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Klerksdorp Radio Flyers



ADVANCED CLASS WINNERS NICO ERASMUS 3RD
MICHAEL SACCA 1ST ARTHUR EGGAR 2ND



F3A WINNERS ANDRE' STOCKWELL 1ST CALVIN SCHROLL
2ND ROSTON DUGMORE 3RD



MASTERS CLASS WINNER MATTHYS BOTHA 1ST



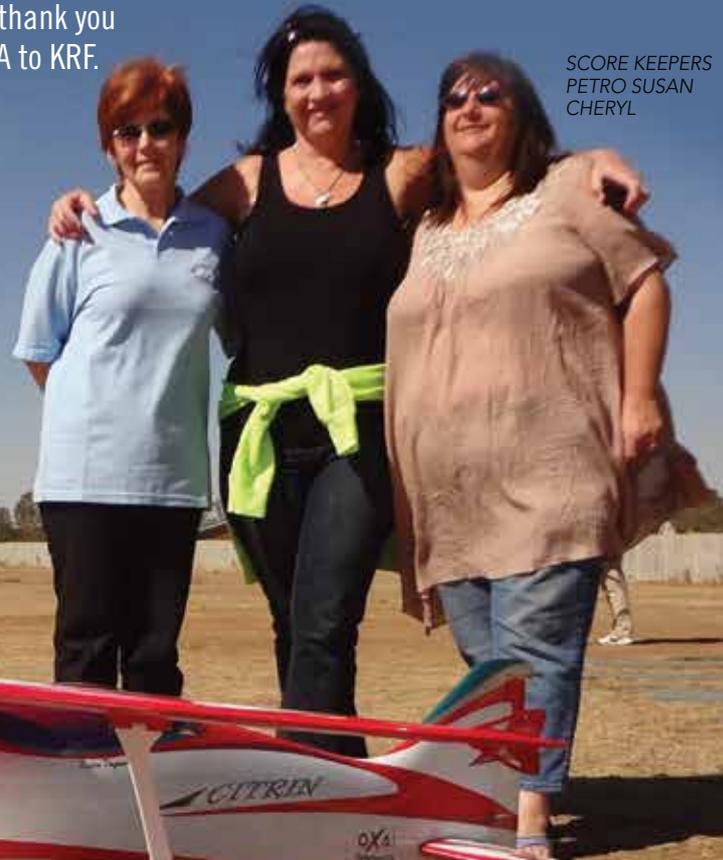
INTERMEDIATE
WINNERS
HUGO ERASMUS
2ND PIETER
BOTHA 1ST

The 2014 MAASA Masters was held at the Klerksdorp Radio Flyers Club in the North West Province, a venue that has hosted our year end MAASA Masters competition for a number of years, is well liked by all, very well organized and always a pleasure to be at. It is suffice is to say, a very big thank you from the MAASA to KRF.



2014 MASTERS CHAMPION ANDRE' STOCKWELL

SCORE KEEPERS
PETRO SUSAN
CHERYL



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Preparations for this event commenced well in advance. The Masters is a qualification event, and pilot's needs to qualify in order to enter, as based on their scores during the course of the year. The invitations for the Masters competition were sent out after the last MAASA League round, and it was then that the final number of eligible pilots was known. A change had been made at this year's MAASA AGM regarding the qualification criteria for the Masters, whereby regardless of the score magnitudes the top five pilots in each class automatically qualify and are invited. The Masters invitations were sent, and finally 12 pilots confirmed participation. Regrettably there was a late withdrawal, leaving 11 pilots to compete. Hopefully next year we will see more pilots from some of the other provinces such as Kwa-zulu Natal, Free State and Western Province.

The 2014 Masters is also the second of the three F3A Team selection events for the world champs to be held in Switzerland in 2015.

Officials were:

Judges: Chris Theron - MAASA Chief Judge, Ivan Olivier, Bob Skinner, Sebastian Sacca, Bruce Clark

Contest Director: Danie Potgieter (Snr)

Scorers: Petro Erasmus, Sheryl Clark, Susan Miller



GRANT BROOK



CALVIN SCHROLL & SEBASTIANO SACCA

Despite the relatively small entry, the competition amongst the F3A pilots and other classes was fierce. To give credence to this statement, it was only after the final round of the F3A class whereby everyone had to wait for the prize giving in order to find out who had finally won the 2014 F3A Masters.

In the lower classes, the winners were apparent before the final round. All competitors gave of their very best in all four rounds, with the respective winners well deserving of their achievements.

In the Masters class Matthys Botha (Bald Eagle) was the lone competitor, but therein lay a greater challenge as he had to re-maiden his repaired plane (the one extensively damaged at the 2014 Nationals when he had an incident with a predator bird – which the bird lost) and needed to get reacquainted with the plan and setup, all whilst competing.

He acquitted himself well, and his scores did justice to his flying ability.

Most pilots made the trek to Klerksdorp on the Friday, and after a number of practice flights, declared themselves ready to do battle. It is worth mentioning that for once the weather Gods were on the pilots' side and they were not challenged with the howling gales throughout the weekend that has almost been customary at the KRF venue.

This was a really a pleasant change, and the scores reflected the good conditions.

A rather leisurely 9'o clock pilots briefing, with flight order draws being made on the Saturday morning, saw flying underway at 09h30 with the Intermediate class first off, followed by Advanced, Masters and then F3A ending the first round.

It is fitting at this juncture that thanks go out to (in no preferential order) the Scorers, Judges and Contest Director.



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They are the unsung heroes, who diligently get on with their jobs, bear the brunt of a modicum of criticism from time to time and without whom no competition would ever happen. We thank and salute you. It also fitting that we thank the Club members of KRF, who present the best "junk food" on the circuit, and to you we say, "cheers, baie dankie - to a well done job".

Three rounds were completed on day one in all classes bar the Intermediate class. The day's flying ended at about 16h00. With favorite beverage in hand and good company to boot, everyone settled down to a very relaxing Saturday evening, ending with a scrumptious braai, all to the occasional outburst of applause from those watching the Sharks taking a hammering from the Lions. Much was discussed under the shelter into the night, and eventually everyone retired for a well deserved rest to face the challenges of the next day.

Sunday morning dawned, the weather absolutely sublime, but regrettably the dead calm only lasted until flying time, but as mentioned earlier was not too bad for the seasoned campaigners capable of handling the slight cross wind that prevailed to the end of the competition.

The remaining rounds of flying commenced at 09h00 with the Intermediate class, followed by the rest of classes, and ending with the Intermediates who had only had their two flights on the Saturday. This concluded competition flying for the weekend. Some of the F3A pilots then proceeded to have their own informal unknown sequence competition, flying one of the extremely challenging Unknown sequences from the recent USA Nationals. The skill with which they managed to get through most of the elements (when flying them for the first time) was impressive and is a tribute to the level of competition flying locally. Roston was flying his Citrin with a brand new contra rotating prop setup, and the benefits of this new technology on a biplane were very apparent when tackling the very complex sequences.

The competition was wrapped up with the prize giving, speeches of thanks and praise made by various officials and office bearers.



ROSTON TAKE-OFF



HUGO & NICO ERASMUS



CLINTON TAKE-OFF



PIETER BOTHA & ANDRE' STOCKWELL

The prize giving proceeded to conclusion, and each competitor was given a certification of achievement for qualifying and participating in the Masters. The winners were rewarded with great trophies. A special word of congratulations to Andre Stockwell, who narrowly beat Calvin Schroll to take the Masters F3A title after an extremely close contest that came down to the very last round.

In closing, a year of challenges, but despite all of them and to our dedicated members, a year we will remember and we look forward to a vibrant 2015.

ARTHUR EGGAR.

INTERMEDIATE

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| Pieter Botha | 3000 | 62.93 |
| Hugo Erasmus | 2825 | 59.19 |

ADVANCED

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| Michael Sacca | 3000 | 69.48 |
| Arthur Eggar | 2623 | 59.85 |
| Nico Erasmus | 2415 | 55.04 |

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| Matthys Botha | 3000 | 60.41 |
| Danie Potgieter | | 0 |

F3A

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| André Stockwell | 2994 | 73.87 |
| Calvin Schroll | 2976 | 73.11 |
| Roston Dugmore | 2889 | 71.15 |
| Clinton Carter-Brown | 2712 | 67.09 |
| Grant Brook | 2602 | 63.84 |