



THE HOME OF LONG DISTANCE PIGEON RACING

Fougeres National
1st 2nd 3rd Open 1st 2nd 3rd Section J
Dean Childs from Basildon

Our penultimate race of the old bird season saw 227 members sending 2,039 birds to Fougeres. After reviewing the situation on Saturday morning, the convoyer and race advisor agreed to liberate at 12.30pm as the conditions the following morning were predicted to be no different than the Saturday morning with the rain not expected to clear until midday on the Sunday. The consensus seem to be that racing from France this Saturday was a very difficult one for most organisations with the westerly winds in the channel sending the birds over to the east and then most having to work their way back against the wind.

Thank you to everyone at the marking stations for your help. Please could I remind members of the marking times printed in the handbook. These must be adhered to as the transporters have other pick ups to do before making the docks in plenty of time to feed and water the birds before getting on the ferry.

Many congratulations on being probable **1st, 2nd & 3rd Open 1st, 2nd & 3rd Section J Dean Childs from Basildon** who has had a fantastic couple of weeks racing.

My first pigeon now named 'Chalice Dream' is a 2 year old bred from two Mark Gilbert pigeons who have quickly established themselves as a great breeding pair in my stock loft.

The Father is a Grandson of Drum and the mother is of Kleine Dirk and Figo lines.

'Chalice Dream' has always been a very consistent racing hen for me and also recorded 88th open BICC from Alencon earlier this year.

My 2nd pigeon now named 'Chalice Joy' is a yearling full sister to 'Chalice Dream'.

Both these hens were prepared for this race by having all inland races before racing the first 4 channel races with the BICC from Falaise, Alencon, Poitiers 1 and Poitiers 2. After this they were only exercised once a day around the loft for 1-2 hours.

My third pigeon now named 'Chalice Supreme' dropped with the first two and is a late bred yearling being bred from a grandson of Southfield Supreme when paired to a granddaughter of Southfield Supreme who in turn is a full sister to Mark's Saints NFC winner "Southfield Jane".

"Chalice Supreme" was unraced as a baby and this was her first time across the channel after only having 6 inland club races.

All of my pigeons are fed on Versele-laga Champion with Versele-laga energy being added in the last few days before basketing.



Dean Childs

1st Section G 4th Open is Jaimie Clarke & Dtr from Selling. Well done to Dean Childs for Winning the race. The dark chequer hen was raced on the roundabout system, she has had 5 trips across the channel so far this year and will going to the BBC Bordeaux race next. She is bred from 2 children of NIPA winners for Ronnie Williamson of Newry Island. A big thanks to Ronnie.



Jaimie and Oliver Clarke

5th & 6th Open 4th & 5th Section J is Rob & Andrew Wilton (D Wilton & Son) from Chadwell St Mary. Our first timer is a two year old widowhood cock he has already been 9th BICC Poitiers National this season. He's through our top stock cock Big Tom sire of 2nd BICC Le Mans 2015 and 2nd BBC Young Bird National beaten by loft mate in 2013.

Our second pigeon was a yearling hen on her first ever pair of eggs she is a grand daughter of our old Bordeaux cock who won the section from Bordeaux in the London and South East Classic Club in the early 2,000s he's from our old Joplin line from our uncle Roy Wilton from the 70s still scoring at national level.



Andrew, Rob & Louie Wilton

7th Open is John Gladwin, Jarvis & Family from Leigh on Sea. My first bird is a two year old formula 1 lofts bred Frans Zwol hen which is a half sister to Max the winner of the 2015 BICC race from Alencon as well as other good prizes at National level. Their dam being the 749 a direct daughter of the wonder breeding cock D'Artagnan who is a full brother of the 3 Musketeers.

D'Artagnan is responsible for many big winners like 1st 19,400 birds, 1st 5,500 birds, 1st BICC Alencon, 1st Combine Thurso 500+ miles 1st Section NRCC and much much more. The first pigeon has proved a useful pigeon having scored well at both the two longest young bird race points on the North Road winning good Amalgamation and Combine positions before switching South Road as a yearling where she won from Le Mans and other positions inland.



John, Theresa and Sophie Gladwin

8th Open is Keith Gosling & Mick Jarvis from Mountnessing. The partnership timed a blue yearling widowhood cock. This was his fifth channel race of the season having previously flown Coutances, Fougères, Le Man's and Poitiers. The sire of the cock was bred by a good friend Steve Coxell and is the full brother to 1st section NFC Ancenis. The dam of the blue cock is full sister to the partnerships good cock 92 1st section BICC Falaise, 2nd section BBC Messac she is a grand daughter of Steve Wakerley's famous blue cock. It was a difficult race the partnership had 17 arrivals from 19 sent.



Keith Gosling and Mick Jarvis

2nd Section G 9th Open is Derek Reid from Weybridge. The pigeon I clocked is a 2 year old blue pied cock who has been very consistent. He was also 2nd Section 27th Open from BBC Coutances in May and last season he was 58th Open 3rd Section from BBC Coutances.



Derek Reid

10th Open is Tony & Carol Welch from Chichester. Firstly, I would like to congratulate D Childs for his fantastic performance in taking the first 3 places in this race. My pigeon is a two year old blue bar cock pure Janssen. Which is flown on the widowhood system.



Tony Welch

1st Section D is John Adams from Watford. Congratulations to Dean Childs on a fantastic result. My bird is a 2 year old widowhood cock previously winner 2 x 1st Club plus 1st Inter Counties Federation 1,489 birds, full sister won from Le Mans 2 weeks ago. Sire was purchased from Mark Gilbert and is a grandson of Golden Gaby and Dutch Master. The Dam I brought direct from Daniel Aerens on a visit to his loft. This pair have bred some really good exceptional birds especially when it gets a bit challenging. My 2nd bird is a 3 year old widowhood hen also bred by Mark Gilbert.



John Adams

2nd Section D is Roger Lowe from Reading. Sending 20 birds 9 cocks and 11 hens my first bird is a two year old widowhood cock. He has many minor prizes and is bred from two National Winners. The sire being “Fast As Lightning” winner of the BBC by 25 minutes from Fougères then put to stock where he has bred many winners including 2nd Open NFC National. The dam is “The 02” Winner of 1st BICC National from Guernsey being a double grand daughter of my best ever hen “My Little Diamond”. It turned out to be a very hard race having only two home when going to the clock station but eight waiting for me when I got home. Well done to Dean Childs on taking the first three in the race he is having a fantastic season. Well done also to John Adams on winning section D.



Roger Lowe

1st Section A is Eddie Rann from Chillerton, IOW. Sire: from the The Box2 pair (DeWeerdts) lines of Spiritus x Liesbet. Dam: Red Hen Mark Gilbert's DeWeerdts. This yearling hen was bred by my good mate Roger Merrin and the dam is owned by Guy Reed. As a young bird she was lost from the first race , so when she returned home she was only lightly trained. Preparation for this year was Kingsdown, Exeter, Exeter and Carentan with the Solent Fed, Alencon with the BICC where she was my first timer, NFC Fougères, then she went to the hard NFC Messac where she was my second timer, then NFC Messac again where she was third in the clock and now provisionally 1st Section 32nd open.



Eddie Rann

2nd Section A is Jason Ross from Portsmouth. Firstly I would like to congratulate all the winners on what turned out to be a very hard day, and also to the marking team. My first bird was a 2 year old Vandenabeele hen raced on natural, as I have just paired up with the Saintes National in mind. Unfortunately her cock is missing from this race. That's it now until Saintes as I'm off on holiday and then the fun and games begin with the babies. Lastly I would like to thank Kala for all her help with the birds and also Eric (Pele) Nielsen for taking my birds to Salisbury marking for me.



Jason Ross

1st Section C is Martin Williams from Hereford. Can I start by congratulating Dean Childs on taking the first 3 positions, on top of his BICC win last week from Pau. My winning bird is a Blue yearling cock on widowhood. He is off one of my old widowhood cocks who won 7 x 1st and is now in my stock loft. The winning bird is a great grandson of Andre Roodhooft's Famous Mustang, which has proved a big winning line for me crossed with my old Jan Huybrechts. He has raced steadily this year with two different Federations, the West of England and the Severn Valley. This was his second channel race. My returns weren't good, only having 2 on the day, out of 14 sent.



Martin Williams



1st Section E is Dave Harris from Newport. The yearling widowhood cock "Chet" is a direct son of my 2nd Open Lessay MNFC and son of a hen that has now bred three different section winners in the BBC, he is half brother to my 2017 Countances section winner "28" and "78" my 2012 Fougères winner, "Chet" is a nephew to "Dessie" who topped the section twice in the BBC and also had multiple top 25 open positions, all are from my old Soontjens based family and bred done from "The Gauty Cock", who is still going strong at Seventeen years young, he was still filling at sixteen and has bred numerous winners for others as well as myself, one daughter a gift to Graham "The

Captain" Bailey when paired to the Tommy Edwards cock bred numerous winners for Telford's top flyer Eric Jones.

Pictured with me is "dads little helper" Kyle, he tends to the young birds, feeding them their daily measure of morning mix and also helps down at the club house

Thank you to John Whittingham for taking the birds and well done to all the section E members that timed from what turned out to be a very challenging race.



Dave & Kyle Harris

1st & 2nd Section B is Mark & Julie Gower from Fordingbridge. My first bird is a Vandabeele cock normally flown widowhood but paired up for this race.

He has previously won 1st section CSCFC Guernsey and 2nd Section BBC Fougères. He is a son of my best ever Vandabeele hen who won 3 x 1st section in the NFC and 2nd, 6th & 30th open, she was a grand daughter of M & D Evans Champion Shadow.

The section winner has flown all the NFC and two Classic races this year never far away from being my first bird.

My second bird is a yearling daughter of my 4th open Pau Classic hen when paired to a Andy Parsons distance bird. This makes her a half sister to my 3rd open Bordeaux hen of last year (same dam). This was her 3rd trip over the channel as her preparation for Bordeaux, flown on 10 day eggs. Well done to Mr Childs on his team performance and all the section winners on a testing day for a lot of us.

Thank you to Nick Smith and Andy Parsons for taking my birds to the marking, it's such a big help.



Mark Gower

2nd Section E is Mick Hughes from Market Drayton. My probable 2nd Section pigeon is a blue widowhood cock that has flown consistently having been in the top 60 of Classic racing 10 times. He arrived in the dark at 22.08hrs on Saturday night. His half brother has been 6th and 20th Open BBC and his father was MNFC middle distance co efficient winner.



Mick Hughes

2nd Section C is Mark & Clare Brown from Hungerford. Firstly congratulations to the winners and especially Martin the section C winner on a very tough day over in the west of the club. Our chequer pied cock "Nobby" had to work hard to arrive home at 18.55hrs from Fougères to achieve 2nd Section, he has been a good racer for the loft, previously winning 1st Section 10th open in this BBC Fougères National race last year, also he was 57th open CSCFC Messac earlier this season. He is a Gaby Vandenabeele x Koopman/Van dyke breeding and we are very pleased with our teams performances this season, so far achieving some good section positions in the nationals, i.e 4th Section NFC Messac, 3rd Section BBC Messac, 7th Section CSCFC Coutances, 8th Section CSCFC Messac, 12th Section NFC Coutances, to name a few along with 3 x 1st club prizes and 1 x 1st Federation.



Mark Brown

Next in Section B is Alfie Harp from Poole. I timed a yearling blue hen who was bred by my good friend John Gerard. She is a Mandelartz x Bosua and has flown every channel race this season.



Alfie Harp & John Gerard

1st Section H is Paul Davies from St Clement, Jersey. I timed a 2 year old blue cock whose blood lines are Janssen x Jan Aarden. She was sent sitting 14 days. Earlier in the season I lost her for six weeks from Cholet, so when she returned I paired her up and sent her to this race. She has no previous results before this race.

I would like to congratulate all the section winners and thank Clare for collecting our birds for us.



Paul Davies

Messac National Trophy Winners 2017

M/M A Horton (E60) – The British Barcelona Club Trophy, The Everson Sports Champagne Trophy, The Ann Wright nee Nancy Harris Memorial Trophy, The Lisa Rigiani Memorial Trophy and The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate.

Smith & Baker Loft 2 (C429) – The Cyril Lowe Memorial Trophy.

J Hughes (E116) – The Diana “English Rose” Trophy.

M/M Beckett & Sons (E606) - The Trevor Perrett Memorial Trophy for first bird in charity nomination.

D Vincent (B502) – The C B Philpott Shield.

L Wall (C457) – The Pat & Alec Griggs Trophy for best velocity in to Somerset.

Section Winners are: Each Section Winner will receive a Medal.

A – M/M G Emm (A595), B – W Pitney (B847), C – Smith & Baker Loft 2 (C429),

D – R J Lowe (D720) E – M/M A Horton (E60), G – D Reid (G900), H – G Moon (H228)

J – B McAllister (J253)

For members wishing to attend the dinner on Saturday 18th November, ticket prices are £35 per person. Those wishing to stop over can book their accommodation direct with The Marsham Court 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.

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