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## NEWSFLASH NO 12 OF 2016 27th MLAIC World Championships at the Sarlópuszta

Dear BPSU members

Thanks a lot to those members of the BPSU who sacrificed their public holiday to attend to Cape Town- and Johannesburg international airports the wish our Short Range Protea Team well for their participation overseas. For the first time we would attend a MLAIC World Championship at the same time that the Olympic Games were on.

In Newsflash 11 of 2016 I made mention of the dedication of the Protea Team that was selected to attend the 27th MLAIC World Championships at Sarlópuszta.

For all these years the BPSU Protea Teams returned to our country making us very proud. Their presence on the World Radar of the Shooting Sport, Short- and Long Range events caused other participating teams to take note of the South Africans. This time around they did so once again. In fact in my time as Chairman of the BPSU this was the Protea Short Range Team that performed the best of all. They travelled under the Captaincy of Corena de Beer, our Secretary / Treasurer.

As previously communicated they were Jacques Jansen van Vuuren, Jean-Pierre Pellissier (Junior), Gustav Meyer (Junior), Chris van Gaalen, Pieter Truter and Corena de Beer.

All the individuals' scores will be published on our webpage [www.bpsu.co.za](http://www.bpsu.co.za). I however must make mention of specific performances by our team members and in short discuss the medals the team brought back to South Africa.

The following performances make us extremely proud of the Team:

In the "Frontiersman" (special team event) South Africa secured the **Bronze medal** with participants Chris van Gaalen, Pieter Truter and Jacques Jansen van Vuuren. In the Rigby Team events the team secured the **Silver medal** with participants Corena de Beer, Pieter Truter and Chris van Gaalen. As individuals the team performed just as well. Corena de Beer secured the **4<sup>th</sup> place and a certificate** in the Walkyrie event. In the Vetterli Youth event Jean-Pierre Pellissier secured the **Bronze medal** and Gustav Meyer secured **a certificate for the 4<sup>th</sup> position**. In the Whitworth Youth event Gustav Meyer secured the **Silver medal** and Jean-Pierre Pellissier secured **a certificate for the 6<sup>th</sup> position**.

Corena being the most senior shooter in the team, with the extra burden of the Captaincy role, shot her best scores ever at a short range World championship in all the events she participated in. The other new senior

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Cap, Chris van Gaalen did extremely well that he just missed the certificate levels with a 7<sup>th</sup> place in both the Gettysburg- and Whitworth events. It must be kept in mind that the first six places in the Whitworth event were full scores and Chris shot a 98.

The performance of our juniors speaks for itself. Guys thanks for your commitment and living up to the challenges you faced. Securing medals at one's first world championship is an outstanding achievement. I will fail in my duty if I do not mention Johan de Beer and Corena for their efforts to "polish" our juniors to bright shining diamonds.

Corena, thank you for your never-ending role you play leading the team to success.

The achievements by the short range Protea team stand out way above the previous events we participated in. We all know the difficulties we experience the past two years with securing black powder to shoot. What make this achievement much bigger is that all the participants, their Captain and the coaches involved had literally had to travel the extra mile to secure sufficient black powder to keep the team shooting (training). All of this was done within the perimeters of the law.

I challenge all BPSU members to honour these shooters of ours by seriously attending club-, provincial- and national championships and get shooting again. With the availability of black sporting powder again, we have no excuse not to prepare another successful Protea team for the 28th MLAIC World Championships.

This is in any event the very first MLAIC World Championship that each and every member returned with a medal. To the Protea Team, we indeed salute you, well done to every team member.



Walkyrie



Rigby Team



Vetterli Youth



Whitworth Youth



Frontiersman Team



Kind regards

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