

## **SFTC Nats 2016 options at Mar 4**

(assuming 3 days preferably over Aug B/H and 8 events)

### **RAF Digby**

- \* one big field for all events (RAF are keen for us to use this site)
- \* Access via Crash Gate with our control providing land owner agrees. ....
- \* Otherwise by Main Gate, involving booking in/out by all daily.
- \* All competitors/assistants/cars would need pre-booking
- \* No on-site camping. finding local sites or hotels by individuals looks best?
- \* **Latest** – Sat of B/H weekend not available. We asked if Sun/Mon/Tues would be available. Preferred RAF alt is now another weekend with added Monday.

### **Edgecot Farm**

- \* 3 fields available(size query)
- \* no access requirements for competitors
- \* camping on or very close to site;

### **Wetlands**

- \* Surprisingly, we have been offered Wetlands over B/H
- \* 2 top fields, one at bottom
- \* Negotiations with 2 locals would be necessary beforehand
- \* Camping on site
- \* no access requirements for competitors

### **Further thoughts.....**

Whatever venue we decide, it will inevitably be some kind of compromise It is essential that we remember that we are not looking for a stop-gap, like the Power Nats, we need as permanent a solution as possible.

It seems not entirely unreasonable to suppose that Barkston might be retained from 2017 leading us to consider moving away from the B/H weekend clash. In that case all 3 venues become viable.

Staying with B/H gives only Wetlands and Edgecot options.

A change to (say) Sept would offer a 3-day Digby and maybe some permanence but no single site camping, unless it could be negotiated on site. As we have discovered, this latter situation is subject to the whim of the resident CO.

Should we “test” the Digby site with a 2-day event in 2016? Essentially just move 2 League events there on one weekend to see how it all works, with a view to a Nats in 2017?