



“Speedy” tried hard

An excellent attendance of 13 eager flyers greeting the first pattern day of 2013. Our numbers were swelled by the glider guiders group, of Greer and the father and son Nelsons.

The beautiful park like grounds of the Valley club in an old quarry have charm. The landing over a lake on one side, and bushes on the other gives a little wake up call, and the quarry rockface gives an unsettling horizon, which is excellent practice for everyone. KZN has a new “Treeman”, to take over the spot from our intrepid MAASA chairman, Arthur. Simon Nelson came too low over the bushes for a landing, and got caught out. Luckily he was able to get the plane retrieved totally unscratched for the next round.

Our regular judges Bruce and Des were not available, but fortunately Jason Barker dropped in to socialize, and was grabbed for the judging job in the Masters rounds. Ian Morris ably assisted him.

We used flyers from the Masters class to judge the other two classes, and it worked.

The new A14 schedule was novel, and was watched with interest. Ian had done a little work on it over the holidays, and got a couple of good flights. “Speedy” tried hard, but has not yet got his brain to put all the right commands to his plane at the right times! The consensus was that the A14 is a big jump up from Sportsman, but it works fine.

In the Masters class Mark has also not had enough time doing the P pattern to get it fully up to scratch, but Arthur surprised us with the results of some time over Christmas putting in practice flying showing up.



Left to right - Jason, John, Arthur, Leon



Ian Morris with his new Mythos 110



EVENT REPORT



Story telling time at the braai - Arthur, Johan, Leon



The glider gang with happy smiles - Dave, Simon, Ryan



The lake and quarry backdrop to the flying

In Sportsman the crosswind, which was about 10 or 15 kmh was giving most people hassles, and Mike Wyatt found out why you do not usually choose blue as a colour for a plane. His Stik has a solid blue colour wing top, and when he did a square loop, even the judges could not work out which way it was pointing when it was upside down high in the sky!

Ryan Nelson flying, with Dave Greer calling



Name	Rd1 %	Rd2 %	Rd3 %	Final score
SPORTSMAN (Judges de Lange and Allen (Rd 1 and 3), Dorse and Eggar (Rd2))				
Dave Greer	59.80	0.00	60.90	60.35
Colin Addis	46.90	60.00	52.20	56.10
Ryan Nelson	53.9	52.30	57.55	55.73
Simon Nelson	55.20	41.70	51.42	53.31
Gijs Wijgers	57.60	46.60	46.08	52.10
Mike Wyatt	40.50	46.60	39.80	43.55
ADVANCED				
Ian Morris	57.70	28.60	51.90	54.80
Stephen van Niekerk	41.70	44.30	43.30	43.80
MASTERS (Judges Barker and Morris)				
Neil Allen	65.40	66.40	64.20	65.90
Mark Savage	62.92	58.50	58.00	60.71
Johan de Lange	56.70	48.40	62.90	59.80
Arthur Eggar	54.80	55.10	51.10	54.95
John Dorse	50.99	54.33	54.00	54.16