



South African Air Rifle Federation

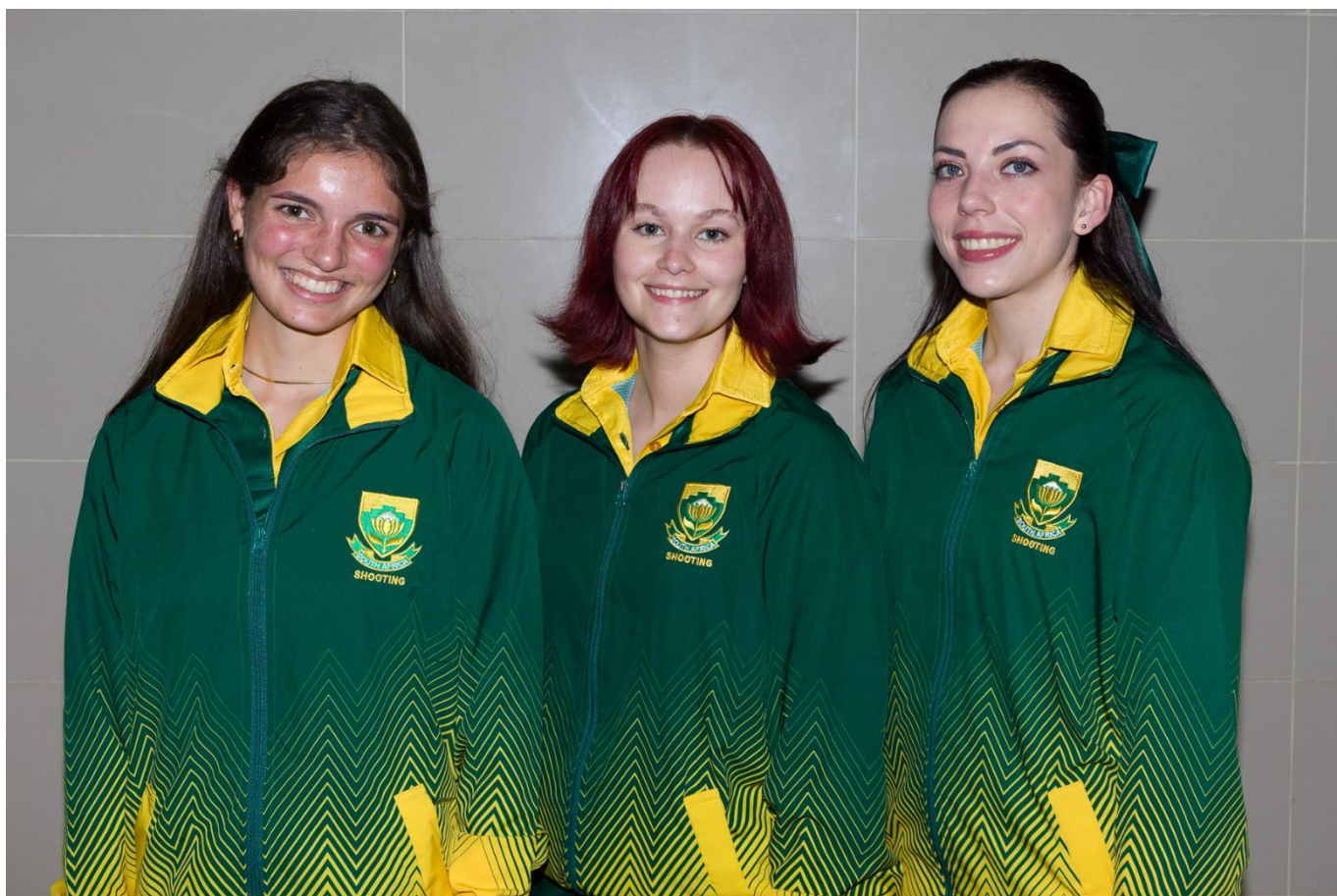
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International Tour Report

ISSF World Cup - Munich – 7 June to 14 June 2025



From left to right: Emma Bornman, Jo-Ann Serfontein, Lyjani Schonken.

Background

In SAARA tradition of participation in the ISSF World Cup hosted in Munich Germany, our top seniors participated in this event. This event offers exposure to our athletes to international standards and competition shooting at the highest level.

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Team Selection

The SAARA ranking was used for the last 12 months open competitions as the basis for selection of the 2025 Senior team. The SAARA North West Open held on 21-22 February 2025 was the special trial and final team selection event. The following athletes were selected and accepted to join the tour:

Ladies:	Lyjani Schonken
	Jo-Ann Serfontein
	Emma Bornman
Team Manager:	John Serfontein

This left us with 15 weeks to prepare and arrange the tour and ensure our athletes prepare themselves for the competition and check equipment. All entry preparation ran smoothly.

Event and Results

The team departed on the evening of 6 June 2025 aboard Emirates via Dubai to Munich arriving on the afternoon of 7 June 2025 in Munich. All athletes arrived safely, but Jo-Ann's equipment did not arrive. The team cleared customs without any issues and transported to the Olympia shooting range on the day of arrival and thereafter to our hotel.

On 8 June Emma was cleared through equipment control inspection for participation in the competition with no issues, The arrangement was made to leave Lyjani with Jo-Ann at the hotel incase her equipment arrives and then take the latest ISSF bus to the range, if the Equipment does not arrive before 12h00 then they can join us at the range as the last bus to the range left at 12h20. During the afternoon we made arrangement for Emma and Jo-Ann to shoot in different relays for Jo-Ann to use Emma's equipment if required.

At about 16h00 Jo-Ann received a phone call from the airport saying that her equipment had been found, and arrangements were made for an ISSF representative at the airport to collect the equipment and deliver it to the hotel. All stress disappeared when Jo-Ann Received her equipment.



Early on the morning of 9th June Jo-Ann was cleared at equipment control with no issues as her Pre Event Training (PET) was starting at 9h00, Lyjani then had a front sight issue at equipment control, we waited for Jo-Ann to finish PET and installed her sight onto Lyjani rifle to do her equipment control. She then used the sight for her PET and the match.

On the morning of 10 June, the individual relays started for the 10M Olympic events. The ladies were separated into two relays.

The competition was of a very high standard with **168 entries from 61 countries** for the 10M Air rifle Women's event. The entries included many Olympians and Paris 2024 Olympic medal winners. A new World record was set at the event.

Our ladies did their best and proudly performed until the end under stressful conditions.

Jo-Ann Serfontein	617.9
Lyjani Schonken	614.2
Emma Bornman	607.5

Jo-Ann shot the highest score achieved at an international 10M air rifle event for women to date.

Conclusion

We would like to thank SASSCo and SASCOC for their assistance and support. The prospect of this tour served as a great motivation and a very important learning curve for our athletes.

Huge thanks to the parents and sponsors who made it possible for the athletes to take part. It was a great learning experience, and the athletes enjoyed it very much. They are looking forward to further international exposure.

Special thanks to the athletes who present themselves as true ambassadors during the event on and off the range, may the new friendships we made continue for long.

Finally thank you to the coaching staff for their assistance with team management and mentoring the team.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Serfontein', with a stylized, cursive script.

John Serfontein
Team Manager