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Dear BPSU Members,

I want to make use of this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Long Range Muzzle Loading Team to the USA for their wonderful participation. We all shared a shooting experience of our careers. Shooting and just shooting.

A big thank you to Japie Maritz as the Captain / Coach and Johann Vosser as Team Manager who did a wonderful job, for the first time allowing Corena and myself to shoot and not to worry about administration, meetings, arbitrations and all the other issues going hand in hand with those portfolios – also thank you to Chris for all your hard work - we salute you all.

As Chairman of a national organisation I could not ask for any better results with all the medals, 4th, 5th and 6th positions secured by our shooters. At 900 yards we have a new World Champion and record holder in Tertius Smit. Both the replica and original class World Champions are Proteas – well done again to Kobus De Villiers and Eugene Kuisis.

Thanks to Corena all the results are posted already on our web-page and all the photographs of the wonderful experience will also be loaded shortly. We all hope and pray that you have fully recovered from you nasty experience on the 900 yards.

Never ever will the world doubt our ability to shoot again! In summery then the results relevant to the Protea Team:

INDIVIDUAL WORLD RANKINGS (300 – 1000 yards)

Eugene Kuisis	1	257.16v	**(World Champion Replica class)**
Tertius Smit	4	248.9v	
Merwe van Rensburg	6	240.12v	
Kobus De Villiers	7	239.11v	**(World Champion Original Class)**
Gavin James	9	236.11v	
Ronnie Blake	19	224.9v	
Johan de Beer	35	193.6v	
Corena De Beer	43	176.4v	

In the Long Range individual aggregate (900 and 1000 yards) we have three shooters in the top four in the world – Eugene Kuisis (1), Merwe van Rensburg (2) and Tertius Smit (4). In the original class 1 in the top four – just because we had only one original class shooter. Say no more.

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MID RANGE TEAM EVENT

Germany	1	
South Africa	2	(We missed this one with only two points but improved on our own 2007 results with 13 points when we won the midrange)
Eugene Kuisis		
Merwe van Rensburg		
Tertius Smit		
Gavin James		
USA	3	

LONG RANGE

Previous imperial world record 409.10v – improved by 68.8v

South Africa	1	477.18v **(World Record)**
Eugene Kuisis		
Merwe van Rensburg		
Tertius Smit		
Ronnie Blake		
Great Britain	2	427.10v
USA	3	405.11v

South Africa now holds both the Long Range metric and imperial world records – which will never be broken as four man teams will fall away and two three man teams per country will take effect from 2011.

OVERALL TEAM AGRREGATE (MID- AND LONG RANGE)

South Africa	1	976.44v **(lead by 78.17v)** **(World Record)**
Eugene Kuisis		
Merwe van Rensburg		
Tertius Smit		
Gavin James		
Ronnie Blake		
USA	2	898.27v
Germany	3	888.31v

INDIVIDUAL WORLD RECORDS BROKEN (900 YARDS OLD RECORD 64.3)

Tertius Smit	1	67.4 **(World Champion and World Record holder)**
Eugene Kuisis	2	65.4
Merwe van Rensburg	3	65.3

We are currently researching the scores shot on imperial ranges during previous world championships to see if the individual aggregates of Eugene and Kobus did not break the previous world records and will most certainly communicate the outcome.

It is my wish that these results will motivate those who are preparing for Portugal 2010 short range, as well as those who have their sights set to make the long range team for 2011 in Bisley, England.

Kind Regards

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