

The British International Championship Club race from Cholet held on the 25th May produced some outstanding performances across all the sections. But before I begin my report, I would like to highlight the fact that the old website address has now been removed and the new BICC website can only be seen by going to www.biccpigeons.co.uk We in the Committee are confident that as this new website has many more facilities available, the members will see the benefits themselves. I know it may be difficult for some to get used to but if you click on the menu heading buttons across the top of the site, a submenu appears with further multiple choices.

As I have said, around the sections some terrific pigeons made the race a success with the winner being in the Centre section. Bob and Anthony Besant had two together to win 1st and 2nd section as well as 1st and 2nd open. A full loft report has already been published on the partners and I wish them every success in the coming International races.



Bob and Anthony Besant

Third section was the partnership of R & K O'Connor with their pigeon named 'Stunning Sapphire' a blue Vandenaabeele hen inbred to Jester and Carrie. In 2018 she won 1st Club Woodside CFC, 2nd Surrey Federation Messac and 5th Club Woodside CFC, 14th Surrey Federation from Kingsdown. For this BICC race from Cholet, "Stunning Sapphire" was raced on our very successful hen system which helped us win all five Club Channel races in the Woodside CFC in 2018.

Darren May was 4th sect 4th Open as M/M May & Son and sent me the following information; The two year old hen is bred from a son of "Brother De Jan" when paired to a direct daughter of our super sire "Spiderman" she was raced on roundabout and given her bowl before basketing. She is a very consistent hen, this season winning the club twice.

In the East section the winner was Macea Liviu Dehelian who lives in Dartford but originally from Romaina where he raced pigeon since he was 12 years old. He joined forces with his cousin in 2014 and very quickly gained their results in the marathon races. Most important result in Romania during 2018 was 1,4,12,16,21 Marathon yearling, 1,2,14 Ace Marathon

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Marathon Old Birds 8,9,12 Extreme Marathon Old Birds and 2nd PALMARES 2 YEARS



Macea Liviu Dehelian

BERLIN NATIONAL. Their Provincial results in 2018 1,2,7 ACE Marathon Yearling, 2 ACE Marathon Old Birds, 29 ace national Old Birds and 2nd Marathon yearling. In 2018 they were also 1st NATIONAL BERLIN against 6656 pigeons. He built a loft in England in 2018 and brought some babys from Romania in June 2018. In 2019 he started racing with around 30 birds and from Alencon he was 38,40 National but the hen would not trap for 12 minutes. He races his pigeons on the widowhood and the roundabout system and in this race from Cholet he is 7th National. 2nd section was Ted Robinson from Orpingham who timed a Cooreman Pigeon back to Picasso lines flown as Widowhood from a pair purchased from Les Stevens in Sittingbourne. Third section was V Belcher & Son from Plumstaged.



Ted Robinson

The west section had the wind against them once again and in first position was Geoff & Catherine Cooper from Peasdown St John.

Catherine wrote "We clocked a yearling widowhood hen, now named Farm Fiesta because the last few days have been like a fiesta at our home. Farm Fiesta won 1st section from Cholet, just over 300 miles, once again flying across the channel into a strong head wind. Her sire is a son of Farmer George and her dam is a daughter of George when George was paired to a daughter of Farmer George and Wollongong, so inbred to Farmer George. She has flown the three BICC nationals so far this season, her best result up till yesterday was from Falaise where she was fourth pigeon to the loft winning 7th section" In three BICC races the partnership has two first sections, one second section in middle distance races with long distance pigeons.



Catherine Cooper



Dave & John Staddon

Second west section is Dave & John Staddon of Ditchat. David kindly sent me the following details "Firstly congratulations to Bob & Ant Beasant on their great performance in winning first and second position. Well done to all the section winners including G & C Cooper in our own west section. We had a really good race and welcomed the birds home in fantastic condition as usual from the BICC transporter. It was once again a hard fly for the birds in the west section, but we were delighted with how our birds came. The first bird we timed is a two year old Chaos widowhood cock. He is bred from a son of Geoff & Catherine's Pau International Winner "Wollongong" when paired to our original No 1 breeder "The Miracle Hen" both parents were sold to Terry Lee & Terry Dyer of Plymouth from our Blackpool auction and we wish the lads all the best with them. This cock will now go back to Poitiers and then onto one of the internationals. We

timed two more yearling Chaos widowhood cocks only three minutes behind, the first was a young bird purchased from Mark Gilbert and the second is from a son of Geoff & Catharine Coopers "Farm Boy" and a daughter of Mark Gilberts "Southfield Pau". 4th in clock not far behind these two was our good blue hen who won 2nd Section 14th Open BICC Agen as a yearling. She will also likely make the first 10 in the section. She is from a son of "Legacy" when paired to a daughter of "Freelands Gem".

Stuart Wilcox was once again at the top of the section results in third place with a four year old cock, bred from two direct Chris Hebberecht pigeons. He is flown on traditional widowhood and looked a picture when he landed after 7 hours and 46 minutes. His sire is "Viper" sire of 2nd WOESRC Coutances 3419 birds, 4th WOESRC Newton Abbott 55074b, 7th WoESRC Littlehampton and g/sire to 5th Open Algarve OLR in 2019 winning £10K. He is a full brother to VIP, 4th National Tarbes 4 812 pigeons and 5th National Montauban 6 822 pigeons. The dam is a direct daughter of Chris Hebberechts Champion he raced 4th National Souillac 3,551 pigeons, 7th National Cahors 9,275 pigeons and 8th National Souillac 8,327 pigeons, when paired to a daughter of "Euro Diamond." All his birds are fed on Beyer's Verkerk and Koopman mixes, blended with corn and products from A E James & Son.

In the North Centre section Mr & Mrs Colin Thorpe from Desborough took first place with a Dark Cheq cock purchased at a clearance sale in 2015 from a fancier who was emigrating and was trained to the coast as a young bird. He has performed well in land and especially over the channel raced on the roundabout system. The partners call him "Gary" and are happy he returned their faith in him. Second and third positions were won by Dominic Gruzelier who sent the details of his first bird. She is a two year old hen that has never been paired. As a yearling she spent two weeks out after a channel race but as he liked her he gave her a chance for this season.



Mr & Mrs Colin Thorpe



Dominic Gruzelier

His second pigeon clocked just three minutes later is his good pied hen which has won the club inland race twice and was second in the other beaten by a loft mate plus she was 17th section out of Alecon. Both hens are bred down from Peiter Oberholster stock he bought had some years ago. Fourth North Centre section was Mike Turner from Alconbury with a two year old cock flown natural and sitting ten day eggs. He was bred in the stock loft with the sire being a grandson of "De Barcelona 241" x granddaughter of "La Rosa Bonita". The dam is a direct daughter of "La Rosa Bonita" when paired to a son of "De Barcelona 241" all Louella Jan Aarden based. This was his third

race of the season with Cholet being 368 miles to his loft. He found this to be a tough race and sent 19 birds but eventually had 9 on the day with a further 6 the following morning and 2 late afternoon. He will now be set up for a 500+ mile race later in the season.



Dennis Ball

The North East section was won by D & E Ball from Eyke Wisbech. Their winning pigeon was a Blue two year old cock sent sitting eighteen days at basketing. He was 24th Section, 360th Open from Falaise this year and is a Vandenabeele with "Shadow", "Young Bandit" and "Shady Lady" in the pedigree. Thanks again to Jimmy Jackson of Widnes for providing the stock to breed this pigeon. The Ball lofts fly Natural, and this section win from Cholet follows their 2nd, 3rd, 5th & 8th section from Falaise. Second and third was Jimmy Davies from Hepworth who had two hens come together. The first is a Staff Van Reet of Tony Mardon bloodlines crossed with a AndreaRoodhooft, Van de Pol, from his friend Paul Liman of Barkingside. The breeding for the second one, the sire is an "impect" crossed "Ceusters" hen from his cousin D & B Price of Dunton Essex. This is his third year racing in the Diss SRFC since moving from Walthamstow, London, where he flew in the Enfield Club. Fourth were Mel and Sue Dyer who sent me details from the third section in the provisional result, of course not knowing Jimmy Davies had two together.



Jimmy Davies



Mel Dyer

They would like to congratulate the section winners, D&E Ball partnership, of Woodbridge and their friend, Jimmy Davis of Hepworth for being 2nd and 3rd section. They timed their three year old gay pied widowhood hen, after flying 9 hours & 22 mins to cover the 392 miles into Lowestoft, the most Easterly point in the British Isles. She is bred from their old Parkside Superman Busschaert bloodlines crossed with a Peter Gijbels Janssen. She has had 5 inland races this year, with the NSSRCC, the furthest being Eastbourne, 137 miles. They had 5 of their 8 entries home on the day, which turned out to be a testing race for the North East section.

Mel Dyer

Lastly in the North West section John Rodway is having a super season winning 1st and 2nd section following on from his previous top results. The bird is a small blue chq hen bred in 2015. She was sent feeding a single baby just eight days old. This hen has had many channel races. On occasions she has taken good positions. In 2018, in the Le Mans BICC race she was fourth section, 25th Open out of 2850 birds. The Cholet race was once again a steady race, birds had to work hard in the WNW wind. Everything is on the natural system at his lofts and all birds live together, young and old and they all pick their own mates. John sends his thanks to the Evesham marking team. In third place was Anthony Evans whose



John Rodway

bird is a yearling dark hen flown on the natural system. This was her third race of the year having previously been to 90 & 120 mile races and then into Cholet 428 miles. She was bred by club mate Craig Wilkinson and is half sister to his 1st combine Carentan winner.

The International race program will begin in a few short weeks and the seven races will come around quickly. This is an exciting time for the members of the British International Championship Club and I wish you all the very best of luck. My information request is working well with many members getting their due recognition. If you win a position in the top three of your section, could you please send details of your pigeon, along with your photo if possible by email at biccpressofficer@gmail.com or call Chris Sutton on 01530 242548. This your platform for the publicity you deserve, so please help by making contact within 5 days of the race.”