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Average Speed Championships for the select few?

There are a few rules you must follow if you ever want to win the UNC average speed.

What is necessary?

1. Good management and good birds
2. Have enough good birds to ship the limit (20) or close to the limit.
3. Location-location-location. (Slogan in the Real Estate field)

Item 1 and 2 do not need much discussion, they speak for themselves.

Item 3 is a different matter. Some people think if you look after items 1+2 the Average Speed could or should follow. Wrong.

Last week was a clear example. If you fly your birds at the long end what can happen. During the race it apparently started to rain in Bracebridge. At that point birds are faced with a trip of approximately 50 km to 150 km to get home. Depending where you live. We all know which bird is going to win that battle. From Point Au Baril you will find 4 pigeons who had to travel more than 200 Km in the first 20 pigeons clocked. If you take the last 15 birds clocked (prize 81 till 96 incl. you will find 13 birds who traveled more than 200 Km.

By the way the last 9 birds were pigeons that did not reach the required 400 m. velocity and should not have been shown.

We were told not to send in any bird with a velocity of less than 400 meters. All our birds were deleted from Burks Falls and only one bird survived the Point Au Baril deletions.

I don't know where the "400 m" rule comes from. This rule probably stems from the 'old' days, when everybody had to pull their clocks at the same time with a radio signal. If you fly in a Combine with a difference between short and long of close to 100 Km this rule is an average speed killer for the 'long enders'

In the North Wings club in the 'A' races I am the only survivor. In the 'B' race our top velocity was 341 m. everybody is out.

This rule will never affect the short enders. If they do not get any birds at the short end, we can forget clocking on the long end.

But you know we probably need a constitutional change to delete this rule.

With a 75 % vote needed., I have no interest to bring this up at any meeting.

As we all know most of the time the birds will come down the West side of Lake Simcoe and any location along the Yonge Street corridor is great.

Based on these facts I like to make my prediction for the 2006 OB Average Speed Championship. (Brouwer the psychic)

Only 5 fanciers will be in contention.

They are

Tony Alves.

R. Rotiroti.

B.Sheridan

Mike & Wally and T. de Munnik

Out of one of these members will come the 2006 Champion.

All the other 'Champion' long enders will not make it .I would just love to apologize to somebody who proves me wrong. But I think this is not going to happen.

Friendly Greetings, Tom Brouwer.

P.S. If we would 'Nominate' five birds and let them fly for the Average Speed it would give far more people a chance! Oh Sorry, I forgot with a 5 bird clocking limit nobody who ships 20 birds will ever vote for this suggestion!