

# British International Championship Club

## National Guernsey (2) AA Provisional Race Report

11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

In the AA race, 111 members sent 710 birds and each Section sent the following: South Centre 34 members sent 194 birds, South East 40 members sent 316, South West 7 sent 28, North Centre 9 sent 34, North East 16 sent 115 and in the North West, 5 members sent 28 birds.

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

**The Provisional Open and 1<sup>st</sup> South East Section winner was John Cowlin of Hullbridge, on 1722yppm over 202miles.** John timed a yearling Frans Zwols hen, who as a young bird was 13<sup>th</sup> Open National Flying Club and 71<sup>st</sup> Open BICC both from Countances. This year she only started racing halfway through the season and managed a 2<sup>nd</sup> Hullbridge Club and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Thames from Purbeck, before taking this 1st National from Guernsey. John said, 'She is looking like becoming a top hen, in 3 National races she has won 1<sup>st</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup>. Mind you, when looking at her breeding it is no real surprise! The dam is, Burnham Queen who was raced by Lee Bastone but bred from Formula 1 Lofts, Dream Pair lines. Burnham Queen won 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Guernsey in 2018 and since then she is becoming a top breeder herself. Not only being dam of this hen but also 1<sup>st</sup> Section NFC this year along with many other good inland pigeons. The sire of my winner is a full brother of, Queen of Countances, who also won 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Young Bird National and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open NFC National in 2020. Can I finally say, a very big well done to Rob and Paula Hume on their young bird win, well done to you both.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South East Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open was Mr David Coward-Talbot of Chelmsford on 1720yppm over 201 miles.** David told me, 'My first pigeon in the Old Bird BICC Guernsey race, GB 20N 802229, was a blue hen. She is bred from two Janssen based pigeons from my very good friend Tony Derricott, of Poolsbrook in Chesterfield. This hen has been our first pigeon on four occasions this year and was a fancied pigeon for this race. I have named her; Missderri. I would like to thank Tony, daughter Toni and son-in-law David for their help and support. May I at this time also thank my good friend, Paul Russell, who over the last few months has been coming to my home every morning helping me with the pigeons following my two back procedures which was the reason why I sold most of my pigeons.' David continued by saying, 'We could not start racing at the beginning of the season this year but, over the last few weeks Paul has helped to train the pigeons along with Steve Smith, which has enabled us to have a few races. May I also thank at this time, Lee and Ian Sullivan from Brighton for breeding me a really super batch of young birds which has enabled me to race, as I also sold all of my stock birds. The photograph shows myself and Paul Russell, Paul is holding Missderri and I am holding my first young bird from the BICC young bird race.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South East Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open were A Foster & L Finan of Dagenham on 1707yppm over 184 miles.** Andrew Foster & Lee Finan raced a yearling hen of mixed Hardy Kruger and Klass Krom lines. They said, 'It was nice to finish our season with a half decent result, thank you to the BICC for a great race we managed 100% returns and also well done to all the winners.'



John Cowlin's bird back on the nest



David Coward-Talbot & Paul Russell



A Foster & L Finan's yearling hen

**4<sup>th</sup> South East Section, 4<sup>th</sup> Open were Mr & Mrs Rhodes of Aylesham on 1706ypm over 203 miles.** Steve and Sally said that they enjoyed a great day racing with the BICC, especially as it was Steve's birthday. He said, 'We timed our hen at 11.44 and she is from a Mahony Bros Van Loon cock x Freialdenhofenx Son's hen. She was raced up to four weeks ago on roundabout doing very well, then paired and sent sitting on fourteen day eggs. We trained her with the Wingham lads own transporter every week to hold the moult a bit and it worked well. We had a good day getting 32 from 36 sent and a total of 9 out of 10 youngsters. All in great condition due to how well our convoyers look after them, so thanks boys. A very well done to the winners and to our son Shane, who is autistic, he had a big smile on the day. All the hard work he does scraping out really paid off!'



Mr & Mrs Rhodes & Shane

### The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> South Centre Section, 8<sup>th</sup> Open was G & D Marsh of Sussex on 1692ypm over 142 miles.** Gordon and Delia told me, 'The sire of the blue hen they timed was a Van Osh, a winner of 4 x 1sts amongst other prizes including 3<sup>rd</sup> fed 2,140 birds and a full brother to, 37 who was 1<sup>st</sup> Section NFC and 3<sup>rd</sup> Section BICC a couple of years ago. Her grandsire was purchased from Crammond and Langstaff as a young bird and is a full brother to their eight times fed winner. The dam of, 37 flew the Channel on many occasions including twice from Tarbes, taking many good positions in her time. The grandma of 37 was purchased at the Southern Classic sale as a young bird and is a Brian Wall, Van Reet, she has produced many good winner including Swampy Girl for Alasdair Muir.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South Centre Section, 11<sup>th</sup> Open was Damain Szapak of Deptford on 1675ypm over 173 miles.** Damian's pigeon was a late bred hen and this was her first year racing with the old birds and from her 3<sup>rd</sup> race she was doing really well, being in the top 20 of the Thames UBI from Wadebridge. Damian said, 'She came back after 3 days from that disastrous Saturday in June, having been hawked. So she had a break and I sent her to the first BICC Guernsey AA and she won 112<sup>th</sup> Open

and then back to this race to take 11<sup>th</sup> Open. She is a half sister to my, Queen 85 and also a granddaughter to, Armora, who was 4<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Falaise in 2019.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South Centre Section, 15<sup>th</sup> Open was Ken Wise of Isleworth on 1656yppm over 166 miles.** Ken timed, a chequer hen, GB 19N 00124. He said, 'She is a Gabby Vahdenabeele and her sire is a son of Pre Olympic x Golden Lady bred by M&D EVANS. Her dam is, Champion DE 006 winner of the London & South East Classic Club and dam to my 1<sup>st</sup> Open National winner, DE 376 winner of 1<sup>st</sup> Section E, 1<sup>st</sup> Open National Flying Club Coutances old hens in 2019. DE 006 is from a son of Benetton x daughter of, One so Wonderful. I've called this hen, DE 124.'



G & D Marsh



Damain Szapak



Ken Wise

#### The Provisional South West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> South West Section, 95<sup>th</sup> Open was Mike Hathway of Bristol on 1319yppm over 131 miles.** Mike was really pleased to take 1<sup>st</sup> Section with his dark chequer widowhood cock. He said, 'He was sent driving his hen and is of Hereman Ceusters bloodlines.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South West Section, 104<sup>th</sup> Open was John Halstead of Kington Magna on 1209yppm over 103 miles.** Having taken 2<sup>nd</sup> in the YB race, John also took 2<sup>nd</sup> in the AA race with a yearling chequer hen feeding a 5 day old baby. He said, 'She was having only her second race of the season but, as a young bird she flew 3 Coutances races with the CSCFC, NFC and BICC taking 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Section. She is from a Jellema cock to a Southwell hen and with these bloodlines should be a contender, should we get back to racing from France and Spain.' Eight minutes later at a velocity of 1146yppm, John timed a dark chequer 2 year old daughter of, Linford having just chipped 2 eggs the day before basketing. She had scored twice for him during the old bird season, winning 56<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Penzance 3,575 birds in June and 10<sup>th</sup> Section NFC Guernsey in July.

**3<sup>rd</sup> South West Section, 112<sup>th</sup> Open was Dave Wilson & Daughters of Yeovil on 965yppm over 99 miles.** Dave Wilson and Daughters were happy to see their chequer white flight cock make good time in this race. Dave said, 'She's from a grandson of John Gerrard's, Zwarte Lourdes and a hen from Pete Hollard's bereavement sale, purchased by my good friend Vincent McConnell on my behalf. It's believed to be from the Joe 90 lines. The cock has been very consistent as a yearling, taking 4<sup>th</sup> Section NFC from Guernsey 1 and raced well in 10 races this year. His nest mate has won the club from Chichester and was 4<sup>th</sup> Section BICC from Guernsey AA 1, also scoring 3 x top 50 finishes in West of England South Road as a young bird. They are a very nice pair of pigeons and we are looking forward to getting them over some distance in 2022.' Dave's two daughters, Jazmin and Izabelle, have been involved with the pigeons for 6 years now. They are both autistic and Jazmin never spoke until they accidentally went to Ponderosa in Weymouth 6 years ago where she sat down

and chatted to the pigeons. The girl's have been on BBC and ITV and were the poster girls for the RPRA young flyers at the last Blackpool show.



Mike Hathaway



John Halstead



Dave Wilson & Daughters



Jazmin & Izabelle Wilson

#### North Centre Section were

**1<sup>st</sup> North Centre Section, 54<sup>th</sup> Open was David Paine of St Neots on 1501ypm over 212 miles.** David also followed up his 3<sup>rd</sup> Section in the YB race, with top spot in the AA race. David told me, 'This blue hen was unraced as a young bird due to being a late bred and was trained up with this year's young birds, she had every race, including the previous Guernsey. However, she didn't make it on the day and arrived early the next morning. This time she did herself proud, her breeding is Heremans-Ceusters.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North Centre Section, 62<sup>nd</sup> Open was Rob Jarratt of Burton Latim on 1470ypm over 213 miles.** Rob wasn't able to provide any more information at this time.

**3<sup>rd</sup> North Centre Section, 72<sup>nd</sup> Open was Gavin Cole of Gedney Hill on 1436ypm over 244 miles** Gavin was also someone who timed in on both races, having taken fourth in the YB, he timed a 3 year-old hen in this race. He said, 'My 3 year-old Janssen has scored in BICC often as well as in the club and fed. She is a very consistent hen on widowhood and natural. I have had very few losses this year despite many others reporting losses, but I train hard and expect good returns.' Gavin also took 4<sup>th</sup> North Centre Section in the Young Bird National. Gavin timed a chequer hen of Jelle Jellema bloodlines. He said, 'I bought grandchildren for stock for national racing across the Channel but that

was not to be. My second youngster was also a Jelle and my third a Red Fox Janssen out my top Red Fox stock ,they have all scored in club and fed despite our feds short races.'



David Paine



Gavin Cole

### The Provisional North East Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North East Section, 19<sup>th</sup> Open was D & E Ball of Eyke Wood on 1637yppm over 249 miles.** Dennis and Elaine Ball were pleased to pick up this Section win at the end of a difficult season. Their pigeon was a blue 2 year-old, Vandenebee cock, sent sitting 10 days. His sire was 3<sup>rd</sup> Section, 134<sup>th</sup> Open Penzance this season from 331 miles. The dam has taken 6<sup>th</sup> Section, 280<sup>th</sup> Open Poitiers from 398 miles last season. Dennis said, 'These are descendants of De-Bisschop lines obtained from Alun Jones of Redstar lofts. We'd like to thank all helpers at the Ipswich Marking Station and wish the BICC every success with trying to achieve French races next season.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North East Section, 45<sup>th</sup> Open, was M & A Horn of Southwold on 1543yppm over 268 miles.** Melvyn said, 'This hen has been a very consistent racer and this was her 12<sup>th</sup> time across the water. She has won from Poitiers, 415 miles and taken a few minor cards in the N.E.Section of the BICC from Alencon and Falaise.' Melvyn bred the hen himself out of his Gaby Vandenebee bloodlines and kindly thanked me for my work as the press officer.

**3<sup>rd</sup> North East Section, 47<sup>th</sup> Open was Chapman & Eastoe of Gt Yarmouth on 1539yppm over 286 miles.** As well as taking third Section in the YB race, the partnership took another third in the AA race. Glen said, 'Our old bird was racing back to a big youngster and she was the same hen who was 3<sup>rd</sup> Section two weeks ago. We sent 11 old hens and had them all of them back on the day. I'd just like to thank the Lowestoft making station for all their hard work and for always making us welcome and Gavin at the Browston Club for doing the clock and sorting all the paperwork out.'



Dennis Ball



Melvyn Horn



Chapman & Eastoe

## The Provisional North West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North West Section, 108<sup>th</sup> Open were Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury on 1115ypm over 173 miles.** Booth and Roper timed a two year old blue chequer cock to win the AA North West Section Guernsey race for the second time running. Winning it by a wide margin again, the bird is from their VDB/DORDIN family and his grandfather, TJ was 3<sup>rd</sup> Section 31<sup>st</sup> Open Messac and 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 43<sup>rd</sup> Open Ancenis in the same year in the NFC. His dam, French Magic was 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Falaise BICC, 13<sup>th</sup> Section, 22<sup>nd</sup> Open Carentan MNFC, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 4<sup>th</sup> Open Le Mans BICC, 3<sup>rd</sup> Section, 26<sup>th</sup> Open Falaise NFC, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 150<sup>th</sup> Open Guernsey BICC. The partnership said, 'We have raced in all the BICC races, north and south which has been a difficult season for all and we feel we have had some good results on both roads. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Lionel Brewer our very good friend on winning the North West Section in the young birds. Again a very big thank you to Jill, Clive and Tony at Radstock marking station and congratulations to the Open winners and Section winners in the AA and young birds.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North West Section, 111<sup>th</sup> Open, was J Rodway of Rushwick on 998ypm over 185 miles.** Another consistent North West performer, John told me, 'My pigeon is a blue bar yearling hen sent unpaired. She has been raced north and south this year with the BICC and is a consistent type. The race appeared to be a tough race for us in the NW section. My first bird was slower than I predicted. All my pigeons came right off line arriving from an easterly direction, and showed signs of it having been a challenging flight for them. My thanks as usual to my fellow club mates Mick Howard and Richard Pugh for taking my birds to the Gwent marking station. Thanks also to Carol Francis for her hard work as secretary and thanks to you Mike for all your hard work as Press Officer.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North West Section, 114<sup>th</sup> Open, was Richard Pugh of Worcestershire on 893ypm over 178 miles.** Richard's bird was bred from his old Van Braine family and a great granddaughter of his Barcelona cock, twice Palamos and three times Barcelona.



Booth & Roper



John Rodway



Richard Pugh

## The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions:

1<sup>st</sup> J Cowlin of Hullbridge on 1722ypm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr David Coward-Talbott of Chelmsford on 1720ypm, 3<sup>rd</sup> A Foster & L Finan of Dagenham on 1707ypm, 4<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs S Rhodes of Aylesham on 1706ypm, 5<sup>th</sup> P Jackson & Son of Bromley on 1706ypm, 6<sup>th</sup> D Heywood & Son of Laindon on 1703ypm, 7<sup>th</sup> Kevin Foster of Longfield Hill on 1703ypm, 8<sup>th</sup> G & D Marsh of Sussex on 1692ypm, 9<sup>th</sup> T Sparks & P Dallas of Gravesend on 1677ypm, 10<sup>th</sup> Gladwin Jarvis & Family Leigh on Sea on 1677ypm.

And that Ladies and Gents concludes the race reports for 2021, let's hope for the best for 2022 and wish the RPRAs all the best in their endeavours to sort out continental racing.

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