

EASTERN ONTARIO COMBINE

Together we aspire

Together we achieve

November 20, 2005

Presidents Message

To EOC executives, delegates, members, and to the Sudbury and North Bay fanciers who ship with us

Last year the EOC realized a longstanding goal, and purchased a new 80 compartment trailer. At the time of the acquisition the trailer fund was short of the purchase price. Our then president, Dave Ramcharran and the executive at that time were forced to make certain concessions. They approached the membership to loan or donate money to the trailer fund. The EOC membership rose to the occasion and responded generously. Over \$14,000 was raised, the majority of that in gifts. Individuals (Al McGillis, Jim Towes, Bob Stiver, Damien Joachim, and Moe Moses among others) and clubs (Limestone City, Lindsay, Liftlock City, and Cobourg-Port Hope) came through when it counted. Thank you to these sportsmen as well as all the others who helped out. Special thanks to Dave Ramcharran for all of his hard work.

To those who loaned us money we will work to repay you A.S.A.P. If you want your money back this year, we will do our best to comply. For those who are content to wait for repayment we will use all available funds to buy more baskets.

This leads us to our second concession. We did not have enough money to build a full compliment of baskets. We have 106 baskets total, and clubs were forced to limit young bird shipping this year so as not to overcrowd.

What does this mean for 2006? With the trucking contracted by the Sudbury-North Bay clubs we may be short of baskets for old bird shipping. Can we do anything about it? YES! The EOC executive and the clubs reps will consider proposals at the Board of Directors meeting that will help, and we can buy more baskets with any available cash in the EOC treasury trailer fund.

There is something your club can consider doing. Buy baskets with your club funds. Your club will have these baskets on top of their allotment of EOC owned baskets. This way you won't have to overcrowd or reduce your shipping. The approximate cost is \$225 plus tax. To do this you must notify Brad Harsell and send him the money. We can't give out more baskets than we have.

Also please support the EOC in all of our fundraising activities. Our auction, the awards presentation, and the one loft race. Remember to book your spot in the one loft race early, as it will be open to fanciers from outside the EOC.

Ted Brown
President

Treasurers Message

Fellow EOC members:

I'll keep this short and sweet. No the EOC is not broke, but yes we are in a precarious position. As you can see from the financial statement we had approx. \$4200 in available funds. However, the majority of this will go to pending expenses (additional gas costs for the conveyor, GPS mileage costs, insurance and EOC results in the year book). And we still have to pay out the EOC band money for old bird races.

The problem is that racing last year cost the EOC \$3500 more than we charged in flying and rental fees. This wiped out any surplus that we had. In order to cover the estimated costs for next year, I'm recommending 2 things. An immediate increase in EOC dues from \$20 to \$30, and increasing flying fees to at least \$150 for young birds and \$210 for old birds. These increases will only MEET next year's costs. If we wish to recover some of the \$3500 we were short this year, we will need to consider other options.

If there are any questions please contact me and I will do my best to answer them.

Brad Harsell
EOC Secretary-Treasurer