



## **RACING AND INFORMATION UPDATE 2022**

I hope you are all keeping well and looking forward to the season ahead. Following the recent RPRA Update on Channel racing the prospects are much better than last year for a good racing calendar across the water.

As you would gather from the update, there is still much to finalise paperwork wise from the EU side of things and from DEFRA, so in anticipation of the coming season we are trying to have our own side of things up to date and ready to go.

Regarding vaccination sheets, we ask that all members must send a copy of their signed vaccination forms into the Secretary by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Also the Paramyxovirus vaccine used has to be a DEFRA approved vaccine i.e Columbovac PMV or Nobivac PMV.

All competing members must bring to the marking station with their birds their Part B race entry sheet making sure the declaration is signed to confirm their birds are vaccinated.

All lofts will have to be registered with DEFRA prior to racing. More details to follow on this. At the last marking station (Southampton) a DEFRA registered Vet will be there to inspect and approve our convoy.

Members will need to be aware that marking may take longer now due to additional paperwork etc which will need completing at all the marking stations. Please make sure you arrive in plenty of time for marking and any help you can give will be appreciated.

### **Young Bird and Any Age Race 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

For this year the young bird and any age race will now be flown from Guernsey NOT Coutances. Until we get racing across the channel underway and have more knowledge and experience as we go on in what is involved paperwork wise crossing the channel it is in the best interest of the Club to have the YB/AA race from Guernsey.

### **Online Young Bird Sale**

The online young bird sale will be running on Elimar Pigeons from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April. There will be some brief details on pigeons donated for the sale beforehand on the Club's website, click on "Latest News". If anyone would like to help the general running of the Club by donating a pigeon for the sale, please contact me.

### **2022 Handbooks**

All paperwork for those members who have paid, will be sent out at the end of March beginning of April. The 2022 subscriptions are £25.

For any new members wishing to join, you can download an application form from the website or contact me and I can pop one in the post for you.