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Young guns!

Send IT, ELR Shooting

28 September 2024

By Charl Gous

Send IT's 16th ELR match at Darling Steel Valley, Darling, Western Cape was on 28 September 2024. The inaugural event was held on a cold, wet and windy 6 July 2019. Overlooking Table Mountain, the range is at sea level next to the West Coast, an hour's drive from Cape Town. The range is well known for tricky wind conditions and horseshoe topography where shooters regularly need to contend with aggressive fishtail winds.

The weekend's weather report was closely watched as a severe cold front was expected to disrupt what was supposed to be a sunny spring day in South Africa. We are familiar with this match venue's testing wind conditions but shooting in the rain is never pleasant.

Match day

The match kicked off promptly at 08:00. Shooters had to contend with a firm 9 'o clock full on wind varying 14 mph to 18 mph. As the day progressed the wind picked up and became even fiercer, with speeds up to 30 mph, holding at 9 'o clock. Thankfully it was a dry match with only a sprinkle of rain towards the end of the day.

To provide perspective, misjudging the wind speed of a full value wind by 2 mph (when shooting in winds of 20 mph or more) will result in a miss when engaging 2 MOA targets at distances of more than 1.3 km. Several shooters reportedly did not have enough windage dial in their rifle scopes and had to holdover well beyond the targets to curve their bullets towards their intended destination.

The margin of error was thin as even a small gust of wind pushed bullets off target just to over correct on the next shot as the gust calms down. The landscape and terrain were also tricky to master. From early in the day shooters reported missed shots that were very high relative to the output of their ballistic solvers. This was not isolated to a few but across the field



▲ Ignatius Lambert and Rudolph Viljoen

shooters had to come down relative to their calculated elevation setting.

It was a new phenomenon at this shooting venue, where we have never experienced shots high by up to 3.5 MOA or 1 mil relative to the predicted result. Shooters quickly worked out the adjustments needed but were left puzzled and questioning why it was happening. Was it the overcast conditions? Was it the hilly environment with winds pushing up into the mountain towards the targets? These questions remain unanswered as we traverse the unknowns of ELR shooting.



▲ Jannie Kotze and Erik Marais



▲ John Justus and Dwayne Cronje



Nr.	Shooter	Team	Caliber	Distance in meter									TOTAL SCORE	%			
				Range 1			Range 2			Range 3					Range 4		
				1A	1B	1C	2A	2B	2C	3A	3B	3C			4A	4B	4C
				1258	1349	1473	1395	1539	1651	1428	1560	1857	1541	1692	1754		
				S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3	S1 S2 S3		
1	Carlo Gous	Sonic	300 NM AI	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 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	39,155	100%
2	Dwayne Cronje	3% Tactical II	37 XC	- - 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 1 1	1 1 1	- 1 -	37,657	96%
3	Pieter Eksteen	InSyBefokstes	300 NM AI	- 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	34,799	89%
4	Johann van Zyl	H208	300 PRC	- 1 1	- 1 -	1 1 1	- 1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	- - 1	1 1 1	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	30,550	78%
5	Ivan Fourie	3% Tactical	338 LM AI	1 - -	- 1 1 1	1 1 1	- - 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	- 1 1 1	- - -	- - -	- - 1	- 1 -	- - -	27,969	71%
6	Tony Ingram	JSN Precision	33 XC	- 1 -	- 1 1 1	1 1 1	- - -	1 1 -	- - 1	- - -	1 1 -	- 1 1	- 1 1	- 1 -	- - -	26,961	69%
7	Warwick du Preez	3% Tactical	375 CT	1 1 -	- 1 -	1 1 1	1 1 1	- 1 -	- 1 -	- - 1	- 1 -	- - -	1 1 -	- - 1	1 - -	26,576	68%
8	James Preyser	Noodhulp Topgun	33 XC	1 - -	- 1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	- - 1	1 1 1	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 -	- - 1	1 - -	- - 1	26,027	66%
9	Bernard Kotze	Ironhide	300 NM AI	1 - 1	1 1 -	1 1 1	- 1 1	- 1 -	- 1 -	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 -	- 1 1	25,806	66%
10	Kosie Botha	African Kingdom	300 PRC	- 1 -	- 1 -	1 1 1	1 1 -	- 1 -	- 1 -	- 1 1	1 1 -	- 1 -	- - -	- - 1	1 1 1	25,444	65%
11	Twakkies Goosen	Gooi Lood	300 PRC	1 - -	- - -	1 1 1	1 1 -	- - 1	1 1 1	- 1 1	- - 1	1 1 1	1 1 -	- - -	- - -	23,818	61%
12	Herman Maree	Noodhulp Topgun	33 XC	1 - 1	1 1 -	1 1 1	1 1 -	- 1 1	1 1 1	- - -	- - -	- - -	1 1 -	- - -	- - -	23,032	59%
13	Charl Gous	Sonic	33 XC	- - 1	1 1 -	1 1 1	- - -	1 - -	- - 1	- - 1	- - 1	1 1 1	- 1 1	- - -	- 1 -	21,971	56%
14	Trevern Haasbroek	SonOfAGun	300 PRC	1 1 1	1 1 1	1 1 1	- - -	- 1 -	- - 1	1 1 -	- - 1	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	1 1 1	21,267	54%
15	Louis van Zyl	H208	300 PRC	- 1 -	- - 1	1 1 1	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- 1 1	- 1 1	- - -	- 1 1	- 1 1	20,960	54%
16	JB Erasmus	Tarentale	300 PRC	1 - -	- - -	1 1 1	- - -	- - 1	1 1 1	- 1 1	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- 1 1	19,891	51%
17	Pieter Swart	Zip Code	338 LM	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 1	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 1	1 1 -	- 1 1	- - -	- 1 -	1 1 1	19,421	50%
18	Ignatius Lambert	African Kingdom	300 PRC	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 1	- - 1	1 1 -	- - 1	- - -	- - -	- - -	1 - -	- 1 1	1 1 1	18,965	48%
19	Michael Hitchcock	InSyBefokstes	300 NM AI	- - -	- - -	1 1 1	- - 1	- - 1	1 1 1	1 1 -	- 1 1	1 1 -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	18,373	47%
20	John Justus	3% Tactical II	300 NM AI	- 1 -	- 1 -	1 1 1	- - -	- 1 -	- - 1	1 1 -	- - -	- - -	- 1 1	- - -	- - -	16,774	43%
21	Gerhardt Haasbroek	SonOfAGun	300 PRC	- 1 -	- 1 -	1 1 1	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 -	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 -	- 1 -	16,747	43%
22	Schalk Jacobs	Ironhide	300 NM AI	1 1 -	- - -	- 1 1	- - -	- - -	- 1 1	- - 1	1 1 -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	16,288	42%
23	Deon Fabel	DD	300 NM AI	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 1	1 1 -	- 1 -	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 1	- - -	16,222	41%
24	Danie du Preez	DD	300 NM AI	1 1 -	- - -	1 1 1	- - -	- 1 1	1 1 1	- - -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	16,213	41%
25	Johan Zulch	Tarentale	7 SAUM	- - -	- - -	- 1 1	- - -	- 1 1	- 1 -	- - 1	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	11,027	28%
26	Mario Snyman	Zip Code	300 PRC	- 1 1	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	10,594	27%
27	Erik Marais	Team MLV '88	338 LM	- - -	- - -	- - -	1 - -	- - 1	1 1 -	- 1 -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	9,092	23%
28	Rudolf Viljoen	Skurmonkels	6.5 CM	1 - 1	1 1 -	- - -	1 - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	9,044	23%
29	Pierre du Toit	Gooi Lood	300 WM	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- 1 -	8,556	22%
30	Hendrie Brink	Hornady	338 LM	1 - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	5,304	14%
31	Jannie Kotze	Team MLV '88	300 PRC	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	1,651	4%
32	Ignatius Lambert	Skurmonkels	6.5 PRC	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- 1 -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -	1,651	4%



▲ Ignatius Lambert



▲ Michael Hitchcock and Pieter Eksteen

Match results: Young gun takes gold!

Three shooters produced remarkable individual scores, but the standout performance came from the only 'young gun' in the field and now a proud owner of Send IT gold medal. With an incredible 71% hit rate, fourteen-year-old Carlo Gous, put his trusted .300 Norma



Individual Results:

Nr.	Shooter	Team name	TOTAL	Hit %
1	Carlo Gous	Sonic	39,155	71%
2	Dwayne Cronje	3% Tactical II	37,657	71%
3	Pieter Eksteen	InSyBefokstes	34,798	68%
4	Johann van Zyl	H208	30,550	54%
5	Ivan Fourie	3% Tactical	27,969	50%
6	Tony Ingram	JSN Precision	26,961	50%
7	Warwick du Preez	3% Tactical	26,576	54%
8	James Preyser	Noodhulp Topgun	26,026	50%
9	Bernard Kotze	Ironhide	25,806	50%
10	Kosie Botha	African Kingdom	25,444	50%
11	Twakkies Goosen	Gooi Lood	23,818	43%
12	Herman Maree	Noodhulp Topgun	23,032	43%
13	Charl Gous	Sonic	21,970	39%
14	Trevern Haasbroek	SonOfAGun	21,266	43%
15	Louis van Zyl	H208	20,959	39%
16	JB Erasmus	Tarentale	19,890	36%
17	Pieter Swart	Zip Code	19,420	39%
18	Ignatius Lambert	African Kingdom	18,965	36%
19	Michael Hitchcock	InSyBefokstes	18,372	32%
20	John Justus	3% Tactical II	16,773	36%
21	Gerhardt Haasbroek	SonOfAGun	16,746	36%
22	Schalk Jacobs	Ironhide	16,288	32%
23	Deon Fabel	DD	16,221	32%
24	Danie du Preez	DD	16,213	32%
25	Johan Zulch	Tarentale	11,026	21%
26	Mario Snyman	Zip Code	10,594	18%
27	Erik Marais	Team MLV '88	9,092	18%
28	Rudolf Viljoen	Skurmonkels	9,044	18%
29	Pierre du Toit	Gooi Lood	8,556	14%
30	Hendrie Brink	Hornady	5,304	11%
31	Jannie Kotze	Team MLV '88	1,651	4%
32	Ignatius Lambert	Skurmonkels	1,651	4%

Team Results:

Nr.	Team	TOTAL	Hit %
1	Sonic	61,125	55%
2	3% Tactical	54,545	52%
3	3% Tactical II	54,431	54%
4	InSyBefokstes	53,171	50%
5	H208	51,509	46%
6	Noodhulp Topgun	49,058	46%
7	African Kingdom	44,409	43%
8	Ironhide	42,094	41%
9	SonOfAGun	38,013	39%
10	DD	32,434	32%
11	Gooi Lood	32,374	29%
12	Tarentale	30,917	29%
13	Zip Code	30,014	29%
14	JSN Precision	26,961	25%
15	Team MLV '88	10,743	11%
16	Skurmonkels	10,695	11%
17	Hornady	5,304	5%



▲ Pierre du Toit and Twakkies Goosen



▲ Tony Ingram on deck with Deon Fabel spotting

Magnum Improved rifle, built by Ralph Badenhorst Bespoke Rifles & Gunsmithing, to good use.

Carlo produced an excellent performance on the far targets with three out of three hits on the 1651 m (1 806 yd) Target, two out of three hits on the 1754 m (1 918 yd) target and three out of three hits on the 1857 m (2 031 yd) target.



▲ Carlo Gous and Charl Gous



▲ Carlo Gous

I am unashamedly biased and very proud of his achievement. Carlo approached every shot with great confidence, focus, and intense concentration. On the final round of the day (Carlo's shooting group ended on Range 2), knowing he was having a good round, he delivered six out of seven hits in extremely difficult conditions to secure the gold medal (unknown to him at the time).

Hot on his heels was Dwayne Cronje, using a custom built 37 XC, also achieving a 71% hit rate for a points total of 37 657 and silver. Pieter Eksteen (300 Norma Magnum Improved), a familiar podium contender, secured bronze with a 68% hit rate. The top three individual shooters produced stellar results! Team Sonic (Carlo and Charl Gous) took first place team, followed by 3% Tactical (Ivan Fourie

and Warwick du Preez) in second and 3% Tactical II (Dwayne Cronje and John Justus) in third place.

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. 🇿🇦

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



▲ L to R: Ivan Fourie, Bernard Kotze, Schalk Jacobs and Warwick du Preez



▲ All the medallists
Kneeling: L to R: John Justus and Charl Gous
Standing: L to R: Dwayne Cronje, Carlo Gous, Pieter Eksteen, Warwick du Preez and Ivan Fourie



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.

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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