



# GUNS ON THE RAIL @ SAPSF 21 YRS!!!

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## Editorial



Pin shooting in South Africa is twenty one years and one of its foremost clubs, MTSC, 30years old! The story of SAPSF is told in the 1996 Magnum article *Pin Busting Arrives in South Africa* on the website: <http://www.sapinshooting.com/> Check their match results at the end of the article. Our pioneers were no slouches, 5,35s for Stock Gun, 4,81s for Pin Gun and 5,56s for 9-Pin!

We're growing! We were glad this year to welcome three new pin shooting clubs to the fold. AIM Shooting club, based at Eeufees in Pretoria and chaired by Fabian Roberts, do their pin shoots with MTSC in Roodepoort. MOSSC, chaired by Avishkar Motilal, shoots pins in Durban / Pinetown. KDPC will be starting to shoot pins in Kroonstad in 2018 and are led by Henk Hovy. We're hoping to get Burning Barrels started in Nelspruit. SAPSF will assist these clubs to get and keep going.

### Arthur Vaclav Jonak

*Guns on the Rail* pays tribute to Arthur Vaclav Jonak (1944 - 2017), one of sport shooting's greats. Arthur passed away on 26 August. He was one of pin shooting's top shooters and a founder member of SAPSF. He will be greatly missed.

### "No Pins, No Pin Shooting"

"No pins, no pin shooting". Profound words by William Colombo that I enjoy repeating! Pins, as you all know, are hard to come by. Various

ideas for manufacturing have been explored and even tested, with various degrees of success. The supply of used pins from bowling alleys has almost dried up, leaving us the only option to import at great cost. The last batch of 6 200 pins was imported from China earlier this year through the efforts of Enzo Di Sante and Paul Haitas. These pins are available from SAPSF at R45,00 each. We have pins for about a year and the next import will therefore have to be around August 2018.

### Getting the Most out of Your Pins

"Lovingly" caring for your pins before you shoot them full of lead seems paradoxical, but that is required to get the best use out of them. Stored pins tend to dry out and may even get dry rot while in storage. Before storing you may try standing the pins for about two hours in a tray of water in which a mix of 60% borax and 40% boric acid have been dissolved. See the link for a similar commercial product:: <http://www.dolphinbay.co.za/our-products/permbore/>

Before being shot at, bowling pins should weigh about 1,6 kg. If they weight much less, you can stand them in a water tray for about two hours to absorb enough water to get to the required weight; experiment. This will also help prevent splintering and make them last longer.

The most efficient use of pins would be to use them for Stock and Pin Gun first, thereafter Stock and Pin Revolver, followed by 9-Pin. They will typically end their useful life on the shotgun events. Usable heads can then be sawn off for use with .22 Handgun. The life of pins of which the bases were damaged, can be extended by sawing off the base and using it for the shotgun events. For

practice sessions cardboard or metal pins can be used (careful of bullets bouncing back).

### From the Chief RO's Perch



As we've just concluded the Nationals, some thoughts about shooter behaviour and etiquette from this and other earlier matches:

1. The shooting line is not a democracy, it is a benevolent dictatorship. Do not argue with the RO! If you have an issue, discuss it with him off the line, or bring it to the attention of the Match Director.
2. You owe it to your fellow competitors and yourself to organize yourself and your equipment before you get to the line. Ensure that your magazines and speedloaders are loaded. With much shooting to be done, especially at a Nationals, time pressure is immense and good organisation is crucial.
3. Yes, sh\*t happens, but sort out your guns and loads before the match and decrease the chance of the proverbial sh\*t hitting the fan at a big match.

### Headspace



Can you up the level of your game for the Nationals and shoot above your current level of skill? The answer is ..., unlikely. If you try to push the envelope, you may have a few exceptional runs, but you're

more likely to crash and burn.

Through practice you have developed some intuitive skills, if you try to override those skills by consciously pushing it, you are negating your developed expertise and reverting to being a bumbling novice.

My advice; just shoot your normal game, watch the front sight and call your shots. Focus on the process of shooting, the outcome will look after itself.

### Read This; Be Warned!

It was recently reported that a shooter who fired a bullet that bounced back and hit a friend was arrested for attempted murder. It happened when he took the friend to a hospital for stitches and told hospital staff that the friend was hit by a ricochet. The hospital reported a gunshot wound to the police. The charge was eventually changed to negligence and the shooter was to appear in court as I am writing this. *Guns on the Rail* can't give legal advice, but there are lessons to be learned from this incident.

## SAPSF Management Conference



The Biennial SAPSF Management Conference (previously the Bosberaad) will be held in February or March 2018. The main matters for discussion will be the new SAPSF constitution, the Rule Book and the new scoring system. Some of the specific issues that may be discussed, include:

- ⊕ Criteria for dedicated status and the introduction of a point system
- ⊕ Procedures for dedicated status certificates and endorsement letters
- ⊕ Whether Pin Gun should be retained in the Core Events
- ⊕ Whether monopods or bipods should allowed in rifle events
- ⊕ RO matters and RO training

Please communicate with your club and provincial association to make inputs on these or other matters.

## 2017 Nationals, looking to 2018



The 2017 Nationals was a great success! Congratulations to Tomi Sunjich (chairman of MTSC and GPSA) and his team on a well-run match. The new timing and scoring system, designed and built by Dr. Stephen Marais, worked brilliantly. Gauteng's A team came first, with Limpopo A second and Western Province A third. The top-10 in the combined Core Events were:

1. Balthasar Buhrman
2. Stephen Marais
3. Franco Rossouw
4. Tinus Botha
5. Tony Baia
6. Alwin Fleischman
7. William Colombo
8. Dion du Bruyn
9. Marnus Nieuwoudt
10. William McKechnie

Other results are shown in Table 1. Also consider Table 2. It took a lot of work to compile these two tables, use them wisely! Contrary to common belief, performances today are no better than back in 2012. Taking pin shooting to the next level will require motivation and intelligent physical and mental training. Are we up to it? 🏹

**Table 1. Event Results at 2017 Nationals – Top 3** (average time by first placed competitor shown in brackets)

1	Nine Pin Tipover (5,09s)	Stock Gun (4,47s)	Pin Gun (5,06s)	Stock Revolver (13,00s)	Pin Revolver (7,37s)
	1. Raees Doola 2. Gary Cullingworth 3. Balthasar Buhrmann	1. Franco Rossouw 2. Balthasar Buhrmann 3. Stephen Marais	1. Balthasar Buhrmann 2. Tinus Botha 3. Stephen Marais	1. Stephen Marais 2. Balthasar Buhrmann 3. Tony Baia	1. Balthasar Buhrmann 2. Stephen Marais 3. Andrew Trezona
2	Rimfire Handgun (4,21s)	Pocket Pistol (4,31s)	Snubby Revolver (5,44s)	Shotgun Manual (7,72s)	Shotgun S-L (4,89s)
	1. Franco Rossouw 2. Tony Baia 3. David Sunjich	1. Leon Stander 2. Tony Baia 3. Marnus Nieuwoudt	1. Alwin Fleischmann 2. Leon Stander 3. Jahdin Fleischmann	1. Jorge Goncalves 2. Balthasar Buhrmann 3. Raees Doola	1. Tinus Botha 2. Franco Rossouw 3. Stefano Ghigini
3	Rimfire Rifle Manual (11,41s)	Rimfire Rifle S-L (6,58s)	Light Rifle S-L (11,76s)	Open Rifle S-L (15,45s)	Carbine Manual (11,40s)
	1. Leon Stander 2. Gary Cullingworth 3. Phillip Pohl (Jnr)	1. Balthasar Buhrmann 2. Stefano Ghigini 3. Tomi Sunjich	1. Balthasar Buhrmann 2. Matthew Sleep 3. David Sunjich	1. Matthew Sleep 2. George Vergos 3. Jorge Goncalves	1. Balthasar Buhrmann 2. Tomi Sunjich 3. David Sunjich
4	Carbine S-L (6,94s)	Pee-Wees	Junior	Ladies	Veteran
	1. Matthew Sleep 2. Stephen Marais 3. Mark Sleep	1. Joubert Fleischmann 2. Jade Di Sante 3. Robbie van Heerden	1. Divan du Bruyn 2. Matthew Sleep 3. Jahdin Fleischmann	1. Janke Nieuwoudt 2. Maritha Botha 3. Alwin Fleischmann	1. Leon Stander 2. Leonard Webb 3. Mahmood Cassim

**Table 2. Average Times in Core Events at Nationals 2012 to 2017** (time in brackets was fastest time)

Match	Nine Pin Tipover	Stock Gun	Pin Gun	Stock Revolver	Pin Revolver
2012 WPPSA	5,51s (5,18s) Mauritz Ellis	4,90s (3,92s) Mauritz Ellis	4,65s (3,64s) Mauritz Ellis	13,54 (11,40s) S Scheidereiter	7,35s (6,66s) Carl Tsai
2013 LPSA	5,85s (4,92s) Lawrence Colombo	4,89s (4,60s) Tinus Botha	4,99s (4,49s) William Colombo	11,69s (8,38s) Carl Tsai	10,19s (6,62s) Alwin Fleischmann
2014 GPSA	5,63s (5,35s) Franco Rossouw	5,03s (4,44s) Franco Rossouw	5,11s (4,50s) Dion du Bruyn	13,07s (11,12s) Tinus Botha	9,38s (7,47s) Tinus Botha
2015 WPPSA	5,52s (4,70s) David Sunjich	5,38s (4,68s) Chris Blatherwick	5,12s (4,84s) William Colombo	13,34s (12,49s) Tinus Botha	7,80s (7,62s) William Colombo
2016 LPSA	5,54s (4,94s) Dion du Bruyn	4,74s (4,27s) Balthasar Buhrmann	4,55s (4,10s) Franco Rossouw	13,03s (10,47s) Rodney Davids	7,48s (6,76s) Franco Rossouw
2017 GPSA	5,09s (4,70s) Raees Doola	4,47s (3,90s) Franco Rossouw	5,06s (4,57s) Balthasar Buhrmann	13,00s (10,92s) Stephen Marais	7,37s (7,12s) Balthasar Buhrmann
Fastest In 6yrs	4,70s D Sunjich / R Doola	3,90s Franco Rossouw	3,64s Mauritz Ellis	8,38s Carl Tsai	6,62s Alwin Fleischman
<b>Goal 2018</b>	<b>4,50s</b>	<b>3,50s</b>	<b>3,50s</b>	<b>10,0s</b>	<b>6,0s</b>

