

KZN Pattern Day



Just as we found last year here, it is a lovely venue, with lots of shade trees, neatly cut grass, a lake, and a view, combined with a gracious host club who set it all out for us with a good braai at lunchtime. Thank you Dave Charls and the Valley club members!

Thank you also to our judges Bruce and Des, for their efforts on our behalf. Also thanks to Leon and Jason who together with Dave laid out the markers before the event.

Most of our flyers have benefitted from the recent coaching session by Ivan Olivier. I think we actually like flying at 150m out. It takes away the vagueness of people flying at different distances, and gives us a target to aim at. The distance is nice and close, where the plane can be seen easily by judges and pilots. We did not have the problem though of a strong wind along the pattern line, which makes the rolls very rushed. Our wind was fully crosswind, and everyone seemed to cope well.

In Sportsman, Speedy pulled ahead after some worthwhile practicing. Dave Greer has now updated to a 60 size Wind, and did well, but it is still being sorted out.

In fact at our competitions we see more and more of the planes flown being the Wind design of one size or another. I am surprised that the enterprising Chinese plane factories cannot compete with these.

In Masters and F3A there were no surprises, as Mark and Jason came top again. The total entry of 12 is another show of support for our pattern, with a couple more flyers who could not fly for various reasons. I think it is successful because it is like having another "club", of guys who get together every six weeks, and enjoy the social side as well as being brave enough to subject your flying to critical eyes.

The next pattern round is on March 4th at Maritzburg Jan 22nd 2012 At Valley club, Durban - A non league round

Judges: Bruce Clark, Des Cooper

	Rd1	Rd2	Rd 3	Best 2 of 3 av.
SPORTSMAN				
1 Speedy van Niekerk	67.13	68.27	60.0	67.7
2 Dave Greer	56.59	64.13	53.25	60.4
3 Lionel Smith	34.3	57.35	54.3	55.8
4 Stan Hausmann	54.13	44.15	56.3	55.2
5 Lynton Milner	58.95	42.2	-	50.6
MASTERS				
1 Mark Savage	72.1	68.5	67.9	67.9
2 Arthur Eggar	65.7	59.0	63.1	64.4
3 Clive McInnes	53.8	60.15	63.05	61.6
4 Ian Morris	56.1	55.7	46.5	55.9
F3A (P schedule only)				
1 Jason Barker	71.9	69.1	72.5	72.2
2 Neil Allen	62.9	59.33	55.25	61.1
3 John Dorse	58.45	-	56.33	57.39

