

### **BICC Agen OB International 2019 Section Winners Report**

For the Agen Section Report in the East section Gladwin, Jarvis and Family took the top spot and first overall in the race. As reported previously they scored with their family of Frans Zwols after preparing them a little differently than in previous seasons. Second place was Les Stock with a five year old widowhood cock which had a bad leg break as a young bird, but recovered and has been his first bird several times from channel races, without winning, until now. The parents were both bred by Andy Gregson of Preston from Deweerdt stock, 'Emiel' 1st international Dax is on both sides of the pedigree. In third place was G Townsend from Orpington.



**Gladwin, Jarvis and family 1<sup>st</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> East Section**



**Les Stock 2<sup>nd</sup> East Section**

In the Centre section first place went to J F Haynes in Fifield followed in second by Alan Blake and Kevin Bakes. They clocked a home bred bird from stock that Kevin acquired from his friend Bernard Deweerdt. He was having his seventh race of the season from across the channel and Kevin would like to thank Bernard for supplying quality birds. They wished to convey their congratulations to all those who clocked on a very tough day. Mark Gilbert, who is a very busy fancier at the moment, came in third place.

In the west section David Young from Radstock was first with Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales in second place. Their yearling cock, GB18R03928, was bred by Treetops Lofts from a cock bird on loan from Crowley & Green, now resident in Portugal, with Alwyn Hill crossed with Young Boris bloodlines and a hen purchased from Dave Hawthorne of Pamber Lofts, "Tadley Green" with Ken Hines and Alwyn Hill bloodlines. This young cock bird was 6<sup>th</sup> West Section, 10<sup>th</sup> Open from BICC Poitiers (Cholet) in his previous race. To prepare this pigeon to race the 535 miles from Agen, he was trained to the coast and his first race was BICC Alencon followed by BICC Cholet and BICC Poitiers (Cholet).



### **Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales 2<sup>nd</sup> West Section**

The second bird to the loft was a yearling hen, GB18R03949, to be 4<sup>th</sup> Section 26<sup>th</sup> Open and also bred by Treetops Lofts from the pairing of a Crowley & Green Cock bred from "Mr Barcelona" and "Miss Barcelona" and a hen that is now in Portugal, again with Alwyn Hill and Young Boris bloodlines. This chequer hen was never raced as a young bird, simply trained 30 miles out to the east and 30 miles to the south. This year she was trained to the coast and then put straight into CSCFC Messac where she had a night out, returning early the next morning, followed by BICC Poitiers (Cholet) when she timed in late in the day. So, she had only had two races in her entire life before this Agen race. Treetops Loft timed in a total of 8 yearlings on the winning day and were over the moon with their birds' performances but were also very pleased to be able to congratulate their good friend Dave (Distance) Young who pipped them at the post by just 9 minutes. Amazing to think from that distance that they could time so close together! Did those pigeons race together all the way home – no-one will ever know. In third place was Geoff and Catherine Cooper who clocked a yearling widowhood cock flying 537 miles which had previously flown the two Cholet races with the BICC. His sire is a half brother to "Jill" of Jelle Jellema and his dam is a grand daughter of "Special One", 1st International Barcelona and "Silvie" 3rd International Barcelona. They too would like to say "Well done to the winner and also to Dave Young on winning the section".

In the North Centre section P S Wraight was in first place with Gavin Duggan in second and third. Gavin sent a photo of his 2015 red cock that flew the 578 miles from Agen and was his



**Gavin Duggan "Red Cock" 2<sup>nd</sup> N C Section**

first pigeon back from Tarbes last year, so he decided it was time to try him in the Internationals and he's come through again. His second pigeon is also a 2015 Chequer hen who was having her first ever race at over the 500 mile mark. She is flown on the roundabout system but she has learnt to get back out via the bob wires and is constantly trying to get in with the cock birds. He would like to remark on how well the birds' condition was on return, a credit to the convoyers.

In the North East section Allan and Tom Wright timed two to take first and third section. They clocked three pigeons from Agen with the first being from a Rufin Luc Byul sire and a Freialdenhofen X Jelle Jellema Dam. Their third section winner was from a Gyselbrecht Nathgoor sire and Kerckvoorde X Van bruane dam, this cock has also previously topped the section from Agen.



**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> N E Section Allan & Tom Wright**

Second section was Jacqui & Terry Ivatt and this is the first time they have timed in an International race after their fourth attempt.



**Jacqui & Terry Ivatt 2<sup>nd</sup> N E Section**

They and their club turned to South road racing three years ago after many successful years on the North road. Their bird was bred by themselves from a pair that had been 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Federation from Budwith and both had also scored from Thurso. Three of the grandparents were bred by George Gibson, which are off his Stef Van Reets crossed with his Bullied "Die Hard" pigeons. The fourth grandparent was from Louella Jan Ardens inbred to "Invincible Dettori" and "Invincible Spirit". The bird itself was sent sitting seven days and went straight back to her eggs even though the cock had deserted them. She had already flown in the BICC races from Falaise & Cholet and clocked both times this season, where Terry & Jacqui had already won 1<sup>st</sup> section Falaise and 5<sup>th</sup> section Cholet. They like to set themselves targets at the beginning of each season and this year's aims were to win a section and to have a bird timed in an International, which they have now done both.

Other news is that the new website handled over 7,000 viewings of the Early Times Saturday and Sunday around 6,000 and not a single hiccup or access problem. All new websites have their teething problems, but I think we are definitely on top of the first race web problems now.

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