

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: KZN OPEN S.A. HUNTING
RIFLE SHOOTING ASSOCIATION: FEBRUARY 2015

On the 7th of February 2015, the beautiful eastern Free State with open grasslands, boasting stunning shades of green and breath-taking sandstone mountain ranges welcomed a record number of 190 shooters to the annual KZN OPEN on the farm Lerwick owned by Johannes Schoeman.



The day was blessed with beautiful bright sunshine and an intermittent little breeze which kept the participants on their toes, especially on the longer ranges.

A new era in SAHRSA was entered into at the 2015 KZN Open. For the first time the much debated new targets were shot. These proved to be very interesting and certainly posed a challenge to the participants as the scoring zones are smaller on the still unfamiliar targets. Although the average scores were somewhat lower than in previous years the general response was that the new targets are just what our sport needs to take us to a higher more enjoyable level.

The ranges were set out as follows:

- Range 1. BLESBUCK TARGET: Position, prone over bank with no assistance.
Distance +/- 260m.
- Range 2. WARTHOG TARGET: Position, standing with shooting sticks.
Distance +/- 180m.
- Range 3. JACKAL TARGET: Position, standing over big hay bale.
Distance +/- 220m.
- Range 4. GONG RANGE: Position, any position over salt bags.
Distance of furthest gong +/- 280m.
- Range 5. GONG RANGE: Position, sitting using shooting sticks.
Distance of furthest gong +/- 300m.
- Range 6. GONG RANGE: Position, prone off flat stones.
Distance of furthest gong +/- 350m.



A grouping competition was held in the morning at the zeroing range. The smallest group was shot by Jacques Obermeyer. The highest score of the day was also shot by Jacques Obermeyer. His score was 836 out of a possible 900. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done Jacques.





The various other category winners were as follows:

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	Pos	Surname	Name	Initials	ID Number	Pro- vince	Class	Next Shoot Status	Totaal /900	Klas	Posisie
Gold	1	Obermeyer	Jacques	JW	7006165015082	BOL	Men	Gold	836	Gold	Eerste
	2	Moolman	Marius	MW	7407235092087	MP	Men	Gold	820	Gold	Tweede
	3	Botha	Willem	W	6111065049081	FS	Senior 50-59	Gold	796	Gold	Derde
Silver	1	Viljoen	Guniel	GD	7605115092081	NW	Men	Silver	750	Silver	Eerste
	2	Joubert	Nic	JN	9508135043084	NC	Men	Silver	720	Silver	Tweede
	3	Wellen	Franco	FJ	7202175104087	GP	Men	Silver	700	Silver	Derde
Bronze	1	Van den Heever	Pieter	PC	7701025096088	MP	Men	Bronze	731	Bronze	Eerste
	2	Peetz	Jason	JP	7205265083087	KZN	Men	Bronze	700	Bronze	Tweede
	3	Carr	Peter	PS	5101195032082	MP	Veteran o60	Bronze	620	Bronze	Derde
Penkoppe	1	Van Zyl	Righardt	R	20011023	KZN	Penkop u13	NonMem	590	Penkoppe	Eerste
	2	Moolman	Wian	W	#####	MP	Penkop u13	Gold	485	Penkoppe	Tweede
	3	Uys	Tewie	MH	20041214	MP	Penkop u13	NonMem	175	Penkoppe	Derde
Juniors	1	Gravett	Kelvin	K	20010101	GP	Junior u16	NonMem	340	Juniors	Eerste
	2	Willems	Martoux	MT	#####	FS	Junior u16	NonMem	330	Juniors	Tweede
	3	Hartsliet	Tristan	T	990511	GP	Junior u16	Bronze	295	Juniors	Derde
Ladies	1	Wellen	Cheryl	CL	8310210086083	GP	Ladies	NonMem	405	Dames	Eerste
	2	Fortmann	Leigh	LE	7207190020085	KZN	Ladies	Bronze	335	Dames	Tweede
	3	Labuschagne	Erna	EC	7504070007087	GP	Ladies	NonMem	275	Dames	Derde
Seniors	1	Botha	Willem	W	6111065049081	FS	Senior 50-59	Gold	796	Seniors	Eerste
	2	Volschenk	Andre	A	6112095167083	WP	Senior 50-59	Gold	751	Seniors	Tweede
	3	Barnard	Koos	JD	5905125147087	KZN	Senior 50-59	Gold	710	Seniors	Derde
Veterans	1	Carr	Peter	PS	5101195032082	MP	Veteran o60	Bronze	620	Veterane	Eerste
	2	Gould	Dave	DN	5204265017080	KZN	Veteran o60	Bronze	445	Veterane	Tweede
	3	Pretorius	Dries	AL	4409265029081	GP	Veteran o60	Bronze	430	Veterane	Derde
Non-Mem	1	Smith	Braam	AJ	7010085017087	MP	Men	NonMem	680	Nie-Lede	Eerste
	2	Mostert	Jacques	JPC	7210105144081	MP	Men	NonMem	675	Nie-Lede	Tweede
	3	Swart	Hermanus	HH	7105155448083	FS	Men	NonMem	600	Nie-Lede	Derde



There are many thanks that go with a shoot of this magnitude.

Firstly, to all our sponsors, both big and small: Thank you for your support and dedication to our much loved sport,



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To the guys who helped to build the ranges and our wives who helped so much on the day, thank you very much!

The range officers, for their unselfish sacrifice in running the ranges so efficiently!

Wimpie, for dealing with all the entries and the scoring afterwards!

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Last, but by no means the least, THANK YOU to all the participants on the day. Thank you for your co-operation in getting through the ranges so smoothly as well as all the positive comments and attitudes. It makes it all worthwhile.

Thank you very much.

Till next year.

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