



The New England area has lost another top fancier, way too soon. Joe Sacco was a top tough competitor. Joe passed away to cancer on March 7, 2017 at the age of 61.

As a well respected member of the Rhode Island RPC, he will be greatly missed. Joe only came to the Rhode Island club in the last race of 2012, when he entered the Rhode Island Red Band race, and won it. (He won the same race again in 2015) He joined the club for the 2013 season where everyone got to know what a great competitor he was. He was very big on the long distance races, winning the New England Open 600 in 2013. With his many RI Club and Southern New England Combine wins, Joe was always a force to be reckoned with. If he wasn't winning the race, he was right behind the winner.

One other attribute of Joe's was his knowledge of pigeon blood lines. He was a voracious reader concerning worldwide racing pigeon bloodlines from historical accounts to the present. When choosing breeders, they must come down from families that have done extremely well against large entry numbers.

In 2016 Joe didn't report for the second old bird race and we all wondered what was up. Then we heard he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Joe's upbeat jovial personality and his wealth of racing pigeon knowledge will be greatly missed by all.

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