# ENFIELD CONTINENTAL FLYING CLUB

With the two week break over between the Old bird and start of the Young bird season the First race soon arrived which was to be flown from Stoney Cross, a distance of just over 80 miles for all of the members. For this race 6 Members sent 110 birds which were liberated by the Convoyer Harry Burgin at 6.15am with no wind been given at the liberation site. Our first winner for young birds turned out to be Billy Watkins with a Blue Hen who was bred by Mark Edwards. 2nd Club was Steve Holloway with a Blue Lambrecht Hen, the sire being a previous 1st Inter Counties Fed Winner. This Hen is also a Granddaughter of "Pedro" who won 5x1st's. Billy Watkins also took 3rd Club with a Blue Mark Edwards Cock, the nestmate to the winner. In fourth spot is Krystian Goral, a returning member this season and would be racing young birds with a Blue Busschaert Cock. Krystian has been flying North Road the last couple of seasons and has put up some excellent performance's during that time. Billy Watkins took 5th place with a Blue Cock bred from John Lane of Bromley Stock. Finally in 6th position we had Steve Holloway with a Chequer Hen. The Sire being a Maarten Vinkenborg & the Dam being a Jan Aarden bred by Tumley Lofts & purchased from Epsom show earlier in the season.

For our second race of the yb season the decision was made by the Inter Counties Fed to Mark on the Saturday for a Sunday race from Blandford due to the weather forecast given for Saturday. At the end of marking 4 members had sent 62 Birds, with 2465 birds in the Federation for this race. Billy Watkins continued where he left off last week with another win with a Soontjen Blue Pied Hen. Steve Holloway took the next two positions with a Blue Lambrecht Cock and a Red Pied Van Reet Cock. Billy Watkins also took 4th & 5th with a Blue Belgian Cock from Lier Market and a Chequer Hen bred by Eric Taylor. Finally in 6th we had Steve Holloway with the same Chequer Vinkenborg x Tumley Lofts Jan Aarden Hen who took 6th Club Stoney Cross the week before.

The third race of the season on the 10th August was also from Blandford, with 5 Members Sending 73 Birds which were liberated at 9.25 in a South West Wind. Taking the top two places was Steve Holloway with a Blue Lambrecht Cock, which took 2nd Club Blandford the previous week & a Chequer Hen of Maarten Vinkenborg X Tumley Lofts Jan Aarden bloodlines who took 6th Club Stoney Cross in the first young bird race. Billy Watkins took 3rd position with a Blue Pied Cock bred by Eric Taylor. Fourth Club was Steve Holloway with the Red Pied Van Reet Cock who took 3rd Club Blandford from the previous weeks Blandford. Finally in 5th & 6th Spot we had Krystian Goral with a Blue Hen and a Blue Pied Hen, both of Busschaert bloodlines from Steve Sheffield.

The Fourth race was due to be flown from Yeovil, but this was changed to Wincanton, due to several recent break ins at the Yeovil Showground where the liberations take place. For this race 6 Members sent 99 Birds with these being liberated at 6.45 with No wind being given at the liberation site. Our winner for this race was Steve Holloway with a Blue Lambrecht Hen, who took 2nd Club Stoney Cross. This Hen is a Grand daughter of Steve's "Pedro" who won 5x1st's. Billy Watkins took the next 2 places with a Blue Pied Cock bred by Eric Taylor who won 3rd Club Blandford & a Blue Pied Soontjen Hen who won 1st Club Blandford. Steve Holloway took 4th Club with a Mealy Van Reet Cock. Bill Watkins had 5th Spot with the Chequer Hen off John Lane of Bromley Stock who Won 5th Club Stoney Cross. Finally in 6th we had Steve Holloway with a Red Pied Van Reet Cock who has now taken 3rd & 4th Club from Blandford.

Our fifth race was flown on the 25th August, once again from Blandford with 6 Members sending 78 birds which were Liberated at 6.50 in a Light SW Wind. First past the post this week was Billy Watkins with the Eric Taylor Chequer Hen who won 5th Club Blandford. Steve Holloway took the next three places with a Blue Lambrecht Hen who has also taken 2nd Club Stoney Cross and 1st Club Wincanton so far. Steve's next two were another Blue Van Reet Hen and a Blue Lambrecht Cock. Fifth Club was John Hore with a Chequer from his long-distance family. Finally in 6th was Billy Watkins with a Blue Cock bred by Mark Edwards.

The next race in the programme was flown from Honiton on August 31st, with the members flying just over 140 miles for this race, with the birds being liberated at 7.30 in a N.E wind. Steve Holloway was our winner with a Chequer Lambrecht x Van Reet Cock. 2nd Club was Krystian Goral with a Grizzle Cock. Billy Watkins was 3rd Club with a Blue Pied Soontjen Hen who took 1st Club Blandford earlier in the season. Fourth went to John Figueira with a Grizzle Hen. Finally in 5th & 6th we had Steve Holloway with a Blue Lambrecht Cock, past winner of 1st Club Blandford & 2nd Club Blandford, and a Blue Van Reet Hen winner of 3rd Club Blandford

The next race was the UBI Combine flown from Exeter, for this race only 1 member sent to represent the Enfield Club, that was Tony Cassannova, and that was sent thru the Lindsey Street Club and Tony took a Win in the Enfield with a Chequer Cock.

The final race of the season was now here and that was flown from Blandford, with these being liberated at 11.10 in a East Wind. Taking the top 3 places was John "Jaio" Figueira with 2 Chequer Pied Cocks and a Chequer Hen, all Busschaerts. Finally in 4th we had Billy Watkins with a Blue Pied Soontjen Hen who won 1st Club Blandford & 3rd Club Wincanton.

With the racing season now over for another year, it will soon be the start of our Show season which will be starting on the 27th October.

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**WINTER SHOW PROGRAMME 2024**

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| SUNDAY 27th OCT | OLD BIRD EYE SIGN |
| SUNDAY 3rd NOV | YOUNG BIRD EYE SIGN |
| SUNDAY 10TH NOV | O.H.T.T.W |
| SUNDAY 17TH NOV | O.C.T.T.W |
| SUNDAY 24TH NOV | Y.H.T.T.W. |
| SUNDAY 1st DEC | Y.C.T.T.W |
| SUNDAY 8th DEC | O.C.HANDLED |
| SUNDAY 15th DEC | O.H.HANDLED |

£1.00 PER BIRD

£1.00 POOL NO LIMIT

PENNING 11AM TO 12 NOON

HIGHEST POINTS WINNER WINS THE TOMMY FIRMINGER TROPHY!

**FALCON FIELDS**

**28a CHURCH ROAD**

**PONDERS END**

**EN3 4NX**

**Steve Holloway presenting Billy Watkins with The Tommy Firminger Trophy**

**Show pens set-up**

Before I end this write up, the members would like to thank the Inter Counties Federations convoyer for the excellent racing and returns that they have had all season.

In the next write up, how our show season goes and details of all of the prize winners. Last years show season had people attend from as far away as Tilbury and Milton Keynes.

Jamie T.