

## JOINT FEDERATION MEETING TO DISCUSS THE EAST COAST CLASSIC.

Tony Davis chaired a meeting of the representatives of three Feds, NCF, Central Coast, SCF, in the Lake Macquarie Club rooms, the meeting getting underway at 10.30am, 19.3.2016.

There were a number of other interested flyers in attendance.

After a pleasant welcome, and coffee and biscuits, discussion went quickly into the proposal of The East Coast Classic, previously slated in for Byron Bay and a date around the 3.9.16.

After many positive comments about holding this proposed race, it was accepted by the group that THE EAST COAST CLASSIC would now be a dedicated race offered to the three Feds attending, on the 3.9.16.

### POINTS:

1. Named THE EAST COAST CLASSIC (ECC), transport by the NCF, liberation as per the NCF Liberation Protocols with consultation of the other two Feds. Given that the three Feds are racing the same route, NORTH ROAD, then the liberation information would be very similar to all three Feds. 25 birds per basket, \$15 per basket freight charge payable to the NCF.
2. The ECC will be a 5 Bird, any age entry with a cost suggested at \$25 per team up to the five birds.
3. The entry fee is to be set by each of the THREE FEDS, with these three Feds forming their own SECTIONS, with all monies staying in each section. There will be overall Cards for TOP performances within the OVERALL RACE, given the spread of the lofts able to compete in the ECC, from North, Newcastle and environs to the South Coast.
4. Chasing up sponsorship discussed.
5. Nominations to the NCF, on a Fed basis, is required 7 days before the ECC.

6. Basketing Centres in the SCF and Central Coast will need to have their birds basketed in NCF crates and be in the NEWCASTLE area at a designated time and place to be co-ordinated closer to race time. For the SCF this was around 6.30pm, Thursday night basketing at the Lake Macquarie Clubrooms.

7. Given modern weather forecasting, the weekend of/including the 3.9.16 is the target race parameter but it could be a Monday race as well, so all basketing options are on the table to make this a successful race.

Discussion re: the ECC then moved onto the longer races on the NCF SCHEDULE.

Tony Davis spoke about the need for Feds to be able to offer LONG DISTANCE RACING at a fair and equitable price so that flyers could take up the challenge of Long Distance Racing once more and that birds coming down similar routes could have cover. He suggested that in the future Feds would have to co-opt each other's resources, esp. for distance racing and that this meeting was a great starting place.

He spoke about planning for races up to and including MACKAY QLD, and mentioned interest from some Central Cumberland Fed members.

He also made the offer that with prior consultation and arrangements, with the NCF, it is in a position to offer similar opportunities to flyers to race in their Distance Program, with similar basketing arrangements at \$15 per basket.

The SCF reps mentioned that they would be utilising the NCF offer to race Maryborough QLD on/about the 24.3.16.

SCF Reps spoke about the "timing" of NORTH ROAD Distance Races, to which Tony Davis was going to do an informed study of BOM DATA to try to see if there was a pattern of weather conditions, prevailing winds, which may result in a better researched race schedule for 2017.

Tony Davis also suggested that the representatives on Federations flying similar routes should speak more closely in the future so that the longer races could line up with a combined, cost sharing and bird coverage opportunity.

Meeting closed with a sausage sizzle, and some very positive people buzzing!