

BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

1st Centre Section was Ian and Scott Smith from Eastleigh who would like to congratulate Mr & Mrs King on their win and he said "It was a nice surprise to win the section and finish 3rd open with our yearling Vandenbeeke hen, out of M & D Evans stock, which dad and I bought a few years ago. We had three out of three return and a very good race". Pictured is Ian & Scott Smith with Scott holding their winning hen.



Scott and Ian Smith 1st CS 3rd Open BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019



Dave Waterhouse (shown left) was second section and would like to congratulate the winners Mel & Sue King. Their pigeon is a Jacob Poortvliet crossed leo Hereman from Dave's old strain. He had previously won 1st section 9th open BBC Coutances, 1st club Kingsdown and many other positions in the National Flying Club, and was sent driving a young hen.

Fed on Versele Laga widowhood corn, he is now getting ready for the NFC Sigogne next week.

Third section was Dave Johnson from Southampton where he races with his wife Julie and two daughters Kate and Ella but is originally from Stokesley in North Yorkshire. Their pigeon placed 7th open, 3rd section is a Van Loon crosses Soontjen based pigeon having his third race this year. He comes from a good line and nephew to 'The 43' cock who has been 2nd section, 12th open, 3rd section, 10th open in the National

Dave Johnson 2nd CS BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

with many other positions. His great uncle is champion 'Double O', Bergerac Classic winner and winner of 2 RPRA awards and a BHW award. Dave has not been very well of late and would like to thank Darren Ede for all his help.



Dave Johnson with Darren Ede 3rd CS BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

Fifth and 9th Open was Richard Rann from Newport on the Isle of Wight with a blue cock of Vandenabeele x Geerinckx bloodlines sent driving his hen after deserting pot eggs earlier in the week. This bird made a mistake in his first channel race earlier in the season, being picked up on Brighton seafront by a non fancier, then returned to him in a box through the fancier network. Since he has been back on the road, he has been very consistent, being 1st club 12th Solent Federation last week.



Richard Rann 5th CS BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

In the East Section Mr & Mrs Sparks took first and second with their first bird having previously 1st Combine from Fougères when 134 members sent 1371 birds. Their second bird has also won the 2017 futurity race and the Federation from Exeter. They would like to dedicate this race to Joyce Sparks, Andrews late mother, who sadly passed away 1 year ago this week.



Mr & Mrs Sparks 1st & 2nd ES BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

Third section was P Jackson and Son from Bromley with a pigeon now called "Lucky" due to her being hawked earlier in the season. She has been a consistent hen, raced on their jealousy system and is a direct daughter of their multiple winner "Black Jack", when paired to 1st London South East Classic Club Guernsey. She is inbred to Jos Thone's famous breeding cock "Sars", Son Joe is pictured holding their second arrival with grandson Teddy overseeing the proceedings.



P Jackson & Son 3rd ES BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

Fourth section was Mr & Mrs J Cheverst in Gravesend and it is Shirley who is the fancier in the partnership. They got a latebred blue hen from last year, which is a Frans Zwols cross Reynaert, having her third channel crossing, and was sent having recently paired to a new cock.



Shirley Cheverst 4th ES BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

First North East Section is John Simmons and Kevin Sparks from Elmsett near Ipswich, with a blue hen sent sitting which has previous form over the channel being 18th Section 204th Open BICC from Alencon earlier this year.



John Simmons & Kevin Sparks 1st NE BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

She is out of a Demeester crossed Gaevert cock and a Janssen hen purchased from the RPRA one loft race auction, after they noticed her consistent average performance. The Demeester is down from "The Good Yearling" and the Gaevert from "Salto" via Peter Rodgers in Skegness and we purchased many direct stock birds from both these Belgian fanciers.

Second section was Jeremy Nicholson in Ipswich with a 2017 Louis Cooreman cock sent sitting 13 days and shown to the right. He is bred from one of his top Cooreman stock pairs. His sire is a son of the top racer "Tony" winner of 9 x 1sts for Louis, which is now Sire, G Sire to many winners throughout the world. His dam is "Kathy" a top stock hen and dam of many winners and breeders. She is a daughter of the one and only "Kilo" this cock



is one of the most influential Cooremans to date. He was very lucky to be given these two birds from Bob Fenech back in 2013 which was my first season in pigeons. He would like to thank Bob for the birds, and all the fanciers at Ipswich marking station, especially Jacquie and Terry for running the station. Tony Calver for taking his birds, as he has to work and not forgetting all at the BICC, well done on a very tough day.

Third was John Searle of Great Abbingdon with a three year old blue hen whose sire is a son of "Super Witpen Sumo", one of the best sons of Jos Thones "Sumo". "Super Witpen Sumo" was paired to "Zarina" daughter of "Sars" top producer for Jos Thone. Dam of my blue hen is "Cornelia", daughter of "The Emperor" sire of 1st International Dax, when paired to "Nadira" winner of two Internationals.



John Searle 3rd NE BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

First and third North Centre Section was Les Berry and Son from Great Glen in Leicestershire. Over the years this partnership has dominated the long distance races on the North Road and it is great to see them having the same success over the channel. They won the section with a blue cock, bred from the stock loft from lines out of E Limbourg cross de Cock.



Les Berry & Son 1st & 3rd NC BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

Second section was Mr & Mrs Colin Thorpe in Desborough with a five year old pied cock bred by Jeremy Wright of Lutterworth and raced on the roundabout system. He has performed well over the channel, especially in the conditions on the afternoon, when he battled strong winds and rain.



Mr & Mrs Colin Thorpe 2nd NC BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

In the North West Section M & C Lee took the top spot with a two year old blue hen which had flown on widowhood for the first part of the season. She had one inland and one channel race from Carentan before being paired and sent to Le Mans with a three day old youngster.

Second was Booth and Roper who are having a fantastic season. Trevor and John clocked a blue chequer white flight yearling cock, flown on widowhood, to take 2nd NW section.



Booth & Roper 2nd NW BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

He has been very consistent for them this year and they think a lot of him, this being his second channel race this year, they will probably finish for the season, with hopefully more to come next year. His sire was bred by Alen Gibb on the Geoff and Catherine Cooper "George" lines and his dam is from Brian Sheppard and Jan Aarden lines. He is a grandson of their 10th section, 42nd open NFC Tarbes cock of 2010, which is still in the loft at fourteen years old and flies out with the young birds! He is also related to their Tarbes hen who took 1st section, 5th open this year in the NFC race. Trevor and John would also like to congratulate the winners Mr and Mrs King and their club mates Micky and Chris Lee for winning the NW section and a big thank you to the guys at Evesham marking station. Third section was Mike Howard from Upton on Sea. He timed a two year old Wim Muller cock which was lightly trained as a young bird, had four inland races as a yearling and has flown Fougères with the NFC before being sent to Le Mans. This is Mike's third season back in the sport after a 25 year break, having now retired. Starting from scratch he has decided to build a long distance team with Barcelona as the ultimate aim. In the West Section Mel and Sue King was the overall winner in the race with their widowhood team of Vandenabeele, originating from M & D Evans.



Sue & Mel King 1st Open and 1st WS BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

Second and third section was Phillip Wilkins who said "My first priority is to say a huge congratulations to Mel & Sue King on winning the BICC Le Mans race, to come second to them is an honour.



Phillip Wilkins 2nd & 3rd WS BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

My pigeon is a yearling hen having her fourth water race, and has been coming consistently throughout the season. She is from my old Hobuen line, crossed with G & S Treharne from Natyglo, and is fed on Beyers corn. She won a short race at the beginning of the season and is flown on the roundabout system but with a twist. She has been attacked by hawks, so if I

did name my birds, I would call her "Twice Lucky" I am pleased to say that all the birds came home in good condition, so thank you to the BICC team. Steve Dickinson & Phil Newton were fourth section with a hen sent celebrate as she has not been paired all season.



Dickinson & Newton 4th WS BICC Le Mans 1 National 2019

She has flown the channel a total of six times this year, with the longest race being Cholet 308 miles in the N.F.C. where she was 34th section 183rd open. She was bred in Phil's stock loft, off his own old strain of birds which had been taken to the partnership loft to be raced, where Steve and father in law John could put their touch to things. Their birds are fed on our own mix put together by Phil in his trusty old cement mixer.

One late addition to the Agen section report is Dave Young who was first west section and second Open with "Portrait Boy" and he said; "Firstly I would like to congratulate Gladwin Jarvis and family on their winning pigeon, also Clive and Jill Rogers and Neil Sales who were 3rd and timed several good pigeons. My widowhood cock Portrait Boy's sire is "Limpit", a gift pigeon from Alan and Sue Thompson. The grand sire was Titch who was a top pigeon for Geoff and Catherine Cooper. The dam is a full sister to "Shapway Annie" 1st BICC Carentan and is 100% Deweerdt from Dave and John Staddon. The prep for the race was two inland races with the West of England South Road Combine and the 4 channel with the BICC. Portrait Boy was 7th section in this race last year and feeding is a mixture of Matador supplied by Treetops Bird Supplies. Happy days at Fine Art Lofts".



Dave Young 1st WS & 2nd Open BICC Agen International 2019

This time in the North Centre section from Agen, Peter Wraight sent me the following a little too late to make my section report, "I am well pleased with my result. This bird is a 2017 cock bird which I bred from a Luke Weils crossed Laurauat + Jell Jellema "Cline", "Jade", "Swarts", "Goode" ancestry, and last season he came 110th open and 10th South East Section in the MNFC from Ancenis and 3rd open 1st South East section MNFC Bourdeau 2018 as a yearling. This year's success has built on that coming 14th Open and 1st section Agen whilst still only 2 years old".

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