



The British Barcelona Club

DINNER AND AGM REPORT

The Days Hotel, Bournemouth, was the venue for another lovely weekend for all the members and guests attending our dinner and presentation evening, this being the penultimate dinner before the big '50' next year. The British Barcelona Club weekend is always a joy, as it gives everyone a chance to meet up with so many old friends and acquaintances, even more so this year as the chief guests of honour were none other than Pete & Eileen Willcox. Pete not only held office as President for 11 years but also convoyed the birds for a staggering 42 years, never missing a race. Other special guests included Steve & Nettie Richards, Chris & Charmian Pearce and Peter & Sue Bennett, every one of these guests having shown support for the BBC all season.

The evening kicked off with Pete Willcox addressing the guests with his account of how convoying began for him, from transporting the birds to Spain for the longest old bird race up to the present time. He was then called upon to present the awards, this lovely array being a credit to the members, with so many magnificent cups and trophies having been donated over the years.

Once the final award had been presented, the Barcelona winner, Martin Norman, was called forward to say a few words on behalf of the prizewinners and was presented with a special gift of Silvo, rubber gloves and cleaning cloths for all the trophies he has won (not that there is any chance of his cleaning them)!

After flowers had been presented to the lady guests, Nigel Rigiani gave a big thank you to Anne Spooner for making the lovely arrangement of flowers and especially for taking the time and effort to make the Barcelona winner's rosebowl display out of silk flowers.

AGM REPORT

The AGM opened at 2.30pm with several members attending, along with the Committee. Apologies were given for those Committee members unable to attend. The minutes of the previous AGM and re-convened AGM were passed and any matters arising covered. The Chairman gave a full breakdown of the accounts and a discussion took place regarding any questions and answers put to the floor.

There have been 97 resignations detailed in the minutes, all being accepted. It was proposed from the floor that a vote of thanks be given to Richard Green and Jill Rogers for all their hard work in producing the Club accounts.

As it was the end of 2013 business, all offices were declared vacant. Tony Whitehurst kindly stood in as temporary Chairman. The 2014 BBC Committee is as follows: President – Nigel Rigiani; Chairman – Mike Shepherd; Vice-President – Richard Spooner; Life Vice-Presidents – Jim Hooper, Hazel Hooper and Richard Green; Life Vice-Presidents serving on the Committee – Dave Whitefield, Chris King, Ingrid Jurd and Roger Hurst; Committee – Mark Brown, Clive Merrills and Martin Norman; Secretary/Treasurer – Clare Norman; Convoyer – Nigel Rigiani; Race Adviser and Transport Manager to be decided at a later date; Auditors – Jill Rogers and Richard Spooner; Weather Adviser – Steve Appleby.

The result of the ballot: Prop 1 – 92 for, 25 against; Prop 2 – 71 for, 43 against; Prop 3 – 104 for, 17 against; Prop 4 – 79 for, 38 against; Prop 5 – 107 for, 12 against; Prop 6 – 108 for, 8 against; Prop 7 – 78 for, 37 against; Prop 8 – 79 for, 27 against; Prop 9 – 103 for, 6 against; Prop 10 – 33 for, 81 against; Prop 11 – 32 for, 79 against; Prop 12 – 49 for, 61 against; Prop 13 – 70 for, 42 against; Prop 14 – 66 for, 45 against; Prop 15 – 48 for, 45 against.

Finally, permission was given to destroy old documents and the AGM closed at 3.45pm.

A new website will be up and running shortly. All diplomas are in the process of being sent out, along with the 2014 subscription forms.



Mannor Lofts (M., C. & J. Norman), Southampton.



Mr & Mrs Gower, Fordingbridge.



Crowley & Green, Compton Bassett.



Mr & Mrs M. & C. Brown, Hungerford.

Subscriptions for 2014 will be £20 and must be paid before 1st April, 2014.

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TROPHY AND AWARD WINNERS FOR 2013

Carentan National – 11th May: K. J. Abbott, Brighton, won 1st Open Carentan National on 1436, winning the Norman Fysh Memorial Trophy, Hyatt Challenge Cup and £150 Voucher, Ponderosa UK Stud. P. J. Wells, Dunstable, won 2nd Open Carentan National on 1416, winning the Ernie Rivett Memorial Trophy. Section winners (each winning BBC Engraved Tankard): 1st Section A, Mr & Mrs D. Waterhouse, Wymering, on 1400. 1st Section B, C. Bartlett, Salisbury, on 1276. 1st Section C, Mr & Mrs M. & C. Brown, Hungerford, on 1340. 1st Section D, P. J. Wells, Dunstable, on 1416. 1st Section E, Mr & Mrs Fisher, Todmorden, on 1394. 1st Section G, K. J. Abbott, Brighton, on 1436.

Niort National – 10th June: Crowley & Green, Compton Bassett won 1st Open Niort National on 1057, winning The Mr & Mrs Hooper Trophy, Everson Sports & Trophies Cup, Mr & Mrs E. & M. Wright Trophy Best Velocity into Wiltshire, Mr & Mrs Hooper Trophy

Best Velocity into Section C, Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate and £150 Voucher, Ponderosa UK Stud. Wearn Bros 1 & Neilson, Ramsdean, won The Ray Hoare & Claire Trophy Best Velocity Section A and London Lads Trophy Best Velocity into Hampshire on 833. Spracklen & Thomas, Dorchester, won The Cotterell, Richmond & Son Trophy Best Velocity by a Cock into Dorset, Andy Parsons Trophy Best Velocity into Section B, P. J. Build & Maintenance Trophy Best Velocity into Dorset on 813. H. Jones & Son, Chadderton, won the J. M. Binns Trophy Best Velocity into Section E on 495. Mr & Mrs B. Johnston, Bridgnorth, won the Mr & Mrs J. Mellor Trophy Best Velocity into Shropshire on 492. J. J. Williams & Son, Pontypool, won the Hope In Your Heart Trophy Best Velocity into Wales on 435. Not won: The Joe Gamlen Trophy Best Velocity into Devon in the Niort National. Section winners (each winning BBC Engraved Tankard): 1st Section A, Wearn Bros 1 & Neilson, Ramsdean, on 833. 1st Section B, Spracklen & Thomas, Dorchester, on 813. 1st Section C, Crowley & Green, Compton Bassett, on 1057. 1st Section D, R. Alty, Stevenage, on 875. 1st Section E, H. Jones & Son, Chadderton, on 495. 1st Section G, R. Parker, Chichester, on 504. 1st Section H, Stubbs & Pereira, St Peter, Jersey, on 831.

Messac/Le Mans National – 24th June: L. & G. Sullivan & P. Gent, Brighton, won 1st

Open Messac/Le Mans National on 1314, winning the British Barcelona Club Challenge Trophy, Everson Sports Champagne Trophy, Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate and £150 Voucher Ponderosa UK Stud. T. R. Andrew, Woodingdean, won 2nd Open Messac/Le Mans National on 1301, winning the Cyril Lowe Memorial Trophy. T. R. Andrew, Woodingdean, won 3rd Open Messac/Le Mans National on 1291, winning Diana The English Rose Trophy. D. Coward-Talbot, Chelmsford, won 4th Open Messac/Le Mans National on 1281, winning the Arthur James Stowell Memorial Trophy, Ann Wright nee Nancy Harris Memorial Trophy, First Hen. M. Ward, Blandford, won the Dorset Challenge Cup Best Velocity into Dorset on 1131. L. Papp, Luton, won the Trevor Perrett Memorial Trophy, Charity Nomination on 1243. R. S. Harbour, Newport IoW, won the Clarendon Challenge Shield Best Velocity onto the Isle of Wight on 1246. P. Atherton, Portishead, won the Pat & Alec Griggs Troph Best Velocity into Somerset on 1126. Not won: The C. B. Philpott Challenge Shield Best Velocity into Devon Messac/Le Mans National; the Joyce Stephenson Challenge Shield Ladies' Nomination Messac/Le Mans National; The Bude & District RPC Trophy Best Velocity by a Cornish Club Member Messac National. Section winners (each winning BBC Engraved Tankard): 1st Section A, Mr & Mrs Emm, Salisbury, on 1248.



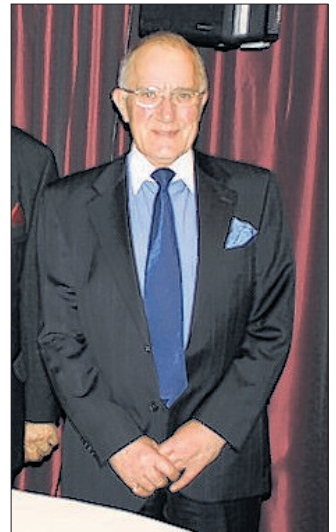
K. J. Abbott, Brighton.



A. E. Shepherd, Woodmanscote.



Mr & Mrs N. Smith, Salisbury.



P. J. Wells, Dunstable.



R. Lutner & Co.

1st Section B, Mr & Mrs N. Smith, Salisbury, on 1171. 1st Section C, Crowley & Green, Compton Bassett, on 1198. 1st Section D, D. Coward-Talbot, Chelmsford, on 1281. 1st Section E, T. & J. Mather, Nr Matlock, on 1167. 1st Section G, L. & G. Sullivan & P. Gent, Brighton, on 1314. 1st Section H, W. Healy, Jersey, on 1222.

Barcelona National – 5th July: Mannor Lofts (M, C & J Norman), Southampton won 1st Open Barcelona National on 961, winning The Arthur Bartlett Memorial Trophy, Harkers Challenge Trophy, Ron Mitchieson Challenge Trophy, The Spanish Challenge Trophy, The Woodsider Challenge Trophy, The Doug Horwood Memorial Salver, The Eileen Bunn Memorial Challenge Trophy, The Albert Padfield Blue Riband Memorial Trophy, The Peter Righiani Memorial Trophy, The Ron Mitchieson Memorial Rose Bowl Charity Nomination, The Cyril Medway Memorial Trophy, First Cock Bird in the Open Result, The Patron's L. A. Bartlett Challenge Trophy Patron's Nomination, The G. Stubbs Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity into Section A Longest OB Race, The A. Hoare & Son Challenge Cup, Best Velocity by a Solent Fed Member The Spanish Trophy Ladies Nomination, Mr & Mrs Brant Challenge Trophy Best Velocity into Hampshire Longest OB Race and The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate. N. Lane, Romford, won 2nd Open Barcelona National on 821, winning The Chairman Bert Bryant Challenge Trophy, The Hands & Castree Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity in Section D



D. Wilton & Son, Chdwell St. Mary.

and The John Parish Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity into Essex Longest OB. M. Gilbert, Windsor, won 3rd Open Barcelona National on 725, winning The Bert Wiffen Memorial Shield and 4th Open Barcelona National on 714, winning The BBC Appreciation Challenge Trophy. Mr & Mrs G. G. & C. J. Cooper, Peasedown St John, won 5th Open Barcelona National on 705, winning The Willcox Trophy Longest OB Race, The Ron Youde Memorial Challenge Trophy, Furthest Flying Bird on the Winning Day, The W Gale Challenge Cup, Best Velocity into Somerset Longest OB Race, The Horace Baker Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity into Section C Longest OB Race and The Roy Hanney Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity by a Cock into Somerset Longest Race. A. E. Shepherd, Woodmanscote, won 6th Open Barcelona National on 683, winning The Jack Edwards Memorial Challenge Trophy, The Gladys Stephenson Memorial Challenge Trophy, The Mr & Mrs G. S. Maskell Challenge Cup, Best Velocity into Sussex Longest OB Race and The G. H. Hall Rose Bowl, Best Velocity into Kent or Sussex Longest OB Race. Gosling & Jarvis, Mountnessing, won 7th Open Barcelona National on 589, winning The Ron

Bissett Memorial Challenge Trophy. A. Stephens, Poole, won 8th Open Barcelona National on 573, winning The Strugglers Challenge Cup and The Mr & Mrs Stephenson Challenge Cup, Best Velocity into Dorset. Mr & Mrs J. Hayward, Hornchurch won 13th Open Barcelona National on 470, winning The Ken Otton Memorial Trophy. J. Nicholson & Sons, Rochester, won The Barcelona Olympic Challenge Cup, Best Velocity by a Hen Longest OB Race, Frank Lloyd Memorial Trophy, First Hen in the Longest OB Race and The A. H. Woodward & Son Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into Kent Longest OB Race on 548. W. Castledine, Farnham, won The Gazette Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into Surrey Longest OB Race on 533. N. Harvey, Taunton, won The Tony Hodges Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity by a Hen into Somerset Longest Race from the Barcelona National on 505. Crowley & Green, Compton Bassett, won The Gordon Hare Challenge Cup, Furthest Flying Bird in Race Time Longest OB Race and The A. G. Mullholland & Son Avon Trophy, Furthest Flying Bird Section C Longest OB Race on 435. Mr & Mrs S. Fear, Hayes, won The Middlesex Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into Middlesex



R. L. Spooner, Stafford.



E. Rann, IoW.



A. Stephens, Poole.



W. Castledine, Farnham.



J. Attrill, Salisbury.



Spracklen & Thomas, Dorchester.



R. Alty, Stevenage.



M. Edwards, Weston-super-Mare.

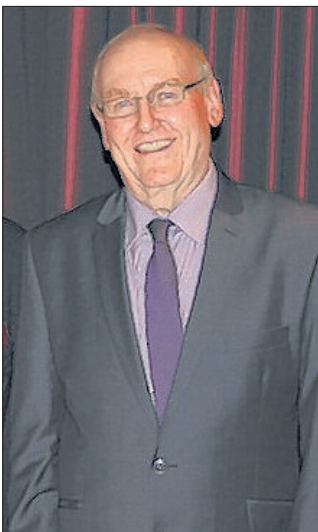
Longest OB Race and The Ron Bisset Challenge Cup Best Velocity into the London Postal Area from the Barcelona National on 166. R. Legg & Son, Guernsey won The Frederico G. Vaccaro Challenge Cup, Best Velocity Channel Islands Longest OB Race in the Barcelona National on 152. The following trophies were not won. The Eachway Surprise Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity in Section E Longest OB Race; The Churchill Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into Gloucestershire Longest OB Race; The W. Bowen Challenge Cup, Best Velocity into Wales Longest OB Race; The Olwen Padfield Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity into Wales Longest OB Race; The Christine Humphreys Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity into Wales Longest OB Race; The Brooklands Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into the Isle of Wight Longest OB Race and The Emma Bate Memorial Cup, Best Velocity into Cheshire Longest OB Race. Section Winners (each winning BBC Engraved Decanter, donated by M. Gilbert). 1st Section A, Mannor Lofts (M., C. & J. Norman), Southampton, on 962. 1st Section B, A. Stephens, Poole, on 573. 1st Section C, Mr & Mrs G. G. & C. J. Cooper, Peasedown St John, on 705. 1st Section D, N. Lane, Romford, on 821. 1st Section E, not won. 1st Section G, J. Nicholson & Sons, Rochester, on 548. 1st Section H, R. Legg & Son, Guernsey, on 152.

Fougères OB National – 6th July: R.

Lutner & Co won 1st Open Fougères National on 1414, winning The Crowley & Green Trophy and The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate. Section Winners (each winning BBC Engraved Tankard). 1st Section A, J. Attrill, Salisbury, on 1411. 1st Section B, R. Hooper, Poole, on 1372. 1st Section C, A. Sinclair, Malmesbury, on 1387. 1st Section D, R. L. Lowe, Reading, on 1379. 1st Section E, R. Lutner & Co on 1414. 1st Section G, J. A. Akmenkalns, Barnham, on 1220. 1st Section H, W. Healy, Jersey, on 1386.

Bordeaux National – 28th July: Wyatt & Gray, Nailsea, won 1st Open Bordeaux National on 1686, winning The Jane Witts Memorial Trophy, The Master Jason Rigiani Memorial Trophy, The Mr & Mrs Hooper Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity in Section C, The Trevor Dodd & Grandson Trophy, Best Velocity into Somerset, The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate and £150 Voucher, Ponderosa UK Stud. Preece Brothers & Son, Abertillery, won 2nd Open Bordeaux National on 1637, winning The Guernsey Silver Can and The M. K. Jarvis Trophy, Best Velocity into Wales. M. Edwards, Weston-super-Mare, won 3rd Open Bordeaux National on 1634, winning The Betty Rigiani Memorial Trophy. B. Woods, Shaftsbury, won The Whitefield Printing Service Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into Dorset in the Bordeaux National on 1366. R. L. Spooner, Stafford, won The Jason & Naomi Hart

Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity in Section E in the Bordeaux National on 1606. W. Townley, Cheltenham, won The Leaholm Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into Gloucester in the Bordeaux National on 1243. Stubbs & Pereira, St Peter, Jersey, won The N. C. Wilson Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity into the Channel Islands in the Bordeaux National on 1360. H. N. Crick, Axminster, won The Gamlin, White & Wilson Shield, Best Velocity into Devon in the Bordeaux National on 1302. Mr & Mrs R. Morris, Great Missenden, won The Trevor Cox Rose Bowl, Best Velocity into Buckinghamshire in the Bordeaux National on 1548. The following trophies were not won. The Mr & Mrs W Stephenson Challenge Shield, Ladies Nomination. The Mr & Mrs R. G. Wales Trophy, Best Velocity into Yorkshire Bordeaux National. The G. C. Hobden-Clark Trophy Best Velocity into Norfolk Bordeaux National. The London Columbian Trophy, Best Velocity into Section F Bordeaux National. Section Winners (each winning BBC Engraved Tankard): 1st Section A, E. Rann, Isle Of Wight, on 1554. 1st Section B, Mr & Mrs Gower, Fordingbridge, on 1576. 1st Section C, Wyatt & Gray, Nailsea, on 1686. 1st Section D, D. Coward-Talbot, Chelmsford, on 1560. 1st Section E, R. L. Spooner, Stafford, on 1606. 1st Section G, L. & G. Sullivan & P. Gent, Brighton, on 1564. 1st Section H, Stubbs & Pereira, St Peter, Jersey, on 1360.



R. Hooper, Poole.



C. Edwards, Romsey.



Mr & Mrs D. Waterhouse, Wymering.



D. Staples - Jones & Son, Croydon.



Mr & Mrs R. Morris, Great Missenden.



Mia & Ben Brown, Hungerford.

Fougères YB National: D. Wilton & Son, Chadwell St Mary, won 1st Open Fougères YB National on 1299, winning The Harkers Challenge Trophy, The Mr & Mrs F. Sopp Challenge Trophy and The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate. They also won 2nd Open Fougères YB National on 1295, winning the The Bilco Consolation Challenge Cup. C. Edwards, Romsey, won The Mr & Mrs Keith Davison Trophy, Charity Nomination, The Maisie Bissett Challenge Shield, Ladies Nomination, The Ray Hoare & Son Challenge Cup, Best Velocity by a Solent Fed Member and The C. A. Harris Hampshire Cup, Best Velocity into Hampshire on 1274. A. D. Crook, Newbury, won The Harry Matthey Salver, Best Velocity Section D in the Fougères YB National on 1268. J. P. Halstead, Gillingham, won The Whitefield Printing Services Trophy, Best Velocity into Dorset in the Fougères YB National on 1148. P. Barlow, Coombe Hill, won The F. Churchill & Son Trophy, Best Velocity into Gloucester in the Fougères YB National on 961. Wyatt & Gray, Nailsea, won The F. A. Brammer Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into Somerset in the Fougères YB National on

1019. B. & S. Stone, Belper, won The Longton Shield, Best Velocity into Section E in the Fougères YB National on 1203. D. Wilton & Son, Chadwell St Mary, won The Alan Tullett Trophy, Best Velocity into Section G and The H. Sopp Challenge Cup, Best Velocity into Sussex in the Fougères YB National. Mr & Mrs N. Shaw, Basford won The Croxton & Harrison Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into Cheshire in the Fougères YB National on 1153. The following trophies were not won: The Davis Challenge Trophy, Best Velocity into Buckinghamshire in the Fougères YB National and The Bert Elliott Memorial Trophy, Best Velocity into the Isle of Wight Fougères YB National. Section Winners (each Winning BBC Engraved Tankard) 1st Section A, C. Edwards, Romsey, on 1274. 1st Section B, J. P. Halstead, Gillingham, on 1148. 1st Section C, Crowley & Green, Compton Bassett, on 1183. 1st Section D, A. D. Crook, Newbury, on 1268. 1st Section E, B. & S. Stone, Belper, on 1203. 1st Section G, D. Wilton & Son, Chadwell St Mary, on 1299. 1st Section H, P. Davies, St Clement, Jersey, on 1204.

Fougères OH National: W. Healy, Jersey,

won 1st Open Fougères OH National on 1359, winning The Crowley & Green Trophy. G. Moon, St Helier, Jersey, won 2nd Open Fougères OH National on 1356, winning The Nigel Rigiani Trophy. Section Winners: 1st Section A, K. Davison, Southampton, on 1221. 1st Section B, Spracklen & Thomas, Dorchester, on 1142. 1st Section C, Mia & Ben Brown, Hungerford, on 1210. 1st Section D, S. Coxell, Roding, on 1284. 1st Section E, B. & S. Stone, Belper, on 1293. 1st Section G, D. Wilton & Son, Chadwell St Mary, on 1292. 1st Section H, W. Healy, Jersey, on 1359.

Tours Open YB National: D. Staples-Jones & Son, Croydon, won 1st Open Tours Open National on 1361, winning The Crowley & Green Trophy. Section Winners (each winning BBC Engraved Tankard): 1st Section A, K. & J. Zerafa, Portsmouth, on 1239. 1st Section B, C. A. J. Riley, Blandford, on 1161. 1st Section C, G. Hancock, Devizes, on 1170. 1st Section D, D. Staples-Jones, Croydon, on 1361. 1st Section E, B. & S. Stone, Belper, on 1185. 1st Section G, D. Wilton & Son, Chadwell St Mary, on 1339.

2013 Average Winners: T. R. Andrew, Brighton, won The Lisa Rigiani Memorial Trophy, Best Two-Bird Average in the Messac National on 1296. Crowley & Green, Compton Bassett, won The Guernsey Racing Pigeon Club Trophy, Best Two-Bird Average in Racetime in the Niort National on 1004 and The R. J. Clarke Trophy Best Two-Bird Average into Wiltshire in the Niort National on 1004. M. Gilbert, Windsor, won The BBC Appreciation Challenge Trophy, Best Two-Bird Average in Race Time in the Barcelona National on 719. Preece Brothers & Son, Abertillery, won The Sue Bradshaw Memorial Trophy, Best Two-Bird Average in the Bordeaux National on 1605. D. Wilton & Son, Chadwell St Mary won The Major Buckingham Challenge Trophy, Best Two-Bird Average in the Fougères YB National on 1297. Crowley & Green, Compton Bassett, won The F. E. Griffin Memorial Trophy, Best Average Longest OB and Longest YB Races from Barcelona/Fougères Nationals on 809. Gosling & Jarvis, Mountnessing, won The Tony Hustler Memorial Trophy, Best Average Messac and Barcelona Nationals on 903. Crowley & Green, Compton Bassett, won The E. & G. Bracey Trophy Best Average into Section C from Messac and Bordeaux Nationals on 1387, The Tommy Rae Memorial Cup, Best Average The Two Longest Old Bird Races from Bordeaux and Barcelona Nationals on 1006 and The Mr & Mrs B. J. Reeves Challenge Trophy, Best Average all Races on 1152. Not won, The Henry Le Luyer Trophy, Best Average All Races Into The Channel Islands.



L. & G. Sullivan & P. Gent, Brighton.