

“ADDITIONAL
PADDING FOR
THE JUDGES”

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On Sunday the 19th of September Pilots from around Gauteng conversed upon barnstormers for the Annual Championships held there this past weekend.

With entries dwindling, the 2 day event was shrunk down to a one day event which allowed the local club members some fly time over the course of the weekend.

Conditions weren't optimal, with a strong North-Easter blowing, and full cloud coverage, the cold air could be felt right down to the bone...so once again the Jackets had to come out in this now late winter we are experiencing.

Judging from the amount of additional padding the judges were wearing you could see that it's a cold one, especially so for Chief Judge Bruce Clark who boasted a stylish scarf, the KZN resident is not used to these conditions...

None the less our pilots were up to the task, and ready to compete for the title of Gauteng Champ in their respective classes.

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Sportsman

Tragedy in the 2nd round, which saw Len de Villiers heading into the distance to recover the remains of his pattern plane, an unfortunate combination of over speed, and a hard pull out saw one of his elevator servo's stripping gears, this resulted in the plane doing some abrupt manoeuvres, in the end Len was unable to recover and the plane was lost. A Sad day indeed, but the amazing part was in the way Len responded, he quickly jumped in his vehicle to go fetch his backup plane, determined to compete in the upcoming rounds. Well done Len, it really shows true Sportsmanship and character to bounce back like that and continue. In the end the combination of that round and now flying a different plane Len settled for 2nd Place overall, with a respectable 56.94%, and normalized 2869. 1st



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Place went to Sam Lusenga who flew consistent rounds and increased his scores round after round. Sam ended the day in 1st Place with an average score of 56.83%, and a Normalized score of 2973. Congratulations guys, we hope to see you compete in the upcoming masters to be held next month at Irene Radio Flyers.

Intermediate

Pilot Chris O' Connell, the only pilot entering for the event in this class and still he flew very well. I'm sure if there were any competition he would have reigned supreme. Chris ended the day with an Average of 61.11%, and masters Qualifier in anyone's book. Well Done Chris!

Advanced

The class that showed promise, but with some pilots withdrawing it came down to our 2 Gauteng Pilots to duke it out. Over the 4 flights flown, the competition was on from the start. Both pilots scoring relatively the same. In the end there could be only one, and Dereck Butow narrowly missed out. Dereck ended the day in 2nd place with an average score of 60.10% and normalized score of 2898. 1st place was awarded to Pieter Botha who flew exceptional, scoring an average of 62.52% and winning 3 rounds in the end. Well done to these pilots.

Masters

Freddie Kotze vs. Max Buizer... Freddie pulled out all the stops and ran away with the competition. It seems that he has the trimming and flying nicely under control on his Oxai Peridot, putting in some respectable flights, I am sure he is ready to move up to F3A in the new year, and we hope he can continue his winning streak.

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Max Ended in 2nd Place scoring an average of 59.04% narrowly missing out on a Masters Qualifier. Freddie ended with an average score of 67.50% and 300 Normalized.

F3A

3 Pilots, Andre' Stockwell, Clinton Carter-Brown, and Grant Brook. With Clinton flying his backup Bi-side, he produced a new flying style which better suited the conditions. Flying a little faster and a little higher the plane presented better. I feel that with some practice with this particular flying style we are bound to see



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some competition wins coming from Clinton, as some small mistakes cost him in the end. In 3rd place we had Grant Brook, scoring and average score of 64.97%. 2nd Place was awarded to Clinton Carter-Brown with an average of 68.22%, but in the end the King of pattern could not be trumped, and Andre' Stockwell reigned supreme, scoring an amazing 70.65%. Well done guys.

Overall it was a great day! The weather cleared up in the afternoon, and the once the competition was concluded the braai fires were lit, and the beers opened. Barnstormers providing access to their awesome facilities, saw everyone enjoying awesome braai packs, and beers indoors. Followed by an extensive feedback session from the South African F3A team.

We would like to extend our thanks to barnstormers for hosting us, it is truly one of the top clubs in South-Africa, with excellent facilities! We would also like to thank Chief Judge Bruce Clark and his Wife Sherryl for making the trip from Durban, we really appreciate the time and effort you have put in to attend the event! Thanks to Sherryl Clark for doing the Scoring.

A big thank you to Oom Danie Potgieter who as always, ran the event like a Swiss watch, flawless! I would also like to thank His Wife Duifie, who provided us with the wonderful salads, we truly enjoyed all of it.

Thanks to the Gauteng Committee for organizing this great event, I am sure the smells of the braai and the sounds of the beers cracking will entice a lot of pilots to attend this event in the future. A big thanks to our Sponsors JB Switch gear Solutions for the contributions they have made. Without them we would not be able to make the events as special as they are.

So that is it from this year's Gauteng committee, Thank you for supporting us during the year, and we hope to take things to new heights in the upcoming year. The last event is the Maasa Masters, organized by the Maasa committee, and we wish everyone that has qualified for the event the best of luck!

Until next year!

Fly safe, and inverted!

Maasa Gauteng

Sportsman						
Sam Lusenga	56.33 / 894	53.50 / 1000	54.17 / 973	60.00 / 1000	56.83 / 2973	1
Len De Villiers	63.00 / 1000	37.50 / 701	55.67 / 1000	52.17 / 869	56.94 / 2869	2
Intermediate						
Chris O' Connel	57.37 / 1000	60.00 / 1000	59.60 / 1000	63.74 / 1000	61.11 / 3000	1
Advanced						
Pieter Botha	60.30 / 1000	61.56 / 1000	62.74 / 996	63.26 / 1000	62.52 / 3000	1
Dereck Butow	55.93 / 928	55.33 / 899	62.96 / 1000	61.41 / 971	60.10 / 2898	2
Masters						
Freddy Kotze	65.78 / 1000	64.78 / 1000	69.56 / 1000	67.17 / 1000	67.50 / 3000	1
Max Buizer	51.78 / 787	59.17 / 913	57.78 / 831	60.17 / 896	59.04 / 2640	2
F3A						
Andre Stockwell	69.06 / 1000	73.61 / 1000	69.29 / 1000	68.90 / 1000	70.65 / 3000	1
Clinton Carter-Brown	63.78 / 924	71.39 / 970	67.00 / 967	66.29 / 962	68.22 / 2899	2
Grant Brooke	66.78 / 967	65.67 / 892	62.48 / 902	61.33 / 890	64.97 / 2761	3