdinand	du Preez	4358	16
10	Zach	Helberg	4034	17
11	Elmie	du Preez	3867	18
12	Christiaan	Smith	3775	15
13	Louise	Lelard	3763	17
14	Markus	Jacobs	3620	17
15	Nina	du Preez	3423	15

The youngsters had their turn, and a point to prove. Do not be fooled, as they are fiercely competitive. Many a father (and spotter) had to succumb to the "You gave me the wrong wind on that one!" chirp from their precious little ones.

Aniena Nel was the top scorer and gold medal winner in the hotly contested junior division, with only three missed shots from her 30 attempts. Furthermore, second-placed Riley Ingram (28 hits) and third-placed Berrick Kotze (26 hits) put in strong performances.



▲ L to R: Pieter Eksteen, Gerhard Slabbert, Deon Fabel, Carlo Gous



▲ Junior Winners

However, Aniena outshot the boys this time! Well done to all the young shooters who took part and thank you for bringing your A-game and youthful energy to the range!

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. In addition, a special thanks to all the Range Officers, those who assisted in setting up and taking down equipment, and those who helped make sure everyone had enough to eat and drink 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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