

WESSEX Low-Cost 600RES LEAGUE 2013

Scores after the 4th round at Collingbourne Kingston on Sunday 28 July

The delayed fourth round of the 2013 season was held on a blustery day at the excellent Collingbourne Kingston site of the Marlborough MFC. In contrast to our recent hot weather, no gazebos would be required to provide shade today! The site, with a strong south-westerly wind, provided quite a challenge. At no time did we find massive lift and, in fact, none of the slots was required to fly out the full 15 minutes. With a generous landing area, only one model landed out throughout the competition - and I can confirm that there was no damage to my model! A total of 21 competition slots were flown.

After the Wessex Tomboy prize giving, and the briefest of pilots' briefing, Round 1 got under way with an excellent 12 minute flight from Peter Kessell. Andrew Fellows and Chris Hague were able to win their slots with far shorter flights.

A brief rain shower failed to dampen spirits and Round 2 became a recovery round for previously defeated pilots, with slot wins for Jeff Fellows, Geoff Collins, and Ian Pratt. Once again, the close nature of this competition was highlighted with six different slot winners in the first two rounds.

Darren Bumpass and Malcolm McKendrick picked up wins in Round 3. This was a quick round as only a couple of flights exceeded 5 minutes.

Flight times improved in Round 4 as pilots learnt how to deal with the blustery conditions. The big winners in this round were Andrew Fellows and Jeff Fellows, each securing the top two positions.

In the final round flight times were very low the longest times of nearly five minutes being recorded by Peter Kessell and Rick Churchill. However, Andrew Fellows won his slot to remain unbeaten all day, closely followed by Jeff Fellows with only one defeat. Peter Kessell had a return to his more usual form to claim a comfortable third place with only two defeats all day. With four wins each, Rick Churchill narrowly beat Darren Bumpass in the fly-off for fourth place. There was a three-way fly-off for sixth place, with Chris Hague achieving his best flight of the day to beat Glenn Woodford and Geoff Collins. Ian Pratt and Malcolm McKendrick recorded two wins each and as their planes had been dismantled decided to allow the toss of a coin to decide the honour of being in ninth and tenth places.

Congratulations go to Andrew Fellows for achieving his second win of the series and therefore remaining in first place after four rounds.

Our thanks go to Andy Martin and the Marlborough MFC for the use of their excellent flying facility. Thanks also go to the timekeepers who kept the contest running smoothly by finding ready volunteers to time the next slot and so minimise any delays, and also to Rick Churchill who helped keep the laptop scoring up to date.

After a successful fourth round we look forward to the fifth and final round on Sunday 8 September at Templecombe, the flying site of the Wincanton Falcons. Watch this space at www.wessexaml.co.uk for all the latest information.

The Winterbourne Kingston results are as follows:

1st Andrew Fellows 9 wins; 2nd Jeff Fellows 8 wins; 3rd Peter Kessell 7 wins;
 4th Rick Churchill 4 wins; 5th Darren Bumpass 4 wins; 6th Chris Hague 3 wins;
 7th Glenn Woodford 3 wins; 8th Geoff Collins 3 wins; 9th Ian Pratt 2 wins;
 10th Malcolm McKendrick 2 wins. DNS James Parry.

600RES Class		Round	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Andrew Fellows		24	25	23	25		97
2	Jeff Fellows		25	24	21	24		94
3	Geoff Collins		23	22	18	18		81
4	Chris Hague		18	19	22	20		79
5	Malcolm McKendrick		21	23	17	16		77
6	Peter Kessell		20	20	14	23		77
7	Glenn Woodford		15	16	24	19		74
8	Ian Pratt		22	13	20	17		72
9	Darren Bumpass		17	-	19	21		57
10	Rick Churchill		11	-	16	22		49
11	Ian Sapsed		19	-	25	-		44
12	Rick Farrer		16	21	-	-		37
13	James Parry		13	18	15	2		33
14	Roly Nix		2	17	13	-		32
15	Tim Bailey		-	15	-	-		15
16	John Taylor		14	-	-	-		14
=16	Richard Few		-	14	-	-		14
18	Denis Grocott		12	-	-	-		12

Remember it is the best 4 scores to count.



Jeff Fellows (2nd) Andrew Fellows (1st) Peter Kessell (3rd)



Wessex 600RES entrants at the Marlborough MFC