

SMAA - WILD CLOVER

BEING FLEXABLE!

25 MARCH

“ RODNEY TESTED THE STRENGTH OF THE ALLURE'S LANDING GEAR, OR WAS IT AN AEROBATICS CLASS ”

DARK CLOUDS MADE WAY TO CLEAR SKIES AND STUNNING FLYING CONDITIONS.

A reasonable entry arrived at the very picturesque venue, SMAA Wild Clover near Stellenbosch.

Unfortunately both Sportsman regulars had other planes for the day which left only Advanced and Masters pilots for this second league and Masters qualifying event.

Three in advanced class, Michael, Rory and Pieter, close flying on the first round but on the second round Pieter forgot to listen to Charlie, his caller and lost his way. This allowed Rory and Michael to fight for the win, Michael came out on top, but only just. Round three was clearly won by Rory who is putting in some really great flying, 58%, so close to the sixty.



Round four, Rory had damaged his landing gear on the previous day and opted to miss this round out, his fix just not lasting the event.

Michael tried a little too hard and scored his worst flight of the day but still managed to beat Pieter who did listen to Charlie a little more.

Masters class was full of excitement. Five regulars and some very close scores.

Round one was won by Stuart but only just ahead of Ernie, on Stuart's final approach from the left hand side just missed the tree, giving his caller a heart attached, all Stuart could say, ***"was that behind the tree when I lost sight of it"***,

Stuart extended his lead after round two with a great flight and a very respectable 59%. Ernie once again right on his heels and ahead of Gerhard, Rodney and Cobus.

Gerhard hit the sweet spot on round three and took the win, very, very close was Stuart and Ernie, Rodney improved and Cobus found the going a little hard.



Fourth round when to Stuart who put in a steady flight and was very consistent on all rounds. Ernie had opted to fly the 'Zonda' of Cobus but battled with the set-up which showed in his score. Rodney made a come back for second ahead of Gerhard and an improved Cobus.

A great fun event, some good flying and not so good flying.

A great venue that a couple of us stayed behind to sample to food and craft beer at the Wild Clover brewery.

Thanks to Jacques for setting up the line, to Bernus, Kas and Jacques for judging the event and to all the pilots who turned out and finally to Michael for the fantastic pictures.

Looking forward to round 3 at HRF - Sunday 22 April.



	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 4	FINAL	
	%	%	%	%	%	
ADVANCED						
Rory	55.56	55.42	58.19	0	56.39	1
Michael	53.26	55.83	51.74	46.81	53.61	2
Pieter	52.36	35.97	53.06	44.58	50.00	3
MASTERS						
Stuart	57.72	59.22	58.89	58.83	58.98	1
Ernie	56.67	57.83	58.33	39.44	57.61	2
Gerhard	54.22	55.72	59.11	55.17	56.67	3
Rodney	0	51.22	56.44	56.17	54.61	4
Cobus	54.72	49.44	51.56	54.17	53.48	5