

Messac National
1st & 2nd Open 1st & 2nd Section G
Neil Jones from Sandwich
With “Lovely Jubbly One” & “Lovely Jubbly Two”

On board for the trip to Messac were 2,266 birds sent by 213 members. Due to the poor conditions in the channel and the weather at Messac and the surrounding areas the birds were held over on the Saturday. Sunday dawned to a very different day at Messac with the birds being liberated at 7.15am in to a light South West wind.

With the hottest day recorded this year and the temperature unbearable at times, our grateful thanks must go to all the marking teams and helpers for what you achieved. Thank you also to Pat Emm who supplied the cake at Romsey and also Tony and Sue Leggatt who brought a case of refreshments for the markers. They all went down a treat. Special thanks to Kevin King and Bob Hollies for all your assistance regarding the paperwork needed for France.

Races still to come:

Full details see latest news on the website.

BORDEAUX on Saturday 25th July – Marking is WEDNESDAY 22nd July. Entry £5.25 per bird.

(If you are cross nominating from the CSCFC in to the BBC or Vice Versa the fee is £2.50 per bird). Cross nomination entry forms must be sent off at the same time as you are sending your entry form to the BBC.

BARCELONA on Friday 31st July – Marking is SUNDAY 26th July. Entry £8.00 per bird.

FOR ALL INTERNATIONAL RACES THIS SEASON, IF MEMBERS ENTER THEIR BIRDS ON ETS, THE BIRDS DO NOT HAVE TO BE DOUBLE RUBBERED (OR EVEN SINGLED RUBBERED).

THOSE MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE ETS WILL STILL HAVE THEIR BIRDS RUBBERED AS PER USUAL.

Barcelona Marking Times & Places:

Treetops, Radstock - 10.00am – 11.30am,

Braishfield Social Club, Romsey - 10.00am – 11.30am,

Brighton – 9.00am – 10.00am,

Penkridge – 8.00am – 8.30am.

PAU Friday 31st July – Marking is TUESDAY 28th July. Entry £6.50 per bird.

For cross nominating you must enter the NFC and then cross nominate back in to the BBC. (If you are cross nominating from the NFC in to the BBC the fee is £3.75 per bird). Cross nomination entry forms for the BBC must be sent off at the same time as you are sending your entry form to the NFC

VIRE YB & OH Saturday 29th August – Marking is THURSDAY 27th August. Entry £3.75 per bird.

All positions being provisional until the clock paperwork is checked.

Congratulations to **Neil Jones from Sandwich 1st & 2nd Open 1st & 2nd Section G** a previous BBC Bordeaux winner in 2017 with “Neils Diamond”.

I’ve just decided on names for my first two birds, Lovely Jubbly One, Lovely Jubbly Two.

Their new names reflect just how I felt when these two walloped the landing board, last Sunday morning, straight down, straight in, no messing, get in.

Both have had good results for me. Previously the chequer hen (John Puddephatt origins) 1st Section, 5th Open Bordeaux 2018.

The blue pied hen (Van Reet origin) 1st Section, 2nd Open EECC 2019 Fontenay, beaten by half a yard.
Sent 19 birds, all homed on the day, in excellent condition, so testimony and many thanks to the BBC team for looking after them so well.



Neil Jones with Isla and Lovely Jubbly One



Lovely Jubbly Two

Runner Up to Neil in **Section G and 3rd Open** is Don Harvey from Dover. First of all I would like to take the opportunity to thank Clare and the marking team for being so organised as always at the Romsey marking station, and secondly congratulations to Neil Jones on winning first and second.

I phoned Neil to congratulate him but could not get much sense out of him - you need to take more water with it Neil!

My first bird is a 2 year old widowhood cock. This was his first channel race of the season and he'd had 4 60 Mile tosses with the Wingham trainers beforehand.

His sire was one of the first five I bought from Bert Shepherd's Ko Nipius/Jan Aarden family and he is a grandson of Seven Up 1st Open BBC Barcelona, 129th Open Tarbes NFC, 7th Open 2nd Section Palamos plus many more positions. His dam is a Louella pigeon from a son of Donkere Bull who is a half brother to European Bull and a daughter of Incredible and Amazing Grace.



Don and Elaine Harvey

1st Section A 4th Open Steve & Yvette Harris & Daughter Lauren of Portchester.

Firstly, we would like to congratulate Neil Jones and all the section winners. Well done to Clare and the team as our birds came back in excellent condition.

We had 12/12 home. Our first bird is a Herman Ceusters x J & J Meeder, blue cock flown on our roundabout system. We would also like to thank Richie & Jayne Thomas who didn't send to the race themselves but picked our birds up and took them to the marking station.



Steve Harris

1st & 2nd Section D 5th, 6th, 9th & 11th Open Dennis Baker from Maidenhead. Provisional 1st & 2nd Section are brother and sister. The sire is half brother of “Fast As Lightning” winner of 1st Open BBC Fougères by 25 minutes for Roger Lowe. The dam being “Che”/ “Main Man” (2nd & 3rd Open Saintes NFC) bloodlines from Roger Lowe. I had 40 from 48 on the day, birds are raced on the Copas System, Section Winner is now called “Jolly Roger”.



Dennis Baker

7th Open Lyden Brothers (John & Jeff) from Sandwich. The pigeon is a 2016 latebred, a small/medium hen from long distance bloodlines. Her parents were obtained from Mick Sheehy of Harrietsham, the sire is a direct bred Chris Gordon, a grandson of both Snyderdale Express and Snyderdale Treble, whilst the hen is of Paul Kendall origin. In 2017 and 2018 the pigeon was proving very reliable from channel races, and as a three year old in 2019 we were looking forward to seeing her compete at the extreme distance, however inexplicably she was the only bird missing from an early channel race. After a week we thought, that's it she's gone! However one evening in late August, 3 months later she returned, in a bedraggled and sorry condition. We have always practised the rule that a pigeon is entitled to one mistake and so she was wintered. This Messac was her first race since that mistake and once again this rule has proved worthwhile. In preparation for this race she had eight trainers at an average 50 miles each. We would normally give a pigeon a lot more work before a 300m race but this year that has not been possible. The hen was paired until 3 weeks ago, since then generally been kept separate from all cocks but permitted to have a little time with her mate and nest box after returning from training flights.



Lyden Brothers Hen



Bryan Boggins

8th Open 3rd Section D Mr & Mrs Bryan Boggins & Son from Watford with a yearling roundabout Chequer cock bred by Sam Parker of Market Harborough. He is a g/g/son of Mr Blue of Pieter Veenstra on dams side x a Vandheede via Tom Gately.

I would like to compliment the conveyers on the condition of the birds on arrival they were immaculate.

2nd Section A 10th Open Kevin & John Zerafa from Portsmouth. Firstly we would like to congratulate the overall winner Neil Jones and also all of the Section winners, especially Steve & Yvette Harris who are our good friends and the winners of Section A. Our first pigeon to arrive who is provisionally 2nd Section A 10th Open, is a yearling cock raced on roundabout. He was a latebred who was only raced once as a youngster. This year he has been raced in the local club and was sent to the BICC Falaise race a fortnight ago. He was rested for a weekend and then sent to this race. His sire is a pigeon we purchased from Stuart Treharne of Nantyglo, being out of his two BICC winners from 2014 when they were paired together. The dam of our pigeon is bred from our old family of birds, herself being the winner of 3x 1st Federations and dam to 13th Open BBC Fougères in 2018, for Mark Gower of Fordingbridge. We had two more birds that weren't too far behind and are currently looking good for 27th & 28th Open, so we are extremely happy with the way the birds came. We entered 12 pigeons into this race and had all 12 return in good condition. Thanks to all involved in the organisation and execution of this race.



Kevin & John Zerafa

1st Section C Steve Hughes from Swindon. Congratulations to today's winner, and well done to all the other section winners.

I am very happy with my section win today, I thought they was just going to be behind a little because they all came out of the east and I could see they had to fly it today with the strong west in the wind. My "26" dynasty continues this time it was a son off her, The sire was a well bred stock pigeon of Chris Templar's Bristol being a grandson of 3 top pigeons, Chris had 2 from the pairing and I bred 3 for myself.

Feeding is with the superb mixes from Vanrobaeys and health is maintained with the natural remedies from Colin Leaske in fact I have not used any antibiotics now for 12 months and my birds are as good as ever, it has been a good few weeks racing for me winning 5th & 6th section 24th & 25th Open BBC Wadebridge then 1st Section 8th Open CSCFC Wadebridge and today 1st section Provisional 29th Open, Thank you to all my friends and club mates for the congratulations its appreciated.



Steve and Tracey Hughes with Grandsons Leo and Baby Codey

1st Section B Tony Stephens from Parkstone. The first pigeon I clocked from Messac is a blue cock, 2 years old. He has always been a reliable bird for me. I thought with the wind the birds would take 4 and a half hours to get to this area, I was quite surprised when he landed. He is a M & D Evans Vandenabeele, through Brian Shipley birds. I would like to say well done to the winner and all the section winners. Thanks to Rod Muspratt, my uncle for taking the birds to the marking station. I sent 12 birds and all were home by Saturday night.



Tony Stephens

2nd Section C Chris & Jane Howse from Devizes. We would like to congratulate all the winners! We timed a yearling hen sent sitting on natural! We normally fly widowhood but with the lockdown we were not sure what racing we would get, so paired our birds back up and have left them together ever since! This hen was one of the two we timed together last year in the Thames open race from Messac last year! Her sire is a Grandson of Drum and the mother is from the natural breeding station from Geernick breeding. A big thank you to Clive and Jill Rogers and all the markers for all their hard work! On what was a very hot and busy day!



Chris Howse

2nd Section B Michael & Steve White from Bournemouth. Congratulations to Neil Jones and all the winners. We had two birds arrive together the first a yearling widowhood cock, was 1st club Yelverton two weeks ago, the second bird a two year old widowhood cock has been very consistent this year being our third bird in first BBC race from Wadebridge and our second bird from the CSCFC Wadebridge last week. They are both bred down from our Nantes NFC winner ‘Phyl’s Boy’, they are Van Reet based from Rod Baxter and Daughter and Louella and a Van Loon from Tony Heynes. We would like to thank Clare and her marking team at Southampton for all their hard work to make everything run smoothly, also to the convoyers for the excellent condition of the birds.



Michael, Phyl and Steve White

1st Section E Dave & Paul Whitfield from Newcastle Under Lyme. Flying 360 miles from Messac, my first bird was my 2 year old pure Verheye blue flighty hen known as Scot Hay Annie. This was her 4th race this season. She was my 2nd bird from the BBC Wadebridge race and 3rd club from Mangotsfield the following week. I race her on the roundabout system. Had 14 of my 15 birds sent on the day. All birds were in excellent condition on arrival home. Thanks for great conveying.



David Whitfield's Hen

Our furthest flying member on the day flying 390 miles taking **2nd Section E John Crehan of Crehan & Connor from Manchester.** My 2nd NW section winner is a 2 year old Blue Cock bred by Jan Hooymans in the Netherlands, he was injured last year so was lightly raced as a yearling and this was his first time across the channel. His Father is bred from a pigeon called “Ali” winner of 1st Open Sun City Million Dollar Race 2010 and his mother is a daughter of the famous “Harry”. The birds arrived home in good condition but a little bit wet due to the heavy rain we had in the North West for a few hours before they arrived.

Credit to the convoyers I now have all 6 of my entries home. Well done to all the section winners and the 1st Open winner.

Gladwin & Jarvis (John & Theresa) from Leigh on Sea 1st Section J. I would like to start by saying a big well done to the BBC for getting us channel racing this year and to all the winners. The pigeons came back in super condition and some will go straight back to the NFC.

My first pigeon winning section J is a Formula 1 lofts bred Frans Zwol, she is a daughter of Bold Eagle one of our top breeding cocks that is responsible for many winners including 1st and 3rd Open UNC, dam of my first bird is Small tip she is a direct daughter of TIP top Junior. Small Tip is Grand dam of my 1st Open BICC Agen winner in 2019. My first pigeon has been 20th Open BICC and other positions before this race, she also flew Agen international in 2019 and this was a prep race for one of the longer races this year, hopefully.

My second pigeon which was very close behind is a Yearling cock, which is a Frans Zwols X Long Distance Rutz lines.



John and Theresa Gladwin & Jarvis

2nd Section J Tony Buckfield from Hockley. Clocking a 4 year old chequer hen. 5 out of 6 entries home on the day.

Convoyers Report

Thursday 25 June - Finished loading 18.00hrs at Southampton. Fed birds 18.30hrs. Fresh water on the birds all the time. Night sailing from Portsmouth was cancelled, so stayed the night in Southampton.

Friday 26 June - Left Southampton for Portsmouth Docks 06.00hrs. Arrived in Caen 14.30hrs. Left Caen Docks straightaway and parked up 10 miles down the road. Topped up water. Arrived in Messac at 18.30hrs. Gave the birds light feed and topped up water. Spoke to Roger (Race Advisor) who said things did not look good for Saturday lib.

Saturday 27 June - Up at 05.30hrs, pouring with rain in Messac. Spoke to Roger at 06.30hrs. He said the weather in the Channel was not good and we both agreed to holdover. The weather in Messac did not improve until 14.00hrs. Gave birds a good feed at 08.00hrs and water in front of them all day, topped up regularly.

Sunday 28 June - Up at 05.30hrs, topped up water. Messac looking good. Phoned Roger 06.00hrs, who said it was looking good all the way home. Agreed to lib at 07.15hrs. Birds left the site in one batch in blue skies and a very light SW wind. The birds did not circle and headed straight in a northerly direction.



6am Messac Sunday 28th June

Telephone & Website Verifications which may be subject to change.

<i>Open</i>	<i>Mem No</i>	<i>Flying Name</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Ring Number</i>	<i>A-A-T</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Velocity</i>
1	G251	N Jones	Sandwich	GB15P10611	11 34 9	1	1878.422
2	G251	N Jones	Sandwich	GB18F14010	11 34 30	1	1875.888
3	G753	D Harvey	Dover	GB18N87544	11 55 43	1	1692.917
4	A760	Mr & Mrs S Harris & Dtr	Portchester	GB19N21751	10 56 7	1	1682.967
5	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB18H08638	11 49 11	1	1674.540
6	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB18H08606	11 49 37	1	1671.898
7	G827	Lyden Brothers	Sandwich	GB16F20560	12 7 30	1	1666.793
8	D527	Mr & Mrs Boggins & Son	Watford	GB19D32169	12 1 25	1	1666.324
9	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB18H08652	11 51 33	1	1660.210

10	A260	K & J Zerafa	Portsmouth	GB19N58335	10	56	41	1	1656.575
11	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB19N45540	11	52	20	1	1655.520
12	A593	J Ross	Portsmouth	GB19N20148	11	0	34	1	1651.689
13	D435	P J Wells	Dunstable	GB17N01025	12	20	53	1	1646.716
14	A333	Luke & Les Cross	Gosport	NWHU18D4557	10	59	13	1	1646.381
15	D138	S & D Abery	Reading	GB15N21689	11	44	55	1	1643.789
16	A1189	C Edwards	Romsey	GB19N2471	11	10	47	1	1641.999
17	D527	Mr & Mrs Boggins & Son	Watford	GB19V66945	12	5	40	1	1641.960
18	D527	Mr & Mrs Boggins & Son	Watford	GB19E15921	12	5	44	1	1641.583
19	D23	Mr & Mrs K Hine	Hayes	GB17N31139	11	58	55	1	1637.836
20	A495	N T Wilson	Portsmouth	GB17B14042	11	1	34	1	1636.724
21	G411	J May & Son	Chichester	GB16N15621	11	4	52	1	1635.039
22	D379	M/M M Dickinson & Sons	Hemel	GB18N38606	12	13	47	1	1634.609
23	D720	R J Lowe	Reading	GB17N017903	11	50	37	1	1630.380
24	D383	Shefqet Breznica	Hatfield	GB19S25753	12	19	24	1	1623.134
25	D387	M/M F Elliston	Haddenham	GB18N75773	12	14	43	1	1619.543
26	A140	Poole & May Bros	East Dean	GB18R10442	11	16	54	1	1618.772
27	A260	K & J Zerafa	Portsmouth	NWHU17L7234	11	1	52	1	1618.726
28	A260	K & J Zerafa	Portsmouth	GB18N14879	11	1	53	1	1618.607
29	C425	S Hughes	Swindon	GB18N14090	11	58	7	1	1615.645
30	A125	M/M Moody	Portsmouth	GB17N23910	11	6	4	1	1613.790
31	B181	A Stephens	Poole	GB18E22026	10	56	57	1	1606.497
32	D224	T Haley	Nr Watford	GB16N13036	12	16	28	1	1605.103
33	D262	S Buckle	Northwood	GB19N26807	12	10	9	1	1604.012
34	C1140	C & J Howse	Devizes	GB19N08005	11	40	38	1	1600.571
35	D375	M/M P Kenny & Family	Wantage	GB19N08030	12	3	26	1	1597.842
36	A82	Berry & Matthews	New Milton	GB19N10774	10	59	20	1	1596.299
37	B47	M White & Son	Bournemouth	GB19N07761	11	0	0	1	1593.569
38	G346	P English	Portslade	GB19D27610	11	19	47	1	1588.650
39	B228	Mr & Mrs Crutcher	Poole	GB18F24618	10	58	54	1	1584.377
40	B685	Mr & Mrs N Smith	Salisbury	GB16N23553	11	25	17	1	1583.733
41	B689	R Hooper	Poole	GB16N34157	10	58	31	1	1580.889
42	A48	L & M Dyer	Nettlestone	GB18N96971	10	59	57	1	1580.316
43	G400	M/M May & Son	West Ashling	GB18N30961	11	13	40	1	1576.797
44	A26	G Reed	Shanklin	GB19N96472	10	55	37	1	1571.971
45	A240	T Willis	Niton	GB17R09616	10	51	11	1	1568.715
46	A1108	Mannor Lofts (M C & J	Southampton	GB19S18212	11	17	33	1	1564.403
47	D996	Mr & Mrs S Guy	Tadley	GB18B06480	11	48	45	1	1564.281
48	G126	K Foster	Longfield Hill	GB19N60396	12	13	3	1	1562.627
49	E809	D & P Whitfield	Newcastle	GB18Z53486	14	0	42	1	1562.586
50	A979	M Wiggins & Sons	Portsmouth	GB17N52571	11	13	48	1	1561.059
51	B11	Harp & Pearse	Poole	GB18N20385	11	2	57	1	1558.324
52	B85	Mr & Mrs M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB19N26315	11	19	40	1	1557.715
53	E518	Crehan & O Connor	Manchester	NL18 5002100	14	36	56	1	1556.531
54	C223	P Barlow	Coombe Hill	GB18N09215	12	37	53	1	1554.670
55	B806	C Lake	Poole	GB18F33823	11	3	52	1	1550.693
56	B345	J Clapcott	Poole	GB17F15846	11	2	49	1	1550.378
57	A271	A Barrett	Portsmouth	GB15P43447	11	15	33	1	1547.283
58	B439	T Wareham	Poole	GB17E21794	11	4	27	1	1546.293
59	E781	Mr & Mrs N Shaw	Crewe	GB19N91460	14	8	47	1	1545.823
60	E781	Mr & Mrs N Shaw	Crewe	GB19H07915	14	8	51	1	1545.574
61	C144	P Weems	Chippenham	GB19N60456	12	1	11	1	1543.780
62	E349	D & K Harris	Newport	GB18X24572	13	46	12	1	1542.157

63	G372	M/M M Smith & Grandson	Guildford	GB17S30496	11	52	51	1	1541.900
64	A182	M/M D Waterhouse	Bedhampton	GB19N01235	11	17	52	1	1541.702
65	A1070	C Ret & Dtr	Southampton	GB18S24546	11	20	12	1	1541.529
66	D383	Shefqet Breznica	Hatfield	GB16P47858	12	35	32	1	1541.437
67	E316	G Lewis	Newport	GB17B30021	13	46	51	1	1539.329
68	C454	G Clift	Tirley	GB14X37255	12	42	29	1	1538.457
69	E771	P Whitfield	Newcastle	GB18N26756	14	8	39	1	1538.182
70	C109	Janet Wilcox	Radstock	GB16N29094	11	50	39	1	1537.076
71	A241	Mr & Mrs Hancock	Winchester	GB19V20126	11	38	18	1	1536.570
72	C826	S Thorpe	Swindon	GB17A27145	12	12	45	1	1535.681
73	A894	Mr & Mrs B Wall	Bedhampton	GB19N28953	11	19	54	1	1528.947
74	A398	F Drain	Waterlooville	GB18B04423	11	23	51	1	1524.778
75	A122	Wearn Brothers 1 &	Ramsdean	GB14N39909	11	31	59	1	1522.632
76	A486	J J Schoeman	Andover	GB18S33412	11	45	56	1	1520.640
77	B323	C Bartlett	Salisbury	GB17S44739	11	36	19	1	1518.809
78	E213	D Hughes	Market	GB19N67718	14	3	29	1	1518.238
79	A496	B Smith	Winchester	GB15N63670	11	37	10	1	1516.249
80	A303	E Booth	Gosport	GB18N03069	11	15	55	1	1514.445
81	B11	Harp & Pearse	Poole	GB17N22472	11	9	42	1	1513.507
82	D410	D Crick & Son	Luton	GB18L29579	12	51	30	1	1512.333
83	D566	N Finch	Wantage	GB18N31873	12	18	54	1	1511.300
84	G120	M/M Chaplin	Woking	GB17N43005	12	5	34	1	1506.666
85	D198	A McIlquham	Enfield	GB18X23886	12	38	40	1	1505.759
86	E354	Michael John Burden	Stoke on Trent	GB19N24573	14	10	53	1	1504.576
87	E607	B & S Stone	Belper	NEHU18DV1641	14	16	14	1	1503.870
88	C879	N Greatwich	Cleobury	GB17N065407	13	25	9	1	1503.723
89	E730	T & J Mather & S	Nr Matlock	GB19P02270	14	21	30	1	1501.273
90	C610	M Williams	Hereford	GB16N91823	12	59	56	1	1498.600
91	B16	D Lanaham	Poole	GB19E21371	11	15	35	1	1497.539
92	C186	Mr & Mrs Hodges	Templecombe	GB19N55324	11	37	20	1	1493.745
93	C313	A & K Cowley Bros	Cirencester	GB19N06166	12	31	48	1	1491.263
94	C586	J Garvey	Walsall	GB18R25000	13	47	17	1	1491.154
95	A525	W Edwards & P Harris	Gosport	GB16N47662	11	21	46	1	1490.213
96	A182	M/M D Waterhouse	Bedhampton	GB19N02893	11	26	22	1	1489.569
97	E101	Mr & Mrs A Shore	Crewe	GB18N52898	14	19	35	1	1489.062
98	C385	Mr & Mrs S Robinson	Marlborough	GB19R00951	12	8	36	1	1488.876
99	E432	M & R Pass	Nantwich	GB18X16765	14	21	56	1	1486.850
100	C1013	Dickson Brothers	Sharpness	GB15R33854	12	35	55	1	1483.784

Wadebridge National Award Winners 2020

J Halstead (B355) – The Peter Bennett Special Presentation Plate, Glass Rosebowl and Section B Medal.

C Bartlett (B323) – 2nd Open Medal.

Berry & Matthews (A82) – Section A Medal.

Wyatt & Gray (C309) – Section C Medal.

Sherman & Wells (D168) - Section D Medal.

P Whitfield (E771) - Section E Medal.

Mr & Mrs May & Son (G400) – Section G Medal.

