

## British International Championship Club



## Guernsey Any Age National Provisional Race Report 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Along with the young birds, 127 members sent 1,050 old birds that were liberated with the 2,156 young birds. In the AA, each Section sent the following: South Centre 47 members sent 343 birds, South East 50 sent 434 birds, South West 8 sent 63, North Centre 7 sent 43, North East 8 sent 64 and in the North West, 7 members sent 103 birds.

**The Provisional Open winner, taking 1<sup>st</sup> South Centre Section were Mr & Mrs D Waterhouse of Bedhampton on 2142 over 115 miles.** Dave's Provisional 1<sup>st</sup> Section, 1<sup>st</sup> Open Guernsey National, is a Lambret hen, now named Black Pearl. He said, 'She was purchased as a baby from Elimar Pigeon Auctions when I moved into my new bungalow. I never had enough babies, and she was 1 of 12 and cost £180 in total, for all 12. I'm sorry I don't know the fanciers name as its not on the pedigree. If by any chance he reads this, please get in touch so I can personally thank him. Black Pearl was raced from the young bird loft, and I'm delighted with this National win and would like to thank the BICC for putting on the Any Age race and to congratulate to all the Section winners on a very fast day. Well done all.'



Black Pearl, National Winner



Mr & Mrs Waterhouse's winner

| Pedigree              |        |                         |              |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Ring Number           | Sex    | Color                   | Sex          |
| Wink 2020 B 25576 193 | Female | Langbein                | Female       |
| Wink 143 02793        | Sex    | 4-NONE 11 A 74877       | 0-342        |
| Base Many Winners     |        | Sub of LAM / Pigeon     | 06-440 84922 |
| Black Pearl           |        | SHOCKEY HAW             | LIAM         |
| Car. Pins - LH Rings  | Dist   | REDS 2006 - 683305      | 06-440 84922 |
| Placed Fear 8         |        | Sub of 11 15 7005!!     | LIAM         |
| Many Races Given      |        | LAM 2nd NEDS NATION     | 06-440 84922 |
| To Chichester Circuit |        | REDS 2008 683334 3 0100 | LIAM         |
|                       |        | Sister King PN          | 06-440 84922 |
|                       |        | Full Sister To King PN  | LIAM         |
|                       |        | REDS 2008 - 683334      | 06-440 84922 |
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Pedigree of Black Pearl

**The Provisional South Centre Section Winners**

**2<sup>nd</sup> South Centre Section, 2<sup>nd</sup> Open was Mark Gilbert of Winkfield, Windsor on 2093 over 157 miles.** Mark continued his impressive season taking 2<sup>nd</sup> Section and the pedigree of his 2<sup>nd</sup> Open pigeon demonstrates the quality of this bird. This bird has already won the fed this year and taken 4<sup>th</sup> fed twice, dropping with the winners. She was raced on widowhood.

**3<sup>rd</sup> South Centre Section, 3<sup>rd</sup> Open was Ken Wise of Isleworth on 2084 over 166 miles.** Ken timed his first bird at 10.05.36 to take 3<sup>rd</sup> Section.



Mark Gilbert

| "052" GB 22-1442052 H  |  |  |  |
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Pedigree of Mark's bird

**The Provisional South East Section Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> South East Section, 4<sup>th</sup> Open were Mr & Mrs W Cowper and Son of Cliffe Woods on 2079 over 188 miles.** Mr & Mrs Cowper & Son timed a two-year-old blue hen Flor Vervoort & Leo Van Rign. She was sitting eighteen- day old eggs when she was basketed. They said, 'This a family we have had for 25 years. The sire is a Flor Vervoort bred who has bred club, fed and combine winners. The dam is a Leo Van Rign and the section winner will be named Barbara. Congratulations to all who timed.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South East Section, 7<sup>th</sup> Open was John Cowlin of Hullbridge on 2030 over 202 miles.** In the old bird national John's first pigeon has scored in the Thames previously. Her sire was bred and raced by

Frans Zwols winning 5 prizes for Frans before coming to stock at Formula 1 lofts, where he is sire and grand sire of many winners. He is a grandson of the Intel Smeulders cock and Truke. The dam was bred for stock and is direct from the Dream Pair, who are responsible for 8 x 1<sup>st</sup> Nationals and 5 x 1<sup>st</sup> Combines, from Prince of Rekkem and Dreamy.



Michael, Bill & Barbara. Mrs & Mrs Cowper & Son



Lee Jackson

**3<sup>rd</sup> South East Section, 8<sup>th</sup> Open was P Jackson & Son of Bromley on 2029 over 174 miles.** Lee said, 'My first arrival, GB22N22941, is a dark chequer cock and grandson of my fantastic racing cock Black Jack. He came on a good line with one of my widowhood hens trapping well and he is bred down on the sire's side out of my last son of Black Jack, himself a grandson of Jos Thone's SARS Line. A winner of many prizes for me over the years and still performing in big competitions. The dam's side is full of winning genes of the, The Outlaw Cock, 1<sup>st</sup> NFC Forgeres, Sumo lines of Jos Thone and Silent Lady, 1<sup>st</sup> BICC Guernsey. I'm pleased with his first water race this year, having raced consistently this year taking 2<sup>nd</sup> Club 23<sup>rd</sup> Thames North & Eastern Counties, Homsley. He was raced on a full widowhood system and fed on Vanroybeays pigeon corn.'

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

**1<sup>st</sup> South West Section, 81<sup>st</sup> Open was Wojciech Blachnut of Trowbridge on 1706 over 126 miles.** Wojciech said, 'Well done to the winner of the race and all section winners. I sent 7 hens, and I didn't expect that I would win first and probable second section. The hens are bred from Brian Sheppard's family with my Polish friend's Robert and Patryk Sulkowski's blood lines.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> South West Section, 86<sup>th</sup> Open was Dave Fare of Horfield on 1676 over 137 miles.** Dave said, 'First of all congratulations to all the Section and Open winners, I hope to get there soon! Well done Derek Nicholls in getting birds way out west in such trying conditions. I started back with the birds last young bird season after an 18-year gap with a full round of birds from my father-in-law, Brian Harvey, mainly of his short distance birds. I still have a select bunch remaining and they scored for me straight away in the Sodbury Vale HS. My intention is to train as best as I could due south with Channel racing my goal, at the middle distance. So I decided to only send as far as Guernsey this year and I have done so on 8 or 9 occasions now. I also sent with other race trainers from Stoney Cross, and with the Combine from Weymouth, Purbeck, Kingsdown and Holmsley. Also, with the Severn Valley Federation and Tree Tops training with Jill and Clive Rogers. The dark cock I timed has already had a 9<sup>th</sup> Section and is of Vandenabeele bloodlines from a good friend Rodney Horner. He is inbred to Shadow x a Veenstra hen purchased from a now departed friend, Dickie Evans. The cock was sent sitting 7-day eggs. I sent 6 and had all in good time and I'm now looking forward to more Guernsey races with BBC, CSCFC and the BICC. Thank you to those that have said well done and wished me the best of luck for the rest of the season. And, thank you Steve Bryant for all your up to date treatment

knowledge. Steve was my best man back in March on my marriage to Samantha Harvey, yes that's right Brian's daughter! A woman who has been around pigeons all her life and is a great help.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> South West Section, 97<sup>th</sup> Open was John Halstead of Kington Magna on 1609 over 103 miles.** In the any age race John Halstead's excellent 7-year-old dark chequer hen shows her experience and class again taking provisionally 3<sup>rd</sup> Section. Winning the section in this same race last year she has now gathered 4 firsts, one in each of all the National organisations, in these any age races. She has also taken plenty of seconds and thirds. Her nest condition was sitting eggs for 15 days when basketed, and she had only moulted 3 flights. Primarily sprint bloodlines, she has Figo blood through the Vulcan hen on the dam's side to a Bertels Corneel cock, which was purchased at an auction in Tipton.



Wojciech Blachnut



Dave Ware

#### **The Provisional North Centre Section Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> North Centre Section, 37<sup>th</sup> Open were P Lane & Son of Wooton on 1907 over 199 miles.** Phil said, 'Hi Mike, I had a good race, I sent 7 and they are all home. On the day, my first four were home in 7 minutes, with the leading birds being two yearling hens both Kittle x Lambretts, with both having flown the full programme on roundabout then changed to natural. The probable velocities are 1907, 1888, 1883, 1829 and 1816. So, I think I'll do pretty good in the Section. I'd just like to thank my mate Glen C - he knows what for!'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North Centre Section, 58<sup>th</sup> Open were Mellonby, Knowles & Simpkins of Bridlington on 1809 over 332 miles.** The partnership timed a yearly, GB22B62166, at 13.08.51 to be the longest flying pigeon on the provisional race list.

**3<sup>rd</sup> North Centre Section, 72<sup>nd</sup> Open was K Johnson of Kings Bromley on 1742 over 226 miles.** Kevin said, 'The blue taking provisional 3<sup>rd</sup> Section is one of 8 hens that are continuing with these late summer races because their racing season was cut short due to sustaining injuries, and now needing the experience of flying over the channel. These 8 hens are currently paired to young cocks. The NFC Carentan and the next BICC Guernsey will also be on their agenda, fingers crossed the wind dies down a little for these races. #93 is a Herman Ceuster being a double granddaughter of Premier studs, Man Chester when he was paired to Dark Delilah and Dark Redemption. Her brothers and sisters have raced and scored well all season.'



Kevin Johnson's good section bird

### The Provisional North East Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North East Section, 23<sup>rd</sup> Open were D & E Ball of Eyke Woodbridge on 1953 over 249 miles.** Dennis and Elaine's winning pigeon was a yearling blue cock, Vandenabeele bred from GWP Macaloney x M & D Evans lines. They said, 'All the best bloodlines are in this bird, flying 250 miles. A huge thanks to Fred Cornwall and all his helpers at the Basildon Marking Station. A great day's racing, so well done to all the winners.'

**2<sup>nd</sup> North East Section, 35<sup>th</sup> Open was Dave Downing of Suffolk on 1912 over 229 miles.** Dave told me, 'My first pigeon was a 2-year-old hen Hardy Kruger x Vandenabeele. This hen is one of six hens I prepared for this race and all were ex-widowhood hens that were put in with my young birds after OB racing and allowed to run with the young cocks. They were trained with them to prepare for these end of season any-age races. This hen raced the programme as a young bird but was not raced last year, as I do not exercise in the winter and do not fly out my widowhood hens. She had not been out of the loft from September 2021 until this July! With a second arrival 2 minutes after my first arrival and 100% returns by lunchtime I was very happy with the team performance.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North East Section, 44<sup>th</sup> Open was Roly Rix of Newmarket on 1891 over 229 miles.** Roly timed a 2-year-old Janssen x Vandenabeele hen, who had been a widowhood hen but had been paired for this race. This gay pied hen was sent sitting on 16-day eggs and will be prepared for the final BICC race from Guernsey by having her eggs removed so that she will go back down. Roly was pleased for his good friend Dave Downing for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> Section and Dennis Ball on topping the Section.



D & E Ball



Dave Downing and Roly Rix club mates and good friends

### The Provisional North West Section Winners

**1<sup>st</sup> North West Section, 62<sup>nd</sup> Open were Booth & Roper of Tewkesbury on 1785 over 173 miles.** The double Section winner's information is reported in the young bird race report.

**2<sup>nd</sup> North West Section, 63<sup>rd</sup> Open were Mr & Mrs W Lewis of Kempsey on 1784 over 182 miles.** Bill said, 'Please see the photo of Beryl and myself along with our grandson Benjamin with pigeon sitting in front of this year's tomato trees; tomato recipes are most welcome. I missed the arrival of our first pigeon due to the drizzling rain becoming quite heavy but saw the next two arrivals drop together from the house. When going out to get the verification details from the Ipigeon clock, panic mode set in when realising we had an earlier arrival and trying to calculate if we had missed the 30 minutes allowed to verify our first bird - panic over we made it! The 2018 chequer hen was racing to hatching eggs the first of the season as we had not bred any until now, because of the requirement to register for French racing. This should, in my opinion, be renegotiated as we are not a business exporting to the continent but a sport racing pigeons to fly back to the UK. Having a vet sitting at a marking station to sign a clean bill of health for the pigeons, when no fancier would send a bird in competition if it's not 100%, as they would be wasting their money. The team marking the birds are best placed for evaluation of the bird's health, which historically has always been the case. So, if it isn't broken don't fix it! Thanking the team at Steventon and all the officials which make the race happen, because without you we are finished. And finally, we are looking forward to the next race.'

**3<sup>rd</sup> North West Section, 82<sup>nd</sup> Open was J Rodway of Ruskwick on 1703 over 185 miles.** John competing in his first race with the BICC this season said, 'The pigeon is a blue hen 2021. She came in to my loft as a stray as a young bird and the fancier transferred it to me. It was a hen that I quite liked. In 2022 she had a few races but was always missing for weeks or even months. In 2023 she seemed like a different pigeon and in club racing has won some prizes. In the race before Guernsey, she arrived from a land race with an injury to her back, probably another bird of prey attack. She was sitting on sixteen-day eggs when sent. Lastly many thanks to fellow club members Mike Howard and Richard Pugh for taking my entrants to the Gwent marking. Much appreciated.'

**4<sup>th</sup> North West Section, 88<sup>th</sup> Open was Team Aurel of Ironbridge on 1647 over 216 miles.** Aurel said, 'We are very pleased with our old birds performance from Guernsey with BICC at the weekend. Our first pigeon GB-2021-P-31790 is called, 'Call me Mr A!' and he is currently prov. 3<sup>rd</sup> Northern Zone (Northern Zone is defined by 650miles radius from Pau), 4<sup>th</sup> NW Section and 88<sup>th</sup> Open. Call me Mr A! is bred and raced by Team Aurel from our old bloodlines. Sire: Nelu Vasile 068, a full brother to Nela, 1<sup>st</sup> Section E BBC Bordeaux 540miles, from a son of Carolina of Menne und Tochter (1<sup>st</sup> Int Bergerac 5.108b) when paired to daughter of Schicht (1<sup>st</sup> Nat As-Taube). Dam is Vasile Copy 577, a full sister to Champion Vasile (1<sup>st</sup> National Ace Marathon) with one of the lowest Ace coefficient 2.38. Congratulations to the winner D Waterhouse and a very good performance of Mellonby & Knowles flying 329 miles and taking 1<sup>st</sup> Northern Zone and K Johnson taking 2<sup>nd</sup> Northern Zone. From our section, well done to Booth and Roper for winning both young and old birds.'



Mr & Mrs W Lewis



John Rodway



Team Aurel

**A big thanks to the Steventon Marking Station**

The Welsh members and the north west members, who mark at the Gwent marking station, would like to thank the markers at Steventon, and in particular Alan Webber, for all their help this year. The Gwent station is a self-supporting station, and they transport the birds to Steventon to meet the transporter after marking early in the morning. Alan's support has been excellent, and he has even prepared the crates with cardboard when they have been picked up, to bring back to Newport. This has been a great help, so thanks once again. Alan is pictured along with Chris, the convoyer, by the transporter getting ready to load the Guernsey birds on the Thursday morning of the race.



Chris and Alan, preparing to load the transporter at Steventon

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

1<sup>st</sup> M & D Allen of Hockley on 2111.929, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wearn Bros & Neilson of Ramsdean on 2083.354, 3<sup>rd</sup> Damian Szpak of Deptford on 2052.054, 4<sup>th</sup> Mr Paul Basham of Bursledon on 2047.728, 5<sup>th</sup> M Gilbert Winkfield on 2037.131, 6<sup>th</sup> J Cowlin of Hullbridge on 2029.995, 7<sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Chaplin of Woking on 2028.493, 8<sup>th</sup> Chitty Bros of Kings Langley on 2025.616, 9<sup>th</sup> Kevin George May of Wallington on 2021.309, 10<sup>th</sup> J Novis of Brighton on 2016.690.

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