

British International Championship Club

National Provisional Race Report Guernsey (2)

Date 14th May 2022

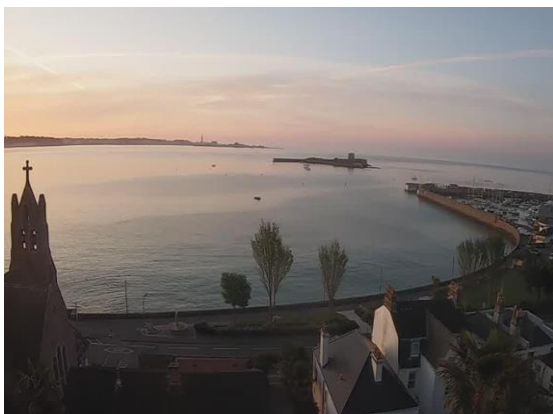
The BICC's second National race was again from Guernsey, but this time the race saw a significant increase in birdcage. Perhaps bolstered by the news of the successful meeting between the RPRA and Defra and as we move on in the season. So, 428 members sent 5,783 birds that were liberated at 7.00am on Saturday 14th May 2022.

Each Section sent the following: in the South Centre Section, 150 members sent 1,940 birds, in the South East, 125 members sent 2,028, in the South West, 46 sent 510, the North Centre, 41 sent 604, the North East 49 sent 425 and in the North West, 16 members sent 276 birds.

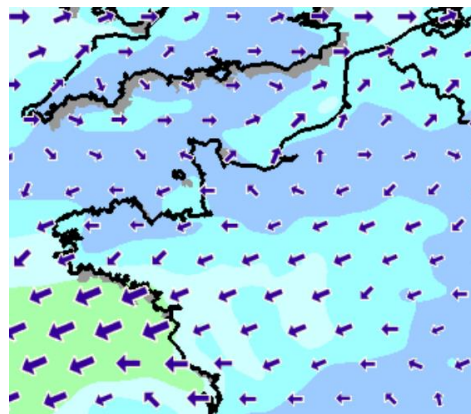
The weather/race report

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

As forecast, a fine dry day was the general weather picture for this the BICC second race from Guernsey. The high-pressure system centred over the English Channel was responsible for the calm and stable conditions. The scene at first light over Guernsey on Saturday morning was one of clear blue skies and light winds. The view captured from the webcam positioned on the neighbouring island of Jersey at St Helier shows clear blue skies and calm sea. After checking the weather satellites, channel, and various webcams a discussion took place with the convoyers resulting in a decision to go ahead with the race. The convoy was liberated at 07:00 clearing the Island immediately in 2 batches racing towards the Channel. Winds were light and variable over Guernsey and over southern England they were light from the west or southwest. (see wind flow chart) Visibility in the Channel recorded 5 to 7 miles. Viewing the early times, the leading pigeons were timed in most sections across the country.



View of St Helier



Wind flow map

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

The Provisional Open and 1st South Centre Section winner was Stuart Sheffield of Oakley Green on 1595ypm over 159 miles. Stuart was delighted with his win and said, 'I have been inundated with calls and texts from loads of fanciers congratulating me and if I haven't managed to get back to everyone, I'm sorry, but it has been hectic and fantastic at the same time. I timed a 2-year-old blue hen, flown on the roundabout system from my very consistent home bred, sprint based family. Can I

thank the BICC for arranging the race, all the people at the marking station and the convoyers for putting on a great race. Thank you all and thanks again to all those who have been in touch, I really appreciate it.'

2nd South Centre Section, 6th Open was J P Parker, of Beenham on 1573ypm, over 145 miles. JP Parker couldn't provide any more information for the report at this time.

3rd South Centre Section, 8th Open were C Baldwin & Son, of Edgware on 1568ypm over 177 miles. The father and son partnership of Clive and Peter first started racing in 1998 and mainly raced on the north until about 6 years ago, when they turned south. They've been quite successful on both routes. Clive told me, 'We timed a yearling hen of Leo van Rijn crossed Soontjens bloodlines and raced celibate. We train up to 50 miles and Peter does the majority of the training in fairness to him. We are looking forward to the rest of the season'



Stuart Sheffield



Clive Baldwin

The Provisional South East Section Winners

1st South East Section, 16th Open were R & P Thomas of South Benfleet on 1543ypm over 197 miles. Paul told me, 'The bird we took 1st Section with, is a 3-year-old widowhood hen and she has won in my local club, Hullbridge, as a yearling and also took 90th Open 8th Section Poitiers and 5th Open, 2nd Section Bordeaux. Can I thank my good friend Terry Rolison for taking my birds to the marking station due to my busy work schedule. My son, Jamie is in the photo with me, he loves being involved with the pigeons and going up the club.'

2nd South East Section, 48th Open was Kevin Foster of Longfield Hill on 1493.4ypm over 181 miles. Kevin said, 'I had two together. The first I clocked was a 2-year-old blue pied widower cock. He's been very consistent and was a good young bird, scoring in the BICC Guernsey National. This year, he was in the first 20 of the Section, in the first Guernsey race. His sire is a son of the, Lerwick Cock, who was 29th National Lerwick last year, in the only north road race, he's ever flown. His dam is, Number 13, who took, 5th NFC old hens National and was a top racer for me before going to stock. The hen that came with him, that I clocked a few seconds later, is a 3-year-old widower who has always been a consistent bird with a few regularly coming in front of her. Maybe one for a little later and further, I hope. Can I also say a well done to all the winners in the Open and Sections.'

3rd South East Section, 49th Open was J M Cook of Bexleyheath on 1493.3ypm over 179 miles. Jimmy Cook timed a 2-year-old Vandabeele chequer cook raced on roundabout. The bird flew well as a young bird but hasn't done anything since, until putting up this good performance.



Paul & Jamie Thomas



Kevin Foster

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st South West Section, 2nd Open was Dave & John Staddon of Ditchat on 1590ypm over 112miles. Dave had this to say, 'Firstly, our hearty congratulations to Stuart Sheffield on his fantastic win and to all the other Section winners. We timed our fantastic 4-year-old chaos widowhood cock called, Meteor Miracle. This is his second Section win in the BICC having previously won 1st West Section St Philbert in 2020 against 1200b. This time he does it against 510b. He is also the winner of 2 x 1st Club, 6th WOESRC Lyndhurst 2452b, 7th WOESRC Brighton 476b, 9th WOESRC Lyndhurst, 3648b, 11th WOESRC Brighton 3035b, 13th WOESRC Eastbourne, 9th Section 63rd NFC Guernsey 5853b. He is nestmate of Miracle Maker, 1st West Section 20th National 2222b Bordeaux, 33rd Nat Falaise, 2nd WOESRC Lyndhurst 3648b, 2nd WOESRC Eastbourne 2394b, 3rd WOESRC Brighton 1601b, 7th WOESRC Eastbourne 840b, 8th WOESRC Brighton 476b, 10th WOESRC Ramsgate 1776b, 12th WOESRC Littlehampton 2726b, 12th WOESRC Lyndhurst 2452b, 18th WOESRC Coutances 1420b 3x 1st club etc. Miracle Maker was our single entry on the same day to the WOESRC Eastbourne race where he won 1st club 170b. What a pair of nestmates they are! They are bred from our champion breeder, The Real Miracle, a direct son of our elite breeding couple, the Miracle Pair when, The Real Miracle was paired to Comet 1st, 3rd & 7th WOESRC up to 5,500b and also the mother of Glory 1st NFC Coutances for us. We sent 31 birds and at the time of writing have 6 yearlings missing. Meteor Miracle was our strongly fancied pigeon and he is in all pools and noms and the 5 bird nomination race. The brothers may now go to the NFC Guernsey race and like most BICC members we are really hoping we can back to racing from France sooner rather than later.'

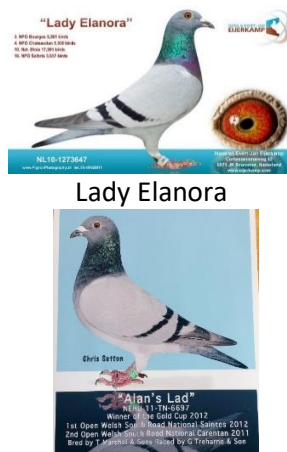
2nd South West Section, 3rd Open were G Treharne & Son of Nantyglo on 1578ypm over 160 miles. Stuart said, 'Our bird is a three-year-old hen flown on roundabout and she had three races prior to this, including the previous Guernsey with the BICC. The week prior to basketing the hawks had started to hunt the old birds around the loft, mainly when the hens were exercising, so I decided to show the hens to a spare cock prior to basketing to try to get them to focus. Her father is a son of our two Saintes National winners, Alans Lad and Think Of Me. Alans Lad is sire and grandsire of National winners and is 100% Carteus, Think Of Me is a mother to many top national positions and is grandmother and great grandmother of national winners. She is Eijerkamp van Loon, being a daughter of our number one cock, Son Of Kain. The mother is a direct Eijerkamp van Loon hen, a

daughter of Lady Elanora, who is the mother of two national winners into Wales with different cocks and the grandmother of three national winners, so the hen is 75% Eijerkamp van Loon and 25% Carteus. The birds arrived in good condition as is normal with the BICC. I would like to thank my wife for all the help she gives me both in and out of the season, she is the best and a joy to be with.'

3rd South West Section, 9th Open was Nigel Templar of Hartcliffe on 1563ypm over 131 miles. Nigel firstly wanted to offer his congratulations to all the winners and said this, 'I had 4 birds drop almost together and I didn't quite expect them that early! But I was ready, so everything was fine and they trapped like bullets. The first bird in was, 444, a previous prize winner. The sire to this pigeon is a Syndicate x Gerrit Lahuis van Dyck based bird still in the race loft. The dam is a Fran Zwols down from, Royal Tip and the Golden Hen. Both the parents of the dam were bred by Stuart Wilcox and these lines of pigeons have been very consistent for me. I race all my cocks are on a widowhood system.'



Dave & John Staddon



Alan's Lad



Nigel Templar

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st North Centre Section, 4th Open was Shaun McDonough of Walsall on 1577.4ypm over 217 miles. Following up his Section win two weeks ago, Shaun, made it 2 from 2 in this race. He told me this Section winner was bred from BE19-4130132, Son of Best Kittel and a nestmate to 3 x Ace Grand averages Victoria falls Million Dollar Race. The dam was GB18-Z89848, a great granddaughter of Stuff of Legends, who took 1st Open Derby and Burton National. With the bloodlines coming from the loft of Pieter Oberholster.

2nd North Centre Section, 5th Open was Gary Downing of Smethwick on 1577.2ypm over 207 miles. Gary timed a 3-year-old chequer hen who is a previous prize winner and a sister to a 1st federation winner. He said, 'She is a De Meyer X Lambrecht, with the sire being bred by my good friends Taylor & Rigby from Telford, directly from El Torro. The dam being a granddaughter of my original number one pair of Lambrechts.'

3rd North Centre Section, 10th Open was David Paine of St Neots on 1560ypm over 212 miles. David is a consistent timer in the north centre section and said this about this pigeon, 'As a young bird the pigeon was 6th Section Guernsey BICC and is now 3rd Section in this race. He has been very consistent this year, being my first bird to the loft 3 times. He is half-brother to my MNFC winner and his breeding is Marcel van den Brande and he's raced on widowhood.'



Shaun McDonough's Section winner



Gary Downing



David Paine

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st North East Section, 42nd Open was Dave Downing of Newmarket on 1498ypm over 229 miles.

Dave took the Section win with a 4-year-old blue cock flown on widowhood. This bird is one of Dave's favourites and most consistent performers with several firsts to his credit including 11th Open BICC St. Philbert in 2020. Dave said, 'He has shown great form this year, winning 1st club from Stoney Cross the week before this Guernsey race. I now just fly a relatively small team of widowhood cocks in the traditional manner and my team have performed well this year, winning 3 out of 4 club races prior to the Guernsey race. The Section winning cock is a Hardy Kruger bred from one of the original pairs I first acquired in 2014 from Premier Lofts, to which I have since added birds direct from Hardy, with these either raced pure or crossed with my Vandenabeeles.' They perform excellently for Dave in the short to middle distance races and he also recorded a second timer which is provisionally 5th Section and had 7 on the day out of his 9 entries with 1 coming the next morning.

2nd North East Section, 61st Open, was J Searle of Gt Abington on 1475ypm over 216 miles. John said, 'My pigeon is a 2020 Leo Van Rijn widowhood cock. He has been very consistent, winning in the Stansted RPS race today from Guernsey. He is also brother to club and fed winners and the bloodlines go back to Brian Hawes fed and combine winners including the direct Leo Van Rijns.'

3rd North East Section, 100th Open was Dean Jones of Sibsey on 1426ypm over 266 miles. In preparation for the longer ones, Dean said, 'The pigeon is 100% Padfield's being from a son of, Blue Badge and a daughter of Padfield's Invincible and Padfield's Kaysie. He had 3 inland races with the Peterborough Central Federation and was a last minute substitute to make the numbers up. He will have 2 more Guernsey races and hopefully will go to the Pau International – let's hope!'



Dave Downing



John Searle



Dean Jones' Padfield bird

The Provisional North West Section Winners

1st North West Section, 7th Open were Williams Bros of Oldbury on 1573ypm over 207 miles. The partnership consists of father and son Trevor and Lee, who still race as Williams Bros. Lee told me, 'Our 2 -year-old widow cock is from our own family of Soontjen/Van Reets. He took club and fed prizes as a youngster and was consistent as a yearling winning some minor prizes. He had the first four inland races this year before going to Guernsey with the BICC and we are very pleased with this provisional 1st Section win.'

2nd North West Section, 11th Open were J & B Oakley of Whitchurch on 1555ypm over 241 miles. Ben told me, 'She's a superb hen having won the MNFC West Section Ace pigeon last year, along with two Western Region RPRA awards. She's bred from a son of, GWP Macaloney's new dream pair when paired to a daughter of their, Supermac 73 x One and Only. Her half- sister won 1st Section E BBC Guernsey on the same day. She is raced on the widowhood system.'

3rd North West Section, 13th Open were Silvester Bros, Nicklin & Clarke on 1551ypm over 242 miles. Following up their Section win last week; the partnership timed a Ceuster x Van Reet. They told me, 'To her credit, she was 4th Section 34th Open 5,281 birds, BICC Guernsey as well as 7th Section 68th Open MNFC Homsley and in this race she taken the provisional 3rd spot. Can we say a big thank you to all those involved in the committee of the BICC.'



Williams' Bros blue cock



J&B Oaley's bird



Silvester Bros, Nicklin & Clarke

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions:

1st Mr S Sheffield of Oakley Green on 1595ypm, 2nd D & J Staddon of Ditcheat on 1590ypm, 3rd G Treharne & Son of Nantyglo on 1578ypm, 4th S McDonough of Walsall on 1577ypm, 5th Gary Downing of Smethwick on 1577ypm, 6th J.P. Parker of Beenham on 1573ypm, 7th Williams Brothers of Oldbury on 1573ypm, 8th C Baldwin & Son of Edgware on 1568ypm, 9th N Templar of Hartcliffe 1563ypm, 10th David Paine of St Neots on 1560ypm.

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