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Blowing in the Wind

The guys who flew at the recent Masters event commented that we never get a chance to practice locally in weather conditions like they had at the Masters. Meaning winds 90 degree crosswind to the runway, and over 20kmh. So for our latest pattern round we gave everybody just that. Winds of 20 to 30kmh, crosswind. Funnily enough, they did not seem grateful!

Thanks to JUDGES Bruce Clark and Des Cooper

In Novice we had Alfred try his very first flight in front of judges. He enjoyed it a lot, and will be back for more. He had a bumpy landing, which prevented him from doing a third round. Gijs has an eye problem that has been bothering him a while, so only flew one flight.

In Advanced Ian and "Speedy" did the first ever A14 pattern flights that we had seen. That is a nice flowing pattern but quite a jump up from Sportsman. The same problem happened to Mark, Johan, and Arthur in Masters. All 3 are getting into the P pattern, and there were many zeroes from rolling the wrong way or just forgetting what to do next. Some flyers had only had a couple of practice flights. The only exception was myself, as I flew the P earlier in the year.

We were lucky to have Johan fly with us. The day before there was some mowing being done at the field. A plug was changed on a mower, which was then started. There was a loud bang, and Johan, standing 10 metres away collapsed with a hole in the back of his thigh, from the plug spanner having rolled under the mower and been shot out. It needed five stitches. Obviously mowing lawns is a dangerous activity to be avoided. !

We had a pleasant braai, and Arthur briefed us on what is happening in MAASA and the recent Masters event. We discussed what schedules should be flown next year. There was no agreement, as different people were pulling in different directions, which is pretty representative of what is happening nationally. The real agreement was that the guys who fly the P schedule only, not the F3A class, next year should not be called "Masters" as the name is confusing. The title "Expert" was preferred.

RESULTS

	Rd1 %	Rd2 %	Rd3 %	Final
NOVICE				
Alfred Brink	41.00	36.50		38.80
SPORTSMAN				
Gijs Wijgers	55.00			27.50
ADVANCED				
Ian Morris	55.00	45.20	56.40	55.70
Steven van Niekerk	38.30	46.00	51.45	48.75
MASTERS				
Neil Allen	60.67	63.50	58.42	62.10
Mark Savage	47.00	48.67	57.41	53.04
Johan de Lange	47.10	50.00	48.75	49.40
Arthur Eggar	43.70	42.90	50.00	46.85