

More Pattern Flying

GBRCAA Championships, Buckminster

Three of our intrepid flyers took part in the annual GBRCAA championships held at Buckminster on 18/19 May.

This link provides a full list of competitors and the categories they flew. Near the end of the thread is a great gallery of pictures by Ashley Hoyland, some of which have been included in this article: <http://www.gbrcaa.org/smf/index.php?topic=5666.0>

These championships are one of three national competitions that are used to select next year's F3A GB flyers. Their flying was excellent, full of integrated knife edge and vertical climbing snaps, very impressive to watch.

From the *Bury Model Flying Club* Mark Allen entered FAI, Ron Gray flew Clubman and prospective club member Mike Reider also flew Clubman. Clubman is the entry level and since the need for a B cert was removed and with Peter Jenkin's NPOD's (new pilot open days) in East Anglia raising awareness, there was a bumper Clubman field of 8 competitors.



Mark flew his Krill Spark Evo2, Ron used his Extreme Flight Vanquish and Mike flew his Bryan Hebert Allure.

Saturday was mostly a washout and the pilots all flew only once. The day was saved though by an excellent meal on Saturday night, particularly appreciated by Ron 'Hollow Legs' Gray - he really put the food away.

Sunday was better and flying started at 0830 as the forecast fog had cleared and all competitors flew a further 3 flights.

As expected Mark came last in FAI out of 6 flyers having just moved to this class, although his scores greatly increased through the day.

Ron came 3rd which he didn't expect and packed his plane up after the last flight ready to drive home. The presentation at the end of the day caught him by surprise. He also steadily improved his scores.



Mark Allen helps Ron Gray to the ready box

Ashley Hoyland photo

Mike Reider won all the rounds and scooped 1st place Clubman and is still probably smiling!



Clubman podium - 3rd Ron Gray, 1st Mike Rieder, 3rd Neil Martin

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