

PRETORIA RADIO FLYERS

TO THE POWER HOUSE OF PATTERN

31 MAY 2015



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Sunday, May 31 and our Gauteng Pilots made their way to the powerhouse of pattern flying, Pretoria Radio Flyers. Warm and calm conditions were the order of the day, and the scene was set for an epic battle. The facilities, was of world class, with beautiful grass, and smooth runways.

A nice turnout on this warm winter day, seeing 14 pilots entering for the event, with a few late apologies. It was good to see

that yet again there were 2 new Sportsman pilots at the event, good news, as we have had new pilots at each and every Gauteng event this year.

Welcome Len De Villiers and Matthew Deutschmann, we are looking forward to seeing you at our future events.

Being a League event, our F3A class is set to start first, this gave our Sportsman pilots a chance to see how the competition is run, and what to expect.

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Sportsman: 2 Pilots, and 20 Push-ups later. As per our tradition, our new pilots had to get down and shake the shakes, by doing the traditional 10 x Push ups each. And once completed these pilots were ready for their first rounds in Precision aerobatics. The first round was the ice breaker, and boy was the ice broken, both pilots, trying their best to keep the line. But once done, they knew exactly what was expected of them, and in the very next rounds we saw different pilots manning the sticks! Great work guys! It's so nice to see how someone's flying can improve

exponentially in just 2 rounds. In the end there had to be a winner, and on this day we had 2. In 2nd Place, junior pilot Matthew ended with an excellent score of 47.88%, and in 1st place with some excellent flying and some solid rounds was Len with an average score of 67.25%. Well done guys, we hope you enjoyed the day, and would love to see you return in future.

Intermediate: Again 2 Pilots entering for the event. But competition was fierce between Hercules Myburgh and Chris O'Connell,

both winning rounds in the 1st and 2nd legs of the competition, this made it a winner takes all, final round. In the end Hercules pulled through flying the best round in his class for the day Hercules finished with a total score of 62.42%, followed by Chris who lost out on the normalized scoring, but with a higher average of 62.95%. Well done guys.

Advanced: 2 Pilots, Pieter and Dereck duking it out for the 1st place, with some seriously close flying, the rounds came down to a few k factor decisions. But in the end Pieter took top honours, besting Dereck. We are

sure to see these 2 pilots in future to see who gets the title of champ in their class. Dereck's Score was 59.11%, and Pieter ended up scoring 57.28%, but it all boiled down to Normalized scoring, With Pieter Botha on 2000.

Masters: 4 Top Pilots Entered into Masters, Danie Potgieter jr, Freddy Kotze, Rui Martins, and Max Buizer. All of them able to hold their own on the flying field, and the scene was set for the day.

The day saw some interesting happenings in and around this class, with Danie flying a plane he only maiden a week prior to the competition, and some turmoil in the



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closing round where a missed call resulted some missed flying, when caller Matthys Botha's mind was not at the job in hand... but rather somewhere else... he is still apologetic about it.

In the End the results were as follows: 4th place went to Max Buizer with a score of 55%, 3rd to Rui Martins with 63.22%, the normalized factor playing its role again in the results here. 2nd Place went to Freddy who was lucky given his last round debacle with a score of 61.86%. And in 1st place Danie Potgieter Jr. who took all the rounds scoring a fantastic 70.56% well done guys!



F3A: And a Pattern is appearing in the "random" flight draws, as Matthys Botha, once again draws the dreaded Number 1 Ball. In a way it's a good thing as for the rest of the day he gets to watch the other competitors fly before he steps up to the plate. The 3 Rounds flown has shown us all that the Protea Team is ready for the Worlds in just 2 Months' Time, with the 3 Top pilots flying very high scores. It was also good to see that their practice sessions paid off, with the pilots fixing the problems raised during their team practice. Well done Guys, I have big hopes for you at the worlds!



In 4th place was Matthys with and average score of 1689, 3rd place was given to Clinton Carter-Brown with a score of 1857, 2nd place went to Roston Dugmore with 1944, and in 1st place Andre Stockwell, who flew exceptionally, Congratulations Andre it's a pleasure to see you fly.



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With the rounds completed, and the Boeries Consumed, it was time for our pilots to make their ways home. We would like to thank the members of Pretoria Radio flyers for lending us their beautiful facility for the day. We would also like to thank our Judges, Ivan, Chris, and Stadler for judging our pilots, making the day what it was. A Big Thank you to our CD for the day Oom Danie, who kept the pilots in order and on their toes, Thanks Oom Danie, we really appreciate the time and effort that goes into coordinating the event like you do. We would also like to extend our Thanks to the official Sponsor for Maasa Gauteng, JB Switchgear solutions, Thank you for the contributions you give towards us.

Last but not least, thanks to the Maasa Gauteng Committee for making such a great day possible, Thanks to the Boerie Team for once again blowing us away with awesome food. All in all the day was spectacular, The Next big event is the nationals in 2 weeks followed by our Friendly at the end of the month. We hope to see you all there. And as always, Fly Safe (and inverted)

Maasa Gauteng



Sportsman								
Len de Villiers	56.00	1000	66.00	1000	68.50	1000	67.25	2000
Matthew Deutschmann	10.00	179	50.25	761	45.50	664	47.88	1426
Intermediate								
Hercules Myburgh	58.94	1000	51.21	837	65.9	1000	62.42	2000
Chris O'Connell	52.42	889	61.21	1000	64.70	982	62.95	1982
Advanced								
Pieter Botha	55.11	1000	57.00	1000	57.56	914	57.28	2000
Dereck Butow	50.44	915	55.22	969	63.00	1000	59.11	1969
Masters								
Danie Potgieter jr.	67.94	1000	68.56	1000	72.56	1000	70.56	2000
Freddy Kotze	57.39	845	66.33	968	32.78	452	61.86	1812
Rui Martins	56.17	827	65.50	955	60.94	840	63.22	1795
Max Buizer	54.61	804	51.44	750	55.39	763	55.00	1567
F3A								
Andre' Stockwell	72.50	1000	73.83	1000	69.24	1000	73.17	2000
Roston Dugmore	70.44	972	71.17	964	67.33	972	70.81	1944
Clinton Carter-Brown	67.22	927	68.67	930	64.10	926	67.94	1857
Matthys Botha	61.50	848	62.06	840	54.52	787	61.78	1689