

# British International Championship Club

## Guernsey (2) Provisional Any Age Race Report

10<sup>th</sup> September 2022

The BICC's final Age race of the season was from Guernsey where 111 members sent 748 birds that were liberated at 9.07 am on Saturday 10th September 2022 after a 2-minute silence in remembrance of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

As with the young bird race, to celebrate the last race of the season there were additional prizes available. Each winner will receive a Benzing Blue N°1 solution with a RRP of £75, delivered FOC! The prizes are: Open winner Northern Section, awarded to the race winner positioned in the Northern Sections regardless of the clocking system used, ETS or rubber, sponsored by Team Aurel. Open winner Southern Sections, again awarded to the race winner regardless of the clocking system used, sponsored by Benzing. The Club would like to thank Team Aurel and Benzing for their sponsorship.



**The Provisional Open winner, taking 1<sup>st</sup> South East Section was John Cowlin of Hullbridge on 1465 over 202 miles.** John timed 2 pigeons together and is likely to be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> National. His first pigeon, a hen, is a grandchild of D'Artagian, Dream Girl 200, Tip Top Fran and Francein. This same hen also won 2<sup>nd</sup> Open NFC the week before. His 2<sup>nd</sup> bird is a bit special, and he said this about her, 'This is my super hen, she has now won 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC, 2021, 13<sup>th</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> YB National in 2020 and 5<sup>th</sup> Open NFC National in 2022, beat by 3 loft mates on the trap. Now, of course, she is 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BICC, again beaten by a loft mate. She has also won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Open Thames inland. She in turn is bred from Burnham Queen, who won 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC herself, when paired to a full brother of Queen of Coutances, who won 1<sup>st</sup> BICC and 2<sup>nd</sup> Open NFC, again beaten on the trap, in 2020. John also took 7<sup>th</sup> Open in the YB race and this bird is the same way bred as 2<sup>nd</sup> Open finisher, in the old bird race. She was also 2<sup>nd</sup> Open NFC last weekend in the young bird race.' John wanted to pass his congratulations on to the other section winners and to mark the passing of Queen Elizabeth II.

**2<sup>nd</sup> South East Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open was David Coward-Talbot of Chelmsford on 1425 over 201 miles.** David told me this, 'My first pigeon, GB20N80229, a blue hen was my first pigeon last year in this race where she was 2<sup>nd</sup> Sect, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open. I understand that John Cowlin had two together so I am assuming she will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Sect, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open this year. She is bred from pigeons I had from my good friend Tony Derricott of Chesterfield, from his Janssen based family, that he has had for many years. I called this hen Miss Derri, she has been a super pigeon for me winning club races as well. Obviously, I am thrilled with her, as she was my fancied pigeon, and after last year's performance I am so pleased for her as well. My second pigeon, GB20N80167, another blue hen has a velocity of 1414.83 so it will depend on whether John Cowlin has other pigeons as well, or if I've timed the next pigeon. Her sire is from the Sagan lines of Patrick Boeckx and her dam is NL18 1487705, from G&M Vedder. Her sire is from the Eijerkamp Stud x dam Kayleigh Stefaan Lambrechts. Again, she has been a consistent hen for me. Overall, I was very pleased with the result and enjoyed the weekend racing.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South East Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open were Fagg & Nicholas of Hartlip on 1402 over 188 miles.** The partnership timed a Fran Laereman bird, bred by Colin's son and daughter-in-law, Fagg and Pullen.

Colin said, 'He's been a consistent bird, having won 2 x 1<sup>st</sup> in my local club and was 12<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Guernsey AA two weeks ago. Both his sire and dam are direct from Frans Laereman and they have both won the fed for my son before being put to stock. I'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners of both young bird and old bird race and say a special well done to our good friends Tommy Sparks and Pauline Dallas on a fantastic season. This is their first real season at classic racing, so well-done to them.'



John Cowlin



David Coward-Talbot



Fagg & Nicholas

### The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> South Centre Section, 6<sup>th</sup> Open was Lance Gunn of Southwick on 1380 over 137 miles.** As well as winning top honours in the young bird race, Lance also took 1<sup>st</sup> Section in the old bird race. His hen was also 2<sup>nd</sup> Open, 1<sup>st</sup> Section 2 weeks ago in the BBC. It is a Van den Bulk bred by Bob Fenech. This pigeon was racing back to 2-week-old young bird.

**2<sup>nd</sup> South Centre Section, 12<sup>th</sup> Open was D Seedwell of Feltham on 1319 over 164 miles.** Danny, said, 'I timed a yearling hen racing to a big youngster. She was bred by my good friends' Malik & Khan of Ace Lofts. Her sire is Beauty Boy, a direct son of Rik Hermans Beautify and her dam is Serena, a co-bred hen with Ace Lofts and Koen Minderhoud from his Champion Geeloger, making her also a half-sister to Ruby, 1<sup>st</sup> National Alencon. I would like to thank the boys for breeding her for me and also congratulate the Open winners and all the Section winners.'

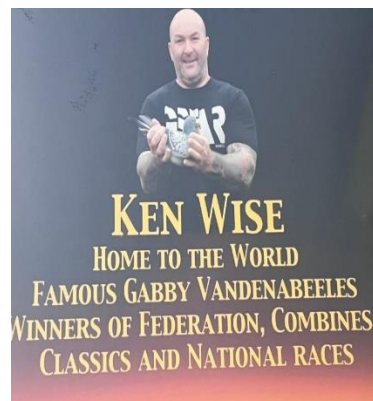
**3<sup>rd</sup> South Centre Section, 15<sup>th</sup> Open was Ken Wise of Isleworth on 1296 over 166 miles.** The Guernsey 1 Section winner followed up with another good section position. Ken said, 'This hen, that will be 3<sup>rd</sup> Section provisionally, 14<sup>th</sup> Open is DE 003's ring number GB19N 00003, DE 003. She was bred by my good friend Brian Murray. DE 003's sire is bred from Peter Fox of Syndicate lofts from a son of Glyndwr x Hildy. The dam of DE 003 is 11B 70 Jansen DE Klak 11B 70, also bred off Geoff Kirkland's Section winner in the National Flying Club.'



Lance Gunn



Danny Seedwell



Ken Wise

### The Provisional South West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> South West Section, 40<sup>th</sup> Open was John Halstead of North Dorset on 1087 over 103 miles.** John has ended the season with a fourth consecutive section win in the AA races. His 4-year-old chequer hen, a granddaughter of ace racer and breeder Nyland Ashley has been in great form taking 3<sup>rd</sup> Section in the previous BICC Guernsey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Section in the BBC Guernsey, 1<sup>st</sup> Section in the NFC Coutances and finishing the season flying to an 8-day old baby with another 1<sup>st</sup> Section. She had been given a 2 month break after returning 5 days late with feathers missing from St Philbert in mid-June. John is likely to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Section with his 6-year-old chequer hen who has also been in terrific form with four section wins in these events.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South West Section, 81<sup>st</sup> Open was J Thompson of Bristol on 643 over 140 miles.** J Thompson timed a 2-year-old bird but couldn't add any more information.

**3<sup>rd</sup> South West Section, 82<sup>nd</sup> Open was Phil Boden of Frome on 520 over 120 miles.** Phil timed a yearling but didn't get his clock struck for this race.



John Halstead

### The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North Centre Section, 35<sup>th</sup> Open were Kevin & Lauren Grace of Kneesworth on 1114 over 208 miles.** 'My first two pigeons, in the old bird race, were bred out of J & K Jellema birds. One of them was 2<sup>nd</sup> Section last week and the other 4<sup>th</sup> Section. I would like to say a big thank you to a good friend of mine John Black. Thank you, John, for all you've done.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North Centre Section, 48<sup>th</sup> Open was Gary Downing of Smethwick on 1009 over 207 miles.** Gary timed a Janseen x Van Loon. Her sire, the Van Loon, being a sire and grandsire of some good birds for Gary. The dam was out of his MNFC Fougères winner, when she was paired back to her own father.

**3<sup>rd</sup> North Centre Section, 75<sup>th</sup> Open was Mr M Wright & Son of Barton Seagrave on 795 over 215 miles.** Martin said, 'I timed a pigeon bred by a chap called Robbie Harris of Kent, who has won a BICC National before, and it was from his distance lines. I'd like to thank you and the BICC for taking good care of the pigeons when transporting them and those at the Harrowden marking station. I fly with Burton Latimer club and would also like to thank my fellow members for all their help throughout the season.'





Kevin & Lauren Grace



Gary Downing's bird



Martin Wright's bird

### The Provisional North East Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North East Section, 17<sup>th</sup> Open were D & E Ball of Eyke, Woodbridge on 1294 over 249 miles.** Dennis said, 'This a yearling Vandenabeele is bred from the very best of Macaloney x Jimmy Jackson lines. This is the second 1<sup>st</sup> Section pigeon bred by this sire and dam. The first being, 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 161<sup>st</sup> Open Poitiers 2020. Thanks again to the Basildon Marking Station Team and hope to see you all next year as a station for all BICC races. We need it.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North East Section, 27<sup>th</sup> Open was Brian Pearce of Assington on 1197 over 227 miles.** Brian said, 'This red pied hen was bred by me, from a pair of Phil Masters SVR pigeons. This was her second race from Guernsey where she also did very well, taking 23<sup>rd</sup> Section. She was sitting 14- day eggs and she was straight back on them, upon her return.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North East Section, 29<sup>th</sup> Open were Chapman & Eastoe of Gt Yarmouth on 1183 over 286 miles.** Glen said, 'Our third section bird was a blue hen which has scored a few times across the Channel, she is bred from a pair of Ray Forbes stock, gifted to us from a fellow club mate Nigel Rivatt. Congratulations to all the section winners and thank you to the BICC for putting on Channel races. We are looking forward to next season over the Channel.'



Dennis Ball



Brian Pearce



Chapman & Eastoe

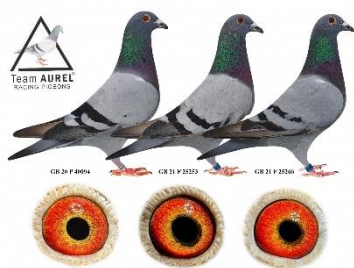
### The Provisional North West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North West Section, 56<sup>th</sup> Open was Team Aurel of Ironbridge on 975 over 216 miles.** Aurel was delighted to time three good pigeons that could well take 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> NW Section. He said, 'All our pigeons are bred for long distance, so they are sent to compete in the short/medium races in preparation for the longer races, in years to come. Many thanks to my loft manager, Cristian, for the hard work to bring the birds into condition. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Section bird is, GB21F-25266, a hen. Her sire is from my partner Sorin Florea, long distance Barcelona bloodline Etterbak (Debusschere Roger). Her dam is Silkerose, from Mark Gilbert, from a Son of Jelle Jellema champion breeder Zwart Goud when paired to a Daughter of Zeus (18th Nat Barcelona) x Silke (1<sup>st</sup> Nat Barcelona, 2<sup>nd</sup> Int Barcelona, 3<sup>rd</sup> Int

Narbonne). Our second bird is, GB21F-25253, another hen. Her sire is from B&P Winter long distance blood lines. Her dam is from the old Southwell's bloodlines of Stewart Reed. And our third bird, GB20P-40094, is a cock. His sire is Gica Stanca, extreme long distance 1000 miles family. His dam is a daughter of Champion Vasile (National Ace marathon pigeon). The yearlings have not been raced as youngsters and we started them later this season, in the hope they will mature better to take part in the longer races. We are already looking forward to competing against the best fanciers in the 2023 season and hope that members enjoy and make use of the Benzing sponsored prizes for this race.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North West Section, 59<sup>th</sup> Open was Mr & Mrs W Lewis of Kempsey on 958 over 182 miles.** The partnership told me, 'Well another disappointing result from Team Lewis, these Freeland Fighters made hard work of this Guernsey race but, at least they are consistent. Our first two pigeons in the clock were both children from Freeland's Gem, the first being a son followed by a daughter, both 2020 pigeons. Now begins the preparation for the 2023 season, getting them through the moult and weeding out the specimens that won't make the grade and making room for the young birds. Allowing them time to settle into the racing loft ready for next year's racing. Dispose of any pigeons that show any weakness or illness and dispose of them now rather than let them disappoint you next year, and they will, so do it now. Remember a duffer eats the same amount of corn as a champion and it's a long time till next year. To quote the words of wisdom of a local fancier, who won the NFC Nantes National and the NFC Pau Grand National, 'breed a lot, keep a few' how true these words are today. The fancier in question was the late great John Langston. May we end by wishing all fanciers the very best for the closed season and hope to see you at the various shows and presentations, God, and health willing.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North West Section, 69<sup>th</sup> Open were Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury on 865 over 173 miles.** Trevor and John clocked a chequer hen, in what turned out to be a very funny race, to take provisionally 3<sup>rd</sup> Section. This hen has been a very good servant over the years. She is bred from their Jan Aarden and Brian Sheppard lines. Four birds were sent to the race and four clocked on the day, but with very wide margins between them. They would like to congratulate their very good friend Lionel Brewer on winning the NW Section in the young bird race. It made their day when they realised, he had won it with a bird they bred for him. They would like to congratulate the Open winner and all Section winners, especially Team Aurel winning the NW section. Also, they would like to send a big thank you to Alan, Jill and the team at Steventon, Carol Francis for all her hard work this year, with all its difficulties, to Doug Gatland for his tireless work, and last but not least Mike Jackson for his excellent work, promoting the BICC and the amazing write ups.



Team Aurel



Bill & Beryl Lewis



Booth & Roper

**4<sup>th</sup> Open Mr & Mrs S Rhodes of Aylesham on 1396 over 203 miles.** They timed a chequer pied hen sitting fourteen days eggs, after being on roundabout all year. She is a Freildenhoffen, with Eric Limburg in the mix, down from their international hen, crossed with Jaimie Clark's Gilbert cock, with Forest Gump, his grand sire, on other side, inbred.



Mr & Mrs Rhodes & family

**The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions:**

1<sup>st</sup> J Cowlin of Hullbridge on 1465, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr D Coward-Talbott of Chelmsford on 1425, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fagg & Nicholas of Hartlip on 1402, 4<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs S Rhodes of Aylesham on 1396, 5<sup>th</sup> R & P Thomas of South Benfleet on 1385, 6<sup>th</sup> Lance Gunn of Southwick on 1262, 7<sup>th</sup> M Symonds of Rochford on 1262, 8<sup>th</sup> Freddie Hadley & Family of Leigh on Sea on 1376, 9<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs R Hume of Rochford on 1366, 10<sup>th</sup> A Annis & Son of Wingham on 1361.

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