

BICC 2019 Pau International Section Winners Report

In the west section winners for the BICC Pau race were Geoff and Catherine Cooper taking the first two positions with a two year old hen called “Georgi”, being a half sister to “Wollongong”.



Catherine Cooper with “Georgi” 1st West Section Pau

Her sire is “Georgeson” a top breeding son of “George” 1st NFC Tarbes and her dam is “Gina”, a half sister to “George” and mother of “Wollongong” 1st International Pau. “Georgeson” and “Gina” have bred several section winners and top National prize winners. “Georgi” had raced all the BICC nationals in preparation, except for the last one, when she went to Messac with the NFC three weeks before Pau. The second section winner was “Farm Solo” who is an amazing racer having won 3 x 1st sections and many other top prizes, including 2nd National Pau International last year. She is bred from a son of “George” when paired to a daughter of “Starlight”. Their third bird home in fifth place was a sister to “Farm Ivy”. In third place was Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales and Treetops Lofts enjoyed timing 4 birds on the second day of this difficult race, to be provisional 3rd, 4th, 6th & 7th West Section.



Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales 3rd West Section Pau

Their first bird was a chequer hen GB15F39996 which was bred from children via Crowley & Green's birds which went on to be sold by PIPA prior to them emigrating to Portugal. The sire was bred from "Southfield Diamond" crossed with "Mamba" Richard and Anna's winner from BBC Lamballe as a young bird, the dam was bred from Mark Gilbert's "MG" crossed with "Diamond Girl", all first class pedigrees behind this winning hen. As a young bird this pigeon was raced on the north road but changed to the south route as a yearling. Prior to racing from Pau this year this pigeon had simply been trained to Hamworthy, then sent channel races from Coutances with the CSCFC, Alencon with the BICC, Cholet with the BICC and finally Messac with the NFC before attempting the Pau International.

Their second bird was a chequer hen GB16F02458 bred by Neil Sales whose parents come from Paul Steven's "Roly's Boy", Alwyn Hill bloodlines crossed with a Padfield family hen. The third bird was a plum cock bred GB16F14674 from a cock bird purchased from John and Lou McGee from the French Young Bird Derby and a hen from Terry Preddy of High Littleton. The sire was a young bird from Jeremy Davies which was 13th in FYBD in 2012. The dam has the old Vic Preddy bloodlines crossed with sister to Mark Gilbert's "Southfield Darkie". Fourth bird was a blue cock bird again bred by Neil Sales GB16F02455 was bred from Alywn Hill bloodlines crossed with a Chris Gordon hen. All birds are fed on Matador pigeon corn and are tested by the Belgica Clinic to ensure their good health prior to competing. Jill, Clive & Neil would like to congratulate everyone who timed their pigeons from Pau.

In the East section J Nicholson & Son came top and Spencer timed his first of six birds on the second day from a ten bird entry.



Spencer holding 1st East Section Winner

A three year old blue chequer hen which had two 250 mile channel races and around 1,000 miles of racing before Pau. She flew St Vincent last year, having a hard time of it. Hopefully she may be able to return St Vincent or Narbonne.

Her sire is a cock that flew many Internationals down to, and including Barcelona. Her dam flew Barcelona three times as well as Agen and Pau, who in turn is a daughter of "Jinni" -1st Marseille, 10th Barcelona, 56th NFC PU, 14th BBC Palamos. All ten entries were sent sitting an eight day old youngster and at the time of writing he has eight home.



John & Dean Childs 2nd East Section

Dean Childs was second with a two year old chequer cock flown on the celibate system. He has flown every channel race with the BICC this year and went to Pau after spending the night with all the hens. He is well bred for the distance being from a son of "Southfield Agen" 1st BICC Agen, and a Daughter of "Southfield Dream" 2nd NFC Tarbes. His second bird home, also a two year old cock, clocked about an hour later and finished fourth sect 18th National. He is also exceptionally well bred being a grandson of "Black Shadow" 2nd Int Barcelona, "Isla's Rainy Day Boy" 1st Int Pau and "Pau Princess" 2nd International Pau.



Mr & Mrs Rhodes 3rd East Sect Pau with family

Third section was Mr & Mrs Rhodes who were pleased to time their second Open Perpignan hen to be 3rd sect Pau. She was sent sitting overdue eggs with a bay slipped under for the last few days. She is via their Roger Senicot bloodline crossed with Alwyn Hill. One hour later they had a second arrival to be 8th section and was from Freialdenhofen bloodlines in Germany. They would like to congratulate Mark Gilbert saying he has taken the game to another level. Mark had won the first eight in the BICC Open result from Pau, and clocked many more at 562 miles.

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