

The Queensland Chapter Newsletter



June 2004

Queensland Championships

11th to 14th June 2004

A beautiful weekend and lots of enjoyment was the category for success at the recent Queensland championships held at Watts Bridge.

24 pilots (yes, **24**) took part in this annual event and great fun and lots of adrenalin were the order of the weekend.

The competition started in earnest on Friday the 11th June when official practise started that morning. With the new permanent box laid out below it was the first opportunity for the early competitors to taste the environment.

Saturday started with official practise for those who had just arrived and competition started in earnest at 11.00am after formal (?) briefing:



(nice legs Tudgey!)

The advanced competitors were first off the block after having spent a quiet Friday night in a gentle skulling competition. The 2 advanced competitors were both from NSW having flown in on the Friday as the 'NSW formation'. First programme was the Free and Richard Wiltshire scored 456.3 points more than Alan Kilpatrick to just edge ahead in their competition. However, things were different on the Sunday and the Monday as Alan sought revenge and eventually ended up the victor overall despite some extreme praying by Richard:



The Intermediate competition was a very mixed affair with Markus in his Pitts S2B, Matt in the Decathlon and Keith in his beautiful Akro. Markus and Matt were consistent throughout with Matt having to contend with the lack of performance of the Decathlon at this level. Keith improved each day and was only fractionally behind in the last programme. Congratulations to Markus who has won both of the competitions that he has entered.

Ten (yes, **10**) pilots took part in the Sportsman Grade and the competition was very even with only 5% separating 1st from 8th after the first day and the final 2 only bringing up the rear because of errors on 1 manoeuvre each. The 2nd day was even better than the first with Tony Bansemer correcting his error of the Saturday to register the highest score in the whole competition. An excellent example of precision flying by all competitors.

The Graduate grade had 7 pilots 5 of whom tussled for the first 5 places. Again the standard was very high and it was a fascinating competition for the judges to try and separate the competitors.

This was the first competition with the Entry Grade and Russell Bell and John Gallagher from NSW flew up to compete in this new grade. Because of the number of pilots and the new grade finishing the competition for the day it meant that John had to fly the routine with only about 15 minutes of daylight left. Requests from the judges for John to turn on his Nav lights so that he could be seen were ignored as John said he couldn't see the switch to put them on! Fortunately, John was able to complete his sequence and land before the end of daylight.

Two excellent social evenings were held in PictureEsk Esk. Sunday night at Monika's was a great success (despite having no Schnappes!) with dear little Flo finishing the night in style.

The event was not just a flying success but a social one as well!

Final scores for all grades were:

Advanced

Competitor	Position	Score
Alan Kilpatrick	1 st	79.12%
Richard Wiltshire	2 nd	73.80%

Intermediate

Competitor	Position	Score
Markus Walther	1 st	77.08%
Matt Burnet	2 nd	64.86%
Keith Hinchcliffe	3 rd	50.41%

Sportsman

Competitor	Position	Score
Scott Jarron	1 st	80.58%
Anton Dettori	2 nd	79.21%
Connie Greenberg	3 rd	78.81%
Peter Aigner	4 th	78.08%
Brendan Scilini	5 th	77.05%
Tony Bansemer	6 th	76.63%
Tony Hanlon	7 th	75.16%
Kable Nunn	8 th	72.69%
Clive Tudge	9 th	68.48%
Steve McHugh	10 th	67.12%

Graduate

Competitor	Position	Score
Carley Bansemer	1 st	77.56%
Chris Gallagher	2 nd	77.22%
Ivan Toh	3 rd	73.44%
Ian Bent	4 th	72.74%
Darrell Brown	4 th	71.55%
Martyn Woodhouse	5 th	42.70%
Angelo Artuso	6 th	11.04%

Entry

Competitor	Position	Score
Russell Bell	1 st	74.56%
John Gallagher	2 nd	72.68%

Thanks

We don't normally thank people ('cos we always forget somebody) but we'd like to make a special thanks to Sandy Bansemer who carried the responsible Starter's job for all 3 days with no prior experience; well done Sandy:



And another exception, many thanks to all the NSW pilots who made it up to the banana state to represent NSW. It was great to see them all and they did very credibly although the interstate cup will stay in Queensland at least until the next National Championships.

OK, one more exception; thanks to David from Victoria with his assistance on the judging line.

All right, the last exception, many thanks to the Contest Director and her tireless staff who enabled such an excellent competition to flow so smoothly.

Last one honest, thanks to the Glider group at Watts Bridge who were very patient and understanding for the Aerobatic Club.

Next Practise Day

Because of the June Queensland Championship there won't be a practise day in June so the next one will be on **Sunday the 25th July 2004**; don't forget!

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