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## Middlesex County Invitational

**MARK RUDNER, KEN HAGREAVES  
AND GREG WORNELL  
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

MAY 24, 2008 – BILLERICA, MA – This contest came about because of the willingness of the Middlesex County RC Flyers to share their flying site at Vietnam Veterans Park in Billerica, Massachusetts. Due to their generosity it was time to get the New England F2D season off to a good start. Eight pilots were on hand and ready for action.

Rounds I and II were somewhat uneventful with the majority of the field looking quite competitive. Three pilots; Mark Rudner, Jeff Vader and Greg Wornell were undefeated while three others had been eliminated. Still in contention, as well, were Roy Glenn and Ken Hargreaves both sitting with one win and one loss apiece. In Round three things started to get interesting. Mark handed Greg his first loss in a full four minutes of twisting and turning both pilots looking very sharp. Round three also saw Roy Glenn, who had made the long trip from Southampton, NJ, hand Jeff Vader his first loss. Next Ken Hargreaves matched up against Mark Rudner. It was Ken's third match, Marks fourth. This one was a hard fought, action filled match with Ken emerging victorious. Later in round four Ken eliminated Jeff while Greg did likewise to Roy. (continued on page two)

## Granite State Championships

**JEFF VADER, BRIAN STAS  
AND RICK CLARK ARE THE TOP THREE**

**CHRIS SARNOWSKI TAKES SPORTSMAN**

JUNE 15, 2008 – FRANKLIN, NH – The Granite State Championships, this year, drew seven competitors. The event was hosted and cd'ed by Jeff Vader. Jeff had coffee and doughnuts waiting for everyone as we arrived.

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## Eastern Mass Invitational

**MARK RUDNER, JEFF VADER  
AND BRIAN STAS  
ARE TOP THREE**

JUNE 8, 2008– KINGSTON MA - Nine contestants participated in this year's Eastern Mass Invitational. The weather was hot and humid. We were ready for some F2D combat.

After three rounds of action seven pilots were still in the hunt most sitting at two wins and one loss. In round four both Jeff Vader and Mark Rudner moved to 3 wins and one loss while everyone else accumulated their second loss. Jeff earned his third win getting past Neil Simpson two cuts to one in a match where both pilots flew well. Next Mark got his third win when he faced off against Roy Glenn. Mark got all of Roy's streamer very early and then exhibited great defensive skills as Roy had him running. Roy chased hard while also staying under control. Roy's patience seemed to be rewarded with a nice cut with about nine seconds left, however a penalty cost him what looked like a tie. Jeff and Roy then faced off for first place with Mark earning the match and contest win. In a four way fly-off for third Brian Stas earned the spot getting past Neil, Roy and his son Matt in the process.

Thank You to Brian for cd'ing this event and also for securing the permit for the field.

Eastern Mass Invitational  
Formula GX Combat  
9 Contestants (7 from MA)(1 from NH)(1 from NJ)  
F2D Combat

1. Mark Rudner	4 wins – 1 loss
2. Jeff Vader	3 wins – 2 losses
3. Brian Stas	2 wins – 2 losses
*won fly-off for third	
4. Roy Glenn	2 wins - 2 losses
5. Matt Stas	2 wins - 2 losses
6. Neil Simpson	2 wins – 2 losses
7. Greg Wornell	1 win - 2 losses
8. Rick Clark	0 wins – 2 losses
9. Paul Kubek	0 wins – 2 losses

Middlesex County (continued from page one)

Round five would be the final round as Mark, Greg and Ken were the only pilots left, all with one defeat. Ken got the bye. As a result, Mark and Greg squared off in yet another full four minute war. When the dust settled Mark had squeaked out the win. In the final match, Ken and Mark had a good battle going, both flying well early on. Mark was leading three cuts to one when a line tangle crash sent both pilots down with neither able to get back up before the end of the match. Fourth place was settled with a fly-off for that position between Jeff and Roy with Jeff sneaking out the win in that one.

A special thank you to Greg Wornell, who was the interface between our group and the Middlesex County RC Flyers. Greg explored a great many other possibilities, as well, before bringing this one to fruition.

Middlesex County Invitational-F2D Combat  
8 contestants

- |                                   |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Mark Rudner, Cambridge, MA     | 5 wins / 1 loss   |
| 2. Ken Hargreaves, Worcester, MA  | 3 wins / 2 losses |
| 3. Greg Wornell, Wellesley, MA    | 3 wins / 2 losses |
| 4. Jeff Vader, Franklin, NH       | 2 wins / 2 losses |
| * won fly-off for fourth          |                   |
| 5. Roy Glenn, Southhampton, NJ    | 2 wins / 2 losses |
| 6. Paul Kubek, Brockton, MA       | 0 wins / 2 losses |
| 7 Brian Stas, Kingston, MA        | 0 wins / 2 losses |
| 8. Neil Simpson, E Brookfield, MA | 0 wins / 2 losses |

**The trophy winners at the Middlesex County Invitational were Mark Rudner (1st), Ken Hargreaves (2nd) and Greg Wornell (3rd)**



Granite State Championships (continued from page one)

Weather conditions were cloudy, some drizzle, but mostly dry and seasonably cool, a great day for combat.

Round one saw Neil Simpson and Jeff Vader both get off to fast starts posting 725 point wins. They met each other in round two with Jeff prevailing two cuts to one in a very exciting match that went buzzer to buzzer. In the next match Brian Stas posted his second good win getting past Glenn Simpson two cuts to one in a match where both pilots flew very well. Round three saw Brian and Jeff fly to a one cut apiece draw followed by a match where Neil and Glenn flew to a two cut apiece draw.

Going into round four it was Jeff (1960pts), Brian (1855pts), Neil (1740pts) and Glenn (1535pts). In the first match of round four Rick Clark earned a three cut win to put pressure on the leaders. In the semi-final Brian and Neil waged war. Great action for the whole match with Brian leading by a cut, when with just a few seconds to go a major league mid-air occurred. In the finals Jeff got past Glenn three cuts to one to earn the contest win. When the scores were tabulated Jeff was first, Brian second and Rick third. Chris Sarnowski, flying in his first contest, took home the sportsman "gold".

Thank You to everyone who shared in the judging and Thank You to Jeff for a good contest and a great day.

Granite State Championships - Formula GX Combat  
7 Contestants (6 from MA) (1 from NH)  
14 Matches-2 mid-air

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|------------------------------------|---------|
| (A) Jeff Vader - Franklin, NH      | 2690pts |
| (A) Brian Stas - Kingston, MA      | 2250pts |
| (A) Rick Clark - Hingham, MA       | 1950pts |
| (E) Neil Simpson - E.Brookfield,MA | 1940pts |
| (E) Glenn Simpson - Worcester, MA  | 1835pts |
| (A) Paul Kubek - Brockton, MA      | 1630pts |
| (S) Chris Sarnowski-Brookline, MA  | 1100pts |

**2008  
Ron Connors Memorial**

**Wrentham State School  
Wrentham, MA  
July 20th, 2008**

**Formula GX Combat Four Rounds  
Prizes for top Three plus first in Sportsman  
First Match 10:00 am  
AMA Sanctioned**

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*Billerica May 24th and Kingston June 8th*

Jeff Vader Photos



In Kingston, at the Eastern Mass Invitational, the trophy winners were Mark Rudner (1st), Jeff Vader (2nd) and Brian Stas (3rd)



Greg Wornell



Ken Hargreaves



Mark Rudner



Roy Glenn and Rick Clark



Jeff Vader and Neil Simpson



# 2008 Granite State Championships - June 15th

Jeff Vader photos



The trophy winners were Jeff Vader (1st), Brian Stas (2nd), Rick Clark (3rd) and Chris Sarnowski (1st Sportsman)



Brian Stas and Glenn Simpson



Paul Kubek



Rick Clark and Paul Kubek



Chris Sarnowski and Rick Clark



Neil Simpson and Paul Kubek

## *Rumors Facts Etc*

**CONTEST FUND:** This month we received very generous donations from Louis Lopez, Brian Stas, Gregory Wornell, Rick Clark, Len Thibault and Jeff Vader. Thank You Gentlemen, please know it's appreciated.

**FUN FLY:** Don't miss the Wompatuck Fun Fly-Wompatuck State Park-July 5th and 6th-Bring and fly anything and everything. A leisurely and relaxing change of pace

### NECN CONTEST FUND

1/1/2008 Through 6/19/2008

Date	Payee	Category	Amount	Running Total
1/1/2008	balance		289.00	289.00
3/4/2008	New England Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	244.00
3/10/2008	Fall Finale	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	199.00
3/28/2008	Will Rogers	contribution	60.00	259.00
4/4/2008	Granite State Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(25.00)	234.00
4/12/2008	Eastern Mass Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(130.00)	104.00
4/12/2008	District I Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(130.00)	(26.00)
4/17/2008	Middlesex County Invitational	Permit/Sanction Expense	(45.00)	(71.00)
4/26/2008	All Four Wompatuck Contests	Permit/Sanction Expense	(168.00)	(239.00)
4/26/2008	Rick Clark	contribution	68.00	(171.00)
4/27/2008	Joe Fustolo	contribution	40.00	(131.00)
4/27/2008	Brian Stas	contribution	10.00	(121.00)
4/27/2008	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	entry fees	70.00	(51.00)
4/27/2008	Wompatuck Ice Breaker	trophy expense	(51.00)	(102.00)
5/5/2008	Granite State Invitational	trophy expense	(68.00)	(170.00)
5/5/2008	Granite State Invitational	entry fees	70.00	(100.00)
5/5/2008	Chris Sarnowski	contribution	100.00	0.00
5/5/2008	Glenn Simpson	contribution	40.00	40.00
5/7/2008	Granite State Championships	Permit/Sanction Expense	(25.00)	15.00
5/20/2008	Louis Lopez	contribution	100.00	115.00
5/24/2008	Middlesex County Invitational	trophy expense	(51.00)	64.00
5/24/2008	Middlesex County Invitational	entry fees	80.00	144.00
5/24/2008	Brian Stas	contribution	10.00	154.00
5/27/2008	Greg Wornell	contribution	100.00	254.00
5/30/2008	Middlesex County R-C Flyers	donation expense	(50.00)	204.00
6/5/2008	Len Thibault	contribution	50.00	254.00
6/8/2008	Rick Clark	contribution	10.00	264.00
6/8/2008	Eastern Mass Invitational	trophy expense	(51.00)	213.00
6/8/2008	Eastern Mass Invitational	entry fees	90.00	303.00
6/15/2008	Granite State Championships	trophy expense	(68.00)	235.00
6/15/2008	Granite State Championships	trophy expense	70.00	305.00
6/15/2008	Jeff Vader	contribution	75.00	380.00
		<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>380.00</b>	<b>380.00</b>

## 2008 CONTEST SCHEDULE

All GX Combat unless noted otherwise -All dates are tentative

<b>7-5&amp;6</b>	<b>Wompatuck Fun Fly-Hingham, MA</b>
<b>7/13-18</b>	<b>U.S Nats F2D/Speed Limit/1/2A/Fast</b>
<b>7/20</b>	<b>Ron Connors Memorial – Wrentham, MA</b> <b>Now GX Combat</b>
<b>7/27</b>	
<b>8/2*</b>	<b>East Coast Championships -Hershey, PA-CD Phil Cartier</b> <b>Speed Limit &amp; 1/2A Combat) - Saturday Contest</b>
<b>8/10</b>	<b>Eastern Mass Championships - Hingham, MA</b>
<b>8/17</b>	<b>District I Championships – Kingston, MA</b> <b>F2D Combat</b>
<b>8/24</b>	<b>Salmon River Shootout - East Hampton, CT</b>
<b>8/31</b>	<b>New England Championships - Worcester, MA</b>
<b>9/6*</b>	<b>Middlesex County Shootout -Billerica, MA</b> <b>F2D Combat-Saturday Contest</b>
<b>9/14</b>	<b>Middlesex, NJ – Speed Limit and 1/2A</b>
<b>9/21</b>	
<b>9/28</b>	<b>Wompatuck Invitational - Hingham, MA</b>
<b>10/4*</b>	<b>October Air War-Vincentown, NJ-CD Roy Glenn</b> <b>single elimination 1/2A and Speed Limit-Saturday Contest</b>
<b>10/12</b>	<b>North County Shootout - Leominster, MA</b>
<b>10/19</b>	<b>Fall Finale - Worcester, MA</b>
<b>10/26</b>	
<b>11/2</b>	<b>Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off / Post Season Contest - Hingham, MA</b>

\* Saturday Contests

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### 2008 Regular Season Points Championship

( thru 6/15/08 )

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Accum Points</u>	<u>Total Possible Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Simpson, Neil	27	30	900
Stas, Brian	26	30	867
Vader, Jeff	23	30	767
Kubek, Paul	21	30	700
Clark, Rick	12	20	600
Fustolo, Joe	6	10	600
Simpson, Glenn	18	30	600
Stas, Matthew	6	10	600
Sarnowski, Chris	4	10	400
Vader, Shaylene	4	10	400



**This report, was done by Richard Sherman, as a school project. The report was a “Who am I” theme with the other students challenged to guess the author.**

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**2008**  
***Eastern Mass Championships***

**August 10th, 2008**  
**Wompatuck State Park -Hingham, MA**  
**AMA Sanctioned**

**Formula GX Combat-Four Rounds**  
**Field available for practice/fun fly on August 9th**

**Trophies for top three spots plus First in Sportsman**  
**Registration 9:30am - First Match 10:00am**

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