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## Fall Finale

### NEIL SIMPSON, BILL BISHOP & BRIAN STAS ARE THE TOP THREE

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020-SAUGUS, MA - Eight contestants were on hand for this one. The weather was warm and sunny with a light sea breeze. Temperatures topped out in the high seventies.

Round one saw Chris Sarnowski and Neil Simpson get off to the best starts each earning two cut 725 point wins. Joe Fustolo posted the only other round one win with an airtime victory over Brian Stas. In round two Chris and Neil flew to a one cut apiece draw to remain tied atop the leader board. Meanwhile Joe was posting a one cut win over Cody Bishop to move very close to the leaders. Round two also saw Bill Bishop emerge as a contender posting a 620 point win over Brian. In round three Chris and Joe mid-aired hurting both their cumulative scores while Neil was earning a one cut win over Rick Clark and Bill was getting a one cut win over Ara Dedekian in a match that was very entertaining. In the final round three match Brian got a 620 point win over Cody. Going into the final round Neil had the clear lead followed by Bill, Joe, Chris and Brian in that order. In an early round four match Brian posted a three cut win over Ara putting pressure on the rest of the field. In the semi-final Bill and Chris flew to a low scoring draw. In the final Joe and Neil were set to wage war however Joe posted a very low score when he encountered bladder problems. All of this gave Neil the contest win followed by Bill. Brian after a very tough start earned a third place finish getting past Chris who ended up fourth.

Thank You to 107<sup>th</sup> RC Flyers for the use of their control line facility.

Fall Finale - Formula GX Combat  
8 contestants (7 from MA) (1 from ME)  
16 Matches-1mid-air

Neil Simpson/ E. Brookfield, MA	2375pts
Bill Bishop/Pembroke, MA	1950pts
Brian Stas/ Kingston, MA	1850pts
Chris Sarnowski/ Bedford, MA	1745pts
Rick Clark, Hull, MA	1440pts
Joe Fustolo/Stoughton, MA	1440pts
Ara Dedekian/Yarmouth, ME	1310pts
Cody Bishop/Pembroke, MA	1010pts

## Eastern Mass Championships

### BRIAN STAS, CHRIS SARNOWSKI & NEIL SIMPSON ARE TOP THREE

OCTOBER 11, 2020-SAUGUS, MA ó The 107<sup>th</sup> RC Flyers Club Field in Saugus, Massachusetts was the location for the Eastern Mass Championships for Formula GX Combat. The weather was cool in the morning, warm towards midday followed by cool in the afternoon as a moderate to strong sea breeze rolled in. The contest attracted seven pilots.

Round one saw Brian Stas get off to the best start posting a 725 point win. Neil Simpson, Chris Sarnowski and Ara Dedekian also posted round one wins. In round two Brian maintained the contest lead getting past Neil two cuts to one in a clean match. Round two also saw Chris emerge as a contender when he got his second win this one a one cut win over Ara. In round three Brian and Chris were headed for a one cut apiece draw when an encounter with the ground cost Brian the win and served to tighten the field. Heading into round four Chris had taken a ten point contest lead over Brian with Neil within range a little over a hundred points behind their pace. In the first match of round four Rick Clark, who had been flying steady all day, posted a 725 point win over Ara putting pressure on the contest leaders. In the next match Brian got a three cut win over Cody Bishop to take the club house lead which held up when, in the final, Chris and Neil, flew to a low scoring draw.

Thank you to the entire 107<sup>th</sup> RC Flyers Model Airplane Club for the use of their fine facility and for the courtesies extended to us all season long.

Eastern Mass Championships  
7 contestants (6 from MA)(1 from ME)  
14 matches - no mid-air

Brian Stas/Kingston, MA	2580pts
Chris Sarnowski/Bedford, MA	2070pts
Neil Simpson/E.Brookfield, MA	1950pts
Rick Clark/Hull, MA	1845pts
Cody Bishop/Pembroke, MA	1430pts
Ara Dedekian/Yarmouth, ME	1220pts
Bill Bishop/Pembroke, MA	1110pts



**The top three at the Fall Finale were Neil Simpson, Bill Bishop and Brian Stas**



**The top three at the Eastern Mass Championships were Brian Stas, Chris Sarnowski and Neil Simpson**

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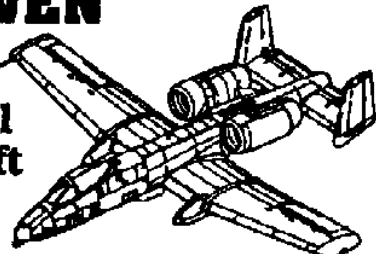
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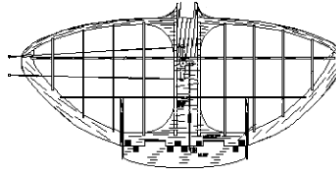
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**2020 Fall Championships Sunday October 25th GX Combat**  
**Silver Lake Regional High School Kingston, MA AMA Sanctioned**  
**First Match 10:00am**



***Rumors, Facts Etc.***

**NEMESIS ONLY CONTEST:** Two guys have airplanes built and three more guys have airplanes under construction. It is scheduled to happen on October 25th following the GX portion of the Fall Championships.

**SHOOTOUT RULES:** The "Shootout Rules" that will be used for the "Nemesis Only" contest(s) can be found on page six. Flown, at least initially, in a single or double elimination format at the end of a GX contest(s). This will make it practical to compete with just one airplane. Speed Limit will be 75mph.

**HOG HEAVEN HOBBIES:** John Glennon owner of Hog Heaven Hobbies has been very supportive of our group for many years now. As you know we recently went to gift certificates from Hog Heaven as prizes. Please know John has seen fit to give our group a discount on those gift certificates that has totaled \$55.00 to date. That money goes into the contest fund labeled as a donation from John. He obviously is making almost nothing on the gift certificates so please support his shop for your hobby needs whenever possible.

## Shootout Rules-Kill Version

These rules, minus a few tweaks, were conceived by Gene Pape. Gene may or may not approve of the tweaks, however, in the interest of giving credit, where credit is due, Gene is the gentleman who is the inspiration behind this concept.

Each match will have a 1 minute starting period where the pilot will start his own engine, get to the pilots circle, and be ready for his plane to be launched. At the end of that one minute period, pilots not ready to launch will forfeit the round. If both pilots are ready to launch, the signal to start will be given. Both planes will be launched from 180 degrees apart, and combat will begin immediately for a 3 minute match period. The match will be scored with 1 point for the first cut, 2 points for the second cut and 3 points for each additional cut. A kill wins the match if the pilot executing the kill completes the three minute match period. In the event 1 airplane crashes, or lands for any other reason before the end of the 3 minute period, the other will win the match. If both pilots land before the end of the 3 minute period both forfeit the round. Ties will be re-flown. Can be flown single, double or triple elimination

**2020 Turkey Day Shootout Sunday November 8th**

**Formula GX Combat**

**Silver Lake Regional High School**

**Kingston, MA AMA Sanctioned**

**First Match 10:00am**



**2020 Fall Finale –September 26th**



Brian Stas and Joe Fustolo



Rick Clark and Ara Dedekian

**2020 Fall Finale-September 26th**



**Team Bishop (Bill and Cody)**



**Brian Stas and Chris Sarnowski**



**2020 Eastern Mass Championships-October 11th**



Brian Stas and Jeff Vader



Bill Bishop and Rick Clark

**2020 Eastern Mass Championships-October 11th**  
**Jeff Vader Photos**



**2020 Eastern Mass Championships-October 11th**  
**Photos from Jeff Vader**



Bill Bishop and Rick Clark



Bill Bishop and Ara Dedekian



Ara Dedekian

**2020 Eastern Mass Championships-October 11th**  
**Photos from Jeff Vader**



Brian Stas and Cody Bishop



Brian Stas



Bill Bishop checks out the action

**2020 Eastern Mass Championships-October 11th**  
**Photos from Jeff Vader**



Bill Bishop and Rick Clark



Bill Bishop



Cody Bishop

# New England Contest Fund

1/1/2020 through 10/20/2020

10/18/2020

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Date	Description	Category	Amount
<b>BALANCE 12/31/2019</b>			<b>540.00</b>
1/20/2020	Will Rogers	Contribution	100.00
6/15/2020	Len Thibault	Contribution	75.00
6/20/2020	GX Shootout	Entry Fees	70.00
6/20/2020	GX Shootout	Trophy Expense	-44.00
6/20/2020	GX Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
6/20/2020	Chris Sarnowski	Contribution	10.00
6/20/2020	Rick Clark	Contribution	100.00
8/2/2020	Central Mass Championships	Entry Fees	60.00
8/2/2020	Central Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-44.00
8/2/2020	Central Mass Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-55.00
8/2/2020	Proceeds From Auction Will Ro...	Contribution	595.00
8/16/2020	Glenn Decosta	Contribution	20.00
8/23/2020	Silver Lake Shootout	Entry Fees	60.00
8/23/2020	Silver Lake Shootout	Permit-Sanction Expense	-55.00
8/23/2020	Silver Lake Shootout	Trophy Expense	-63.00
8/23/2020	Proceeds From Auction Will Ro...	Contribution	220.00
8/23/2020	Joe Fustolo	Contribution	100.00
8/23/2020	Brian Stas	Contribution	100.00
9/13/2020	Eastern Mass Invitational	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
9/13/2020	Eastern Mass Invitational	Trophy Expense	-63.00
9/13/2020	Eastern Mass Invitational	Entry Fees	80.00
9/13/2020	Rick Clark	Contribution	10.00
9/26/2020	Fall Finale	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
9/26/2020	Fall Finale	Trophy Expense	-63.00
9/26/2020	107th RC Flyers Donation	Donation Expense	-200.00
9/26/2020	Hog Heaven Hobbies (John Gle...	Contribution	30.00
10/11/2020	Eastern Mass Championships	Trophy Expense	-63.00
10/11/2020	Eastern Mass Championships	Permit-Sanction Expense	-25.00
10/11/2020	Hog Heaven Hobbies (John Gle...	Contribution	25.00
<b>1/1/2020 - 10/20/2020</b>			<b>905.00</b>
<b>BALANCE 10/20/2020</b>			<b>1,445.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>			<b>1,655.00</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>			<b>-750.00</b>
<b>NET TOTAL</b>			<b>905.00</b>