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British International Championship Club
British Barcelona Club
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Fougeres YB & OB Provisional Race Report
Saturday 14th September 2024

CSCFC YB
Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales
1st Open, 1st NW Section

CSCFC OB
George Willet
1st Open, 1st SE Section & Section A

BBC YB
Ken Wise
1st Open, 1st Section D

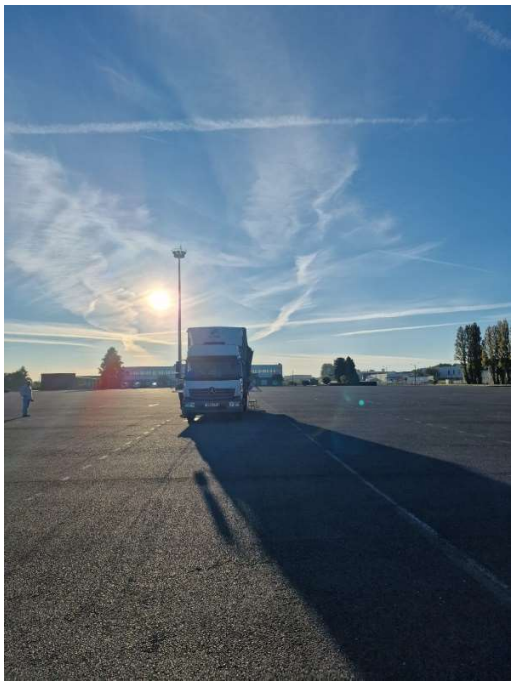
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BICC YB
Dave 'Wicky' Bullen & Son
1st Open, 1st South Centre Section

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As the season has drawn to a close for the BBC, BICC and CSCFC, on behalf of all three Committees we would like to say a big thank you to the unsung heroes from all the marking stations involved who have worked tirelessly throughout the old bird and young bird season for us. Also thank you to David Parsons who travelled around the South to the marking stations and signed off our paperwork for France, to our Race and Weather Advisors who have not had an easy season, Mark Gilbert, Clive Merrills and Steve Appleby. Finally, our Convoyers, Trevor Cracknell, Chris Withers, Nick Stevens, Pat Harris and Steve Travers who have all done an amazing job caring for our birds whilst away.

I, Clare Norman, would like to thank Mike Jackson for all the work and effort he has put into the race reports this year to make them interesting reading for our members and highlighting our winners' achievements. Also, for covering the combined race reports within the three clubs as well, especially Bordeaux where he very kindly covered that on his own, as I wasn't around.

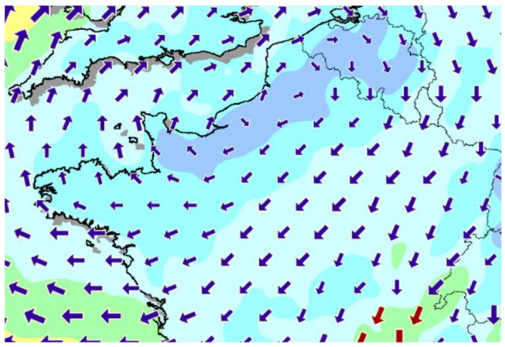


The transporter just before liberation, sitting under that clear blue sky

The weather/race report

Steve Appleby, the BICC race and weather advisor, provided the following report:

The weather forecast for our final race this season could not have been better. The high pressure centered over northern France was responsible for fine conditions which extended across most of England and France. Liberation was affected at 08:00 hours under almost cloudless skies (see photo at site.) The convoy cleared the race point immediately. Winds were very light overland in northern France mainly from the southeast changing to southerly over the Channel but became more active over the open sea reaching speeds of 12 mph. Over southern England the main wind influence was from the southwest. Visibility in the Channel was very good, recorded at 11 miles plus. Early times indicate a good race for all organisations competing.



Wind flow



Satellite image

This report is based on members' first bird verifications and the final result may differ.

YOUNG BIRD REPORT

BICC - 1st Open, 1st South Centre Section Dave 'Wicky' Bullen & Son of Croydon. GB24V07750, the National winner is now called Ethan Sunshine Boy. A darkness blue hen that was sent paired to a young cock but, she had not laid an egg at the time of sending. Her breeding is from our good friend Ray Roberts, who seems to have the knack of breeding BICC winners, because this is his 3rd BICC winner. He has bred 1 for himself and 2 for us. She was raced on dad's unique feeding system containing popcorn maze and sunflower hearts. She was trained hard by Ray, out to Millford, 2-3 times a week, which is 30 miles. She's been very consistent this year being 6th club Wincanton, 5th club Kingsdown and 1st club Oakhampton the week before winning the BICC

National. We would like to thank Tom Firminger and the Higham marking station for all their hard work and we are delighted with the win. We were also taken by complete surprise when she arrived so quickly!


Dave 'Wicky' Bullen


The National winning loft


The wing of Ethan Sunshine Boy

CSCFC / BICC - 1st Open 1st NW Section CSCFC & 1st South Centre Section, 14th Open BICC. Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales of Radstock.

GB24C00051**.** This blue cock bird was purchased at the Southampton BICC Breeder Buyer sale. The breeder was David Paine of St Neots and we would like to thank him for allowing us to purchase his bird at the auction! David has told me that the bird was bred from Gladwin & Jarvis & Family, their amazing Franz Zwols bloodlines. The pigeon had only raced two races from Stoney Cross with the WOESRC together with three training tosses from Holmsley. For the last two training sessions he was the first bird back to the loft and appeared to be very keen, but we were not entirely sure with the short preparation races (47 miles maximum) that he would be able to fly the Channel successfully, but he certainly proved us all wrong!

We would like to thank the convoyers Chris Withers and Pat Harris for looking after the birds so well and of course all the thanks in the world to Clare and Martin Norman for their tireless hard work all year in very difficult circumstances. This year has ended on a real high for us mainly because Clare has beaten her cancer and now, we have won our first Open race from the Channel, we could not ask for more!


Clive and Jill Rogers & Neil Sales, Classic winners

BBC / BICC – 1st Open 1st Section D BBC & 2nd South Centre Section, 2nd Open BICC, Ken Wise of Isleworth. Champion DE140 Blue Hen (GB24N00140). 1st CS section, 2nd Open BICC Young bird, Fougeres National 1st Section, 1st Open BBC young bird Fougeres National. Champion DE140 was 1st club Blandford, 16th Fed. Her sire is DE024, he is from my number one Gaby stock cock, DE543. A direct son of Champion Shadow of Death. DE543 is sire to my National winner also Grand sire to Champion DE111 and so many more. Dam of DE140 is DE252, she is from a full brother & sister pairing from Champion Foxy Lady x Propere Rik, two champion pigeons in their own right.



Ken Wise



Ken's young bird winner

BBC / BICC – 2nd Open 1st Section BBC & 2nd South East Section, 4th Open J, Rob & Andrew Wilton (D Wilton & Son) of Chadwell St Mary. The young hen we timed first from Fougeres is bred from a hen that was 6th BICC Guernsey young birds in 2019. She is from our old Jansen family and is granddaughter of a hen called Miss Consistent, who scored a lot of top positions in the BICC and NFC. Her best position being 2nd BICC. The sire is a Vandenabeele cock, that raced well for us and he's a grandson of New Bliksem.

BICC - 1st South East Section, 3rd Open were J Clarke & Dtr Of Selling. Jamie's young bird had 9 races up to 180 miles, before this trip to France. It's bred from Mikey Collins' pigeons that have proven to be fantastic pigeons for him and his friends. They have been winning out of turn, so a big thank you to Mark and Mikey for their help.

BICC - 3rd South East Section, 5th Open was Lee Bastone of Burnham on Crouch. Congratulations to all the winners. My first bird is from Shadows Image x Formula One Prince and Dreamy, who looks like she's won the Thames Gold Ring race! My second pigeon, just 18 seconds later, is from Peter Fox of the Junior lines. Again, of the Gabby's crossed with Prince and Dreamy.



Rob & Andrew Wilton's YB



Jamie Clark's YB



Lee & Jo Bastone, with Micky Watts

CSCFC/ BBC / BICC – 2nd Open 2nd NW Section CSCFC, 1st Section C 5th Open BBC & 2nd South West Section, 16th Open BICC, Fab Barresi of Peasedown St John. Fab timed a chequer hen GB24D31114. The sire is a Dave Atkins x Van den Bulck and the dam is 100% Geoff and Catherine Cooper, mainly George lines. It's been sent to every combine race apart from the first one. She was sent to the CSCFC race on a 7-day old chick. The last two weeks she started to show a bit of form so was sent with the expectation of doing well. Congratulations to Clive, Jill and Neil on winning the race and a big thank you to Clare for all her hard work in what was a difficult season for her.

BBC – 3rd Open 2nd Section J, John Cowlin of Hockley. First YB is a Frans Zwols and the same way bred as his first bird from BICC Guernsey YB this year, the sire is a special cock we put to stock being direct from the wonder that is Amor. Amor is 19 years old and still alive. Not only was he a big winner on the road but has been a world class breeder, being the sire of Dreamy among many others. The dam of this YB was put to stock after breaking her legs badly when racing, that has turned into a blessing in disguise as she is breeding good birds each year. In turn she is from the Amal cock and Guernsey Princess both big winners and parents of 2 x 1st National and 2nd National winners.

CSCFC / BICC – 3rd Open 3rd NW Section CSCFC & 3rd South West Section, 23rd Open BICC, Stuart Wilcox of Bristol. I timed a blue w/f cock now called Home Alone. Last week he was 1st Section G and provisionally 32nd Open NFC Falaise 204 miles, being the only bird home on the day in section. This week from 222 miles he won 3rd Section 3rd Open Classic and 3rd West Section in the BICC. I didn't intend to send him this week and in fact left for the marking station, however I realized I had little chance of a good result without sending him, so I returned home to get him. He is 75% Koen Minderhoud and 25% Rik Hermans from his Friendship Line 1st National Chateauroux 44105b. His mother is a dtr of Super 221, multiple Fed winner and 3rd and 4th Open National BICC, she is a dtr of Amigo and Miss Turbo. The father is from Kliene Turbo (Brother Miss Turbo) when paired to a daughter of Special K (son Geeloger) and a dtr of Prince Esmee. The birds are fed on Beyers Verkerk Sport and Verkerk Light with Koopman All-in-One added on Fridays, all supplied by Countrywide.



Fab Barresi



John Cowlin



Stuart Wilcox

BBC / BICC – 4th Open 2nd Section D BBC & 3rd South Centre Section, 12th Open BICC, Mark Gilbert of Windsor. Congratulations to Dave Bullen and Son for winning the BICC and Ken Wise for winning the BBC. Fougeres was our last race of the season with the British International Championship Club and British Barcelona Club. The birds were liberated at 8.00am under almost clear skies with winds very light southeast at the race point and changing to southerly in the channel and southwest over the mainland. The conditions were right for a really nice race for the youngsters which was a change from all the terrible weather we have had for Channel racing this year. We thought that as they had made decent work of the bad weather in recent weeks, they should take this in their stride with the experience they have had.

We started off the morning with a nice breakfast at our local farm shop and Troy, Darran and I were joined there by Roger Lowe and Luke Oglesby. After much chat about times we decided that a decent pigeon would be just over the 4 hour mark so at 11.00am we headed back home as we also had a club race from Truro with the Berkshire Federation.

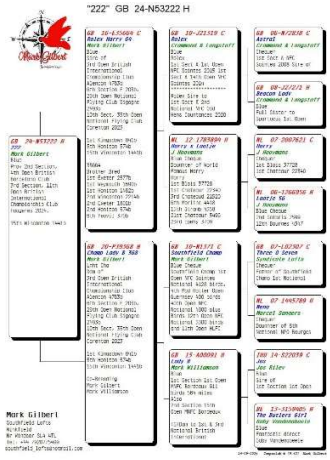
With both races being around 216 miles and the Truro birds being released 15 minutes later we realised the birds would be coming home roughly the same time, so it would be hard to know which was which before they went through the trap.
Around 12.04 we had birds coming up the field but realised in an instant it was the Truro birds as we sent 58 and had 30 come together and that definitely wasn't going to happen from Fougeres!

We didn't have to wait long though as at 12.11 we had 6 birds diving all over the sky full of flying heading to the lofts. They were from Fougeres and once they landed all went through the trap in seconds. The second bird, clocked two seconds after the first, was our all pooler and the third bird clocked, again two seconds later, was last week's 1st Section, 3rd National NFC Falaise.

Our first pigeon on the clock provisionally scored 2nd Section, 4th Open British Barcelona Club & 3rd Section, 12th Open British International Championship Club with a velocity of 1509ypm for the 216-mile journey. With the 6 birds being clocked together

the other 6 should figure highly in the result too. We were really pleased how the whole team performed yesterday as we sent 83 and had around 50 in the first hour and 61/83 back in total.
The breeding of the first 6 is as follows:
1 - N53222 Went to the NFC Falaise race and came first thing next morning. Full brother to 3rd National BICC Alencon 4763b 2023. Sire is a son of 'Rolex' 1st National NFC Saintes 2015 paired to a daughter of J Hooymans 'Harry'. Dam is a daughter of 'Southfield Champ' 1st National NFC Saintes paired to Mark Williamson's 'Lady B' 1st Open MNFC Bordeaux.
2 - N53242 Been to the channel 4 times this year now having the BICC Guernsey, BBC Guernsey, NFC Falaise and now Fougeres. Sire is a grandson of Gino Clicque's 'Prince Rudy' 1st National Limoges 6,272b & 'Golden Prince' 1st National Ace KBDB Long Distance. Dam is a daughter of C & G Koopmans 'Amano Alzina' and G & S Verkerks 'Fire Eyes x Flying Wonder' the parents of our 1st Section, 2nd National NFC Messac 4,563b 2024.
3 - N53180 Had BBC Guernsey, 1st Section, 3rd National Falaise and now Fougeres. Sire is a son of Marc Pollins 'Bruce' 1st National St Vincent. Dam is a daughter of 'Supreme Junior' 1st National BICC Pau when paired to a daughter of 'Southfield Supreme' 1st International Dax 17,416b.
4 - N53151 12th Section, 17th Open BBC Guernsey and Fougeres. Sire is a son of C & G Koopmans 'Amano Alzina' and G & S Verkerks 'Fire Eyes x Flying Wonder' the parents of our 1st Section, 2nd National NFC Messac 4,563b 2024. Dam is a daughter of 'Rolex' 1st National NFC Saintes 2015 paired to a daughter of Gino Clicque's 'Golden King' 1st National Ace KBDB Long Distance and 'First Lady' 1st National Ace KBDB Great Middle Distance.
5 - N53118 Went to BBC Guernsey, NFC Falaise came early next morning and Fougeres. Sire is a son of Gino Clicque's 'Devil Prince' 1st National Montlucon 19,298 yearlings paired to 'Tina' the mother of 'Golden Prince'.
Dam is a daughter of T & J Elzinga's 'Prince Esmee' 2 x 1st NPO winner.
6 - N53317 Went to BICC Guernsey, BBC Guernsey and Fougeres. Sire is a grandson of Joel Verschoot's 'Armando' 1st National Ace KBDB Long Distance 2018 and sold for 1.25 million Euros. Dam is the nest sister of Gino Clicque's 'Gabriella' 1st National Agen 2,932b and 1st International hens. A very enjoyable end to our season.


Mark Gilbert & Troy Birch



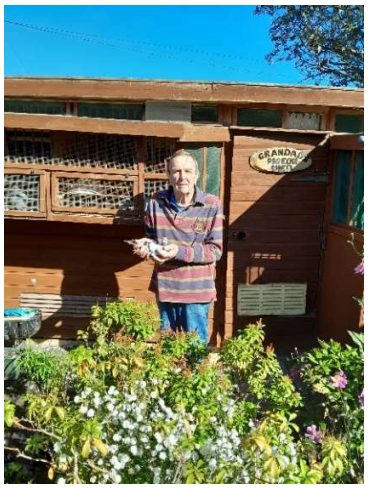
Pedigree


Mark's first arrival

CSCFC – 4th Open 1st SE Section Colin Edwards of Romsey. First, I would like to congratulate all the winners and the Classic for a very good French Y B race. My blue hen was early bred and flown on the darkness. The dam was a gift bird from Mannor Lofts, thank you Martin. She was also my first bird from Bordeaux this year. Sire is bred from direct Eijerkamp birds from the late Peter Reeves.

CSCFC/BBC – 5th Open 2nd SE Section/ 9th Open 1st Section A, Barrie Smith of Winchester. Bred by Barrie Smith out of top race birds. She has flown the Wilts Fed programme and she is a great granddaughter of, Charlotte of MD Evans stock.

BBC – 6th Open 1st Section G Tommy Sparks & Pauline Dallas of Gravesend. The pigeon that was 1st Section, WHU2024F03127 was bred by Brandon Webb from Wales. The sire being a Hereman-Ceuster and the dam is a daughter of the Fed Cock from Norman Sibley.


Colin Edwards


Barrie Smith


Tommy Sparks & Pauline Dallas

CSCFC/ BBC – 6th Open 1st SW Section/ 10th Open 1st Section B, Mark & Julie Gower of Fordingbridge. Firstly, congratulations to all the winners yesterday and especially to Jill & Clive Rogers on their bird. My pigeon is Franz Zwols from John Gladwin, down from their D'Artanan and Dream pair lines. He has been paired too his nestmate and their eggs hatched a day before basketing so I was pretty sure he would be keen. He has flown consistently and was 2nd club last week from a stiff 64-mile race. All my YB's are raced on the darkness but left to mess about in the loft. I had 7 from 12 back on the day and 1 the next morning so a welcome ratio of returns in comparison to recent Channel racing with young birds.

BBC – 7th Open 3rd Section J, Mark Bulled of Harlow. Well done to all winners and thank you to the hard-working committee and marking stations for keeping Channel racing alive. I timed a young hen, keen on a small baby. She is a granddaughter of Legacy 1st NFC Tarbes and Paddy my NFC Certificate of Merit Cock.

CSCFC – 7th Open 3rd SE Section, Paul Basham of Southampton. GB24S06152. Sire is Burseldene Brian, 1st Open BICC Poitiers. The dam is a pigeon resulting from co- breeding between Cooper/Basham and PIPA breeding. The sire being a winner of 7th Final Victoria Falls World Challenge Pigeon (598km) against 2,271 pigeons. Crossing Best Kittel x Cooper. This is a new coupling in the stock loft this year so they will stay together for 2025!


Mark and Julie Gowers cock bird


Mark Bulled's hen


Paul Basham

BBC – 8th Open, John & Theresa Gladwin & Jarvis of Leigh on Sea. Firstly, both John Cowlin and I (Gladwin & Jarvis) would like to congratulate all the winners. My young Frans Zwols hen has raced very well in the last 4 weeks being 1st section NFC the week before and 65th Open BICC Guernsey, in between she was 3rd club Honiton 172 miles. In 20 days, she raced 800 miles and scored in all 4 races. She was bred for the job as her sire is from Sophie Boy, who won 1st Open NFC and 1st Open BBC St Philbert in 2022, when paired to Special Lady who is the dam of 1st Open BICC and 2nd Open NFC. The dam of our pigeon is direct from Maltese Falcon, who won 1st Open NFC YB in 2020, when paired to the Queen of Contances, who scored 2nd Open NFC, to Maltese Falcon was and then won 1st Open BICC also from Coutances; 6 days later.

CSCFC – 8th Open 2nd SW Section, Andy Parsons of Salisbury. This hen was flown natural, her preparation was 3 club races then the hard Guernsey, with the CSCFC, where she was my first bird. She was then rested for a week and then given 3 trainers. Her sire is from my good friend Mel King, the dam being from a daughter of my 5th NFC Tarbes when paired to my 2nd NFC Tarbes. I had 5 out of my 7 on the night.

CSCFC – 9th Open, Luke & Les Cross Loft 1 of Gosport. We would like to congratulate the organizers on another brilliant race and great season, we really appreciate the hard work especially in such a testing year - in more ways than one! Our first bird was having only her second race, a Herman Ceuster bred bird from a pair of birds from Roy Oldfield who had both raced well last season, before his passing last year. They originate from Premier Stud. We have had a really consistent young bird season flying in the South Coast Fed and 100 Club, and this result tops it off. She was also 1st in the 100 club, being cross nominated in this race. We don't feel the babies need to cross the Channel, but when they have, it gives us much more confidence for them as yearlings.


John & Theresa Gladwin


Andy Parsons



Luke & Les Cross

CSCFC – 1st NE Section 10th Open, Jamie Everied of Reading. Jamie timed GB24B33872 over 215 miles at 12.38 on 1359.875.

BBC – 2nd Section A, Buddy Shipp of Bedhampton. This youngster was a blue Vandenabeele hen, sent sitting 10 days, in her 3rd race of the season. It was my single nom pigeon in the Premier 100 Club.

BBC – 2nd Section B, Danny Lanahan & John Gerard of Poole. The partnership timed, GB24D19473 over 173 miles on 1 1308.366.

BBC – 2nd Section C, Chris & Jane Howse of Devizes. The bird we timed from Fougeres is the nest mate to the hen that won 1st Section, 4th Open Classic Guernsey two weeks ago! They are bred down from Syndicate Lofts birds. The sire a son of Bronco and the dam is a daughter of proper Rik!

CSCFC – 2nd NE Section, Kenny & Armstrong of Wantage. Our 2nd Section bird is a blue pied hen, having her third Channel race of the season. She was our 3rd bird home from the NFC race the previous week.


Buddy Ship


Chris & Jane Howse



Eamonn Kenny

BBC – 2nd Section G Danny Sallis (M Sallis & Son) of Brighton. This bird was bred by Micky Collins of the Midlands and has been 12th and 17th Fed this year in the South Coast Federation.

BBC – 1st Section H, Nigel Legg (R Legg & Son) of Guernsey. The section winner was bred out of a hen from Roger Phillips, out of Mr Agen, 27th International Agen when paired to a granddaughter of Zwart Goud, direct from Jelle Jellema. She was paired back to her son to breed the section winner, which did very well to break out of the pack very early in the race and head for home. The winning hen had 6 x 25-mile training tosses prior to the race. Mr Agen and the Jellema hen were on loan from Mark Williamson, so thanks also go to him. We would also like to thank Steve Travers for collecting the Channel Island's pigeons. Without the help and sportsmanship of people like Clare and Steve, from the BBC, we would be unable to compete.


Macie and Liberty Sallis


Nigel and Jane Legg with their friends Nobby and Sharon

BICC / BBC – 1st North West Section, 101st Open BICC & 1st Section E, BBC - Graham Jones of Shifnal. Congratulations to the winner and section winners. The pigeon I timed is a Gurt Halen bred young hen.

BICC / BBC – 2nd North West Section, 104th Open BICC & 2nd Section E BBC, Chambers Family of Cannock. Our 2nd Section winner is a young hen who's breeding is 3/4 Lambrecht and 1/4 Bruggemann cross. The dam is a hen we call Heart Breaker. In 2022 she won 1st Section J NFC, 1st NW section BICC and 1st E section BBC from St Philberts 376 miles. Heart Breaker was bred from the brother to our Coutances' Queen, winner of 1st Open BBC Coutances in 2020. The sire of our 2nd Section winner this weekend was a 1/2 brother to Coutances' Queen, sharing the same dam and 1/2 brother of Dutch Thunder, winner of 1st Section, 7th Open NFC Tarbes sharing the same sire. I must say this young hen was in perfect condition when she landed after her 302-mile journey and could easily have been put straight back in to the race basket. Well done to all the winners and a huge thank you, as always, to everyone who has made racing possible once again for the 2024 season.


Graham Jones


Craig and Bernard Chambers

BICC - 1st North Centre Section, 18th Open was Freddie Bannister of Doddington. I was very pleased when I saw this little hen fold up, when the provisional came out to see that I was first NC section, 18th Open, flying 292miles. She was raced on the sliding door system. She was bred by Dean Pallatt from: Father, Son Blue BK 189, Blue BK won 1st National Sprint KBDB. Mother: Granddaughter of Best Kittel also won 1st National Ace sprint KBDB.

BICC - 2nd North Centre Section, 48th Open was John Black of Hitchin. My first bird was a chequer hen, the nest mate to the bird that was 4th Section Guernsey three weeks ago. The sire was bred from the Warrior, 1st Section Perpignan and 2nd Section

Bordeaux paired to 1st Section Guernsey, the dam was bred by 1st Section Agen, a G/son of Jimmy Baurress' Bordeaux cock when paired to 1st Section Fougeres and 90th Open Tarbes. All four grandparents are section winners! I think I'll keep this pair together next year. Well done all section winners and 1st Open.

BICC - 3rd North Centre Section, 62nd Open was John Garvey of Walsall. Third NC section flying 298 miles is Marcelis x Vanbruaene cock. The Marcelis was a gift bird from friend & club mate Shaun McDonough, & the Vanbruaene from A.H. Bennett stock. This has been a successful pairing this year as the nest mate won from Guernsey 2 weeks ago & was my 4th bird home in this race. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the open winner D Bullen, the NC section winner Freddie Bannister, and thank the BICC for providing good racing in season, that has had more bad weather than good. Also, for providing the opportunity for Midland flyers to compete via Richard Chambers and the Rugely marking station.


Freddie Bannister


John Black


John Garvey's cock bird

BICC - 1st North East Section, 22nd Open was Dave Downing of Newmarket. Dave Downing wins 1st NE section with a young Van den Bulck hen racing to the perch. This bird was well fancied by Dave as she had flown the young bird programme consistently and a fortnight before this race, she won a tough club race from Honiton. She is bred from a grandson of Sagan 2 paired to a granddaughter of Griepel. Both parents being purchased from good friend Andy Woods of Norwich. These bloodlines are starting to show good form for Dave as on the same day the nestmate of this hen won the club race from Exeter.

2nd North East Section, 80th Open was Jon Gannon of Norwich. Jon timed his bird from 313 miles, as the longest flying young bird in the result. It was the 5th club the previous week and is a Herman Custers x a Belge hen of Joost Mortier. This hen was brought in last year, and Jon has bred 6 young from her and all 6 are in the loft at the end of the season.

3rd North East Section, 86th Open was Jeremy Nicholson of Ipswich. Well done to the winner and all other section winners. I would like to thank Dennis Ball and Dave Fisher, the IC's of the Colchester marking station and the rest of the team for all the hard work marking all the birds throughout the season. My first bird is a blue/chequer hen that I bought In the Thames North and Eastern Counties breeder buyer flown from Guernsey earlier in August, where she was 4th NE Section and 114th Open. The bird was bred by Bob Wija from his Leo Herman's family. The pigeon is a light chequer on one wing and a blue bar on the other, so she stands out in the loft.


Dave Downing YB & OB Section winner


Jon Gannon's YB


Jeremy Nicholson's bird returning from the race

OLD BIRD REPORT

BBC / BICC– 1st Open 1st Section D & 1st BICC, 1st South Centre Section Ken Wise of Isleworth. Champion DE104 (GB23A00104) – 1st CS, 1st Open BICC Fougeres Old Bird National, & 1st section D, 1st Open BBC Old Bird Fougeres National. A double National winner! Champion DE104 is bred from sire Champion DE680. He has bred over 16 first prize winners. He is from Brave x Little Star. They are from the lines of Nieuwe Rossi Eenooraske DiCaprio x Kannibaal. Her Dam is a daughter of Champion Foxy Lady x Propere Rik. Both champions in their own right. Foxy Lady only raced 3 times and was 1st sec, 1st open, 1st sec, 3rd open, and 1st sec, 3rd open. Propere Rik is sire, g-sire & gg-sire of many winners (too long to list). Both parents were bred by Peter Fox of Syndicate Lofts. Out of the three clubs combined for this race, Champion DE104 took the top spot overall.

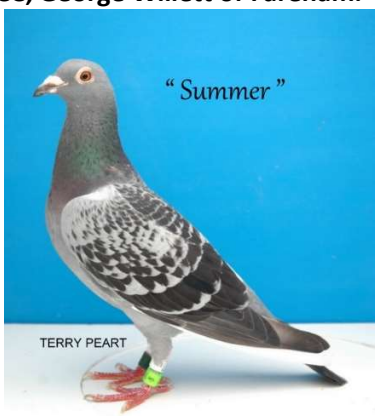


Double National Winner, Ken Wise


1st Open BBC & BICC Old Birds

CSCFC / BICC – 1st Open 1st SE Section & 2nd South Centre Section, 7th Open BICC, George Willett of Fareham.

GB23N08971 is a yearling chequer white flight hen. She has been an exceptional pigeon over the last two weeks of racing. This hen started off with a very hard race on 30th August from Guernsey with the CSCFC & BBC taking 1st SE Section CSCFC and 1st Section A BBC in a strong NE wind. Last week she flew the very tough NFC Falaise race being provisionally 2nd Section B 23rd Open and now 1st Open CSCFC 1st SE Section/ 4th Open BBC 1st Section A and 2nd CS Section 7th Open BICC Fougeres. I bred her from Roger Lowe x Rod Berry bloodlines. Her other previous performances are: BICC Alencon 26th Open, 11th May 2024; Newbold Verdon 1st Club 6th Fed, 20th August 2023 and Stratford upon Avon 1st Club 3rd Fed on 16th September 2023.



George Willett's hen, Summer

CSCFC / BICC – 2nd Open 2nd Section A CSCFC & 3rd South Centre Section, 9th Open BICC, Paul Basham of Southampton. GB22N40630. A dark chequer hen that scored this season at Messac in the BBC and CSCFC, being our first bird in the clock. The sire is our foundation cock - Farm Ivy (who has sired many winners including Burseldene Brian, 1st Open BICC Poitiers). The sire to Farm Ivy is Farmer George, 1st International Bordeaux x his dam is Ivy, 1st International hens, 3rd International St Vincent. Farm Ivy was paired to a daughter of Evie, 2nd International hens, 10th International St Vincent.

BBC / BICC – 2nd Open 1st Section J BBC & 1st **South East Section, 2nd Open BICC, John Cowlin of Hockley.** John had a super race with 3 hens in 4 minutes. First hen has been a good pigeon, she was 2nd Section, 53rd Open NFC in 2023 as a YB beat by a loft mate by 4 seconds in a very strong east wind. In 2024 she won 1st Hullbridge club from Stonycross and now 2nd Open BBC and BICC National. She is a very well-bred Frans Zwols hen being a grandchild of D'Artagain 065, Rekkem 083 and Tip Top Devil.

BICC - 2nd South East Section, 3rd Open was Rob & Andrew Wilton (D Wilton & Son) of Chadwell St Mary. As well as timing in the BICC young bird race, the partnership clocked a yearling hen of Vandenabeele stock from their good cock called Terminator, when paired to a double granddaughter of Geeloger. This hen won the Thames North Eastern Counties any age open race two weeks ago.

CSCFC / BICC– 3rd Open 1st NW Section CSCFC & 2nd South West Section, 12th Open BICC, Chris Templar of Bristol. Well done to everyone who got birds home in the West Country, as the Channel races have been hard this year with the winds we've had. This hen is a six-year-old and has been very consistent, flying north and south. She was bred by Steve Hughes from Swindon from his best breeding hen, the 26 Hen Bousa, crossed with a distance cock. I sent seven hens and had six home on the day which I was very pleased with. In the other Channel races, I wasn't getting any home because of the west winds, so I phoned Les, the two-time national winner for his advice for this race and what he told me worked out, so thanks Les. The hens are fed on Bayers corn supplied by Les.

BICC - 1st South West Section, 5th Open was Mircea Cioc of Shaftesbury. The section winner is the hen that won the Open with the NFC. She looked well after returning from the race and I decided to send her again. She was raced on a few days old young bird. This performance helped to end the fantastic season I have had. A season that I will definitely remember for a long time and hopefully have many more to come. Thank you to John Halstead for all his help.



Rob & Andrew Wilton' hen



Chris Templar with Les, 'the corn man' Nicolls and Josh Templar



Mircea Cioc's good bird

BICC - 3rd South West Section, 22nd Open was M Hathway of Hartcliffe. Mike timed a yearling hen who had been to six Channel races this year. In her last race, she was 4th section Bordeaux. Bred from Mike's Janssen blended family, she was paired to a young cock bird which was lost the week before. Since then, she had been flying for several hours on her own when let out and she came well again from Fougeres.

BBC / BICC – 3rd Open 1st Section E BBC & 1st North West Section, 4st Open BICC, Nigel & Wendy Shaw of Crewe. The pigeon we timed in the old bird race from Fougeres, is a 2021 blue hen bred by David Sara. She's a very consistent hen, each year we keep her and another old hen back just for these races. Her first race of the season was 246 miles where she was provisionally 2nd Sect, 20th Open at the BBC Guernsey. Then the following week she went to Chale, 177 miles, with the MNFC where she was 3rd Sect 17th Open after 5 days in the basket. Then home for one & a half days, and basketed for the BBC & BICC race from Fougeres 331 miles. She arrived in 6 hrs. 44 min to claim 1st Sect E 3rd Open & 1st NW sect 4th Open. Her breeding is a son of Super Herman x Tam Blair's Figo.

CSCFC/ BBC – 4th Open 3rd SE Section/ 2nd Section A 7th Open Luke & Less Cross Loft 2 of Gosport. Well done to all the winners, and the organisers, the birds returned in great condition. Our single entry cock has been a really consistent bird this year, having won 8th Sec, 9th Open Nort Sur Edre CSCFC, 8th Sec 21st Nort Sur Erdre BBC & 50th Open BICC, 3rd Sec 33rd Guernsey CSCFC, 3rd Sec 36th Guernsey BBC. He was bred by Cosmin Tallis out of his successful Dinan lines. He now deserves a rest after a long season, and this was a nice way to end the year. This also marks the end of racing at loft 2, with house moves on the horizon next season, this was our last race from this location. Next year we will be racing back as L & L Cross from the one loft, and we look forward to catching up with everyone in the closed season at presentations.



Mike Hathway



Nigel & Wendy Shaw



Luke & Les Cross

BBC – 5th Open 2nd Section D, Ron Fullbrook of Toddington. This blue hen was a gift from the same loft that bred and gifted me my National and Queens Jubilee winner, Mr & Mrs E Corkett & Sons. She is a Gues Jansen and was sent rearing two 26 day old young. In the last 3 weeks she has won 2nd Section 5th Open, 5th Section, 49th Open and 4th Section, 11th Open. I am sure if she can avoid all the hazards she will shine again next year.

CSCFC/ BBC – 5th Open 3rd SE Section / 3rd Section A 9th Open Nigel Rigiani of Salisbury. Nigel timed GB23N06999 over 196 miles on 1281.790.

BBC – 1st Section H 6th Open, Paul Davies of Jersey. I timed a 7-year-old widowed hen who won section H old hens 5 years ago. This was only my second race this year and only 2 races in 4 years. My second bird is 4 mins behind my first bird and will be 2nd Section. This window hood 4-year-old hen was bred by Nigel Legg from Guernsey. Can I congratulate all the winners and thank Clare Norman for all the work she does. Also, thanks to Steve Travers for taking the Channel Islands' birds to the marking station.

BBC/ CSCFC / BICC– 1st Section C BBC, 2nd NW Section 6th Open CSCFC & 2nd North West Section, 25th Open BICC, Trevor Booth & John Roper of Tewkesbury. Trevor and John timed a 5-year-old Jan Aarden hen feeding a 14-day old youngster on her own. The sire of this hen is a half-brother to Invincible Dettori and has Invincible Spirit in the pedigree on his dam's side. The dam of the hen also has a very similar pedigree as she is a half-sister to the sire. The performance of the hen is very pleasing as she has been very consistent throughout her career. 1st section Guernsey, BICC. 1st section, 9th open Guernsey CSCFC. The partnership have 3 birds in the top 12, which they are delighted with, in the South Ace pigeons in the NFC with this hen taking 12th position. It has been very tough racing this year and to have finished the season off on a high is very special to them. They would like to give grateful thanks to all at the Steventon marking station for making them so very welcome and especially thanks to both secretaries in the BICC, BBC and CSCFC for the first-class job they do.



Ron Fullbrook



Paul Davies



Booth & Roper

CSCFC/ BBC – 7th Open 1st SW Section/ 11th Open 2nd Section C, Dave & John Staddon of Ditcheat. The partnership timed their champion yearling race hen, Wild Thing. Congratulations to Clive & Jill Rogers and Neil Sales on the YB Classic win, George Willett on the AA Classic win and Kenny Wise on the AA & YB BBC win. Our hen was bred from two pigeons obtained through John Gladwin and John Cowlin at Zwols Pigeons. She is a yearling and is already the winner of 1st Combine 1532b, 2nd Combine 1023b, and 6th Combine 1520b. She was 2nd Section 2nd Open Guernsey AA Classic and 2nd Section 2nd Open BBC AA Guernsey, then 1st Section 3rd Open NFC AA Falaise and now 1st Section 7th Open Fougeres AA Classic and 2nd Section 11th Open BBC AA Fougeres

over this past three weeks. She is also a winner 2 x 1st, & 2 x 2nd club. She was racing here feeding a big young bird and sitting 2-day eggs. She can now relax and is an exciting pigeon for next season.

BBC – 1st Section G 8th Open Danny Sallis (M Sallis & Son) of Brighton. Our first bird is a 2020 hen raced with the young birds this year because she is getting on and is spare. Having said that, she has flown Tarbes twice, is a granddaughter of Indy, and still has a bit of gas in the tank.

CSCFC – 1st NE Section Jamie Everied of Reading. Jamie timed GB24B33872 over 215 miles on 1359.875.

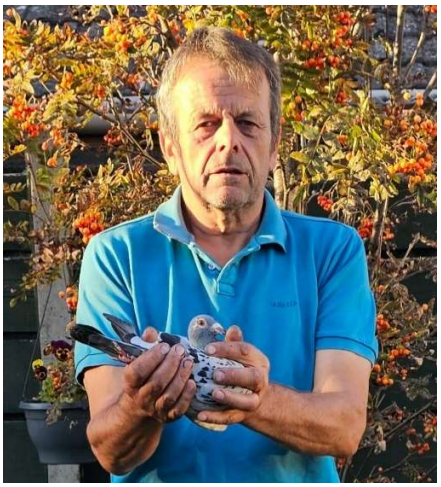
CSCFC – 2nd SW Section E, Durham & Son of Bridgwater. My hen is Jan Aarden based, from a close friend and ex-fancier M Spraggs. Competing in her third race, one race as a young bird before she got struck with young bird sickness. This year one race hit by a hawk and both from 58 miles. Nursed back to health and looking in good condition after being trained with the young birds this year, she flew well from Fougeres. Congratulations to all winners.



Dave & John Staddon



Macie and Liberty Sallis, who timed in both races



Andrew Durham

BBC – 2nd Section G, Pat & Jim Connolley of Marden. First congratulations to Ken Wise and M Sallis. Our first pigeon was a blue cock, sent sitting chipping eggs. He is a Vandenabeele, with shadow lines, from M and D Evan's, on sire side and Glen McNeilley from Ireland, on the dam's side. Our second pigeon was the same way bred. Both have been very consistent this year.



BBC – 2nd Section H Willie Healy of Jersey. Willie timed GB19A19776 over 73 miles on 1097.491.

BICC - 1st North Centre Section, 13th Open were Dave Lyden & Son of Yardley Gobion. Before anything can I just thank Russell and Claire Bradford for their long-term tenure of the Northampton marking station. They are both retiring this year from their duties which they have been dedicated to, for what seems like forever. This pigeon was 4th Section in the BICC Guernsey race, and I sent him feeding a big youngster and looking at his hen again. He is of Tornado lines from a gift hen given to me by my long-term friend and club mate, Danny Pullman and the sire is from a bird at stock which was obtained from the Sunderland partnership of McSween and Sexton.

BICC - 2nd North Centre Section, 39th Open was Russell Bradford of Irchester. Russell timed his good 6-year-old grizzle hen from the sixth Chanell crossing of her life. She has twice won the section from Guernsey and is looking in the rudest of health for her age. Much like Russell and Claire who are celebrating their 54th wedding anniversary with a holiday in Maderia. Congratulations to you both.



Dave Lyden's hen



Russell & Clare Bradford

BICC - 1st North East Section, 16th Open was Dave Downing of Newmarket. As well as winning the section in the YB race Dave Downing from Newmarket recorded his fifth section win this season by timing a 2-year-old Hardy Kruger hen to win the Any-Age race. This hen was raced on roundabout for the early part of the season and was then re-paired to prepare for these later Any-Age races, being one of half a dozen hens to be trained and conditioned with the young bird team. She is bred from a pairing in the race team which are bred out of the original Kruger bloodlines purchased from Premier Lofts and direct from Hardy Kruger, which Dave acquired to cross into his Vandenabeeles to produce a team for these short/middle distance races.

BICC - 2nd North East Section, 35th Open, was Jon Gannon of Norwich. Jon followed up his 2nd Section young bird place, by timing a Herman Cluster cross to take 2nd Section in the old bird race.

BICC - 3rd North East Section, 43rd Open was Paul Austin Jnr of Bury St Edmunds over 287 miles on 965. Paul timed this 2-year-old hen sent at the last minute and not fancied, having only had 3 races in the Inter Counties Fed. She arrived in great condition, thanks to the transportation team. Not been paired this year, a natural hen flying out with the young bird team. I've only been flying on my own for 4 years after the passing of my father, we flew together for 45 years. Its' grandparents were a cock from the late Ivan Rich loft and a hen from the Dave Beech loft from the Stansted club. The other 2 grandparents were both out of my late father's loft.



The double section winner, Dave Downing



Jon Gannon 2nd Section OB & YB



Paul Austin Jnr

The end of the season

And that Ladies and Gentlemen is a wrap, as they say in the movie industry! That's the longest report I've put together and my thanks go out to Clare Norman for providing the information from Classic and BBC. The idea of the joint reports is to highlight and celebrate the achievements of the many members across all three clubs, many of whom duplicate their entries across the clubs.

Can I thank all the members who have provided me with information and photographs to put the reports together, I look forward to hearing from you again next season. Let's also hope that new members rise to the top and prove that they can compete with the best fanciers in England and Wales.

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