



THE HOME OF LONG DISTANCE PIGEON RACING

The British Barcelona Club

DINNER AND AGM REPORT

The British Barcelona Club held their 52nd Annual Award Presentation and Dinner on the weekend of Saturday 19th November at The Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth. Over the Friday and Saturday it was lovely to catch up

with old friends and meet up with some new faces who have never attended the dinner before. With members attending from all over the British Isles they did the Club proud.

Our Chairman Roger Hurst began the evening by saying grace before we sat down

to a very enjoyable four course meal.

After the meal Roger went on to introduce the top table and thank all of the Club's sponsors to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for supporting the Club. Our Guests of Honour were Les & Meryl Blacklock (President of the RPRA) who we would like to thank for making



M Gilbert with RPRA President Les Blacklock.



R J Goddard & Son.



S R & W H Knox.



Crammond & Langstaff.



MM G Emm.



Corey Owens.



D Melinte.



A J Turner.



P Baker.

the very long journey down from Cumbria and we hope you had a wonderful time, Steve & Nettie Richards, Peter & Sue Bennett, Steve Jones & Sylviane Vuillemin from Countrywide Feeds.

Next up was our President Jim Hooper who gave a heart felt speech to all the guests and very kindly said a few words on behalf of the Blue Riband race winners Ian Crammond & Nigel Langstaff.

Personally, I would like to thank Christine White and Anne Hooper for all their help with the trophies and flowers and thank Martin, Kevin White and Robbie Hooper for keeping out of our way.

For the presentation of the cups and trophies we called upon our Guest of Honour



G Frewin.



MM M Gower.



W Stribling.



J & J Brady.



T Howarth.



D Albon.



B & D Young.



D Harris.



MM J Cooper.



J Fulford.

Les Blacklock, who did a marvellous job of handing out nearly 70 trophies plus other awards.

The final job for the evening was the raffle, and sadly this year Nick Ferriman who has helped pull out the raffle tickets for as many years as I can remember was unable to attend due to ill health, so we had to recruit a new member of the team and the person that fitted the job perfectly was young Corey Rogers who seemed made for the job. (We would all like to send Nick our very best wishes and hope to see him again very soon).

2016 Award Winners

All Section winners received a medal.

Coutances winners.

P. Quainton (C214) – The Norman Fysh Memorial Trophy, The Hyatts Trophy and £150 Ponderosa UK Stud Voucher. C. Gadsden (D72) – The Ernie Rivett Memorial Trophy.

The Section winners were A – Mr & Mrs S. Harris & Daughter (A760), B – R. Dibben (B132), C – P. Quainton (C214), D – C. Gadsden (D72), E – K. Rhodes (E433), G – Mr & Mrs T. & C. Welch (G37), J – S. Coxell (J759).

Messac winners.

Mr & Mrs G. Emm (A595) – The British Barcelona Club Trophy, The Everson Sports Champagne Trophy, The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate and £150 Ponderosa UK Stud Voucher.

J. Fulford (A1072) – The Cyril Lowe Memorial Trophy.

Mr & Mrs J. Cooper (B100) – The Diana

'English Rose' Trophy and The Dorset Cup.

B. & D. Young (B259) – The Trevor Perrett Memorial Trophy for first bird in charity nomination.

S. White (B931) – The C. B. Philpott Shield.

A. R. Johnson (B412) – The Ann Wright nee Nancy Harris Memorial Trophy and The Lisa Righiani Memorial Trophy.

Mr & Mrs B. Frost (B89) – The Pat & Alec Griggs Trophy for best velocity in to Somerset.

The Section winners were: A – Mr & Mrs G. Emm (A595), B – Mr & Mrs J. Cooper (B100), C – P. Quainton (C214), D – J. Deville (D886), E – D. Harris (E349), G – J. M. Armitage (G676), H – G. Moon (H228), J – A. B. Coker (J587).

Fouères OB Winners

The Section winners were: A – M. Shipp (A395), B – S. Jack (B48), C – Mr & Mrs M. & C. Brown (C77), D – R. J. Lowe (D720), E – Mr & Mrs N. Shaw (E781), G – J. Clarke & Daughter (G8), J – D. Wilton & Son (J401).

Barcelona winners

Crammond & Langstaff (G206) – The Harkers Challenge Trophy, Ron Michieson Challenge Trophy, Spanish Challenge Trophy, The Woodsider Trophy, The Doug Horwood Memorial Salver, The Eileen Bunn Memorial Challenge Trophy, The Arthur Bartlett Memorial Trophy, The Albert Padfield 'Blue Riband' Memorial Trophy, The Peter Righiani Memorial Trophy, The Cyril Medway Memorial Trophy, The Mr & Mrs Ken Hine Memorial Trophy, The G. H. Hall Rose Bowl, The Mr & Mrs G. S. Maskell Cup, The A. Hoare & Son

Cup, The L. A. Bartlett Challenge Trophy and The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate.

P. Baker (G31) – The Bert Bryant Challenge Cup.

W. Stribling (C757) – The Ron Youde Memorial Trophy, The Gordon Hare Challenge Cup, The Bert Wiffen Memorial Shield, The Reg & Myrtle Venner Memorial Rose Bowl, The W. Gale Challenge Cup, The Roy Hanney Memorial Trophy, The A. G. Mullholland & Son Trophy and The Horace Baker Memorial Trophy.

S. R. & W. H. Knox (G220) – The Barcelona Olympic Challenge Cup, The Frank Lloyd Memorial Trophy, The Gladys Stephenson Memorial Trophy, The A. H. Woodward & Son Challenge Cup.

R. J. Goddard & Son (D428) – The Willcox Trophy, The Spanish Trophy and The Hands & Castree Challenge Trophy.

G. Frewin (A508) – The Jack Edwards Memorial Trophy, The Mr & Mrs A. Brant Challenge Cup, The G. Stubbs Memorial Trophy.

A. Cowan (A954) – The Ron Bissett Memorial Trophy.

M. Gilbert (D1102) – The BBC Appreciation Trophy.

A. J. Turner (G772) – The Harkers Trophy, F. Knowles & Son (G842) – The Ken Otton Memorial Trophy.

D. Melinte (D260) – The Middlesex Trophy and the Ron Bissett Challenge Cup.

The Section winners who each received a medal and a glass decanter very kindly



G Lewis.



M Bulled.



A Still.



R Dibben.



MM S Brimecome & Son.



MM D J Newman.

donated by Mark Gilbert were A – G. Frewin (A508), C – W. Stribling (C757), D – R. J. Goddard & Son (D428), G – Crammond & Langstaff (G206).

Bordeaux winners

A. Still (G170) – The Master Jason Rigiani Memorial Trophy, The Jane Witts Memorial Trophy and the Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate.

W. D. Young (C105) – The Guernsey Silver Can Trophy, Mr & Mrs Hooper Trophy, The Leaholm Trophy.

Mr & Mrs M. Gower (B85) – The Betty Rigiani Memorial Trophy.

Mr & Mrs N. Shaw (E781) – The Jason & Naomi Hart Memorial Trophy.

J. P. Halstead (B355) – The Whitefield Printing Services Trophy.

M. R. Staddon (B109) – The Trevor Dodd & Grandson Trophy.

J. & T. Barnett & Dtr (E409) – The Don Weaver Memorial Trophy.

Mr & Mrs D. J. Newman (D678) – The Trevor Cox Rose Bowl.

W. Healy (H361) – The N C Wilson Memorial Trophy.

M. Bulled (J58) – The Sue Bradshaw Memorial Trophy.

The Section winners were: A – L. & M. Dyer (A48), B – Mr & Mrs M. Gower (B85), C – W. D. Young (C105), D – Mr & Mrs D. Newman (D678) E – Mr & Mrs N. Shaw (E781), G – A. Still (G170), H – W. Healy (H361), J – M. Bulled (J58).

Coutances YB Winners

J. & J. Brady (J624) – The Petlife International Harkers Trophy, The F. Sopp Challenge Trophy and the Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate.

Mr & Mrs A. Webber & Son (D677) – The Bilco Consolation Challenge Cup, The Major Buckingham Challenge Trophy and The Harry Matthey Salver.



MM A Webber & Son.

J. A. Akmenkalns (G56) – The H. Sopp Challenge Cup.

L. Haines (D404) – The Davis Challenge Trophy.

S. & K. Brimecome & Son (A358) – The C. A. Harris Hampshire Cup & The Ray Hoare & Son Trophy.

G. Clift (Loft 2) (C455) – The F. Churchill & Son Gloucester Trophy.

G. Lewis (E316) – The Longton Shield.

B. A. Miller (C658) – The F. A. Brammer Trophy.

R. S. Harbour (A473) – The Bert Elliott Memorial Trophy.

B. & D. Young (B259) – The Whitefield Printing Services Trophy.

D. Reid (G900) – The A. Tullett Trophy.

D. Albon (D704) – The Mr & Mrs Keith Davison Trophy.

T. Howarth (E178) – The Croxton & Harrison Trophy.

The Section winners were: A – S. & K. Brimecome & Son (A358), B – Mr & Mrs M. Gower (B85), C – G Clift (Loft 2) (C455), D – Mr & Mrs A. Webber & Son (D677) E – G. Lewis (E316), G – D. Reid (G900), J. – J. & J. Brady (J624).

Coutances OH winners

D. Deveson (G115) – The Crowley & Green Donated Trophy.

Mr & Mrs D. J. Newman (D678) – The Nigel Rigiani Donated Trophy.

The Section winners were: A – J. Attrill (A1156), B – Cottrell, Richmond & Son (B729),



W D Young.



MM N Shaw.

C – Mr & Mrs M. & C. Brown (C77), D – Mr & Mrs D. J. Newman (D678) E – Louis Yemm (E390), G – D. Deveson (G115), J – J. & J. Brady (J624).

Average Trophies

W. Stribling (C757) – The Tommy Rae Memorial Trophy & The Tony Hustler Memorial Trophy.

J. Garvey (C586) – The E. G. Bracey Trophy.

G. Frewin (A508) – The F. E. Griffin Memorial Trophy.

2016 AGM

The AGM was opened at 2.30pm. Apologies were given to those Committee members who were unable to attend.

The minutes of the 2015 AGM were passed

and any matters arising covered.

We received 70 resignations which were accepted with regret and the Club had 57 new members in 2016

As it was the end of 2016 business all offices were declared vacant and Tony Whitehurst kindly stood in as temporary Chairman. The 2017 BBC Committee and Officials are as follows: President – Jim Hooper, Chairman – Roger Hurst, Life Vice Presidents as before they are Jim Hooper, Mrs Hazel Hooper, Mrs Ingrid Jurd, Roger Hurst and Richard Green, Life Vice Presidents serving on Committee – Dave Whitefield, Chris King & Nigel Rigiani, Committee – Martin Norman, Jill Rogers, Stephen White, Secretary/ Treasurer – Clare Norman, Auditors

– Jill Rogers and Dave Whitefield.

Finally, permission was given to destroy old documents and the AGM closed at 2.55pm.

Your £20 subscriptions for 2017 are now due and must be paid before 1st April 2017. Gold Ring Nominations for the Young Bird Race are available at £5 per nomination. Prizes are awarded for Open and Section positions on a pro rata basis.

Application forms for new members are available on the website or by telephoning me and I will put one in the post for you.

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MM S Harris & Dtr.



MM T & C Welch.



R J Lowe.



Some of the British Barcelona Club's 2016 race winners, pictured with Club President, Mr Jim Hooper.