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## NEWSFLASH 9 OF 2010

Dear BPSU Members

The Protea team attending the MLAIC World Short Range Championships in Fervença, Portugal, arrived back in South Africa on Tuesday, 24 August 2010.

A detailed Captain's Report will follow shortly and will be published on our web-page [www.bpsu.co.za](http://www.bpsu.co.za). Detailed results of the championship are also posted on our webpage.

We attended the championship with 6 junior shooters and 4 senior shooters. All of them participating in the events known by most of you as 50 meter Free Rifle Offhand and 100 meter Free Rifle.

It is however important to share some very exciting news with all of you.

Thanks to the absolutely outstanding shooting by some of our juniors in the senior 100 meter Free Rifle (Whitworth) event, we now have the world 100 meter title secured in South Africa.

In the youth events juniors from five other countries participated (Poland, Austria, Spain, France and Australia). None of those countries had the required three shooters per team to enter a team of their own Nationalities. We then arranged and agreed that the top three scores of any of the juniors from other countries might be entered in a team event against our selected junior teams. This exposed our junior shooters against a combination of the world best juniors. We secured the following prize winning positions:

50 Offhand (Youth event - individual)

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Frederik Jacobs	94
5 <sup>th</sup>	MJ Dippenaar	91

100 meter Whitworth (Youth event - individual)

3 <sup>rd</sup>	MJ Dippenaar	94
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bart Keet	93
6 <sup>th</sup>	Wim Steyn	91

An unpleasant incident by one of the other countries' competitors shooting between two of our juniors distracted our shooters severely, resulting in substandard scores they normally do not shoot.

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#### 50 meter Offhand - Youth Teams

- 2<sup>nd</sup> South Africa (Frederik Jacobs, MJ Dippenaar, Wim Steyn)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> South Africa (Chris Twine, Bart Keet, Willie Steyn)

#### 100 meter Whitworth - Youth Teams

- 2<sup>nd</sup> South Africa (Frederik Jacobs, MJ Dippenaar, Wim Steyn)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> South Africa (Chris Twine, Bart Keet, Willie Steyn)

After consultation with all parties involved following the incident at the 100 meter junior event, I decided to enter four of our juniors in the 100 meter Whitworth (free rifle) senior event for exposure and to give them another opportunity to perform within their known standards. The juniors entered were Frederik Jacobs, Chris Twine, Bart Keet en Willie Steyn. Because we have already entered a senior team in that event we could not enter another team on behalf of South Africa.

Shooting shoulder-to-shoulder with the best shooters in the world, Frederik Jacobs shot an absolutely outstanding 99/100, winning the world title in the senior event. Chris Twine followed with a 97/100, giving him the 4<sup>th</sup> place in the senior event. Bart Keet followed with a 93/100 in the 37<sup>th</sup> place in the senior event.

Making it even more outstanding is the fact that these three juniors shot a combined score of 289/300. If we could have entered them as a team they would have secured the gold medal with three points in the Rigby team event for us against France (286/300) Germany (285/300) and Switzerland (284/300).

WELL DONE to our World Champion Frederik Jacobs, and to each and every other shooter making us proud. As on the long range, be assured that the rest of the world took note. A picture of our new World Champion together with pictures of the two winning targets is displayed on the opening page of our website.

A big thank you to Willie De Beer for all his time and hard work with the Juniors up North and to Corena de Beer with all her hard work with the junior in Cape Town. The foundation will always be yours, be proud. Also a special word of thanks to Barend Keet for all his efforts transporting all the shooters, assisting with rifle maintenance and ensuring that all had something to eat and drink on the range.

A true team effort in good spirit by all, and a tour making South Africa proud to be remembered for many years to come.

Kind regards

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