



JOHN BRINK MEMORIAL 2015 18 OCTOBER 2015 MASTERS

The end of the flying year and also the end of a two year season saw 20 pilots qualifying for entry to the Masters Invitational event...

...A further two Sportsman class pilots made representation to the committee to be allowed to enter. They had flown in 3 qualifying events but as there was no membership fee for first time Sportsman pilots in 2015 they were under

the impression that it was not necessary to complete a membership application form. How wrong they were!!!

This will not be a problem in 2016 as the new fee structure will kick in and new Sportsman pilots will pay a membership fee of R150pa.

“THE COMPETITION WAS DEDICATED TO THE LATE JOHN BRINK”



The competition was dedicated to the late John Brink who passed away at the beginning of October after a long battle with cancer.

John represented South Africa at the F3A World Championships in 1973, 1977 and 1979. In 1979 he placed 16th overall. John was also team manager more than once where he shared his vast experience with the team members. John was a founding member of MAASA and Chairman for a number of years. He represented MAASA at CIAM, the international body that approves changes to our sport and in 2014 he received life membership of MAASA in recognition of his contribution to precision aerobatics.

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MAASA received 10 entries for the Masters. Unfortunately, due to the distance involved the qualifiers from Western Cape were not able to travel the distance. As promised, the MAASA committee will make every effort to accommodate the WP competitors in 2016. The growth of Pattern Aerobatics in the Western Cape has been one of the highlights of 2015.

At sunrise on Sunday morning people started arriving thick and fast. The lines and flags were put up in short order. It was an oddly chilly morning. Quite out of sorts with the heat wave we have been experiencing.

Everything became clear when our friends from Klerksdorp arrived. We knew then that they had brought their weather with them!

As per usual it is a dingdong battle between Sam and Len in Sportsman. Sam won at the Gauteng champs in September, but Len took the day at the Masters.

It was only after the competition that the excuses came out with Sam bemoaning his late night partying the night before!!!

Our two competitors who are in a class of their own!! Chris who has shown that he has 'Mastered' Intermediate class and Freddie who is truly the Master of Masters with a 69.52% average!

With intermediate class falling away in 2016 we will see Chris in Advanced and Freddie has indicated that he is ready for F3A! Good luck guys.

We had a close battle in Advanced. Pieter wrapping it up in the final round to get his 3000 normalised points, closely followed by Nico and Dereck.

F3A - With Calvin withdrawing at the last minute Grant was now assured of a 2nd place! With his second trophy of the year at Provincial/National level he is now entrenched in the top three!!!! It is just Andre' hanging on for dear life!! The lack of stress seemed to work and there were presentable scores all around.



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Grant's first F-schedule started well enough but after the first manoeuvre disaster struck. Power from the trusty motor started coming in bursts and at the top of the 3rd manoeuvre the motor just said "howzit". With a stiff wind pushing out and the contra powered Citrin biplane that glides like a brick it couldn't have happened at a better spot. Nose down and head for home was the only option. Plane safe on the ground but out of the competition. Congratulations

to Andre' Stockwell for winning F3A once again and securing the Masters trophy for another year.

Thank you to Irene Radio Flyers for the use of their facilities. Thank you to our officials, our ever reliable Contest Director Oom Danie Potgieter and judges Chris Theron, Sebastiano Sacca, Martin Knoetzen and Stadler Brits. Last but not least, the guys on and off the MAASA committee who stepped up to the plate to ensure that

everything ran smoothly.

Hopefully with the new schedules in 2016 comes renewed enthusiasm. The new schedules are available for download on the MAASA website at <http://maasa.co.za/schedules2017.php>.

The MAASA committee would like to wish all our members and supporters a peaceful Christmas period and a prosperous 2016. Keep those wings level!!!!

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SPORTSMAN - LEN AND SAM



ADVANCED - PIETER, NICO AND DERECK



MASTERS - FREDDIE INTERMEDIATE - CHRIS



F3A - GRANT AND ANDRE



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RESULTS

Sportsman

Len De Villiers	59.17 / 1000	63.33 / 1000	61.33 / 1000	63.67 / 1000	62.78 / 3000	1
Sam Lusenga	48.00 / 811	49.67 / 784	58.17 / 948	58.67 / 921	55.50 / 2681	2

Intermediate

Chris O' Connel	58.48 / 1000	63.74 / 1000	67.37 / 1000	61.92 / 1000	64.34 / 3000	1
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Advanced

Pieter Botha	60.59 / 1000	62.15 / 1000	63.11 / 951	64.00 / 1000	63.09 / 3000	1
Nico Erasmus	54.67 / 902	58.81 / 946	66.37 / 1000	57.04 / 891	60.74 / 2849	2
Dereck Butow	52.30 / 863	58.96 / 949	57.33 / 864	61.26 / 957	59.19 / 2770	3

Masters

Freddie Kotze	66.11 / 1000	68.06 / 1000	72.00 / 1000	68.50 / 1000	69.52 / 3000	1
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F3A

Andre Stockwell	71.33 / 1000	72.56 / 1000	68.48 / 1000	69.81 / 1000	71.23 / 3000	1
Grant Brooke	67.33 / 944	67.67 / 933	6.00 / 88	0	47.00 / 1964	2

