APRIL NEWSLETTER

Greetings all SNFC members,

We enjoyed another very good turnout of delegates for our meeting on March 26th. at Newbridge, and we welcomed our newest delegate

Mr. E. Jamieson who is representing the Scottish Border Federation, we also had the company of our PRO Mary Thomson who took the opportunity meet the delegates and our new secretary Donna Thomson.

Well the federation race programs are getting ever closer, this also means the first inland national is looming, so we need to crack on with final arrangements for the four marking stations, and convoying plans.

This was Donna’s first official meeting as secretary, and I am sure like myself, she will have realised, being a working official for the SNFC, is quite intensive, but she coped very well, I am sure she still welcomes the final stages of the handover and the experienced assistance from Mary Pryde.

Again, we had quite a lengthy agenda to deal with, but I think the two most critical items were firstly, our probable need for a second vehicle to accommodate the expected entry numbers for the first inland national, this is no easy task as there are federation races on the same week end, and there are less organisations operating with transporters using wicker baskets, however, we are pursuing this issue, and I would like to thank Keith Cochrane for his most welcome assistance with this matter.

Continuing on the subject of racing, the second item that was discussed at length, was the need for good planning and the execution of the two-channel race marking stations, this will require the assistance of all of our members to make sure they get their birds race marked within the allotted time frame, we don’t want to be turning members away because they failed to get there in time, **so it is very important to read the instruction sheet in your race pack,** for paperwork requirements, and to ensure that you are aware of all the time requirements, these new time factors are to ensure we have administered all the paper work and other requirements in order to get them delivered, and returned from the French authorities in time, which will enable the transporter to board the ferry.

We have had a fantastic response from our members for our first sale to be held at Newbridge Bowling Club on April 30th, whereby, we will have a draft of young birds on offer from the top lofts in the country, don’t miss this one.! keep checking the website and pigeon papers for further information.

One other subject that was discussed was the requirement of a Loft Declaration and, if it was required in SCOTLAND, well only yesterday Wednesday 29th. March, I had a visit from the vet for my loft inspection, and on completion of the inspection, the vet supplied me with a LOFT DECLARATION FORM to sign and keep for inclusion in the paperwork pack, so this might help to answer that question.

Donna and Mary spent a considerable amount of time, but were unable to source a new venue for the Annual Presentation night so, we will be back at the Glynhill Hotel for the 2023 presentation.

On conclusion of the meeting business, On behalf of the SNFC members, Donna had the pleasure to present Mary Pryde with a beautiful bouquet of flowers in appreciation for her hard work and dedication over the past years.

Wishing everyone, a happy and peaceful Easter.

John Leggate

President SNFC.