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POWER TO PATTERN

2017 Nationals at Klerksdorp Radio Flyers

THIS WAS THE THIRD TIME THE PATTERN NATIONALS HAD BEEN PART OF THE SAMAA POWER NATIONALS, BUT WAS IT....



Introducing Pattern to the Newbie, Arthur, little did he know this was tradition

This year the MAASA Precision Aerobatics (Pattern) competition was held over two of the four days of the SAMAA Combined Power Nationals

Pattern aerobatics was relocated to KRF a couple of kilometers away from the main event at PC Pelsers due to various reasons. Despite this I am sure the pilots flying pattern concentrated on the job in hand and not the location.

A big thanks to the committee and members of KRF for the use of these facilities.

The entries were much lower than previous years but this didn't dampen the enthusiasm from the few that took part and also remembering this was the final team selection event for the top three places in the F3A class at the World championships.

The battle was on.



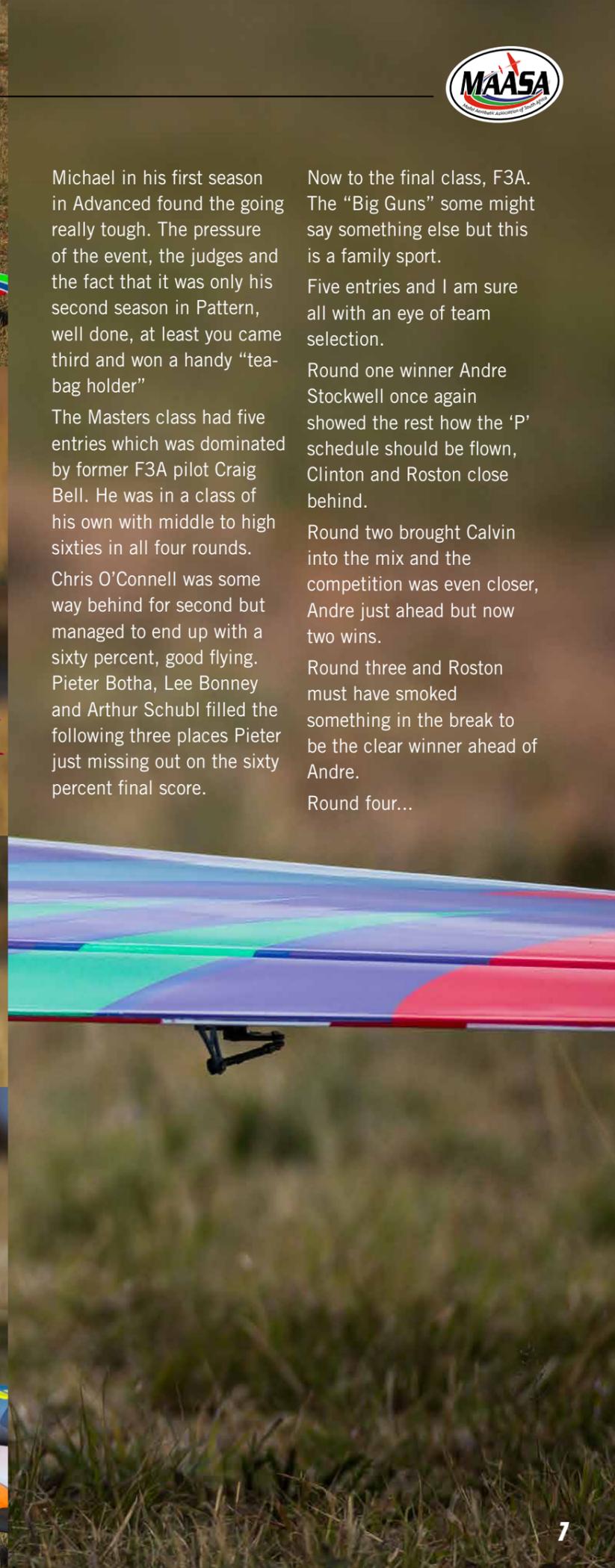


In front of the judges two of whom, from the Cape, Martin and Kas, the Sportsman class lined up, or should I say he lined up. A great pity to see only one entry which is something that needs to be addressed for the future of Pattern Aerobatics. But for now it was only Neil Twomey. His flying improved from round one to the final round, 54 improving to a well respective 60. Well done Neil, sorry there was no

trophy but at least you will be able to print this report out for a souvenir. Advanced next, Joshua had moved up from the Sportsman class and showed a clean pair of heals to Cobus and Michael, the only two entries who took the long journey from the Cape. Cobus had improved a lot this season but still could not match the clean flying of Joshua, he was close on a couple of rounds but only ended second.



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Michael in his first season in Advanced found the going really tough. The pressure of the event, the judges and the fact that it was only his second season in Pattern, well done, at least you came third and won a handy "tea-bag holder"

The Masters class had five entries which was dominated by former F3A pilot Craig Bell. He was in a class of his own with middle to high sixties in all four rounds. Chris O'Connell was some way behind for second but managed to end up with a sixty percent, good flying. Pieter Botha, Lee Bonney and Arthur Schubl filled the following three places Pieter just missing out on the sixty percent final score.

Now to the final class, F3A. The "Big Guns" some might say something else but this is a family sport.

Five entries and I am sure all with an eye of team selection.

Round one winner Andre Stockwell once again showed the rest how the 'P' schedule should be flown, Clinton and Roston close behind.

Round two brought Calvin into the mix and the competition was even closer, Andre just ahead but now two wins.

Round three and Roston must have smoked something in the break to be the clear winner ahead of Andre.

Round four...



The final round and what a close one this was, Andre only just beating Roston, Clavin made a couple of mistakes which opened the door for Michael to show his colors with a fantastic final flight. So once all the dust had settled the SA team was selected, Andre, Roston and Calvin, Clinton in fourth and reserve. Junior Michael. November is not far away, Argentina is. Good luck to the SA team who I am sure will fly the SA flag with pride.

Once again a big thanks to all the entries, even though it was small, to the judges and event organizers, not forgetting the MAASA committee who have worked hard over the past few years to keep Pattern alive. To the new committee lead by Mr Rodney Potter...
GOOD LUCK!



	round 1	round 2	round 3	round 4	FINAL	
	% / Normalized					
SPORTSMAN						
Neil Twomey	54.27 / 1000	0.00 / 0	60.80 / 1000	61.47 / 1000	3000 / 58.84	1
ADVANCED						
Joshua Twomey	65.43 / 1000	64.20 / 1000	66.88 / 1000	65.58 / 1000	65.97 / 3000	1
Cobus Malan	63.48 / 970	56.81 / 885	60.22 / 900	63.19 / 964	62.29 / 2834	2
Michael Borchers	56.59 / 865	51.45 / 801	56.23 / 841	52.83 / 806	55.22 / 2512	3
MASTERS						
Craig Bell	64.44 / 1000	66.39 / 1000	66.06 / 1000	68.56 / 1000	67.00 / 3000	1
Chris O'Connell	58.78 / 912	62.11 / 936	62.78 / 950	64.28 / 938	63.06 / 2824	2
Pieter Botha	49.39 / 766	56.06 / 844	60.83 / 921	58.89 / 859	58.59 / 2624	3
Lee Bonney	53.89 / 836	52.72 / 794	52.5 / 795	57.83 / 844	54.81 / 2475	4
Arthur Schubl	46.28 / 718	48.17 / 726	53.28 / 807	52.39 / 764	51.28 / 2297	5
F3A						
	p	p	f	f		
Andre Stockwell	74.67 / 1000	74.89 / 1000	70.90 / 980	70.52 / 1000	73.49 / 3000	1
Roston Dugmore	71.56 / 958	73.78 / 985	72.38 / 1000	70.33 / 997	72.57 / 2,982	2
Clinton Carter-Brown	71.22 / 954	73.28 / 978	68.48 / 946	68.81 / 976	71.10 / 2,908	3
Calvin Schroll	69.94 / 937	71.72 / 958	69.67 / 963	63.33 / 898	70.44 / 2858	4
Michael Sacca	65.89 / 882	69.89 / 933	60.43 / 835	66.76 / 947	67.51 / 2,762	5



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