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Too much rain, Time to take a break.

Last week I decided not to ship any birds.

This probably was the first time in 15 years I decided not to participate in our scheduled races.

This time it was the lousy forecast for the whole weekend which made the decision for me.

On account that I am the race-secretary I had to be present at the shipping of the birds.

The weather was bad on race day and the birds were held.

On Sunday the right decision was taken and the birds were released at 6.30 AM with a 20 KM east wind.

This race showed clearly how big a part the direction of the wind plays with the results of the race. From the A Latchford race Peter Kuo who lives at Steeles/Birdmount was the first Eastender to clock. He won 19th prize out of 923 birds. Rick Broere winning 1st in the Oshawa Club was 81st in this race. The first bird clocked in the Lindsay Club won 132nd and was on the third sheet of the results!!

The Estaire race results were quite similar. Yassein family were first in Oshawa but 43rd in the Combine. The Lindsay Club ended up 46th in the Combine. McKeown won first prize in their club.

Next time I will look at a couple of our races when the wind is heavily West oriented.

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