President: Nigel Rigiani



THE HOME OF LONG DISTANCE PIGEON RACING

Patron: Mark Gilbert
Bordeaux National
1st Open 1st Section E
Mal Hope from Telford

With "Piaf"

After a one day holdover due to inclement weather conditions in France on Saturday, the BBC's final old bird race from Bordeaux consisting of 832 birds was liberated at 6am with no wind on site and a South Easterly wind up through France.

Winner of the Bordeaux National and 1<sup>st</sup> Section E is Mal Hope from Telford with his two year old blue hen sent on a 7 day old youngster. "Piaf" as she has been named after another little sparrow that came from France has no previous performances to speak of. Breeding is a mixture of Mal's old family from the late Colin Brough of Congleton, Colin Lloyd Cattrysse, Robert Venus de Barcelona, Marc Pollin de Perpignan and DeWeerdt Jan Aarden.

Mal is now 73 years young and has been racing on and off since 1958. Back in the mid 60's he won the Wellington Journal Trophy from Nantes. Pictured with his Dad. (Which one does Mal look like now!).

He breeds about 30 youngsters but due to hawk problems in recent years only a few make it to the old bird stage. He averages about 10 old birds to start the season off with. Feeding consists of local farm corn (nothing special) and ordinary grit and minerals. No antibiotics are administered. The birds have fresh water daily with nothing added to it apart from on occasion Mal will stew up some nettles to make a tonic.

On Sunday a lady arrived at Mal's to collect a stray young bird and Mal mentioned the race and asked her to think Bordeaux all the way home. (She must have done something right!).

Mal would like to thank the staff at the Donnington Club for setting his clocks and mention his good mate Bob Briscoe who when together bounce ideas off of each other and drink the teapot dry.



Mal at 26 yrs old with his Dad



Mal Hope

**2<sup>nd</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Section E is Alan and Cynthia Shore from Crewe.** GB12N32894 – Daisy Doo is a widowhood hen who has been prepared to compete in the longer races as we like to try our widowhood hens to ensure that we have decent young birds for future years. She had a couple of training tosses and then in to Carentan with MNFC, she was then sent to BBC Fougeres. She came well in both races. She had a further two tosses with the young birds and then in to BBC Bordeaux. She is bred for the distance as are most of our birds and has John Barnett and Daughter blood as well as that of our own Pau pigeon Danny Boy lines.

Birds are fed good quality corn and fresh water and we don't use medications. If a pigeon comes back from a race it should be out with the others the next day. Our motto is that the basket beats pedigree any day.



Alan Shore

1<sup>st</sup> Section B 3<sup>rd</sup> Open is Barry Burton from Dorchester. Firstly, may I congratulate M Hope and Mr & Mrs A Shore on their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> positions. Taking 1<sup>st</sup> section B and 3<sup>rd</sup> open for me with my yearling blue cock flying to a 5 day old youngster was terrific, leading the field for most of the afternoon was exciting but having been the Secretary of the British Barcelona Club in 2011 I knew there was always a possibility that the Northern boys would come up trumps. I only returned to pigeons in 2012 after a lengthy absence through my job being away from home a lot but on my return to the sport I decided to build a team of birds for the distance, and to date things are going in the right direction.

The sire of the cock is a three year old Dave Whitefield bird and the dam bred down from N & D Spracklen crossed with a gift bird from Jim Hooper of the late Kenny Hine blood line. My small team fly on the natural system as I like to give them as much freedom as possible.

My thanks go to Clare and her team who do an outstanding job of work for which I am sure the membership appreciates.



**Barry Burton** 

**4<sup>th</sup> Open is Richard Spooner from Stafford.** Firstly congratulations to Mal Hope and Alan Shore for flying the flag for section E and supporting Penkridge marking station. My provisional 3<sup>rd</sup> Section 4<sup>th</sup> Open is a two year old Jack Roberts Delbar widowhood cock having

My provisional 3<sup>rd</sup> Section 4<sup>th</sup> Open is a two year old Jack Roberts Delbar widowhood cock having his third channel race of the season. He is a son of one of my top stock cocks "Golden Balls". I must admit when he homed straight out of the North I thought I would be way behind in the result, as it was such a fast race.

Second in the clock to be provisionally 5<sup>th</sup> Section 11<sup>th</sup> Open is another Jack Roberts Delbar w/h cock this time a four year old. This was his 5<sup>th</sup> channel race this season having previously flown Messac and Fougeres with the BBC and Messac and Saintes with NFC, in fact this cock was my second timer from BBC Bordeaux in 2013 when he was 6<sup>th</sup> Section 27<sup>th</sup> open. He is also full brother to my 1<sup>st</sup> Section 5<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Bordeaux 2009.

The next bird clocked was a six year old Delbar cross Mike Spencer cock. This bird has scored in the past from Bordeaux, Tarbes 669 miles Tours and Messac I think he's now earned his retirement. Next bird home a two year old Delbar cross. His sire is full brother to my second bird home and has flown Tarbes twice and Bordeaux three times. His dam was kindly lent to me by Nigel Rigiani and is

a daughter of "Comanchi" and "Lady Jane" they were TEN times in the result from Barcelona/Palamos between them. What a pair!!

Last bird clocked, a five year old is very closely related to the first bird, in fact his grand sire is the sire of the first bird. He has previously scored from Bordeaux, Cholet, Saintes etc.

Now to the sad bit, all my birds must now go as I've sold my house and will be heading for pastures new in Pembrokeshire.

I wish the BBC all the very best for the future as I do to all my friends and acquaintances in the sport. Hopefully I will see some of you in Bournemouth in November.





Richard Spooner

1<sup>st</sup> Section C 5<sup>th</sup> Open is Phil Newton from Weston Super Mare. This bird was sent to Bordeaux driving his hen to nest. He is a 2013 late bred and was hatched in July so did not race as a young bird, but he was trained in the closed season up to about 30miles.

He is well bred being a double great grandson of my NFC Certificate of Merit winner "Springfield Black Bird" when she was paired to "Springfield Phantom" winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Section C 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Palamos BBC in 2003.

In preparation for Bordeaux he was given several inland races up to Littlehampton 111miles and two channel races one from Fougeres the other from Messac.

Birds are fed on a Countrywide mix with farm peas, beans and cereals added to suit my own requirements. Only clean water is offered to the birds and a small amount of oil is added to the corn. Many thanks to Tess for her help and support with the birds.



Phil Newton

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section B 6<sup>th</sup> Open is Mary Ayles from Weymouth** with a 5 year old Blue bar cock named "95". The sire of the pigeon is bred down from Mary's old stock going back to hen she first started racing pigeons in 1996. The dam was bred from a pigeon given to her from Bobby Ballard of Lychett Matravers. "95" has raced the Dorset Federation old bird programme this year, going to Littlehampton, Battle, Carentan, Fougeres and Messac, then with the CSCFC Pau where he was 2<sup>nd</sup> in the local Weydor Specialist Club, having being a very consistent over the last few years. Picture with Mary is Grand daughter Abbie who helps with the cleaning of the loft. Well done Abbie, keep up the good work.

Mary would like to thank the members of the Weymouth HS, Portland HS, Crossways and the Weydor Specialist Club for all their help and support over the last year, also Diddy Davies for taking the birds to the marking station and Christine White for taking the photo and writing this report.



Mary Ayles and Abbie

**7<sup>th</sup> Open is Gordon Hancock from Devizes** with a yearling blue chequer hen. It won Seaton about three weeks ago and was trained with the young birds. It was a gift bird last year from Mike Rawlings of Broadhinton.

What I would like to say is to the condition of the pigeon when it arrived home, it was spectacular.



Gordon Hancock

8<sup>th</sup> Open is Graham Baker from Shifnal. The Dam of Graham's timer was bred by Cameron Stansfield and is a full sister to the Grand Dam of Graham Groom's great hen Sweet Pea, winner of 6 top positions from MNFC Bordeaux, 5 times on the night including just a fortnight ago. Sweet Pea herself has bred Graham Groom a 1<sup>st</sup> Section 4<sup>th</sup> Open MNFC this year. The Dam of Graham's timer, known as the Tusk Hen, is bred from a chequer cock who on the sire's side is from a son of Graham Baker's NFC Pau Certificate of Merit winner Meritman, winner of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 10th section NFC Pau at 641 miles, between the last two performances Meritman spent a year in Barrie Ford's stock loft, and it was on this sabbatical that Meritman, paired to a daughter of Barrie's 1st Section Pau, bred the sire of the chequer cock. The dam of the chequer cock was gifted to Cameron by John Wills and is a daughter of John's Ian's Way, winner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BICC Barcelona 700 miles. The dam of the Tusk Hen was gifted to Cameron by Graham Baker and is a daughter of 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Open MNFC Bordeaux in a north east wind when only 8 birds made it on the day. She is a combination of Graham's old family which contains the Zeus and Fabiola blood of Albert Bennett's and Alfons Bauwens' Golden Wing winner, indeed the great Meritman himself was a result of this cross. The Sire of Graham's timer was from the last son of Meritman, when Meritman was paired to a hen from Cameron Stansfield, she being a direct daughter of John Wills' Gayle Supreme, winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Open Bicc Pau 560 miles.



Graham Baker's hen.

**9<sup>th</sup> Open is Tony Porter from Portland.** Lentered 10 birds, had 5 back on the day and 2 the next morning. My wife Sue and myself were sitting in the garden watching the swifts when my little grizzle cock "Jacko" came down across the field like a rocket, he was feeding a big youngster, his Sire was a gift bird from Kevin and Christine White which was down from their old family of winning birds x with Martin, Clare and Jack Norman's grizzle family. The Dam was from the best of

Pite Boyen from Nuth which is in south of Holland and is a very good friend. The other four which made it on the day were a mixture of old and tried families of Geoff Hunt x Wilf Reed x Boyen all of these genuine fanciers give me their best to try.

I am only interested in the long distance races, as in the past I have been the first to get a bird into the UK and only ended up 11<sup>th</sup> Open with the CSCFC and 23<sup>rd</sup> Open with the NFC. A lot of fanciers that I have talked to over the years think being on the coast is easy, come and try it, if my birds don't hit Portland Bill it's a big dog leg for them to get home. All these birds were yearlings having the third race of their lives as I don't normally race youngsters. Next year if the Hawks don't get them they will go to Barcelona which is my aim. I have previously sent to Barcelona three times, got one out of race time twice including this year and also one stolen out of the transport once. But this does not put me off I must keep trying.

I fly the way of nature no treatments (I do get my birds tested by Peter Boskamp from Beek in Holland just to make sure all is ok). The birds have an open loft 24/7 to come and go as they please, (closed up all through the winter), very little short training is done as I prefer a 50 mile training toss first light in the morning young and old, hopper of beans at all times with a sport mix given in the evenings along with grit and minerals. I did go through a period where the birds that did not make it on the day never worked back, this was when I was just feeding sport mix but after putting the tic beans in front of them I am finding that days even weeks later they turn up or I assume they must be dead.

Living on Portland as I do they have to put up with constant attacks from peregrines. I have had pigeons for forty eight years and if it was not for the support and encouragement of other fanciers like Kevin white and Dappy Owers and my wife Sue I think I would have packed in before now due to these constant attacks.

Enjoy your pigeons, take what success you can, based on the time you have and above all don't take it to serious, its meant to be a hobby.





**Tony Porter** 

10<sup>th</sup> Open is Bill Townley and Son from Cheltenham. Bill has been around pigeons since he was 8 or 9 years old first helping his Uncle around the loft and then starting out on his own in 1957. In 1965 he raced widowhood but reverted back to natural in 1972 due to widowhood being very time consuming. He started the season with 28 old birds and still has 23 left. 19 youngsters were bred of which 5 have been entered in to One Loft Races leaving 14 to race him self.

The 2 year old chequer hen timed was sent sitting and is from his old family that goes way back. He has introduced different strains over the years, some have worked, some haven't. Previous performance for this hen was winning a Cheltenham Homing Society Club race this season from Nort Sur Erdre 300 miles.

The second bird timed is a half sister to Bill's first (same sire different dam).

1<sup>st</sup> Section H is Glen Moon from Jersey. This 3 year old blue cock has been outstanding for Glen. Up until a few weeks ago he was the only old bird Glen had left in his loft having dropped a few yearlings from Fougeres but since then, some have worked back in.

"True Grit" which he is named as he gives his all in every race win or lose flew Palamos this year unfortunately arriving 1 yard out of race time. He has also won La Roche – Yon two years running and Jarnac which are his local Clubs two longest Club races being transported by the French. In 2014 as a 2 year old he won the Section twice winning two of the special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medals, once from BBC Niort where he was 3<sup>rd</sup> Open and BBC Fougeres Old Bird race.

He was bred from a blue hen gifted by Glen's good friend Mick De Carteret from Guernsey off a Reg Venner blue hen and a Belgian cock bird which Glen acquired from the late Lawrence Le Ruez from Jersey.

Keith Duffin a fellow club mate of Glen's commented that this is the best pigeon in the Channel Islands for years.



Glen Moon

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section H is Paul Davies from Jersey.** Paul timed his very consistent 5 year old Jan Aarden x Janssen chequer cock where having been on widowhood all season was sent driving for this race. He also scored for Paul from BBC Messac this year where again he was 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 140<sup>th</sup> Open. As a young bird he was sent to St Malo where he was lost for a year and returned home in April 2011. In 2012 as a 2 year old he won 1<sup>st</sup> Club Messac and 1<sup>st</sup> Club Saintes by 40 minutes. In 2013 he was 14<sup>th</sup> Open 4<sup>th</sup> Section BBC Niort, 2014 - 5<sup>th</sup> Section 107<sup>th</sup> BBC Niort and 2<sup>nd</sup> Section BBC Fougeres. This is now 4 x 2<sup>nd</sup> Sections with the BBC.

Paul would like to thank Clare Norman for collecting the birds and taking them to the marking station.



**Paul Davies** 

1<sup>st</sup> Section A is Trevor & Sue Green from Ashurst. 1<sup>st</sup> bird clocked is a 4 year old Blue Ganus cock bred from birds given to me by Kevin Dipper from Southampton when he gave up pigeons. This cock is a very consistent bird with a few minor cards. He is at his best at 400 miles plus and he was my first bird from Bordeaux in 2013 29<sup>th</sup> Section then in 2014 my first bird form Bergerac CSCFC and first from Boudeaux 2 weeks later.

His preparation was 2 short races 1 East,1 West,1 Guernsey and 2 Messac. In 7 days my second bird in one and first in the other taking  $4^{th}$  Club,  $16^{th}$  Fed. My  $2^{nd}$  bird was a Lambrecht out of stock loft.



Trevor Green

1<sup>st</sup> Section D is Stuart Sheffield from Windsor. The two year old Blue chequer cock I timed, came in as stray young bird, I reported him to the owner and he asked me to transfer him and try him out. He is flown on widowhood, and is very protective of his nest box. He has always been consistent, best previous performance 2<sup>nd</sup> B, B & O Federation Fougeres as a yearling 1,744 entries, just pipped by Mark Gilbert. This is his first time over 250 miles.



Stuart Sheffield

2<sup>nd</sup> Section A is Eddie Rann from Chillerton, IOW. Ed's hen was bred by Roger Merrin who does not race anymore but keeps a few stock birds and shares them with his mates on the Island. "Dark 004" is from a son of the original DeWeerdt known as the "Box 2 Pair" who were grand

children of DeWeerdt's "Spiritus" and "Liesbet", X an Andy Gregson DeWeerdt hen.

The dam was a Jim Sheppard / Southwell.

Dark 004 had scored in previous National events and had flown all NFC races up to Saintes and was then sent to Bergerac with the CSCFC where she arrived on the second day. She was then rested and sent back to Bordeaux BBC.

A full brother to "Dark004" is the G/sire to G Rann's "Faithful" who was 8th International Agen '11. Also she is a full sister to Ed's 2<sup>nd</sup> bird from Tarbes provisionally 123<sup>rd</sup> Open.



Eddie and Freya Rann

 $2^{nd}$  Section D is David Hughes from Windsor. I timed a 2 year old blue hen Van Elsacker-Jepsen sire which was gifted to me by Mark Gilbert. This was her second channel race, the first being the BICC Le Mans race two weeks earlier. She was sent sitting eggs.



**David Hughes** 

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Section J is John & John Brady from Benfleet. Our first pigeon "798" a dark chequer cock was 3<sup>rd</sup> Section BBC Fougeres and has certainly improved for the extra distance now finishing 1<sup>st</sup> Section Bordeaux. We will look forward to racing him next year as his pedigree suggests that he will improve with age and distance.

Our second pigeon less than a minute behind, is a Mealy cock "867" which was bred for us by the late Ken Hine of Middlesex from his Eric Cannon pigeons, as he is a year younger than the "798" he will also be a great prospect for 2016.



John and John Brady

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Section G is Joe & Vera Langbridge from Sidlesham. 1<sup>st</sup> bird Chequer hen GB 10 B 21333, I think could be named Birthday girl as it's my birthday (27). I have been known to tell the odd fib, she was 3<sup>rd</sup> Section G as a young bird from Fougeres, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gold ring, also 1<sup>st</sup> Carentan 2012 in Club racing with the Solent Fed. She is from my No 1 Stock hen from A E Shepherd stock crossed with Van Helmond. This pair have produced several useful racers, our 3<sup>rd</sup> bird is also from this pairing.

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> bird is a Vandenbeele X Janssen cross. The VDB coming from our Friend Renee Obertelli from Croydon a club mate from years ago in Carshalton Surrey. The Janssen is yet another producing hen from a son of Derek Reid,of Weybridge 1<sup>st</sup> NFC St Nazaire cock.



Joe Langbridge

3<sup>rd</sup> Section J is Keith Gosling & Mick Jarvis from Mountnessing. The partnership clocked a two year old widowhood chequer hen named Young Astra competing in her fifth channel race this season. Prior to Bordeaux she had several inland races winning 1<sup>st</sup> Club Poole then she flew BICC Alencon, NFC Messac, BBC Fougeres 22<sup>nd</sup> Section 340<sup>th</sup> National and BICC Le Mans. Her sire is Big Face grand son of Vend 1<sup>st</sup> NFC Pau and Brown ring 1<sup>st</sup> NFC Guernsey, 11<sup>th</sup> Classic Guernsey, 33<sup>rd</sup> Classic Guernsey, 46<sup>th</sup> BICC Bihorel, 90<sup>th</sup> BICC Gellainville, 310<sup>th</sup> NFC Guernsey. Her dam is 48 grand daughter of Matt 11<sup>th</sup> Classic Pau, 24<sup>th</sup> Classic Tarbes, 27<sup>th</sup> BICC Alencon, 47<sup>th</sup> Classic Bergerac, 60<sup>th</sup> Classic Alencon, 112<sup>th</sup> Classic Alencon, 154<sup>th</sup> Classic Tours, 167<sup>th</sup> Classic Tours and Astra 4<sup>th</sup> BBC Bordeaux, 15<sup>th</sup> NFC Bordeaux, 18<sup>th</sup> NFC Saintes, 19<sup>th</sup> NFC Guernsey, 50<sup>th</sup> NFC Fougeres, 69<sup>th</sup> NFC Fougeres, 129<sup>th</sup> BBC Bordeaux, 153<sup>rd</sup> BICC Falaise, 407<sup>th</sup> NFC St Nazaire. Young Astra was lightly raced as a young bird only inland as a yearling she won 27<sup>th</sup> Section 40<sup>th</sup> BICC Le Mans and 47<sup>th</sup> Section 80<sup>th</sup> BICC Guernsey.

After early season training she has been flown on widowhood and exercised twice daily confined to her nest box to prevent pairing to the other hens only seeing her cock on basketing nights and on the return from a race. She was fed on VL super widowhood and Leige mixes also regularly peanuts are given. The partnership sent 15 to the race and had 6 arrivals on the day of the race.



Keith Gosling & Mick Jarvis

**3<sup>rd</sup> Section G is Mick & Lyn Chapling From Westend Village, Woking.** The pigeon taking 3<sup>rd</sup> Section is a 2 year old Burgher/Wildemeersh cock 02 who has flown consistently on widowhood all year and this was his 6<sup>th</sup> time across the channel this year.

After the NFC Saintes race all the widowhood cocks were paired up to get the hens prepared for the Old Hens races in August/September and 02 was sent to the BICC Le Mans race 2 weeks ago sitting 8 days where he was 3<sup>rd</sup> Section 16<sup>th</sup> Open. He was then sent to Bordeaux sitting tight on a youngster and was clocked after 11 hours.



Mick and Lyn Chaplin

#### **Convoyers Report**

With the 832 birds loaded we made our way to the docks arriving at 7 pm and once booked in the birds were fed and watered before loading onto the ferry at 10.30 pm.

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Arriving at Questreham docks at 05.30 British time we got straight under way to our first watering stop at Bain de Bretagne, we were there for one hour and getting under way at 10am. The next stop was just north of Saintes for fuel and I took this stop to water for three quarters of an hour.

We arrived in Bordeaux at 5.30 pm and the birds were fed and watered, all the way down and at Bordeaux the skies were clear and the temperature reached a maximum of 29 degrees with a brisk northerly wind blowing.

Having spoken to Steve Appleby telling me that the forecast for Saturday was not good but Sunday looked a lot better, this was confirmed by the site agent who also told me that the Belgium's were at Libourne some eighteen miles to our east with 60,000 pigeons on board and a French convoy with approximately 8,000 to our south which I would have to bear in mind when I liberate.

### Saturday 1st August

I got up at 04.00 am to switch on the lights in the back and to top up the troughs, knowing that the sun should appear at roughly 06.00 am this would give the birds at least two hours to have a drink, contrary to popular belief when the temperature at night is in the high teens the birds will drink early in the morning. During the night we had some rain and even though it was still dark I could see that we were under full cloud cover and at 05.30 I made a call to Steve confirming that there was full and heavy cloud cover stretching from the Pyrenees north to Cholet and seventy miles to my east and to the west out in the bay of Biscay, I held off making a final decision until 07.00 hoping that it might break but that did not materialise and with the agent telling me that the Belgian's and the French had already held the decision to hold was made.

The birds were fed at 2.00 pm and re watered which gave them plenty of time to digest their food ready for a possible early lib the next day. At 5.30 pm I made a call to Steve and he told me that everything looked very good for a Sunday lib with unbroken sunshine from the South all the way to the UK and SE winds at the lib site turning southerly in the channel and up through the UK.

# Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

As the day before I was up at 04.00 am, the first thing I noticed was a full moon and clear skies so with that in mind I emptied the trough and refilled them with fresh water enticing the birds to drink, at 05.30 I made the call to Steve telling me that the weather could not be better, clear skies and the wind was still as forecast. With an orange glow appearing in the east the strings were cut and we got ready for a full sun to show itself before we libbed. The agent told me that the Belgium's were looking to go between 06.15 and 06.30 English time and with the French south of us they would not be a problem, at 06.00 am a full sun could be seen and the flaps were dropped and all the birds exited at once, by the time we had checked the baskets were clear the birds were out of site.

The journey back saw unbroken blue skies but at Saintes the wind was a brisk easterly and back the docks it was a due southerly.

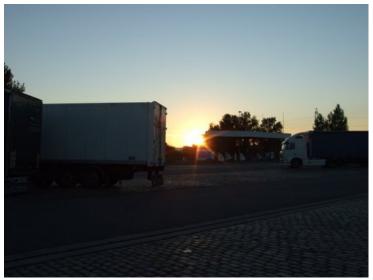
Having had a holdover giving me time to see the returns was very pleasing it was clear to see how the race went by the way the birds were clocked obviously the channel Islands were first then a batch hit the Weymouth area heading up the Bristol channel and up the western side of the Midlands, my good friend and committee member Richard Spooner from the Penkridge area called me to say that four of his five day birds all came back from the north which explains why the velocities dropped so quickly, members from the eastern side also recorded birds coming back out of the north.

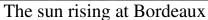
As always my thanks to all the I/C's, markers, Bill our driver, Martin, Jack and Clare our hard working secretary, and finally to Steve Appleby who yet again got the forecast spot on giving us a brilliant finish to the old bird season.

#### **Weather Report**

After a one day hold over due to poor weather conditions in southern France on Saturday the weather changed for the better on Sunday. The morning dawned with almost clear blue skies over the race point allowing Nigel to liberate the convoy as the sun rose above the horizon. The weather up through France was exceptional of broken cloud and sunshine all the way to England. Winds generally came from the south over France with some easterly influence. Over the channel they veered to a more easterly direction then back to mainly southerly over England. Visibility over all was first class. Another successful race for the BBC members to end the old bird season.

Steve Appleby.







As they were liberated

#### **Palamos Trophy Winners**

Corey & Roger Owers (B576) – 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 Rigiani Memorial Trophy, The Cyril Medway Memorial Trophy, The Mr & Mrs Ken Hine Memorial Trophy, The Bert Bryant Challenge Cup, The BBC Appreciation Trophy, The Frank Lloyd Memorial Trophy, The Ron Youde Memorial Trophy, The Barcelona Olympic Challenge Cup, The W Gale Challenge Cup, The Roy Hanney Memorial Trophy, The Tony Hodges Memorial Trophy, The L A Bartlett Challenge Trophy and The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate.

M Bulled (J58) - The Bert Wiffen Memorial Shield and The John Parish Memorial Trophy, The Hillside Greater Distance Trophy and the Ron Bissett Challenge Cup.

**Cottrell, Richmond & Son (B729)** - The Gladys Stephenson Memorial Trophy and The Mr & Mrs W Stephenson Challenge Cup .

W Castledine (A638) – The Willcox Trophy, The Spanish Trophy, The G Stubbs Memorial Trophy, The Gazette Challenge Trophy.

W Stribling (C757) - The Jack Edwards Memorial Trophy and The Reg & Myrtle Venner Memorial Rose Bowl, The A G Mullholland & Son Avon Trophy and The Horace Baker Memorial Trophy.

G C Kingswood-Cox (A1085) - The Ron Bissett Memorial Trophy, The Mr & Mrs A Brant Challenge Cup and The A Hoare & Son Memorial Trophy.

**M Westrop** (**D132**) – The Harkers Trophy, The Hands & Castree Challenge Trophy. and The Gordon Hare Challenge Cup.

**T Johnson** (**G283**) - The Ken Otton Memorial Trophy and The G H Hall Rose Bowl and The A H Woodward & Son Challenge Cup.

Newman & Sevier (B758) – The F E Griffin Cup.

**K Young (H107)** – The Frederico Vaccaro Cup.

#### **Section Winners are:**

Each Section Winner will receive a Medal.

A – W Castledine (A638), B – Corey & Roger Owers (B576), C – W Stribling (C757),

D – M Westrop (D132), G – T Johnson (G283), H – K Young (H107), J – M Bulled (J58).

## **Fougeres OB Winners**

Each Section Winner will receive a Medal.

**Section Winners are:** 

A – G D Deacon (A102), B – J P Halstead (B355),

C - Smith & Baker Loft 2 (C429), D - R J Lowe (D720) E - K Rhodes (E433),

G - M/M J B Langbridge (G807), H - P Davies (H483), J - B McAllister (J253).

#### **Dinner and Prize Presentation**

For members wishing to attend the dinner on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, please book or reserve your tickets with me. Ticket prices are £35 per person. Those wishing to stop over can book their accommodation direct with The Marsham Court Hotel (formerly The Days Hotel), Bournemouth on 01202 552111. Please mention the Club when booking to ensure special rates. For more details on the dinner please see your Club Handbook.

#### **Young Bird and Old Hens Race – Coutances (race code 5112)**

The young bird and old hens race will now be flown from Coutances and not Vire as stated in your handbook. All members distances are available on the website, click on members area and distances.

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