

Newsletter 4

We managed to race from Ripon on 4.07.20, Worksop, Melton Mowbray, and Kettering. Young Birds started on 1st August from Dunbar. We provided training for the Young Birds because so many of our Members were shielding and were unable to train privately. The second YB race was also from Dunbar and Derek Hay had a blistering race taking the first 49 positions. The third YB race was from Kelso and seems to report fair returns.

The remaining YB programme, weather permitting is Hexham 22.08.20 and Catterick on 29.08.20. The Gold Ring Race will be on the 29th August from whichever race point we are at on that date.

At this time Government guidance does not allow for more than twenty people to meet at gatherings and many premises have stricter limits. We are currently unable to book the Prize Giving venue and it would appear that prizes may have to be distributed after the season ends without a Presentation. The Gold Ring Fund is £250 and will be spread over 3 places, £160, £60 and £30.

It is with regret that I report the death of Alastair Gibson. He was active in performing his duties at the time of his death having travelled to Oban to pinpoint a loft for SHU distances. P Doherty and A Jones had accompanied him, and Alan, Paddy and a passer by tried to resuscitate him for around 45 minutes until the ambulance arrived. Alastair was Secretary of Bridge of Weir and Kilbarchan Clubs. He was results Secretary for both these Clubs and Johnstone Club. He was Federation Secretary for Renfrewshire Federation and Renfrewshire Federation Delegate to the SHU. He has left a massive gap for these organisations and will be sadly missed. Kilbarchan and Johnstone Members are marking at Barrhead and Veronica Byrne is forwarding their returns to me. Paddy has assisted in sorting out the paperwork for Bridge of Weir and Kilbarchan Clubs and J Rock is sorting out Renfrewshire Federation affairs. I have intimated my willingness to assist them if required. Alan Jones has organised the sale of some of Alastair's pigeons and the distribution of some others. We offer our condolences to Alastair's wife, Ailsa.

It was agreed by the Delegates at a Meeting on the 8th June to purchase crates for the Federation. These have now arrived and should be ready for use next season.

- F Face coverings must be worn**
- A Always keep two metres distancing**
- C Clean hands and hard surfaces regularly**
- T Test immediately if any symptoms show**

Keep safe – Covid19 has not gone away.

Please forward your email addresses to the Federation Secretary, andrewkyle2@gmail.com, as this will greatly assist in cutting costs and will also ensure speedy distribution of information.