



WRABF World Championships report for SAPSSF(South African Precision Sport Shooting Federation).

South Africa participated in and hosted the 4th WRABF World Championships in Pretoria at the Krokodilspruit shooting range from 5 to 15 August 2019. 15 countries participated in this event with 150 competitors fighting for top honours.

According to competitors this was the best hosted World Championship event ever. The organisation went flawlessly from start to end. This is something South Africa can be very proud of. For the first time ever the entire event was streamed live over the internet and any person anywhere in the world could watch the competition from start to finish. Nashua came to the party and sponsored this live streaming.

Free WiFi was provided at the shooting range to all competitors. Competitors from afar were hosted at Bass Lake lodge and Zebra Lodge about 8km from the shooting range.

SAPSSF have a tradition to make the National colours evening a special event at every World competition and this year was no exception. National colours and federation colours were handed over to competitors.



Photo of new and past Protea members

When it comes to Air Rifle and Rim Fire and specifically Air Rifle benchrest shooting, South Africans are the best in the world and this can be seen from our results in Slovenia in 2017 and again now at the 2019 World Championship. South African competitors are respected all over the world for our exceptional high standard of Air Rifle benchrest shooting as well as our competitiveness.

SASCOC awarded National colours to only very few benchrest shooters and South Africa could only enter two National teams per class whereas many other countries entered 3 teams. The rest of the South African competitors participated as Federation members where Federation colours was awarded to them. Sadly, none of our Juniors were awarded national colours by SASCOC, yet they did exceptionally well. This has done harm to our sport since many juniors have stopped shooting after they had worked hard for 2 years to compete in local competitions, qualify and participate in the required trials and adhered to the set criteria.

South Africa achieved the following podium positions:

Air Rifle Light Varmint - Senior. South Africa had 5 competitors in the top 10

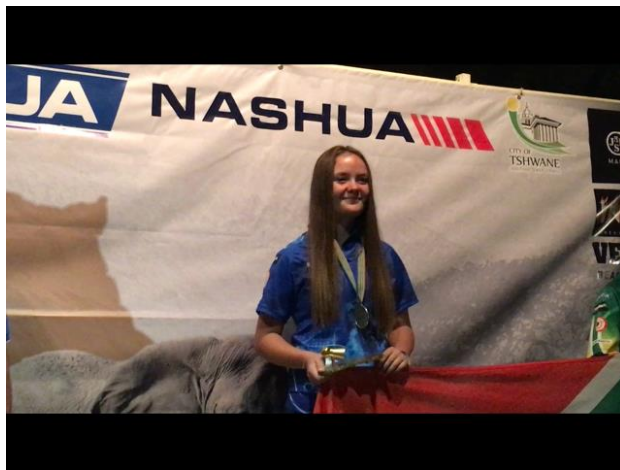
1st Robyn Crabb (**Junior**)

3rd Willem van der Linde

4th Hein Frommann

8th Pieter Grundling

10th Johan Jansen



Robyn Crabb as a junior won the overall AR Light varmint competition, kicking dust in many seniors' faces. Although she was awarded National colours during 2017, she was not awarded national colours again due to SASCOC not recognising national colours for Juniors for the 2019 World Championships.

Air Rifle Light Varmint – Junior

1st Robyn Crabb

2nd Rynard de Beer

3rd Tamara Chamberlain

None of these Juniors were awarded national colours.



Air Rifle Light Varmint – Junior prize giving

Air Rifle Light varmint teams

2nd South Africa

3rd South Africa

Air Rifle Heavy Varmint -Senior. South Africa had 7 competitors in the top 10

1st Carl van der Linde (World Record)

2nd Kevin du Toit

3rd Hein Frommann

4th David Barnes

7th Tamara Chamberlain (Junior)- Federation Member

8th Erik de Clerck

9th Pieter Grundlingh.



Air Rifle Heavy Varmint -Senior prize giving

Air Rifle Heavy Varmint -Junior

1st Tamara Chamberlain

2nd Ruach Jacobsohn.

4th Robyn Crabb **None of these Juniors were awarded national colours.**



Air Rifle Heavy Varmint Teams

1st South Africa

2nd South Africa



Air Rifle Heavy Varmint teams prize giving

Rim Fire Light Varmint

1st Pieter Grundling

2nd Chris Jansen van Vuuren



Rim Fire Light Varmint medal winners.