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Looking back on 2006 Old Bird races.

Let me start with thanking Gord Whale. Starting with Cochrane we shipped all our long distance races from his place. He was always friendly and made us feel welcome. I think he really admires those guys who ship their birds those long distances!!

The guys who shipped Old Birds. Patrick Kleyn Chuck Marshall, Peter Kuo, Peter Birkholz. There was never any disagreement and there were many laughs. Good sports all of you.

My biggest disappointment:

Not allowing Juniors to show their birds on the senior race sheets.

I personally found the reasons of the opposition narrow minded .They say:

1. They are saving money by letting the juniors fly as seniors etc. etc. "There is a rule for junior's blah blah blah."
2. "Who wants to read somebody's name 10 or 15 times" etc. etc
3. They have enough trophies in the Junior ranks.. My biggest thrill as a Junior in Holland was to beat adults in the Senior ranks. .Nothing has changed. I do not like to get beaten, but I love to get beaten by a junior.

I listened to the son of Furlano (Rotiroti) and I admired him very much. He spoke at the UNC meeting very eloquently. He spoke as an adult. I would have like to see the board members jump to his assistance. Dave Rodgers + Dick v. Staveren (he spoke to me) voiced their opposition. They both supported the juniors.

Dave said: "Not allowing a junior to fly with us stands against everything I stand for".

I agree with him totally. They might win two trophies instead of one. Big deal. Let us grow up and stop acting stupidly, we are supposed to be adults!!

I got a bunch of trophies you can have.

I wish all the juniors (How many are there) an outstanding Young Bird season.

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