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During the weekend of 9 to 11 June the NHRSA hosted the 4th leg of their Regional Competitions on the farm of Wathy v/d Wath, Zonnewaldt near Stampriet.

On the morning of Friday, the 9th, it was the BIG ONE - the **Top 30 Trails** to determine the shooters who will be representing Namibia in either the Presidential or National Team – 6 shooters in each team. After a very cold Thursday night and the wind that did its best to be a distraction, the shooters came through and showed their steel, amongst them were the two ladies, Karola Woortman and Cornel van der Westhuizen. On a very challenging course specially prepared by John Matthee from South Africa, the Top 30 shooters had to use positions like kneeling with a stick shooting at a steenbok target, free hand standing shooting at a dassie target, sitting with a synthetic stick shooting gongs, from a lying down position shooting at a Gemsbok target over a horizontal stick, freestyle sitting position shooting at a Kudu target, and lastly shooting gongs from a vehicle that was 30m away from the starting position.

The afternoon of the 9th was the .223 class competition, the course consisted of shooting at Jaracal target from a lying down position, shooting at Waterhog target using a 3 leg stick, shooting at Rooibuck target while sitting down and using a feeding bag as support, the gong ranges were shot in the kneeling (at a feeding crib) and standing at a fence post positions.

On Saturday, the 10th, it was the open competition; the wind was again a factor which had to be taken into account with every shot. The course consisted of shooting at gongs while standing and using a round hay bale as support; shooting at a Dassie target while sitting down and using synthetic sticks; freehand shooting in the sitting position while shooting at a Steenbuk target; shooting at a Rooibok target using long synthetic sticks as support; shooting at gongs at distances over 350m with a wooden cross as support; shooting at Hartebees target at 410m while lying down and using cushion as support.

During the ceremony on Saturday evening the winners in the different classes were announced:

.223 Class

First: Francois Marais Jnr
Second: Niklaas Marais
Third: Lollie van der Walt

Open Class: (1e, 2e, 3e)

Penkoppe : Joubert Engelbrecht, Mike Baartman Jnr , Bea Marais
Juniors: Christiaan de Schmidt, Silke Grobler, Hein Garbers
Veterans: Francois Blaauw
Seniors: Wathy van der Wath, Andre du Toit, Christoffel de Waal
Ladies: Cornel van der Westhuizen, Karola Woortman, Stefanie Marais
Men: Guillaume Nel, Johan Engelbrecht, Niklaas Marais
Bronze: Guillaume Nel, Manus Kotze, Gideon van Zyl
Silver: Andre du Toit, Louis Steyl, Gaston Mertens
Gold: Wathy van der Wath, Johan Engelbrecht, Niklaas Marais
Overall: Guillaume Nel, Wathy van der Wath, Johan Engelbrecht

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Presidential Team

Dirk Nesenberend
Francois Marais Snr
Walter Kinnear
Gert Martins
Pieter Vorster
Gerhard Loubser

National Team

Wathy v/d Wath
Niklaas Marais
Francois Marais Jnr
Wittes Marais
Johan Engelbrecht
Lollie v/d Wath

On Sunday, 11th the last few shooters that have not left closed the weekend off with a quick social gong challenge before saying their goodbyes. Although it was a social shoot-out, lucky prizes were given to:

3 youngsters – Mike Baartman, Joubert Engelbrecht, Vincent Maresch
Veteran – Francois Blaauw
Senior – Louw van Zyl
Lady – Stephanie Marais
Men – Francois Marais Jnr (full score), Johan Engelbrecht, Francois Marais Snr

The weekend was also attended by Stefan Fouché, Hunting and Firearm Editor of the hunting magazine, Wild & Jag. We as NHRSA would like to thank Wathy and his team for making this another memorable weekend, with great facilities, great hospitality, great food and wonderful atmosphere. As one of the youngster asked “oom Wathy” – “Can I stay here in the tent until the next competition?”

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