



STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS & DISTRICT FEDERATION

President's Ramblings



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Hi All

As promised here I am doing my communicating bit and trying to keep you as up to date as I can with the goings on in the Federation.

Earlier this week we held a Management, Transport & Finance Committee meeting and one or two things were discussed and agreed upon that I thought you might be interested to know.

Firstly, as you all know there is some considerable doubt as to whether the Lessay racepoint will be available when we want to go there – the French seem to have Fairs and all sorts of funny things going on and just seem to tell the pigeon world that they can't race from there on any particular weekend, just to suit themselves - and so we have decided to change our racepoint for the May 22 races from LESSAY to VIRE which is just about 30 miles further into France than Lessay. If you look on the map it is just to the West of Falaise. Our Race Secretary has made all the changes with the RPRA and has also applied for distances for everybody. These will be on the website within the course of the next few days.

Whilst talking about distances can I take this opportunity to remind ALL secretaries and members that before we can get distances from the RPRA we have to have a loft location number which has been allocated by the RPRA to the member concerned. It is no use saying that so and so has taken over the loft from a previous owner and so we know the distances. PLEASE make sure each of your members has their own loft location number so that distances can be obtained – some of the distances mapped several years ago are now incorrect and I would hate to see anyone disqualified for submitting an invalid distance. Don't say you haven't been warned.

Now back to the recent Meeting. The Committee also agreed to guarantee £500 Prize money for each of the three Channel Races this season. The prize money will be divided up as follows:- 1st £200, 2nd £120, 3rd £80, 4th £50, 5th £25 and 6th £ 25. There will also be Pools available for these races this season so keep you eyes on the website for a download.

Also at the Meeting the posts of Convoyor and Assistant Convoyor for 2010 were filled with Derek Marshall and Shane taking up these positions, as last season.

Another bit of good news is that both the big transporter and the Transit passed their MOT and Plating examinations and they are now ready for the season ahead.

The whole question of transporting our pigeons was discussed at the recent Meeting and I am pleased to announce that we have set up a specialist sub committee comprising Geoff Lindop, Derek Marshall and Roy Jones to look into the various transportation options open to the Federation for future Seasons. This sub Committee will be responding directly to me in the first place with fully costed options for consideration before the full Management, Transport & Finance Committee are consulted.


I promise to keep you all informed as we make progress on this matter.

Probably, by the time you get to read this the first of our Breeder/Buyer Auctions at Meir, will have taken place and I hope YOU have made it a success. After all this is your race and you dictate the Prize Money you fly for. Two more Auctions are yet to come at Macclesfield and Packmoor so please give them your support either by donating a bird or buying one – OR BOTH – and make this race well worth winning (or even coming second)

Well, that's just about all the news for the moment so I will close by wishing everyone a happy and successful season with some really good and competitive racing.

Don't forget I'm always around if you need me.

Cheers for now

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.

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