

British International Championship Club

Perth National Provisional Race Report

25th June 2022

Perth is a city in central Scotland, on the banks of the Tay. There has been a settlement at Perth since prehistoric times. It is a natural mound raised slightly above the flood plain of the Tay, at a place where the river could be crossed on foot at low tide. Close to Perth is Scone Abbey, which formerly housed the Stone of Scone, also known as the Stone of Destiny, on which the King of Scots were traditionally crowned.

And so, it was from this historic city that this north road National race was flown from on Saturday 25th June. The race was once again a joint race with the BBC and CSCFC. In the South Centre Section 28 members sent 223 birds, in the South East 10 sent 78, South West 6 sent 45, in the North Centre 20 sent 207, North East 7 sent 108 and in the North West Section 10 members sent 94 birds. In total, 81 BICC members sent 755 birds to join an overall liberation of 1,686 birds. They were liberated at 6.30am. This report is based on the member's first bird verifications and the final result may differ.

The Provisional Open and 1st North Centre Section winners were, Mellonby, Knowles & Simpkin of Bridlington on 1127ypm over 205 miles.

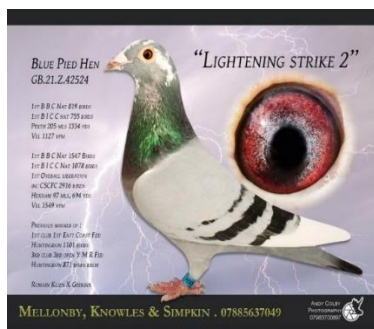
The partnership who won the Hexham National on 11th June with Lightning Strike 2 made it a double National win and so did Lightning Strike 2 herself. Proving, that lightning does indeed, strike twice! Her breeding is Romain Klein x Premier Stud Geerinck, with the sire bought from Dave Parsons, from a son of Romain Klein's Superstar Bentley. The partnership usually race south and sent 24 of their south road team to Hexham with no training on the north route and they have continued to race them north. The partnership works with Stewart Knowles of Widnes, doing the breeding and Kerry and Colin managing the race team. Kerry said, 'We are over the moon with another National win and for Lightning Strike 2 to add this to her impressive list of performances is just great. Can we thank all involved in making these races possible, it is much appreciated.'

2nd North Centre Section, 4th Open were Mr & Mrs R Skinner of Boston on 1085 over 275 miles.

Russ and Denise Skinner timed a yearling hen that was bred from, 'Rheedeem' X 'Goud Bet'. They want to congratulate the other section winners.

3rd North Centre Section, 6th Open were Hoggard, Linsey and Ellis of Bridlington on 1074 over 206 miles.

Nathan said, 'Our first pigeon yesterday was a yearling Gaston van de wouwer widowhood hen. She has scored lots of times in the local federation and is sister to some top performers. She is from a grandson of Kaasboer and Kamiel on the sire's side and Bro/jente and Emma on the dams. It was a good fair race with some notable great performances from the longer flying lofts and I would like to congratulate my good friend's Mellonby, Knowles and Simpkin on another win with their fantastic hen and the BICC and lads at the Carlton station for making this possible.'



Lightning Strike 2



Russ & Denise Skinner's pigeon



Hoggard, Linsey and Ellis

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st North East Section, 2nd Open was Mr & Mrs Kingswood of Huttoft on 1123.8 over 263 miles. The partnership timed a chequer pied cock that didn't race as a young bird because he had hurt his wing. As a yearling he flew well but this is the first time for him to score. His breeding goes back to a kit of youngsters they bid on for in a charity auction in 2018 from a fancier called Cliff from Rotherham. These birds are still proving their worth, with another first section win.

2nd North East Section, 3rd Open, was Tony Webster of Walpole on 1123.0 over 297 miles. Tony had a good race from Perth and had two hens together. He said, 'The first hen over the pad was a gift from one of my best pals Simon Hughes of Rochdale. We think this hen is a sister to Simon Bamford's winner and the other hen was a 3-year-old. She was raced south as a baby and yearling and as a 2-year-old she has always been a top hen, landing 4 times to win the fed. She has already won on the north this year. She's a home bred Lambrecht x Laereman. I sent 16 to Perth and had 15 back, with 1 away. It was a very tough race but these races are the ones I enjoy! I would like to thank PJ Lofts for their Gem supplements and thank the convoyers because the birds returned in great condition.'

3rd North East Section, 5th Open, was Tom Burkill of Mattishall on 1075 over 316 miles. Tom said, I have spent the weekend celebrating my son Archie's, 4th birthday, which fell on race day this year, so I didn't actually see the pigeon come from Perth. I would once again like to thank David Hicks. Life now, means that he is doing everything in the loft and doing it very well, executing the plan to perfection yet again. The first pigeon, a dark chequer hen, GB20X00344, who along with her full sister have been very consistent pigeons for me, picking up multiple fed cards but never quite getting over the line first. She is perfect in every way in the hand and always looks, 'in form'. But the last couple of weeks with having twice the number of hens as cocks, and having lost her cock in the early weeks, I noted she had turned lesbian and this week she laid. The eggs went through the grills, but she clearly hadn't forgotten laying them and she put in a really good shift on an exceptionally hard day due to the weather. Both her parents were bred for me by Les Green of Irlam, the hen is 50% Stefaan Lambrechts and 50% Dirk Van Den Bulck, a combination that Les found struck gold immediately. She is out of a son of, Lincia Doffer when paired to the Kleine Kittel Hen, the mother of his famous Boonen, when he was paired to a daughter of, Brother Aure and his super racing hen, Brodie. Thank you to Les for supplying me with the best pigeons and advice over the years.'



Darren & Jackie Kingswood



Tony Webster



Tom Burkill, Archie and David Hicks

The Provisional North West Section Winners

1st North West Section, 24th Open was John Rodway of Ruskwick on 925 over 297 miles. John's bird was a three-year-old blue chequer hen raced on the natural system, sitting twelve day eggs. He said, 'She was not raced as a young bird or yearling but since racing she has been a steady performer. In 2021 she was in the clock from a very hard Berwick race and recently was my second bird to the loft from the race from Hexham, but she has never won any prizes from her previous races. This pigeon is very lucky to be alive as she suffered a serious injury to her foot which resulted in her losing a

complete toe on the ring leg. My returns from the race was three from fifteen on the day but birds appear to be working back as I have had some returns on the Sunday morning. I still work on a natural system with my birds, with young and old living together and birds picking their own mates and operating an open loft system most of the time. My birds are fed on basic foods such as rolled barley, cut maize, mixed corn and a few chicken pellets. When rearing youngsters, I also feed economy mixes plus a few whole peas. I don't operate or plan according to any system. My methodology for running my loft is just the day-to-day management. Many thanks to the team of markers at the Charfield marking station.'

2nd North West Section, 25th Open, were Booth & Roper of Twekesbury on 924 over 309 miles.

Trevor and John clocked a game 2-year-old late bred hen on a very testing day, with strong winds, beaten by only a yard for first section. A big thank you goes to their good friend Tony Cowan for the loan of the sire of this hen who is off Sheppard's Delight, 3 x Barcelona 1st Section, and the sire's dam is a full sister to Olympic Ric, 1st Barcelona 51st Open International. The hen's grandmother is off their good hen, Sportsview Diamond, 13th Section 93rd Open MCC Fougères, 7th Section, 84th Open NFC Sigogne, 8th Section, 8th Open MCC Saintes, 4th Section, 7th Open MNFC Norte sur Erdre. Tony loaned them two cock birds to help them with their ambition to race from Barcelona in the International. Having seen the article in the BHW, written by Chris Sutton, about the goal they have set themselves. Thanks goes to Gareth Watkins for putting Tony in contact with Trevor & John. They would like to congratulate the open winner and all section winners, also a big thank you to their good friends at the Charfield, Gloucester marking station.

3rd North West Section, 37th Open were Mr & Mrs W Lewis of Kempsey on 846 over 301 miles.

Bill and Beryl told me, 'Our 3-year-old blue chequer cock was flying to the perch because his hen was lost in a previous race. His breeding is from our, Freeland's smart allrounders distance family of pigeons. The race anticipation started when the liberation time came through that the birds were away at 6:30 into a southerly wind we prepared for an estimated arrival time at 2:30pm on another windy afternoon. Time went by and after several cups of tea and a power nap we had our arrival after nearly 10 and a half hours on the wing, we had several gallant warriors battle through getting just under 50 percent returns on the day. The pigeon batteries will be recharged along with ours for the final race from Thurso.'



John Rodway



Booth & Roper



Bill & Beryl Lewis

The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

1st South Centre Section, 14th Open was John Adams of Watford on 1028 over 353 miles. John told me, 'My first bird is a 3-year-old Cuester cock, 08, which has been very consistent this year taking 17th Thams Valley Fed, Weatherby 1,049 birds, 3rd Section, 42nd Open BBC National Hexham, 1,547 birds. As a 2-year-old, she won 3rd Section 3rd Open BBC National Hexham 1,564 birds, 11th Section 67th Open BBC National Berwick 945 birds. Bred down from my Golden Gaby Dutch Master lines. Grandsire was 1st Inter Counties Fed Minstead 1,489 birds. 1st Section, 12th Open BBC Fourgeus. Dam is from, '777', 1st UBI Combine Exeter, 1,987 birds. '

2nd South Centre Section, 17th Open was Andrew Hitchcock of Windsor on 979 over 361 miles.

Andrew's bird was provisional 2nd central section British International Championship Club 223 birds, 2nd section D British Barcelona club 166 birds, 8th National British Barcelona club 819 birds, 17th Open British International Championship Club, 755 birds. Andrew said, 'First of all, I would like to congratulate the winners and section winners in what was a particularly hard race especially for the longer flyers. B21Z40892 named, Clewer Hill Comet is a yearling chequer cock who has been consistent throughout the year, however not a favored or expected bird from this hard race. The yearling cock was bred by Dave Atkin, sire is a direct son from Mysterio x Little Comet. Mysterio is Dave's no.1 stock cock sire and grandsire of over 150 first clubs and 25 first feds direct from Mystique, winner of 14 first prizes, 3 RPRA Awards, best hen in UK 2010. The dam is a Rudi Van Reeth pigeon from the lines of Kittel, Late Riode, Supersprint 80 etc. My 2nd pigeon was also bred by Dave Atkin from his Jan Hooyman bloodlines. I race a small team of approximately 12 cocks, 15 hens and 25 young birds, the young birds are raced on natural, and I fly the cocks and hens as old birds aiming for the long-distance races. The birds are fed 50% V/I Superstar plus 50% V/L Gerry plus black label for the longer races I add some additional energy mix a few days before, no additional supplements are used other than energy oil day before the race. At stock I have two main families of pigeons for the long-distance sons and daughters from the Padfield national winners and for the sprint to middle distance the Jan Hooyman pigeons based around the line of, Harry. The next race on the calendar for myself is Thurso.'

3rd South Centre Section, 19th Open was J King & Son of Slough on 960 over 357 miles. Jim King and son's bird was raced on roundabout then switched to natural and sent sitting 7 days. Jim's hen is of Gaston Wouwer breeding. He wants to congratulate all on a hard day with great birds from Perth.



John Adams



Andrew Hitchcock



Jim King's pigeon

The Provisional South East Section Winners

1st South East Section, 21st Open was Jonathan Lane of Eastbourne on 929 over 417 miles. John said, 'I thought 13 hours would be a fair pigeon into Eastbourne on a hard day but it started to rain hard. Then after 13 hours and 10 minutes, one landed on the loft followed by another one, two minutes later. The sire of the first pigeon was bred by Billy Gardener and the dam was from the late Brain Dowset. The second pigeon was bred by my good friend Billy Gardener who is always on the phone if I need some help. Thanks go to all my club mates and fed members for their nice messages; they are well appreciated.'

2nd South East Section, 31st Open were Mr & Mrs L Hawkins of Bishops Stortford on 885 over 334 miles. Les said, 'Thanks to all at the Bovingdon marking station for all their hard work providing a north road programme last year and again this year. Also well done to everyone who clocked on what turned out a hard day. My cock bird, winner of second section, is bred from a son of Domino my good Tarbes cock, a winner of 1st GDSBC Tarbes, 28th & 34th Open Tarbes and 1st Section BICC Poitiers He was a grandson of Mark Bulled's Legacy cock, 1st NFC Tarbes. The dam of my cock was

bred by the House of Aarden and is a daughter of Padfield's blue badge, BICC certificate of merit winner. This hen is breeding me some good pigeons, including my first birds clocked from Thurso and Lerwick last year also my 1st Section winner from Berwick. All of these when crossed with the sons of Domino or when paired to Domino himself. My other birds clocked on the night are also grandsons of Domino and the Blue Badge hen.'

3rd South East Section, 33rd Open were Patimore & Raynor on 867 over 334 miles. Chris said, 'What a hard race again on the north. Very strong southerly wind blowing all day on Saturday and again on Sunday. We sent 13 birds and got 2 on the day. First bird being a five-year-old roundabout Koopman cock bred down from birds purchased at a Gerard Koopman sale in 2003. A very consistent bird, this being his third north road race and prior to this, he'd been south as far as Bordeaux. My second bird, a hen, was 13 hours on the wing. A Vendaveld from Tony Beagrie blood. By the Tuesday we had 8 home.'



John Lane



Les Hawkins



Chris Pattimore

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st South West Section, 32nd Open were Mr & Mrs King of Blandford Forum on 884 over 390 miles. Mel and Sue said, 'Congratulations to the winner, section winners and all that timed on a difficult day. Our first bird is a 2-year-old cock flown on our own celibate to roundabout system as the season progresses. He has previously been 1st Section 5th Open CSCFC Berwick 2021 and 1st Section 7th Open BBC Berwick in 2021. He was also our second bird from BBC Blydon in 2021 at 147th Open and is bred from long distance blood lines. The sire is a son of Padfield Invincible from House of Aarden stud that was a sponsor prize with the NFC. The dam was bred by Joe Raeburn and is a daughter of Litton Glory. He has also been 9th Section 55th BICC Wakefield and 5th Section 147th Hexham BICC in this year's races. Thanks to the race officials, all the markers and helpers at the marking stations for all their hard work.'

2nd South West Section, 35th Open were Llanahan and Gerrad of Poole on 858 over 394 miles. On taking another section position, Danny said, 'The pigeon I was 3rd Section with, was also 4th Section Hexham two weeks earlier. She is bred from a Bere roosen hen, brought by John which is a sister to a Belgium National winner, crossed with our Zwarte Louders pigeons. She was raced on our double widowhood system.'

3rd South West Section, 38th Open were Smith & Jones of Cwmbran on 834 over 330 miles. The partnership of Norman Smith and Roy Jones timed a 2-year-old this time, to follow up on their good Section birds from Wakefield and Hexham.



Mel & Sue King



Llanahan & Gerrard



Smith & Jones

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions

1st Mellonby/Knowles/Simpkin on 1127 of Bridlington, 2nd Mr & Mrs Kingswood on 1123 of Huttoft, 3rd Tony Webster on 1123 of Walpole, 4th Mr & Mrs R Skinner on 1085 of Boston, 5th Tom Burkill on 1075 of Mattishall, 6th Hoggard, Linley & Ellis 1074 of Bridlington, 7th Nick Barran on 1065 of Norfolk, 8th Harry Jackson on 1060 of Selby, 9th UK Team on 1049 of Nottingham, 10th Mohammed S Hanif 1048 of Leeds.

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