



APRIL UPDATE

Firstly, on behalf of the Committee I would like to thank everyone who donated pigeons to the British Barcelona Club's Annual Young Bird Sale held on Sunday 29th March. A total of £4,315 was raised on the day with a cash donation of £40 given as well, making a total of £4,355. Included in this total was £410 made from Stud birds which will be put towards the funding raised so far for Palamos which is now £2,770.

Carentan, our first race is a couple of weeks away and all paperwork for those members who have paid, have now been sent out. There are still just over 100 members still to pay, if you have paid but have not as yet received anything please let me know. Subscriptions are £20. Closing date for entries is Saturday 25th April by post and Monday 27th April for online entries. Please be aware of all marking times. These must be adhered to, as late arrivals can cause the transporters being late on other pick ups.

On a normal Saturday liberation, all clock envelopes after the race must be received by me no later than the **Wednesday** after the race.

We have been kindly donated from Geoff Wales of Thorne, Doncaster a rose bowl which was won in 1982 by Mr Albert Cook of Malton from Palamos. Mr Cook passed away in 1985 and his widow bequeathed this rose bowl, a Spanish Diploma and other items to Geoff as he was such a good friend. After 30 years in Geoff's care he now feels that it is time for the rose bowl and Spanish diploma to be kept within the British Barcelona Club.

Mr Cook was a small team man and raced from a 10ft x 6ft loft and only kept 6 pairs of old birds and only bought 6 rings each year. His main bloodlines after 1965 came from Frank Cheetham of Pontefract.

His Spanish Diploma was awarded in 1976 after his Light Chequer Hen NU 70 Z 43221 "Yorkshire Lass 2" completed her third Palamos race flying over 800 miles in to Yorkshire.

1974 – 3rd Section E 102nd Open - Velocity 699 – 1,023 birds

1975 – 2nd Section E 41st Open – Velocity 722 – 923 birds

1976 – 1st Section E 30th Open – Velocity 520 – 1,144 birds

The rose bowl will now be awarded to the highest velocity in to Section E flying over 800 miles from the longest race.

Geoff himself had a Grand Daughter of "Yorkshire Lass 2" who holds the record for the fastest velocity in to Yorkshire and she won an RPRA N.E Region award for the outstanding long distance performance in 1991.

Best of luck to everyone for the 2015 season.

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