

## WESSEX Low-Cost 600RES LEAGUE 2012

### Scores after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round at Flamstone Farm on Sunday 17 June 2012

By Chris Hague

An excellent entry of 11 pilots and the forecast of a sunny but breezy day provided the recipe for an enjoyable action-packed day. After the pilots briefing at 10.15, no more questions then and round one was soon underway. It became clear that despite the strong gusts of wind the 600 gliders were able not only to cope with the wind, but to exploit areas of lift and fast moving thermals. Flight times were often in excess of eight minutes. However, just as in the previous round at Templecombe, the final slot flew out the full 15 minutes. An added challenge required the pilots to land their models on a smaller mown grass area than at Templecombe, as opposed to the out-of-bounds farmer's cereal crop. There was a notable new model, an inexpensive ARTF imported from China. What was notable was that James flew in all five rounds with the model and achieved two wins. Swift and Apollo variants are still remaining the most popular. Wing spans ranging from 1.8m to 2.3m are the most consistently successful.

All the pilots managed at least one win throughout the day. Now for the surprise, The winner of round one at Templecombe, Glenn Woodford, moved rapidly from hero to zero in just one day, to record only one win and to finish in last place. I'm sure Glenn will improve next time out! James, who helps George Barnard with running the rounds, scored two wins, a new all time record for James I believe! Malcolm Mackendrick, likes to fly in a different part of the sky to everyone else, sometimes it works, this time it worked for three wins. One day, using this flight pattern, Malcolm will probably win the lot - one day. Rick Churchill and Peter Kessell both had four wins with Rick winning the fly-off for seventh place. In sixth place with five wins was Geoff Collins. The repairs to Geoff's Apollo were only completed the night before and he was not sure how the modified wing planform would work. A rapidly improving Simon Olyott recorded six wins, including one against the eventual winner, to finish in fifth place. Minor modifications in the development of Simon's Apollo would appear to be working well. Ian Sapsed only lost three times throughout the day to record seven wins to finish in fourth place. Ian also entertained us throughout the day with his extended landing approaches. Thus emphasising the wisdom of being allowed to power up the motor at any time of the flight, especially during the landing phase! Chris Hague and Ian Pratt took points away from each other by recording the only flight over the 15 minute maximum. Without that draw one would have equalled the winner Tom Airey's impressive score of eight wins. In the fly-off Chris just managed to beat Ian for second place in yet another very close contest.

Our thanks go to our host Spike Spencer of the Salisbury MFC for the use of their excellent flying field.

Thanks go to the timekeepers, George Barnard, James and Nancy, for helping to run the event so smoothly. Pilots taking part in this series are also invited to join in with the monthly postal event, see the website for full details.

After a very successful second round we look forward to round 3 on Sunday 29 July at the Collingbourne Kingston site of the Marlborough MFC. Watch this space at [www.wessexaml.co.uk](http://www.wessexaml.co.uk) for all the latest information. The Flamstone Farm results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Tom Airey, 8 wins; 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Hague 7.5 wins; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ian Pratt 7.5 wins;  
 4<sup>th</sup> Ian Sapsed 7 wins; 5<sup>th</sup> Simon Oylott 6 wins; 6<sup>th</sup> Geoff Collins 5 wins;  
 7<sup>th</sup> Rick Churchill, 4 wins; 8<sup>th</sup> Peter Kessell 4 wins; 9<sup>th</sup> Malcolm McKendrick 3 wins;  
 10<sup>th</sup> James Parry 2 wins; 11<sup>th</sup> Glenn Woodford 1 win.

<b>Low-cost 600RES</b>		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Ian Pratt		9	8				17
2	Ian Sapsed		6	7				13
3	Tom Airey		2.3	10				12.3
4	Glenn Woodford		10	2				12
5	Geoff Collins		7	5				12
6	Chris Hague		2.3	9				11.3
7	Peter Kessell		8	3				11
8	Simon Oylott		2	6				8
9	Rick Churchill		2.3	4				6.3
=10	Rick Farrer		4.5	-				4.5
=10	Jeff Fellows		4.5	-				4.5
12	Malcolm McKendrick		2	2				4
13	James Parry		1	2				3
=14	Steve Howe		2	-				2
=14	Phil Mitchell		2	-				2
=14	Gordon Mignano		2	-				2
=14	Phil Anning		2	-				2
=14	Robin Caswell		2	-				2

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Nancy keeps the scores, I just interfere!



600RES gliders and pilots at Flamstone Farm

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