

# IRENE RADIO FLYERS

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## SUNDAY JUNE 28

**“IT MAKES SENSE NOT TO HAVE A CALLER THAT IS DISTRACTED”**

The pilots were greeted with heavy mist in the early hours of the morning. None the less they made their way to the beautiful Irene club situated in the outskirts of Pretoria.

11 Pilots entered, with 2 withdrawals. Not bad considering that there were other air shows scheduled on this day in the surrounding areas. Once again the Gauteng Aerobatics association was fortunate enough to have a new pilot entering. Welcome Raymond Myburgh, we hope you had a wonderful day with us.

08:30 AM, and the mist was still sitting low, but some pilots managing to squeeze in some flights albeit amongst some low clouds.

09:00 AM, Pilots briefing, and as always our new pilots had to demonstrate, the only way we know of getting rid of the “shakes”. Pilots briefing completed, and the pilots were set for a great days flying.

First up was **Sportsman**, Len devilliers, and Raymond Myburgh was set to duke it out for 1<sup>st</sup> spot in this class.



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With some last minute modifications done to Len's plane he felt uncomfortable in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round, flying his new knife edge monster, but soon recovered and put in a respectable score in the last round. Len placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the end with an average score of 52,88%. But top honours went to Raymond Myburgh who blasted through the 1<sup>st</sup> round, and flying some awesome scores. Raymond finished with a great score of 59,50% and said that he is looking forward to our future events, he even convinced some friends and fellow locals to come and join us at the next one. Well done guys!

Next was **intermediate**, one pilot entered, Chris O'Connel, once again the leader of the "Pack", Chris finished...uhm, 1<sup>st</sup>. Well Done Chris, your flying has improved so much that it

is scaring off the competition! Chris finished his rounds with an average score of 65.45%. Well done Chris, some impressive flying there, taking into account that Chris only started flying pattern at the beginning of the year.

Next up we saw the advanced class, 3 Pilots entered, and some close competition in deed, it all boiled down to some minor mistakes made by the pilots costing them valuable points in the end. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Lee Bonney with a score of 53,89% and a normalized score of 1795. 2<sup>nd</sup> place was awarded to Pieter Botha with an average score of 61,61% and Normalized score of 1970, and with only 30 Normalized points separating the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place pilots, Dereck Butow won in the end. Scoring an average of 60.39, but with



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2000 normalized points. Well Done Dereck, it is nice to see you finding your rhythm with you plane.

**Masters**, 2 Pilots, Freddie Kotze, and Max Buizer. Freddie fielding a new kite this week-end, an Oxia Peridot, Max too flying a different plane, flying his old Valiant, which was on loan to Freddie. Max not entirely trimmed in on the day scored some respectable scores, improving on his previous in each round, the judges also informed him to practice the other chocolate side, as he opted to fly mostly down wind. Max ended the day with an average of 59.25%, but the top spot went to Freddie Kotze, who convincingly won each round, ending the day with his highest score to date of 71,83% Well Done Freddie, it makes sense not to have a caller that is distracted. “wink wink, nudge nudge”.

**F3A**, 3 Pilots entering, and upon realizing that, Grant Brook was overjoyed in saying that he will have a top 3 finish, something that he hasn’t had in a long time. And never to disappoint, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was Grant Brook, with a very good score of 69,92% Well Done Grant. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Clinton Carter-Brown, who scored 71.83%. but in 1<sup>st</sup> place with some amazing flights was Andre’ Stockwell, flying an average of 77.96%, definitely leaps and bounds ahead of the competition!

All in all it was a wonderful day, with the weather playing along in the end. Lunch time saw our now traditional Boerie Team feeding the masses, with some amazing Boerie rolls on the day. A big thank you to Irene Radio Flyers for lending us your facilities on the day. We really enjoyed it. We would also like to thank

you sponsors JB Switchgear Solutions in the assistance we receive from them. A big thanks to the organizers of the event, as well as our Competitors, Officials, Judges, and Supporters.

The next event is going to be our Final league event prior to the World Championships held in Switzerland, as well as our Gauteng Championships. The event will be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2015 at JOMAC. This will also be the event where the Protea Team will be having their Raffle, and the remaining prizes will be sold off to the highest bidders.

We hope to see you all there.

As always, Fly safe (on knife-edge)

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	round 1	round 2	round 3	FINAL
<b>SPORTSMAN</b>				
Raymond Myburgh	59.75 / 1000	54.00 / 1000	59.25 / 1000	59.50 / 2000
Len Devilliers	50.50 / 845	0.00 / 0	55.25 / 932	52.88 / 1778
Intermediate				
Chris O’Connel	57.12 / 1000	64.09 / 1000	66.82 / 1000	65.45 / 2000
<b>ADVANCED</b>				
Dereck Butow	58.00 / 1000	62.33 / 1000	58.44 / 931	60.39 / 2000
Pieter Botha	54.56 / 941	60.44 / 970	62.78 / 1000	61.61 / 1970
Lee Bonney	55.00 / 948	52.78 / 847	48.78 / 777	53.89 / 1795
<b>MASTERS</b>				
Freddy Kotze	67.75 / 1000	65.33 / 1000	71.83 / 1000	69.79 / 2000
Max Buizer	54.42 / 803	55.67 / 852	62.83 / 875	59.25 / 1727
<b>F3A</b>				
Andre’ Stockwell	78.67 / 1000	77.25 / 1000	75.36 / 1000	77.96 / 2000
Clinton Carter-Brown	69.17 / 879	73.58 / 953	70.07 / 930	71.83 / 1882
Grant Brook	68.75 / 874	71.08 / 920	67.36 / 894	69.92 / 1814