

Section A, Messac with over 5000 birds and now she is provisionally 2nd Open and 2nd Section BICC! We are all over the moon with the way she has raced this year. Her breeding is from our complete best all the way through her blood, with her sire being our No.1 stock cock, The Shailie, bred by A&S Hughes of Rochdale. Her dam also from our best A&S Hughes pigeons! Finally, we would like to congratulate our good friends, the May family on their fantastic win on a very difficult day for racing.”

3rd Section & 6th Open were Browne & Wickenden of Lancing, on 1211ypm. A happy Karen Browne and Alan Wickenden said, “This pigeon came in as a stray in 2017 and was transferred to us in 2018 and it went on to win Bordeaux, being the only bird on the day and has picked up prize cards in other Channel races as well. He is a checker cock and unfortunately we don't know his breeding, but we know he is a good one! He is flown naturally, as we never fly widowhood or roundabout and he was sitting pot eggs. We call him Bordeaux Billy and we are always happy to see him return.” In fact, Karen added that she is always happy to see them all return home regardless of where they come in the race.



R Shapland & Son



Brown & Wickenden

The Provisional South East Section Winners

1st Section & 3rd Open were D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St, on 1259ypm. Andrew, Rob and Louie Wilton timed a yearling hen raced on the widowhood system. They explained, “She has already scored 2nd club 7th Thames North Eastern Counties from Honiton earlier in the season. Both of her parents are bred by Mark Bulled. Her sire is a son of, Champion Rocky who was a 1st and 2nd National winner and her dam is a daughter of, Eastbourne, the 1st BBC National winner - so she is well bred for the job. We also timed two young birds, with the first taking 10th National and hopefully the other will be 11th when the full result comes out. So not a bad result for over the weekend.”

2nd Section, 4th Open were Mr & Mrs Rhodes of Aylesham, on 1244ypm. Mr and Mrs Rhodes said, “Our first bird was a blue cock, bred down from our direct Frialdenhofen. He was paired up three weeks before this race and sent sitting eggs with plenty of training, but this was his first race this year, so we are happy that he did very well. We timed another pigeon 5 minutes later at an approximate velocity of 1221, so we will be well up there with this one as well. He was treated the same way as the first bird and he is three quarters Frialdenhofen crossed with, 98 our good hen, who was 2nd Perpignan BICC in 2018.”

3rd Section, 5th Open were Lucas & Finlay Gardiner of Lewes, on 1235ypm. Lucas and Finlay are a partnership of brothers aged 9 and 10 and are guided by their dad, the established flyer Bill Gardiner. The boys timed a blue yearling hen that was sent to the race sitting 10 day old eggs. Her breeding is Vandenabeele and Hereman Ceusters and she has picked up a few cards as a young bird. The blue hen and Lucas and Findlay are one's to look out for in the future, for sure.



Andrew, Rob & Louie Wilton



Mr & Mrs Rhodes



Lucas, Connie, Finlay & Molly

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st Section, 25th Open was Danny Lanahan of Poole on 1088ypm. Danny had a good weekend's racing, taking the first section in both the young bird and Any Age races. This is what he said about his Any Age birds, "My first bird was a chequer hen and she came with two youngsters. She was a gift pigeon from Kelvin Legg and she has raced very well for me. Unfortunately at the beginning of this season she came home from a trainer with half of her wing and tail missing, so she missed the first part of the season. She was sent sitting 10 day old eggs. The second hen was a blue (possibly 5th Section) which was a gift from Steve Harris and she has also raced well. She was late starting the season as I just couldn't get her right but she seems to be coming good for these later races and was also sent sitting eggs, just like my first bird."

2nd Section, 28th open were Terry Lee and Terry Dyer of Plymouth on 1086ypm. The two Terry's had this to say, "Congratulations to Danny Lanahan for Provisional 1st Section and Mr and Mrs May & Son for winning the Open. Our pigeon was a chequer cock, bred from a pair of John Fretwell's stock. We bought them at John's entire clearance sale on the recommendation of Stuart Willcox. This pigeon has had one inland race with the Plymouth and District Club, (where we were 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the section of our Federation. This cock (GB19 N97927) had four Channel races this year and was always a, 'game' pigeon. We are pleased with his performance making to the most westerly point on the day."

3rd Section & 59th Open were C&J Howse of Devizes on 920ypm. Chris and Jane timed 3 year old bird but weren't able to comment further at the time of submitting the report.



Danny Lanahan



Terry Lee & Terry Dyer

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st Section & 110th Open was Mr M Turner of Kettering on 563ypm. Mark Turner timed a widowhood cock called, Asa. He explained that, "He was on widowhood and it wasn't a race I actually planned to send to, with my main discipline being to race youngsters. He has been a pretty consistent flyer at club and federation level and is well bred. His sire is a full brother to Stefaan Lambrecht's National winner in 2017 and his dam is from my new introductions from Luc Vervoort, of Belgium. I believe his breeding was, 'key' in the tough conditions he raced in that weekend!"

2nd Section, 11th Open was T Bull of Kingsthorpe, on 554ypm. Trevor's bird was a two year old Vandenabeele. "It was his first time across the channel and he was sent sitting 10 day old eggs. I would like to congratulate the winner and the section winners." said, Trevor.

3rd Section, 113th Open was John Black of Hitchin on 541ypm. John said, "She was feeding a three day old baby and having her first race of the season. She had one race across the Channel last year as a baby, claiming 11th Section Fougères, 257 miles. I think she has a good future ahead of her and well done to all the Section winners."



Mark Turner



Trevor Bull



John Black

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st Section, 52nd Open was Robert Saunders of Oulton Broad on 974ypm. Bob is the I/C for the BICC marking station at Lowestoft. He had this to say, "First of all I would like to congratulate the Open winner and all the Section winners. The race controllers had some hard decisions to make with the challenging weather. With the late liberation and poor visibility it was always going to be a difficult race, especially for the fanciers in this area. The local racing was cancelled this weekend because of the weather. The North East Section did struggle, with no birds on the day, although my pigeon must have been close. He arrived home in very good condition but had been through a lot of rain and there have been few and far between since. Finally, I have to say, many thanks to all the team at Lowestoft marking station - another good performance due to all their hard work."

2nd Section, 57th Open were Eddie & Clayton Oxborough of Norfolk, on 928ypm. Eddie and Clayton timed a yearling but weren't able to comment further at the time of submitting the report.

3rd Section, 66th Open were Becker & Catchpole of Norwich, on 891ypm. Mary Becker said, "Our yearling hen was returning to a 7 day old baby, her first ever. This was her second race over the Channel. She is from two direct Rufin and Luc Buyl pigeons who were 2nd International Barcelona in 2013, with Matador. Congratulations to all the winners."



Bob Saunders



Becker & Catchpole

The Provisional North West Section Winners:

1st Section, 130th Open was Mick Howard of Upton-Upon, on 496ypm. Mick timed a 3 year old blue chequer hen raced on the roundabout system. She was followed into the loft by another bird within 4 minutes. This is only Mick's third season back in the sport after a 26 year break. Mick wasn't able to give the time needed to race the birds and run his own business back then, but since his retirement, he has resumed racing. This time however, he is concentrating on long distance races with the ambition of getting a bird from Barcelona - some 757 miles away. As Mick explained, "I am concentrating on the distance races and with this in mind, I've stocked the loft with Jan Arden/Wim Muller bloodlines and Padfield birds. I feel that it is only now that I'm beginning to find out which are the best breeding pairs and I don't feel I should rush the birds, given my main aim." Finally, Mick would like to say a big thank you to the people at the Gwent marking station who did an excellent job when he arrived with the birds.

2nd Section, 135th Open were Lloyd Bros of Brymbo, North Wales on 478ypm. On a tough race day, Lloyd Bros timed a 3 year old dark hen on the second day of racing at over 288 miles. Rob said this, "I fly with my brother Tim Lloyd as Lloyd Bros and the bird we timed today was a 3 year old, Buschaert x Jan Aarden who has not done anything before, so we were glad to see her and hope a few more are on their way too."

3rd Section, 142nd Open were Booth & Roper of Twesbury on 458ypm. Trevor and John timed a 3 year old blue chequer hen from their long distance lines. As they explained, "She has been a very consistent bird for us over the last two years and we would like to congratulate the Open winners, Mr & Mrs May & Son and say a big thank you to the Radstock marking station for all their hard work."



Mick Howard



Tim Lloyd of Lloyd Bros



Booth & Roper