

British International Championship Club

Coutances Old Bird Provisional Race Report

Along with the young birds, 639 old birds, sent by 121 members were also liberated for the last national race of the season.

This report is based on member's verifications, the final result may differ.

The Provisional Open Winner

1st Open, 1st South East Section were Fagg & Nicholls of Hartlip, on 1555ypm. The Open winners, Linda and Colin told me, "We timed a hen to win the Open. Her sire is a direct Marcel van Oaesteyan, who has two Fed wins to his name from Poole, amongst others. Her dam is a direct Frans Laereman, who has won the Combine for us on a real, 'working day' at 1180ypm. Our Coutances winner was 14th Open at the previous BICC race from Falaise. She has been named, Our Brooke after our granddaughter, who has just achieved amazing exam results. We are obviously very proud of her. We would like to take the opportunity to congratulate John Cowlin on two excellent weeks of racing which excelled even his previous high standards of racing – well done John!"



Colin Fagg of Fagg & Nicholas



Our Brooke 1st Open Winner

The Provisional South East Section Winners

2nd Section, 2nd Open John Cowlin of Hullbridge, on 1525ypm. John, who also won the young bird race, told me this about his old bird, "My first pigeon is another Frans Zwols hen, which has won 22nd and 28th Open BICC in the past and 1st Hullbridge Club inland, 2nd Open Thames and 6th Open Thames amongst others. She is a direct daughter of Formula 1 Lofts top breeding hen, D'Artagaian 749."

3rd Section, 4th Open Tony Meader of Benfleet, on 1481ypm. Tony explained, "I sent my hen to the race, after being separated from her mate three days prior to basketing. She is a very consistent bird and her dam is a Staf van Reet and her sire is a Gaby x Zwols, who was a grandson of, Pre Olympia and the, Prince of Rekkem."



John Cowlin



Tony Meader with grandchildren Darcey, Ollie & George

The Provisional Central South Section Winners

1st Section, 15th Open was Andrew Camis of Feltham, on 1433yppm. Andrew timed a chequer pied hen, which was sent sitting 7 day old eggs. She is a Jansen x Van-Reet and this was her first time across the Channel.

2nd Section, 19th Neville Potgieter of Hook, on 1400yppm. Neville timed a yearling but unfortunately, he was not able to provide any further information.

3rd Section, 20th Open Daniel Seedwell of Feltham, on 1390yppm. Daniel told me, "My first bird from Coutances was a yearling hen sent racing to a 15 day old youngster. She is bred by Malic and Khan of Ace Lofts. Her sire is, Nelson, a son of one of their top stock cocks, Ace Euro when paired to their good racing hen, No 64 who has had multiple national positions. Her dam was a trial pairing when Topsy, their main stock cock, was paired to his own daughter, Zarella. The trial is showing good promise already as the nest mate to this hen has also had two 1st prizes of me this year. This little hen has been very consistent for me for the past two previous weeks, recording 34th Open, 10th Section BICC Falaise and provisionally 17th Open, 5th Section NFC Coutances Old Hens last week." Daniel concluded by saying, "I would like to thank the boys for breeding her for me and to congratulate both the BICC winners and all the Section winners on their fantastic performances."



Andrew Camis



Daniel Seedwell & daughter Connie

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st Section, 41st Open was Mike Hathway of Bristol, on 1262ypm. Mike said, "My section winner is a blue w/f hen. Her dam is a Staff van Reet that I bought, and her sire is from a good friend of mine Steve Moseley. The week before this race, I sent her to Coutances with the NFC and she was 6th G Section. I'm very pleased with her performance."

2nd Section, 43rd Open was John Halsted of North Dorset, on 1259ypm. John timed a blue, Kees Bosua, yearling hen sent sitting 13 days on basketing day. John told me that she has steadily improved throughout the season and may soon be able to match her brother who has won 3 firsts, including 1st Dorset Federation, 1,176 birds this season.

3rd Section, 51st Open was Phil Bond of Ilton, on 1192ypm. Phil said, "This blue pied cock came out of the northwest and not the south, flying to a nest bowl only, his hen was in the same race and came home a bit later on the day. The breeding of the pied cock is Janssen from Arondonk, 500 miles on the day, on the sire's side and his dam was a Jan Arden x Van Geel, 600 miles on the day. Finally, can I say, well done to the winners Linda and Colin."



Mike Hathway



John Halsted



Phil Bond

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st Section, 29th Open were J & JK Connor Loft 1 of St Ives, on 1357ypm. Jay's bird was GB 18 Z 88746, a chequer hen who has been raced very lightly with her first race this year from the last BICC race two weeks earlier. He continued, "She was also our first pigeon back in that race and she is a Herman Custer x Vanderbele. She is a daughter of our, 59 Cock who is the winner of 2 x 1st Feds and 7 x 1st Club wins and a 33rd Open from Carentan."

2nd Section, 32nd Open was Brian Clarke of Hitchen, on 1309ypm. Brian timed a yearling but unfortunately, he was not able to provide any further information.

3rd Section, 34th Open John Black of Hitchen, on 1289ypm. John who also took the first section position in the young bird race, told me, "Mike the bird that was 3rd Section is a yearling chequer hen, who was feeding an eight day old young bird. Her sire is a son of, Lady Theresa the 2nd Pau and 1st International Perpignan winner for Johnny Chipperfield. Her dam is a daughter of Joe, who was also 1st International Pau, again for Johnny Chipperfield. My returns were good as I had four from four. Well done to all the section winners."



J & JK Connor Loft 1



John Black

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st Section, 3rd Open were Chapman and Eastoe of Gt Yarmouth, on 1489ypm. This section win followed up their impressive Open win from St Philbert's on June 28th. Nicole and Glen had this to say about the two year old hen they timed. "She was sent sitting 10 day old eggs and was bred from our stock we brought from Eric Higginbottom. She has been lightly raced all season with the first and last A/A races in mind. But after the first one was a disaster, I wasn't confident, but they came well this time. We had all six home in 32 minutes. We would like to thank Gavin and the members of the Browston Flying Club for the use of their head quarters when ours was unavailable. Also thanks to the Ness Point members for the great job they do on marking the birds for the BICC races."

2nd Section, 6th Open was Stephen Karshner of Diss, on 1477ypm. Steve had this to say about his bird, "The breeding of this pigeon is a Bob French, Van der Bulck crossed with a Cooreman, also from Bob. The Van der Bulck's were a little slow starting when I first had them, but Bob said they will get better with time. This year with two young bird winners and this hen, he was certainly right. Finally can I say a well done all section winners." Steve is pictured with his faithful companion, Skye, who has never missed training.

3rd Section, 7th Open was R Hacon & Son of Norfolk, on 1475ypm. "My pigeon was a 5 year old cock, which was flown on the widewood system. His breeding is Busschaert x Jan Arden."



Chapman & Eastoe



Stephen Karshner & Skye



R Hacon & Son

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions

1st Fagg & Nicholls of Hartlip on 1555ypm, 2nd John Cowlin of Hullbridge on 1525ypm, 3rd Chapman and Eastoe of Gt Yarmouth on 1489ypm, 4th Tony Meader of Benfleet on 1481ypm, 5th J M Cook of Bexleyheath on 1480ypm, 6th Stephen Karshner of Diss on 1477ypm, 7th R Hacon & Son of Norfolk on 1475ypm, 8th P Jackson & son of Bromley on 1472, 9th D Heywood & Son of Laindon on 1464ypm, 10th Dean Burns of Dagenham on 1463ypm.