British International Championship Club

BICC ACE Pigeons Awards 2021

Twelve months ago, in November 2020, the BICC announced that they would be introducing new ground breaking awards for the 2021 season, giving members the opportunity to race for the ACE pigeon awards. The BICC announced that there would be five ACE pigeon awards, two for the National races, one for the International races and one for the young bird Nationals. As we know there weren't any International races in 2021, so the Jim Emerton Belief Trophy was not raced for but, it looks positive that this will change for 2022 and the BICC have produced a full National and International programme.

However, the other four ACE pigeon awards have now been awarded and the BICC would like to send a huge thanks to Aurel Voiculescu, of Team Aurel, for calculating the results and sponsoring the Trophy for the ACE pigeon of the North. In fact, Aurel, personally, has played a hugely significantly huge role in not only sponsoring the trophy but arranging and paying for the photographs of the ACE pigeons that accompany this report. The BICC also wish to acknowledge and thank Aurel, once again, for doing all of this.

The club would also like to thank the partnership of Malik and Khan for sponsoring the ACE bird of the South trophy, another significant act of generosity. Trophies for the young bird ACE awards have not yet been arranged and if anyone would like to sponsor a trophy to be presented, the club would be very pleased to hear from you.

ACE Pigeon Award Team Aurel

ACE Pigeon Award Malik & Khan

To qualify for the National ACE pigeon awards, the bird has to race in at least three National races. For the Young Bird ACE pigeon award, the bird has to compete in the two young bird National races. The north/south split is along the 52-degree north latitude, to make the distance and competition fair.

To determine the winning birds, the same system has been applied by the BICC as in Belgium and Holland. This is by way of a coefficient calculation. A coefficient is a mathematical calculation that works out a pigeon's performance based on the number of birds in the race and the position it finishes. Therefore, the calculation is completely objective.

The old bird races used to calculate the ACE Pigeon Awards were:

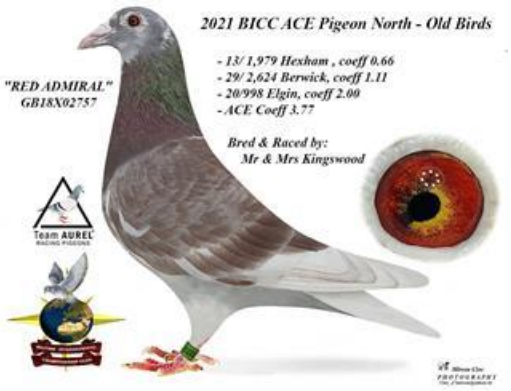
Race No	Release point	Date	Birdage
1	Wadebridge	15.05	2,165
2	Truro	29.05	5,345
3	Hexham	5.06	1,979
4	Penzance	12.06	3,575
5	Berwick	19.06	2,624
6	Elgin	2.07	998
7	Guernsey	11.07	5,281
8	Lerwick	31.07	841
	Total		22,808

There were 158 pigeons competing for the award, 143 pigeons completed 3 races, 14 pigeons completed 4 races and 1 pigeon completed 5 races. Out of 158 pigeons competing for the award, 61 pigeons were from the north sections and 97 from south sections.

The ACE Pigeon Award of the North and winner of the Team Aurel Trophy was Mr and Mrs Kingswood of Huttoft with pigeon GB18X02757 on an ACE coefficient of 3.77.

The pigeon performances were 13/ 1,979 Hexham, race coeff 0.66, 29/ 2,624 Berwick, race coeff 1.11 & 20/998 Elgin, race coeff 2.00.

Darren said, 'This award has rounded off a successful season for us racing with the BICC, having won three 1st Section places. This news also cheers me up in particular because I have been really rough with Covid for the past two weeks! Our pigeon has been a steady bird and hasn't really shown through but is a lovely looking red pied cock. His breeding is Lambrecht x Raymond Molvett. The Lambrecht blood coming from a gift bird from Albert Sayers and the Molvert from a Stuart Wilcox auction. Can I thank Team Aurel for sponsoring this trophy and say that Jackie and I are delighted to be the first winners of the ACE pigeon of the North.'



Top 3 ACE pigeons of the North

Rank	Ring Number	**ACE Coeff**	Fancier	Town	Race 3	Race 5	Race 6	Race 8
1	GB18X02757	**3.77**	Mr & Mrs Kingswood	Huttoft	0.66	1.11	2.00	
2	GB19F31409	**6.09**	Harry Jackson	Selby		0.46	4.21	1.43
3	GB19H44708	**6.63**	John McCall	Leeds		0.04	6.11	0.48

The ACE Pigeon Award of the South and winner of the Malik and Khan Trophy was Tony Barrett from Portsmouth with pigeon GB19N19645 on an ACE coefficient of 3.84.

The pigeon's performances were 76/ 5345 Truro, race coeff 1.42, 25/ 3575 Penzance, race coeff 0.70 & 91/ 5281 Guernsey , race coeff 1.72.

Tony said, 'My ACE pigeon was bred from me from a gift bird, with the sire from Jason Ross and the dam was from Jimmy Wearn and Eric Nellson. My pigeon didn't take any cards as a baby but, as a yearling took a few club cards and this year it has come into its own. I have raced this cock on roundabout. In the BICC this year, it was: 12th Section, 76th Open 5, 345 birds Truro, 60th Section, 91st Open, 5,281 birds from Guernsey, 1st Section, 91st open 3, 575 birds Penzance and he also flew Sennan Cove in the NFC it was my 1st bird, 8th Section, 97th Open 5,600 birds. This bird has turned out to be a fantastic pigeon for me. He won the Section on the 12th June and I have named him after my youngest brother, Joey, because the 12th was Joey's birthday. I think he was pleased with that!'

Top 3 ACE pigeons of the South

Rank	Ring Number	**ACE Coeff**	Fancier	Town	Race 1	Race 2	Race 4	Race 7
1	GB19N19645	**3.84**	Tony Barrett	Portsmouth		1.42	0.70	1.72
2	GB19N21832	**6.04**	N T Wilson	Hilsea		4.30	1.68	0.06
3	GB18R19194	**6.50**	T Sparks & P Dallas	Gravesend	3.51	1.89		1.10

The young bird races used to calculate the ACE Pigeon Awards

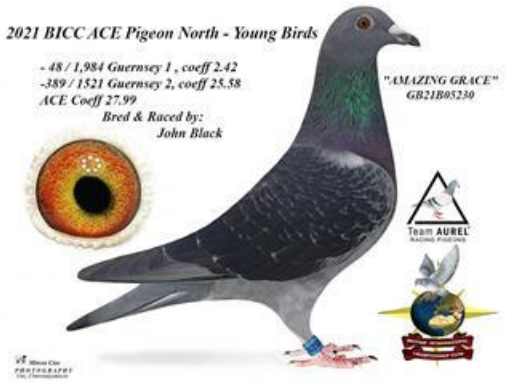
Race No	Release point	Date	Birdage
9	Guernsey YB1	28.08	1,984
10	Guernsey YB2	11.09	1,521
	Total		3,505

There were 57 pigeons competing for the award, 4 pigeons from north sections and 53 pigeons from south sections.

The ACE Young Bird Pigeon Award winner of the North was John Black from Hitchin with pigeon GB21B05230 on an ACE coefficient of 27.99.

The pigeon performances were 48/1,984 birds Guernsey 1, race coeff 2.42 & 389/1,521 birds Guernsey 2, race coeff 25.58.

John told me, 'The bird that won the North Section ACE pigeon was a dark chequer hen that was 4th North Centre Section in a east wind, then 7th Section in a west wind and is defiantly one for the future. Her sire is from one of my best racing cocks, 86, winner of 6 first clubs and 2 first Inter-Counties Fed. He is the sire of 3 birds to win 3rd Section BICC with different hens. He's bred a 1st and 2nd Fed with another hen and now an ACE young bird with a different hen again. So, I hope she turns out as good as her sire. Her dam is a granddaughter of Black Power, the German International winner.'



Top 3 Young Bird ACE pigeons of the North

Rank	Ring Number	**ACE Coeff**	Fancier	Town	Race 9	Race 10
1	GB21B05230	**27.99**	John Black	Hitchin	2.42	25.58
2	GB21B01362	**32.43**	Mr & Mrs Strowger	Leiston	18.30	14.14
3	GB21B05208	**35.73**	John Black	Hitchin	5.29	30.44

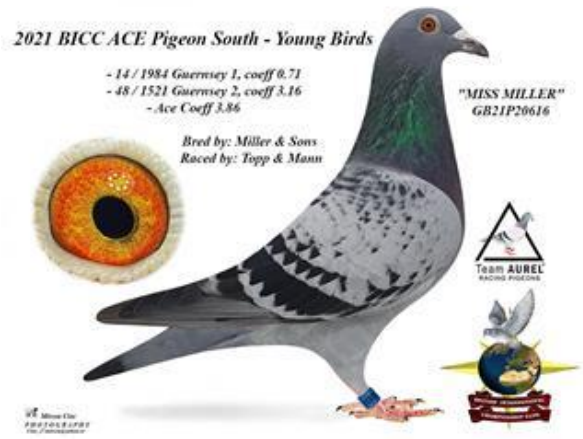
The ACE Young Bird Pigeon Award winner of the South was Topp & Mann from Rayleigh with pigeon GB21P20616 on an ACE coefficient of 3.86.

The pigeon's performances were 14/1,984 birds Guernsey 1, race coeff 0.71 & 48/1,521 birds Guernsey 2, race coeff 3.16.

Mitchell told me, 'We were over the moon to hear we had won the ACE Young Bird in the BICC. It's the icing on the cake for us, she was a darkness baby and flown to the perch and she could have paired if she wanted to but, she never did. Her preparation for the two National races went like this. Three weeks before the first BICC young bird race I had to stop my young birds as they weren't quite right, so I kept them in for a week and lightly trained them and then four days before the first Guernsey I took them to Brighton, which is 60 miles as the crow flies, before work. Which meant getting up at 3.30am, going to my granddad's and basketed them and then taking them up there. I let them go around 5.45am to 6.00am. I then came back and went to work! I did this because it was the Thames breeder buyer races, so I didn't want to waste my money by not sending them. So, I put the effort in and it paid off. I sent my 2 breeder buyers and they both come together, this hen just being beaten over the pad by her loft mate taking 2nd Section 14th Open and winning me £3000 in the breeder buyer! So, I did the same thing for the next Guernsey and she was my second pigeon to the loft again, this time a minute or so behind my first one taking 40th Section 48th Open.'

This hen's breeding on the sire's side is Aurelian, Van Den Bulk bred by Kevin Moran of Liverpool who is the nest mate to, Caligula, who was responsible of at least 10 x 1stFed winners. Aurelian's sire is a full brother to, Olympic Rosita, the dam of both Kittel & Greipel. The dam was bred and raced by Kelly Brothers, Sons & Devine and was purchased by Miller & Sons from their entire clearance sale. She is a 1st North Liverpool Fed winner and is from the best of the Foxwood Loft of Geerinckx pigeons.

Mitchell said, 'I call her Miss Miller as she was bred by my good friend Thomas Miller from Liverpool and picked out by him to enter in the breeder buyer. So I must say a very special thank you to him and I'm happy I can give him some brilliant news about the pigeon he sent down. I would also like to thank the BICC and everyone involved in making this such a pristine prize, it is without a doubt the way forward, so thank you very much.'



Top 3 Young Bird ACE young pigeons of the South

Rank	Ring Number	**ACE Coeff**	Fancier	Town	Race 9	Race 10
1	GB21P20616	**3.86**	Topp & Mann	Rayleigh	0.71	3.16
2	GB21R19491	**7.45**	T Sparks & P Dallas	Gravesend	1.01	6.44
3	GB21L28187	**9.87**	D Wilton & Son	Chadwell St Mary	1.06	8.81

And that concludes the ACE pigeon awards report for the 2021 season. All worthy winners, who showed up regularly on the Section and Open results, throughout the season. And, of course the awards will be up for grabs again in 2022, so perhaps start planning for them.

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