

## **BICC Guernsey YB and Any Age National Section Winners report 2019**

The British International Championship Club young bird event from Guernsey on the 17<sup>th</sup> August also incorporated an Old Bird race in which two separate results are published. The winners of the Young Bird race was B & J Wilson from Dagenham and as reported they had three pigeons arrive together to take the first three in the east section.



### **B & J Wilson 1<sup>st</sup> Open & 1<sup>st</sup> ES Guernsey YB National 2019**

Their first open winner was one of his Soontjen pigeons which he had bought from Rob Fenwick and Chris Howard in Doncaster, and their next two were nestmates from the Frank Shearders 601 line with the sire winning first UBI Combine from Falaise this season.

Fourth section was John Cowlin with a Formula 1 lofts bred Frans Zwol which is a half brother to "Grandads Dream" being direct from "D'Artagaian Junior 065" who is sire and grandsire of many winners and top pigeons. The dam is the 747, which has bred four 1<sup>st</sup> prize winners this season and a top breeding daughter of "Brother Frans" and the "Queen Mother". Gladwyn & Jarvis had eight young birds on the drop with the first two being joint first over the trap being a direct daughter of "Titan" whose descendants pop up time and time again in the nationals, when paired to N63 a top breeding daughter of "Tip Top 076". The other one on the same time is also Frans Zwol bred from a 2018 son of "Amor" and "Isabel", two of the best children of Tip Top Junior", when paired to a 2017 daughter of "Prince Rekkem" and "Dreamy" **John Cowlin 4<sup>th</sup> ES Guernsey YB National 2019**



First and second South Centre Section was K Wise from Isleworth with a Pieter Veenstra bred by his good friend Dickie Evans, Myrtle Lofts. The section winner is inbred to the "Kannibaal" with both parents down from him and was closely followed by two Gaby Vandenaabeele approx 30 seconds apart. Third was Alan and Gary Young from South Croyden.

In the North Centre section first NC Section was L A Smith from Wellingborough with a December bred Van Breeman which is the same way bred as his second Open Bordeaux National winner.



**L A Smith 1st NC Guernsey YB National 2019**

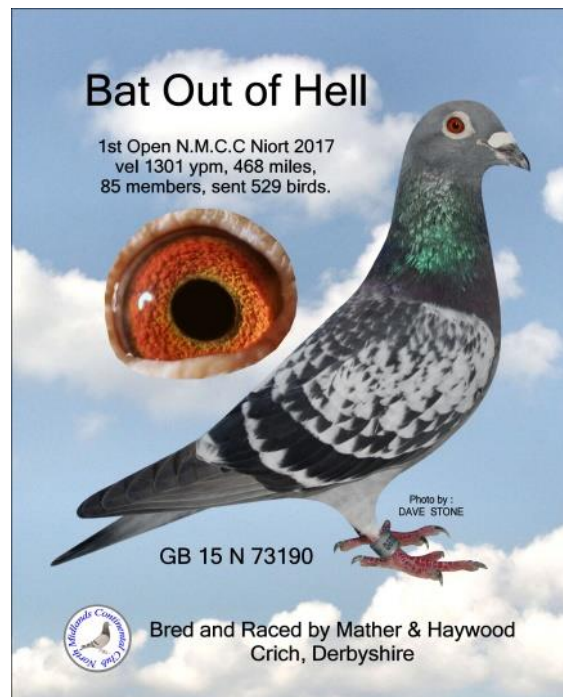
Thanks go to Steve Butler for stepping in to clock the section winner due to work commitments. Second and third was T & J Mather and Steve Haywood who actually race as Mather & Haywood.



**Mather & Haywood 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> NC Guernsey YB National 2019**

This partnership fly to the village of Crich, located high in the Derbyshire hills near to Matlock and over the years they have produced some excellent results from over the channel. Their only goal is to win channel races, with little attention paid to any land races and they have achieved this with great success at local and Classic level. Recent success are as follows : 1<sup>st</sup> Open NMCC Niort 2017; 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4th, 6th & 13th Open NMCC Saintes 2015; 11th, 12th, 17th etc Open NMCC Saintes 2016; 6th, 17th & 27th Open NMCC Saintes 2018; 1st Club, 2nd Fed, Saintes, 500+ miles 2014; M.N.F.C NE Combined Averages 2014; 1<sup>st</sup> Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fed Poitiers 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> Fed Carentan 2016. The partnership basketed 34 Young Birds and just one old hen for the race with the young birds having two races from 110 miles, then straight into this 253 mile trip from Guernsey. They had 19 young birds arrive on the day, seven within 30 minutes and the old hen was just a minute behind the first youngster to arrive.

Out of twelve 'natural' youngsters entered ten of them are home, including their first arrival, a chequer hen which was timed at 13:21pm. Her sire is bred from two Wilf Reed direct pigeons, purchased at Wilf's entire clearance sale with her dam being half sister to "Bat Out of Hell" who won 1<sup>st</sup> Open NMCC Niort in 2017 for the partnership, plus she had also produced 1<sup>st</sup> Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Federation Poitiers earlier this season. The dam of "Bat Out of Hell" is from Bob Besant & Son being a granddaughter of "Euro Diamond" on one side and "Indy" on the other. Their second young bird to arrive just two minutes after the first was a darkness youngster. The sire is from a son of "Seren Eleven" and the dam is a granddaughter of "Indy" on one side and "Young Stormer" Brian Fisher's 1<sup>st</sup> Open MNFC Bordeaux on the other. The partnership wishes to pass their thanks onto the conveying team, as the birds arrived in great condition.



John Black 4<sup>th</sup> NC Guernsey YB National 2019

Fourth NC Section was John Black who timed a Dark chequer hen having her fourth race of the session flying to the perch.

In the North East section Jeremy Nicholson from Ipswich took the top spot with a blue hen sent sitting ten days on eggs.



**Jeremy Nicholson 1st NE Guernsey YB National 2019**

She had also taken second place in the Ipswich SRFC breeder buyer the previous week picking up £150.00 so showing some form. Bred by Tony Calver she is out of a very good family of birds Tony has put together. The sire is from Syndicate Loft bloodlines bred in Tony's racing loft and his parents are both winners. The birds originally came from Wally Vance in Ipswich from the lines of "Spartacus" and "Cleopatra". The dam is also of Syndicate Loft bloodlines which Tony purchased in 2014 from the Late Mike Rodgers in Bromsgrove, from the lines of "Juliet" and "Indiana". Jeremy would like to thank all those at the Ipswich marking station, especially Jacquie and Terry for all their hard work.



**Gary & John Hunt 4<sup>th</sup> NE Guernsey YB National 2019**

Fourth was Gary and John Hunt with a blue white flight cock bred by their good friend Micky Bundy of Norwich, who bred them a great team of babies this year. Their first bird home was 75% Gabby Vandabeele 25% Gust Janssen containing the lines of "Champion James Bond" "Mr wonderful" and "Eisenhower". He was first home the week previous week from Woking in the strong Diss and District Club winning third place. They have raced their young birds on the natural system this year and although they are moulting, they have done them proud.

First and second north west section was Russell Keen from Kidderminster with a cross between his own family of birds which he has kept for 25 years and a Marcelis pigeon via Graham ward.



**Russell Keen 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd 4<sup>th</sup> NW Guernsey YB National 2019**



**Talent & Westbury 3rd NW Guernsey YB National 2019**

Third was Talent & Westbury who are thrilled to have also won the GGDC and the Eclipse 650 club. Hatched in early December they train their youngsters in March and April with the old birds before resting them to complete the natural moult. The young cock is a Jan Aarden crossed with Vandenabeele and was sent sitting a newly hatched baby and his mother is a granddaughter of "Padfield's Invincible" via the House of Aarden.

Fourth section is Antony Evans from Middlewich with an early bred Jan Polder crossed Soontjen which is brother to the fifth section winner in the corresponding race last year. First and third West section was Dave & John Staddon from Ditcheat. Dave kindly emailed me the following details "this was a tough but fair race for us in the west section with a strong WSW wind and we timed our young cock at 10.39. He arrived from the east as expected but with a stray bird and did at least 6 victory laps whilst saying goodbye to his friend. He is a beautiful pigeon bred from the race team and as we allow our young birds to mix freely, he was sent sitting about 7 days. His sire flew Pau & St Vincent International this year and is from an Andy Parsons cock when paired to a daughter of two of our previous BICC winners "Matador" & "Annie". The mother is a daughter of our NFC Ace Pigeon 2018 "Shapway Evie" when she was paired to a cock who won 28th Open NFC Tarbes at 560 miles. The young bird team have been in tremendous form this year taking 6 of the first 10 pigeons in the very strong West Of England South Road Combine from Kingsdown, the first 7 positions from Yelverton and 12 of the first 14 positions from Yelverton again the same day as BICC Guernsey, each time with over 2000 birds competing. There were long gaps between our arrivals, but we have ended up with 13 out of 15 home and are delighted with their performance on a difficult day. All our birds arrived in great condition as normal with the BICC. Second section was Brooks Bros & Wilcox with a blue cock bred from the best long distance lines. His Sire is a grandson of "Little Gem" of B & P Winter who won 1st and 14th Open NFC Tarbes flying 720 miles, and a grandson of "Farm Boy" via G & C Cooper. The dam is direct from Chris Hebberecht and is a sister to "Magic Boy", being from "Witnues" of H R Wijnands and "Pancho" 2nd National Ace KBDB Long Distance.

For the **Any Age section** report I shall begin with the East section in which the overall race winner Micky Watts took first and second positions with their team of Vandenabeele and Frans Zwols.



**Micky & Sally Watts 1<sup>st</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> ES Guernsey Any Age National 2019**

Third was Gladwin Jarvis & Family of Formula 1 lofts with a Frans Zwols hen which has previously won 3rd, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6th, 9th & 17th open in the Thames and 92nd open BICC young bird race in 2018.



### **Gladwin Jarvis & Family 3rd ES Guernsey Any Age National 2019**

She had returned from the fourth old bird race of the season badly hawked so she was put in with the young bird section to recover and started racing again with them. Her sire is "Royal Prince" which is a direct son of the "Prince of Rekkem" and "Truke". Her dam is a 2016 daughter of "Tip Top Junior" when paired to his own Granddaughter. John Cowlin's first old hen is also a Formula 1 lofts Frans Zwol which is bred from the new generation. The sire was bred for stock as a late bred in 2016 and is direct from "Grandads Dream" and "Combine D'Artagian", both of these pigeons are combine winners and both are grandchildren of "D'Artagain". The dam is a 2017 direct daughter of "D'Artagain" when paired to his own sister "Dream Girl 200" making this pigeon very inbred to "D'Artagian", John Also had two more hens with this first one both of which are also Frans Zwols.

In the South Centre section Mr & Mrs Worsfold from Bisley took the top spot with K Wise second with a Syndicate Loft pigeon "Sure Matador" whose dam is from "Rebel" and "Centrefold". "Rebel" is from "Drum" and "Gertie" and "Centrefold Attila" and "Little Star". G T Burgess of Wraysbury was third with Roger Lowe from Caversham was fourth place with a widowhood hen which is a double granddaughter of "My Little Diamond" and the "Main Man". D Wilton and son timed a young checker hen flown on the sliding door system which is bred from the best of their old Janssen family, crossed with the Dutch master line from Peter Fox Syndicate Lofts, being a granddaughter of their old super breeder "The Godfather" on her dams side. "The godfather" is the sire and grandsire of 1st 2nd 3rd 5th nationals and many more top national positions with the BICC and the NFC and on her sires side she is a granddaughter of their old top breeding hen "Dutchess" a direct daughter of Dutch master.

First and second North West section was John Rodway whose first bird was a three year old blue chequer hen racing unpaired, as her mate was another victim of the local bird of prey. She had previously flown the BICC Le Mans race but this is the best position she has won. With the blustery south west winds his birds came out of the east but his second bird knew

how to navigate home, as he is a nine year old cock which has won many top positions in the past with the BICC. John would like to thank Carol Francis for all her hard work as Secretary. Third was Booth & Roper with a five year old hen flown on widowhood. She has been a very consistent hen for the partnership with her best performance being 2<sup>nd</sup> Sect 9<sup>th</sup> Open MNFC Portsmouth several seasons ago.



**Booth & Roper 3rd NW Guernsey Any Age National 2019**

Talent and Westbury timed for fourth place with a Frans Zwol cock from their direct stock which had just finished rearing a single youngster and was back on the drive after being on the roundabout system. This yearling has a bright future as he has won several club prizes this year.

Steve Bartholomew had a great race with his team of hens taking the first six positions in the North Centre section.



**Steve Bartholomew 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> NC Guernsey Any Age National 2019**

His first bird is a yearling Mealy Hen raced on the roundabout system for this race. As a youngbird in 2018 she flew programme and also went to MNFC Portsmouth Race and was first bird to the loft. The Sire & Dam were gift birds from Joe Thompson of Bristol in 2016 when Steve moved from Bristol to Bromham Nr Bedford. The Sire was 1st Club 2nd Midshires Fed in the opening race of the 2019 Season and her Dam was 2nd Club Guernsey



and also took Fed position. The Dam also went to this race and was fifth bird to the loft. His second bird was a blue yearling which was 2nd Club in the opening race of season and 3rd Fed. Her sire was also a gift bird from Bristol clubmates, Allan & Ash Fielding, the Dam being a blue white flight bred from his best racing red chequer Marcelis Cock 9 x 1sts and 1st Bristol Fed East Prawle. His 3rd Section winner was a three year old grizzle hen which arrived with the blue yearling Hen. She scored in the MNFC as a yearling in the SE Section, Bred from Stock he loaned to Matt & Richard Lee whilst he was in the process of moving from Bristol.



#### **Vincent Mudd NC Guernsey Any Age National 2019**

Vincent Mudd said he almost didn't clock at all in the Guernsey OB race as he was immobilized due to a trapped nerve in his back and unable to move. His wife Libby set up the ETS system which is solar powered, and he was delighted to see his hen trap from Guernsey as her father won the corresponding race last year, which is out of a Richard Howey cock gifted to him. The birds have done very little work since a poor return from Alencon, only having had two tosses, one at thirty miles, one at fifty miles in the week preceding the race. She was paired to another hen taking turns to sit four eggs and Vincent would like to thank Paul Loom for sorting out his clock and the conveyors for great returns.



#### **Robbie Hannam 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd WS Guernsey Any Age National 2019**

First and third west section was Robbie Hannam from Frome. He timed his chequer cock from Guernsey which was purchased as a young bird from a kit of 8 youngsters from William Burn of Kings Lynn, Norfolk. He had previously flown from Coutances this year and has just been trained, with no inland races flown. Robbie started keeping pigeons about four years ago and would like to thank people who have helped him with this sport, Colin Fry of Nunney, Brian Wood of Shaftesbury and Clive & Jill Rogers from Treetops Bird Supplies. Well done Robbie and I hope it is the first of many section wins for you. Second were Dave and John Staddon who timed a yearling hen sitting 10 days. She is bred from their great old racing cock "Unbreakable" who was a fantastic long-distance racer. This hen has never shown up previously but does appear very keen sitting and will head off to the CSCFC Guernsey race next week. Hopefully, she is now getting the hang of things and will make a nice hen for the long races in 2020.

Bob Fenech & Son won the North Centre section with their yearling hen "Christine" having her fourth channel race this season after being raced very lightly as a young bird. Her father is a very famous pigeon from Louis Coreman pigeon called "The Neighbour" which has won six 1<sup>st</sup> prizes, her mother is a Patrick Boeckx granddaughter of "Tomba la Bomba" a very good line in Patrick's loft. "Tomba la bomba" is also the grand sire of "Black Patrick" which has won three 1st Federation for them this season.



### **Glen Eastow of Chapman & Eastow 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> NC Guernsey Any Age National 2019**

Chapman and Eastoe of Caister-on-Sea near Great Yarmouth were second and third with a two year old Soontjen hen, bred by Nigel Rivett and gifted to them as a youngster, and was sent to Guernsey sitting 10 day old eggs. This hen has been very consistent winning several cards inland, and last year she was 3rd NE Section BICC from Guernsey old bird race two. Please remember to send your details to [biccpressofficer@gmail.com](mailto:biccpressofficer@gmail.com) I endeavour to include all I receive but sometimes there is no reference to the race or section given with the information. Any news or views to me Chris Sutton on 01530 242548 or 07792356330.

