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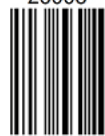
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A Message from the Team Manager

Clive Mey reflects on the honour, responsibility and preparation behind leading Team South Africa to the 2026 Precision Rifle World Championships.

The opportunity to represent South Africa on the world stage is one of the highest honours that can be bestowed upon any athlete. The Protea emblem is not simply worn but earned. It represents dedication, commitment, resilience, discipline, and an unwavering pursuit of excellence.

Every member of this team has demonstrated these qualities throughout their journey, and each athlete has earned the privilege of wearing our national colours. Reaching this stage has required countless hours of preparation, significant personal sacrifice, and the unwavering support of families, friends, coaches, sponsors, and the broader South African Precision Rifle community.

This championship represents the culmination of years of hard work, but it is also another important milestone in the continued growth of precision rifle shooting in South Africa. As we gather alongside the world's finest competitors, we do so with confidence in our preparation and pride in our nation. While medals and rankings will ultimately define the competition, they should never define our character.

We have the privilege of serving as ambassadors for South Africa.

Measurement of success

We will measure our success not only by our performance on the range, but also by the professionalism, integrity, humility, and sportsmanship with which we conduct ourselves. We have the privilege of serving as ambassadors for South Africa, and our actions both on

and off the firing line should reflect the values that accompany the honour of wearing the Protea.

To our athletes, I encourage you to trust your preparation, embrace every challenge, and enjoy every moment of this remarkable experience. Stand together as one team, support one another without hesitation, and compete with courage and determination. Championships test more than technical skill; they reveal character, resilience, and the strength of those who refuse to give less than their very best.

On behalf of the South African Protea Precision Rifle Team, I would like to express our sincere gratitude to our hosts in the United States of America. Bringing together competitors from across the globe for a World Championship is an extraordinary undertaking, made possible through the dedication and commitment of organisers, match directors, range officials, volunteers, sponsors, and the many individuals working tirelessly behind the scenes.

Global events of this calibre

We are deeply appreciative of the warm welcome and generous hospitality extended to all visiting nations. Events of this calibre strengthen not only our sport but also the friendships and mutual respect that exist between competitors from around the world. We thank our American hosts for their vision, commitment, and passion in providing a championship worthy of the world's best precision rifle athletes.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has supported this team on its journey. To our families, sponsors, supporters, and the South African Precision Rifle Federation, your encouragement, belief, and commitment have made this



▲ Clive Mey

opportunity possible. Your contribution extends far beyond the competition itself and is reflected in every athlete proudly representing our nation.

As we take our place among the world's best, let us do so with pride, humility, and determination. May we honour those who have supported us, inspire those who will follow us, and represent South Africa with distinction.

To every member of Team South Africa, I wish you success, safe shooting, and an unforgettable World Championship. 🇿🇦

**Wear the Protea blazer with pride.
Compete with honour.
Represent South Africa with distinction.**

Meet the South African team taking on the world's best at the 2026 Precision Rifle World Championship in Texas.

The South African Precision Rifle Federation (SAPRF) Team South Africa competing in the third centrefire 2026 International Precision Rifle Federation Championship (IPRF) from 23 to 28 September at Gravestone Precision Shooting, Texas, USA.

On Target Africa wishes the team safe travels and the very best of luck at the championship in Texas.



▲ Front row, L-R:

Eliza Mey (Ladies)
Monica le Roux (Ladies)
Etienne de Waal (Seniors)
Leon Goosen (Open)
Warren Britnell – *Team Captain* (Open)
Andries Lategan (Seniors)
Le Riche Coetzer Snr. (Seniors)
Kim-Leigh Ferreira (Ladies) and
Natasha Britnell (Ladies).

▲ Middle row, L-R:

Conner Britnell (Juniors)
Ruan Zeeman (Open)
Pieter Cronje (Limited)
Willem van Biljon (Limited)
Trevor Graham (Seniors)
Johan Nel (Juniors)
Dennis van der Merwe (Open)
Terblanche de Jager (Open)
Donovan Cook (Juniors) and
Marcel Steyn (Open).

▲ Back row, L-R:

Clive Mey – *Team Manager*
Tinus Cronje (Juniors)
Mohsin Tajbhai (Limited)
J.C. Robertson (Limited)
Russell Ferreira (Factory)
Hanno van Niekerk (Factory)
Chris Leeson (Factory) and
Patrick Capes (Factory).

About the Championship Venue

The 2026 Precision Rifle World Championships will be contested at Gravestone Precision Shooting, a purpose-built long-range shooting facility on Cougar Road near Lipan, Texas, USA. The range is situated about 32 km southwest of Weatherford, 32 km south of Mineral Wells and about 80 km west of Fort Worth. Renowned for its varied terrain and demanding stages, Gravestone provides a fitting test for the world's leading precision rifle competitors.

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Terblanche de Jager: Down The Shooting Rabbit Hole

From pellet guns and a .22 LR in Beaufort West to the SAPRF Protea team, Terblanche de Jager has followed his passion for long-range shooting wherever it has taken him.

Terblanche's shooting journey started early. Growing up in Beaufort West, he began with pellet guns and a .22 LR, hunted his first springbuck at the age of seven and never really looked back. At 16, he received his first rifle, a .308 Ruger, and by 19 he was teaching himself to shoot at longer ranges through YouTube videos and his own research. When he began competing in 2021, the progression continued as he moved towards rifles and equipment better suited to the competitions he was entering. Like many South African PRS shooters, Terblanche discovered the sport through YouTube. What followed was, in his words, a rapid descent down the shooting "rabbit hole" to where he finds

himself today: a five-year PRS competitor and member of the South African Open team.

A growing record

His greatest competitive achievement so far came in 2024, when he won The Warrior Grind by just ten shots. That result sits alongside a growing record that includes a national PRS win and four podium finishes. Qualifying for the Protea Team was no easy ride. Terblanche describes it as a grind that continued right through to the final qualifying match, where he finished in the top six of the Open standings. Representing South Africa means a great deal to him. All the hard work and dedication invested in the sport have led to the opportunity to wear the country's colours, and his goal at the World Championship is ambitious but clear: finish in the overall top 20.

Mastering meaningful corrections

He particularly enjoys shooting off natural rocks and targets between 600 m and 800 m. Tyre stages are less popular, while making meaningful

corrections is one Terblanche finds difficult skills to master. His advice to newcomers is refreshingly direct: do not be afraid to show up at matches. Jump in at the deep end and you will learn much faster. There is also a lesson in his own equipment journey. Rather than constantly changing rifles, Terblanche's best shooting advice is to learn one rifle properly and stick with it. Away from PRS, hunting and fishing provide a natural escape. He enjoys steak, Coke Zero or beer and country music, while his shooting philosophy is neatly captured in four words: "Process is Primary." His first PRS match was the 2022 season finale. Armed with a .223, he won in Limited Divisionl division and finished seventh overall. The rabbit hole, it seems, has been a productive one. Terblanche thanks South African supporters. He is confident that the Team have done a lot of preparation for the 2026 World Championship and that they will give their absolute best to make South Africans proud.



OPEN

SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Open
SAPRF Member Since	2021
National Ranking	Currently seventh
Provincial Colours	Western Cape and Gauteng
Protea Colours Awarded	Yes
National Matches Competed	16
International Matches Competed	One

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Tikka T3x CTR
Calibre: 6.5 Creedmoor
Chassis/Stock: APW B-2 Spirit
Barrel: Factory Tikka
Action: Tikka T3x
Trigger: TriggerTech Diamond
Scope: Apex Optics Rival X 4-32x56
Bipod: RF Tactical
Brake: CHAD
Ammunition/Bullet: 144 gr Berger LRHT

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Dennis van der Merwe:
Don't Overthink It

Three years into his PRS journey, Dennis van der Merwe has already won the Bronze Bullet, taken the Warrior Grind title and earned a place on the South African Open team.

Dennis has only been shooting PRS for three years, but his progress has been rapid. After entering his first national match simply as a fun shooter, he finished sixteenth overall — and was hooked on the sport almost immediately. Based in Johannesburg and representing Gauteng/Highveld Precision, Dennis competes in the Open division. What keeps him coming back is a combination that lies at the heart of PRS: the competitive environment and, just as importantly, the good people who make up the shooting community.

Breakthrough season

His breakthrough season came in 2025, when he finished third overall for the season, won the Bronze Bullet and took victory at the Warrior Grind. Those results helped secure his place on the 2026 Protea Team, after he finished second in the Open Class during the selection process.

For Dennis, representing South Africa is particularly meaningful. “This is a dream come true from when I was a child,” he says. His ambitions for the World Championship are straightforward: shoot the best match he can, have fun and make the most of the opportunity to compete against the world.

Camaraderie and competing

He is particularly looking forward to the camaraderie of travelling and competing as a team, as well as going head-to-head with shooters from around the world. On the range, Dennis enjoys PRS Barricade and Troop Line stages and favours targets around 500 m.

Dennis says he enjoys all the stages, with no particular least favourite, although tail wind presents one of his biggest technical challenges. His own approach to shooting is refreshingly uncomplicated: “Don’t overthink it.” His advice to newcomers follows the same philosophy. Put in the time and the results will come on their own.

Pap and wors

Away from shooting, Dennis enjoys cycling. Pap and wors is his favourite food, while passionfruit and ginger ale provide the refreshment. Country music supplies the soundtrack, and his

personal motto comes from Philippians 4:13: “All things are possible through Christ.”

There is another achievement that has nothing to do with rifles but says something about his appetite for a challenge: Dennis is a Roof of Africa Gold Class finisher. Now he faces a very different kind of challenge on the international stage.

His message to South African supporters is brief and confident: “Let’s do this.” And after the rapid rise of his first three PRS seasons, Dennis van der Merwe looks more than ready to do exactly that. 🇿🇦



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: 6 Dasher
Calibre: 6 mm
Chassis: MPA
Barrel: Bartlein
Action: Impact Precision
Trigger: Bix’n Andy
Scope: ZCO 527
Bipod: MDT Cyke-Pod PRS
Suppressor/Brake: APW/CHAD
Ammunition/Bullet: 109 gr Berger Alpha (CCI 450)

PRS National Wins	One
Podium Finishes	Three
Match Wins	Two
Highest Match Score	109
Favourite Position	Standing
Longest Successful Impact	N/A
Current Rifle Weight	10.5 kg
Current Load	109 gr Berger, 30.8 Varget, Alpha, CCI 450

Warren Britnell:
Shoot Until The Last Shot

A four-time National Champion and five-time Protea, Warren Britnell has spent nine years turning his passion for precision rifle shooting into a career in precision rifle craftsmanship.

For Warren Britnell, PRS is more than a competitive sport. As a toolmaker and gunsmith who also makes precision rifle components, he has managed to turn his passion for shooting and engineering into a way of life.

His introduction to PRS came in 2015, after watching videos of a match held in Touws River as hosted by Tac Driver. What began with watching the sport quickly developed into a ten-year journey that has produced four National Championship titles, four PRS ‘Golden Bullet’ titles and five Protea international appearances.



▲ Entrance to Touws Rivier PRS matches



▲ Warren Britnell - Tac Driver, Steel Storm, November 2017

Warren’s approach to PRS is rooted in the practical benefits it brings to shooting more broadly. He believes the sport makes you a better hunter and shooter, while the technical demands of competition have also provided the perfect environment in which to pursue his interest in precision rifle manufacture.

Fifth appearance representing South Africa

This year marks Warren’s fifth appearance representing South Africa. He qualified by winning the 2025 PRS season and finishing at the top of the IPRF log. His goal for the World Championship is to stand on the podium alongside his Open teammates. The competition itself is only part of the attraction. Warren is looking forward to Texas and, with characteristic enthusiasm, the food. His favourite stages are those that test the full range of shooting skills, from wind reading and



▲ Warren Britnell – Tac Driver, March 2018



speed to accuracy. He is less enthusiastic about wobbly props, while his preferred target distance is between 500 m and 700 m.

Equal approach to shooting and life

Wind reading remains the most difficult skill, but Warren’s advice to new shooters is notably practical: **do not chase the next best calibre**. Instead, learn to get the most from what you have. Away from PRS, hunting and camping provide a natural extension of his interests. A braai, Jameson and country music complete the picture, while his motto of “**Let’s ride!**” captures something of his approach to both shooting and life.

His message to South African supporters is equally determined: never give up and keep shooting until the last shot on the last stage. After ten years in the sport, four national titles and five Protea colours, Warren clearly has no intention of doing otherwise. 🇿🇦



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▲ Warren Britnell - SA Team Captain

Category	Details
Division	Open
SAPRF Member Since	2019
National Ranking	One
Provincial Colours	Yes
Protea Colours Awarded	Yes, five
National Matches Competed	Baie
International Matches Competed	About ten

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: 6 Dasher Zermätt Arms
Calibre: 6mm Dasher
Chassis: Warrior
Barrel: PROOF Research
Action: Zermätt Arms
Trigger: TriggerTech
Scope: Zero Compromise Optic (ZCO)
Bipod: MDT Cyke-Pod

Brake: Warrior Brake
Ammunition/Bullet: Alpha brass, 109 gr Berger

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PRS National Wins	Many
Podium Finishes	Many
Match Wins	Many
Highest Match Score	Unknown
Favourite PRS Stage	Ones that test all your shooting skills, to include wind reading, speed and accuracy
Longest Successful Impact	PRS 1 200 m
Current Rifle Weight	9 kg
Current Load	6mm Dasher, 109 gr Berger

Marcel Steyn:
Addicted to Gunpowder

Six years after first discovering PRS on YouTube, Marcel Steyn has accumulated national titles, a clean 80/80 score and an African PRS Championship victory in 2026, but still makes time to have fun.

Marcel admits it without hesitation that he is “addicted to gunpowder.” His journey into PRS began in 2015, when he started watching PRS videos on YouTube. The interest quickly turned into action, and he shot his first official match in 2017. Six years of competition later, he has established himself as one of South Africa’s leading Open Division shooters. What keeps him coming back is a combination of two things, namely the community and the simple satisfaction of hitting steel. His record suggests he has become rather good at doing the latter. Marcel’s achievements include the

2024 Golden Bullet, a perfect 80/80 score at a one-day national match and, most recently, winning the 2026 African PRS Championship.

Hard work and consistency

Representing South Africa is consequently a privilege he does not take lightly. He describes being selected as an opportunity afforded to only a very small percentage of people, and his route to the team has been straightforward in principle, if demanding in practice: hard work, consistency and grinding alongside the best.

His ambitions for the World Championship are equally clear. Marcel wants the Open Team on the podium and is targeting a top-15 individual finish. There are, however, priorities. Asked what he is looking forward to most, Marcel puts **Texas brisket** on the list alongside reuniting with international shooters and competing with his South African teammates.

Picking up wind shifts

On the range, natural-prop stages involving rocks are favourites, while tyres are not. His preferred target distance is around 450 m, although picking up wind shifts in the middle of a stage remains one of the most difficult skills.

His advice to new shooters is refreshingly uncomplicated: find like-minded shooters and stick with them. And his own philosophy? “**Just have fun!**” Away from shooting, Marcel enjoys fly fishing and Jujitsu, as well as “making fun of Dirk and Hendrik.” He likes anything involving meat, brandy and Coke, and a musical diet of metal and country. There is also a particularly good family secret behind his ammunition consistency: **Gerda, his amazing wife, loads his accurate ammunition.** And then there is the line that probably sums up Marcel better than any formal biography could: “**The only thing flatter than my bullet trajectory is my bank account.**” 🇿🇦

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SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: 6 mm BRA
Calibre: 6 mm
Chassis: Warrior Gen 7 Comp
Barrel: 5 x 5 Precision Bartlein
Action: Lonepeak Fuzion
Trigger: B&A Tac Sport Pro X
Scope: Burris XTR Pro
Bipod: RF Tactical
Suppressor/Brake: Warrior 5 Port

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SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Open
SAPRF Member Since	2020
National Ranking	Second
Provincial Colours	Yes
Protea Colours Awarded	Yes
National Matches Competed	25
International Matches Competed	Four

PRS National Wins	Three
Podium Finishes	20
Match Wins	Eight
Highest Match Score	80/80
Favourite Position	Modified prone
Longest Successful Impact	1.6 km
Current Rifle Weight	12 kg
Current Load	30 gr Varget



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Leon Goosen: Discipline And Purpose

For Leon Goosen, PRS is a natural extension of a life built around discipline, preparation and execution. Representing South Africa is both a privilege and a responsibility.

Leon is accustomed to high-pressure environments. As Group CEO of AGADE Holdings, he operates in a business world where discipline, preparation and execution matter every day. It is perhaps no surprise that he finds a natural fit in Precision Rifle Shooting. The Kempton Park-based Open competitor has been shooting PRS for five years and was drawn to the discipline because it combines rifle craft, wind reading, positional shooting, movement, problem-solving and mental pressure. For Leon, making the shot is only part of the challenge. A successful stage requires a

plan, time management, adaptability and the ability to execute when the clock is running. He particularly enjoys natural props, practical positions and stages involving plenty of movement because they test the whole shooter from preparation and fitness to rifle handling, confidence and discipline. Earning Protea colours and being selected to represent South Africa on the world stage is his greatest shooting achievement to date.

Learning from experience

He describes wearing the Green and Gold as a massive honour and responsibility, because it means representing not only himself but also his family, teammates, supporters and the wider South African PRS community. His approach to the World Championship is therefore clear. Every stage, every shot, every position and every wind call deserve his full effort. The aim is to remain committed to his process, compete professionally and contribute positively to Team South Africa. He is also looking forward to the opportunity to compete against the world's best shooters and to learn from the experience alongside his South African teammates. Leon favours natural-prop stages with practical position changes and

targets between 500 m and 600 m. His greatest challenge is staying smooth and efficient through multiple movements while maintaining the fundamentals under time pressure. His advice to newcomers is equally focused: master the fundamentals, dry-fire with purpose, ask questions, keep learning and start shooting matches as soon as possible. PRS, he says, rewards those who remain humble and keep improving. Away from competition, Leon enjoys hunting, shooting, the outdoors, family time and building businesses. His food preferences are broad, including braai, pizza, hamburgers and pretty much anything involving meat, while gospel, Afrikaans rock, country and cinematic motivational music provide the soundtrack. His philosophy can be reduced to three words: Discipline. Purpose. One shot at a time.



L to R Andries Lategan and Leon Goosen

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Custom
Calibre: 6 mm GT
Chassis: Warrior Gen7 Competition Chassis
Barrel: PROOF Research 27.5" stainless steel barrel
Action: Zermatt TL3 action
Trigger: TriggerTech Diamond single-stage trigger
Scope: Vortex Razor HD Gen III scope with Tier-One Unimounts
Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod
Brake: Warrior X Brake
Ammunition / Bullet: Alpha brass, Varget powder, CCI BR4 primers and 109 gr Berger Hybrid Long Range Target bullets
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Ruan Zeeman: Keep Grinding
From NRL and informal gong shooting to South African Shooter of the Year, Ruan Zeeman has built his PRS career around one simple principle: keep grinding.

For Ruan, the appeal of PRS is beautifully straightforward. That is, let the gong make a noise, then spend time with good friends. The Wolseley-based farmer has been shooting PRS for seven years, having started with NRL and informal gong shoots before moving fully into the discipline. Since then, he has developed into a highly competitive Open shooter and was named SAPRF Shooter of the Year in 2024. That achievement is the standout moment of a record that includes a national PRS win, five podium finishes and five match wins. He has also represented South Africa at two

international competitions and currently sits 12th in the national Open rankings. For Ruan, representing his country is a great honour. Being selected makes you feel that you are among the best, he says, and he qualified for the Protea Team with an explanation that is characteristically uncomplicated: "I hit the gong more than other shooters." His goal for the World Championship is to finish in the overall top 20 in Open. Just as importantly, he is looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones, an indication that the social side of PRS remains as important to him as the competition. Ruan particularly enjoys PRS barricade stages and favours targets between 450 m and 650 m. Unstable props are less welcome, while rapidly changing wind remains one of the most difficult

challenges. His advice to shooters is simple: keep grinding. It is advice he extends to newcomers, too. Do not stop; hard work pays off. Away from the range, Ruan's interests are more traditional in the form of hunting, steak and chips, and his favourite genre of music is EDM. His favourite match is the 2023 PRS Finale, while the K&M Shooting Facility is his dream destination. His motto is particularly appropriate for someone whose shooting philosophy is based on preparation and consistency: "Every checklist exists because someone once made a mistake." And after seven years, 24 national matches, two international competitions and a Shooter of the Year title, Ruan clearly knows the value of having a good checklist.



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SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Impact Precision
Calibre: 6 Dasher
Chassis: Warrior
Barrel: Bartlein
Action: Impact Precision 737
Trigger: Bix'n Andy
Scope: Leupold Mark 5
Bipod: MDT Cyke-Pod double pull
Suppressor/Brake: Warrior 3 port
Ammunition / Bullet: 110 gr A-Tip

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SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Open
SAPRF Member Since	2019
National Ranking	12
Provincial Colours Awarded	Western Cape
Protea Colours Awarded	2024/2026
National Matches Competed	24
International Matches Competed	Two

PRS National Wins	One
Podium Finishes	Five
Match Wins	Five
Highest Match Score	120/140
Favourite Position	Prone
Longest Successful Impact	1 200 m
Current Rifle Weight	12 kg
Current Load	31.5 gr Varget 110 gr A-Tip @2 830 fps

OPEN



Leon Goosen competing at the 2024 IPRF World Championship in Colorado, US.



Leon Goosen

SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Open
SAPRF Member Since	2022
National Ranking	Second
Provincial Colours	2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
Protea Colours Awarded	2024
National Matches Competed	30
International Matches Competed	Three
PRS National Wins	Two

Podium Finishes	Ten
Match Wins	16
Highest Match Score	90+%
Favourite Position	Natural props / practical positional shooting
Longest Successful Impact	1 400 m
Current Rifle Weight	10 kg
Current Load	6 mm GT handload; Alpha brass, Varget, CCI BR4, Berger hybrid long range target bullet

Donovan Cook: Watch The Trace

At just 19, mechatronics student Donovan Cook is already making his mark in PRS — and has his sights firmly set on a Junior World Championship title.

Donovan, known to his friends as Donna, is only 19, but he has already developed a serious appetite for PRS. A mechatronics student based in Centurion, he has been shooting PRS for four years and competes in the Junior division.

His introduction to the sport came through his father, who discovered long-range shooting at a match at Fort Mistake. Donovan followed, and the rest is rapidly becoming history. What he enjoys most about PRS is perhaps the simplest part of the discipline: watching his bullet trace fly.

That enthusiasm has already translated into results. Donovan’s standout achievement came in 2025, when he finished second in the Open division at the PRS Final. He has also accumulated about five national PRS wins, numerous podium finishes and around 20 match wins.

A strong focus on fundamentals

His qualification for the Protea Team was built on hard work, dedication, and a strong focus on fundamentals. Now he has set himself an ambitious double target for the World Championship: Junior World Champion and a podium finish in the Junior division.

He is looking forward to competing against the best shooters in the world and, with the same youthful enthusiasm that comes through in his answers, buying a cowboy hat while he is there. On the range, Donovan favours tank traps and a target distance of 541 m. Tyre stages are less appealing, while he identifies Stage 1 as his most difficult challenge. His best shooting advice is wonderfully precise: don’t shoot at a gong; shoot with the intention of hitting a single spot on the target.

Never forget where you started

For new shooters, his message is about patience and fundamentals. The pursuit of greatness should never mean forgetting where you started, he says, while mental strength and fundamentals remain the pinnacle of PRS shooting. Away from the range, Donovan enjoys fishing, playing pool and, unsurprisingly, more shooting. A T-bone and a Black Label provide the fuel, with Deep House on the soundtrack.

His favourite motto is a useful reminder in a sport where trying to control every variable can become its own distraction: “If you try control everything, you enjoy nothing.” There is also a small piece of history behind his nickname. Donovan’s high-school nickname was Cookie. For now, though, the name on the South African team list is Donovan Cook —and he arrives on the world stage with considerably bigger ambitions than his age might suggest.



▲ Donovan Cook



Johan Nel: Not Coming Last

At just three years into his PRS journey, junior shooter Johan Nel has already won three national Open-class matches and earned a place on the South African team.

Johan is a busy student with a busy hobby. The Pretoria-based junior has been shooting PRS for three years, after first discovering the sport on YouTube and then going along to watch a match. He was hooked. What he enjoys most about PRS can be summed up in one emphatic word: “IMPACT!!!!”

That enthusiasm has already produced some serious results. Johan’s greatest achievement to date is winning a SAPRF National competition, and he has now accumulated three national PRS wins in the Open Class. He currently sits first in the national rankings and has been

awarded Gauteng provincial colours as well as Protea colours for 2026.

Straightforward qualification

His route to the Protea Team is perhaps the most straightforward qualification story in the entire squad: “Being a Junior.” At the World Championship, Johan has set himself an admirably uncomplicated target, not coming last, while his bigger ambition is to battle alongside his teammates for some silverware.

He particularly enjoys shooting from rocks and favours targets around 450 m. Unstable props are less appealing, while his greatest technical challenge is described with typical Johan brevity: “Hitting the gong.”

Concise advice

His shooting advice is equally concise. Best advice received? “Try not to miss.”

Advice to new shooters? “Do not miss.” It is difficult to imagine a more economical shooting philosophy.

Away from the range, Johan’s hobbies include sleeping between class and shooting. Big steaks are the preferred food, while cola tonic and lemonade provide the refreshment. His musical tastes lean towards 80s rock, and his motto comes from Ricky Bobby: “If you ain’t first, you’re last.”

Excellent fun fact

There is also a rather excellent fun fact attached to his selection: you can miss very big exams if you represent South Africa. With three international matches already behind him, a longest successful impact of 1 152 m and an 11.5 kg rifle, Johan is heading to the World Championship with youth, enthusiasm and a very clear objective. Try not to miss.



JUNIOR



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: 25King
Calibre: 25XC
Chassis: MDT ACC Elite
Barrel: PROOF Research
Action: Kelby Atlas
Trigger: Triggertech Dimond
Scope: Apex RivalX
Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod
Brake: Warrior Shorty
Ammunition/Bullet: Berger 135 gr OTM hybrid, Peterson brass, Federal 205 gr

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MDT, Apex Optics, Feathers Fur & Target, 32gi, Zero Energy, Gun Warrior
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SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Juniors
SAPRF Member Since	2022
National Ranking	P3, Open
Provincial Colours	2023, 2024, 2025, 2026
Protea Colours Awarded	2024, 2026
National Matches Competed	±25
International Matches Competed	2024 World Championship

PRS National Wins	±Five
Podium Finishes	Many!
Match Wins	±20
Highest Match Score	120
Favourite Position	Medium kneeling
Longest Successful Impact	1 630 m
Current Rifle Weight	13.2 kg
Current Load	38.6 gr H 4350

JUNIOR



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Calibre: 25 x 47
Chassis/Stock: Vision Pro
Barrel: CRB
Action: Impact Precision
Trigger: Bix'n Andy
Scope: Kahles 525 DLR
Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod
Suppressor/Brake: Botnia Maxi

Ammunition/Bullet: 135 gr Berger
SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS
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SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Junior
SAPRF Member Since	2024
National Ranking	Currently first
Provincial Colours	Gauteng
Protea Colours Awarded	2026

International Matches Competed	Three
PRS National Wins	Three (Open Class)
Favourite Position	First
Longest Successful Impact	1 152 m
Current Rifle Weight	11.5 kg





Conner Britnell: The Thrill Of The Shot

At 16, junior shooter Conner Britnell is already on the South African PRS team, balancing school, sport and a growing passion for precision shooting.

At 16, Conner Britnell is one of the younger members of the South African PRS team. A scholar at Hoërskool Zwartkop in Centurion, he has been shooting PRS for about a year, competing in the Junior division for HPRC Gauteng. His introduction to PRS came through his father, who introduced him to the sport at a young age. For Conner, the attraction is wonderfully straightforward: the thrill of shooting targets.

That enthusiasm has already taken him further than many shooters manage in years. Despite having only around a year of PRS experience, Conner has qualified for the South African PRS team and is preparing to experience the World Championship stage.

Technical demands

His rifle reflects the technical demands of the sport, with a 6 mm Dasher in a Warrior Gen 7 Competition chassis, a PROOF Research barrel and Zermätt Arms action. He shoots 109 gr ELD-M Hornady ammunition using Alpha brass, with a TriggerTech trigger, Leupold riflescope and MDT Ckye-Pod bipod. Away from shooting, Conner is still very much a teenager. Rugby and cricket occupy his time outside school and shooting, while pasta with bacon and

cheese is his favourite food. Cola tonic and lemonade provide the refreshment, and country music supplies the soundtrack.

Belief and confidence

His favourite match so far is the Lydenburg event in Mpumalanga, while Texas, America, is his dream shooting destination. He is supported by Gun Warrior and Leupold. His message to South African supporters is simple but revealing of the confidence with which he approaches the opportunity ahead: “Believe in what is right and in us.”

With his PRS career only just beginning, Conner has already earned his place among South Africa’s most promising young precision shooters. The World Championship will be another step in what could be a very long shooting journey.

Tinus Cronje: Young, Focused and Ready

A passion for shooting, photography and the outdoors has taken junior competitor Tinus Cronje from family shooting days to a place on the South African team.

For Tinus Cronje, shooting has always been a family affair. Growing up around shooting in various forms, he eventually found his way into PRS, where the combination of challenge, competition and camaraderie quickly captured his attention.

The Mpumalanga-based student has been shooting PRS for seven years and competes in the Junior division. His enthusiasm for the sport is matched by an interest in the natural world: when he is not shooting, Tinus enjoys bird-watching, photography and the occasional bit of drawing. He has even compiled a list of more than 580 bird species.

His shooting career has already taken him onto the international stage. In 2025, Tinus competed in the IPRF Rimfire World Championship, where he and his team finished third. It remains his

greatest shooting achievement to date and helped pave the way for his selection for the 2026 South African IPRF centrefire team.

Unusual route into the team

His route into the team was somewhat unusual. Having concentrated mainly on rimfire competitions, he was given the opportunity to compete at centrefire level because of the limited number of centrefire juniors and his achievements to date. He intends to make the most of that opportunity.

Representing South Africa, he says, is an honour and an opportunity to show the world who we are. His goal is ambitious: to finish first with his team. He is also looking forward to shooting in a new and exciting location and meeting competitors from around the world.

Mastering his own mine

On the range, Tinus enjoys a classic tank trap and favours targets between 400 m and 500 m. Hanging props are less appealing, particularly when their movement becomes another variable to manage. For him, however, one of the

greatest challenges is not the equipment or the stage itself but mastering his own mind.

His advice reflects that understanding: a bad stage cannot be changed, but the next stage can still be used to make up for it. Away from shooting, a cheeseburger and orange juice make for a simple favourite meal, while indie rock provides the soundtrack.

His chosen motto comes from Mark 9:23: “Everything is possible for those who believe.” And with 580-plus bird species already recorded, there is clearly more than one kind of target that interests this young shooter.



JUNIOR

L to R: Andries Lategan presenting Federation Colors to Conner Britnell, 2026.

SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
SAPRF Member Since	2024
Provincial Colours	Yes
National Matches Completed	Yes
International Matches Completed	No
Current Rifle Weight	8 kg

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: 6 mm Dasher
Calibre: 6 mm
Chassis: Warrior Gen 7 Comp
Barrel: PROOF Research
Action: Zermätt Arms

Trigger: TriggerTech
Scope: Leupold
Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod
Brake: Warrior muzzle brake
Ammunition/Bullet: 109 gr ELD-M Hornady; Alpha Brass

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Gun Warrior; Leupold

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JUNIOR

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Tikka/Ralph Badenhorst
Calibre: 6 mm GT
Chassis: Warrior
Barrel: Walther
Action: Tikka T3
Trigger: Jard
Scope: Zero Compromise Optic (ZCO)
Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod
Brake: Botnia
Ammunition/Bullet: 115 gr DTAC

SUPPORTERS

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CONTACT & SOCIAL MEDIA

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Kim-Leigh Ferreira: Four Years At The Top

Kim-Leigh Ferreira has turned five years of PRS competition into a remarkable run of success, including four consecutive SAPRF Ladies Championship titles.

For Kim-Leigh Ferreira, Precision Rifle Shooting has become a family affair, a competitive pursuit and a test of persistence. Competing in the Ladies' Open division, the Gauteng shooter has spent five years building a formidable record, including four consecutive SAPRF Ladies Championship titles.

Her competitive success has earned her a place among South Africa's leading female PRS shooters, and she qualified for the 2026 SAPRF Team, travelling to compete in the third IPRF centrefire World Championship, after finishing as the top Lady and achieving the required points threshold. Her goal at the World Championship is straightforward: enjoy the experience and help the South African Ladies team reach the podium.

Favourite stage

Kim-Leigh clearly has no intention of allowing the pressure of international competition to overshadow the enjoyment of the sport. Her favourite stage is the Military Tank, while she has less affection for stages involving holdover, also the skill she identifies as one of hers that requires the most the amount of her skill.

Her advice to new shooters reflects the resilience that has underpinned her own success: **do not give up**. It is a

philosophy that extends beyond shooting. Her favourite motto is "Family first", and family is also her principal hobby away from the range.

Dream shooting destination

When she does step away from competition, Kim-Leigh enjoys prawns, rock and metal music and either gin or chocolate milk, depending on the occasion. Her dream shooting destination is Australia, while her favourite match is the Lydenburg event in Mpumalanga.

With three sets of Protea colours already awarded for 2024, 2025 and 2026, Kim-Leigh arrives at the World Championship with substantial international experience behind her. Six international matches and more than 30 national competitions have helped prepare her for the demands ahead.

But for all the competitive focus, there is still a simple philosophy at the heart of her approach. Shooting does not define her, and that is perhaps part of the reason she is able to approach the sport with such determination. 🇿🇦



LADIES



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Calibre: 6mm GT
Chassis: MPA Vanquish
Barrel: Snowy Mountain
Action: Defiance Ruckus
Trigger: TriggerTech Diamond
Scope: Kahles 328i
Bipod: MDT Cyke-Pod
Brake: CHAD
Ammunition/Bullet: Powder: Vihtavuori;
Bullet: 109 gr Berger

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Kahles, Vihtavuori, Berger, Patriot, Leofoto

CONTACT & SOCIAL MEDIA

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PRS National Wins	Two national overall wins
Podium Finishes	Cannot recall
Highest Match Score	100%
Favourite Position	Standing
Longest Successful Impact	900 m+
Current Rifle Weight	8.5 kg
Current Load	31.2

SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Ladies (Open)
SAPRF Member Since	2021
National Ranking	For 2025, seventeenth overall
Provincial Colours	2023, 2024, 2025
Protea Colours Awarded	2024, 2025, 2026
National Matches Competed	30+
International Matches Competed	Six

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▲ Natasha Britnell



▲ L to R: Conner Britnell, Warren Britnell, Natasha Britnell



▲ Natasha Britnell

Natasha Britnell: Never Give Up

Six years of competitive PRS have taken Natasha Britnell from scoring matches to a third Protea appearance, with persistence at the heart of her approach.



▲ L to R: Natasha Britnell (Ladies), Warren Britnell (Open) and Conner Britnell (Junior)

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: 6 GT
Calibre: 6 mm
Chassis: Gen 7 Comp Warrior chassis
Barrel: PROOF Research
Action: PROOF Research
Trigger: Standard
Scope: Zero Compromise Optic (ZCO)
Bipod: MDT Cyke-Pod
Brake: Warrior muzzle brake
Ammunition/Bullet: 109 gr ELD-M Hornady

	PRS National Wins	Yes
	Podium Finishes	Yes
	Match Wins	Yes
	Favourite Position	Prone
	Longest Successful Impact	1 000 m+
	Current Rifle Weight	8 kg
	Current Load	109 gr ELD-M Hornady

Natasha Britnell discovered PRS almost by accident. She began by scoring matches, enjoyed the experience and eventually decided she had to try the sport for herself. Once she did, she was completely hooked. Six years later, the Centurion-based shooter is preparing to represent South Africa for the third time. For Natasha, putting on the green Protea blazer is the greatest honour she can receive, and reaching the international stage has required plenty of hard work and an unwillingness to give up.

Determined approach

That determination is reflected in her approach to competition. She enjoys pushing herself to her mental and physical limits, and her greatest shooting achievement to date is representing her country three times. Her goal for the World Championship is equally ambitious: to stand on the podium for a third time.

She thrives on natural props and prone stages, with mid-range targets holding a particular appeal. Movement and target location are among the most difficult skills she has encountered, while tyres and timed stages rank among her least favourite challenges.

Her advice to new shooters is perhaps the clearest expression of her philosophy: **never give up**. Everybody was a beginner once, she points out, and improvement comes through practice, practice and more practice. The same persistence has carried her through the qualification process, where she fought until the last shot to secure her place on the Protea Team.

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Gun Warrior, CMH – ZCO Scope, Alpha Brass

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Away from the range

Away from the range, Natasha balances reading with fitness, including kickboxing. She enjoys pizza, rock, alternative and country music, as well as some Afrikaans music, while a frozen margarita or sparkling water are her drinks of choice.

◀ L to R: Andries Lategan presenting Natasha Britnell with her National Protea Colours

Her favourite match is the 2024 two-day national at Marble Hall in Limpopo, while her ideal shooting destination is rather less specific: somewhere beautiful and serene, where the soul can completely reset. As she prepares for another international campaign, Natasha's mindset can be summed up in the motto she lives by on the range: **"It is not over until the last shot."** 🇿🇦

Aliza Mey: Finding Strength In The Challenge

From a farming environment to the PRS range, Aliza Mey has embraced the technical challenge of precision rifle shooting while finding an unexpected family in the sport.

Aliza Mey describes herself as a small-town girl who grew up in a farming environment and now finds herself living in the city. Her introduction to precision rifle shooting began with something more familiar: general target shooting with SA Hunters alongside her husband. Before long, however, the couple found themselves drawn towards the challenges of PRS.

Four years into her PRS journey, Aliza competes in the Ladies' Division and has built a reputation through consistent performances, including a national PRS win and several podium finishes. One of her proudest achievements to date has been receiving SAPRF Federation colours.

About much more than results

For Aliza, however, PRS is about much more than results. What she enjoys most is the community that has developed around the sport. Competitors become friends, and the range becomes a place where people support one another as much as they compete.

Her own journey to the Protea Team saw her finish fourth in the Ladies' Division. Representing South Africa is, she says, a great achievement, but her ambitions for the World Championship go beyond individual performance. Her priority is to be a team player, enjoy the experience and do everything she can to support the South African Ladies team.

Experiencing the USA for the first time

She is particularly looking forward to experiencing the United States for the first time, while her dream shooting destination lies much further north: Norway's Viking Trail. On the range, she enjoys shooting from solid natural props and prefers targets around 500 m, although reading wind and topography remain among the sport's most difficult skills.



Away from shooting, Aliza enjoys hiking and hunting and has an eclectic taste in music. Her biggest supporter is her husband, who has also played an important role in her shooting journey. Her advice to newcomers is simple: do not be intimidated; take the step. It is a philosophy that reflects her own approach to the sport. As her favourite motto puts it: **"She believed she could, so she did."** 🇿🇦

LADIES

SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Ladies
SAPRF Member Since	2023
National Ranking	Fourth
Provincial Colours	Yes
Protea Colours Awarded	No; SAPRF Federation colours
National Matches Competed	Several
International Matches Competed	One: Namibia

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Tikka
Calibre: 6mm Dasher
Chassis: Warrior G7 Comp
Barrel: Tikka
Action: Tikka
Trigger: Jard
Scope: Kahles ?
Bipod: Tier One
Brake: Botnia
Ammunition/Bullet: Berger 109 gr

PRS National Wins	One
Podium Finishes	Several
Match Wins	Several
Highest Match Score	85%
Favourite Position	Standing
Longest Successful Impact	1 250 m
Current Rifle Weight	8 kg
Current Load	30.8



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Monica Le Roux: Life at 3000 Feet per Second

From a farming childhood in Paarl to the Protea team, Monica Le Roux has found in PRS the perfect combination of adventure, competition and friendship.

Monica grew up on a farm in Paarl in the Western Cape, but her route into PRS was anything but planned. It began on a hunting trip when she realised she didn't know how to shoot as well as she wanted to. She went for training and accidentally fell in love with shooting. Three years later, the self-employed Cape Town shooter is preparing for another international championship in the Ladies division, having already experienced the pride of standing on the podium at a World Championship.

clear: **a podium finish.** She is also looking forward to shooting alongside the best in the world and, naturally, Texas BBQ. On the range, Monica particularly enjoys PRS Barricade stages, while Tyres and Roof Top are less popular. Her preferred targets are between 450 m and 600 m, with tripod rear shooting among the most difficult skills to master. Her advice after a bad stage is particularly useful in a sport where dwelling on mistakes can cost you the next one: it's done, so focus on the next stage.

Listen to others

For newcomers, she recommends attending a few club matches and listening to experienced shooters before investing heavily in equipment or a rifle. Away from shooting, Monica enjoys hunting, hiking and fishing. Friday-night steak and chips is a favourite, accompanied by coffee, red wine or sparkling water, while 80s music and Afrikaans music provide the soundtrack. She and her husband, Deon, have been married for 18 years and have two children. The family lives in Somerset West with their two dogs, Ruby and Maxi, and, as Monica puts it, they move as a unit. They also have a fully functional butchery at home. And Monica plays the piano. Her family's motto neatly captures their approach to life and shooting: **"Life at 3 000 feet per second!"** For Monica, it seems, there is little danger of life becoming boring. 🐾

Introduction to PRS

Her introduction to PRS has taken her far beyond simply improving her shooting. Travelling for the sport has taken her to unexpected places in South Africa and abroad, while the people she has met have become friends and lasting connections.

Her greatest achievement to date came at the 2024 IPRF World Championship, where the South African Ladies team finished third. Now she has another opportunity to represent the Green and Gold, an honour she describes as a major privilege.

A podium finish

Qualifying for the Protea Team required perseverance, dedication and hard work. This time around, Monica has no interest in setting a modest target for herself. Her goal for the World Championship is

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SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Ralph Badenhorst Askari
Calibre: 6 mm BRA
Chassis/Stock: APW
Barrel: Ralph Badenhorst 6 mm 1-7.5 twist
Action: Ralph Badenhorst

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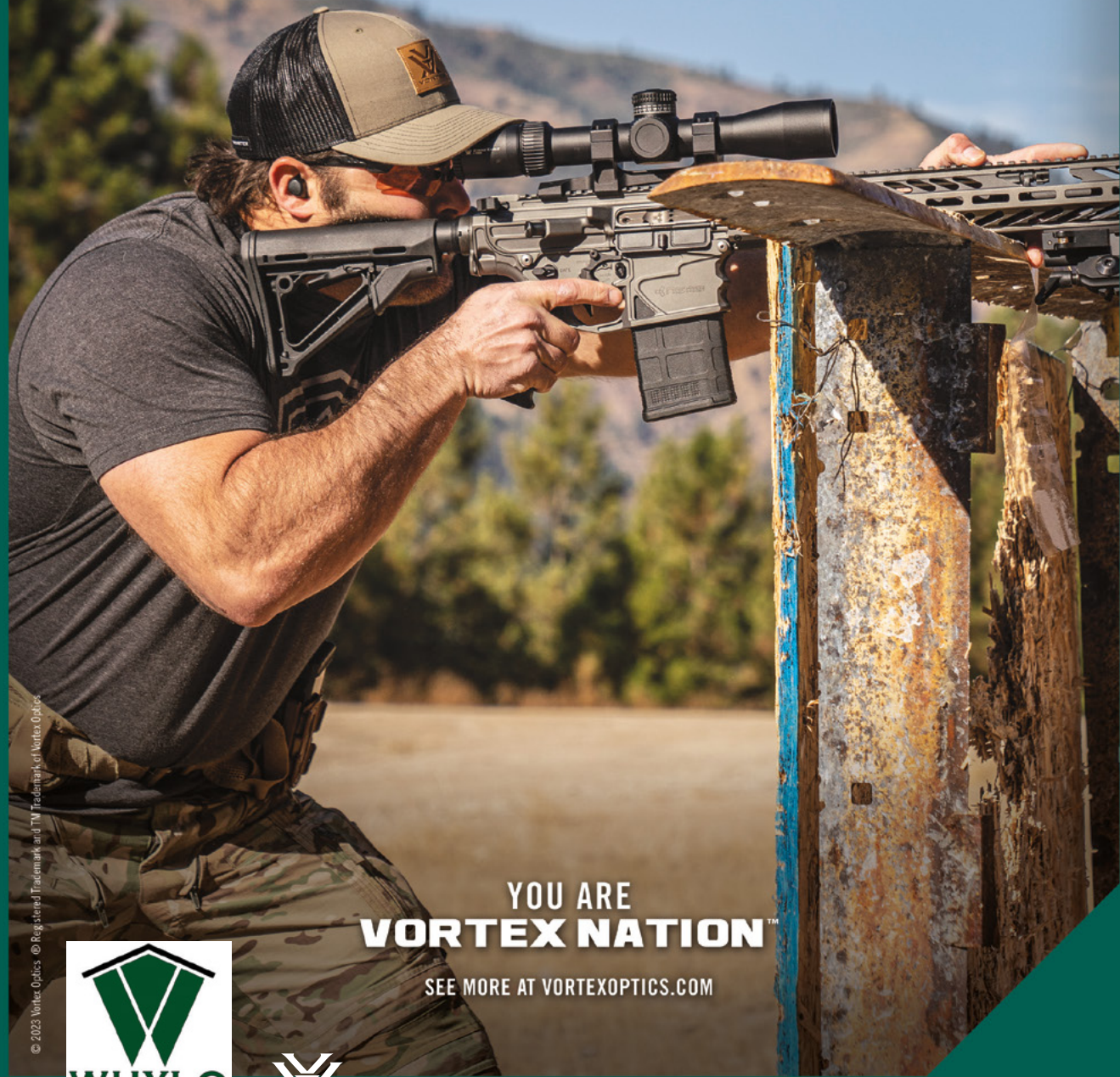
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Trigger: Bix'n Andy
Scope: Kahles K328i
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Brake: APW Competition Raptor muzzle brake
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Russell Ferreira: Enjoy The Ride

For Factory shooter Russell Ferreira, five years of PRS have delivered three national championship titles and a simple philosophy: move on from a bad stage and keep shooting.

Russell Ferreira came into PRS through friends, and five years later he has established himself as one of South Africa's leading Factory Division competitors. His greatest achievement to date is a record that speaks for itself, namely three years as Factory Champion. For Russell, however, competition is not all about intensity. Asked what he enjoys most about PRS, his answer is characteristically irreverent: the people. That easy-going attitude carries through into his approach to competition, where

his goal for the World Championship is to have fun while helping the Factory Team reach the podium.

Top Factory shooter

Qualifying for the Protea Team required Russell to finish as the top Factory shooter and achieve the required points threshold. Having earned Protea colours in 2024, 2025 and 2026, he now can take that experience onto the international stage once again.

His favourite stage is the PRS Barricade, while chains are less welcome. He particularly enjoys targets beyond 700 m, although switchy wind remains one of the biggest challenges. His best advice from the sport is also his approach to difficult stages: **move on from a bad stage.**

That philosophy is particularly useful in a discipline where a single difficult stage

can quickly disrupt a match. Rather than dwelling on mistakes, Russell focuses on the next opportunity. His advice to anyone considering PRS is similarly straightforward: **try it.**

Family and reloading

Away from the range, Russell divides his time between family and reloading. Pizza is the preferred food and brandy the drink of choice, while his musical tastes are simply described as commercial. His favourite match is Lydenburg in Mpumalanga, while Australia is his dream destination.

With more than 30 national matches and six or more international matches behind him, Russell has accumulated considerable experience. Now, with Texas ahead, there is another opportunity to add to that record. And perhaps enjoy some of the lunchtime food along the way. 🇿🇦



FACTORY



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Calibre: 6mm GT
Chassis: MPA Matrix Pro
Barrel: MPA Factory
Action: Matrix Pro
Trigger: Matrix Pro Factory
Scope: Kahles 328i
Bipod: MDT Cyke-Pod
Brake: CHAD
Ammunition/Bullet: Powder: Vihtavuori; Bullet: 109 gr Berger

SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Factory
SAPRF Member Since	2020
Provincial Colours	2023, 2024, 2025
Protea Colours Awarded	2024, 2025, 2026
National Matches Competed	30+

International Matches Competed	Six plus
Highest Match Score	100%
Favourite Position	Barricades
Longest Successful Impact	900 m+
Current Rifle Weight	10 kg+
Current Load	31

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Kahles, Vihtavuori, Berger, Patriot, Leofoto

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Hanno van Niekerk: Trust the process

From an introductory PRS day to representing South Africa on the world stage, Hanno van Niekerk has built his success on discipline, preparation and a relentless commitment to improvement.

Industrial software sales executive by profession and precision rifle shooter by passion, Hanno spends every spare moment pursuing excellence on the range. What began with a single PRS introductory day quickly developed into a passion that has seen him rise through the ranks of South African precision rifle shooting and earn multiple Protea colours.

Competing in the Factory division, Hanno thrives on the technical and mental

challenges that define Precision Rifle Series competition. Every stage presents a new problem to solve, demanding precise wind calls, flawless execution and the ability to adapt under pressure. It is this constant challenge that keeps him coming back.

A defining moment

One of the defining moments of Hanno's shooting career came at the 2024 IPRF World Championship, where the South African Factory Team secured third place. It remains his greatest competitive achievement to date and provided a glimpse of what is possible when preparation and teamwork come together on the international stage.

Representing South Africa is something Hanno regards as the highest honour a competitive shooter can achieve. Earning selection for the Protea team was

anything but straightforward, with fierce competition throughout the qualification season. Finishing among the country's top Factory shooters was reward for months of consistent performances against a strong field.

Ambitions remain grounded

As he prepares for another World Championship campaign, Hanno's ambitions remain grounded. Rather than chasing results, his focus is on representing South Africa to the very best of his ability while enjoying the opportunity to reconnect with friends from the international shooting community during the Opening Ceremony and throughout the event.

Away from competition, Hanno enjoys golf, has an undeniable weakness for pizza and listens to almost every genre of music – except heavy metal. On the range, however, his philosophy is clear: success comes from trusting the process rather than worrying about the scoreboard. It is advice he freely shares with newcomers to the sport, encouraging them to focus on executing every stage correctly and allowing the results to follow naturally.

That same mindset is perhaps best summed up by his own tongue-in-cheek motto: *Trust the data, doubt the wind, blame the barrel.* 🇿🇦



FACTORY



SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Factory
SAPRF Member Since	2021
National Ranking	Third (2026), First (2025)
Provincial Colours	Gauteng
Protea Colours Awarded	2024, 2025 and 2026
National Matches Competed	>30
International Matches Competed	>5
PRS National Wins	One

Podium Finishes	Several
Match Wins	None yet
Highest Match Score	90-something percent?
Favourite Position	Prone
Longest Successful Impact	1 658 m (not in a match)
Current Rifle Weight	~10.5Kg
Current Load	Varget, Alpha Brass, Hornady 110 gr A-Tip® bullet

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: MPA Matrix Pro PMR
Calibre: 6 Dasher
Chassis: MPA Matrix Pro II
Barrel: Masterpiece Arms
Action: Masterpiece Arms
Trigger: Masterpiece Arms
Scope: Leupold Mark 5
Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod Double Pull
Brake: CHAD
Bullet: Hornady 110 gr A-Tip®



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Patrick Capes: Chase Your Dreams

From a lifelong passion for hunting to the international PRS stage, Patrick Capes has built his shooting career around problem-solving, preparation and the belief that one bad stage should never ruin the next.

Patrick grew up hunting from the age of nine, and his journey into PRS began with a simple goal: to become a better hunter. His passion started with a 222 Sako Vixen rifle as his first firearm, later progressed to a 243, then to a classic 30-06.

The Western Cape shooter finds himself competing more often than he hunts and preparing to represent South Africa in the Factory division at the World Championship.

His route to PRS has taken him through several countries and a varied career. Born and raised in Cape Town, Patrick later lived in Bloemfontein, Durban, Zambia, Ghana and Uganda before returning to Cape Town to study. He holds an honours degree in marketing but moved into financial crimes about a decade ago.

Pressure and precision

What Patrick enjoys most about PRS is the combination of problem-solving, pressure and precision, and the places the sport takes him. However, above all, it is the people he has met and the friendships he has made along the way. His greatest competitive achievement came at the 2025 Hippo Creek Championship, where his performance

qualified him for the IPRF World Championship. He subsequently won the 2025 Klein Doppie season using a 6 BR.

A childhood dream

Representing South Africa means everything to Patrick. It is the highest honour he could receive, and a dream he has carried since childhood. An injury had kept that dream on hold, making his eventual selection for the Protea Team all the more meaningful.

Qualifying required hard work, adjustment, travelling and the development of a disciplined routine both on and off the range. His preparation extended into a hybrid-focused gym programme involving intensive cardio and functional training.

The full experience

At the World Championship, Patrick wants to enjoy the full experience, support his teammates and help the Factory team onto the podium. He is particularly looking forward to the camaraderie of competing alongside people he has known for years, likening the experience to a Ryder Cup, while testing himself against the world's best under the biggest pressure he has yet faced.

On the range, Troop Lines is his favourite stage, while Cattle Gates is less appealing. His preferred targets are between 500 m and 700 m, with tripod rear shooting one of his biggest technical challenges. His advice to new shooters is not to be afraid to miss: the bullet never lies, so

learn from what you can see, be patient with your progress and, above all, enjoy the journey.

A good steak off the braai

Away from shooting, Patrick enjoys fishing, hunting, boating and overlanding/camping. A good steak off the braai and a Coke Zero provide the fuel, while 80s rock and Afro House provide the soundtrack.

He also has an unusual life outside shooting: Patrick is a KUSA-registered Staffordshire Bull Terrier breeder and exhibitor and competes in Hyrox tournaments. His dream shooting destination is Norway's Viking Trail, which is firmly on his bucket list.

And his favourite quotation captures something of the way he sees both shooting and life: "Everyone is a puzzle with a few missing pieces. As we journey through life, the people we meet help us find them, shaping us into who we are meant to become." His message to South African supporters captures his approach perfectly: "Chase your dreams, you never know how far you'll go!"



L to R: Andries Lategan presenting National Protea Colours in Shooting to Patrick Capes.



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: MPA PMR Pro 2
Calibre: 6 mm BR
Chassis/Stock: MPA PMR Pro 2
Barrel: MPA
Action: Coupe de Grâce
Trigger: Bix and Andy comp trigger
Scope: Apex Rival X
Bipod: RF Tactical

Brake: CHAD
Ammunition/Bullet: 109 gr Berger, Varget, Lapua brass
Favourite Match: SAPRF Lourensford National and Champs Hippo Creek 2025
SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS
Apex Optics, Venatics Gear, Clay Pigeon Adventures, APW and Rudy Project

Favourite Position	Modified Prone
Longest Successful Impact	1 218 m
Current Load	30 gr Varget (2 810 fps with a 109 gr Berger)

FACTORY



Category	Details
Division	Factory
SAPRF Member Since	2022
Provincial Colours	2023, 2024 and 2025
National Level Podiums	7
Protea Colours Awarded	2026
International Matches Competed	Three
Highest Match Score	99

SHOOTER STATISTICS



Chris Leeson: Precision Under Pressure

For Johannesburg business owner and Factory shooter Chris Leeson, PRS brings together technical precision, problem-solving and the mental discipline required to perform under pressure.

Chris is competitive by nature. A Johannesburg-based business owner, husband and father, he has found a natural fit in PRS, where preparation, concentration and consistency are tested every time the clock starts.

His attraction to PRS lies in the combination of technical rifle setup, accurate wind calls, positional problem-solving and the pressure of shooting against time. What began as an interest has developed into a serious passion, with the Factory Division shooter now preparing to represent South Africa at the World Championship.

Constant improvement

For Chris, the appeal is also the constant opportunity to improve. Every stage demands something slightly different, combining fundamentals, movement, decision-making and mental control. The balance between speed and accuracy is what keeps him engaged.

His greatest shooting achievement to date is being selected to represent South Africa as a Protea shooter. Wearing the national colours, he says, is an enormous honour and responsibility, an opportunity to represent his country, family, teammates and the wider South African PRS community with pride, discipline and sportsmanship.

Consistent performance

His goal for the World Championship is not simply a particular finishing position. Chris wants to perform consistently, execute his stage plans under pressure, contribute positively to the South African team and compete to the best of his ability against the world's top shooters. He is also looking forward to learning from elite international competitors and sharing the experience with the Protea Team.

On the range, Skills stages are a favourite because they combine speed, accuracy and efficient rifle handling. Stages that provide an unstable shooting position without enough time to build a solid position are less appealing. His preferred target distance is about 400 m to 600 m, while rapidly changing wind conditions remain his greatest technical challenge.

Best shooting advice

His best shooting advice is simply to trust your fundamentals, build the position properly and make every shot with intent. For newcomers, he recommends putting safe rifle handling and solid fundamentals ahead of speed, learning from experienced shooters and keeping detailed notes on what works.

Away from shooting, Chris enjoys cycling, running, hunting, outdoor activities and spending time with his family. A good steak or braai is the preferred food, coffee the drink of choice and country music the soundtrack.

Close connection

His work also has a surprisingly close connection to his approach to shooting. As the owner of a signage, vehicle branding and wrapping business, precision and attention to detail are part of his professional life as well as his sporting one.

His motto is equally appropriate: "If you can dream it, you can do it." Now, with the World Championship ahead, Chris has the opportunity to turn that philosophy into action on the international stage.



FACTORY



Category	Details
Protea Colours Awarded	2026
International Matches Competed	World Championship Sep 2026
Favourite Position	Supported positional / skills-stage transitions
Current Load	6 mm Dasher: 109 gr Berger, 30 gr Varget, about 2 800 fps

SHOOTER STATISTICS



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: MPA factory precision rifle
Calibre: 6 mm Dasher
Chassis: MPA chassis
Action: MPA factory action
Scope: ZCO 8-40x56 with MPCT-2X reticle

Ammunition/Bullet: 109 gr Berger; 30 gr Varget; about 2 800 fps
SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS
Normark, Patriot, Gun Warrior, Berger, Vihtavuori, ZCO, Family, Teammates, HPRC, SAPRF



▲ Mohsin Tajbhai – Tac Driver, Touws River, March 2018

Mohsin Tajbhai: From Hunting Rifle To Protea Colours

A decade after turning up to one of South Africa's first PRS matches with a hunting rifle, Mohsin Tajbhai is heading to the World Championship as the reigning South African Limited Champion.

Mohsin's PRS journey began in Gaborone, Botswana, where his father put a rifle in his hands at a young age and sparked a love of shooting that has never faded. He later moved to Cape Town to study engineering, eventually making the city his home. Hunting, fishing and the outdoors remain an important part of his life. However, PRS has become a particularly demanding extension of those interests.

Looking for a sport that would sharpen his hunting skills, Mohsin stumbled across one of the first PRS matches held in South Africa. He arrived with his



▲ Romansrivier, May 2026

300 WSM hunting rifle, shot the first stage and, as he puts it, was hooked from the very first shot.

Ten years later, he has developed into one of the country's leading Limited competitors. His greatest achievement came in 2025, when he won the South African Championship in the Limited Division and earned his place on the 2026 South African World Championship team.

Significant change

The route to the Protea team required a significant change. In 2025, Mohsin made the bold decision to move from Open to Limited. It was, by his own description, a rocky start, but he persevered, finished third for the season and then capped the campaign by winning the South African Championship.

That combination of precision and mental discipline is what keeps him hooked on PRS. Every stage presents a puzzle, and the shooter who can remain calm and focused under pressure has the advantage.

Representing South Africa is therefore about much more than competition. Mohsin describes putting on the Protea blazer and standing alongside such a talented group of shooters as the highest honour he can imagine. In Texas, his goal is to help drive the Limited team onto the podium while shooting every stage the way he knows he can when it counts.

Testing himself

He is looking forward to testing himself against the best shooters in the world and sharing the experience with his teammates. His preferred targets lie between 600 m and 1 000 m, while tripod rear shooting remains one of that Mohsin finds more challenging.

His advice to new shooters is appropriately philosophical: shooting is a humbling sport, so stay patient, keep learning and enjoy the journey. Away from the range, Mohsin runs, fishes and hunts. He favours steak, Coke Light and Afro House.

Bob Marley's words providing his guiding principle: **"Love the life you live. Live the life you love."** There is one small problem, however: he admits to having difficulty telling left from right. Fortunately, precision rifle shooting appears to have worked out anyway.

Message to supporters

To the South African supporters, Mohsin says this is what propels the team onto the world stage. "Wearing the Protea blazer is a privilege I will never take lightly, and I will be leaving everything out there for all of you. A special thank you to my wife, **Nishaat Tajbhai**, my biggest fan, my steadiest support, and the person who makes all this possible. This one is for you. Onwards!" 🇿🇦



▲ Mohsin Tajbhai - Matroosberg



▲ L to R Andries Lategan and Mohsin Tajbhai

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Venatics Gear, Kahles, Patriot Outdoors, Clay Pigeon Adventures, Atlantic Fruit Processors.

JC Robertson: Believe The Bullet

A love of technical challenges, a .308 bolt gun and a refusal to settle for ordinary have taken JC Robertson to the top of South Africa's Limited division.

JC likes a challenge. More specifically, he likes getting lost in the technical details of one. The Centurion and Vanderbijlpark-based shooter is now in his fourth full season of PRS, having moved into the sport after becoming bored with traditional prone shooting. What attracted him was the pace and dynamism of PRS, a discipline that, in his words, has "no grace for incorrect gear or lack of processes."

For JC, that is precisely the appeal. Once a shooter learns to do things properly, he believes PRS prepares them for almost any other shooting discipline. And he particularly enjoys doing what might seem borderline impossible with a .308 bolt gun.

An impressive record

That approach has produced an impressive record. JC placed tenth at the 2024 IPRF World Championship and has twice won the SAPRF National Tactical Championship. He qualified for the 2026 Protea Team by winning the Limited Division in the 2024-2025 season and currently sits first in the selection-cycle national rankings.

Representing South Africa is therefore about more than personal achievement.

Shooting in the Green and Gold is, he says, an honour that cannot be beaten. Competing alongside equally patriotic shooters from around the world provides another level of motivation, while the desire to perform for his country pushes him to keep improving his craft.

High ambitions

His ambitions for the World Championship are correspondingly high. JC wants the Limited team on the podium and hopes to improve on his previous individual tenth place. A top-five finish would be a fantastic result. He thrives on field-style stages using natural props, particularly those that get the heart rate up while testing a specific skill. Elevation changes and 360° courses of fire are favourites, especially when they properly test wind reading. The Cameo Shooting Complex in Colorado is his favourite match venue so far.

The mental challenge

The mental side of competition is perhaps his greatest challenge. Maintaining concentration for extended periods is demanding, which is why his best shooting advice is simple and emphatic: **"Play to your strengths, work the problem and BELIEVE THE BULLET."**

Always another challenge

Away from PRS, JC spends his time outdoors hunting, fishing and hiking. He appreciates proper coffee, good driving music and the occasional bit of country, alternative or rock. He also has a rather unexpected past: he was once a worship leader in church and a Bible school lecturer.

His philosophy is captured in two mottos: **"The body achieves what the mind believes"** and **"To seek progress, not perfection!"** For JC, there is always another technical problem to solve, another challenge to tackle and, presumably, another borderline impossible thing to do with a .308. 🇿🇦



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Kelbly's Inc.

Calibre: The Nato Potato .308 Winchester

Chassis: Warrior G7 Competition

Barrel: Any 1.25 straight 27" single-point cut rifled barrel Kelbly's opts for

Action: Kelbly's Prometheus

Trigger: TriggerTech Diamond single-stage, Pro Curved

Scope: ZCO 527 MPCT1X, 10mil non-locking turrets

Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod Double Pull

Brake: Warrior x 5.1.25"

Ammunition/Bullet: 177 gr Sierra MatchKing, Vihtavuori N150 Propellant, Lapua Palma case and CCI 450 primer

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Kelbly's Inc., Sierra Bullets, Leofoto SA, CMH Precision, Rudy Project, and Warrior.

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LIMITED



▲ Lourensford, August 2023.

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Bolt-action rifle

Calibre: .308 Winchester

Chassis: MDT ACC

Barrel: Bartlein

Action: Impact 737

Trigger: Bix'n Andy TacSport Pro

Scope: Kahles K328i DLR

Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod (double pull)

Brake: Warrior X5

Ammunition/Bullet: Lapua brass, CCI 450 primers, Berger 185 gr hybrid

SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details	PRS National Wins	One
Division	Limited	Podium Finishes	Unknown
SAPRF Member Since	2019	Match Wins	One
National Ranking	Two	Highest Match Score	Unknown
Provincial Colours	Yes	Favourite Position	Shooting off natural props
Protea Colours Awarded	Yes	Longest Successful Impact	1 880 m
National Matches Competed	Unknown	Current Rifle Weight	15 kg
International Matches Competed	Two	Current Load	185 gr 2 660 fps

LIMITED



SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Limited
SAPRF Member Since	2023
National Ranking	First for current selection cycle
Provincial Colours	2024 and 2026
Protea Colours Awarded	2024 and 2026
National Matches Competed	Almost 30, including intercontinental
International Matches Competed	Two

PRS National Wins	Nine
Podium Finishes	Except for three, all of them
Match Wins	Fewer than I would have liked
Highest Match Score	I have scored over 90% of the winner's score and Top 5 placing overall
Longest Successful Impact	Not PRS related but 2 580 m (also NOT with a .308)
Current Rifle Weight	11 kg
Current Load	177 Sierra MK in front of N150 in a Lapua case



Pieter Cronje: Keep Grinding

With a shooting career that began on the family farm at the age of six, Pieter Cronje brings years of experience and a healthy dose of humour to the South African team. Pieter has been shooting for as long as he can remember. His passion began at the age of six on the family farm and continued through his school years, when he became a member of the school shooting team. Shooting and

archery have remained among his favourite interests ever since. It was the introduction of the National Rifle League in South Africa that eventually led him to Precision Rifle Shooting. Seven years later, PRS has taken him to the World Championship stage and provided one of the defining achievements of his shooting career: representing South Africa at the 2024 World Championship in Colorado. For Pieter, PRS combines challenge and adrenaline, while the competitive environment provides a constant incentive to improve. His route back onto the Protea team involved plenty of hard work and, in his own words, shooting “lots and lots of ammunition, with some of it actually impacting steel!”

Serious commitment

Behind the joke is a serious commitment to preparation. Earning a place on the team required dedication and plenty of time on the range, and Pieter now heads to the World Championship determined to represent South Africa to the best of his ability and compete at the highest possible level. What he is looking forward to most, however, is not simply the competition. The experience, camaraderie among shooters and opportunity to meet people who share his passion for the

sport are all part of the attraction. His approach to shooting is straightforward. Prone is his favourite position and he enjoys targets from 300 m all the way out to 1 000 m. Low positions are among the more difficult skills to master, while his advice to new shooters is equally practical: get the rifle set up correctly and practise.

Favourite match

His favourite match is the 2024 World Championship at Cameo in Colorado, and the USA remains his dream shooting destination. Away from shooting, Pieter has plenty of interests to keep him busy, including archery, fishing, golf, dirt biking, mountain biking and hunting. His favourite food is beevleis, while water is the drink of choice and his musical tastes encompass just about everything. His motto captures the mentality required for PRS perfectly: “You cannot change the last shot, but you can make the next one count.”

And his description of himself as “Jack of all trades, master of most...” suggests that Pieter is not planning to run out of challenges any time soon. His message to South African supporters is simply: “Hou ons dop!”



LIMITED



SHOOTER
STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Limited
Longest Successful Impact	2 150m
Current Rifle Weight	12.5 kg
Current Load	174 ELD VT, 43.2 gr N150

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Tikka	Trigger: Bix'n Andy
Calibre: .308 Win	Scope: ZCO
Chassis: MDT ACC Elite	Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod
Action: Tikka T3	Brake: Botnia

Ammunition/Bullet: 174 ELD VT
SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS
MDT, ZCO, Warrior.

Willem van Biljon: One Shot At A Time

For Willem van Biljon, PRS is about much more than precision. Discipline, continuous improvement and good sportsmanship are at the heart of his approach to competition.

Willem approaches PRS with a simple philosophy: keep learning, keep improving and enjoy the process. The self-employed shooter from Modimolle in Limpopo has been competing in PRS for seven years and has established himself as one of the leading competitors in the Limited Division. He describes himself as a passionate and dedicated shooter who enjoys the challenge of constantly improving his skills, while discipline, safety and good sportsmanship remain central to his approach both on and off the range. Willem was introduced to PRS through social media and friends, and it did not take long for the sport to take hold. What keeps him coming back is the combination of precision, problem-solving and mental focus. Every stage

presents a new challenge, while the supportive community provides an opportunity to learn from other shooters and share knowledge. An honour and a responsibility Earning a place on the Protea Team is his greatest shooting achievement to date. Consistent performances at national competitions and meeting the selection criteria earned him the opportunity to represent South Africa, and he regards that opportunity as both an honour and a responsibility. For Willem, wearing the national colours represents the culmination of countless hours of training and dedication. At the World Championship, his aim is to compete to the best of his ability, gain valuable experience against the world's top shooters and represent his country, teammates and supporters with pride. He particularly enjoys shooting from natural props, especially large rocks, and favours targets between 500 m and 700 m. Reading the wind consistently remains one of the most challenging aspects of PRS because every range, terrain and set of conditions can be different.

Enjoy yourself always

His advice, both to himself and to newcomers, is refreshingly simple: always have fun. Away from competition, Willem enjoys spending time with his family, travelling, exploring new places and being outdoors. Braaivleis, brandy and Coke and country music round out his preferences, while his personal motto captures his broader approach: “Success is built one shot at a time. Stay focused, stay humble and never stop improving.” And although PRS is clearly serious business, there is another arena in which Willem admits to being highly competitive: family board games.



LIMITED



SHOOTER
STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Limited
Longest Successful Impact	2 150m
Current Rifle Weight	12.5 kg
Current Load	174 ELD VT, 43.2 gr N150

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Kelbly's Atlas Tactical	Action: Kelbly's
Calibre: .308 WIN	Trigger: Bix'n Andy
Chassis/Stock: Warrior Gen 7 Comp	Scope: Burris XTR PRO
Barrel: Bartlein	Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod
	Double Pull

Brake: Warrior Tuner Brake
Ammunition/Bullet: 177 gr Sierra Match King
CONTACT & SOCIAL MEDIA
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Andries Lategan: Experience At Every Distance

With a career spanning medicine, research, business and four IPRF World Championships, Andries Lategan brings decades of experience and a deep competitive instinct to the Senior Division.

Andries has never been short of challenges. Born in Colesberg in 1961, he attended school in Burgersdorp before pursuing a career that would take him from a PhD in Neuropharmacology to International neurobiological research institute in Paris, Belgium, academia in South Africa and eventually the pharmaceutical industry. Author and co-author of various scientific papers in peer review scientific journals and presented various scientific research papers at international conferences. Today, he remains involved in clinical research programmes in drug development, particularly in oncology and haematology, as a director and co-owner of a pharmaceutical business and consultant in clinical research. Along the way, shooting has remained a constant. Andries initially competed in the SA Hunters Association matches, then NRL before gradually moving into PRS, a discipline he found considerably more appealing and then became permanently affiliated with PRS South Africa.

Formidable record

What attracts him is the variety between matches, the challenging distances and positions and the combination of mental and physical demands required during competition.

At the 2022 IPRF World Championship, he finished third individually in the Senior category while helping the Senior Team to first place.

Ongoing motivation

For Andries, representing South Africa has been an ambition since his younger days as an athlete representing his province at the South African Junior Athletic Championship., winning a silver medal and also played Craven week for 3 years. Now, after four IPRF World Championships, he continues to carry that motivation into the Senior division. His qualification for the current team dates back to the selection process in which he finished as the top Senior shooter. His ambitions this time are clear: a top-ten individual finish and a podium place for the Senior Team. He is particularly looking forward to returning to the United States and meeting up with old rivals.

On the range, Andries favours medium-to high-barricade stages, natural prop's and targets around 500 m to 600 m. Very low barricades are less appealing as they are too high to be prone and too low to be comfortable. His advice to

newer shooters is realistic: it takes time to adapt to the distances and time pressures of modern PRS.

Shooting philosophy

His own shooting philosophy is equally concise: **trust your DOPE and equipment.** Away from shooting, Andries enjoys reading, collecting original pre-war Mauser rifles, woodwork and hunting, particularly anything that can be braaied over a fire. Good red wine and all kinds of music round out his preferences.

And then there is his fun fact: The mere fact that our solar system has a section called the heliopause, the region of space in which the solar wind is not hot enough to push back the flow of particles coming from distant stars, which is referred to as the 'boundary wall' between the solar system and interstellar space. It seems the Senior Team has at least one member who is equally comfortable thinking about targets at 600 m and the edge of the solar system. 🇿🇦



SENIORS



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Accuracy International
Calibre: 6x47 Lapua or .25 x 47 Lapua
Chassis: Warrior Gen7 or AI
Barrel: Sneeuberg
Action: Accuracy International
Trigger: AI competition
Scope: Zeiss LRP S3 5 - 25 x 56
Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod

Suppressor/Brake: Warrior
Ammunition/Bullet: 109 gr Hornady or Berger or 135 gr Berger's

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Leofoto, Lategan Safaris, Veldt.

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SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Seniors
SAPRF Member Since	2020
National Ranking	First senior in 2022
Provincial Colours	2021
Protea Colours Awarded	2022
National Matches Competed	Many
International Matches Competed	Four IPRF World Championships

PRS National Wins	Many in the Senior Division
Podium Finishes	Many in the Senior Division
Match Wins	Many in the Senior Division
Highest Match Score	Unknown
Favourite Position	Kneeling
Longest Successful Impact	1.630 km
Current Rifle Weight	9 kg
Current Load	35,2 gr Varget

Etienne de Waal: “Don’t Call Me Oom!”

An avid hunter who wanted to push beyond traditional bushveld distances, Etienne de Waal has found himself on the Protea team just five years after discovering PRS.

Etienne has a simple ambition when it comes to work: **as little as possible**. Fortunately for the South African Senior Team, he takes his shooting somewhat more seriously. An avid hunter from a young age, Etienne grew up shooting .243 and .308 rifles.

His interest in pushing beyond the distances associated with conventional bushveld hunting eventually led him to reloading, longer-range shooting and, ultimately, PRS. An introductory course presented by **Warren Britnell** provided the next step. Five years later, Etienne has progressed from new shooter to member of the South African PRS team heading to the 2026 IPRF World Championship.

Modern precision

What he enjoys most about PRS is the precision of modern equipment and, just as importantly, the camaraderie of the shooting community. His greatest achievement so far is being selected to represent South Africa.

Etienne approaches the opportunity with considerable pride. Representing his country on the world stage is something he takes seriously, although his goals remain refreshingly grounded: shoot as well as he can on the day, make his team



proud and learn as much as possible from experienced shooters from around the world.

He is particularly looking forward to competing against the world’s best and learning from them. Etienne favours field-style stages using natural props such as rocks and multiple targets, while PRS Skills stages are less welcome because of the time pressure. His favourite target distance is an unusually modest 100 m prone, while wind is, in his words, **“wind, wind, wind...”**

His favourite match to date has been the 2026 African PRS Finale, hosted in Namibia.



Succinct advice

His best advice is similarly succinct: **“Take your time...”** Asked for advice to new shooters, Etienne’s answer is wonderfully self-deprecating: **“I am a new shooter!”** Away from the range, he enjoys camping, fishing, hunting, photography and travel.

Lamb chops or rump steak with plenty of fat are his preferred meals, while whiskey or red wine accompany a soundtrack featuring Nickelback. There is one thing Etienne would like readers to know, however. He **hates being called ‘Oom’**. Five years into PRS, perhaps we should give him a little more time before that happens. His favourite quote is “Success is not final, failure is not fatal, it is the courage to continue that counts” (Winston Churchill) 🇿🇦

Le Riche Coetzer: Keep It Simple

A veteran of international competition and five-time Protea, Le Riche Coetzer brings years of experience, a dry sense of humour and a simple philosophy to the South African Senior team.

Le Riche, known affectionately as ‘Uncle’, has been competing in PRS since 2018, having first encountered the discipline through NRL in 2017. A retired farmer from the Western Cape, he competes in the Senior Open division and has accumulated years of experience both nationally and internationally.

Asked to describe himself, Le Riche keeps it wonderfully concise: **“Grumpy old man.”** His motivation for continuing to compete is equally simple: **challenge and people**. That combination has produced an impressive competitive record.

His achievements include winning the 2025 PRS and Senior Championship,

while he was also part of the South African Senior team that finished first at the 2022 IPRF World Championship. With multiple international competitions and five consecutive Protea selections from 2022 through 2026, Le Riche brings considerable experience to the Senior team.

For him, representing South Africa is **“the ultimate achievement in our sport.”** His route back onto the team was straightforward: no complicated formula, just **“shoot well”**. His goal for the World Championship is a podium finish, both individually and as a team, while he is particularly looking forward to helping the Senior team build on its previous success.

His favourite PRS format is the Skills stage, while tyre stages rank firmly at the bottom of the list. He favours targets between 450 m and 650 m, with shooting from the weak side among his greatest challenges.

His advice is typically direct: **“Every shot is a match: one at a time.”** For newcomers, he recommends not

overthinking things but to keep it simple. Away from shooting, Le Riche enjoys fishing and flying. Steak is the preferred food, whisky the drink of choice and techno remixes provide the soundtrack. His motto is simple and familiar: **“In God we trust.”** He also has a neat piece of wisdom for his fellow shooters: **“Slow is smooth, smooth is fast.”** For the World Championship, his message to South African supporters is equally succinct: **“Hulle weet nie wat ons weet nie.”** And with decades of shooting experience behind him, ‘Uncle’ looks ready to add another international chapter to an already impressive PRS shooting career. His greatest supporters are Warrior, Legally Armed and Overberg Gun Club. 🇿🇦



SENIORS



Shooting Equipment

Rifle	S100 SAUER
Calibre	6.5 CM
Chassis/Stock	Warrior Gen 7 Comp
Barrel	CRB
Action	S100
Trigger	JARD
Scope	Zeiss S3
Bipod	MDT Cyke-Pod Gen 2
Brake	Warrior X
Ammunition/Bullet	Hornady 135 gr A-Tip

Shooter Statistics

Category	Details
Division	Seniors
SAPRF Member Since	2018
National Ranking	No. 1 Senior
Provincial Colours	Western Cape
Protea Colours Awarded	2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026
National Matches Competed	From 2018 (multiple)
International Matches Competed	Four World Championships, plus Namibia
PRS National Wins	Multiple
Podium Finishes	Multiple



Match Wins	Multiple
Highest Match Score	119
Favourite Position	Semi-prone
Longest Successful Impact	1978 m
Current Rifle Weight	10.5 kg
Current Load	135 gr Hornady A-Tip

SENIORS



SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: MPA
Calibre: 6GT
Chassis: MPA
Barrel: MPA
Action: MPA Coup de Grâce (CdG)
Trigger: Bix’n Andy
Scope: ZC0 5x27
Bipod: MDT Double Pull Gen 2
Brake: CHAD
Ammunition/Bullet: 109 gr Berger HT

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Team Venatics Gear

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▲ L to R: Andries Lategan presenting National Protea Colours in Shooting to Etienne de Waal, 2026.

Longest Successful Impact	1.6 km
Current Rifle Weight	18 lb
Current Load	109 Berger, Alpha brass, VV N150, CC1400

SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Seniors
SAPRF Member Since	2021
National Ranking	2025: Second Seniors; 21 overall
Provincial Colours	Gauteng, 2023 and 2025
Protea Colours Awarded	2026
International Matches Competed	One
Favourite Position	Kneeling



Trevor Graham: Trust Your Process

A chance invitation to a club match introduced Trevor Graham and his son to PRS. Three years later, the sport has taken Trevor to the Protea team — and given father and son something special to share.

Trevor discovered PRS almost by chance. While buying rifles with his son at a gunshop, the pair were told about a weekend PRS club match at Marloo. They decided to give it a try, and the welcome they received, particularly from Dirk Pio, convinced them to come back. Three years later, PRS has become much more than a competitive sport for Trevor. It is something he and his son do together.

A mining technology professional specialising in fleet management systems and mining operations, Trevor is drawn to the technical side of PRS but equally to the challenge of performing consistently under match pressure. He enjoys everything from reloading and load development to equipment setup, preparation, reading conditions and stage planning, before putting it all together when the match begins.

Carrying the pride

His greatest shooting achievement is therefore especially meaningful, namely representing South Africa as part of the

2026 Protea Team. For Trevor, wearing the national colours is both an honour and a responsibility. He wants to compete at the highest level while carrying the pride of his shooting community, teammates, friends and family with him. His route to the team was simple but demanding in shooting as many matches as possible and gain experience along the way. At the World Championship, his goal is not to chase a particular number on the scoreboard but to trust his preparation, equipment and processes, make good wind decisions and contribute positively to the team.

Sound positional shooting

He particularly enjoys stages that reward sound positional shooting and good stage planning, with 600 m to 700 m his preferred distance. Changing wind conditions present the greatest challenge, requiring absolute focus and confidence. His advice to newcomers reflects the same disciplined approach: **focus on the basics, build strong fundamentals, stay disciplined and never give up.** Away from shooting, Trevor admits that his hobbies are pretty much anything related to the sport. Steak and coffee are his

preferred fuel, while his favourite music is still to be confirmed.

Competing with his son

His own family provides one of his favourite stories. He and his son compete in PRS together, and Trevor is also the proud grandfather of an “awesome and very intelligent” little boy. For a shooter whose PRS journey began with a weekend invitation at a club match, representing South Africa is a remarkable progression. Now he gets to share the next step with his son and the rest of Team South Africa.



L to R: Andries Lategan presenting Federation Colours to Trevor Graham, 2026.

SHOOTING EQUIPMENT

Rifle: Custom PRS competition rifle
Calibre: 6.5 Creedmoor
Chassis: MDT ACC Elite
Barrel: 26", 1:8 twist
Action: Tikka T3X
Trigger: Bix'n Andy
Scope: Zero Compromise (ZCO) 5-25x56
Bipod: MDT Ckye-Pod
Suppressor/Brake: CHAD

SPONSORS & SUPPORTERS

Self-funded competitor/my mother.

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Podium Finishes	Includes third place, Senior Division, June 2026 national match; second Senior, Romans River, third senior, Warrior Grind
Favourite Position	Supported positional stages
Current Rifle Weight	11 kg
Current Load	Berger 140 gr hybrid target, N555 42.2 gr, CCI BR4 primer, COAL 2.898", about 2750 fps

SENIORS



SHOOTER STATISTICS

Category	Details
Division	Seniors
SAPRF Member Since	2023
Provincial Colours	Gauteng
Protea Colours Awarded	No
National Matches Competed	Many
International Matches Competed	2026 World Championship will be first



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- 1:8 20" COLD HAMMER FORGED BARREL.
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