

# British International Championship Club

## Guernsey (3) National Provisional Race Report

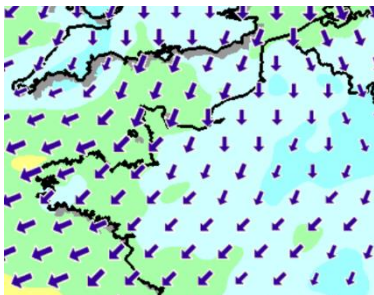
28<sup>th</sup> May 2022

The BICC's third south road National race was from Guernsey, making it three in a row from the beautiful Island. Members of the BBC and CSCFC joined the 372 BICC members, sending about 600 birds to join the 4,972 from the BICC. The birds were liberated at 6.45am on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

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

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

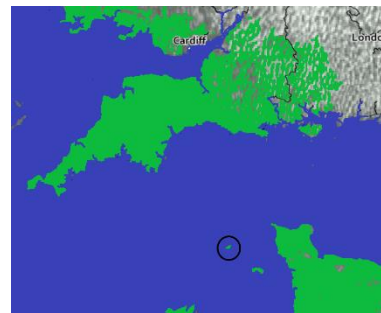
The weather conditions for our third race from Guernsey were good, all down to the influence of high pressure. The B.I.C.C. convoy were liberated at 06:45 and after breaking into 2 batches gained height in the sky before leaving the Island. The images showing the clear blue skies over the channel and the sun rising over the Guernsey Airport support the weather conditions. The east of England did see some fair-weather cloud but the West Country remained under mainly clear skies. The main aspect effecting the race was the fresh north easterly wind (see wind map) which was stronger than forecast reaching speeds of up to 15 mph in some areas over the open sea. Visibility in the channel was recorded at 11 miles. The early times recording the faster pigeons were as expected in the West Country. So, to conclude - not an easy race all down to wind direction.



Wind flow map



View of Aurigny airport



Satellite image

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

**The Provisional Open winner, taking 1<sup>st</sup> South West Section were the partnership of Terry Lee & Terry Dyer of Plymouth, on 1486yppm over 91 miles.**

The Lee & Dyer partnership began in 1995 and within no time at all they became the highest prize winners on numerous occasions, from 60 to 500 miles, racing in the West of England Continental Amalgamation. They believe their success came from the outstanding Camphuis Janssen pigeons acquired from Terry Lee's very good friend, Bob Langrich of Chorley and Frank Burley from Cornwall. Due to business commitments, they ceased racing in 2000 and Terry Dyer went back to racing alone from his own back yard and won the NFC Cholet in 2012.

The partnership resumed in 2014 and concentrated on channel racing. And it didn't take long to achieve success, winning several high positions in the section and open, both with the NFC and BICC. As COVID and Brexit struck, Terry and Terry excelled in club inland racing, also taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Guernsey young birds in 2021.

'Hardwick Thriller' as he is now known is a Janssen based pigeon bred from a cock off Roger Lowe's 'Fast Red', paired to a hen from John Fretwell's clearance sale, as recommended by Stuart Wilcox. This cock had raced widowhood and had recently paired up and was sent driving his hen. He has been a consistent racer but has only had 2 races this year, one being from Guernsey the previous week.

The 'Two Terrys', as they are known locally, would like to thank their fellow club members and all the fanciers who called and messaged congratulating them. They would also like to say a special thanks to the BICC for all their hard work behind the scenes in their endeavour to facilitate channel racing this year.

Gill McClements, who compiled this report said this of the partnership, 'It gives me the greatest of pleasure to report on this partnership winning the BICC Open, if not winning it ourselves these would be first choice to take the honours, they are genuine hard working pigeon men, both at their loft and at our club.' A fitting tribute from Gill and can I also thank her for sending this report.



The lofts of Terry Lee & Terry Dyer



The National winning bird



Terry Lee & Terry Dyer

**2<sup>nd</sup> South West Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open was T Luscombe of Looe, on 1451yph over 103miles.** Terry timed a dark yearling hen, which was one of two pigeons that were timed together. She was sent feeding a 10-day old young one. Terry said, 'This hen was bred off a son from my NFC National winner paired with a hen that was gifted to me by fellow club members Lee & Dyer, and I wish to congratulate them on winning the BICC. She was bred off J & D Staddon's Miracle hen lines. She was timed along with a blue Herman Cuester yearling hen. This hen was gifted to me by my very good friend Richard Elliott who decided not race his team of young birds in 2022, so he gave them to me to race.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South West Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open was Underhill & Prettejohn of Plymouth, on 1422yph over 90 miles.** Mike told me, 'The dark chequer cock was sent on widowhood and his breeding is Derek Nicholls of Premier Stud, DE RAUW-SABLON from the Gilbert & Andea Bak 17 lines. This cock is becoming a bit of a Guernsey specialist having previously won 2<sup>nd</sup> Section "D" 4<sup>th</sup> Open NFC in 2021. The winner of the BICC opening race from Guernsey "Marquez" flew another good race and is provisionally, 7<sup>th</sup> Open, this time sent one week on widowhood.'



Terry Luscombe



Mike Underhill

### **Provisional South Centre Section Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> South Centre Section, 10<sup>th</sup> Open was Ricky Turner of Aylesbury, on 1251yppm over 176 miles.** Ricky said, 'My bird is also 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 10<sup>th</sup> Open in the BBC as well and I would like to thank Darren May for breeding the pigeon and to thank my club members who have helped me as I don't drive. I only race a small team of pigeons and I have topped the federation as well this week, so I've had a good weekend all around.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South Centre Section, 14<sup>th</sup> Open were Mr & Mrs M & C Brown of Hungerford, on 1240yppm over 142 miles.** Mark said, 'Firstly, I'd like to say well done to the clubs for organising these races to give all members the opportunity to have Guernsey and north road races. Our 2-year-old blue hen was flying widowhood. She is a consistent hen and 1 of our 5 entries picked for the weekends race. She was bred by Shaun Stockley who's sire was a gift pigeon from John Angwin from his top breeding son of Kittel and the dam is from Andy Swift of Dragonfly Lofts. She finished provisional, 1<sup>st</sup> Section 4<sup>th</sup> Open British Barcelona Club, 4<sup>th</sup> Section 4<sup>th</sup> Open CSCFC and 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 12<sup>th</sup> Open BICC.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South Centre Section, 16<sup>th</sup> Open were The Rostons of Norreys, on 1234yppm over 148 miles.** The partnership timed a 2-year-old pigeon but weren't able to provide any further details.



Ricky Turner



Mark Brown

### **The Provisional South East Section Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> South East Section, 19<sup>th</sup> Open was D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St Mary, on 1223yppm over 187 miles.** Andrew said, 'The Section winner is the same pigeon we got last weekend in the NFC, winning 6<sup>th</sup> Open. He is a yearling widowhood cock and he has been flying very well for us, he won 1<sup>st</sup> club 4<sup>th</sup> Thames North against 1,623 birds a few weeks ago. He also won 4<sup>th</sup> BICC Guernsey as a young bird. He's bred from a son of Mark Bulled's Champion Rocky and a daughter of our top racer and breeder Altior, when he was paired to Bob and Ant Besant's BICC Cholet winner, Gaby.'



**2<sup>nd</sup> South East Section, 60<sup>th</sup> Open were Trevor & Adrian Wilson from Nr Bishop's Stortford, on 1154ypm over 204 miles.** Trevor and Adrian said, 'Well done to the Wilton's on winning the Section, they are great fanciers. Our timer is, Skyfall, a dark chequer yearling hen from our own family of birds. She has been consistent as a young bird and was our third bird from Guernsey last year. Her nest mate, The Bomb was 24<sup>th</sup> Open Midland National, Weymouth as a young bird. Their sire, The Lot Cock, has won minor positions in Nationals and is the son of, Lottie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 9<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Falaise. Their dam 47 is a late bred for stock and is the full sister to, Guernsey Girl, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BBC Fougères old hens and Flash 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open BBC Coutances. We feel they are a great family of pigeons, made up of birds very closely bred and being related to the best birds in Europe. Good luck to all those going to France on the 18th of June.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South East Section, 65<sup>th</sup> Open was M Connolly & Son of Canning Town, over 1154ypm over 178 miles.** The partnership said, 'This was our first BICC race of the season and we timed in a 2-year-old blue widowhood cock with 4 x 1<sup>st</sup> wins to his name. He is a grandson of our 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Essex & Kent Amal winner, against approximately 5,000 birds each time. He was bred by our good friends John and Theresa Gladwin. Another pair of young birds must be due soon John! Also well done to Robbie and Andrew Wilton on winning the section and to the BICC winner and all other section winners.'



D Wilton & Son



Trevor & Adrian Wilson



M Connolly & Son

### The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North Centre Section, 6<sup>th</sup> Open was Gary Downing of Smethwick, on 1262ypm over 207miles.** Gary timed a 3-year-old chequer hen who is a previous prize winner and a sister to a 1<sup>st</sup> federation winner. She was also the same bird that he timed from the BICC Guernsey, two weeks previously. 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.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North Centre Section, 8<sup>th</sup> Open was Dominic Gruzellier of Houghton Conquest, on 1258ypm over 198 miles.** Dom told me, 'The hen is a home bred grizzle raced on widowhood. She is always consistent, winning prizes in the club on a regular basis but prefers a harder type of race. Her father was a gift pigeon from Mark Darby of Walsall to my son Josh who likes grizzles and he is of Pit Ball lines. He is now father to multiple prizes winners in my loft and the mother is from my golden pair of Pieter Oberholster/Hagan lines. They are the parents or grandparents to most of my section winners and top performing pigeons.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North Centre Section, 9<sup>th</sup> Open were Shaun McDonough of Walshall, on 1105ypm over 228 miles.** Shaun has been very consistent from Guernsey this season and in the race, he timed GB 20 Z-55117, bred by Pieter Oberholster. The sire is inbred to Birdy from top son Birdy, Madiba, paired to daughter Birdy when paired to Koopmans Good Aim. The mother of GB 20 Z -55117 is a proven direct daughter of Son Bliksem paired to MJ!



Gary Downing's 1st North Centre Section winner



Dom & Josh Gruzellier



Shaun McDonough's bird

### The Provisional North East Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North East Section, 34<sup>th</sup> Open was John Searle of Gt Abington, on 1202yppm over 216 miles.** John said, 'This is the same pigeon that won 2<sup>nd</sup> NE Section Guernsey 2 and he has now won 1<sup>st</sup> Section Guernsey 3, so he is coming well for me. He is a 2020 Leo Van Rijn widowhood cock. He is also a brother to club and fed winners and the bloodlines go back to Brian Hawes fed and combine winners including the direct Leo Van Rijns.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North East Section, 75<sup>th</sup> Open, was Mr & Mrs D Anderson of Norwich, on 1141yppm over 275 miles.** David said, 'This pigeon was bred by myself from pigeons that have survived racing and not from stock. Its dam was a Cooremans chequer hen bred by Bob Fenech and the cock bred by me from pigeons, I believe from clubmate, Tony Moore, who were both eventually lost racing. This was his first time over the water and made light of the journey even after 7 hours in a head wind. In 2021, he was 1<sup>st</sup> Open N&SSRCC Kingsdown on June 19<sup>th</sup>, Black Saturday, in an east wind against 1,187 birds flying 47 miles further than the second pigeon and 22yppm ahead of it. This year, he had 3 inland races with the N&SSRCC at St. Albans and two from Reading and is flown on widowhood, only seeing his hen when he returned home. The feeding is the Paloma widowhood mix and Schroeder Tollisan products from David Hicks at Mattishall.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North East Section, 124<sup>th</sup> Open was Mr J Duke Loft 2 of Newmarket, on 1105yppm over 228 miles.** The partnership timed a 3-year-old Staff Van Reet chequer cock, flying to large youngsters.



John Searle



David Anderson



John Duke

### The Provisional North West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North West Section, 18<sup>th</sup> Open were Silvester Bros, Nicklin & Clarke, of Stoke on Trent, on 1226yppm over 242 miles.** The partnership said, 'We would just like to say a big thank you to you and the committee for all the good work you do and now a little about the pigeon. She was bred by Andrew and Dave Macmillan who also bred our Guernsey Section winner last year and we can't thank them enough. Once again thanks to you.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North West Section, 24<sup>th</sup> Open, were Williams Bros of Oldbury, on 1215ypm over 207 miles.** The partnership timed a 3-year-old widowhood cock who has had minor prizes at club level but always seems to be consistent at National level, having been clocked for respectable results in both MNFC and NFC previously. He is bred from their own family of Soontjen/Van Reets crossed with Dirk van den Bulck of, Olympic Rosita lines.

**3<sup>rd</sup> North West Section, 27<sup>th</sup> Open were Adams Bros of Longton, on 1213ypm over 242 miles.** The partnership timed a 2-year-old pigeon but weren't able to provide any further details.



Silvester Bros, Nicklin & Clarke



Williams Bros, widow cock

#### **The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions:**

1<sup>st</sup> Terry Lee & Terry Dyer of Plymouth on 1486ypm, 2<sup>nd</sup> T Luscombe of Looe on 1451ypm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Underhill & Prettejohn of Plymouth on 1422ypm, 4<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs M McClements of Ivybridge on 1364ypm, 5<sup>th</sup> Daniel Hocking of Bridgwater on 1278ypm, 6<sup>th</sup> Gary Downing of Smethwick on 1262ypm, 7<sup>th</sup> G Treharne & Son of Nantyglo on 1260ypm, 8<sup>th</sup> D Gruzelier of Houghton Co on 1258ypm, 9<sup>th</sup> S McDonough of Walsall on 1257ypm, 10<sup>th</sup> Mr R Turner of Aylesbury on 1251ypm.

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