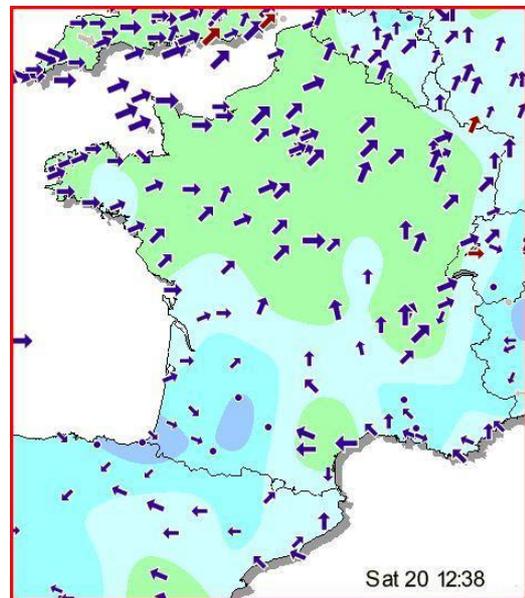


BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019 Section Winners

The British International Championship Club also held a race at the same time from Le Mans. This was the second time the club have used this race point this season and 2693 birds were entered by 316 members which were liberated at 11am. Steve Appleby sent me his usual weather report; "From a weather perspective the two main concerns for this race from Le Mans were the heavy thundery showers running along the channel from west to east and secondly the cloud cover over the race point. As forecast the showery activity moved away along the channel and by about 10:00 hours had cleared the flight path. At last a liberation sky arrived over Le Mans from the south west



On checking the line of flight through France and across the Channel conditions were first class as seen from the beach webcam north of Caen. With the race team in agreement liberation was affected just as the cut of time arrived at 11:00 hours. Visibility in the channel was 18 miles and more. Winds were from the west south west (13 to 21 mph) over France and the channel. In England some heavy thundery showers did develop over some areas for a short time, mainly along the east side of the country. As are always the case the fresh WSW winds determined where the leading pigeons were timed in".

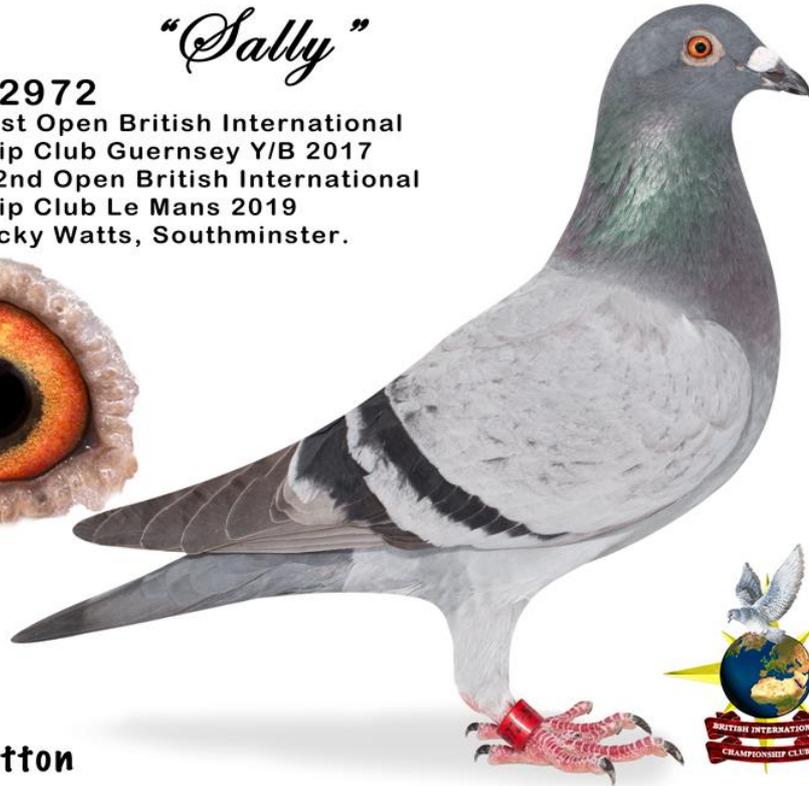


Micky Watts 1st 2nd and 3rd Open & ES BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

"Sally"

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1st Sec ES 1st Open British International
Championship Club Guernsey Y/B 2017
2nd Sec ES 2nd Open British International
Championship Club Le Mans 2019
Raced by Micky Watts, Southminster.



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The overall winner Micky Watts also timed two more in quick succession to take the first three positions in the east section. His first bird was Vandenabeele, his second was "Sally" which is a previous winner of the young bird national, and his third being a Zwols crossed Vandenabeele.



Ian Christie 4th ES BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

Ian Christie was fourth section and 4th Open with his good blue cock having his third race with the BICC. He has been 31st open 24th sect Alencon, but when he returned, we had to sew him up due to hawk damage around the crop area, then to the first Le Mans when he was 215th open 48th sect. He was sent sitting 10 day eggs and he is Ian's own strain coming from best to best breeding very honest pigeons out to 300 miles.



M Sheehy 5th ES BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

Fifth East Sect and 5th Open M Sheehy with a blue cock sire by a five year old bred by Paul Stobbs, and acquired as a yearling via his agent Joe McGough. This cock has been a great producer and he was bred by the top north east partnership Soderlund + Maddison from the best "Village Lad" lines and the "Avon Hen" both are legends in the north east. The dam is a half sister to the famous "Deano" winner of seven 1st Federation and bred by Soderlund + Maddison from "4187" another direct son of "Village Lad" when he was paired to a daughter of the No.1 stock cock "Z Ring". These pigeons from Soderlund + Maddison are proving to be wonderful middle distance birds and are capable of beating all the flavour of the month birds that keep cropping up, and after 50 years racing are possibly the most consistent birds I have raced. I can't thank the lads enough for the birds. I also have a direct daughter of "Parkside Premier" U.N.C. Pigeon Of Year that has bred winners in good competition. After flying the North Road for 30 years, I turned south 20 years ago and fly the birds weekly across the channel with the East England Continental Club and the BICC. My 5th Open Le Mans pigeon has always been consistent, winning 2nd Le Mans EECC, 3rd Pitiviers EECC, 3rd Fontenay EECC and 25th open BICC Le Mans. Seventh east Sect 12th Open were Siva Bros who sent "Tim's Boy" sitting on eggs and is their most reliable bird from national channel races. He had previously won the pools from a Messac club race and was their pooled bird for Le Mans 2. He is named after his breeder Tim Webster of Chorley, from his Brockamp pigeons. On this occasion they would like to thank Tim Webster for all his help & support.



Siva family 7th ES BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

M & J Adcock & son won first centre section with a two year old blue cock of Maris and Vandenebeelee bloodlines, which has been very consistent this year flown on widowhood. He was 2nd section 3rd open Falaise 2,546 birds, 4th section 12th open Cholet 2,859 birds and now 1st section.



M & J Adcock & Son 1st CS BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

Second were Mr & Mrs K Hine and Mark Currivan sent the following “Our first pigeon was a yearling hen which was bred by our good friend in Belgium Louis Mattieus. She has flown the channel four times this year, twice in our local club and twice in the BICC. Raced on the roundabout system, she has been a very consistent hen this year flying the channel, and is always one of the early ones back to the garden”.



M & J Williams 3rd CS BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

Third were M & J Williams who are father and son partnership, Mark and Jake. Their pigeon is a three year old blue cock flown on widowhood having his second race over the water with the BICC. He went to the previous Le Mans two weeks ago and is half brother to their 1st centre section winner from Le Mans in 2017. His breeding is Frans Zwols crossed Lambrechts, with the Zwols sire coming from Lee Ogden of Bury and the dam from Steve Foster of Preston’s “Superke” lines She is also the dam to their section winner.



Basil Burgess 1st & 3rd NE BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

First and third north east section was Basil Burgess who would like to thank the race controllers for being patient and getting a good race. He timed four birds in three minutes with his first being a five year old widowhood cock. All of the first three are of M & J Gaunt bloodlines in Derbyshire. Michael sadly passed away a couple of years ago and they are a top pigeon family.

Second was Denis and Elaine Ball from Eyke near woodbridge, with a two year old chequer hen sent sitting 14 days. She is bred from Matt Rakes of "Champion Indy" fame with stock down from Matt's "Louis" and "Golden Hen" lines. The Ball Lofts have enjoyed a great first season flying with the BICC, having scored 1st Section 60th Open Cholet (1), 4th Section 124th Open Cholet (2) , 2nd & 3rd Section 101st & 102nd Open Falaise in the previous events. The Partnership wishes to thank Jaqui Ivatt for her hard work in running the Ipswich Marking Station, Tony Pennock for his relentless help on marking days, and of course congratulate Basil Burgess for his 1st Section 4th Open performance.



Denis & Elaine Ball 2nd NE BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

First and third North West Section was N Matthews and N Harris in Bridgenorth with their first bid being a "Wingdown" crossed Soontjen and their second bird a Soontjen crossed Wildermersh.



Trevor Booth & John Roper 2nd NW BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

Second position went to Trevor Booth & John Roper who timed in a two year old blue chequer widowhood cock at 7:00pm. They knew it was going to be a hard race with the west wind, and so it proved to be with only two birds timed in the north west section on the day. The sire was bred by Alen Gibb from the lines of Geoff and Catherine Cooper with the dam being bred from Jan Aarden lines and she has gained many positions for them in National competitions. They send their congratulations to open winner Micky Watts, and to Matthews and Harris on winning the NW section, they would also like to thank Carol Francis for her help and to the guys at Evesham marking station for their usual professionalism.

Coleman & Lawson from Barrow Upon Humber took the top spot in the north centre section which was a very good performance on the day, they said "Our bird is a 2-year-old, widowhood cock he has had the first 3 MNFC race this year, being 2nd Eastern section, 108th Open Nort-sur-Erdre. We then targeted the Le Mans 2 race for him, we only sent 3 birds to the race, which ended up being over 250 miles round trip for Dean to the marking station, but it was worth it when he hit the landing board!! His sire is down from Geoff and Catherine Coopers "George" and "Titch". His Dam is from Mark Gilbert down from "Euro Diamond" and "Southfield Supreme"

Second north centre section was Mr and Mrs Colin Thorpe with a three year old dark cock, flown on the roundabout system having his 4th channel race this season and third was Dominic Gruzielier, with a home bred pigeon that has already topped the section from Alecon and if she makes the top four he will have three hens with multiple top 4 position from four races in the NC section, well done Dominic.



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



Dominic Gruzielier 3rd NC BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019

Winning the west section are the partnership of Wyatt and Gray from Nailsea. They would like to congratulate all section winners on their performances and their bird was having her fourth channel race of the season. She had already flown Fougères, Ancenis and Le Mans1 with the B.I.C.C. and was sent sitting an 8 day old youngster. She bred from a son of Gary Summers Saintes national winner paired on a De Klak hen from Mr C.J.Smith of Salford. Second was C & J Howse with Richard Whiteside being third with a Hereman-Ceuster crossed Jan Hooymans, from a direct son of "Beauty Harry" paired to direct daughter of "New Euro", this was a very hard race for the west county with three of his thirteen entries

homing on the day, with the other ten coming the next morning. Richard said he is really finding these Hereman-Ceuster's are great across the channel, and hard to lose.



Merv Gray of Wyatt & Gray 1st WS BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019



Lofts of Richard Whiteside 3rd WS BICC Le Mans 2 National 2019