

WESSEX TOMBOY LEAGUE 2014

Scores after Round 2 held at West Winterslow on Sunday 29 June 2014 by Chris Hague

The second round of the 2013 Wessex Tomboy League was held by kind invitation of Peter Rose at his superb West Winterslow flying site. The weather forecast was good and the weathermen were correct - it turned out to be a superb day for flying.

The conditions were so good that everyone qualified easily with flight times, but a few pilots needed a second flight as they landed outside the mown grass patch. This was also going to be a problem later in the day. Many thanks go to Peter Rose for all his hard work mowing the patch ready for us on Sunday.

Four pilots flew in the Wessex Tomboy 36 fly-off and after a clean getaway engine guru Derek Collin was first to land after just over four minutes. After reaching a good height on the motor run James Collis was next down, followed just a few seconds later by Chris Hague. This left Tom Airey with an easy cruise down to the patch to win comfortably.

Wessex Tomboy 36" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	9	10				19
=1	Chris Hague	10	9				19
3	James Collis	8	8				16
4	Derek Collin	-	7				7
=4	James Parry	7	-				7

1st Tom Airey 9 min 05 sec; 2nd Chris Hague 7 min 52 sec;
3rd James Collis 7 min 17 sec; 4th Derek Collin 4 min 43 sec.

With an entry of six in the Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" competition and without a spare person to act as starter, Chris Hague volunteered to both fly and do the honours. However, unlike a year ago at the same venue it went smoothly this time. As the air was very buoyant, it was decided to have a 20 second hold time after the 90 seconds allowed to start, adjust and fuel up the models. This is the successful Wessex way which is designed to prevent the models going too high under the power phase of the competition.

All the Wessex Tomboy Seniors launched and climbed away cleanly. Engine supremo Derek Collin was first to land, but outside the designated landing area. The next down was Chris Hague who landed his model successfully on the patch with a time of just over six minutes. A few seconds later James Collis landed and was the second pilot to miss the landing area. Next down after over eight minutes was Barrie Collis with a good flight, landing correctly on the patch. This left Peter Rose descending hoping to finish in second place despite using a worn out engine, however, Peter became the third pilot to land out! The easy winner was Tom Airey, for the second time today, who had the luxury of diving down from a great height.

Wessex Tomboy Senior 48" span league table

		R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Total
1	Tom Airey	9	10				19
2	Barrie Collis	7	9				16
3	Peter Rose	10	2				12
4	James Collis	8	2				10
=4	Chris Hague	2	8				10
6	James Parry	6	-				6
7	Derek Collin	2	2				4

1st Tom Airey 10 min + ; 2nd Barrie Collis 8 min 10 sec; 3rd Chris Hague 6 min 00 sec; Landed out; Derek Collin; James Collis; Peter Rose.

Our thanks go to Peter Rose for the invitation to fly at his superbly prepared flying field. Remember it is the best four scores to count. The next round will be on Sunday 13 July at Merryfield. Full details available on our website: www.wessexaml.co.uk Email me if you require directions to the site.



Peter Rose's latest Wessex Tomboy 48



Barrie Collis's Wessex Tomboy 48

Chris Hague

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