



PISTOL NEWS



A brief pictorial review of the 2018 ISSF NATIONALS.

The 2018 ISSF NATIONALS held at Alberton Sports Shooting Club in Gauteng was a huge success.

The Southern Gauteng management committee excelled in their preparations for this first-time ever ISSF Nationals event, even building a brand new 10-bay 25-Meter range with all necessary facilities.

The 56 competitors to the ISSF Nationals enjoyed a trouble-free, enjoyable and very competitive National Championships, which hosted the cream of the crop in ISSF shooters, so the competition was stiff, the results extremely tight, and there were a few surprises for competitors in the form of shootout Finals, which were exciting to watching and somewhat terrifying to be part of.

This newsletter serves provide a brief photographic overview of the ISSF Nationals, which the SAPF were proud to host. It was an unqualified success and will certainly set a standard to be match in all future ISSF Nationals.



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The 2018 Mayleigh Cup Team:
Top Performer was Elsje Swart, seated bottom right.
Next to her is Sponsor and range Officer, Cobus Bester.
Team Captain is Heinrich Mommsen, seated at centre, and on his right the Adjutant, Franco Swart.
New caps were Mike Josselowitz, seated left Luigi il Grande, Standing 4th from left, and Pieter du Toit, standing 3rd from right.



Top ISSF Ladies Champion was Cassandra Stark, seen on the left receiving her Gavin Carson Trophy from Shaun Kennedy, SAPF vice president.
Top Mens ISSF Champion was Francois van Tonder, seen on the right receiving his Genl de Wet Medal for his outstanding overall performance.



Mens ISSF Champion Francois van Tonder, also won the Johan Terblanche Trophy for Free Pistol and Air Pistol.
Mornay de Beer, seen on the right, won the coveted John Belcher trophy for Rapid Fire.





The inaugural ISSF Air Pistol Singles Final matches were won by Elsje Swart in the Ladies Final, above left, and Francois van Tonder in the Mens Final, above right.

The Air Pistol Team event was won by Elsje Swart and Shaun Kennedy, seen here on the left, after their unexpected win over the all-conquering van Tonder husband and wife team.

Fransie is seen top left receiving her Silver award for both the Air Pistol Singles and the Air Pistol Team event.



Our vice-president, Shaun Kennedy, has a very successful 2018 ISSF Nationals, accumulating medals in six events, plus two Silver Finals awards in the Air Pistol and the Sport Pistol Finals, as well as Gold in the Air Pistol team award with Elsje Swart.

In addition, he received his eighth Mayleigh Cup selection and, for a cherry on the top, he won the Presidents Cup for the first time in the last event of the Nationals.

The new ISSF Top Performer award was also roped in by Shaun, beating Francois van Tonder and Elsje Swart by a good margin in the death with consistent results across six Provincial Championships over the past 12 months.



The new ISSF Most Improved Performance Award was made to Christo Crous shown on the right holding his new award for an amazing 61% improvement overall over a 12 months period.

