

## **BICC Poitiers National Race Report**

As we seem to have said countless times already this season, the weather gave the BICC and many other organisations a testing time for the Poitiers race. The furthest National of the season for the BICC offers many fanciers a race in excess of 400 miles within the club, and for countless others it is the final preparation for the Pau and Agen Internationals which are just around the corner. Birds from all Sections, including some brave warriors from Ireland, were amongst the 1,807 birds that took the journey down to Poitiers. The send was substantially less than had been hoped for, with potentially a few fanciers declining the opportunity to send with the turbulent weekend that had been predicted. The tough race which ensued has unfortunately seen many top pigeons missing. The team must make a decision and in this case the team in charge of the liberation made a call. I'll now hand over to the team to go through their reasonings behind the decision to liberate. Ultimately, I am confident that any race controller or convoyer always has the birds at heart, sometimes things don't go according to plan. Firstly Steve Appleby, then John Tyerman and Mark Gilbert.

### **Weather Report**

At first light our convoyers reported very good weather conditions at Poitiers which was also supported by the view captured from a local webcam. The weather heading north from Poitiers through central France was of broken cloud and blue skies. The main consideration was the heavy rain showers identified over and around the Cherbourg peninsula as seen on the radar rainfall images. These were forecast to move away north westwards during the morning clearing the flight path. Visibility in the channel was good 5 miles plus. With this information to hand liberation of the B.I.C.C. pigeons from Poitiers was affected. Our convoyers saw the pigeons split into two groups before clearing the site. On making contact with our convoyers on their return journey they reported that they had driven in good weather all the way to Le Mans where they hit a rain shower. The heavy showers plaguing the Cherbourg peninsula persisted all morning failing to move away as forecast. At about midday they migrated northwards over the channel obstructing the flight path. On obtaining a forecast from the Channel Isle Met Office predictions of sunny periods to develop in the Channel Isle area from early afternoon proved correct but only for a short period. More heavy cloud developed over northern France and moved northwards over the channel. As a result, during the afternoon the channel became overcast, and coupled with the easterly winds decreased the visibility. These poor conditions were the main reason for making the channel crossing extremely difficult for the pigeons. All forecasts obtained from different sources before the race were consistent with supporting a race to take place from Poitiers. Finally, a forecast is just that and subject to change, and change is exactly what transpired in this race. Well done to all the pigeons arriving back at their lofts.

## Race Advisors Report for Poitiers National.

BICC had just over 1800 birds entered for the National Race from Poitiers. The predicted weather forecast no doubt affected the entry numbers. Marking and collection of birds went smoothly and both transporters arrived at Horndean around 8pm on the Thursday evening, where Paul O' Leary and his team assisted the two Convoyers in transferring the birds over on to one lorry. Convoyers Trevor and Steve caught the overnight ferry from Portsmouth to Caen and after disembarkation made the long drive down to Poitiers, arriving mid-afternoon on the Friday. Birds were later fed and watered and left to settle for the night. Again, the Race Advisory team were aware that the weather was somewhat problematic with rain forecast for Normandy region. Our Weather Advisor Steve Appleby had been monitoring the weather and after studying the latest Met Office charts he was confident we would get a liberation on the Saturday morning, so this information was passed to our Convoyers on site at Poitiers. Saturday morning dawned and with good weather on site at Poitiers and with a fairly good line of flight forecast, a liberation took place at 5-45 am. The birds split into two batches and headed north in a light SEW.

When nearing the Le Mans area the convoyers reported running into heavy rain for around 40 miles on the motorway - It had been hoped that the birds would have been through that area ahead of the rain and there is no doubt that this rain affected the later outcome of the race. Changel conditions were good but with the NEW it was never going to be an easy fly back to UK. Returns were somewhat sporadic, but many fanciers clocked several of their entries and by nightfall we had well over 130 home.

There were later a number of nasty comments posted on the "Pigeon Chat" forum criticising our decision to liberate, some of these fanciers seem to have no conception of the line of flight from Poitiers and quoted holdovers at a Messac and Carentan which were affected by weather, but these locations are some 80 miles to the west of Poitiers, so our birds would have no reason to take this line. Yes, it did prove to be a difficult race but with most fanciers flying well over 300 miles into the ENE wind, it was never going to be easy. Many congratulations to John Rumney who clocked a very gallant pigeon flying 589 miles into the north east of England.

BICC members have had some very good National races and the Race Advisory team and Convoyers are fully **confident that the decision to liberate was the correct one. We are happy to confirm that only fanciers first arrivals are shown on the 'early times' and this does not actually give a true reflection of returns on the day.** As I said earlier some fanciers clocked several of their entries and our winner Mark Gilbert, had over 30 home on the winning day. Congratulations to Mark on winning the race.

Mark Gilbert, Steve Appleby and John Tyerman  
BICC Race Advisory Team.

The Poitiers race, whilst being a very difficult affair, certainly gave all members in the club a great opportunity to shake up the top positions, and many fanciers took that chance, with 4 out of the 6 sections represented in the first 10 in the Open result. 10 different fanciers claimed the first 10 positions in the Open and the West, East, Central and North West Sections all made appearances in that top 10. There are going to be some amazing performances highlighted in this report so when you speak with any of the fanciers

mentioned here please give them a pat on the back and huge “Well Done” on what was a very difficult weekend. The success for Mark Gilbert has been covered extremely well by Chris Sutton so we will move straight on to the rest of the Open result, followed up by the Section prize-winners.

## **OPEN**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Open and 2<sup>nd</sup> Centre Section** from Poitiers is Mr and Mrs Howard, I am indebted to Keith Mott for sending this information over for me. This is Steve Howard giving us his account of the hen that came to achieve this great result.

“My provisional 2<sup>nd</sup> open BICC Poitiers winner is a two-year-old late bred blue hen, which is one of three hens that are paired together and sitting six eggs. She is a daughter of my good Barcelona hen, ‘Tessa’, when mated to a blue cock of the very best Eric Cannon bloodlines that I purchased from Mick Parish of Essex. My best two racers at present are both natural hens and both are very special winning several premier positions from the long distance. ‘Tessa’ is a 2012 bred blue hen and she flew Barcelona twice and has won: 2015: 15<sup>th</sup> section, 45<sup>th</sup> open BICC Barcelona (690 miles), 2016: 14<sup>th</sup> section, 37<sup>th</sup> open BICC Alencon, plus other positions. This wonderful little hen was bred by the Godalming ‘ace’ Ray Hammond. The other hen is a 2013 bred blue pied named ‘Gee’ and she is a Cannon / Newman cross, with her dam being a full sister to ‘Scot’s Boy’, my Bordeaux Combine winner. This little hen is my favourite and has won: 2014: 6<sup>th</sup> open Amalgamation Bergerac (450 miles). This race was a ‘smash’, with only about four or five birds clocked on the day of liberation in the Amalgamation, and she was clocked early next morning, returning to the loft badly injured. Thanks to everyone at the BICC for all their good work!”

**3<sup>rd</sup> Open and 1<sup>st</sup> East Section** is Ken McGowan. An excellent performance from the Chatham loft, clocking a 4-year-old cock at 1021 YPM, also winning over £200 for Ken. From only 2 pigeons sent this blue cock came hurtling in and secured Ken this position. The cock in question is a Vandenabeele and was bred by Penge Lofts. Well done Ken.

An incredible performance next, securing **4<sup>th</sup> Open and 1<sup>st</sup> North West Section**, Booth and Roper. The partnership kindly let me know the following information, but they would firstly like to congratulate Mark on a fine performance in winning the open.

Trevor and John clocked their 3-year-old roundabout blue chequer hen flying 402 miles. She is regarded by them as one of the ‘GOOD’ hens. Already in her career she has won several club positions, but in national competitions she has an impressive CV, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> NW section, 4<sup>th</sup> open Falaise BICC this year and in 2017 17<sup>th</sup> section, 35<sup>th</sup> Open Vire MNFC and now taking again 4<sup>th</sup> open BICC. She is bred from LPW Jan Arden stock and International winning Pigeon flyer Brian Sheppard from Trowbridge lines. Her Granddam and Great Grandsire both took positions in the top ten of section J in the Tarbes national. Her Great Grandsire is still in the loft at 13 years of age, still flying out like a widowhood cock. They could have missed

seeing the hen come if it hadn't been for their good friend Lionel Brewer ringing Trevor to see if they had clocked anything. As he answered the phone he looked up to see her drop in to the loft. This is the second NW Section win this year with the BICC."

**5<sup>th</sup> Open and 1<sup>st</sup> West Section**, continuing their superb form this season in the BICC, Clive and Jill Rogers and Neil Sales. I must thank Jill as she is superb in sending information over to me, and once again she has really delivered.

"The two-year-old mealy hen that Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales of Treetops Loft in Radstock timed is called "Little Em" and was bred out of a cock bird that was gifted to them by their good friend Rob Brooks (Brooks Bros of High Littleton) and a Crowley & Green's Missiles hen. The sire came the Brooks Bros fantastic Pau and Tarbes winning family and had both Chuckles and The Knocker in his pedigree. The dam was a granddaughter of Young Boris from Crowley & Green. So, this mealy hen has true long-distance pedigree blood from winning lines on both sides. This year she has raced from Lyndhurst (43 miles) and Bedhampton (68 miles) and then straight into the Coutances race with the Central Southern Classic, followed by BICC Alencon and then BICC Cholet (300 miles) before tackling the Poitiers race which turned out to be a real grueler due to terrible weather both in Northern France and in the Channel. The loft sent 46 pigeons and timed two in on the day with a further 4 in the loft when this was written on Sunday teatime."

**2<sup>nd</sup> East Section and 6<sup>th</sup> Open**, the pairing of Gosling and Jarvis. The partnership timed a 3-year-old cock known as "Frenchy", this was his third Chanel race this season having previously flown Alencon and Cholet. He was raced on widowhood prior to Poitiers but for an extra motivation he was given his hen on Tuesday evening prior to basketing. The partnership feed a mixture of VL Super Widowhood and Liege. "Frenchy" was certainly bred for the job, his sire is a son of "Barcelona 1", 1<sup>st</sup> French National Barcelona and "Miss Langdon" 1st National Langon, and his dam was bred by John Halstead and is a daughter of "Maurice" 1st National BBC Palamos, when paired to a daughter of "Ashley" 2nd National BBC Barcelona. In the picture provided Keith is holding "Frenchy" and Mick is holding their second timing on the day "Alfie" who should also figure highly in the result.

**2<sup>nd</sup> West Section and 7<sup>th</sup> Open** is the Strawbridge and Williams partnership. This 2-year-old cock has been flown on roundabout, having flown from Bedhampton and Cholet so far this season. This chequer cock is littered with National performers in it's pedigree, being inbred to Dennis Ford's "Seren Eleven" and therefore having the great "Little Owl" in it's pedigree as well. Blood Will Tell they say! The pairing had 4 on the day and 1 the next morning from 15 sent, confirming the difficulty of the race once again.

**3<sup>rd</sup> West Section and 8<sup>th</sup> Open**, a familiar name so far this season, Brooks Brothers and Wilcox. Stuart sent me over this information following the race.

"We timed a yearling hen that was on her 2nd channel race of the season, she is bred by Peter Fox at Syndicate Lofts and is 100% Dutch Long-Distance lines, containing the best of Cor De Heidje, Kuijpers and Jan Theelen. Her sire is direct from Crazy Horse, bred by Cor De Heidje, sire of 1st North Section Kinzweiler Welsh South East Combine 2016 only bird on day 470 miles 15 plus hours on wing. The

dam is a daughter of Morgan, sire of 1st North Section Welsh South East Combine Ypres 350 miles 2016. Morgan is direct from Waalre, top breeder and direct from 2 x 1st National Winners. This hen was only very small as a youngster and got the name the "Rat" however she has bloomed into a princess and is now one of our favourite hens. Thanks must go to Peter Fox for giving us the opportunity to race his bloodlines!"

**9<sup>th</sup> Open and 3<sup>rd</sup> East Section** is Dave Anderson of Bexleyheath. His 2-year-old cock that Dave clocked struck a bit of a chord when I seen that it was half Fabry and the Sire had been bred by Les Stevens. My Grandad was good friends with Les Stevens, so it was nice to see that the old Fabry's can still do the business! The pigeon had several inland races and then Alencon with the BICC before having several double-ups from the coast. Basketed sitting 5 days for Poitiers, he has combine winners on both the Sire and Dam's side, the Fabry line goes back to "D'Inzeo" and on the Dam's side it is the same lines as K. Dougherty's combine winner.

Finally, for the Open Result, in **10<sup>th</sup> Open and 4<sup>th</sup> Section in the West Section**, Taylor and Sons of Bristol. This 3-year-old cock won the first club race of the season and then had BICC Falaise, CSCFC Coutances and BICC Cholet before going to Poitiers. Raced on a form of widowhood, the parents were bred by Colston Long and they believe they originate from Brian Milkins, also of Bristol.

### **WEST SECTION and EAST SECTION**

All of the first three fanciers in both the West Section and the East Section were covered in the first 10 of the Open, so we will move straight on to cover the 3<sup>rd</sup> Section in the Centre Section. Again, the first two positions in the Centre Section have been covered by Chris Sutton and myself respectively, with mark Gilbert taking 1<sup>st</sup> Open and Mr and Mrs Howard having 2<sup>nd</sup> Open.

### **CENTRE SECTION**

Wearn Brothers and Neilson are in **3<sup>rd</sup> Section**. Jimmy sent me the following information.

"Our pigeon that we clocked from Poitiers is a 4-year-old hen flying on a semi-roundabout system she was paired early season and was shown to the cock bird just prior to going, her blood lines are Stichelbaut down from Fred Bloor pigeons, I have attached a picture of myself and Erik."

### **NORTH EAST SECTION**

It turned out to be a long haul into the North East Section with **1<sup>st</sup> Section** going to Colin Manly, who only sent a team of 3 the 432 miles to Poitiers. In the clock is a 2-year-old pigeon and the winning velocity for the Section winner is just 586 yards per minute, a real

tough race for this section. I spoke with Colin and the emotional ride he has had to get this stage really made me smile, as he spoke with such enthusiasm about his love of pigeon racing and the team of natural pigeons he is now racing. After having a dabble on the North Road for a couple of seasons, it was only at the start of this year that Colin switched back to racing on the South, tempted and encouraged by Shaun Ewing, who Colin credits with keeping his motivation high after a struggle when turning some of the birds, especially the 18 or so yearlings which were unraced as babies. Losses have been fairly high but ultimately the cream has risen to the top and the hen clocked would be “double-cream” in my loft!! Having raced on the North Road she went to Lerwick in 2016 and then in 2017 really racked up the miles by racing from Perth, Fraserburgh, Lerwick and Thurso, some season that is! Spun round onto the South this year, she was sent to Poitiers with the BICC on Shaun’s encouragement, along with two other Jan Aarden hens. Colin now thinks he may have found a little bit of gold as the hen which has topped the Section is bred down from similar lines of a Midland National Section winner for Colin. A few more like these two from this line would work a treat no doubt! Next stop for Team Manly, a little tilt at Agen International, and why not! It was a great chat, finishing with a hope from Colin that he may speak with me again in a few weeks after Agen, the feeling is mutual Colin, I can assure you!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section** is claimed by Steve Kaschner, who sent me this information.

“This 5yr old hen, is bred down from our old long-distance pigeons. Which have won many races from 400/500 miles. Pigeon racing today seems to be about how many pigeons you can get in the clock from 100 miles, in a few minutes. Today’s race was difficult and the old English strain of pigeon, for me, came through. Showing every dog has its day. Enclosed is picture of my good lady Bridget, who looks after the hens and deserves the credit.”

You are spot on Steve, you have to be in it to win it, and on a day like this you just don’t know who is going to come up with the goods, that’s what can make days like today very interesting indeed, albeit difficult for the pigeons.

In **3<sup>rd</sup> Section** is another familiar name, A & T Wright. Allan tells me that this 4-year-old pigeon is through the “Black Giant” lines. It needed to be a giant on this weekend, it has certainly stood head and shoulders above a lot of pigeons going into the North East Section. The hen covered the 429 miles for 579 yards per minute, just a single yard behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> Section winner.

### **NORTH CENTRE SECTION**

**1<sup>st</sup> Section** again, John Rumney. All the way up to the top of the country for this one, clocked on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day but with it being a slower race and John flying some 589 miles, 180+ miles further than the 2<sup>nd</sup> pigeon clocked in the North Centre Section, the Rumney loft makes the headlines again, winning the Section by just 3 yards. Some information below supplied by John.

“My timer from Poitiers was flying natural and sent sitting 14-day eggs, despite this turning out to be a difficult race he arrived in very good condition. His sire was bred through birds off great friends of mine Hughie and Colin Jackson’s main lines, such as “Fence Houses Lad”,

“Fence House Jet” and “Double Diamond”, top draw combine winning pigeons, his dam was a Brian Denny (Tuff Nut lines) x Eric Cannon hen (Misty lady lines) and a prolific breeder of marathon birds. He is a brother and/or half-brother to 4 pigeons to have excelled up to 743 miles. Last season he only had two races being 5<sup>th</sup> Section ‘N’, NFC Messac and 289<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Fougères, his preparation before this race was a couple of trainers up to 200 miles then BICC Alençon, he had no further training in the 4 weeks leading up to Poitiers.

Last week to enter birds into the BICC and BBC we travelled many hundreds of miles, can I just say a big thank you to my travelling mate George Purves who goes above and beyond what you can ever expect from a friend, thanks George top man.”

Friendship in this hobby of ours is what will keep it going. Unfortunately, we see too many instances of people working against each other instead of the camaraderie that John and George obviously have. Take a note please everyone!

Having gone to bed thinking a Section win was surely his, Pieter Oberholster had to settle for **2<sup>nd</sup> Section** this time, although I am sure he will take his hat off to the remarkable pigeon of John Rumney. Pieter’s timer is a 3-year-old widowhood hen, going back to Pieter’s old family on one side and Mark Gilbert’s “Southfield Karen” and “Euro Diamond” lines on the other side. Pieter would like to thank Mark Gilbert for breeding the Dam and Curly Barnes for getting the birds into shape leading up to Poitiers as Pieter was abroad.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Section** in the North Centre is the ever-consistent John Black of Hitchin. Details from John are below.

“The bird I got is known as “Little Chipper” after Johnny Chipperfield of Kent who bred her for me in 2016, the dam is a daughter of “Lady Teresa” 2nd Open Pau and 1st Open International Perpignan, sire is a son of “Super Joe” 1st International Pau, thanks John for these wonderful bloodlines. Little Chipper was sent sitting her first nest of eggs, eight days, this was her third race of the session. I was getting her ready for Agen and her next race will be Agen fingers crossed she hold her form. Congratulations to all the Section winners, let’s hope we get some more birds back soon.”

Nearly there for the Internationals now John so keep her ticking along!

## **NORTH WEST SECTION**

Once again some super performances up into the North West on a difficult day. I take my hat off to the members sending up at the Chirk marking station. It has not been an easy few races, but the quality will shine through, and from what I have been hearing most people are very positive about what is happening up there, long may it continue and hopefully we have an Open winner up there very soon!

**1<sup>st</sup> Section** has already been covered in the Open Result, so we will move on to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section** are Gwyn and Joy Lloyd, they were kind enough to send me over the following information following their performance.

“Please find a few details about our BICC pigeon, 2<sup>nd</sup> North West Section, 25<sup>th</sup> Open. The bird timed is a 3-year-old blue cock, a late bred from 2015. The breeding is Jan Aarden x Vandenabeele with the dam being a Leo Pronk Jan Aarden from Louella Stud. The sire is a Vandenabeele, his grand dam bred by Mel & Sue King of Blandford and purchased from the CSCFC breeder buyer.

The pigeon arrived back at our loft on the day in good condition after flying for 14hrs 39mins. He was the furthest flying bird on the day at 415miles. This was our 1st race this year with the BICC due to poor racing conditions and serious hawk problems, so we were more than pleased with the result. Joy & I would like to thank the marking station at Gwent and all concerned with the running of the BICC.”

Looks like you have had some serious issues to contend with up there, so I am sure this result is all the sweeter, well done!

Lastly, in **3<sup>rd</sup> North West Section**, Crehan and O’Connor. It has been quite a couple of weeks for the Manchester based pairing, with the small matter of a National Flying Club win under their belts the week after Poitiers, with their single entry in the Ancenis race with the NFC. Just prior to that win, I managed to get this information from John.

“Hi John. My bird was a blue 2-year-old hen bred by Jan Hooymans from Kerdriel in the Netherlands. She’s a previous winner of 1<sup>st</sup>, 311 birds, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 946 birds and 4<sup>th</sup> from 1,571 birds. All these races were inland races. This was her 1st channel race this year. She looked quite fresh from the Poitiers race considering how difficult the conditions were and actually flew for an hour on the Monday with the rest of the team. It was really nice to see her and hopefully I will be competing in the BICC with the Eclipse 650 club very soon.”

### **Cornish Pigeons**

We are very lucky to have Perry Liddle assisting us with these reports for the Cornish birds which don’t always get the plaudits. The prevailing weather conditions often work against the birds. Here is a report from Perry on two super birds clocked into Cornwall from Poitiers.

“When the birds were liberated at Poitiers with the BICC at 05:45 there was a journey of around 370 miles ahead of the Cornish competitors. Reading the summary report in last week’s Homing World, it is evident that any pigeons flying into Cornwall would have a really hard fly, all of which makes it even more creditable for the Angwin Family to time two good pigeons on the second day of a very difficult race. The Angwins, John and Mick, are having a great year, timing good pigeons in the Cornish Combine, National Flying Club and now the BICC.

First in the clock was a 3yo cheq w/f cock from Verheyen Hofkens x Chris Gordon bloodlines, timed at 09:09, to cover the 371 miles in 528ypm. This pigeon is a grand-son of Champion Snyderdale Express, 1st Open NFC Tarbes at 725 miles, the sire being obtained from Chris’s sale at Blackpool a few years ago, with the Verheyen Hofkens originally being obtained from Dixon and Sons of York way back in the late 1990s. John explained that the Hofkens were underrated and now that the distance is increasing they seem to be coming to the fore. This

chap was having his 5<sup>th</sup> trip across the water, so clearly there is no substitute for experience.

Second in the clock was a 3yo blue pied hen from Ray Lander Busschaert x Verheyen Hofkens bloodlines, timed at 11:40 to record 471yph. This hen was having her 6<sup>th</sup> trip across the channel having previously flown Coutances and Messac with the NFC this year. Both timers were paired together and clearly the two days eggs that they had at home were incentive enough for them to keep coming under difficult conditions.

Both of these gallant birds now earmarked for Tarbes, so the Angwins really have something to look forward to at the end of June. Well done chaps, good flying!"

Normally at this stage I would cover the longest flying bird on the day, I'm pleased to say this has already been covered in the report, which confirms that the longest flying bird scored in the North West Section this week. A shorter report from Poitiers due to four of the Sections being covered in the first 10 of the Open result. A difficult race which did give opportunities for many fanciers to make a claim for the top positions in their own Sections. Have a look at the result, there are some truly wonderful pigeons that have worked their little wings off to get home. And equally, there are some incredible performances from some fanciers with small teams on such a difficult day. Ken McGowan sending two birds and finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> Open, Smith and Jones of Cwmbran sending 2 birds and scoring 40<sup>th</sup> Open, and how about Adrian Manfield, sending 1 pigeon, with several pools riding on the pigeon to score 57<sup>th</sup> Open at 349 miles, well done to you all.

International racing is next on the agenda, and we are heading to Pau International first of all. If you are interested in sending to the Internationals and are not sure where you can get the birds marked, please do not hesitate to get in touch via email with one of the committee or give us a call, we will be more than happy to assist.

And finally, as we are now in International season, I just want to let you know that as the International clockings tend not to be as fast and furious as the National racers, I am going to endeavour to be in touch with people that clock as early as possible after clocking. As the Internationals run on 7 consecutive weeks it is going to be a busy time for both Chris and I so please help us to make the most of the reporting opportunities that we get by returning calls quickly and being ready with great information about your birds that you clock against the very best that the continent has to offer! After weeks and weeks of difficult winds and tough conditions for our Channel birds let's keep our fingers crossed for some more Easterly winds to give those birds a nudge away from our Belgian, German, Dutch and French counterparts, in that search for the next UK International victory! Could you be the next International winner? Your country needs you, and there's only one way to see if you're good enough, get them in the basket and on the way.

Le Mans in the next National race at the start of July, but for now let's do the business against the best Europe has to offer! Good luck everybody.

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1<sup>st</sup> North Centre Section for John  
Rumney



Bridget holding 2<sup>nd</sup> North East  
Section for Steve Kaschner



Clive and Jill Rogers and Neil Sales,  
1<sup>st</sup> West Section



Dave Anderson – 9<sup>th</sup> Open Poitiers



Gosling and Jarvis – 2<sup>nd</sup> East Section,  
6<sup>th</sup> Open



John Black – 3<sup>rd</sup> North Centre  
Section



John Rumney – 1<sup>st</sup> North Centre  
Section at 589 miles



Ken McGowan – 1<sup>st</sup> East Section, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Open



Mr and Mrs Howard – 2<sup>nd</sup> Section  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open



Pieter Oberholster – 2<sup>nd</sup> North  
Centre Section



Strawbridge and Williams – 2<sup>nd</sup> West  
Section, 7<sup>th</sup> Open



Booth and Roper – 1<sup>st</sup> North West  
Section, 4<sup>th</sup> Open, a truly stunning  
performance



Wearn Brothers and Neilson – 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Centre Section