

2014 WESTERN PROVINCE CHAMPS

A BREAK IN THE WEATHER

7 JUNE



AFTER A WEEK OF RAIN, WIND AND VERY COLD CONDITIONS, THE CAPE SUPPLIED A FANTASTIC DAY FOR FLYING.

It started off very cold, but clear skies greeted the pilots. The forecast was cold but calm conditions, this was the case until mid morning when the wind picked up to 30km and tested all the pilots in the third and fourth rounds. It was tough for all 13 pilots

to keep the line and land, but we all managed to complete all four rounds. Tim making a one wheel landing coming to a stop on the runway on one wheel, just brilliant. Claude kept the event running on time, thank you Claude. "Cheers"

Food was supplied by Claude sister Gillian, a thankless job but very welcomed by all pilots, helpers and judges. The plan was for all 13 pilots to fly 4 rounds in one day. The forecast for Sunday was wild and wet, so we had no choice. And we managed it.



“COLD BUT A CALM START TO THE DAY, 4 ROUNDS X 13 PILOTS IN ONE DAY, CHEERS”

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Sheraaz keeping a close eye on the competition



We started at 8:30 and finished at 4pm, a great event.

So the **Intermediate** class started us off, Sheraaz, (**PlaneCrazyRC**) was on form coming second behind Mike and in front of Arthur in round one. Mike was on real form winning all four rounds which left Arthur and Sheraaz to fight for second and third spots. Arthur took the second and fourth relegating Sheraaz to third. Arthur not to happy with his performance and he did feel that having to score and fly didn't mix very well and only wants to score after he has flown at the next event.

Well done to Mike for being a clear winner but I am sure with a bit more practice, Arthur and Sheraaz will fighting for top position.



Arthur, ready to take off



Lots of chit-chat



Nick, nice food!!)

Advanced regulars, Rory and Cobus were joined this time by Ozzie and Tim. Ozzie did have some engine issues in his Azurit, pulled of a great dead stick landing on his first round. Tim also had issues and followed Ozzie in round one. This left Rory and Cobus. Rory had finger trouble I think, well that's what it looked like and left Cobus as the clear winner of rounds one and two. Ozzie again had plane issues in round two but managed a full flight in rounds three and four. In fact he finished second in the last round.

Rory and Cobus were really in a class of there own and to fight for top gun was between them. In the end Cobus winning 3 out of four rounds gave hime the win, in front of Rory, Tim and Ozzie.

A very healthy entry for the **Masters** class, 7 entered but Claude had decided to help and took the roll of CD, Rodney who never managed to get his 4 stroke started missed all 4 rounds, sorry Rodney!! So this left 5 pilots. Regular Ernie and Stuart where joined by John, Gerhard and Kurt, welcome back Kurt.

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Cobus watch my plane



John Calefato

Stuart had decided to fly his new DeJaVu but after scoring a very bad first round decided to fly his well set-up Envision. Kurt was on top form, his flying was spot on with a 61% first round score way ahead of the rest. Round two was won by Stuart, the highest score of the day which would win him the *"PlaneCrazyRC" highest percentage score award*. The Envision really showing its true colors. This relegated Kurt to second just ahead of Ernie, Gerhard and Johnny. The scores very close for fourth and fifth.

Gerhard was a clear winner of the third round, Stuart making a stupid mistake gave a '0' score on a high 'K' maneuver put him down in fifth place. At the end of the third round the class was wide open. Ernie was improving but had left it a bit late.

Round four, Kurt, Gerhard, Ernie and John, all had very good flights, all scoring mid 50's, John had his best round just behind Ernie who also improved. But this left one flight, Stuart had to pull off a great round to win, and he did just that scoring a 60+ to win the round and the event.

So the 2014 Western Province Championships was all over, 12 pilots x 4 flights in one day, a huge thanks to Claude who keep his finger on the clock, to Nick, Ludwig and Martin, our regular Judges, to Arthur for helping me with scoring and Gillian for the food.

Thanks to the Sponsors, Hobby Warehouse, PlaneCrazyRC, Pro-Sec, Square Edge Design, and at the prize giving it was decided by all the pilots and Judges to award the ARF raffle plane, supplied by Square Edge, to Lawrence, Mikes caller and friend who had crashed his plane a few weeks before while practicing.

Finally thanks to HRF committee and members who allowed us to use HRF for this great event.



Mike - Intermediate



Cobus - Advanced



Stuart - Masters



Stuart - Highest % score

INTERMEDIATE

1	Mike	49.90	56.77	53.43	51.21	53.80
2	Arthur	47.27	54.24	47.68	50.00	50.64
3	Sheraaz	47.68	53.84	49.09	46.77	50.20

ADVANCED

1	Cobus	56.52	52.39	46.01	59.93	56.28
2	Rory	42.97	42.03	48.91	49.57	47.15
3	Tim	12.83	36.38	36.45	46.01	39.61
4	Ozzie	17.97	25.58	40.87	50.51	38.99

MASTERS

1	Stuart	53.72	62.17	52.39	60.22	58.70
2	Kurt	61.00	57.67	56.83	55.22	58.50
3	Ernie	56.00	50.44	54.33	57.72	56.02
4	Gerhard	51.22	49.61	58.17	55.89	55.09
5	John	48.28	49.61	54.44	54.39	53.81

Stuart - Highest percentage score 62.17