

Small-Bore Rimfire Rifle Runner Shoot – 2

November 2025

Event Overview

On Saturday, 1 November, we hosted the second of our two runner shoots for the year. Organising and running the event required considerable preparation, particularly due to previous issues with the runner. The last time the runner was used, one of the contactors in the motor control box was burned out, necessitating repairs before this shoot.



Preparations and Technical Challenges

To ensure everything was in working order, I rebuilt the motor control box and replaced the damaged contactor ahead of time. On Friday, I visited the club to test the runner and confirm that the system was operating correctly and the carriage was moving in the intended direction.

However, on Saturday morning, a new challenge emerged. The motor did not reliably run from right to left; if the carriage failed to move, it was necessary to press the start button immediately followed by the stop button—sometimes repeating this process several times. The gearbox only functioned properly in one direction due to a worn wheel inside, which caused it to seize during reversing. Despite these frustrations, we managed to work through the difficulties and continued with the event.

During troubleshooting, the wooden frame supporting the target boards broke clean off. Undeterred, we quickly carried out “farmyard” repairs using wire and pliers, allowing us to proceed with the competition as planned. The next priorities will be to repair or replace the gearbox and rebuild the wooden frame for future shoots.

Participation and Conditions

A total of 14 competitors took part in the shoot, including several IPSC shooters whose presence was appreciated by all. The event was held under ideal weather conditions, despite forecasts predicting rain. Throughout the day, participants showcased excellent marksmanship, creating a closely contested and exciting match for spectators.

Rifles Used and Competition Highlights

Most competitors used semi-automatic rifles, with the exception of Dave, Jakes, and Sharon. Although I had planned to use my bolt-action rifle, Clive insisted that I use his Ruger semi-automatic instead. After seeing my score, Clive may have had second thoughts—but I am sure he was pleased for me nonetheless.



Wolwehoek Shooting Club

Date: November 2025

Runner 2

RF 6 (.22) Shoot

Possible Score		4 shots X2	4 shots X2	4 shots	20
Distance 35m		Left	Right	Right	Total Scores
Shooter's Name	Club No	Target 1	Target 2	Target 3	
Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5	Column6
1 John Rutherford-Jones	157	29	15	17	61
2 Tom Diedericks	255	16	15	3	34
3 Markus Diedericks	275	15	14	14	43
4 Dirk Alberts	785	24	19	12	55
5 Fanie Otto	711	16	18	17	51
6 Kallie Albertse	580	11	15	14	40
7 Johann Seyffert	344	16	14	16	46
8 Clive Spencer	477	17	18	13	48
9 Anso Spencer	494	14	8	5	27
10 Dave Wilson	75	13	9	14	36
11 Sharon Mladina	728	17	11	9	37
12 Pieter Fourie	824	14	19	16	49
13 Jennifer Henrico	825	7	14	15	36
14 Jakes Pieterse	465	16	15	12	43

Conclusion

This event marked the final .22 rimfire shoot of the year. Many thanks to all who participated and contributed to a successful and enjoyable day.