

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS & DISTRICT FEDERATION

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Hi again, well I am putting pen to paper now after having just watched England being totally outplayed by a young German team, I am not usually interested much in football nor is my wife but because it is the world cup we have been following England's progress from the start and I have to admit it has been painful watching ,after the very first game Liz said they would be put out by the first half decent team they would play and with me being Scottish I hastily agreed with her, I have been pressured into supporting England by Liz because she says I have to support the country I live in so I very reluctantly gave in [or else I would have been sleeping on the sofa] but I did really cheer them on against Germany as nobody wanted the Germans to win ,I think even the Scots would have cheered on England rather than see Germany win but then again, but back to pigeons as that is what we are about so after the Federation race across the channel from Messac we moved back to a shorter inland race from Hullavington where the Fed sent 1,549 birds from 135 members and the convoy was liberated at 10-30 in a north east wind which would not help the birds ,but it turned out to be a good race with J Spedding of Stafford RPC topping the convoy with a velocity of 1307.413 flying just over 91 miles and the next fed positions were taken with P Stokes @ Son from Berryhill on 1301.552 followed by K Moore of Macclesfield on 1299.634 then I @ J Armitt also from Berryhill on 1297.339 then P Stanway from Poynton 1297.316 followed by R Tooth @ Dtr from Blythebridge on 1297.308 then Bradbury & Barnes from Poynton on 1296.413 and 8th place in the result went to W Burgess from Packmoor @District on 1292.707 and he was closely followed by club mates M Parnell @ Sons on 1292.248 and the 10th place went to A Stewart from Berryhill on 1287.952 so there we have the top ten. The convoy consisted of 387 birds from the East section which was won by R Tooth @ Dtr, 322 birds from the North section which was won by P Stanway and the biggest part of the convoy was the West section sending 840 pigeons and this was won by J Spedding who actually was the fed winner overall. I was given a small snippet by Roy Jones of Blythebridge ,who has phoned me the last couple of weeks with some info and now word is getting around hopefully I will be given some more information by other clubs, but Roy told me that his club had been won by Mr Ron Tooth and Daughter, Roy is also known as "Rocket Man Ron "which I take it is in reference to his birds which seem to be winning fairly consistently, Ron had the first 3 positions in this race so I can see where he gets his name and 4th place in the club went Mr @ Mrs Hargreaves gave Ron a quick phonecall and he told me the cock that won the race ,a blue pied, had taken 4 first,2 last year and 2 this year so it is a bird worth having. Ron's birds are a mixture of Hand Brs x Keeling @ Wheeldon birds [hope the spelling is correct as there are still a few language problems] and he races 14 widowhood cocks and he concentrates mainly on the inland races and I am sure there are more wins to come from the Rocket Man.

A little bit from my own club Hayfield and this race was won by Chris Mourne who takes a bit of beating in the club as he has won the last few races but he was closely followed by old adversary Jimmy Gibb, Chris had a velocity of 1222.63 and Jimmy was on 1221.70 so very little in that race, third was Mr @ Mrs David Ashby who are never far away on 1215.93 so after this we move on to the longest inland race from Poole.

I hope everybody has entered their candidates for the 2 bird ,young bird classic race from Carentan as the closing date was Wednesday the 30th June so good luck to everybody who has entered that, sadly that is all for another week so if you have any results, snippets or photos or anything you want to say about anything going on in your club then please send it to me at thomas.garvie@yahoo.co.uk or give me a call on 01663 733317,my details are on the Federation website which is <http://www.pigeonglossop.co.uk/index.htm> and again I have to say this is without doubt the best Federation website I have ever come across, so bye for now and hope to hear from you soon. TG