

HELDERBERG RADIO FLYERS **WESTERN PROVINCE CHAMPIONSHIPS** **COMPETITIVE SPIRIT**

28-29 MARCH 2015

THIRTEEN PILOTS ENJOYED THE ATMOSPHERE AND COMPETITIVE SPIRIT AT THIS YEARS WESTERN PROVINCE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

After years of hard work it seems that Pattern aerobatics is alive and healthy in the Western Cape.

This years Western Province championships, which is now an all Pattern event was held at the first class venue at Helderberg. HRF is one of the best flying facilities in the Cape and saw 13 pilots entering this years event.

GERHARD MITTON, 2ND IN MASTERS



“THE BEST WP CHAMPS FOR MANY YEARS, FANTASTIC WEATHER, WONDERFUL SPIRIT, COMPETITIVE FLYING”

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13 pilots flew 4 rounds in front of 5 judges over two days under clear blue skies and with little or no wind was open to some great flying.

First was Jacque in the Sportsman Class, Jacque had been promising to take part for a while, always saying, "not ready" but with some arm bending by other club members, he decided to enter. The idea really is to enjoy the event.

As Jacque approach the runway for his first flight, the sound of woodpeckers could be heard, NO, that's no woodpeckers it's the knees of Jacque!!

You know, that feeling will never go away no mater how long you fly this discipline, I blame it on the five judges, maybe if there were 5 beautiful women it might be different!

Anyway, Jacque with the help of fellow club member Rory, took to the sky. Flying in a straight line sound easy, but it just isn't and Jacque found that out.

His percentage improved up till the 4th round but still, that's the first event over, the next one should be easier.

The Intermediate class saw three entries, Peter, Mike and Sheraaz. Peter has been out of Pattern for some years but he has made a welcoming return to competition. Mike is still getting used to his new plane and Sheraaz has now got used to his Wind S50e.



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This is going to be a very competitive class, the three scores quite close on the fourth round with Peter winning that round. But before that, rounds 1, 2 were clearly won by Sheraaz, round three was very close between Sheraaz and Peter, with Sheraaz winning that. Mike was having a slight problem with the line but in round 4 he found it and joined the other two with a 50%.

Some very close flying in the end, but Sheraaz was the clear winner, but he can't stop practicing, Peter is hot on his heels.

A sad moment happened at the end of Peters 4th round flight. At HRF and along the edge of the N2 there are huge powers line, yep you guessed it. Hitting the lines is not a good thing and has a tendency of destroying your plane, that's what Peter found out, **OR** was he trying to convert his 2 stroke to electric!!

The three regulars in Advanced where at it again. Aubry showing a clean pair of heels to Cobus and Rory, well that was until round four when either Aubrey wasn't listening to his caller, or his caller gave the wrong instruction, but either way Aubrey lost that round which was won by Cobus.

Cobus had struggled on all of his rounds except for a good +60% of the final round. Rory also found the going tough and didn't manage to break in to the 60's. After all this, Aubry still won the round

ahead of Cobus and Rory.

Finally to the Masters class. Once again a very well supported class with 6 entries.

Ozzie joining in with a choice of two planes and loads of excuses found the maneuvers tough, the line tough, and tough to get over 50%. He managed to on his second round but it was clear that he needs to spend a lot more time learning the schedule. John Calefato who has been around a long time and has a wealth of experience was knocking on the 60% door, not quite breaking through.

Rodney, with a well sorted Osmose scored high 50's and finally a 60+ brought a big smile to his face, "wow is that what you look like when you are happy". Great flying.

The top three, Ernie, Gerhard and Stuart were left to fight for the top three places. Ernie and Gerhard had a very close battle with some good 60+ scores but they just couldn't match the flying of Stuart who was on form scoring three high 60+ scores and winning all four rounds and the clear Masters winner.

One other award was given to Gerhard Mitton, who was awarded the **PlaneCrazyRC** most improved pilot. The top three in each class won certificates and trophies, with the class winners winning gift voucher from **Micton Hobbies**.



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4 OF OUR JUDGES: MARTIN, LUDWIG, BERNUS, NIC AND KAS



JACQUE BORMAN – SPORTSMAN



PETER ALDRIDGE – 2ND INTERMEDIATE



MIKE RABELING – 3RD INTERMEDIATE



AUBREY SMITH – 1ST ADVANCED



COBUS MALAN - 2ND ADVANCED



RORY NETTERVILLE - 3RD ADVANCED



STUART NIX - 1ST P15 MASTERS



GERHARD MITTON - 2ND P15 MASTERS



ERNIE SMITH - 3RD P15 MASTERS

| | round 1 | round 2 | round 3 | round 4 | FINAL | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| | % / Normalized | % / Normalized | % / Normalized | % / Normalized | % / Normalized | |
| SPORTSMAN | | | | | | |
| Jacques Borman | 34.33 / 1000 | 40.17 / 1000 | 54.50 / 1000 | 47.00 / 1000 | 47.22 / 1000 | 1 |
| INTERMEDIATE | | | | | | |
| Sheraaz Suliman | 56.77 / 1000 | 53.64 / 1000 | 56.97 / 1000 | 50.71 / 919 | 55.79 / 3000 | 1 |
| Peter Aldridge | 37.68 / 664 | 48.28 / 900 | 55.76 / 979 | 55.15 / 1000 | 53.06 / 2879 | 2 |
| Mike Rabeling | 41.31 / 728 | 49.49 / 923 | 41.72 / 732 | 51.31 / 930 | 47.51 / 2585 | 3 |
| ADVANCED | | | | | | |
| Aubrey Smith | 61.93 / 1000 | 62.37 / 1000 | 66.07 / 1000 | 32.37 / 512 | 63.46 / 3000 | 1 |
| Cobus Malan | 53.93 / 871 | 61.48 / 986 | 57.26 / 867 | 63.26 / 1000 | 60.67 / 2857 | 2 |
| Rory Netterville | 54.52 / 880 | 55.04 / 882 | 53.85 / 815 | 57.93 / 916 | 55.83 / 2678 | 3 |
| MASTERS | | | | | | |
| Stuart Nix | 63.39 / 1000 | 67.22 / 1000 | 67.06 / 1000 | 67.33 / 000 | 67.20 / 3000 | 1 |
| Gerhard Mitton | 61.72 / 974 | 55.89 / 831 | 62.89 / 938 | 65.67 / 975 | 63.43 / 2887 | 2 |
| Ernie Smith | 56.00 / 883 | 61.83 / 920 | 59.50 / 887 | 63.94 / 950 | 61.76 / 2757 | 3 |
| Rodney Potter | 58.44 / 922 | 57.78 / 860 | 62.39 / 930 | 58.78 / 873 | 59.87 / 2725 | 4 |
| John Calefato | 51.89 / 819 | 57.06 / 849 | 59.56 / 888 | 58.06 / 862 | 58.22 / 2599 | 5 |
| Ozzie Parenzee | 49.78 / 785 | 55.94 / 832 | 49.72 / 742 | 46.72 / 694 | 51.81 / 2359 | 6 |

PlaneCrazyRC – Most improved pilot - Gerhard Mitton

SHERAAZ SULIMAN - 1ST INTERMEDIATE
 NOT PICTURED ABOVE

Despite the crash of Peter Aldridge, the event has to be put down as one of the best WP champs, Big thanks to all five judges, Martin, Nic, Bernus, Kas and Ludwig for there time over the weekend, to you all, enjoy the wine supplied by Boschklouf Wines.

Thanks to Lowe and Rodney for the catering, to the Sponsors, Micton Hobbies, Boschklouf Wines, PlaneCrazyRC, Matmone Construction and finally to Helderberg Radio Flyers. Let the show go on... next event 19 April at TMFC, league 1.