

# British International Championship Club

## Guernsey National Any Age Provisional Race Report

20<sup>th</sup> August 2022

At the BICC's Any Age race from Guernsey, 132 members sent 1,137 birds that were liberated at 11.20 am along with the young birds. In each Section members sent the following: in the South Centre, 50 members sent 415 birds, in the South East 52 sent 467 birds, South West 5 sent 31, North Centre 4 sent 24, North East 17 sent 160 and in the North West Section, 4 members sent 40 birds.

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

**The Provisional Open winner, taking 1<sup>st</sup> South East Section were Mr & Mrs Hume of Rochford on 1915 over 202 miles.** Rob and Paula said this about their old bird, 'Our old hen winner was a Herman x Vererke, sent sitting 7-day eggs. She is out of the lines of Blauwe Leo x Dumbledore. We are once again blown away by the Hullbridge members with their congratulations. Also, with the many congratulations from the Thames North Eastern counties who have been in touch. A very well done to all, also really pleased for Darren and Kirsty being 2<sup>nd</sup> Open young birds, this is well deserved, we bet the love shack was rocking! The Hullbridge Club is certainly a special club to be part of.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South East Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open was Michael Symonds of Rochford on 1892 over 202 miles.** Michael told me, 'My hen that is a Frans Zwol, bred by my good friend John Cowlin of Formula one lofts. The mother of this hen has been a really good racer for John, being 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Open Thames, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Section BBC, 6<sup>th</sup> Open BBC, 27<sup>th</sup> Open BICC, 15<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> Open NFC and was 8<sup>th</sup> NFC Ace pigeon this year. My hen was raced celibate the beginning on the young bird season and was then let to run with the young birds for about 3 weeks, before the BICC race. My old hens were on the darkness with my young birds. I would just like to congratulate Robbie and Paula Hume for winning the 2 BICC races and also a well done to Darren and Kirsty, all the early wake up calls for Brighton paid off.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South East Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open were T Sparks & P Dallas of Gravesend on 1890 over 184 miles.** Also timing in the AA race and the YB race, the partnership said, 'Our AA hen, 20R29132, was 12<sup>th</sup> Open Guernsey last year and is now 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. She is a Frans Zwols cross. The young bird 3<sup>rd</sup> Open, 22D24597, is a youngster of the above hen and the sire has won 3 first federations.'



Rob and Paula Hume



Michael Symonds



Sparks & Dallas

### The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> South Centre Section, 5<sup>th</sup> Open was J Donovan & Sons of South Croydon on 1850 over 167 miles.** John said, 'I would like to congratulate all the winners for great performances which undoubtedly suited this area and beyond. A bit of info on my pigeon that is provisionally 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 5<sup>th</sup> Open. A

blue hen, having the full inland race programme as a baby in the Surrey Federation and raced as a roundabout hen as a yearling, having almost every inland race with minor cards. As a 2-year-old this season, she had a couple of inland races and I then decided to put a dedicated team into the Channel races, starting off with the 2<sup>nd</sup> BICC race from Guernsey, where she came home Ok. I then sent the Channel team, of between 10 and 15 birds, to all the races available. This hen went to every race, I think, with 5 or 6 races on the spin with the BICC and NFC, all being Guernsey's. This hen certainly seems to like this race point, being my first bird almost every time. This time taking the section win. Guernsey has been very good for me having sent approximately 80 pigeons to the races and dropping only 2, and this was in one race. The parents of this hen are in the stock loft. The sire is from a batch of young birds from Mr & Mrs D. Waterhouse, from his Poortveilt family, when paired on to a Hardy Kruger hen, sold at auction from Peter Ashby.

**2<sup>nd</sup> South Centre Section, 7<sup>th</sup> Open was Damian Szpak of Deptford on 1818 over 173 miles.** In taking another second section, Damian said, 'My pigeon is a yearling, a son from Queen 85 when she was paired to 1<sup>st</sup> Provincial Ace pigeon. I had another 10 pigeons drop quite quickly with 8 of them been from Queen 85, who is my best breeding hen.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South Centre Section, 9<sup>th</sup> Open was M & J Adcock & Son of Croydon on 1812 over 169 miles.** The partnership said, 'Our blue hen, 20N13733, has had 3x1st plus 1<sup>st</sup> fed, 872 birds, twice beaten for the federation by loft mates, plus 77<sup>th</sup> Open Guernsey 5,281 birds. Her sire is Micky, 9 x 1<sup>st</sup>, and her dam is Maybele, 7 x 1<sup>st</sup>, from our number one stock pair. They are responsible for over 100 firsts in just 4 years of breeding. They are Rik Herman lines from Cowgirl and Friendship and Herman Ceusters from Di Caprio.'



Damien Szpak



Mr & Mrs Adcock

### **The Provisional South West Section Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> South West Section, 108<sup>th</sup> Open was John Halstead of North Dorset on 1391 over 103 miles.** John is likely to be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> South West Section, with first to the loft being a very consistent 6 year old chequer hen, which won 1<sup>st</sup> Section 86<sup>th</sup> Open NFC Coutances 964 birds back in 2017. The same year that her brother was 16<sup>th</sup> Open from BICC Poitiers 2,880 birds. Their sire is from Bert Corteels and the dam is the Vulcan hen. She is now the dam of birds to win 5 first sections in Nationals. Just under 4 minutes later a blue yearling Kees Bosua cock, who had 4 prizes as a young bird including 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Fed, followed in. He had made a mistake during the old bird season from Guernsey taking 3 days to return and this was an attempt to get him back on track, racing to a 3-day old baby.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South West Section, 124<sup>th</sup> Open was Philip Boden of Frome on 1150 over 120 miles.** Phil said, 'My bird that was 2<sup>nd</sup> Gurnsey was the same pigeon I timed from St Philbert when she was 3<sup>rd</sup> South West Section BICC, only sending the one pigeon to both of these races. She is a blue w/f hen and was sent on four-day old youngsters.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South West Section, 126<sup>th</sup> Open Llanahan and Gerard of Poole on 1015 over 91 miles.** Danny and John followed up on their 1<sup>st</sup> young bird section win with this provisional 3<sup>rd</sup> section position in the AA age race, timing a 2-year-old bird.



John Halstead



Lanahan & Gerard

### The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North Centre Section, 75<sup>th</sup> Open was Kevin & Lauren Grace of Kneesworth on 1560, over 208 miles.** Along with their 3<sup>rd</sup> young bird section, the partnership took first section in the AA race. They said, 'We had three yearling cocks drop together. These pigeons were bred out of the J & K Jelle Jellema birds which were brought from Holland. I'd like to thank the BICC for a great race and all the work they do in Sunbury and again J & K training, without whom we would never have got this. Once again thanks.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North Centre Section, 102<sup>nd</sup> Open were Mr & Mrs R Bradford of Irchester on 1449 over 208 miles.** Russel told me, "Many, many years ago my wife and I visited Lier Market and at the time, I did not have any grizzles in the loft. My wife spotted a pair of grizzle squeakers for sale which we purchased for the ludicrously cheap price of about 15 Euros as I recall, and mainly she assured me because they were so, so pretty. I lost the hen within weeks, but the cock went on to win the BICC section from Tours, with a 57<sup>th</sup>, Open and all 56 birds in front of me on the East Coast. A son of this pigeon won a card in the BICC two years on the trot from the Agen International and now his G/daughter has achieved a 2<sup>nd</sup> NC Section. And of course, I've never been allowed to forget who spotted the two squeakers at Lier Market! Sadly, though I have to say the position achieved is against very depleted numbers sent in the north centre section. It is quite depressing to see the enthusiasm for a great club in this area waning, with membership ebbing away or fanciers turning north, albeit I feel sure there are many dedicated south roaders in and around the area, so hopefully the enthusiasm and competition will return in 2023.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North Centre Section, 121<sup>st</sup> Open was Harry Jackson of Selby on 1244 over 299 miles.** Following up on his Thurso National win, Harry said, 'This little hen got attacked by a sparrowhawk just before racing this year, I ended up putting 8 stiches in her and it was touch and go whether she would fly again. But I nursed her and got her flying with the youngsters. I put her in the racing loft when I was short of a hen and trained her with the youngsters and this was her first race and she was sent on chipping eggs. I am so pleased that she made it.'



Kevin & Lauren Grace



Mr & Mrs Bradford's grizzle



Harry Jackson

### The Provisional North East Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North East Section, 21<sup>st</sup> Open was Chapman & Eastoe of Gt Yarmouth on 1745 over 286 miles.** The consistent partnership timed a consistent bird and told me, 'The hen we clocked this time, is the same hen we clock from the St Philbert Master's race but, this time she was sent sitting 10-day old eggs. This is the third time she has now won the Section, so she has now been named, Three Times a Lady. She is the most consistent hen we have and now she has won again she will be put to stock.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North East Section, 25<sup>th</sup> Open were D & E Ball of Eyke, Woodbridge on 1731 over 249 miles.** Along with their 3<sup>rd</sup> Section young bird, Dennis and Elaine also took 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, with a dark chequer Vandenabeelle cock, flying natural. Bred down from Macaloney Lines.

**3<sup>rd</sup> North East Section, 26<sup>th</sup> Open was Dave Downing of Suffolk on 1729 over 229 miles.** Dave said, 'I timed a 5-year-old Hardy Kruger hen bred from my original Premier Lofts stock that is sister to many winners, including 1<sup>st</sup> Section BICC and NFC. This hen has also scored several times previously, but this year following my decision to just race widowhood cocks, was used as a widowhood hen and did not go out of the loft from last July until the end of this old bird season. She was then put in with the young bird team and trained with them in preparation for these end of season any-age races.'



Chapman & Eastoe



D & E Ball



Dave Downing

### The Provisional North West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North West Section, 112<sup>th</sup> Open were Booth & Roper of Twesbury on 1335 over 173 miles.** Trevor and John timed a 3-year-old chequer hen sitting 3 days on eggs, to take 1<sup>st</sup> section, in what was a tough race flying to the west of the country on the Gloucestershire/Worcestershire border. As a youngster and yearling she was a very consistent bird for them. Last year, as there was no channel racing, they decided not to send her north to keep her back for this year. Her full sister, now retired, was one of their good hens, 13<sup>th</sup> Section, 93<sup>rd</sup> Open Fougères, 7<sup>th</sup> Section, 84<sup>th</sup> Open Sigogne NFC, 8<sup>th</sup> Section, 8<sup>th</sup> Section, 8<sup>th</sup> Open Saintes MCC, 4<sup>th</sup> Section, 7<sup>th</sup> Open Norte sur Erdre MNFC and now breeding winners for them. Her breeding is full Louella Jan Aarden. They sent 6 birds and got all 6 on the day. They would like to congratulate the open winners and all section winners.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North West Section, 114<sup>th</sup> Open, was John Rodway of Rushwick on 1330 over 185 miles.** John said, 'The bird is a 2-year-old blue chequer cock, whose hen has just laid, had been lightly raced and had won nothing in previous races. What an erratic race for us in the NW section with birds' miles out to the east in a very gusty W.S.W wind. My returns on the day were nine out of thirteen entries for the AA group. Many thanks to my fellow club mate Micky Lee, for driving us to the Gwent making station, and my thanks also to the Gwent marking station.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North West Section, 120<sup>th</sup> Open were Mr & Mrs W Lewis of Kempsey on 1245 over 182 miles.** Bill said, 'Just a few lines about the Guernsey race, which we found disappointing as we seemed to have to wait well over our estimated time of arrival. This was reflected in the overall position in the open result we will be lucky to be in the first 250. But that's pigeon racing! Our first bird was of the

Jelle Jellema breeding and hopefully will improve at the longer distance. At the marking station a fancier made the statement that I was always smiling to which I replied, 'you have to because no one can do it for you.' So, I will keep on smiling until the next race and hopefully move up the open result. Wishing all fanciers all the best for the remainder of the races of the 2022 season.'



Booth & Roper



John Rodway



Bill & Beryl Lewis

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

1<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs R Hume of Rochford on 1915, 2<sup>nd</sup> M Symonds of Rochford on 1892, 3<sup>rd</sup> T Sparks & P Dallas of Gravesend on 1890, 4<sup>th</sup> Fagg & Nicholas of Hartlip on 1857, 5<sup>th</sup> J Donovan & Sons of South Croydon on 1850, 6<sup>th</sup> Fagg & Pullen of Canterbury on 1828, 7<sup>th</sup> Damian Szpak of Deptford on 1818, 8<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs S Rhodes of Aylesham on 1815, 9<sup>th</sup> M & J Adcock & Son of Croydon on 1812.

**8<sup>th</sup> Open were Mrs & Mrs Rhodes of Aylesham on 1815 over 203 miles.** Their son Shane is holding their AA Guernsey bird, which was raced all year on roundabout that was paired and sent sitting 14-day old eggs. He is a yearling Hereman Ceuster, George Westbury stock.



Shane Rhodes

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