



KZN Championships June 16-17

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(REPORT BY LEON COETZEE)

This competition, arranged and co-ordinated by the KZN Pattern Aerobatics Association, was held at Emoyeni Aviation Park over the weekend 16th and 17th June.



Neil Allen - KZNPA Chairman

Jason Barker - F3A class winner

Emoyeni is a lovely country air park with reasonably priced en suite accommodation. It is used for full size sport aircraft. The full size planes did not interfere with the competition at all as air traffic was constantly monitored and controlled via two way radio.

A two hundred meter runway with short, well kept grass was specially constructed for radio control model aircraft by the owners, Bryan and Brenda.

The ambience, looking over the green rolling hills and valleys of rural KwaZulu-Natal, was considered unique by competitors, especially those from up country.

Leon Coetzee, Competition Director, with the assistance of Neil Allen KZNPA Chairman, using GPS via Google, and considering the various sun positions, had predetermined

the flag positions and asked that the committee assist in setting up the field on the Wednesday prior to the event.

The whole committee of eight arrived at the field before nine in the morning. Fred Wilkinson, coming all the way from his project in Zambia, kindly lent us his aluminium poles and he and three others erected them. Because of the slope, the right hand pole was the equivalent of four stories high and held in place by eight guy ropes.

The rest of the fellows painted the lines, set up the judges’ seating line, aircraft ready boxes and pit area.

By the afternoon of that day a few of the pilots were practising on the competition ready field in fairly windy conditions even though official practise was only on the Friday.



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Fantastic venue just outside Pietermaritzburg





Ivan and his Judges and Scribes working



Masters pilots in the shade



Wolfgang Matts Peridot, now in the hands of Clint

Very close competition between Andre Stockwell and Jason Barker for F3A top honours

Friday through Sunday was cloudless. The winds were relatively light but made flying slightly more challenging as thermal activity caused wind direction changes.

With the Pattern Nationals having been recently held and the Top Gear activities in Durban plus two other model events in Gauteng taking place at the same time, the entry number was less than hoped for at fifteen. This was reduced to fourteen when keen local Sportsman pilot, Mike Wyatt, had problems which resulted in a damaged plane the day before the competition.

Good pub food and refreshments were available every day at Emoyeni and on the competition days a snack bar was set up close to the proceedings to keep everyone fed and happy.

Ivan Olivier, MAASA Chief Judge, went to pains in pointing out the downgrades during the three judges' briefings and warm up flights. This helped in establishing remarkable consistency in the judges' scores.

There were five judges on the line for all the three classes flown, Sportsman, Masters and F3a. Apart from Ivan the other four judges, Bruce Clark, Fred Wilkinson, Des Cooper and Ian Morris, were all from KZN.

The KZN judges proved their capability and the scribes, not in short supply, were all capable pilots and local judges.

Grant Brook, well known regular F3a pilot, came down from Rand Airport in his helicopter, his pattern plane by his side. He absolutely delighted our thirteen year old scoring runner, Dilin, by taking him for a flip!



JohnBrink and caller Andre stockwell



Jason, most improved KZN pilot



Good pub food and refreshments



Big thanks always to the Judges



Contest Director, Leon Coetzee with Arthur and Neil

Jason Barker also received a certificate for the most improved KZN Pilot.

The line director, Johan Britz, ensured no delays and smooth running of the flight sequence. Flying was of a reasonably high standard with strong competition in the classes.

There were no major mishaps of any kind to spoil the friendly but competitive atmosphere that existed during the course of events.

In F3a there was very close competition between Andre Stockwell and Jason Barker for top honours, with Jason managing to edge into first place.

Despite Bertie Viljoen winning two of the rounds, consistent flying saw Mark Savage take top spot in Masters. Unfortunately for Bertie he got the manoeuvre order wrong in his third flight and lost valuable points. Mark won one round and Neil Allen the other. Neil, during his fourth and best round, had bolts work loose on his motor causing him to abort and zero half the schedule; despite this he still managed third place in Masters!

Speedy van Niekerk, Sportsman winner, had no up country competition however, his good scores reflected the time and effort he has put into practice.

First place in all three classes went to KZN pilots; maybe home town advantage and being used to denser air helped!

The competition ended midday on Sunday in time for lunch, drinks and prize giving allowing the up country visitors to make a reasonably early getaway for their drive back home.

At the prize giving Leon Coetzee handed over to Neil Allen who thanked all officials, judges and competitors; especially those from afar.

Mark Savage, winner of Masters, donated some model building materials to judges and officials.

Special thanks went to Arthur Eggar, MAASA Chairman, for the donation of shirts, beanies and stickers.

Colin Addis who, together with capable wife Margie, completed the scoring in record time, then announced the results.

Our sponsor and MAASA chairman, Arthur Eggar of ARE Enterprises, handed out the trophies (unique cut glass engraved wine bottle stoppers) and certificates for the first three in each class.

Leon Coetzee then announced the event closed and thanked Brenda and Bryan for the great catering and use of their facilities. They had flown Karoo lamb in their own plane from a farm in the Karoo for the tasty potjie kos enjoyed by all who attended the Saturday night dinner.

Results

Sportsman

Contestant No	Name	Result Rnd 1		Result Rnd 2		Result Rnd 3		Result Rnd 4		Average Best		Pilot Position
		Percent	Normalized									
1	Steven van Niekerk	56.09%	1000	63.77%	1000	67.97%	1000	63.19%	1000	64.98%	3000	1
2	Arthur Colby	50.87%	907	51.74%	811	49.28%	725	44.64%	706	50.63%	2443	2
3	Mike Wyatt	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	4
4	Dave Greer	37.39%	667	44.93%	705	49.28%	725	52.61%	833	48.94%	2262	3

Masters

Contestant No	Name	Result Rnd 1		Result Rnd 2		Result Rnd 3		Result Rnd 4		Average Best		Pilot Position
		Percent	Normalized									
5	Bertie Viljoen	57.89%	938	64.78%	1000	59.89%	914	66.67%	1000	63.78%	2938	2
6	John Dorse	46.17%	748	58.00%	895	60.28%	920	59.00%	885	59.09%	2701	4
7	Arthur Eggar	52.00%	842	54.72%	845	56.33%	860	56.83%	853	55.96%	2557	6
8	Neil Allen	57.00%	923	61.61%	951	65.50%	1000	46.17%	693	61.37%	2875	3
9	John Clements	43.72%	708	53.33%	823	49.94%	763	58.50%	878	53.93%	2463	7
10	Mark Savage	61.72%	1000	62.78%	969	65.17%	995	64.94%	974	64.30%	2969	1
11	John Brink	45.39%	735	54.56%	842	57.61%	880	61.33%	920	57.83%	2642	5

F3A

Contestant No	Name	Result Rnd 1		Result Rnd 2		Result Rnd 3		Result Rnd 4		Average Best		Pilot Position
		Percent	Normalized									
1	Grant Brook	64.67%	892	62.17%	827	48.95%	728	49.29%	711	58.71%	2447	4
2	Jason Barker	72.50%	1000	75.17%	1000	67.29%	1000	69.33%	1000	72.33%	3000	1
3	Andre Stockwell	70.89%	978	74.89%	996	65.86%	979	68.33%	986	71.37%	2961	2
4	Clint Carter-Brown	64.00%	883	67.56%	899	57.10%	849	57.76%	833	63.11%	2630	3

At the end of it all, this was a truly successful and enjoyable competition and, as the revered F3A pilot, Andre Stockwell, commented about pilots who could not attend: "It's their loss for not being at a great event!"



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Prize giving

