Guernsey OB National

1st Open 1st Section B
Mel & Sue King
Of Blandford Forum

Our race from Guernsey would not have been able to go ahead if it wasn't for the kindness of Peter Gretton and the South Coast Fed who loaned us one of their vehicles to use. Thank you so much for all your help it is very much appreciated.
We must also thank Pat Harris and Martin Norman who worked tirelessly the week leading up to the race to make sure we had everything ready to go for Thursday marking and also for Pat's patience in making sure the conditions were right for liberating along with Mark and Steve.
Grateful thanks also to all the marking stations and helpers who were working with a skeleton crew on Thursday, with special thanks to Dick and Terry from Bovingdon who had a very drawn out trip with the birds down to the south coast and back again due to the traffic.
The convoy of approximately 1,400 birds made its way across the Channel arriving in Guernsey on Friday. From the moment Pat arrived on site he was greeted by our friends in Guernsey who took excellent care of him making sure he was fed and watered and keeping him company. Thank you, Nigel and Glen for all that you did for Pat. You cannot ask for a better bunch of guys who look after all the Convoyer's so well when they visit. (no wonder the Convoyer's never want to come home).
The North Easterly winds still will not give in this year, so you know any race will be a hard one for the birds. After a long wait for conditions to improve on Saturday the birds were finally away just after lunch. *(Race & Weather Advisors – Steve and Mark)* The birds were liberated at 13: 35 under blue skies into a strong E/N/E wind. The Channel is clear and visibility good. Generally winds are from the E/N/E averaging speeds of 20 mph but sometimes will gust higher.



Mel and Sue King with Grandson Archie

The amount of National and Classic races our winners have won is phenomenal, our warmest congratulations to **Mel & Sue King 1st Open 1st Section C.** Congratulations to the section winners and all the runners up.
Our first bird is again from our well established Vandenabeele based family. His sire is a double Grandson of our original "Shadow" daughter, half brother to half sister pairing which was kept for stock. Paired to a daughter of De Chatearoux 1st National Chatearoux KBDB when paired to a daughter of TGoedje of Rudy De Sear.
It is a big honour to win another BBC National and this one takes us to four BBC Open wins, Ten Open Nationals in total and three Open Classic wins.
Our thanks go to all the markers and officials that help bring us these National races.

1st Section C 2nd Open Mr & Mrs Hodges of Templecombe. Firstly we would like to congratulate the winners Mr and Mrs King and all the section winners.
The cock we timed is raced on the chaos system and is raced on corn from V/L Superstar Plus and V/L Energy Plus. The parents of the pigeon were on loan from our good friend John Gerard. The sire is a Belg 18 Joseph line, the dam is the 300 hen which is responsible for many winners. Last weeks BICC winner is down from this hen.


Prilly Hodges


Steve Bennett

2nd Section C 3rd Open Steve Bennett of Bristol. First of all I would like to congratulate Mr & Mrs King on winning 1st Open.
My 3rd Open winner is a cock that is raced on the roundabout system. His Sire comes from my very good friend Steve Hughes of Swindon and is a direct son from his famous '26' hen when paired to the Grondaleer cock. The Dam is from John Wheatcroft, a true gentleman of our sport, and is from Herman Ceusters breeding.
I use S & S Seeds corn and Schroder Tollison products in my lofts.

4th Open Steve Thorpe of Swindon. Congratulations to the winners & runners up in what turned out to be a hard race.
My 3rd section winner was a yearling blue hen bred from pigeons I purchased from R & B Smith of Warrington.

5th Open Philip Duckett of Highbridge. The pigeon is a 2018 cock bird that went to Eastbourne on the 13/05/23 then Wakefield on the27/05/23 then Guernsey last week, so well travelled!



Steve Thorpe



Philip Duckett

1st Section D 6th Open Roger Lowe of Reading. Sending 26 mainly yearlings I didn't expect to do so well as the wind was against me.
My first bird a yearling cock now named "Devil Diamond" is bred from "Red Devil" a retired racing cock winner of many prizes best being 1st Section 999 birds 7th Open 9,976 birds Fougeres NFC National. He is bred from "Fast As Lightning" winner of 1st BBC National by 25 minutes when paired to "She A Star" winner of 1st Section 632 birds 11th Open 3,752 birds NFC National Coutances against the wind she is bred from "My Little Diamond" when she was paired to Andre Roodhooft "Million Dollar Man"
Dam of Devil Diamond is "My New Diamond" she is a winner of over 15 top National and Classic prizes best being 3rd Section 5th Open NFC Saintes National 3,302 birds, she is bred from "Diamond Supreme" when paired to "Delight" winner of 1st Central Southern Classic and 2nd Open NFC National.
Getting over 50% home on a very trying day turned out not to be a bad race.
And well done to all concerned.



Roger Lowe



Clint Wansboro

7th Open Clint Wansboro of Swindon. I would like to dedicate this race to the late Roy Perrett who passed away earlier this year. If it wasn't for him we wouldn't have the new headquarters we have today. RIP Roy.
This pigeon now named "Roy's Red" is very well bred and done me well last year winning the Truro Club race for me. Thanks for your pigeons Roy you smart dressed man. The breeding is direct Van den Bulck x Stefaan Lambrecht from Ken Wilson of Harrogate.
Thanks a lot lads, fly high and train hard.



Paul Sarahs

8th Open Paul Sarahs of Swindon. He is a winner of two first clubs and first federation. He is bred from pigeons owned by Ken Wilson of Harrogate. The father being a son of Tamblair's Chiefton and Blue Thunder. The mother is a direct Stefaan Lambrecht and she is also the mother of Macaloney's De Stefano Champion young bird all of Scotland whilst this hen was on loan to Macaloney's.

1st Section A 9th Open JJ Schoeman of Andover. I want to start by Congratulating everyone that got birds home on what I found a very tough day racing
I sent 7 pigeons, clocked 1 in good time, she is bred here by myself from Samson/Better than Bolt lines and I gifted her to my mother in law as I'm not a lover of pied pigeons.
This hen has been consistent over the 4 years owning her, I race roundabout system with 6 cocks 10 hens, she has done us proud in the section being well clear and I also won the Club yesterday by 40 yards clear being longest flyer in the Club in a head wind.


JJ Schoeman and Shirley May


Pete Barlow

10th Open Pete Barlow of Coombe Hill. My provisional 10th Open Guernsey is a 4 year old blue pied hen bred by Graham Clift of Gerritt Lahuis lines, came well trying hard.
Congratulations to Mr & Mrs King and all section winners and well done to race controllers.

2nd Section B 11th Open John Halstead of Gillingham with a chequer yearling hen sitting eggs for 7 days and having her first race of the season. This year she has only had 4 training tosses, the furthest being 20 miles, and has been brought along slowly due to the hawk problems that seem to be worse than ever in April and early May. She is bred from a pair of Jelle Jellema birds purchased from Mark Gilbert with Zwart Goud, Snelle Jelle, Silvie, and Mark's Agen BICC winner in the pedigree.
This hen had only 2 young bird races both from Guernsey and she was 14th Section with the BICC and 15th Section with the CSCFC. Her next outing is likely to be "up in trip" from France.

2nd Section D 12th Open Steve & Paul Kulpa of Reading. Firstly we'd like to congratulate the winners and also Roger for winning the section and also like to mention the race control team who held their nerve yesterday and got the birds away on a testing day. As I write this we have 21/24 home.
Our first bird is 3 year old Hereman Ceuster hen. Her sire is an inbred double great grand son of Eijerkamps Nieuwe Olympiade. He was retained for stock in 2017 and has gone onto breed a number of club and fed winners. The dam to our hen was bred directly by Eijerkamp and was a grand daughter of Euro. Sadly she passed away in January this year.
All our birds are fed on Versele Laga corn and Aviform products in the water.

This was our first race with the BBC as we only joined just before the scheduled Wadebridge race. We will look forward to flying with the club again in the future.



John Halstead



Steve & Paul Kulpa with Charlotte Kulpa

1st Section G Tommy Sparks & Pauline Dallas of Gravesend. The section winner was bred by Brandon Webb of Wales, because of its ring number 28007, Pauline named the pigeon Welsh Bond. He had already won as a young bird and also won the club two weeks ago.
His breeding on the Sire side is Van-Loon. His dam is from a pigeon called the Fed Cock bred by Norman Sibley. Pauline and I would like to thank Brandon for breeding such a good pigeon.

2nd Section A Chris Bennett of Horndean. My second section A is a Vandenabeele that I purchased from Mellonby, Knowles and Simpkin. He's through the lines of Rudy and Geeloger. Been lightly raced this is only his third race .
Well done to Mr & Mrs King on a hard day and all the section winners. Also thanks to the team for all your hard work.



Tommy Sparks & Pauline Dallas



Chris Bennett's Cock Bird

1st 2nd & 3rd Section J John & Theresa Gladwin & Jarvis of Leigh On Sea. I sent 21 to the race these were in the main pigeons I wanted for the longer races. Seeing the wind direction and how strong it was, I knew it was going to be a very tough fly into Essex. I was very pleased how they come having 12 on the night between 19:30 and 21:10 with 5 more early in the morning and 1 late in the afternoon giving me a total 18 from the 21. My first one is a yearling hen she scored in the Thames both as a YB and this season, before this section win. She is from our new long distance pigeons, my second pigeon is a 2 year old hen which was my first pigeon in the Thames the Saturday before, she is a granddaughter of D'Artagaian, my 3rd pigeon is a Frans Zwols cross long distance lines and was my first bird from UBI combine Wadebridge 3 weeks ago. I must say the birds through having a very tough fly, looked in great condition on return and at least all the day birds will be heading back this coming weekend either to the BICC or UBI combine races.
A big well done to everyone in a hard race and to the race controllers on having the patience to wait for the best part of the day to liberate.

2nd Section G Mick & Lyn Chaplin of Woking. Is a yearling widowhood cock having his 7th race of the season having the previous week been 24th Fed. As a YB he won 2 x 1st, he is bred from our No1 stock pair of Burgher Wildermeersch who are responsible for most of our winners.



John & Theresa Gladwin & Jarvis



Mick & Lyn Chaplin

Telephone and Website verifications which may be subject to change

Open	*Mem No*	*Flying Name*	*Town*	*Ring Number*		*A-A-T*	*Day*	*Velocity*
1	B388	Mr & Mrs M A King	Blandford	GB21N08502	93	1017	15 58 41	1	1146.250
2	C186	Mr & Mrs Hodges	Templecombe	GB21L02313	104	1620	16 17 46	1	1134.507
3	C403	S Bennett	Bristol	GB21V51705	140	162	17 13 47	1	1126.969
4	C826	S Thorpe	Swindon	GB22N18242	148	106	17 26 36	1	1125.155
5	C116	P Duckett	Highbridge	GB18N35023	119	106	16 41 35	1	1123.069
6	D720	R J Lowe	Reading	GB22N05537	153	224	17 35 2	1	1122.777
7	C98	C Wansboro	Swindon	GB20H29462	145	1674	17 23 58	1	1121.884
8	C70	P A Sarahs	Swindon	GB21A00634	145	947	17 23 56	1	1118.872
9	A486	J J Schoeman	Andover	GB19V35476	126	719	16 54 3	1	1117.704
10	C223	P Barlow	Coombe Hill	GB19C29359	169	875	18 2 57	1	1113.323
11	B355	J P Halstead	Gillingham	GB22B10799	103	600	16 19 51	1	1103.306
12	D201	S & P Kulpa	Reading	GB20N20133	150	1622	17 36 15	1	1101.024
13	C329	S Slade	Calne	GB19V36064	135	1684	17 12 22	1	1100.831
14	D438	Dennis Baker	Maidenhead	GB19N45544	161	500	17 52 58	1	1100.375
15	C167	D Fare	Bristol	GB22N40112	137	1055	17 16 55	1	1091.288
16	C248	J Raeburn	Melksham	GB22N50965	130	252	17 6 1	1	1085.469
17	C165	R & J Whiteside	Bristol	GB18N52527	135	1705	17 16 41	1	1079.490
18	B85	M/M M Gower	Fordingbridge	GB20C28033	106	343	16 28 23	1	1077.976
19	B16	Lanahan & Gerard	Poole	GB22V49637	91	971	16 5 51	1	1068.154
20	C1140	C & J Howse	Devizes	GB21N03847	127	435	17 4 46	1	1067.639
21	C90	D Cousins	Melksham	GB18C02697	130	1629	17 11 58	1	1062.048
22	D350	T Cozens	Long	GB21Z33078	170	1692	18 19 25	1	1057.927
23	G83	T S Sparks & P Dallas	Gravesend	WHU22D28007	184	1087	18 42 29	1	1056.730
24	C369	Booth & Roper	Tewkesbury	GB19Z52255	173	1424	18 24 51	1	1055.387
25	C169	P Clark	Malmesbury	GB21N24396	143	430	17 33 53	1	1055.369
26	B1220	G Glaze	Shaftesbury	GB17X47089	105	144	16 30 33	1	1053.512
27	D387	M/M F Elliston	Haddenham	GB19N78804	172	91	18 22 45	1	1052.341
28	C77	Mr & Mrs M & C	Hungerford	GB20V75229	142	1331	17 34 5	1	1050.893
29	C610	M Williams	Hereford	GB22N70320	175	1479	18 29 32	1	1050.744
30	A179	C Bennett	Horndean	GB21H14967	119	17	16 54 24	1	1050.436
31	D118	R Turner	Aylesbury	GB22Z46540	176	336	18 34 35	1	1035.091
32	D572	Mr & Mrs J F Mauger	Aylesbury	GB22A43341	172	451	18 30 2	1	1027.582
33	B502	D Vincent	Axminster	GB20N21366	90	1700	16 11 16	1	1024.531
34	C542	J Sawyer & Son	Trowbridge	GB20N17018	126	1151	17 14 43	1	1014.538
35	D321	Mr & Mrs E Upton	Newbury	GB21A21821	142	232	17 42 23	1	1011.192
36	C95	A Docherty	Swindon	GB19N20380	146	1629	17 51 2	1	1009.982
37	C1013	Dickson Brothers	Sharpness	GB20V71814	152	1569	18 2 51	1	1004.626
38	D677	Mr & Mrs A Webber &	Abingdon	GB20N68793	158	1192	18 14 16	1	1000.019
39	B196	N & D Spracklen	Dorchester	GB19N45770	83	1210	16 2 28	1	998.802
40	B1071	S Bunn	Amesbury	GB21R00007	119	1605	17 6 23	1	998.399
41	J292	Gladwin & Jarvis	Leigh on Sea	GB22N46723	200	657	19 30 47	1	991.213
42	C340	B J Millard	Bristol	GB21F08042	125	1018	17 19 24	1	984.929
43	A19	N Rigiani	Salisbury	GB22N39848	119	1694	17 9 44	1	983.238
44	D379	M/M M Dickinson &	Hemel	GB20N04169	179	982	18 57 18	1	980.521
45	A182	M/M D Waterhouse	Bedhampton	GB22N17252	115	684	17 2 32	1	978.561
46	D224	T Haley	Nr Watford	GB19N42370	177	1439	18 58 3	1	968.763
47	A82	Berry & Matthews	New Milton	GB22N01218	95	1239	16 29 4	1	967.669
48	C247	Mr & Mrs C Merrills	Swindon	GB21V06737	148	521	18 6 39	1	960.799
49	G120	M/M Chaplin	Woking	GB22N34934	152	72	18 13 39	1	960.316
50	B685	Mr & Mrs N Smith	Salisbury	GB22N11762	114	188	17 4 55	1	956.703
51	B985	K Land	Bournemouth	GB21E27154	91	477	16 23 16	1	954.657
52	B323	C Bartlett	Salisbury	GB20L41538	113	1472	17 5 17	1	952.772
53	A202	P Fyfield	Borden	GB21N23182	135	1018	17 45 49	1	951.364
54	A1108	Mannor Lofts (M C & J	Southampton	GB22X04140	110	161	16 59 14	1	948.724
55	D123	G & M Bicknell	Reading	GB21N52229	152	1418	18 18 36	1	948.300
56	G126	K Foster	Longfield Hill	GB18N21362	181	1129	19 13 1	1	945.779
57	C139	J Draper	Faringdon	NWHU18L6310	155	132	18 31 20	1	921.030
58	C204	J R Hartley	Carmarthen	GB19N37585	180	736	19 20 25	1	919.284
59	D93	T Pickford	Aylesbury	GB22N07833	178	289	19 16 36	1	917.942

60	G221	A Richardson	Seaford	GB22B60259	145	1530	18	17	4	1	910.175
61	G816	F Hall & Dtrs	Worthing	GB22N69460	132	523	17	51	46	1	906.827
62	A173	D Wells	Liphook	GB21B04777	133	547	17	53	51	1	906.421
63	B132	R Dibben	Poole	GB22C46268	86	1364	16	23	35	1	905.926
64	A525	W Edwards & P Harris	Gosport	GB22N49935	109	384	17	7	26	1	904.867
65	B175	Gill Ristea	Salisbury	GB22V99978	115	1037	17	20	12	1	903.361
66	C385	Mr & Mrs S Robinson	Marlborough	GB20R00436	137	71	18	2	25	1	901.930
67	G540	D Turner	Capel	GB22N25132	150	1380	18	31	38	1	894.640
68	A140	G R Pinhorne & Son	Portsmouth	GB22C17218	113	178	17	17	57	1	892.837
69	A110	Mr & Mrs A Adams	Titchfield	GB19N14362	108	1674	17	10	35	1	889.466
70	A803	Mr & Mrs Bunney	Paulsgrove	GB22N38459	112	755	17	18	2	1	887.199
71	B345	J Clapcott	Poole	GB21C43585	87	399	16	28	55	1	882.716
72	A406	K & S Legg & Son	Portsmouth	GB22C75999	112	1558	17	21	33	1	876.972
73	B466	M/M M & L Rumbold	Salisbury	GB21N66464	112	63	17	22	25	1	867.056
74	A595	Mr & Mrs G Emm	Salisbury	GB22V35571	108	773	17	15	20	1	866.201
75	C76	F J Quinn	Devizes	GB22N32192	129	754	17	58	31	1	864.439
76	A193	J R Etherington	Waterlooville	GB22V41698	117	891	17	42	17	1	836.332
77	D199	Oliver & Grandson Loft	Staines Upon	NEHU21EC29	160	1364	19	20	25	1	819.196
78	G516	M/M S Howard	Guildford	GB17E04306	147	1674	18	58	38	1	804.596
79	A170	A & T Deacon	Waterlooville	GB22D728??	116	852	17	53	29	1	793.134
80	B729	Cottrell Richmond &	Wimborne	GB22N69992	93	1646	17	4	12	1	790.277
81	B159	R J Smith	Salisbury	GB16N64172	113	966	17	58	48	1	757.566
82	A300	R S Harbour (Loft 2)	Brading	GB17N79464	101	1682	17	32	28	1	755.651
83	A417	R & H Barrs	Stubbington	GB22S46674	108	1236	17	48	22	1	755.095
84	C157	Brown & Elliott Loft 1	Devizes	GB20V36933	127	492	18	33	41	1	749.998
85	A792	B Bate	Lovedean	GB21N30935	118	333	18	13	27	1	747.039
86	B722	T Vincent	Dorchester	GB21R08792	83	132	16	51	40	1	743.451
87	B255	M & M Wiffen	Dorchester	GB22N31715	83	868	16	54	27	1	736.766
88	B328	A Parsons	Salisbury	GB22N12576	115	413	18	16	21	1	720.857
89	A172	M Bradley	Fareham	GB20N36259	108	1704	18	14	32	1	686.086
90	A48	L & M Dyer	Nettlestone	GB22N78849	104	1059	18	4	53	1	682.143
91	A620	A E Shepherd	Woodmancot	GB22N39211	118	1339	19	0	6	1	642.938
92	A240	T Willis	Niton	GB22N31618	93	580	17	50	34	1	642.729
93	B243	T Paice	Weymouth	GB21R08761	76	507	17	9	25	1	626.197
94	A303	E Booth	Gosport	GB20N03607	107	1592	19	41	36	1	518.036

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