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Fall Finale

**BRIAN STAS, SHAY VADER,
DICK SHERMAN & JEFF VADER
TAKE TOP FOUR SPOTS
SHAY WINS SPORTSMAN**

OCTOBER 15, 2006 – WORCESTER, MA -Eleven contestants were on hand for this, the eighteenth annual running of the Fall Finale Combat Tournament at Boynton Park in Worcester, Massachusetts. This contest was the thirteenth and final stop on this year's New England Formula GX circuit, the end of the 2006 regular season. The weather was cool and breezy with temperatures topping out in the low sixties.

Round one got off to a low scoring start except for Dick Sherman who posted a three cut win. Round two saw Dick Sherman stay hot with a two cut win over Brian Stas while Jeff Vader was also looking good following one cut win over Conrad Wondolowski. Round three saw Brian Stas get a two cut to one win over Roy Glenn in a well flown match that was non-stop action. Round three also saw Neil Simpson earn a one cut win over Conrad Wondolowski. Going into the final round it was Dick with 1855 points followed by Brian (1740pts), Neil (1640pts) with Jeff, Ken Hargreaves and Roy all in the 1400 plus range. Early in round four Shay Vader jumped into contention with a two cut win over Conrad. Ken and Roy mid-aired in the next match knocking them out of contention. In the semi-final Brian Stas earned a one cut win over Jeff while the final saw Dick and Neil mid-air early in their match. When the dust had settled Brian had finished with 2360 points, Shay and Dick were tied for second with 1955 points while Jeff and Neil were tied for fourth with 1740 points. After a coin flip or two the final order of finish was Brian, Shay, Dick, Jeff and Neil. Shay, by virtue of her second place finish was also the sportsman division winner. (details on page two)

Wingbuster Fall Shootout for F2D Combat

**MARK RUDNER, NEIL SIMPSON
& GREG WORNELL
TAKE THE TROPHY SPOTS**

OCTOBER 22, 2006-MIDDLEBORO, MA-The temperatures were cool, the sky was clear, the sun bright. It was a perfect late fall day in New England. The Wingbuster club field was, as always, in great shape.

In round one Brian Stas and Neil Simpson had a nice match, two cuts apiece, very well flown that Neil won on a technicality. In round two Mark Rudner ended Brian's day with his second win of the contest. As the contest unfolded there were several good matches along with some ugly ones, however, in the end only Mark and Neil were left. Mark promptly defeated Neil twice to take home the contest win. Greg Wornell prevailed in a fly-off for third place with Jeff Vader.

Thank You to Rick Clark who cd'ed this contest and did a lot of good work , that helped to make it happen. Thank You to the Wingbuster Model Airplane Club for the use of their great facility. Thank You to Paul Kubek who traveled to this contest to act as head judge.

Wingbuster Fall Shootout
F2D Combat
6 contestants

Mark Rudner-Cambridge, MA	5-0
Neil Simpson-E.Brookfield, MA	3-2
Greg Wornell-Wellesley, MA	1-2
Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	1-2
Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	0-2
Ken Hargreaves-Worcester, MA	0-2

Fall Finale Combat Tournament -Formula GX Combat
 11 contestants (9 from MA) (2 from NH)
 22 matches (6 mid-air)

(A) Brian Stas-Kingston, MA	2360pts
(S) Shaylene Vader-Franklin, NH	1955pts *won coin-flip
(E) Dick Sherman-Andover, MA	1955pts
(A) Jeff Vader-Franklin, NH	1740pts * won coin-flip
(E) Neil Simpson-East Brookfield, MA	1740pts
(A) Ken Hargreaves-Worcester, MA	1735pts
(E) Roy Glenn – Southampton, NJ	1620pts
(E) Glenn Simpson-Worcester, MA	1535pts
(A) Paul Kubek-Brockton, MA	1430pts
(A) Conrad Wondolowski-Paxton,MA	1415pts
(S) Richard “Lil-Sherm” Sherman	1100pts



Jeff Vader



**The trophy winners at the Fall Finale Combat Tournament were Brian Stas (1st),
 Shaylene Vader (2nd), Dick Sherman (3rd) and Jeff Vader (4th)**

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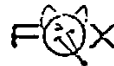
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Jeff Vader and Brian Stas with one of Jeff's pretty airplanes

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Date	Payee	Category	Amount
8/1/06	Balance		334.00
8/12/06	Eastern Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	(128.00)
8/12/06	Eastern Mass Championships	Entry Fees	140.00
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8/27/06	Salmon River Shootout	Entry Fees	90.00
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10/1/06	Wingbuster Invitational	Entry Fees	80.00
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10/8/06	Len Thibault	Contribution	20.00
10/15/06	Paul Arsenault	Contribution	100.00
10/15/06	Brian Stas	Contribution	319.00
10/15/06	Fall Finale	Trophy Expense	(83.00)
10/15/06	Fall Finale	Entry Fees	110.00
10/15/06	Fall Finale	T-shirts	(156.00)
10/23/06	Wingbuster Fall Shootout	Trophy Expense	(83.00)
10/23/06	Wingbuster Fall Shootout	Entry Fees	60.00

GRAND TOTAL

366.00



Pit Action at the Fall Finale

2006 Regular Season Points Championship

(final stats)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Total Accum Points</u>	<u>Total Possible Points</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Simpson, Neil	122	130	938
Seymour, Brian	8	10	800
Vader, Jeff	91	130	700
Fustolo, Joe	41	60	683
Stas, Brian	75	110	682
Rogers, Will	13	20	650
Sherman, Dick	45	70	643
Simpson, Glenn	70	110	636
Hargreaves, Ken	57	90	633
Stas, Matthew	23	40	575
Wondolowski, Conrad	16	30	533
Clark, Rick	31	60	517
Seymour, Lloyd	5	10	500
Kubek, Paul	27	60	450
Vader, Shaylene	48	110	436
Langella, Vinnie	4	10	400
"Lil Sherm"	13	70	186

Position in the season point standings is determined by the percentage column. The formula to determine percentage is total points accumulated divided by total possible points. Points are awarded in decending order for the first ten places in each contest (1st Place = 10pts, 2nd Place = 9pts etc.) Total possible points is the number of contests participated in multiplied by ten. Participation in no less then 50% of the New England regular season GX meets is the elegibility requirement for a season championship award.

Wingbuster Fall Shootout-F2D Action

Gail Kubek Photos



Gregory Wornell and Mark Rudner



The F2D winners were Mark Rudner, Neil Simpson and Gregory Wornell



Neil Simpson and Jeff Vader



Ken Hargreaves and Mark Rudner



Jeff Vader



Pit Action

Fall Finale-October 15th, 2006



**Team Sherman
Dick and "Lil Sherm"**



Ken Hargreaves and Paul Kubek



**Roy Glenn and Ken Hargreaves have Roy's machine ready
Roy made the long trip from New Jersey-he always makes our contests better through his participation**

The “Stubblefield Method” or Appearance Points Don’t Apply

I want to share a convenient little gadget that Roy Glenn and I have been using to remove warps in our foamies during test flying but first a little story. I got my start flying combat in the Houston area in 1983. Back then I spent a great deal of time sanding and finishing my models with Hobby Poxy paint and brightly colored transparent Solar Film. It was the only distinction I could be proud of. My other distinguished accomplishments were most unscheduled pit stops per match that led to the other record I still hold, which is the most Taipan props used per season!

I lived in Corpus Christi, TX and I’d take my beautifully finished ships to fly with the Houston crowd every chance I got. One day while test flying one of these ships with Richard Stubblefield he noticed it had a warp and offered to correct it for me. I was so excited that he had noticed my ship at all and was grateful for the help so I said sure and then watched in horror as he creased the trailing edge with his thumb and fore finger across my brightly colored transparent Solar Film covered wing to straighten it !!! I had so carefully ironed the covering without the slightest wrinkle and now it was covered in ugly wrinkles! Richard and the onlookers reminded me we don’t get appearance points in combat and I had to admit the ship flew straight and so I adopted the “Stubblefield Method” for correcting wing warps. The one downside was the correction tended to relax over time unless I ironed it in after I got home.

This method served me well for many years until I started flying with the meticulous Roy Glenn who would get tears in his eyes every time I straightened a wing this way. Now comes the little gadget. We are using a 12-volt DC to AC converter powered off the car battery to run a Top Flite covering iron. The unit is good for 350 watts with low battery shutoff and overload protection features. Don’t plug in the iron with it cranked all the way up or it will kick out on overload. Start with the iron at the lowest setting and gently bring it up to power. It works great and we make the corrections without taking the plane off the lines. We’ve left the iron on for over an hour with no problem. We can afford to get it just right because we do it at the field and it takes so little time away from flying. You can run it directly off the battery or use the cigarette lighter outlet. Roy has a power panel motorcycle starting battery and it works that way as well although we don’t yet know the effect of the power drain on this smaller battery. We got ours from a “wholesale Club” for about \$40 bucks. For us it has been well worth the cost and I also find uses for it on camping trips and when my wife needs to run the laptop for extended periods while I’m driving.

I still threaten Roy with the “Stubblefield Method” if he takes too many tries to get one straight but so far I haven’t had to resort to those drastic measures.

By Louis Lopez

November 11, 2002

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