





# THE PIGEON SPORTS PROMOTIONS EUROPA CLASSIC RACE



## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS 2011

11th February loft opens to receive entries.

26th April loft closes to entries.

The loft will be open to take entries on the following dates only, this is to effect quarantine isolation, and give vaccinations a chance to take effect, before mixing the birds prior to them having built a group immunity.

**These are the only dates the loft will be open to take pigeons.**

February - 11,12,13,14,15      Feb - 25,26,27,28      March - 1      March - 11,12,13,14,15  
March - 25,26,27,28,29      April - 8,9,10,11,12      April - 22,23,24,25,26

**The lofts will be closed to entries on all other dates.**

If your birds arrive outside these dates they will be placed in the international quarantine loft, and could well be kept there for up to five weeks, dependent on D.E.F.R.A. release dates, so please give yourself every chance and stick to these dates.

International quarantine birds (that is birds from outside the EU) can be accepted on any dates. Between February 16th and 15th March by prior arrangement with the race organisers and D.E.F.R.A. We will make all the arrangements, just let us know, however you will be liable for UK import duties of about £40 per bird, and all quarantine and vet costs of about £100 per bird.

From 1st March to 30th June the pigeons are flown around the home skies of South Wales.

1st July, the pigeons will start their training programme and will be gradually trained by road up to 60 miles and once they have reached this distance they will be trained every day from 40 miles (weather permitting) until a few days prior to the "Final Race".

15th July "Hot Spot Training Race" from 60 miles, 1st-£500, 2nd-£400, 3rd - £300, 4th-£200, 5th to 10th-£100 each.  
22nd July "Hot Spot Training Race" from 100 miles, 1st-£500, 2nd-£400, 3rd-£300, 4th-£200, 5th to 10th-£100 each.  
29th July "Hot Spot Training Race" from 120 miles, 1st-£500, 2nd-£400, 3rd-£300, 4th-£200, 5th to 10th-£100 each.  
5th August "Hot Spot Training Race" from 160 miles, 1st-£500, 2nd-£400, 3rd-£300, 4th-£200, 5th to 10th-£100 each.  
12th August "Red Hot Training Race" race from 200 miles, 1st-£3,000, 2nd-£2,000, 3rd-£1,000, 4th-£700, 5th & 6th-£500, 7th & 8th-£300, 9th & 10th-£200.

If the winners of the "Hot Spots" are not activated birds, these prizes will be paid to the first paid/activated birds on the results.

Prize for the Ace Bird (lowest combined flying time for the 5 Hot Spots and the main race) will be a brand new motor car! Only birds that are fully paid before the first Hot Spot can qualify for this car prize. If the lowest flying time is achieved by a non activated bird the new car prize will be forfeited, and the car will rollover to the next year. The new car prize is subject to 70% of all reserve birds being activated before the first "Hot Spot" race. Any bird activated that does not appear on the basketting list for the 1st "Hot Spot" will have the £100 entry refunded in full.

All the above prizes are based on 1000 paid entries and 2000 reserves. The organisers reserve the right to reduce the prizes on a pro-rata basis if these figures are not reached.

15th July any reserve not activated by the owners go on sale at £100 each, including venturers. No reserves after this date only paid birds and/or birds for sale.

Sunday, 28th August, "MAIN RACE" from HEXHAM (approx. 250 miles) with £30,000 FIRST PRIZE.

More prizes will be paid depending on the size of the fully paid entries. All pigeons that are fit and still in the loft will go to this race and in the event of the winner not being a fully paid up pigeon, the first prize will go to the first fully paid up pigeon on the result. As a safeguard a full list of all unsold pigeons will be made available.

The Unikon Electronic Clocking System (manufactured by Deister Electronic) will be installed into the loft and used to clock the pigeons on all the Training/Hot Spot Races/Final Race. This is a tried and tested system. The same model as used by the R.P.R.A. One Loft Race, The Suncity Million Dollar Race and many other top races around the world.

## LOFTS LOCATION AND MANAGEMENT TEAM

The lofts are located on a large flat green field site, that is quiet and secluded, in fact ideal pigeon surroundings, yet only 10 minutes away from junction 28 off the M4 motorway. This is an ideal site for both easy access and training, and still only 10 minutes away from Europe's fastest growing city. Cardiff's bustling centre, with its world renowned nightlife clubs, restaurants, bars and hotels are but minutes from the lofts, while the attractions and beauty of Glamorgan Coast and Vale are a shortdrive away.

The location makes it very easy for pigeon fanciers to visit the lofts which are only a three hour drive for fanciers as far away as Cornwall or London in the south and Yorkshire or Lancashire in the north, allowing all entrants to visit and see the lofts, meet the management team and reassure themselves that their entries are kept in tip top conditions.

The Management Team consists of the following people:-

**ADMINISTRATION:-** Aply managed by Russell Morris who has many years of experience in one loft races in the UK and overseas. Russell is also a Finance Director and queries with regards to payments you can contact him at 07900 131592.

**LOFT MANAGER:-** This position is held by Mark Williams with many years experience flying pigeons following the systems developed by "Europa" that is proven to work.

Derek has designed the Loft, to fly the youngsters using a system that will give every pigeon a fair chance. The loft and training system helps avoid situations where some pigeons are paired and sitting while others have no motivation at all. Derek ensures that every pigeon will be fed and trained the same way, though this means a lot more work at the lofts but this is a race where attention to detail always comes first. The birds are also flown on the darkness system.

**RESIDENT VETERINARY SURGEON:-** An important position will be held by Frank Harper M.R.C.V.S., the U.K.'s most respected pigeon veterinary surgeon and D.E.F.R.A., Licensed Veterinary Inspector.

**PRESS OFFICER:-** The renowned pigeon scribe Les Parkinson of Elimar Lofts will again be responsible for events press and public communications.

With this "TEAM" and others we believe we have put together the best in the business. All training plans and results, loft lists of birds, etc., will be kept up to date on our dedicated state of the art web site allowing entrants to check their details at any time. Just log onto [www.europaclassic.co.uk](http://www.europaclassic.co.uk) or you can speak to Mark direct at the loft on 07581 556394 or Email [europa.auctions@btopenworld.com](mailto:europa.auctions@btopenworld.com)

## LIBERATION SITES

- 60 miles Ludlow
- 100 miles Whichurch
- 120 miles Nantwich
- 160 miles Leyland
- 200 miles Brough
- 250 miles Hexham

**These liberation sites may be changed  
(longer or shorter).**

**If the committee deem it in the best interest  
of a good race considering the prevailing  
weather conditions on the day.**

All Birds will remain in the name of the original entrant until they return from the main race, any birds lost will remain the responsibility of the entrant to either:-

- a. Pay to repatriate the bird back to the loft via Courier Service
- b. Claim the bird back by taking it out of the race.

