

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

Year by year the NEHU Futurity race for young birds grows in popularity. In 2009 we distributed over £56,000 in prize money and pools, with no sponsorship. At the outset we decided that the race would stand or fall on the support which pigeon men would give to it. And what a response we received.

The prize money is divided between the Open (70%) and the 4 Sections (30%). Anyone in the Union from Berwick to Northallerton can buy up to 20 rings @ £10 each.

Then there are the 5 Breeder/buyer sales, which allow fanciers to participate who do not live or fly in the North East hotbed. They buy up to 20 rings and send the pigeons in to be bought and flown by NEHU members. The money won by these birds is split 50/50 between Breeder and Buyer.

The dates and places for these sales are as follows;

Wednesday March 10th

Town End Farm WMC

Bexhill Road

Sunderland

SR5 4QF

Wednesday 17th March

Winlaton Hallgarth Social Club

Garth Farm Road

Winlaton

NE21 6DE

Wednesday 24th March

Trimdon Labour Club

Front Street South

Trimdon

TS29 6LZ

Wednesday 31st March

Blackhall WMC

Cemetery Road

Blackhall Colliery

TS27 4JG

Wednesday 14th April

New Delaval and Newsham

Winship Street

Newsham

Blyth

NE24 4NH

Start time for each sale will be 7.00pm approx.

Pigeons can be taken or sent to arrive on the day before each sale to

Mr. Michael Brennan

Unit 17

Borough Road Industrial Estate

Darlington

DL1 1TF

Alternatively our colleague Tony Beake will collect from Edinburgh Glasgow Manchester and Leeds at a cost of £15 per 3 birds. So at a cost of £10 for the ring plus £5 carriage your pigeon can be in with a good chance of honour and glory, plus cash.

Three conditions for these sales;

a] the pigeons must be vaccinated

b] they must be of suitable age i.e. not too old or too young

c] they must have a pedigree, not to 5 generations, but more that "Janssen x Busschaert" or " details after the race ". Pigeons not meeting these conditions [which are there to be fair to the buyer] will not be accepted for the sale.

So far ring sales are running at a rate that is just level with last year, which was a record. With a bit more effort we can top the £56,000 of 2009.

Tim Lovel

Chairman of Race Committee