

### **BICC Barcelona 2019 Section Winners report**

The Blue Ribbon race for the British International Championship Club is Barcelona, it is the ultimate test of the season for the long distance fanciers in the club and without doubt, an acute test of their pigeons abilities. Many of those who took part will not have timed a bird before the close of the race, but for those who did, it will remain a life long memory.



**John Chipperfield 1<sup>st</sup> Open and 1<sup>st</sup> ES BICC Barcelona International 2019**

The overall winner and 1<sup>st</sup> east section was John Chipperfield in Herne Bay with his hen “Herne Bay Sophie”, a bird bred for John by Robbie Harris out of a cock, bred out of a pigeon called “Timmy” gifted to him by Roger Phillips in Guernsey, to help out after a fox get into Robbie’s stock loft and took all his breeding birds.



**Lee & Kevin Buddle 3<sup>rd</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> ES BICC Barcelona International 2019**

Second in the east section was Lee & Kevin Buddle with a 4 year old cock they call "Triple 2". I asked them for his preparation schedule and breeding details "After being paired in early February and raising a pair of baby's his hen was taken away after sitting between 5-8 days on their second round. After this he has been flown all season on our Widowhood/Roundabout type of system, where the cocks & hens only get to see each other and run freely for an hour or two on return from the training races with the BICC, BBC, EECC & Local Club.



They are only put together before race marking when it comes to the International races. Feeding here is very simple with every pigeon getting the same mix every feed 7 days a week, it is made up of 50% Versele-Laga Superstar Plus & 50% Vanrobaeys Best Allrounder, with a few fatty seeds given the last 5 days before marking. In preparation for Barcelona 'Triple 2' flew the following races- Bedhampton 4th May, BICC Alençon 11th May, 25th May EECC Fontenay & 8th June BICC Cholet. 'Triple 2' is a direct son of 'Mike' & 'Amoy'. "Mike" is a winner of 3rd BICC Marseille Int 2014 594m, 4th BICC Marseille Int 2011 594m, 9th BICC Marseille Int 2013 594m, 13th BICC Agen Int 2014 480m, 24th BICC Perpignan Int 2012 579m, 37th BICC Pau Int 2011 544m, 60th BICC Pau Int 2013 544m, 64th BICC Pau Int 2012 545m. 'Amoy' won 1st Open BICC Pau 2009". Lee and Kevin duplicated their entries, as did many others, into the British Barcelona Club who held their Blue Ribbon race from the Barcelona International, which they won, so a great result for the partnership.



**G M Preece & Son 4<sup>th</sup> Open 3<sup>rd</sup> ES BICC Barcelona International 2019**

Third East section and 4<sup>th</sup> Open was GM Preece & Son also from Dover. They had two good pigeons home from Barcelona with the first being 'Seven Nine Two', a chequer Cock flown on a widowhood system. This cock was 2<sup>nd</sup> National Perpignan 2017. This season he flew the channel three times before being sent to BICC Cholet (300 miles) and then was rested for 2 weeks before being sent on a 60 mile trainer, one week before being entered into Barcelona International for his third time. Barcelona 2019 is his 11<sup>th</sup> International race of which he scored in all the BICC National results. He is a grandson of their 'Jack Jones Cock' which flew in thirteen International races and a son of our '156' cock which flew in ten Internationals. Their second bird for 4<sup>th</sup> East section 6<sup>th</sup> Open was a chequer hen flown on a widowhood system. Barcelona 2019 is her first International race she had exactly the same preparation as 'Seven Nine Two' for Barcelona. As a yearling she flew the channel ten times but only up to 250 miles and she crossed the channel for her first time as a youngster, so she has already done 17 channel crossings now being a very experienced two year old. She was actually their first pigeon from Barcelona however as you can see in the photo below, but 'Seven Nine Two' was seconds behind her and did not mess about with trapping! She is a granddaughter of our 'Jack Jones Cock' on her dams side and a daughter of one of our direct Bernd Morsnowski stock cocks.



**R J Goodard & Son 2<sup>nd</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> CS BICC Barcelona International 2019 "Lady Gaga"**

First centre section and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BICC was Dave Goddard flying as R J Goddard and Son. Dave has flown marathon races since the early seventies and is from a long line of fanciers with the sole aim of flying the most difficult races from Spain. He is holder of a Spanish Merit Award for racing out of Palamos with the British Barcelona Club, and his breed of pigeon are selected from such testing races. His first bird is a dark chequer hen, bred in 2016 named "Lady Gaga" from a Star is Born. Having been lightly trained as a young bird she was sent to Bergerac as a yearling and as a two year old she went to Tarbes where she had ten days out. Repaying David's faith, in 2019 she has gone on to win 1st section 2nd open Barcelona from 707 miles. She was gifted to him by John and Sandy Westercott of Newton Abbot from birds originally off Cliff Harris in Torquay. These in turn were the old Kenyon

blood of Smythe Brothers in Ballymena. Raced celibate from Countances and Carentan she was then paired and sent sitting fourteen days on her first nest of the year, Dave does not use any precautionary medication and hopper feeds beans all year. Three weeks before the race, a build up off Peanuts, Sunflower Hearts plus a hand full of Marimans moulting mix at night and vitamin B12 is added to the water. His second bird is "Lily" which was also trained lightly as a baby, went to Bergerac as a yearling and Pau International as a two year old. In preparation for Barcelona she was sent to Kinsdown and Coutances, before being repaired and sitting seventeen day eggs at basketing. She is bred from GB11T07154, daughter of



**Dave Goddard with Lily and Darcy**

"Sophie" his Spanish Diploma Silver Silva winner, for being 12<sup>th</sup> Palamos and 8th Barcelona. Her bloodline contains all his best birds including four Spanish Dipolma winners, plus many years of 700 mile blood. "Lily's" sire was bred by Tim Ellis of Bristol from 9th Open Palamos cock, which contains the best of Fear Brothers blood and best of the VanHee blood. "Lily" also had Kingsdown and Countances which she made a mess of, so Dave gave her a good rest, two 15 miles tosses before going to Barcelona and being 6th section 13th open. From his four birds sent which he is proud to have over the last four years won him 1st second 5th open in 2016, 2nd section 5th open in 2017 and 1st section 2nd open in 2019. He would like to congratulate everyone who called to congratulate him and convey his congratulations to John Chipperfield for putting up a fantastic performance. The Camrose RPC in Basingstoke, racing with the Southampton Federation plus Colin and Sheila King for his clock and help. Well done to all who timed in. keep the faith to those who didn't. "Next year could be your year".

Last years winner Mark Gilbert came in second and third Centre section with the being a three year old cock that has been a very consistant bird for him in the past. He is half brother to last years winning pigeon "Southfield Hugo" with his father being a son of "New Witenbuk" 1st Dutch National Barcelona, 6th International Barcelona and his mother is from "New Laureatt" 1st International Barcelona. His second bird is a four year old Hen which has never failed at an International race. As a yearling she was 23rd St Vincent and 1st section 8th open Perpignan. As a two year old she was 30th Pau and 7th Open BICC Marseille, as a three year old she was 11th open Barcelona and this year she is 10th Open. She is from a son of "New Laureatt" 1st International Barcelona and the mother is 210 Mark's best "Euro Diamond" breeding hen.

First West section 7<sup>th</sup> Open was the partnership of R Strawbridge and J Williams flying into Newport, South Wales. Ray clocked his fantastic long distance cock which had previously earned the name "Reliable" by winning 1st West Sect 7th Open BICC Perpignan 2018, 1st G.G.D.C 204b 683m 80yds, 6th West Sect 67th Open BICC Pau 2018, 2nd G.G.D.C 405b 588m 522yds, 15th West Sect 37th Open BICC Poitiers 2018, 4th G.G.D.C 1807b 389m 408yds, 11st West Sect 71st Open BICC Agen 2017, 2nd G.G.D.C 875b 541m 58yds, 29th West Sect 424th Open BICC Poitiers, 4th G.G.D.C 3667b 389m 408yds 2017, 12th West Sect 888th Open BICC, 4th G.G.D.C Alencon 2017 5649b 259m 11yds and now 1<sup>st</sup> West Section 7<sup>th</sup> Open Barcelona flying the furthest in the result at 741 miles. Ray has recently lost his



**R Strawbridge & J Williams 7<sup>th</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> WS BICC Barcelona International 2019**

partner to illness and he himself has undergone hospital treatment, with over forty birds being lost this season around the loft to predators.

Second West Section 22<sup>nd</sup> Open was Ian Freeman from Trowbridge. Ian and his late wife Dolly raced their pigeons with great success in their adopted country of Australia, and after a six-year period of travelling the world they decided to buy a home in Trowbridge, as a base for further travels in Europe. Time went by and they became more settled in the UK so decided to establish a racing loft with Barcelona as their main aim.



**Ian Freeman 22<sup>nd</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> WS BICC Barcelona International 2019**

Unfortunately, Dolly developed a terminal illness, and Ian devoted his time into looking after her, which obviously affected their plans for Barcelona 2018. In their small race team, they had two very good cocks bred from long distance breeding stock acquired from House of Aarden and Eijerkamp, containing the lines of "De Cas", "Red Star" and "Carnvral", which gave both Dolly and Ian high hopes of timing in from Barcelona. So much so that Dolly had made a ceramic plate with the inscription "Smell the sea and feel the sky, let the birds fly wide and high. Barcelona is our aim". So just before Dolly passed away, she asked Ian to promise her that he would send the two cocks to Barcelona this season, which he did and "Gentleman Jack", as Dolly had called him, obliged by winning 2nd West section 22<sup>nd</sup> Open BICC Barcelona. Ian was so relieved to see him home he took a photograph of him with his hen in the nest box with the ceramic plate Dolly had made standing up at the back of the box. He was so moved with the emotion he nearly forgot to verify the pigeon he said. Over the previous few years they had their fair share of setbacks whilst racing but Dolly said "just keep trying Ian, it will come".



3<sup>rd</sup> West Section Brook Brothers and Wilcox, timed their hen "Mendip Mo" who has now completed her 2<sup>nd</sup> Barcelona race, in 2018 she was 3<sup>rd</sup> Section 23<sup>rd</sup> Open Barcelona. This hen is never tired and when she returned to loft she joined in with the other hens that were out training for a few minutes, before landing on Robs head as he called her in. Her breeding goes back to Trosky and Harry Brooks old lines from Fear Brothers and Vic Priddy, her sire was 5th Open Pau and her mother is a sister to two Pau Section winners "Mendip Magic" and "Mendip Hope".



**Brook Brothers & Wilcox 29<sup>th</sup> Open 3<sup>rd</sup> WS BICC Barcelona International 2019**

Finally, a heads up has to go to the Irish fanciers who sent 14 birds to the Barcelona International. Jim Emerton sent me the following message, "I am informed that 3 people are sending around 14 birds in total in the great British International Championship Club to fly for my Belief Trophy in 2019. In my humble opinion it is an onerous and most difficult task to time in race time, yet remains a realistic possibility to land a bird in the fabled Barcelona International race. The lads in Ireland are showing huge doses of dedication, resolve and organisational ability. It is an attempt that could ignite the ardour of the pigeon racing world, making man and bird very famous, and cement serious marathon racing in the pigeon racing culture and public consciousness of the day. Wind, weather and location will have to be conquered by the brave spirits of fancier and bird. Hope springs eternal is in my mind as I write this wonderful news for the pigeon press. All the very best to my friends in Ireland!" Any news or views to me Chris Sutton on 01530 242548 or 07792 356330 and if you have any details about your performances please email them to me within five days of the race to [biccpressofficer@gmail.com](mailto:biccpressofficer@gmail.com)