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President's Ramblings

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Well that's the first couple of races out of the way for 2010 and what super races they turned out to be – don't think there was a bird missing overnight !

As you will all know by now the support for all three of the Breeder/Buyer Sales was absolutely magnificent and as a result you will be flying for just about £3500 later in the year – so do your best to hang on to the youngsters you bought and make sure you give them a chance on the day.

Whilst talking about the Sales I would like to pay tribute to a couple of individuals without whom we would surely not be in the highly successful position we find ourselves in. Firstly to Geoff Lindop for all the hard work he put in making the arrangements and for attending all the sales to do the administration work on the day – all that dedication without a single penny of a reward, he deserves to win the race. Secondly to our stalwart auctioneer George Greenwood who not only dragged money out of pockets that were firmly sewn up before he started working on them but for the entertainment value of his performances on the podium – some say he ought to be on tele but I'm not so sure the censors would allow that. Many thanks George, we all appreciate the work you do for the Federation

The entries for the Vire Classic race have now all been received and yet again another good turnout with over £1000 being flown for. I must say it makes the life of being an official well worthwhile when initiatives like this are so well supported. Pools are available for this race so have a bit of a flutter and fill your boots.

Prize money for all the water races has been guaranteed, as I mentioned in my last Ramblings, so again take the opportunity to send your birds and take advantage of the rich pickings.

Now for a bit of a gripe. A few days ago I sent e-mails and letters to all the individuals on the contact list I had received from Neil and asked that you let me know if they were correct or if you would like me to communicate with someone else at your Club. I also asked if you would like any additional person to be added to the list.

Well as you can imagine some clubs have chosen not to reply one way or another so unless I hear from you pretty quickly (and you know who you are) I will delete you from my list as I don't want to bother people who don't wish to communicate back to me. Don't blame me – you have been warned.

Also some of the newly refurbished crates are already being sent back by the clubs on the transporter as being damaged – this is breaking Graham Bourne's heart as he is the guy who spent most of the winter mending them ready for this Season. Of course no-one knows where, when or how the damage is occurring but rough handling seems the best bet. Can your highly skilled members spend a few minutes putting them right when you can see they are damaged rather than sending them back for the Federation to mend? If you can't we will have to start charging for mending them and that will mean a charge on ALL clubs because we can't tell who is causing the damage. See what you can do to help. Thanks

That's the lot for now – until next time

Cheers

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