



Climbing away steeply after takeoff was this Cessna 402 flown by Terius Myburgh and Adrian Barry.

SCENES FROM THE RACE OF CHAMPIONS

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Above: Race winners Barry de Groot (left) and Mary de Klerk with commentator Brian Emmenis.
Below: Placed second were Dries Briers (right) with navigator Marius Schutte.



Placed fifth overall was the only Harvard in the race, flown by Johan Sayers (right) with navigator Jack Coetzer.





RACE OF CHAMPIONS AWARD WINNERS

AT THE recent Race of Champions held in Tzaneen, a large amount of silverware was up for grabs, with the winning team of Mary de Klerk and Barry de Groot, flying a Cessna 172, scooping the majority of the trophies (See *World Airnews*, September 2007).

For first place, the Champions Trophy was awarded to the duo from the Durban Wings Club, who beat the rest of the field by improving on their handicap speed of 120 knots, with an overall speed of 124,91 knots.

For the best performance on Day 1, the team was also awarded the Aeronautical Instruments and Autopilot Trophy, and for featuring the first placed woman pilot, the team also won the *World Airnews* Rose Bowl.

The Novas Marine Trophy for the second placed aircraft and crew went to Dries Briers and Marius Schutte from the Louis Trichardt Flying Club for their performance in the Bonanza F33A, by beating their handicapped speed of 169 knots by 8,84 knots.

Third place, along with the Dries Briers Trophy, went to the Krugersdorp husband and wife team of Kiewiet and Gail Vlok who surpassed their Mooney M20J's handicap speed 157 knots with an average speed of 164,18 knots.

The Century Avionics Trophy, for best handicap performance on Day 2 went to second place winners Dries Briers and Marius Schutte, who, with a speed of 177,84 knots, could just not beat the DWC team to the post.

The Lexus Cup, for the first placed turbo-charged aircraft was awarded to local pilots Gerhardt van der Gry and Koos Malan flying a Cessna T303 Crusader, who were also placed fourth overall.

This year's Beginner's Trophy, awarded to the first team with less than 500 flying hours went to Dirk Visser and Chris Burger, who flew their Cirrus SR-22 at an average speed of 180,24 knots *versus* their handicap speed of 177 knots.

For the first homebuilt to cross the line, the Jack Onderstall Trophy was awarded to the crew of a locally-manufactured Ravin 500, flown by Mark Boeke and Deon van Zyl

Finally, the Chris Briers Trophy, awarded to the competitor giving the most meritorious performance went to the crew of Errol van Rensburg and Andre Koen for their safe, engine-out landing on a road after experiencing a failure of the fuel selector of the Cherokee 140 they were flying. They were not injured and the aircraft was not damaged. →



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