

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE TREE KIND

27 MAY



“LEAGUE 4 AT WILD CLOVER, PRODUCED SOME OF THE SEASONS BEST FLYING IN JUST STUNNING CONDITIONS, THE BEST OF THE CAPE WINTER”



The morning started off clear, sunny and very cold but just fantastic flying conditions. With 11 confirmed entries, it was going to be a great competition. Unfortunately Michael and Jacques had to cancel their entry so that left 9 entries to fly 4 rounds in front of the regular 3 judges, Martin, Kas and Bernus. Our CD Jacques kept the event running on time which enabled us to finish just after lunch and 4 flights each.

First to the skies was André, great consistent flying, almost scoring 60% on his second flight and put him equal first with Jack.

Jack managed to win the third and fourth rounds to secure the class win and a good 60+% final score. Great flying by both and very close scores, well done.

Advanced class next and to join in the fun, Charlie Blakemore had acquired himself a good pattern plane. Normally Pieter's caller I assume got fed up with calling decided to fly as well.

A steady improvement up until the final round but a great start and his first comp for many years. A close battle between Rory and Pieter, same scores on round 3 but Rory had the upper hand over Pieter to win the class and score a well respectable 61% final score. Once Charlie gets to grip with his new plane and together with regulars, Michael and Jacques this is going to

be a great class and I am sure some close scores.

Masters class was supported by regulars Stuart, Rodney, Gerhard and Cobus, but this time missing Ernie and Marc who had other commitments.

Round one was full incidents. Stuart forgot to roll knife-edge and did two full rolls, looked very nice but not good for the scores. Gerhard crashed into the tree on his landing approach, remarkable the tree came off worst! Yep, very little damage to the plane but a couple of broken branches of the tree!!

Cobus found the going tough with his contra which left Rodney to win round one with great consistent flying. The next three rounds were without Gerhard and round 2 was close between the three remaining pilots. Stuart pulled away from Rodney and Cobus in round 3 and in round 4 was the clear winner with a super high 60% score. Rodney just ahead of Cobus for second.

Stuart was the clear winner with a mid 60% final score, Rodney was very happy with his final score of 60+ and his first Master qualifying score, Cobus just missed out with 59% for third.

Thanks again to the Judges and Jacques for their time and to all pilots who made this such a great competition.

See you all and more at the next competition.

	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 4	FINAL	
	%	%	%	%		
SPORTSMAN						
Jack Derman	56.67	59.00	61.80	62.07	60.96	1
André Vogel	52.67	59.33	56.13	57.40	57.82	2
ADVANCED						
Rory Netterville	59.38	64.97	58.78	56.32	61.04	1
Pieter Kapp	55.03	58.85	58.78	52.33	57.56	2
Charlie Blakemore	41.88	51.35	56.49	54.83	54.22	3
MASTERS						
Stuart Nix	60.03	63.32	62.47	67.16	64.32	1
Rodney Potter	61.92	61.08	56.94	58.69	60.56	2
Cobus Malan	55.36	59.92	60.08	58.08	59.36	3
Gerhard Mitton	54.64	0	0	0	18.21	4