

Western Province *Championships*

20 AUGUST

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“THE WEATHER
FORCAST WAS FOR
HEAVY RAIN AND
STRONG WINDS FOR
THE SUNDAY, THE
PLAN WAS TO FINISH
ON THE SATURDAY”



WESTERN PROVINCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2016 Western Province Championships held at HRF once again organized fantastic weather for just one day.

As the 11 entries and 5 officials arrived at the club, it was cold with a moderate breeze. Rodney was busy in the kitchen preparing breakfast, wearing his red apron, didn't put anyone off from his great cooking.

After pilots briefing and breakfast the first round started with the Sportsman class.

Michael was first to go *"If only the wind was the other direction"* he told me he didn't like flying into the South Easter but had no choice which did show on his score.

Jacques was on great form with a stunning flight and high scores to win the round.

Maurice somehow thought that getting a bunch of 'O's might fool the judges but nope, his 39% was a try reflection on his flight.

So Jacques was the round one winner and that made Michael

mad with himself and decided to fly his 'Chocolate Side' for the remaining rounds. What a difference, his consistent and smooth flying blow the competition out of the water.

Michael was the clear winning of the remaining rounds ahead of Jacques.

Maurice improved really well with a second place on the final round, if only he had improved on round 3 as well, he might have come second.

Jacques had better watch out for the final league next month.



In the Advanced class Cobus was the clear winner but Rory had put in a load of practice over the past couple of weeks which really showed, in fact he was just behind Cobus on round one. Peter with his Envision was improving all the time and put in some really good flying. I think he is getting over the nerves of a new plane. A great score in round four but still could match the flying of Cobus and Rory. Next season, together with regulars Mike and Jacques it is going to be a real cracking class with Michael and Jacques moving up from

Sportsman class. In the Masters class the scoring is becoming very close. Neil has had it most his way this season but the others are close behind. Stuart winning the first round but only just of Rodney who has been putting in a load of weekly practice, which shows in his scores. Ernie battled most of the day and didn't break into the sixties. Ozzie, flying for the first time, Craig Bells monster told me it was the best plane he has ever flown, well his scores were the best all season, maybe it was true.



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The remaining rounds were won by Neil but Stuart and Rodney not far behind, "if only" I heard Stuart say after his final flight scoring a zero on the three turn spin, that might have won the class. Rodney also dropped a percent on the final round, maybe with the competition so close they were trying too hard.

Anyway great competition in all classes, the standard of flying is really great, the best for some years and showing great growth.

Most of the pilots have

qualified for the SA Masters and together with entries from northern provinces should be a fantastic event.

Congratulations to Neil, Rodney, Stuart who achieved Western Province Colours.

Thanks to all the Judges, Martin, Kas, Ludwig and Bernus, trainee Judge Jacques Botha for there dedication, also André keeping the event to schedule.

Finally to HRF members for giving up a day of there flying for this great event.

	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	FINAL	
SPORTSMAN						
Michael	57.27 / 952	67.58 / 1000	62.58 / 1000	65.00 / 1000	65.05 / 3000	1
Jacques	60.15 / 1000	56.52 / 836	54.24 / 867	59.39 / 914	58.69 / 2781	2
Maurice	39.09 / 650	38.33 / 567	48.48 / 775	59.55 / 916	49.04 / 2341	3
ADVANCED						
Cobus	64.78 / 1000	65.58 / 1000	66.45 / 1000	11.67 / 189	65.60 / 3000	1
Rory	63.04 / 973	58.91 / 898	59.93 / 902	61.74 / 1000	61.57 / 2875	2
Peter	46.96 / 725	45.80 / 698	50.07 / 754	56.01 / 907	51.01 / 2386	3
Mike	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	0.00 / 0	
MASTERS						
Neil	58.78 / 905	65.61 / 1000	68.00 / 1000	62.61 / 1000	65.41 / 3000	1
Stuart	64.94 / 1000	60.56 / 923	65.94 / 970	60.89 / 972	63.93 / 2942	2
Rodney	63.11 / 972	65.11 / 992	62.00 / 912	59.67 / 953	63.41 / 2917	3
Ernie	57.61 / 887	59.89 / 913	50.94 / 749	55.06 / 879	57.52 / 2679	4
Ozzie	49.17 / 757	46.17 / 704	50.89 / 748	50.67 / 809	50.24 / 2315	5

Fantastic pictures once again from Michael Borchards

Special thanks to Rodney for organising the food and cooking breakfast and lunch, just brilliant.



