

## British International Championship Club



## Annual Presentation and Gala Evening 2023

The weekend of 25<sup>th</sup> February, saw the 2022 prize presentation of the British International Championship Club in Bournemouth. The club were very pleased to welcome the distinguished vet, David Parsons as guest of honour. David has done so much to support the BICC and pigeon sport by working to enable cross channel racing to take place. It was great to welcome David and his wife to the presentation.

The club also welcomed the club sponsor BENZING - Gantner Pigeon Systems GmbH represented by Thomas Zimmermann and Jim Savage. They provided fantastic sponsorship on the club's return to Channel racing by offering six clocking systems to the winners of each section from the St Philbert race on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

The presentation took place in the Marsham Court Hotel, which opened in 1913, occupying one of two neighbouring houses on the East Cliff. A Mr and Mrs Marsh, who had a ham curing business, originally owned the building and supposedly put together the words Marsh and ham, to create the name. By 1923, demand for the hotel's 13 rooms had become so great that the neighbouring house was bought and linked to provide 41 rooms. Today the hotel boasts 95 rooms.

Mark Gilbert, the club chairman opened the presentation by welcoming the 156 members and guests to the presentation. In his opening comments, he talked about how strange the 2022 season was with the uncertainty over channel racing, the rush to apply for CPH numbers and getting to grips with the new marking procedures. And how, only having one marking station, was far from ideal. But, as soon as the club got up and running, some excellent races were held on the south and north road routes. It also proved that channel racing was possible and the BICC were the first club to cross the English Channel after Brexit, which was something to be proud of.

Mark then continued to thank the committee for being so positive about achieving south road racing. He paid particular thanks to Ian Evans, the then CEO of the RPRA and the RPRA in general for all their work in negotiating channel racing. Mark welcomed and thanked the club's guest of honour, David Parsons, the vet who did so much to make channel racing possible, by working with DEFRA and the RPRA in setting out all the protocols to follow that worked so successfully.

Mark then thanked Clare Norman, who joined the committee as treasurer halfway through the season and thanked outgoing treasurer, Russel Bradford, for his valued contribution over many years. Clare, Mark said, had such a good understanding of the new procedures and was able to organise the marking station so well, that she ensured it run so smoothly. To a rousing applause, Mark said, "Clare without you, we simply could not have done it!"

Mark also thanked, Jill Rogers, the club president who worked so hard alongside Clare to make the season a success and to organise the marking station. It was great to see everyone come together and make the first channel race happen, he said.

Mark then thanked Carol Francis, the club secretary for continuing to do an amazing job with the membership and working so hard on race weekends. To Doug Gatland for running Facebook and keeping the membership fully advised and to Mike Jackson, the press officer, for keeping the membership updated in the pigeon papers and for writing some great race reports. To Trevor Cracknel, the chief convoyer, for doing an excellent job of looking after the birds in transport, which he has done for the past 40 years. Some record! All officers were loudly applauded for their work over the season.

Before inviting Michael Potts to say Grace, Mark finally commented that the club learned so much in 2022 that it will run nine marking stations in 2023 with a great understanding the procedures to make it a season to remember.

The members and guests were then served a five course meal of trio of melon pools served with forest berry compote, leek and potato soup, roast strip loin of beef served with glazed shallots roasted potatoes seasonal vegetables, with a red wine jus and Yorkshire pudding. Followed by a baked New York cheesecake with blueberry compote and fresh tea and coffee with mints, to finish.

Before the main presentation, Mark thanked the club sponsors, BENZING - Gantner Pigeon Systems GmbH represented by Thomas Zimmermann and Jim Savage. Thomas and Jim then presented the six section winners with their Benzing clocking systems that they won at the first race from St Philbert. The winners were Robert Rome, 1<sup>st</sup> South Centre Section and 1<sup>st</sup> Open, Kevin Foster, 1<sup>st</sup> South East Section, Dave and John Staddon, 1<sup>st</sup> South West Section, Chaplin & Eastoe 1<sup>st</sup> North East Section, Booth & Roper, 1<sup>st</sup> North West Section and John Black, 1<sup>st</sup> North Centre Section.



Benzing Section winners

Mark then thanked the hotel staff for a first-class service and handed over to Carol Francis to begin the main presentation. Carol called the trophy and certificate winners, and each received a rapturous applause for their achievements. With so many races held in 2022 the presentation was longer than usual and by the end, members and guests were ready to fill their glasses and dance the night away with an excellent disco.



Jim Savage & Thomas Zimmerman presenting Ethan with his system



Ethan collecting his trophy from the RPR's Richard Chambers

However, there was one surprise presentation still to be made. A presentation of a Benzing timing system to Ethan Nightingale of Dover, the winner of the Juniors Member Cup for the best performance by any member under 16 years old. Thomas said, 'When I heard 150 top fanciers from the UK giving young Ethan a roaring applause, as he lifted his trophy into the air, without thinking twice, I also wanted to support this likeable young guy. So, we promised him a sponsorship of a state-of-the-art Benzing Smart Loft System so that he can enjoy his fantastic hobby even more in the coming season. We hope that Ethan will also show his friends how smart pigeon racing works and maybe we will be able to welcome a few younger sportsmen to our midst in the future. Keep up the good work Ethan and welcome to the Benzing family!'

The BICC would also like to extend a big thank you Terry Peart for taking the photographs of the evening in his usual professional manner. Thank you, Terry.



Terry Peart with his daughter Jo

### **2022 SEASON NATIONAL WINNERS**

**GUERNSEY OB1 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022.** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Mike Underhill & John Prettejohn of Plymouth and winner of the B Long Trophy 1<sup>st</sup> National Race. 1<sup>st</sup> CS J Attrill of Salisbury, 1<sup>st</sup> ES A Foster & S Finan of Dagenham, 1<sup>st</sup> NC S McDonough of Walsall, 1<sup>st</sup> NE R Rix of Newmarket, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Silvester Bros, Nicklin & Clarke of Stoke on Trent.

**GUERNSEY OB2 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> CS Stuart Sheffield of Oakley Green and winner of the B Long Trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup> National Race & Mark Kidby Memorial Trophy. 1<sup>st</sup> ES R & P Thomas of South Benfleet, 1<sup>st</sup> NC S McDonough of Walsall, 1<sup>st</sup> NE D Downing of Suffolk, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Williams Brothers of Oldbury. 1<sup>st</sup> WS D & J Staddon of Ditcheat.

**GUERNSEY OB3 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2020:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Terry Lee & Terry Dyer of Plymouth and winner of the B Long Trophy, 3<sup>rd</sup> National Race. 1<sup>st</sup> CS R Turner of Aylesbury, 1<sup>st</sup> ES of D Wilton & Son of Chadwell St Mary, 1<sup>st</sup> NC Gary Downing of Smethwick, 1<sup>st</sup> NE J Searle of Great Abington, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Silvester Bros of Nicklin & Clarke of Stoke on Trent.

**WAKEFIELD 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> NC UK Team of Nottingham, 1<sup>st</sup> CS A Hitchcock of Windsor, 1<sup>st</sup> ES Patmore & Rayner of Saffron Walden, 1<sup>st</sup> NE Tom Burkill of Mattishall, 1<sup>st</sup> NW M & C Lee of Alfrick, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Lanahan & Gerard of Poole.

**HEXHAM 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> NC Mellonby, Knowles & Simpkin of Bridlington, 1<sup>st</sup> CS Philip Gomes of Welwyn, 1<sup>st</sup> ES P Stacey of Rayleigh, 1<sup>st</sup> NE Mr & Mrs Brian Garnham of Butterwick, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Mr & Mrs M King of Blandford Forum.

**ST PHILBERT 1 18<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> CS Rob Rome of Fleet and winner of the B Long Trophy for the 4<sup>th</sup> National Race. 1<sup>st</sup> ES Kevin Foster of Longfield Hill, 1<sup>st</sup> NC John Black of Hitchin, 1<sup>st</sup> NE Chaplin & Eastoe of Great Yarmouth, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury, 1<sup>st</sup> WS D & J Staddon of Ditcheat.

**PERTH 25<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> NC Mellonby, Knowles & Simpkin of Bridlington. 1<sup>st</sup> CS John Adams of Watford, 1<sup>st</sup> ES Jonathan Lane of Eastbourne, 1<sup>st</sup> NE Mr & Mrs Kingswood of Huttoft, 1<sup>st</sup> NW John Rodway of Rushwick, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Mr & Mrs M King of Blandford Forum.

**LERWICK 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> NC Hardy & Wilson of Yaxley. CS, no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> ES M Bulled of Harlow, 1<sup>st</sup> NE Mr & Mrs Brian Garnham of Butterwick, 1<sup>st</sup> NW, no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> WS, no winner.

**ST PHILBERT 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> ES Joe House of Basildon, and winner of the B Long Trophy, 5<sup>th</sup> National Race. 1<sup>st</sup> CS Mr & Mrs Carrick of Chesham, 1<sup>st</sup> NC R & P Montila of Everton, 1<sup>st</sup> NE D Fisher of Ipswich, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Chambers Family of Cannock, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Graham Glaze of Shaftesbury.

**POITIERS 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> CS Tony Barrett of Portsmouth and winner of the BICC Special & the B Corbin Cup for the longest National Race. 1<sup>st</sup> ES J M Cook of Bexley Heath, 1<sup>st</sup> NC D Gruzelier of Houghton Conquest, 1<sup>st</sup> NE no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Wojciech Blachut of Trowbridge.

**THURSO 16<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> NC Harry Jackson of Selby, 1<sup>st</sup> CS Mr J Ayling of Fareham, 1<sup>st</sup> ES Patmore & Rayner of Saffron Walden, 1<sup>st</sup> NE Mr & Mrs Brian Garnham of Butterwick, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Mr & Mrs W Lewis of Kempsey, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Smith & Jones of Cwmbran.

**GUERNSEY YOUNG BIRD 1 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> ES Mr & Mrs Hume of Rochford and winner of the BICC Special & the Violet Wills Cup. M Gilbert wins the Keith Davis Memorial Cup for the 1<sup>st</sup> Bird into Berkshire. 1<sup>st</sup> CS K Wise of Isleworth, 1<sup>st</sup> NC David Paine of St Neots, 1<sup>st</sup> NE D Fisher of Ipswich, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Dave & Kyle Harris of Newport, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Lanahan & Gerard of Poole.

**GUERNSEY ANY AGE 1 20<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> ES Mr & Mrs Hume of Rochford and winner of the BICC Special. CS J Donovan & Sons of South Croydon, 1<sup>st</sup> NC Kevin & Lauren Grace of Kneesworth, 1<sup>st</sup> NE Chapman & Eastoe of Great Yarmouth, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury, 1<sup>st</sup> WS John P Halstead of Kington Magna.

**GUERNSEY YOUNG BIRD 2 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> CS Lance Gunn of Southwick and winner of the BICC Special. 1<sup>st</sup> CS Topp & Mann of Rayleigh, 1<sup>st</sup> NC David Paine of St Neots, 1<sup>st</sup> NE D Fisher of Ipswich, 1<sup>st</sup> NW L Brewer of Worcester, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Tomasz Fedyk of Melksham.

**GUERNSEY ANY AGE 2 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> ES J Cowlin of Hullbridge and winner of the BICC Special. 1<sup>st</sup> CS Lance Gunn of Southwick, 1<sup>st</sup> NC Kevin & Lauren Grace of Kneesworth, 1<sup>st</sup> NE D & E Ball of Eyke, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Team Aurel of Ironbridge, 1<sup>st</sup> WS John P Halstead of Kington Magna.

### **ACE AWARDS:**

**TEAM AUREL TROPHY (ACE PIGEON) Co-efficient OB National Northern (min 3 races) S McDonough of Walsall.**

**ACE LOFTS TROPHY (ACE PIGEON) Co-efficient OB National Southern (min 3 races) G Treharne & Son of Nantyglo.**

**ROGER STROWGER TROPHY ACE Young Bird in Northern Sections: D Fisher of Ipswich.**

**THE JUNIOR MEMBERS CUP: Best performance by any member under 16 years old: Ethan R Nightingale of Dover.**

### **2022 SEASON INTERNATIONAL WINNERS**

**BORDEAUX (PAU) 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> ES L & K Buddle of Dover and winner of the F Brooks Trophy, the BICC Rose Bowl for the 2-bird average, the Channel Queen Trophy for the Highest Position Hen all International Races & the Brian Long Memorial Trophy for the Highest Position all International Races. 1<sup>st</sup> CS M Gilbert of Winkfield, 1<sup>st</sup> NC John Black of Hitchin, 1<sup>st</sup> NE Dean Jones of Sibsey, 1<sup>st</sup> NW no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Brooks Bros & Wilcox of High Littleton.

**AGEN 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> CS M Gilbert of Winkfield and winner of the Mark Gilbert Trophy. 1<sup>st</sup> ES G M Preece & Son of Dover, 1<sup>st</sup> NC John Black of Hitchin, 1<sup>st</sup> NE no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> NW Chambers Family of Cannock, 1<sup>st</sup> WS Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales of Writhlington.

**BARCELONA 8<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> ES G M Preece & Son of Dover and winner of the G Hunt & Son Cup, Frans van den Heuval Cup for 2 bird Average, and the Jim Emerton Mensa Trophy for the 2 Bird Average. 1<sup>st</sup> CS M Gilbert of Winkfield and winner of the Mr & Mrs Bunney Cup for the first bird in the CS. 1<sup>st</sup> NC T & J Mather & S Haywood of Crich, 1<sup>st</sup> NE no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> NW P Hodson of Irlam and winner of the Jim Emerton Trophy for the longest flying bird in race time and the Jim Emerton Dream Trophy for the longest flyer over 750 miles with highest velocity. 1<sup>st</sup> WS D & J Staddon of Ditchat.

**TARBES (ST VINCENT) 15<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> CS M Gilbert of Winkfield and winner of the BICC Cup, the P Rigiani Memorial Cup for the 2 bird Average and the K Bakes Cup for the 1<sup>st</sup> bird into the CS. 1<sup>st</sup> ES J Nicholson & Son of Rochester, 1<sup>st</sup> NC no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> NE no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> WS GG & CJ Cooper of Peasedown St John.

**PERPIGNAN 6<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2022:** 1<sup>st</sup> OPEN, 1<sup>st</sup> CS P Basham of Southampton and winner of the K Couch Trophy and the F A Brammer Trophy. 1<sup>st</sup> ES D Hales of Hockley winner of D Hales wins the A & T Deacon Trophy for the 2 bird Average 1<sup>st</sup> NC John Black of Hitchin, 1<sup>st</sup> NE no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> NW no winner, 1<sup>st</sup> WS D & J Staddon of Ditchat.

### **TWO BIRD AVERAGE WINNERS:**

**BORDEAUX (PAU):** L & K Buddle, M Gilbert, Mr & Mrs Rhodes.

**AGEN:** M Gilbert, J Nicholson and son, G M Preece and son.

**BARCELONA** G M Preece & Son, J Chipperfield, M Gilbert.

**TARBES (ST VINCENT):** M Gilbert, G M Preece & Son, GC & CJ Cooper.

**PERPIGNAN:** D Hales, P Basham, GM Preece & Son.

### **AVERAGE TROPHY WINNERS:**

**S G BISS POINTS CUP** (All International races): G M Preece & Son of Dover on 203 points, M Gilbert of Winkfield on 176 points, D Hales of Hockley on 81 points.

**BICC CUP**(Best Average Agen & Tarbes (St. Vincent): M Gilbert of Winkfield, GM Preece & Son of Dover, J Nicholson & Son of Rochester.

**EUROPA TROPHY**(Best Ave. All Int. races): M Gilbert of Winkfield, J Chipperfield of Herne Bay, D Hales of Hockley.

**J & R WILLS CUP** (Best Ave. Pau & Perpignan): D Hales of Hockley, M Gilbert of Winkfield, J Chipperfield of Herne Bay.

**BEWES TROPHY** (Best Ave. Bordeaux (Pau) & Barcelona): Mr & Mrs S Rhodes of Aylesham, J Chipperfield of Herne Bay, M Gilbert of Winkfield.

**WRIGHT CUP** (Best Ave Bordeaux/Pau) & Tarbes/St Vincent): M Gilbert of Winkfield, A Adochita of Queensbury, DG Watson & Son of Ashford.

**DAVID HALES MEMORIAL CUP**(1<sup>st</sup> Bird into Essex from Barcelona): D Hales of Hockley.

**JAN DEACON CELEBRATION CUP** (Best Ave Bordeaux (Pau) & St Philbert): M Gilbert of Winkfield

**JOHN TYERMAN MEMORIAL TROPHY** (Best Average All National Races): D & J Staddon of Ditcheat.

**BARRY HOBBS MEMORIAL TROPHY** (Highest velocity Guernsey 2 YB into Northamptonshire): Not won.

And that concluded an excellent presentation evening where members talked and danced into the early hours of the morning. If anyone is interested in racing with the BICC in the Nationals and Internationals, then the BICC will be staging 7 National races and 5 International races in the 2023 season. Why not compete against the best in Britain and Europe. With membership at £40, the BICC are always keen to welcome new members. Help is also available with gaining a CPH number for channel racing.

So, here's to a successful racing season in 2023 and to all members, good luck, good flying and may the line of flight be with you. Let's hope 2023 brings something special!

### National winners



Underhill & Prettejohn



Stuart Sheffield



Mellonby, Knowles & Simpkin



Lee & Dyer



Rob Rome



Tony Barrett



John Cowlin family



Harry Jackson



Lann & Gunn

### International Winners



L & K Buddle



Mark Gilbert



Paul Basham



G M Preece & Son

### Section and Trophy winners



David Paine



Dominic Gruzelier



The Chambers Family



Lionel Brewer



John Donovan



Williams Bros



Michael Symonds



Kevin Foster



Rachel Bacon



D & E Ball



Dave Downing



Gladwin, Jarvis & Family



J & B Donovan & PJ McHugh



David Hales (Duncan Goodchild)



R & P Thomas



Smith & Jones



Michael Potts



D & J Staddon



Mr & Mrs Waterhouse



C & J Rogers and Neil Sales



David Fisher





GG & CJ Cooper



Sparkes & Dallas



Ray Strawbridge



Peter Wells



Terry Hayley



Mr & Mrs Lewis



Kevin & Lauren Grace



John Black



Morgan Newman



Booth & Roper



Mr & Mrs McClements



Terry Luscombe



Chapman & Eastoe



Maria, Ethan & Lisa, the 3 auction winners



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