BRICON CLUBHOUSE TROUBLESHOOTING

Q. Why would a fanciers clock not function but display the words 'Bios 4.44 and Start Main' ?
A. The clock has lost its software for some reason which must be re-loaded back on from the Bricon Club-Master. Select master menu option 12 (updating) and load the clock with the correct software selected from the master. If the clock shows Bios 4.44 it is a Speedy (select line 3), whereas if it shows Bios 4.A4 it is a Speedylite (line 4).

Q. How can a print-out be taken that gives a list of the birds that are linked onto a fanciers clock ?
A. Select master option 11 (Printing) and sub-option 2 (Allocation list). Connect the clock for 3 copies of the list.

Q. Can the Bricon Club-Master be time synchronised early on the day that it is intended to be used ?
A. The master must be time synchronised prior to its use and this can be carried out at any time of the day and the synchronisation will remain good for the rest of that day (until midnight) even when the power is disconnected.

Q. When carrying out a Radio-clock time synchronisation, why would 'no synchronisation' appear ?
A. A mast must show on the radio-clock to indicate that it has received a time signal (best to keep it near a window). If the mast is not showing, insert a blunt matchstick into the hole in the back of the radio-clock to trigger a time reset.

Q. When carrying out a GPS synchronisation, what is wrong if 'PC communicat' appears on the master ?
A. The GPS 9-pin connector must not be plugged into the back of the master until you have selected GPS synch.

Q. What can be done to ensure that the GPS time synchronisation is obtained without unnecessary delay ?
A. Ensure that the GPS receiver is placed in an outside position away from metal, electrical devices and people. Check that the cable is not twisted or kinked – if the signal is slow to be received or delayed, try running the length of the GPS cable between your finger and thumb with a little pressure to gently tease the cable straight.

Q. What can be done if the power cable is accidently removed from the master in the middle of basketing ?
A. The info for each bird is sent to the clock after it is basketed, so if power goes off, the data remains on the clock. To continue, remove the clock and re-power the master. Select basketing and the same racepoint. Re-connect the clock and the master will show 'Race already basketed'. Press OK and continue basketing where you left off.

Q. Why would 'Copy Ring' show on the master during basketing ?
A. Interference is the likely cause, so ensure that the master is placed away from metal, other masters and printers.

Q. Why would 'Bird already basketed' show on the master during basketing ?
A. When this appears, the bird can not be basketed for the race as it is already in a race still remaining on the clock. The old race needs to be closed and deleted from the clock, before the bird can be basketed for the new race.

Q. If an electronic chip is found to be faulty during basketing, how can the bird be basketed for the race ?
A. For a bird that is already assigned into the clock, emergency linking can be used to link a fresh chip to the bird.

Q. How can an extra bird be race marked for a fancier after the basketing list has already been printed ?
A. Connect the fanciers clock back into the master for basketing. The active races on the clock will show on the screen. Select the race and press OK. The screen will then show 'Birds basketed 0' and 'Race already basketed'. Press OK to acknowledge this and the master will then show the actual number of birds that have already been basketed. The additional bird(s) can then be presented to the master for marking in the usual routine.

Q. Why would 'Timed Out' show on the master during basketing ?
A. The security feature 'Timed Out' shows when there has been an interruption of more than 30 mins in the middle of basketing for an individual fancier and thereafter for that race no further birds can be basketed for that fancier.

Q. What should be done if the Printer fails to print ?
A. Remove power from the printer and master. Check that the print cable is connected and printer has paper and no jam. Power the printer first and only when fully on should power be put into the master. Select basketing and the same race. Connect the clock and the screen will say 'Race already basketed'. Press OK and then C for the print.

Q. What is the Overview list ?
A. The Overview list is a printed statement of fact showing the status of every bird on a clock, such as whether it is basketed for a race. To obtain an Overview list select master menu option 11 (Printing) then sub-option 1.

Q. How is it possible to vary the number of copies that are printed of the basketing list and read-out list ?
A. Master menu option number 5 (Setup) allows you to change the number of print copys to suit your requirements.

Q. Why would the printer produce many sheets of paper with just a few birds appearing on each sheet ?
A. Master menu option 5 (Setup) sub-option 3 (Lines) would have been changed. Set the number back to 66.

Q. Why would a Speedy clock show a setting time variation against the master time on the basketing list ?
A. An old race remains active on the clock for which the internal time is being maintained. After the race is over delete all old races from the Speedy and from then on it will be able to synchronise again with the master time.

Q. What is the evaluation column headed as 'Ev' that shows on the basketing list and the read out ?
A. If OK shows against a bird then it has a valid secret code - if Error shows then that bird should be disqualified.

Q. What can be done if the screen of the Club-Master is starting to fade, making it difficult to read ?
A. Select menu option 7 on the master and the contrast can then be altered to suit the viewing requirements.