

# British International Championship Club

## National Guernsey (2) YB Provisional Race Report

11<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The BICC's final National race was from Guernsey on 11<sup>th</sup> September, where a Young Bird and Any Age race took place. In the YB race 173 members sent 1,521 birds and in the AA race, 111 members sent 710 birds, they were liberated together at 8.15am.

Each Section sent the following in the YB race: South Centre Section 55 members sent 466 birds, South East 71 members sent 742, South West 7 sent 63, North Centre 10 sent 53, North East 15 sent 75 and in the North West 7 members sent 63 birds.

### **The weather/race report**

Steve Appleby, the BICC race and weather advisor, provided the following report:

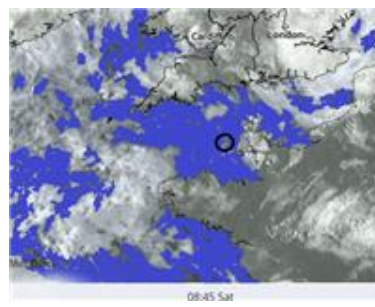
As forecast on the B.I.C.C. website Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, the weather for the club's last race of the season turned out to be fine and dry. After a difficult season this development was welcome news for the race control team. (see image taken from the Beaucette Marina) Using the weather satellite to confirm conditions, Mark Gilbert and myself after consultation with the convoyers decided the liberation was to go ahead. At 08:15 the B.I.C.C. pigeons were released under broken cloud and blue skies into a westerly wind. (see sea wind flow chart) The convoyers reported an excellent clearance, the birds leaving the Island immediately heading out to sea. Trevor said "one of the best this season." Early on visibility in the Channel was 7 miles but improved as the morning progressed. On viewing the early times on the B.I.C.C. website a southerly component in the wind had become available. This obviously assisted the birds as they raced across the Channel to achieve the high leading velocities recorded.



View from Beaucette Marina



Wind flow map



Satellite image

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 YB winners were Mr & Mrs Robert Hume, of Rochford, on 1783yppm over 202 miles.** Rob's first pigeon was one he bought in the Thames breeder/ buyer, which won £200 in the previous BICC Guernsey race. Rob and Paula set him up by keeping him sitting on overdue eggs and he was prepared by flying in the Thames' races along with regular training on a Monday and Wednesday, from Brighton with Terry Bentham. Terry incidentally was also the breeder of the winner! Rob said, 'This pigeon has always been known in our club as, EL-TEL since I bought him, and a lot of banter has gone on about him all season, but he is now the famous EL-TEL! He is also very much a Hullbridge pigeon in his breeding. As I mentioned, he was bought in the Thames breeder/buyer from Terry Bentham, and Terry in turn got the parents, last year, from Lee Bastone, when Lee gave away all of his young birds at the end of racing. Lee in turn

bought the parents from Formula 1 Lofts, of John Cowlin and John Gladwin, from their Frans Zwols, with both D'Artatgian and the Dream Pair in the pedigree. I also believe there is some Gaby in the breeding via Micky Watts, which means in total an amazing 6 Hullbridge members were involved in the breeding and racing of EL-TEL. I certainly class it as a privilege to be part of the Hullbridge Club with so many National winners, as it makes everyone try that much harder. The enthusiasm of every fancier for each other's wins is second to none. I certainly found this out on Saturday night and that made my win that much more special. I would like to congratulate John Cowlin on yet another National win, it could not have happened to a nicer fella. Can I also send a huge thank you to Terry for his first class trainers and for pushing me into sending him again and last but not least a big thank you to my wife Paula and our son, Ryan, for taking the birds training all season.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South East Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open was Andy Richardson of Seaford on 1773ypm over 145 miles.** Andy said, 'Firstly I would like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Hume on winning the Guernsey YB (2) National. My natural raced young cock, was not subjected to the darkness system and was bred down from a pair of birds that are federation and club red card winners. Bred in February he has had 3 races with the South Coast Federation and was sent driving his young hen to nest. I trained north and fed my birds on a blend of high protein corn mixes, pellets and 25% barley from Bamford Top Flight. I would like to say a big thank you to all who organised what I think is the best liberation and race site for young bird racing. Well done to the BICC.'

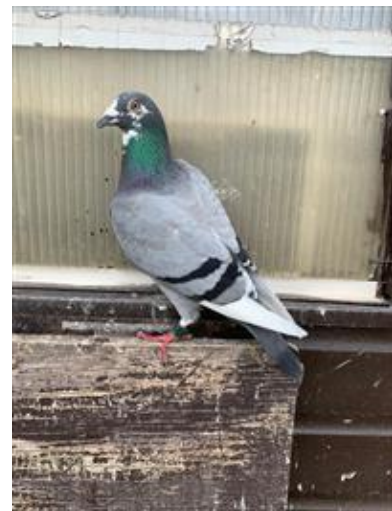
**3<sup>rd</sup> South East Section, 4<sup>th</sup> Open was D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St Mary on 1742ypm over 187 miles.** Andrew told me, 'The young bird we timed from Guernsey was a blue pied cock, who is bred from the same sire as the old hen we timed first in the last BICC Guernsey race, that won 3<sup>rd</sup> Section 7<sup>th</sup> Open. Our first old bird was also the same one as the last Guernsey race. The sire was bred by Mark Bulled and is a son of, Champion Rocky and the dam is a hen bred from co-breeding with Bob and Anthony Besant with our top racer and breeder, Alitor and their BICC winner and top breeding hen, Gaby. Both from the line of, Rudy of Gaby Vandenabeele. We had a good racing weekend, with Altoir being the grandsire of our young bird timer and also sire of our club and fed winner from Wetherby on the north road on the same day.'



Rob Hume



Andy Richardson



Blue pied cock of D Wilton & Son

### The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> South Centre Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open was John May & Son of Chichester on 1745 over 118 miles.** John sent me this report: Firstly we would like to say well done to all the winners. Our Section winner was raced naturally to the perch. He was given 4 federation races leading up to this race and this was his first time across the water. The father of our bird is a full brother to, May Pigeons Champion 652, winner of the RPRA Southern Region Sprint Award 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> Federation 927 birds, 1<sup>st</sup> Combine 1,783 birds, 2<sup>nd</sup> Federation 1,985 birds (BBLM), 4<sup>th</sup> Federation 889 birds (BBLM). He is a direct son of,

Another Euro (top breeding son of Spider-Man) x Super Kanon (Top breeding daughter of Kanon, Danny Van Dyck). The mother is our best racing hen from Pitbull lines. She is a winner of multiple top Section and Open results in the NFC, BICC, CSCFC, BBC and also the Federation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> South Centre Section, 6<sup>th</sup> Open were John & Bradley Donovan of Warlington on 1735yppm over 166 miles.** The partnership said, 'Our bird was bred by our good friend Jamie Clark & Daughter of Selling. This bird is one of a group of pigeons Jamie gifted us this year, being the 3<sup>rd</sup> pigeon of his to score high for us. Another one of them was 38<sup>th</sup> Open, 11<sup>th</sup> Section BICC, 2 weeks ago. This hen has had every single club race and has been consistently in the middle of the pack, until this race. I would like to congratulate Mr & Mrs R Hume and all the other Open and Section winners.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South Centre Section, 8<sup>th</sup> Open were Alan & Gary Young of South Croydon on 1731yppm over 167 miles.** Alan and Gary timed a pencil blue cock just starting to show out to some hens. His sire is a brother to, Tornado of Yves De Wit and the dam is a direct Aerts Brothers hen.



John May & Son



J&B Donovan & PJ Mchugh



Alan & Gary Young

### The Provisional South West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> South West Section, 151<sup>st</sup> Open were Chris & Jane Howse of Devizes on 1241yppm over 127 miles.** Chris and Jane said, 'The sire of our hen is a full brother to, Lady J who was 1<sup>st</sup> Open BBC Fougères and 3<sup>rd</sup> Open CSCFC Coutances, and he has been a good racer, winning two YB races! Her dam is the last sister we have from our good pigeon, Merit Man, Certificate of Merit winner in the NFC.' The hen was a darkness young bird raced weekly and this was her second outing to Guernsey having previously gone with the BICC a fortnight ago.

**2<sup>nd</sup> South West Section, 161<sup>st</sup> Open was John Halstead of North Dorset on 1108yppm over 103 miles.** John was provisionally 2<sup>nd</sup> Section with a dark chequer hen raced on the darkness system, having her third race of the YB season. She is 50% Jellema and then a mixture of Brockamp, Ashley and Ken Hine/ Peter Titmus bloodlines. Her sire is Nyland Eusebio who is rated as the loft's best long distance race bird, being from the brother to Mark Gilbert's 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Agen winner when paired to a daughter of, Reco (9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Open Barcelona). He flew 14 hours from the BBC Bordeaux race in 2020 winning 38<sup>th</sup> Open from 1,030 birds. John said, 'Only 4 young and 4 old hens were sent but all were home within 3 hours despite the westerly wind, which was pleasing.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South West Section, 167<sup>th</sup> Open was Phil Bond of Ilton on 1057yppm over 101 miles.** Phil told me that 2021 had been a good year for him flying on the south, he won't fly north road, only the south. And he wanted to pass on some tips and illustrate some of his wins. He said, 'In the BICC with 1,980 birds, I've 28<sup>th</sup> Open 14<sup>th</sup> Sec, 32<sup>nd</sup> Open 15<sup>th</sup> Sec, 33<sup>rd</sup> Open 126<sup>th</sup> Sec, 54<sup>th</sup> Open 18<sup>th</sup> Sec. Old birds 60<sup>th</sup> Open 6<sup>th</sup> Sec, when this pigeon was 45 mins quicker but the ETS ring did not time for some



reason, without me knowing! I put it over the pad in the loft to record it. In the NFC Guernsey 50<sup>th</sup> Open 5<sup>th</sup> Sec, 8<sup>th</sup> Open 9<sup>th</sup> Sec, 90<sup>th</sup> Open 10<sup>th</sup> Sec, 93<sup>rd</sup> Open 11<sup>th</sup> Sec, 183<sup>rd</sup> Open 19<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Sec. In the old bird races 296<sup>th</sup> Open 15 Sec BICC 3<sup>rd</sup> Sec. I am sure there are more young and old birds in the results but I've lost count. On maybe one of the hardest days of all time, when thousands of birds everywhere got lost, I sent 8 widowhood cocks to Eastbourne and got all 8 on the day in good time, I was 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Taunton Club. There may be many more to list.' So, an impressive set of results for Phil.

Phil also wanted to share some information on how he keeps the birds free of fleas. He told me, 'When the young birds are about 2 months old I put 2ml of Molemec on the back of their neck, and 2ml on their vent. Why put it on their vent? Well the fleas have to drink don't they? And this works for me. I get it from Mole Valley Farmers and it's for cattle and birds but isn't suitable for dogs and cats. After 2 days there are no fleas and I do this twice a year. I think it works much better than One-drop. Then at the same time, I put the young birds in the training boxes for 24 hours only, with food and water.

When and young birds are ranging they go off in the north, north-east and north-west and some times in the south but this is very rare. When they start to come back from ranging from 1 to 5 hours in small groups, I put them to their first training toss, at 30 or 40 mile twice or three times south, south east and south west. They have 17 training tosses up to 60 or 70 miles away, then when all birds are fit and healthy they go to Guernsey 3 times, twice with the BICC once with the NFC. I never insult my birds with stage training, when they are training around the loft, going off 1 to 5 hours they don't need it. Otherwise you end up with a loft full of rubbish. They get good mixed food, and when training they get light food and mixed food, if I give them a day off or more. In their water I put apple cider vinegar and garlic and this keeps the birds in good health, I do this all the time. I hope some readers will find that helpful and trust me Molmec really does work. I wish everyone the best of luck in our sport that is getting all the more harder.'



Chris & Jane Howe with grandchildren and Harry the dog



John Halstead



Phil Bond

### The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North Centre Section, 89<sup>th</sup> Open was John Black of Hitchen on 1509yppm over 200 miles.** Continuing with his good young bird season, John told me this, 'Mike the first bird I timed in from Guernsey was a chequer pied hen bred by Jimmy Baurress from Liverpool, sire is a bird he got from Steve Goulding, dam is his good hen, 006, she is half sister to my Guernsey Section winner two weeks ago. I had a good race with four birds in 26 minutes probably taking the first four in the Section. I sent 21 birds, got 17 home on the day and was well pleased, two arrived the next morning. My second and third birds are Thames gold ring birds so I should pick up some money from them.

Well done to all the Section winners and can I thank the BICC for the fantastic job they do looking after the birds.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North Centre Section, 133<sup>rd</sup> Open was Mark Turner of Kettering on 1344yppm over 212 miles.** Mark told me, 'Mike can you amend the report from the last Guernsey race please, because I timed the exact same bird, this time taking the provisional 2<sup>nd</sup> spot one better than the 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the first Guernsey. This hen was raced as an unpaired bird and again familiar bloodlines come through for me. As I said last time, her breeding is from 50% Stefaan Lambrechts, Nijlen & 50% Luc Vervoort, Hallaar and a half sister to the RPR Sprint Award Winner 2019.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North Centre Section, 135<sup>th</sup> Open was David Paine of St Neots on 1340yppm over 212 miles.** David's young bird was a red cock, half brother to his MNFC winner. He said, 'This cock has been sent every week this season and is very consistent, being my first pigeon home last week. His breeding is Marcel Van Den Brande.'



John Black



Mark Turner



David Paine

### The Provisional North East Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North East Section, 39<sup>th</sup> Open was Jeremy Nicholson of Ipswich on 1654yppm over 237 miles.** Jeremy wanted to firstly congratulate the winner and all other section winners. He then said, 'A big thank you to Terry, Jacquie and Dennis for running the marking station in Ipswich, without these guys and gals we would not have a marking station in Ipswich, so thank you. The NE Section winner is a blue Denis Sapin x Cooreman cock, his sire is, Moto Denis Sapin bred by Steve Fenech. He is the same way bred has many of Steve's top birds and he was one of my best racers, a winner of many cards who flew the Channel 11 times. He was retired to the stock loft this year and he produced a BICC Section winner in his first nest, can't be bad! The dam, 19 is a Louie Cooreman, 26 and she was also retired to the stock loft this year. She also had many cards when on the road and she is the daughter of my UBA pair, sire and dam of many winners in my loft. I had 8 from 10 birds on the day and all returned in tip top condition so thank you to the conveyer for a top job.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North East Section, 77<sup>th</sup> Open, were Mr & Mrs Roger Strowger of Leiston on 1551yppm over 259 miles.** Roger said, 'I'd like to thank the conveyer and the committee on a very hard, long and awkward season. The birds returned from Guernsey in very good condition. The young blue cock I got first is sitting provisional 2<sup>nd</sup> NE Section, was bred in February '21 and had been on darkness. The sire to this young cock was bred in the stock loft which came from birds bred for me from Mark Phillips of Dover Court. The dam to this young blue cock was bred for me from my good friend and club mate Lloyd Knill of Aldeburgh. This hen in her racing career as a young bird won 1<sup>st</sup> Club, 16<sup>th</sup> NSSRC St Albans, 6<sup>th</sup> Sec, 257<sup>th</sup> Open Fougères with the BICC, flying 294 miles as a yearling and was

1<sup>st</sup> East Anglian Fed Poitiers flying 405 miles, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sec, 248<sup>th</sup> Open with the BICC also from Poitiers. She went to Bordeaux as a yearling, flying 514 miles and sadly I lost here this year from Guernsey. This being an easier race from Guernsey with the prevailing west winds, sending 10 I got 9 on the day. I would like to congratulate Jeremy Nicholson on winning the Section and also a big thanks to the Ipswich marking station, particularly Jacqui, for taking days off from work to mark our pigeons for the BICC .Roll on France next year hahaha.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North East Section, 104<sup>th</sup> Open were Chapman & Eastoe of Gt Yarmouth on 1467yppm over 286 miles.** Glen and Nicole followed up their good performance from the first Guernsey race by taking 3<sup>rd</sup> Section with young bird that had been raced all season on darkness and was sent to the race flying to the perch, she is a granddaughter of Gary Gurney's National winner. They also timed a good bird in the AA race.



Jeremy Nicholson



Roger Strowger



Chapman & Eastoe

### The Provisional North West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North West Section, 178<sup>th</sup> Open was L Brewer of Worcester on 921yppm over 183 miles.** Lionel clocked a blue chequer hen in what turned out to be a very hard race for young and old birds in a strong west wind. This young hen is off Lionel's old family of birds who have over the years made him proud and are responsible for winning Nationals, and from Lionel's good friends Trevor and John aka Booth & Roper. Lionel said, 'The introduction of the Booth & Roper lines are doing well for me and I would like to congratulate Trevor and John for winning the AA NW Section, also for taking the birds to the marking station at Radstock. Can I also congratulate the Open winner and all the Section winners. It's been my first season flying with the BICC and I'm looking forward to next year.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North West Section, 190<sup>th</sup> Open were M & C Lee of Worcester on 614yppm over 184 miles** Mickey told me, 'This slatey hen what a game bird to return having been hawked on the way. Her sire was a gift bird from Richard Pugh and the dam a granddaughter of, Wing Down. My thanks go to Mike and Richard for taking my birds to Gwent for marking and well done to all winners.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North West Section, 191<sup>st</sup> Open were Team Wicker & Wright on 610yppm over 283 miles.** Alan reported that he too experienced a tough race with birds being reported in northern Germany and Holland. Alan suspects that the west wind made it difficult for the birds in the North West Section and he told me that members racing in the North West Classic Club also reported heavy losses on the day. However, Team Wicker and Wright did time four birds in fairly quick succession with the bloodlines from the House of Arden. Steve and Lesley Wright said, 'The parents of the first bird timed were, 'Champion Padfield's Paul who won 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> National WSRN Tarbes winning over £900, 4<sup>th</sup> National WSRN Tarbes, 8<sup>th</sup> Section, 46<sup>th</sup> Nat NFC Tarbes and he also flew Barcelona. Paul is



sire and grandsire of top performance birds in the Nationals. Champion Stock hen, Padfield's Lady Kenny is dam to 1<sup>st</sup> West Section, 1<sup>st</sup> National BICC Barcelona 2017, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 1<sup>st</sup> National WSRN Tarbes 607 miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 27<sup>th</sup> National NFC Tarbes and 8<sup>th</sup> BICC Barcelona National'.



Lionel Brewer



Mickey Lee



Parent of Team Wicker & Wight's first bird



Parent of Team Wicker & Wight's first bird

### The Provisional Top Ten YB Open Positions

1<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs R Hume of Rochford on 1783ypm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andy Richardson of Seaford on 1773ypm, 3<sup>rd</sup> J May & Son of Chichester on 1745ypm, 4<sup>th</sup> D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St Mary on 1742ypm, 5<sup>th</sup> J Cowlin of Hullbridge on 1741ypm, 6<sup>th</sup> John & Bradley Donovan of Warlingham on 1735ypm, 7<sup>th</sup> M Symonds of Rochford on 1734ypm, 8<sup>th</sup> Alan & Gary Young of South Croydon on 1731ypm, 9<sup>th</sup> Lee Bastone of Burnham on Sea on 1729ypm, 10<sup>th</sup> Gladwin Jarvis & Family of Leigh on Sea on 1721ypm.

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