



GUNS ON THE RAIL

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Editorial

Guns on the rail! This is a new venture of your SAPSF executive, aiming to keep you, our members, informed of Pin Shooting affairs. I trust that you will find the newsletter informative. It will be distributed roughly every third month.

Pin Shooting is at a critical stage of its development as a shooting sport in South Africa. Because we are so small, we are vulnerable to Black Swan events, those are events that cannot be predicted and have a low probability, but high impact. Possible Black Swan events include a serious shooting incident on a shooting range, a killing spree by a legal gun owner, the loss of a critical member of our small community, even the loss of a shooting range.

One way to protect ourselves against some of these risks are to grow, to increase the number of pin shooters and the number of provinces. Let that be our aim.

Thank you to Western Province!

Western Province under the capable leadership of William Colombo ran SAPSF for many years. They built it to the sport it is today. The well organized Nationals we have just had, is a testimony to the structures they put in place. To William and his team, thank you guys for a job well done. We shall try our best to live up to the standards you set.

So, what is like to shoot pins?

How about this description by Robin Taylor: "Shooting bowling pins is a huge kick in the pants. You never know what's going to happen, and ballistic craziness is the rule. Pin

shooting is a no-holds barred, go-for-broke sport loaded with good-natured bravado born of intense, 'man-on-man' competition. As in drag racing, horsepower and fast reaction times are amply rewarded. Accuracy also plays a large part in the game."

Meeting of the SAPSF Management Committee on 23 January 2014

The full new SAPSF management committee met for the first in Johannesburg on 23 January 2014. Some of the important decisions:

- To streamline the dedicated status process.
- To clarify dedicated status criteria for especially SLR's.
- To apply for funding from Lotto.
- To advance accumulated SAPSF funds to do a bulk purchase and import of bowling pins from abroad.

Some of these decisions will require ratification by the AGM at our next Nationals in Gauteng.

2013 SA Pin Shooting Championships

Last year's SA Championships hosted by Limpopo Province in Tzaneen was a huge success. Congratulations and a big thank you to Chris Venter and his team on a well organised event. Thank you also to Western Province for handling the computerised timing and scoring.

Here are the top 10 results for the combined core events:

- 1 Tinus Botha
- 2 Carl Tsai
- 3 Alwin Fleischmann
- 4 Lawrence Colombo
- 5 Etienne Sales

- 6 Johan (Snr) Ehlers
- 7 Phillip Jackson
- 8 Dion du Bruyn
- 9 Tony Baia
- 10 Rodney Davids

Winners of individual events were:

- 9 Pin Tipover – Lawrence Colombo
- Stock Gun – Tinus Botha
- Pin Gun – William Colombo
- Stock Revolver – Carl Tsai
- Pin Revolver – Alwin Fleischmann
- .22 Smith – Johan Ehlers Sr
- Manual Shotgun – Alwin Fleischmann
- Self-Loading Shotgun – Tinus Botha
- Manual Rifle – Victor Walkenshaw
- Self-Loading Rifle – Matthew Sleep
- .22 Rifle Manual – Leon Stander
- .22 Rifle Self-Loading – Marnus Niewoudt
- Manual Carbine - Eugene Stander
- Pocket Pistol – Johan Ehlers Sr

Team winners were:

1. Limpopo A
2. Western Province B
3. Western province A
4. Gauteng A

Upcoming events

Look out for:

- The SAPSF stand in Hall 5 at Huntex from 25 to 28 April at Gallagher Estate in Jhb.
- Western Province Pin Champs - 5 & 6 April.
- Gauteng Pin Champs in Jhb - 17 & 18 May.
- Limpopo Pin Champs in Pietersburg – 2 & 3 August
- SA Pin Champs, hosted by GPSA in Jhb – 26 to 28 Sept.

Finally: A statistician ...

A biologist, a chemist, and a statistician are out hunting. The biologist shoots at a deer and misses 5ft to the left, the chemist takes a shot and misses 5ft to the right, and the statistician yells, "We got 'im!"

Now, that was a **mean** joke! 🏹