

## **WESSEX AML Low-Cost 600RES LEAGUE 2015**

### **Scores after the 2<sup>nd</sup> round at Salisbury on Sunday 7 June 2015**

The second round of the 2015 season was blessed with superb sunny weather and a reasonable breeze at the excellent Flamstone Farm flying site of the Salisbury MFC. Once again there was a good entry of thirteen competitors who had arrived in good time to make an early start.

With an entry of thirteen pilots the event consisted of five rounds, resulting in a total of nineteen slots. Not counting any fly-offs at the end of the day for pilots with equal scores, each pilot flies five times in this Round Robin competition. The slots are so designed that each pilot will fly once against every other pilot in the competition. After further experience flying with the new lighter models a close contest with improved performance was expected - and we were not disappointed.

After the pilots briefing, Round 1 got under way in bright sunshine and with more breeze than had been forecast by the experts. Andrew Fellows, Jeff Fellows and Chris Hague all scored maximum points with the relatively low flight times of under four minutes.

Round 2 produced the first flights of over eight minutes but Roly Nix's eight minute flight was still not enough to beat Andrew Fellows. Glenn Woodford narrowly defeated Chris Hague with a flight time of nearly nine minutes, flown mostly at a low level. Peter Rose scored maximum points, flying his second model, after his main model had suffered an early problem whilst test flying. Darren Bumpass also picked up maximum points, flying an Apollo extremely well to beat the class leading pusher model of Jeff Fellows.

Whilst the weather warmed up for Round 3 the flight times reduced and this led to some very close contests. Ian Sapsed narrowly defeated Malcolm McKendrick and Ian Pratt. An astonished James Parry beat Peter Rose by a mere 10 seconds. The only pilot to land-out during the competition was Rick Churchill, thus handing points to Glenn Woodford, Darren Bumpass and Roly Nix in the closest of contests. Andrew Fellows beat his dad by a mere eight seconds, both having narrowly defeated Chris Hague.

Although the weather was warm and sunny, flight times remained low in Round 4 with Roly Nix, Darren Bumpass, Jeff Fellows and Andrew Fellows all scoring maximum points. In many cases the winning margins were less than ten seconds. The fifth and final round saw maximum points for Chris Hague, Jeff Fellows and Andrew Fellows, but the closest contest of the day was when Glenn Woodford powered up just one second later than Ian Sapsed. This was to have a big effect on the final positions as Glenn moved up to third place, whilst Ian finished in seventh, that's how close and even the 600RES class has become.

Andrew Fellows remained unbeaten all day to secure a well-deserved overall win. Two points behind was Jeff Fellows. Glenn Woodford won the fly-off against Darren Bumpass for third place, both were flying the popular Apollo model. Chris Hague flying an experimental smaller model finished in fifth place, the top five being in the same order as the previous contest at Tarrant Hinton. Sixth place went to Malcolm McKendrick after a fly-off against Ian Sapsed. In the three way fly-off for ninth place Roly Nix beat both the Peters, Rose and Kessell. In the fly-off for the wooden spoon Rick Churchill beat James Parry. The Salisbury results are as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Fellows 12 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff Fellows 10 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> Glenn Woodford 8 points;  
 4<sup>th</sup> Darren Bumpass 8 points; 5<sup>th</sup> Chris Hague 7 points;  
 6<sup>th</sup> Malcolm McKendrick 6 points; 7<sup>th</sup> Ian Sapsed 6 points; 8<sup>th</sup> Ian Pratt 5 points;  
 9<sup>th</sup> Roly Nix 4 points; 10<sup>th</sup> Peter Rose 4 points; 11<sup>th</sup> Peter Kessell 4 points;  
 12<sup>th</sup> Rick Churchill 2 points; 13<sup>th</sup> James Parry 2 points.

<b>600RES Class</b>	Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Andrew Fellows	25	25				50
2	Jeff Fellows	24	24				48
3	Glenn Woodford	23	23				46
4	Chris Hague	21	21				42
5	Darren Bumpass	19	22				41
6	Ian Pratt	22	18				40
7	Ian Sapsed	20	19				39
8	Malcolm McKendrick	15	20				35
9	Peter Rose	18	16				34
10	Roly Nix	16	17				33
11	Peter Kessell	14	15				29
12	James Parry	13	13				26
13	Tom Airey	17	-				17
14	Rick Churchill	-	14				14

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.

Jeff Fellows has generously provided a set of guidelines on battery charging and the layout of his pusher models as a result of his continued success in this class. Just contact me if you would like a copy.

Our thanks go to the Salisbury MFC for sharing the use of their excellent flying field. Thanks also to the timekeepers who volunteered throughout the day and to the two SMFC members, Paul Higham and Ron Hughes who have provided us with some of the best photographs we have of our 600RES event. We look forward to **Round 3 on Saturday 25 July at Tarrant Hinton**. Watch this space at [www.wessexaml.co.uk](http://www.wessexaml.co.uk) for all the latest information.



Ian Pratt



James Parry and Darren Bumpass



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Roly Nix and Malcolm McKendrick



Glenn Woodford



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Chris Hague