

Warwickshire & District Federation prize presentation was well supported with eight of our eleven clubs represented with 80 in attendance. Our guest of honour was Arnie Tonks who came along with his wife Silvia and son Neil to present our prizes. Arnie and family all had a wonderful evening with Arnie acknowledging in his presentation speech what wonderful atmosphere it was. Arnie's wife Silvia was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers which brought a tear to her eye. Our sponsors Norma and Mick from Dordon Pet Foods was unable to attend we would like to say a huge thank you to them along with our other sponsors Jon Dodd, John Gilbert, AJ Lloyd Funeral Directors, Terry's Bed Centre and Trent Valley House HS. Thanks also went out to Jack Howe our clock setter Paul Cave and Lance Summers our new convoyer who along with our race controller John Gilbert have given us brilliant racing in what can only be described as a difficult year. The transporter has had numerous problems but we never missed a race the credit can only go to one man John Gilbert who has pulled out all the stops to keep us on the road. Over the twenty two races we transported 34,320 birds.

The Federation has two sections north and south and operates a points system to determine the winners.

North section was won by Baz Lovell earning 108 points 2nd J Atchinson & Son with 83 points in 3rd place we had Dalby Bros with 65 points and 4th Malc Slater with 41 points all from the Monsell SRFC and 5th PW Hudson 33 points from East Leake SRFC. South section was won by Henton & Wheatley (Alan & Ian) winning with 84 points from Trent Valley House HS 2nd T Atkin with 62 points from Southam & District IFC, 3rd Wilson and Malin (Ken & Steve) 41 points, 4th E Allen & Son (Brian) 37 points 5th Mr & Mrs J Huddlestone with 36 points all members of Nuneaton NRHS. The top ten positions in the federation were from both sections. Winner being Henton & Wheatley with 283 points, 2nd B Lovell 228 points, 3rd T Atkin 187 points, 4th E Allen & Son 151 points, 5th J Atchinson & Son 145 points, joint 6th Wilson & Malin and M Lennon both with 144 points, 7th Dalby Bros 123 points, 8th Mr/s J Huddlestone 117 points, 9th PW Hudson 92 points and 10th M Slater 70 points.

James & Gary Dutton took the majority of the prize money, they were 1st, 2nd & 3rd in the breeder buyer race £805.00 2nd & 3rd in the gold ring yearling race £186.25. B Lovell 1st in gold ring yearling race £186.25 and Henton & Wheatley took first 3 places in the gold ring race open and south section winning £541.87. J Atchinson & Son was 1st and 3rd gold ring north section £85.32 with B Lovell 2nd £36.56.



Trophies were presented to average winners: Henton & Wheatley Old Bird Combined, Combined Inland & Combined. T Atkin Old Bird Inland. J Atchinson & Son 3 Longest Young Bird & Young Bird and PW Hudson won Overseas average trophy plus £200. B Lovell received a trophy for winning the Old bird inland championship race and T Young for the young bird championship race. T Atkin lowest winning velocity old bird inland. Mr/s J Huddlestone highest winning velocity. Our

overseas races are duplicated from the MNFC Coutance – D Pallett, Ancenis – PW Hudson, Poitiers – R Glover, Vire – Mr/s J Huddleston. Winners of the sections Henton & Wheatley and B Lovell also received trophies.

Our president Jon Dodd auctioned five birds donated by P Hudson, D Jones, T Whitehouse, Mr/s G Jakings and A Tonks these birds will be eligible for the 2018 Breeder Buyer.

Tammy Huddleston and Joy partner of our ex-chairman Joe McKenna went round with raffle tickets there was a marvellous array of raffle prizes donated by clubs and individuals to numerous to mention all of them but a massive thank you to you all. Our entertainment for the night was provided by the lovely Karen Weston who sung here heart out, getting quite a number of people on the dance floor it was lovely to see one of our older members Tommy Young enjoying the evening dancing with Tammy Huddleston. Thanks to Trent Valley Club who put on a fantastic buffet with loads to go round, all in all it was a really good night.

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