

SNOOPIES SQUADRON

# JOHN CLEMENTS MEMORIAL LEAGUE

22 FEBRUARY 2015



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On Sunday our Gauteng Pilots travelled to the western parts of Johannesburg to compete in the John Clements memorial league, which was held at Snoopie’s near Randfontein.

On Saturday the whole of Johannesburg was overcast with random showers, but Sunday was a whole different picture, Clear Skies, and a cool crisp morning breeze blowing.

The Turnout for this event was spectacular, with a total of 17 pilots entering. Unfortunately we had 3 late cancellations, due to some plane problems. But the numbers were up, and we were set for yet another great day! We were also met by some familiar faces, Pierre Marais & Danie Potgieter Jr. paying a visit to the John Clements event.

During the Pilots briefing each pilot received a special keepsake

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to place in their flight boxes, so we can keep John Clements in our thoughts. John was a good friend, and we will miss him dearly. John passed away in January of 2015, and our thoughts and best wishes go out to his family and friends.

**Sportsman**, 4 pilots entered, but due to unforeseen last minute problems 3 of our pilots had to withdraw, but rest assured they said, they will be back and we are bound to see them at the next event. Good news for Chris O' Connel, as he is now top of the log in the Sportsman standings, with an average Score of 57,17%. Well Done Chris, some nice flying there. You can only extend your lead at the next one.

**Intermediate**, and Hercules has scored a masters qualifier score at this event 60.35%, well done Hercules, keep up the good flying! Hercules was also our resident photographer of the day, and the pictures themselves speak a thousand words. Thanks Hercules.

**Advanced**, 3 Pilots, and it seems that this year, the competition is on. Reigning Champ Pieter Botha Fielding his Krill Spark placed 3rd on the day with a score of 50.56%, I'm sure there is some trimming to be done, and we are bound to see him improve on his scores. 2nd Place was awarded to Dereck Butow, who put in some solid rounds his average score was 55.37%.



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In 1st Place, Nico Erasmus, Congratulations Nico, it would seem that Hugo and you are indeed the perfect combination of Caller and Pilot. Well Done guys. Nico placed 1st with an average score of 58.41%.

**Masters**, favourable conditions for the pilots from PTA, with Max in 3rd place with an average score of 60.08%, Freddie placed 2nd with some good flights in the bag, and his scores were 63.83%. But the honours went to resident member and our international Pilot for the day, Chris Halgreen, flying the new Angel's Shadow, featuring a T-Can of note, and a Brenner drive Contra. Well Done Chris, that plane flies like it deserves 67,78%.

**F3A**, 6 Pilots entered.

In 6th place, Captain Misfortune himself, after damaging his Citrin Bipe at the NW champs with an unfortunate incident with a scale, Matthys Botha fielded the plane that got him his nickname "Bald Eagle", scoring an average score of 56.92% his luck is bound to change some day, as at one stage he was biting at the heels of 5th Placed competitor Grant Brook, who scored an average score of 63.19%. In 4th place, was Clinton Carter-Brown, who also flew a newly prepared plane the BJ Craft Bi-Side, Clinton unfortunately donated his Peridot to the Carbon/Balsa gods, prior to the NW Champs. But rumour has it there was a Citrin Bipe in the making which he tested on Sunday, watch this space.

Top 3, and boy were the scores close, in 3rd place, was Calvin Schroll, with a normalized score of 1866, 2nd place and the top 2 spots were only separated by 8 normalized points. Roston Dugmore, with a normalized score of 1992, Roston won the "F" round with an amazing score of 71.57%. 1st place.

Some people say: "if you listen closely you can hear him hum the P-Schedule, in reverse", and that the reason for his ultra-light weight planes are, that gravity is twice as strong at his home.

All I know is that he is Called Andre' Stockwell. Well done Andre' yet another win under the belt. Andre placed 1st with an average score of 73.14%.

All in all, it was a special day, and we enjoyed having it in memory of our good friend John Clements.

A big Thanks to the Organizers of the event, lots of work went into this one. We would also like to Thanks Snoopie's for having us use their facilities for the day. The field looked spectacular and it's not every day that we get to overshoot the runway and land on grass the same calibre as Golf Courses.

**THANKS TO THE HUGE AMOUNT OF JUDGES THAT WERE WILLING TO SIT IN THE BLAZING SUN, AS WELL AS A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR CD, DANIE POTGIETER SNR.**

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Without you guys, our events would cease to function.

We would also like to thank JB Switchgear Solutions for the contributions they have made towards Maasa Gauteng. They really assist in keeping the clock ticking over in Gauteng. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Boerie Braai Team, the "Wilds Wors" did not stand a chance of surviving, and they were gone as soon as they were packed out.

The next League event will be held in Klerksdorp on the 15th of March, and you are all invited to attend. Maasa Gauteng will then get together for their Monthly competition to be held at Modderontein Radio Flyers on the 29th of March, we hope to see you all there.

And as always, Fly Safe (and inverted).

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|                      | round 1 |      | round 2 |      | round 3 |      | FINAL  |      |
|----------------------|---------|------|---------|------|---------|------|--------|------|
| <b>SPORTSMAN</b>     |         |      |         |      |         |      |        |      |
| Chris O' Connel      | 54.17   | 1000 | 57.50   | 1000 | 56.83   | 1000 | 57.17  | 2000 |
| <b>INTERMEDIATE</b>  |         |      |         |      |         |      |        |      |
| Hercules Myburgh     | 56.77   | 1000 | 60.91   | 1000 | 59.80   | 1000 | 60.35  | 2000 |
| <b>ADVANCED</b>      |         |      |         |      |         |      |        |      |
| Nico Erasmus         | 58.89   | 1000 | 57.93   | 1000 | 57.78   | 000  | 58.41  | 2000 |
| Dereck Butow         | 56.22   | 955  | 54.52   | 941  | 53.26   | 922  | 55.37  | 1896 |
| Pieter Botha         | 48.96   | 831  | 52.15   | 900  | 48.52   | 840  | 50.56  | 1740 |
| <b>MASTERS</b>       |         |      |         |      |         |      |        |      |
| Chris Halgreen       | 64.89   | 100  | 66.28   | 1000 | 69.28   | 1000 | 67.78  | 2000 |
| Freddie Kotze        | 61.44   | 947  | 64.33   | 971  | 63.33   | 914  | 63.83  | 1918 |
| Max Buizer           | 58.94   | 908  | 56.72   | 856  | 61.22   | 884  | 60.08% | 1792 |
| <b>F3A</b>           |         |      |         |      |         |      |        |      |
| Andre' Stockwell     | 73.39   | 1000 | 72.89   | 1000 | 66.57   | 930  | 75.14  | 2000 |
| Roston Dugmore       | 66.56   | 907  | 72.33   | 992  | 71.57   | 1000 | 71.95  | 1992 |
| Calvin Schroll       | 68.83   | 938  | 67.67   | 928  | 58.15   | 812  | 68.25  | 1866 |
| Clinton Carter-Brown | 66.17   | 902  | 61.94   | 850  | 65.90   | 921  | 66.04  | 1822 |
| Grant Brook          | 59.67   | 813  | 64.67   | 887  | 61.71   | 862  | 63.19  | 1749 |
| Matthys Botha        | 58.11   | 792  | 55.72   | 764  | 55.29   | 772  | 56.92  | 1564 |