



Pistol News #13  
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### National Postal League Results

During the last quarter of 2017, several clubs and provinces shot the inaugural ISSF National Postal League.

The League was staged over four nominated Saturdays, but as luck would have it, rain and bad weather did not allow all the pre-designated days to be ideal in some provinces, so permission was given to shoot some of the events a week later, which kept the League alive, and the overall results were quite pleasing in the end.

This newsletter records the final medal placements achieved, the detailed results will be published on the Marksman website for your reference.

### Why would SAPF sanction a National Postal League?

The cost of shooting in Provincial and National championships has been on the rise for some years now, with time, fuel and accommodation being the major reason why fewer and fewer shooters now travel to other provinces to participate.

Understanding these issues, and in spite of growing operational costs, the SAPF Exco have not imposed higher entry fees, in fact they have contained their entry fees for several years now, but it is obvious that the number of entries into provincial champs has continued to drop.

The SAPF Exco therefore felt it was wise to get the provinces to allow Postal entries to their championships, and those provinces that have done so, have been able to maintain their level of entrants, but the provinces that have resisted Postal Entries, have seen their number of entries, and therefore their income drop significantly.

The 2017 National Postal League was launched to see if allowing members to shoot locally at their own clubs "AT NO COST" would encourage shooters back to the firing line.

The results from this first-ever National Postal League are encouraging, and the total number of entries was 107, counting all entries in all events. Sport Pistol was by far the most popular event, with 21 Men and 4 Ladies competing for top honours.

For whatever reason, no entries were received from ECPA, Correctional Services or SAPS, which means that the 2018 National Postal League could easily grow further, and we

encourage these absent provinces to please participate in 2018, there are Medals and Kudoes at stake for all entrants.

A Summary of all the scores recorded during the 2017 National Postal League indicates the following:

Top Score in Free Pistol was 492/600, which is well below par, and therefore there is room for more competition in 2018 for sure.

Top Score in 50 Yards was a very presentable 276/300 from Philip Havenga of SANDF, well done Phil.

Top Score in Standard Pistol was a bit low at 533/600, leaving room for better scores in 2018 for sure.

Top score in Sport Pistol was a creditable 566/600 from your vice-president, with Philip Havenga on his tail with a good 555/600.

Top Score in Centrefire was a high 568/600 from your vice-president – I have acquired a nice P240 in 32-cal and I am loving it, and finally reached Master grading at last.

Top score in Mens Air Pistol was an acceptable 547/600, but again, there is lots of room for improvement in 2018.

Chris-mari-Schreuder, on the other hand, shot a very commendable 369/400 in the Ladies event, so she is looking for competition in 2018. Well done Chris-mari.

We also has quite a few Juniors competing in the Air Pistol event, and congratulations to the new Junior shooters from KZN province who performed extremely well in the Postal League. We hope to see them entering all the Provincials being held in 2018.





Well done to all our the Juniors, some of whom chose to enter the Main Mens Open section and won medals against our Seniors as well, very impressive indeed.

The final medal positions for each of the seven ISSF events that we shot during the 2017 National Postal League have been uploaded to the Marksman website, but the medal winners are listed below for your reference.

Congratulations to all the medal winners, the SAPF office will be assembling a parcel of medals to each of the five provinces that did compete in the Postal League and dispatch these before the end of January, 2018.

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

***The ISSF have announced a new rule for Ladies Air Pistol with immediate effect***

Our Ladies members must please note that the ISSF has announced that will immediate effect, all Ladies Air Pistol events will in future be shot over 60 shots, and no longer over 40 shots.

This decision has been taken to implement the new Olympic Mixed Team event, which will see a team of one Man and one Lady competing for their country in the future on aggregate score!

This means that the SAPF is anxious to coach, train and qualify a whole lot of Lady shooters who could then become eligible for Protea colours in the Air Pistol Mixed Team event in the future.

With the Tokyo Olympics in 2002 just looming over the horizon, this is an opportunity our Ladies and Junior Ladies must not miss – please start shooting air pistol with a lot more seriousness, there is a lot more at stake for our Lady members, that’s a fact!

MENS 50-Yards Deliberate			Score:
Master	1	Shaun Kennedy	260
Gold Class	1	Philip Havenga	276
	2	Mike Josselowitz	263
	3	Dave Campbell	258
Silver Class	1	Enrico Boaga	251
	2	Gordon Matthews	224
		Wally Edmunds	220
Bronze Class	1	Thulani Dlamini	249
	2	Neville Arnesen	242
	3	Gerald Champion	221

LADIES 50-Yards Deliberate			Score:
Master			
Gold	1	Ronell Brook	242
Silver			
Bronze Class	1	Nadia du Toit	196
	2	Shandre Lewis-Monto	181

OPEN STANDARD PISTOL			Score:
Master	1	Shaun Kennedy	533
Gold Class	1	Philip Havenga	528
	2	Christo Crous	515
	3	Mike Josselowitz	497
Silver Class	1	Wiekus Venter	514
	2	Colin Perel	498
	3	Gordon Matthews	472
Bronze Class	1	Neville Arnesen	486
	2	Shandre Lewis-monto	485
	3	Thulani Dlamini	482

50-M Free Pistol			Score:
Master	1	Shaun Kennedy	492
Gold Class	1	Michael Schmidt	469
	2	Mike Josselowitz	454
	3	Philip Havenga	448
Silver Class	1	Karel Schutte	462
	2	John Maberly	429
Bronze Class	1	Brian Midlane	390
	2	Thulani Dlamini	384
	3	Gerald Champion	372

CENTREFIRE PISTOL			Score:
Master	1	Philip Havenga	539
Gold Class	1	Shaun Kennedy	568
	2	Christo Crous	545
	3	Nico Rautenbach	531
Silver			
Bronze Class	1	Mike Josselowitz	458
	2	Elwyn Donald	311

MENS SPORT PISTOL			Score:
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ISSF Master Class	1	Shaun Kennedy	566
	2	Philip Havenga	555
Gold Class	1	Dave Campbell	542
	2	Christo Crous	540
	3	Enrico Boaga	537
Silver Class	1	Thulani Dlamini	537
	2	J C du Toit	511
	3	Neville Arnesen	511
Bronze Class	1	Phil Lubbe	251
	2	Jock McLaren	224
	3	Louis le Riche	220

RAPID FIRE PISTOL			Score:
Master	1	Shaun Kennedy	511
Gold	1	Philip Havenga	523
Silver Class	1	Christo Crous	497
	2	Colin Perel	464
Bronze Class	1	Michael Schmidt	495
	2	Wally Edmunds	379

LADIES 10-M AIR PISTOL			Score:
Master	1	Chris-Mari Schreuder	369
Gold	1	Ronelle Brook	330
Silver	1	Corne' Schreuder	317

JUNIOR MEN OPEN AIR PISTOL			Score:
Bronze Class	1	Matthew Blignaut	447
	2	Reegan McAslin	445
	3	Matthew dos Santos	389

JNR MEN SEATED AIR PISTOL			Score:
Bronze Class	1	Mac-Reece v d Merwe	382
	2	Wesley Joubert	323

MENS 10-M AIR PISTOL			Score:
Master	1	Shaun Kennedy	547
Gold Class	1	Gtrg van Schaik	532
	2	Chunky Boucher	530
	3	Hans Schreuder	520
Silver Class	1	Mike Josselowitz	513
	2	John Maberly	503
	3	Wally Edmunds	501
Bronze Class	1	Kevin Neethling	505
	2	Craig Hewitt	491
	3	Dieter Kojetan	477

UPGRADES ACHIEVED		
Thulani Dlamini	MENS 50 Yards	SILVER
Neville Arnesen	MENS 50 Yards	SILVER
Thulani Dlamini	SPORT PISTOL	GOLD
Shaun Kennedy	CENTREFIRE	MASTER
Michael Schmidt	RAPID FIRE PISTOL	SILVER
Kevin Neethling	10-M AIR PISTOL	SILVER
Madeleine Bloemhof	Ladies AIR PISTOL	SILVER
Mac-Reece v d Merwe	Junior AIR PISTOL	MASTER
Wesley Joubert	Junior AIR PISTOL	SILVER

*The SAPF EXCO would like to congratulate all the Medal winners, all the shooters who upgraded, and thank all the members who participated in our first National Postal League.*

*We look forward to more entries and more provinces involvement in 2018.*

*Shaun Kennedy  
Vice President ISSF*



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