

Trophy Night at the Rhode Island Club

Trophy night is always a great time for everyone, whether you are receiving a trophy or not. The food is great, the raffle is fun and it's a wonderful time to be with friends in the deep of winter.

The big 2009 winners in the trophies this year was the father and son team of Jim & Jeff Costa. They won Champion Old Bird with a DC Spl Hen, IF 08 RI 1423 and Champion Young Bird with a DC Hen, AU 09 FR 1224. 1224 was bred by another club member, Andy Golden of Goldie & Son Loft. Jim and Jeff also won Young Bird Average Speed with wins at the 200 and 300 mile stations, as well as many other top placements. These results also garnered them the Young Bird Loft of the Year Plaque with 40 clockings and 690 points.



A sumptuous meal provided by Art & Patty Gervais along with the Bob & Marie Mink and family.



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Ron Shilinsky took Overall Average Speed Honors along with the Old Bird Average Speed placque. Most notable were his wins at the 500 and 300 mile stations along with many other top positions.

Old Bird Loft of the year was won by Lewis & Son, a well known champion flyer in the



(L-R) Barbara & Charlie White, Fred & Barbara Quiltzsch and Faye & Jim Costa

northeast. They won this honor with 34 clockings producing 509 total points.

Other winners include the following: Autumn Wind Loft (Duncan Harvey), 1st at the 150 and 300 mile old bird races, as well as the Nominated Yearling at the first 500 mile race. That's the way to pick'm Duncan, good job.

John Lopes had a good win at the first 200 mile old bird race, while Frank Paulo made his wins at the second 20 mile old bird race and the 250 mile youngbird race. Tony Rodriques won the 400 mile old bird and John Doyle won the third 300 mile old bird. Ron Shilinsky won the first 500 mile old bird race and the 4th 300 miler, while Armand Dube won the third 300 mile race. Speedome Loft (Ken Chickering), won the second 500 mile race and in doing so won the New England Open 500, great race Ken. Pete's Loft (Peter Zervas) took the 600 mile race, coming in 3rd in the New England Open 600 to closing out our old bird season. Good flying Pete.



John Lopes and his 200 mile winning plaque.

Jeff Teves won the opening 100 mile young bird race, while Joe & Marie Salpietro won the second 100 to open the young bird season. Dave Wood captured the 150 young bird race by taking the first five positions. Joe Almeida won the third 200 mile young bird race, while Jim & Jeff Costa won the second 200 with the first five positions and also won the second 300 mile race. Ernie Miller snuck in two birds to win the first 300 mile young bird race, concluding the reporting of the awards.



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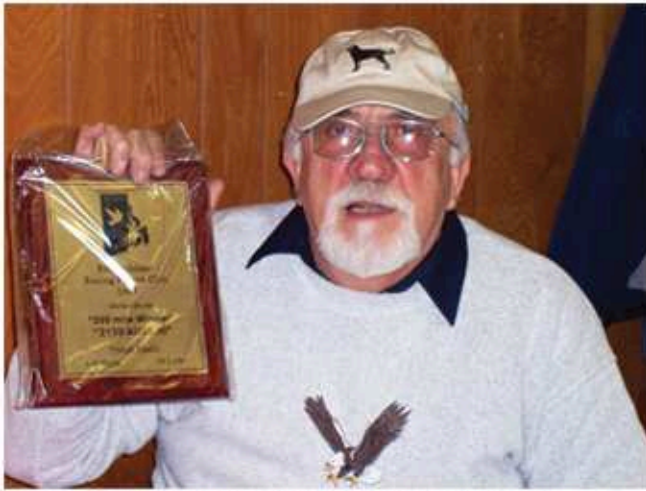
After the awards an auction was held on a very generous donation of pigeons. Ken Chickering donated two siblings to his 500 mile New England Open winner. The Zervas' donated two fine birds, as well as a bird from Joe Dias and Ernie Miller. The Rhode Island Club members are grateful for these generous donations.



Raffle table filled with goodies



(L-R) Joe Almeida, Armand Dube, Butch Santos, Kenny White and Joe Dias



Frank Paulo with his 200 mile winner plaque.



Tony Rodrigues with his 400 mile winner plaque.



Ken Chickering (Speedome Loft) with his 500 mile winner plaque.



Ernie Miller with his 300 mile winning plaque.



Jeff Costa with one of his many plaques.



Joe Almeida with his 200 mile winner plaque.



Peter Zervas with his 600 mile winner plaque.



Faye & Jim Costa and Pauline & Andy Golden



John Doyle up to receive his 300 mile winner plaque.



(L-R) Bob McKenna, Glenn Lawton, George Botelho, George Oliveira and Bill Constant



(L-R) John Lopes, Marie & Mike Sherwood



Armand Dube with his 300 mile winning plaque.