

Liberators North Bay Race and much more.

Last week our combine flew a race from North Bay the velocity of the first bird 1120 m/m (not bad) The velocity of the 25th clocked pigeon 700 m/m (pretty slow) You do not have to be an expert to conclude that this race was very difficult for the birds. Some fanciers were blaming every Tom Dick and Harry in this case every Chuck & Bill and Sam

That is not my viewpoint.

I never criticize our liberators. The job of liberating pigeons is very difficult. You don't hear a thing if the race has a quick and smooth run but God help the liberators if the going gets tough.

If they are selecting liberators most of us are sitting on our hands staring at the ceiling! In this race if you look at the results there were 20 different lofts out of the first 25 positions. I like that, not a bunch of birds in one area.

I had six day birds and four more showed up the next day. I lost 5 birds. The birds that made it home on the day were immediately recognized for their achievement by putting a note behind their number. Any bird can top the combine on any given day if the bird is in shape and the loft location is correct for that day's wind direction. The North Bay birds had to put their heads down and work to get home. That is what you should look for if you want long distance birds. Out of the five birds lost were a couple of youngsters who could have won on any winter show. The problem: No guts, no heart, no toughness.

These are character signs you can not see on a show. I like to thank our liberators again. It must be difficult to have to get up early on Saturday morning and get hell if somebody does not agree with your decision.

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