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## To all members of the Up North Combine

I appreciate your patience in the recent weeks whilst we have been working away in the background. With varying difficulties that we still face, we, the mighty Up North Combine are doing our utmost to make next season the best we have had to date.

I would like to firstly announce that Mr Paul Shergold has decided to step down as president, and has decided not to continue on the finance committee. All 23 federations had a majority vote of their members in favour of Mr Simon Cassidy. The committee members are Mr John Thompson, Mr Shaun Kinahan, Mr Stephen Barnes, Mr Jimmy Richardson, Mr Mark Pearce and Mr Steven Morley.

The main points of the ballot, which had a vast majority are as follows;

- Return of the famous Bourges channel race
- Bubworth to be removed from the race program and to find a new site
- The first and last channel race being Ypres (dependent upon site availability)
- No national race under 200 miles from the first loft
- No two races on the same day
- Federation baskets to be split evenly across the transporters
- Not to push back the pickup time should the race be put back
- 30 and 40 minutes between liberations
- Federations to have one vote only
- Weather committee to be scrapped

The new groupings for the forthcoming season are as follows;

- Group 1** Border, Coquetdale, Wansbeck, Northumberland Premier, Tyne North, Mid Tyne, South Shields, Sunderland & District, Sunderland Premier and North East Counties
- Group 2** Newcastle West, Gateshead, Ferryhill & District, Houghton, Hetton and Shotton & Trimdon
- Group 3** Middlesbrough & District, Teesside and Tees Valley
- Group 4** South East Durham, Hartlepool, North Yorkshire and East Cleveland

With a large amount of support, was the videoing of liberations. This has been subject to a lot of discussion, and we will be looking to live stream these from our Facebook page and website. We

anticipate this will prove popular within the combine and to other racing organizations. In addition to this, we are already in talks with advertisers who want to work with us and to provide prize money back into the combine.

Progress at HQ has been positive, and we have ensured it is COVID safe. Dixie and Peter have been repairing and sprucing up the vehicles and trailers including a deep clean to keep our important little passengers safe whilst on our vehicles.

And finally, may I advise that we will be closed until after new year, and I wish yourselves and your family and friends a very merry Christmas, and a happy new year!

Please find below the proposed racing program for 2021. A copy has been sent to your federation secretary.

### **OLD BIRDS**

3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2021	Alternative TBC	Section liberations
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Newark Showground	Section liberations
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Oakham	Group liberations
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Huntingdon	Group liberations
1 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	Chelmsford	One cut
<b>8<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>	<b>Folkstone National</b>	One cut
15 <sup>th</sup> May 2021	Worksop	Group liberations
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May 2021</b>	<b>Arras or Ypres (TBC) National</b>	One cut
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May 2021</b>	<b>Lakes-Maidstone National</b>	One cut
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	<b>Roye Queens Cup National</b>	One cut
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Huntingdon (2)	Group liberations
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	<b>Bourges National</b>	<b>One cut</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	<i>Oakham (2)</i>	<i>One cut</i>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> June 2021</b>	<b>Arlington National</b>	<b>One cut</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021</b>	<b>Reims National</b>	<b>One cut</b>
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Chelmsford (2)	One cut
<b>17<sup>th</sup> July 2021</b>	<b>Ypres National</b>	<b>One cut</b>

----- TWO WEEK SEASON BREAK -----

### **YOUNG BIRDS**

31 <sup>st</sup> July 2021	Wetherby/Alternative	Section liberations
7 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Worksop	Section liberations
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Newark Showground	Section liberations
21 <sup>st</sup> August 2021	Oakham	Group liberations
28 <sup>th</sup> August 2021	Huntingdon	Group liberations
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Chelmsford	One cut
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September 2021</b>	<b>Lakes-Maidstone National</b>	<b>One cut</b>
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Wetherby/Alternative	Section liberations
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Worksop	Section liberations

Kind regards

*Rachel McDonald*  
Secretary