

CENTRAL SOUTHERN CLASSIC FLYING CLUB



RACING 2020 UPDATE

To begin with, the most important thing is to wish you all well and that you are keeping safe. As we find ourselves in the most unprecedented times that no one has ever experienced before (and hoping that no body ever has to experience again), it has come hard to us all to imagine not being able to race our pigeons. Especially when this is all some fanciers have to look forward to during our restrictions. I know there is a lot of behind the scenes work going on to in order for every one of us to be able to participate in racing safely without putting lives at risk.

If we are allowed to begin in June, the first race will be on June 20th with marking on the 18th June. No race point has been confirmed as yet, if the UK and French borders are open by this date then we will hopefully travel across if not then it will be inland.

The July date which is when we usually travel to Bergerac has been left open at the moment and will depend on what racing has been achieved through June. The young bird and old hen's race which was scheduled for Guernsey will be looked at when we have more clarity on what is occurring.

I would just like to make you aware that there will be a change in marking stations due to the Government closure of some the venues we use for marking. We are in the process of trying to find alternative places in which to mark. There may be a marking station that cannot open due to our helpers being over 70 or are in the "at risk" category. We have to think of the wellbeing and safety of all our marking teams and no one can be pressured in to helping.

The safety of all of our marking teams and members is of the utmost importance and all marking stations will be supplied with the relevant PPE equipment. In order for us to be permitted to race we will all have to comply with the Government regulations and social distancing guidelines.

Race Entries: There is a change to race entries. We will NOT be accepting any extra birds on the day of marking. (This is not a permanent measure and it will go back to normal after the current situation has been resolved). You will now have to enter every bird you wish to send to the race on your Part A Entry Form which you send to the Secretary beforehand with your payment. This is to enable us to know exactly how many birds will be arriving at the marking stations so each marking station has enough crates on site to cater for the birds and also to make sure we have the relevant room on the transporters. All Part B Forms which you bring to the marking station with you will have to be filled in with your details and all the ring numbers of the pigeons. NO money will be taken at the marking stations.

Marking Day: On the marking day all members will be given a designated time slot in which to arrive at the marking station. Once your entry has been received by the Secretary, she will telephone you to confirm your time slot, also she will ask if you are bringing along any one else's birds too. When you arrive at the marking station you must wait in your car until we are ready to mark your birds. Your birds will be taken from you and you must wait back in your car until they have been marked. Once your basket has been returned to you, you must leave immediately. You MUST keep to the time slot you are given and NOT arrive earlier or later than asked.

All other procedural information regarding COVID 19 restrictions will be available nearer the time. Clare Norman.