

British International Championship Club

Guernsey AA National Provisional Race Report

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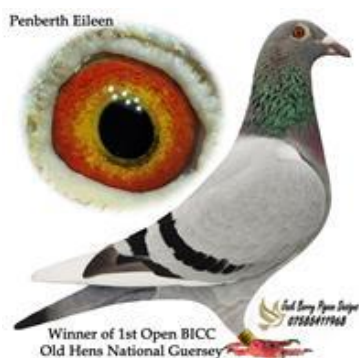
In the AA National, 204 members sent 1,493 birds that were liberated along with the young birds. Each Section sent the following: In the South Centre Section, 73 members sent 540 birds, South East 58 sent 479 birds, South West 17 sent 120, North Centre 21 sent 135, North East 23 sent 133, North West 6 sent 77 and in the Irish Section, 6 members sent 9 birds.

This report is based on member's first bird verifications and the final result may differ.

The Provisional Open winner, taking 1st South West Section was V & D Harvey of Penzance on 1318yppm over 144 miles. As was mentioned in the young bird report, Duncan took the top prize in the any age National as well as the young bird race. Duncan told me this about his any age winner, "My first bird on 1318yppm was a blue pied Vandenabeele hen sent sitting 10 days. Her sire was bred by Crammond & Langstaff and he has been sire and grand-sire to many good Channel birds in my loft. He is bred from the excellent racing son of, Eisdenhower who won 4th BBC Bordeaux, 2nd Open BICC and 2nd Open LSECC. The dam is a Vandenabeele that I bought from the RPRA OLR."

2nd South West Section, 2nd Open was Angwin Family of Penzance on 1299yppm over 144 miles. Duncan's good friend and neighbour, John Angwin told me this about his first bird, "She is a blue pied hen sent on the roundabout system and this was her first race of the season. This 3 year-old hen is a pure Eagleson Busscheart down from our old, 300 Cock line being a son of, Champion 21. We would like to say well done to all the other fanciers who timed in good birds and thank the BICC Committee, markers and workers for all their hard work and of course the convoyers for looking after the pigeons. They returned in excellent condition."

3rd South West Section, 9th Open were C & J Howse of Devizes on 1035 over 127 miles. Chris said, "Our first bird was a yearling hen raced on overdue eggs, she was raced on roundabout for the old bird season, in her last race she was 155th Open NFC Guernsey, so she came better for us from this race. As for her breeding, she is from a kit of six we purchased from Tim Aitken, so thanks Tim."



Duncan's National winner



Angwin Family



Chris & Jane Howse with grandchildren

The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

1st South Centre Section, 3rd Open was Mark Gilbert of Windsor on 1162yppm over 157 miles.

Having taken first place in the young bird Section, Mark completed the double by taking first in the any age race. He said, 'This Section winner is a grandchild of, Spartacus who was 1st NFC Messac and, Rolex 1st Open NFC Saintes from Crammond and Langstaff.'

2nd South Centre Section, 6th Open were R & K O'Connor on 1045yppm over 169 miles. Ken told me, 'Our bird is a blue Vandenabelle hen, bred from stock, from our good friend John Palmer, famous for the Palmer's Busschaerts. Her parents are Carrie and Jester lines from M&D Evans. She was sent sitting her first pair of eggs this year paired to a lesbian hen. We sent 14 old experienced hens to this race, knowing it would be a testing head wind race, leaving our yearling hens at home. We got 11 home and had one reported in Newton Abbott the following day, which walked into a local pub.' She had obviously built up a thirst, I'm guessing Ken!

3rd South Centre Section, 8th Open was Paul Kelly on 1039yppm over 170 miles. Paul Kelly said, "The sire of my yearling was bred by Kevin Buddle and the dam was bred from my own stock of distance based birds. This hen has been to every race this year but, this was the first time across the Channel for her.' Paul also wanted to congratulate the overall winner and also the Section winners.'



Mark Gilbert



R & K O'Connor



Paul Kelly's bird

The Provisional South East Section Winners

1st South East Section, 4th Open was P Jackson & Son of Bromley on 1083yppm over 174 miles. Lee sent 11 hens and timed 5 yearling hens within 12 minutes, to record some excellent returns. He said, "I timed my first yearling hen GB20N37952 on a velocity of 1083yppm on my tried and tested jealousy system and she has raced consistently this season. But, with no Channel racing she hasn't been tested to her true capabilities as she is bred down through my, Black Jack x Karl Schellen Lines. Her sire took 1stClub 3rd Thames North & Eastern Counties this year. Her dam is a direct daughter of 20th Open NFC Messac, so these are tried and tested blood lines for us. Closely behind was GB20B05830 on a velocity of 1070yppm. She is a blue hen and was a new addition purchased at the very successful breeder/ buyer sale of the Thames North & Eastern Counties last year from the Essex flyer Pat Newell. Again she has flown consistently and she shows her qualities when tested at the water events, so I'm looking forward to racing her next season. My next arrival, again a hen, was GB20N37933 on a velocity of 1069yppm. She is a granddaughter of my direct Jos Thone, Channel Queen 4th Open NFC Guernsey, OH 12th Open Fougères OH and 22nd Open St Malo OH. A true class act herself, being granddaughter of Ace producer, SARS. I want to congratulate all the Section winners and the flyers that did well in the South East, but if these take 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Section then I'll be really happy considering the wind!

2nd South East Section, 5th Open was Kevin Foster of Longfield Hill on 1047yppm over 181 miles. Kevin timed a 3 year-old dark hen sent sitting around 10 days, who was paired with another hen. He

said, 'I repaired the hens team and having finished with so many hens, I had half a dozen left in the hens section, so that is where she raced to. She's been very consistent over the years and she is bred from a son of our good, Dark Misty cock, who is already the grandsire of a National winner this year, crossed with, 187, a top stock hen. The dam of this hen is a daughter of, Alicia which bred my 8th National St. Vincent bird last year. All of the above birds are from my good friend Robert Rome, who flying alone and with his late father, Robert, has achieved a lot of success in National racing. I sent 23 to the race and had 14 in an hour and all 23 by 5pm. They have been in super form this year, this being the 8th consecutive National race with BICC and NFC where they have featured in the top ten of the Section, being responsible for 7 of the races excluding the 4th Section Lerwick National.'

3rd South East Section, 7th Open was D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St Mary on 1045yppm over 187 miles. Having taken the provisional 3rd Section in the young bird race, Andrew also timed a good yearling hen in the any age race. He said, 'This yearling hen was flown on the widowhood system and she is the same way bred as the hen we won 3rd AA National Falaise last year. She is bred from two pigeons both bred for us by Mark Bullied from a son of, Champion Rocky, the winner of 1st and 2nd Nationals and a daughter of the Eastbourne winner of 1st National.'



Lee Jackson



Kevin Foster



'Con Leo' of D Wilton & Son

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st North Centre Section, 12th Open was John McCall of Leeds on 1030yppm over 302 miles. The Lerwick National winner reported this, 'I sent 5 hens that were actually been prepared for the NFC Old Hens race but after the wins on the north road, I wanted to put in a performance on the south with the BICC. And, with the head wind forecast I decided this would be a good chance. The hen was a pigeon gifted to me in 2017 by Sheedy Bros. She has previously been 2nd Section, 9th Open NFC, having been beaten by her loft mate in the Section and she was sent on a 10 day old youngster. I am extremely happy with this performance as all these have been both north and south road, performing both ways and this one on a tough day.'

2nd North Centre Section, 14th Open was John Barry of Leamore on 1020yppm over 216 miles. John timed a yearling to take 2nd Section but wasn't able to provide any more information.

3rd North Centre Section, 16th Open was William Blunt of Biggleswade on 1018yppm over 204 miles. Bill said, 'She has been a consistent hen this year being the 1st hen back to the loft on a number of occasions and she was sent flying on widowhood. She is off Gaston van de Wouwer X Gus Janseen lines, bred from my stock loft. Congratulations to the winner and all those taking Section positions.'



John McCall



Bill Blunt

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st North East Section, 25th Open were Chapman & Eastoe of Gt Yarmouth on 1001ypm over 286 miles. The partnership's Section winning bird was a blue W/F hen that was sent to the race feeding a 3 day old youngster. Glen said, 'She has been raced on roundabout all season and we were gifted her from Nigel Rivett as a youngster to race, so a big thanks to him. They were flying over 8 hours into a headwind and we had a further two come within 20 minutes. We sent 9 and got all 9 home, which we were really happy with.'

2nd North East Section, 56th Open was Rolly Rix of Newmarket on 935ypm over 229 miles. Roly Rix continued having one of his best seasons, helping him and his brother Len to 3 out of the 6 provisional north east section birds. Roly clocked a stray bird, he transferred, that was reported in Frankie Dettori's yard and who is now aptly named, Frankie's Girl. She is a blue chequer hen who was send sitting on chipping eggs and until this race, she hadn't shown much promise. As for her breed, Roly told me she was a, '...d-if I know'. Not a bred usually reported but one which many fanciers have I'm sure. Finally, Roly would like to thank Andy Daniels and the marking team who is says, 'nothing is too much trouble for them, it's a pleasure to go and mark there.'

3rd North East Section, 63rd Open was Len Rix & Son of Mildenhall on 912ypm over 238 miles. As recorded in the young bird report, Len had a good days racing, also taking 3rd Section in this race with a 2 year-old. He said, 'This one is from, Jess, from my good old strain of birds that have been going well for me for years and is basically all I can tell you about him but, I do send a regular order with the Sunset \$1 million Dollar race though.'



Chapman & Eastoe



Len & Rolly Rix

The Provisional North West Section Winners

1st North West Section, 17th Open were Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury on 1017yppm over 173 miles.

Booth & Roper timed a 2 year-old cock in what turned out to be a hard race, provisionally winning the NW Section by nearly 1 ½ hours. He is bred from their old family of Van den Bosche/Dordin birds and his grandfather, 'TJ', was 3rd Section, 31st Open Messac and 2nd Section, 43rd Open Ancenis in the same year in the NFC. His dam, French Magic, was 2nd Section, 3rd Open Falaise BICC, 13th Section, 22nd Open Carentan MNFC, 2nd Section, 4th Open Le Mans BICC, 3rd Section, 26th Open Falaise NFC, 1st Section, and 150th Open Guernsey BICC. Their second bird, a 3 year old widowhood cock will probably take 2nd Section. This bird is from their Jan Aarden / Jim Biss line. His grandmother was a very good hen in her day winning many top prizes in national competitions. She was 5th Long Distance Ace Pigeon Award in the MNFC. She is still producing at 13 years of age. Trevor and John said, 'We would like to congratulate the Open winner and all Section winners and thank the markers at the Radstock marking station.'

2nd North West Section, 93rd Open, was John Rodway of Rushwick on 844yppm over 185 miles.

John's blue chequer 2 year-old hen was sent having just deserted her eggs. John said, 'She has been a steady bird without winning any prizes and she was missing for three days from her last race, in the National Flying Club from Guernsey. The race overall for myself was very difficult and my arrivals were well space out. My returns on the day were eight from ten old birds. Many thanks once again to my fellow club member Mick Howard for taking my birds to the Gwent marking station.'

3rd North West Section, 94th Open was Mick Howard of Upton-Upon-Severn on 840yppm over 176 miles. Mick told me, 'My 3rd Section winner is of my Van Wanroy family, the dam is the grandchild of, Drogba and the sire is the grandson of, Eddie Murphy. As a 2 year old it was his first time over the Channel. Once again many thanks to those at the Gwent marking station.'



Booth & Roper



John Rodway



Mick Howard

The Provisional Irish Section winners:

No birds were recorded home in race time in the Irish Section.

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions:

1st V & D Harvey of Penzance on 1318yppm, 2nd Angwin Family of Penzance on 1299yppm, 3rd Mark Gilbert of Windsor on 1162yppm, 4th P Jackson & Son of Bromley on 1083yppm, 5th Kevin Foster of Longfield Hill on 1047yppm, 6th R & K O'Connor South Norwood on 1045yppm, 7th D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St Mary on 1045yppm, 8th Paul Kelly of South Norwood on 1039yppm, 9th C & J Howse of Devizes on 1035yppm, 10th D Hales of Hockley on 1034yppm.

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