

THE HOME OF LONG DISTANCE PIGEON RACING

Barcelona "Blue Riband" National 1st Open 1st Section G Lee & Kevin Buddle from Dover With "Triple 2"

The 128 Blue Riband birds entered by 48 members were liberated on Friday 5th July at 8.50am. Within these 128 birds 74 of them were duplicated from the BICC in to the BBC for this race. The weather conditions in Barcelona at the time of liberation were blue skies, a south wind and good visibility with variable winds on their line of flight.

I would like to thank Carol Francis and Russell Bradford for all their help and assistance.

With a hard couple of days flying under their belts the birds started to make an appearance on Day 3 of the race with 4 gallant birds being timed in. First to verify was **Lee & Kevin Buddle from Dover.** Our warmest congratulations to this father and son partnership winning the Club's most prestigious race taking 1st & 17th Open 1st & 4th Section G.

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Our timer from Barcelona and 1st Open, 1st Section G is a 4 year old cock we call 'Triple 2'. After being paired in early February and raising a pair of babies his hen was taken away after sitting between 5-8 days on their second round. After this he has been flown all season on our Widowhood/Roundabout type of system, where the cocks & hens only get to see each other and run freely for an hour or two on return from the training races with the BICC, BBC, EECC & Local Club. They are only put together before race marking when it comes to the International races. Feeding here is very simple with every pigeon getting the same mix 7 days a week. It is made up of 50% Versele-Laga Superstar Plus & 50% Vanrobaeys Best Allrounder, with a few fatty seeds given the last 5 days before marking. In preparation for Barcelona 'Triple 2' flew the following races-Bedhampton 4th May, BICC Alençon 11th May, 25th May EECC Fontenay & 8th June BICC Cholet. Triple 2' is a direct son of 'Mike' & 'Amoy'... 'Mike is a winner of 3rd BICC Marseille Int 2014 594m, 4th BICC Marseille Int 2011 594m, 9th BICC Marseille Int 2013 594m, 13th BICC Agen Int 2014 480m, 24th BICC Perpignan Int 2012 579m, 37th BICC Pau Int 2011 544m, 60th BICC Pau Int 2013 544m, 64th BICC Pau Int 2012 545m.

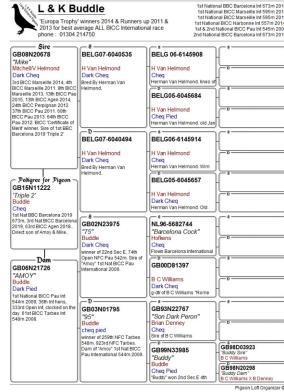
'Amoy' won 1st Open BICC Pau 2009 & 61st BICC Tarbes Int 2008 548m.

Our 2nd pigeon from Barcelona is a 6 year old hen flown on widowhood come roundabout system, she flow Barcelona last year but just out of race time, she had the same preparation races has the first bird and she is out of our two good racing and breeding hen Amoy when she was paired to BC both these birds were first and second Pau in 2009, Amoy is the Dame to both the birds we clocked from Barcelona.



Lee and Kevin Buddle









The next three arrivals on Day 3 were by our Patron Mark Gilbert from Windsor 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 16th, 19th & 20th Open 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th & 10th Section D. The first arrival is a three year old cock. He has been a very consistent bird. He was one of my main fancies and is a half brother to last years Barcelona winner "Southfield Hugo". His father is a son of "New Witenbuk" 1st Dutch National Barcelona 6th International and his mother is from "New Laureaat" 1st International Barcelona.

The second bird is a four year old hen. She has never failed at an International race. As a yearling she was 23rd St Vincent and 1st Section 8th Open Perpignan. As a two year old she was 30th Pau and 7th Open Marseille and as a three year old she was 11th Open Barcelona and this year she is 10th Open.

The third and fourth arrivals are also grandchildren to "New Laureaat" 1st International Barcelona.



Previous Blue Riband Winner **Tony Stephens from Poole** is in **6**th **Open 1**st **Section B.** The bird I timed in from the Barcelona race is a blue chequer hen. She was the only bird I sent. She has flown well for me - as a yearling she was 52nd Open in the Pau CSCFC. As a 2 year old she was in the Tarbes' National and last year went to Palamos and returned on the Tuesday. This year her last race before Barcelona was the BBC Cholet race where she finished 208th Open. She is bred from birds from the House of Arden.

I look forward to this race every year, having taken 1st B Section 2013, 1st Open 2014. I'd like to say well done to all the winners and all who clocked in this tough race. I'd like to say many thanks to my Uncle, Rod Muspratt, for his continuing support of me and taking my bird to the marking station.





Tony Stephens hen

Another name you will always pick out on these long distances races it the one of **Simon Knowles** (**F Knowles & Son**) from Wingham clocking two birds 7^{th} & 13^{th} Open 2^{nd} & 3^{rd} Section G. First bird GB15S 68321 chequer hen flying celibate - Grandaughter of Elsid – 3^{rd} , 17^{th} , 28^{th} and 45^{th} Open Barcelona and Foxy Lady – 4^{th} , 5^{th} , 9^{th} Open Marseile and 4^{th} Open Perpignan. Prepared with 3 x Wingham Flying Club - Bedhampton and 2 x Fontennay with the East of England Continental Club.

My second bird NWHU14E 8419 blue cock flying celibate - Grand Son of $32 - 9^{th}$ Open Barcelona 2010 and 33 blue hen -3^{rd} Open Marseille. Prepared with 3 x Wingham Flying Club Bedhampton, fontennay with the East of England Continental Club and Cholet with the B.I.C.C.



Simon Knowles





The Etherington Family and the three hens

After so many occasions of being runner up in the section it is great to see **Jim Etherington from Waterlooville** winning not only 1st **Section A** but 2nd & 3rd **Section A** too & 8th, 12th & 21st **Open.** Congratulations to everyone who timed. Both of my first two pigeons timed have the same dam but different sires, parents of all three hens are George Burgess from Wraysbury, big thank you to George. The pigeons he bred for me are all cracking pigeons. Sent three of George's and got all three.

Our photo is of our two pigeons and all of our grandchildren, they didn't all want to hold a baby, but all loved taking part, great time was had by the Etherington clan.

With only 4 birds sent by our two Guernsey members and those four having to try and break away from the 1000's heading in all directions, clocking his single entry to Barcelona on Day 5 to take 1st **Section H 11th Open Richard Mauger from St Sampsons, Guernsey.** The bird I clocked was a Deweerdt x. The sire was purchased from a D & D McFadden sale. She flew our race programme last year as far as Bordeaux, this year she has flown St Malo, Rennes & BBC Cholet. She was raced on the roundabout system and fed on Gem Red Ruby widowhood mix.



Richard Mauger

After their fine performance from the CSCFC Tarbes race **Stewart & Janet Guy from Tadley** achieve **14**th **Open from Barcelona.** GB15N50811 Blue Bar Hen. In 2011 Tony Cowan was auctioneer at a clearance sale of pigeons from the loft of Mr & Mrs G Bates & Son after Mr Bates had passed away. These birds were from the families of Jim Biss, Fear Brothers and Kenny Hine who at the time were all leading names for long distance racing pigeons. We purchased several birds at this sale and have bred stock from them.

This bird was bred from this family in 2015 and has been sent to many different distance races before this year. In 2019 she was sent to our Camrose club race from Battle in the Southampton Federation and also their Coutances race. In June this year she was sent to the BICC Cholet Race. We entered three birds into this year's Barcelona race - the most we have ever sent. Having spent four days waiting for birds on Wednesday 10th July I was asked to help my son-in-law who is a local farmer to wash the combine to prepare for the coming harvest. Whilst in the middle of this my

daughter Jenny appeared in a hurry to tell me that Janet was dealing with a Barcelona pigeon. This bird had given everything and was sitting in the nest bowl with its mate. So, all the hard work during the season had been rewarded in this very special race.

Well done to everyone who clocked in, especially our friend David Goddard. David and I have been friends since 1968 when we flew together in the Tilehurst club in Reading. So we were more than pleased when he rang to say he had clocked in a very good bird, With his outstanding performances over the years David is the man to beat when talking Barcelona races – I have never met a more dedicated fancier when preparing his birds for this race.



Stewart and Janet Guy's hen and her mate

The name of **Brooks Brothers** has been synonymous with pigeon racing in the **High Littleton** area for many years. Now with the additional partnership added of **Wilcox**, **Rob Brooks and Stuart Wilcox** are **1**st **Section C 15**th **Open.** Congratulations to the iconic partnership of Kevin & Lee Buddle on winning the BBC Barcelona race. Our pigeon Mendip Mo was 3rd Section 23rd BICC Barcelona last year, now winning BBC Barcelona Section C this year. Father was 5th Open Pau and mother is a sister to two Pau Section winners.







Paul Baker with Crimson Tide

I am sure it will not be many more years before this next fancier wins this race. He came so close in 2016 taking 2nd Open I am confident the win is just around the corner for **Paul Baker from Seaford** 18th Open. I brought both the dam and sire from Blackpool sales in 2010. The dam from lines of Snydale Express and the sire is a direct Jan Theelan pigeon.

"Crimson Tide" has flown in 22 channel races, including - Barcelona twice once in 2015 with BICC where he was 51st Open, and once this year 2019 privisionally 17th Open, 5th Section. He went to Palamos in 2018 and was 18th Open, 7th Section. He also flew the extremely tough Zaragoza in 2017, getting home just out of race time.

He has only had one year out due to injury which was 2016, otherwise he has been one of my most reliable birds.

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Open	Mem No	Flying Name	Town	Ring Number	A-A-T	•	Day	Velocity
1	G106	L & K Buddle	Dover	GB15N11222	12 9	56	3	505.561
2	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB16N02421	16 42	48	3	473.763
3	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB15N01472	18 14	27	3	457.708
4	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB14J06080	18 23	33	3	456.173

5	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB16E26327	6	5 56	20	4	400.037
6	B181	A Stephens	Poole	GB15N60832	9	16	32	4	363.251
7	G842	F Knowles & Son	Canterbury	GB15S68321	12	2 56	27	4	347.811
8	A193	J R Etherington	Waterlooville	GB14N43378	18	3 56	47	4	308.693
9	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB13J11326	9	16	40	5	287.827
10	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB16E26382	18	3 58	13	5	253.542
11	H71	R D Mauger	Guernsey	GB15S35076	7	7 4	37	5	251.311
12	A193	J R Etherington	Waterlooville	GB15N62661	18	9	5	5	243.653
13	G842	F Knowles & Son	Canterbury	NEHU14E8419	8	8	37	6	226.842
14	D996	Mr & Mrs S Guy	Tadley	GB15N50811	10	50	23	6	225.196
15	C883	Brooks Brothers & Wilcox	High Littleton	GB14N01466	13	3 23	28	6	224.067
16	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB16N02355	13	8	43	6	221.134
17	G106	L & K Buddle	Dover	GB13N28469	11	1 28	56	6	215.243
18	G31	P Baker	Seaford	GB12N33519	12	2 38	16	6	208.383
19	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB16E26384	16	5 0	55	7	182.253
20	D1102	M Gilbert	Windsor	GB13J11112	19	54	26	7	175.198
21	A193	J R Etherington	Waterlooville	GB14N43320	10	25	24	8	155.758

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