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## Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off

**NEIL SIMPSON, BRIAN STAS,  
RICK CLARK & GLENN SIMPSON  
TAKE TOP FOUR SPOTS**

NOVEMBER 5, 2006 – HINGHAM, MA –  
Again this year the Wompatuck State Forest in Hingham, Massachusetts was chosen as the site for our annual post-season contest. In addition to being a great late season Formula GX event, this post season contest has become the forum at which the top finishers in the New England season point championships receive their awards. The weather was Seasonably warm, with temperatures peaking in the fifties. There was a warm sun with little or no wind, another good day for combat. This year's event attracted nine New England pilots, to draw down the curtain on a very successful year 2006 Formula GX season.

Round one saw Rick Clark get off to the best start posting a two cut win over Brian Stas. In round two Rick mid-aired while both Neil Simpson and Brian Stas posted three cut wins. Round three started with a good match between Rick and Neil that would have ended in one cut apiece draw, except for a missed airtime by Rick. Going into round four Neil had 1750 points, Brian had 1530 points, Rick was still within striking distance as was Glenn Simpson and Jeff Vader who were flying steady and accumulating points. Early in round four Glenn flew Matt Stas to a one-cut apiece draw. In the semi-final match Rick earned a one cut win over Jeff. In the final Neil and Brian squared off in a match that ended in a one cut apiece draw. The final order of finish was Neil, Brian, Rick and Glenn.

Thank You, from everyone, to Rick Clark, who secured permission to use the site and also cd'ed the event. Also, Thanks go out to all the guys who helped judge the matches, not just on this day, but all year long. ( details on page seven )

## 2006 Regular Season Award Winners

The final results have been tabulated  
The following flyers are  
The 2006 Division Champions

**Neil Simpson-First Place Expert  
Dick Sherman-Second Place Expert  
Glenn Simpson-Third Place Expert**

**Jeff Vader-First Place Advanced  
Brian Stas-Second Place Advanced  
Ken Hargreaves-Third Place Advanced**

**Shaylene Vader-First Place Sportsman  
Richard Sherman-Second Place Sportsman**

A Recap of the 2006 season can be found  
on page two

Photos of the awards presentation held  
As part of the Fall Fly Off  
Can be found throughout  
This issue

**2006 Formula GX Season Re-Cap  
14 Contests ( 4 different winners )**

<b>4/30</b>	<b>Wompatuck Ice Breaker-Hingham, MA</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>
<b>5/7</b>	<b>Wingbuster Spring Kick Off-Middleboro, MA</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>
<b>5/21</b>	<b>Granite State Invitational-Franklin, NH</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>
<b>6/12</b>	<b>Ron Connors Memorial-Wrentham, MA</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>
<b>6/26</b>	<b>Len Minick Memorial-East Hampton, CT</b>	<b>Will Rogers</b>
<b>7/30</b>	<b>Granite State Championships-Franklin, NH</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>
<b>8/13</b>	<b>Eastern Mass Championships-Middleboro, MA</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>
<b>8/27</b>	<b>Salmon River Shootout-East Hampton, CT MA</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>
<b>9/3</b>	<b>New England Championships-Worcester, MA</b>	<b>Brian Stas</b>
<b>9/24</b>	<b>Mass Cup Championships-Wrentham, MA</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>
<b>10/1</b>	<b>Wingbuster Invitational-Middleboro, MA</b>	<b>Jeff Vader</b>
<b>10/8</b>	<b>North County Shootout-Leominster, MA</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>
<b>10/15</b>	<b>The Fall Finale-Worcester, MA</b>	<b>Brian Stas</b>
<b>11/5</b>	<b>Wompatuck Fall Fly Off-Hingham, MA</b>	<b>Neil Simpson</b>



**The 2006 Advanced Division Season Champs are  
Jeff Vader (1st) , Brian Stas (2nd) and Ken Hargreaves(3rd)**

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## **F2D News - December 2006**

**Mark Rudner**  
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The winter got off to a bit of a slow start here in New England (global warming anyone?), but the year is finally coming to a close. What have we accomplished this year? What have we learned? What are our plans/goals for the coming year?

I learned many things this year. For one, I learned the importance of maintaining a versatile flying style. Sometimes one strategy or approach may be very effective against a certain group of pilots, but against others it may not get you very far. For this reason it is very important to be adaptable -- to be willing and able to change your strategy when a hole in it is exposed. Every pilot will always have strengths and weaknesses, perhaps a preference for offense or defense, but it is important to cultivate all aspects of your flying so that you will always have options to turn to if your first plan of attack falls flat.

This year I also learned something about pitting. While I have written in the past about the importance of learning good pitting skills and have considered myself a fairly competent mechanic, I learned that there is always room for improvement. There is more to starting an engine than connecting the battery and flicking the prop one, two, several times. There is a rhythm, a feel, a finesse to it that can only be learned by experience and practice, but can greatly improve the efficiency of this procedure. It's no accident that many Russian and former Soviet mechanics start these engines regularly without any form of finger protection whatsoever.

I also witnessed the benefits of carefully constructed training routines for less experienced pilots. On several occasions throughout the year, I flew with Ken Hargreaves and led him through several instructive drills to help solidify some foundational aspects of his flying. In my eyes (you can ask him yourself for his opinion), these drills were quite successful and I saw a lot of growth in his flying over the course of the year.

For the coming year, my plans are to cultivate some new aspects of flying, and to concentrate a bit more on getting in tune with the machine itself. My hope is that these things will round out my flying and pitting skills, thus bringing me closer to having the elusive ``total package."

What about you? Where have you come from, and where are you going? How will you get there?

This Thanksgiving, I had the chance to go down to Philadelphia to spend the holiday with the families of Andrey Nadein and Alex Prokofiev. Alex is a world class pilot and class-act guy who recently moved from Moscow to the Northeast. I hope that everyone will join me in welcoming him to our group, and that you will all have a chance to meet him soon in the combat circle.

Happy New Year, and Good Luck in 2006!



**Ken Hargreaves and Paul Kubek get Ken's pretty GX ship ready  
For a match at the Wompatuck Fall Fly Off**

**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 descending 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 eligibility requirement for a season championship award.

Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off

9 contestants ( 8 from MA, 1 from NH )

18 matches - 5 mid-air

(E) Neil Simpson/E. Brookfield, MA	2160pts
(A) Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	1940pts
(A) Rick Clark/Hingham, MA	1845pts
(E) Glenn Simpson/Worcester, MA	1720pts
(A) Jeff Vader/Franklin, NH	1635pts
(A) Ken Hargreaves/Worcester, MA	1630pts
(A) Paul Kubek/Brockton, MA	1430pts
(A) Matt Stas/Kingston, MA	1415pts
(E) Joe Fustolo/Stoughton, MA	910pts



Jeff Vader



Brian Stas



The trophy winners at the Wompatuck Fall Fly-Off were  
Neil Simpson (1st), Brian Stas (2nd), Rick Clark (3rd) and Glenn Simpson (4th)

Editors Note:

Thank You to Roy Glenn, Paul Kubek and Ernie Carosella for their generous donations to the contest fund

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8/27/06	Ray DuFour	Contribution	35.00
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10/1/06	Wingbuster Invitational	Entry Fees	80.00
10/8/06	North County Shootout	Trophy Expense	(83.00)
10/8/06	North County Shootout	Entry Fees	90.00
10/8/06	North County Shootout	Permit/Sanction Exp	(25.00)
10/8/06	Len Thibault	Contribution	20.00
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10/23/06	Wingbuster Fall Shootout	Entry Fees	60.00
11/4/06	Roy Glenn	Contribution	20.00
11/5/06	Paul Kubek	Contribution	40.00
11/5/06	Wompatuck Fall Fly Off	Trophy Expense	(83.00)
11/5/06	Wompatuck Fall Fly Off	Entry Fees	90.00
11/5/06	Season Ending Awards	Trophy Expense	(211.00)
11/6/06	Ernie Carosella	Contribution	25.00
		GRAND TOTAL	247.00



## 2006 Season Champs

**Right: Shay Vader was  
the Sportsman Champ**

**Below Right: Dick Sherman was sec-  
ond in Expert while his son Richard  
was second in Sportsman**

**Below: Neil Simpson was first in Ex-  
pert while Glenn Simpson finished  
third in the same division**



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