



## 2010 Equinox Cup report

The 2010 edition of the Equinox cup was flown on a cold and windy Barkston Heath on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of September. We had competitors from Germany and Spain joining the British competitors and the competition was hot, unlike the weather.

There were some outstanding and memorable performances:

- The two bronze medals for our newest junior. Ten year old Callum Ginder performed brilliantly, especially in his first ever S8 competition
- The stand out competitor was John Jacomb who had two wins in Streamer and boost glider
- Trevor Seabrook winning a round in his first ever S8 competition.

It looks like we now have two new S8 competitors, so the established stars had better watch out.

The only negative aspect of the weekend was the small number of competitors at the event. We have to increase the numbers at future events.

### Event results

#### 1. S4A Boost glider

This was the first class to be flown in probably the best weather of the weekend. Our German visitors, Harold and Manuel Mahl took an early lead and flew consistently in all three rounds. John Jacomb took control with a maximum in round two and locked in the win with a decent third round flight. Callum Ginder was flying his new “Jacomb” special and had a very good 2<sup>nd</sup> round flight. Unfortunately premature DT deployment in round one and three ruined his chances of a medal.

The results for S4A were:

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| 1. John Jacomb (GBR) | 243 seconds |
| 2. Manuel Mähl (DE)  | 199 seconds |
| 3. Harold Mähl (DE)  | 193 seconds |

#### 2. S9A Helicopter

By the time S9A was being flown the “Barkston Breeze” was definitely a factor. In fact every competitor had a DQ in the first round with Trevor Seabrook being the unluckiest competitor. He was flying his brand new 2011 model for the first time, using blades from Mike Francies and an all new hub design. The model maxed on its first flight but lost its nose cone for a DQ. However it performed well in rounds two and three to give him the win, beating Manuel Mähl into second place and Spain’s Nuria Crusellas into third place.

The results for S9A were:

1. Trevor Seabrook (GBR) 295 seconds
2. Manuel Mähl (DE) 100 seconds
3. Nuria Crusellas (ESP) 75 seconds

### **3. S6A streamer**

Streamer was flown late on Saturday and we flew quickly to get all three rounds in before the light faded. It was a competitive event, although John Jacomb was the class act, with the best time in the first two rounds. John Ellins improved with each of his flights to snatch second place from young Callum Ginder in the third round. Callum had been consistent throughout and everyone was delighted with his third place in his first World Cup event.

The results for S6A were:

1. John Jacomb (GBR) 284 seconds
2. John Ellins (GBR) 262 seconds
3. Callum Ginder (GBR) 243 seconds

### **4. S8E/P rocket glider**

We had just three competitors in this class, the very experienced and world class Manuel Mähl, and two British competitors flying S8 for the first time, Trevor Seabrook and Callum Ginder. Manuel was the clear winner but the two novices both had three excellent flights in difficult, windy conditions. Trevor's performances improved dramatically with each round, enabling him to beat Manuel to take the 1,000 points in the 4<sup>th</sup> round. Callum was a revelation with consistent and excellent launches and flights.

The results for S8E/P were:

1. Manuel Mähl (DE) 3974 points
2. Trevor Seabrook (GBR) 2120 points
3. Callum Ginder (GBR) 1526 points

### **5. Non world cup events**

We had scheduled both parachute and odd roc classes to be flown on Sunday afternoon. The wind was now so strong only two people had a go at parachute. Manuel Mähl had a decent flight that was blown very quickly downwind. It is a testament to the size of Barkston Heath that Callum and his father chased it in their car and recovered it inside the airfield. The wind was too strong for John Ellin's flight and all agreed to call it a day. The two Johns entertained us with some Odd Roc flights, but again the wind was really too strong for good flights.

## **Conclusions**

This was another successful Equinox Cup. Congratulations to the competitors and commiserations to those who went home empty handed. Better luck next year.