

# BICC October Meeting Update.

The club will offer 10 National races and 5 international races for an annual subscription of £50, outstanding value for the number of races on offer. Including 3 races in collaboration with the British Barcelona Club and CSCFC.

## National Races:

27th April Guernsey £3.75 per bird

11th May Alencon £4:00 per bird

25th May St Philbert £4:50 per bird

8th June Norte-Sur-Edre This will be a collaboration with the BBC and CSCFC conveyed by the BICC at £4:50 per bird

6th July Guernsey £3.75 per bird

12th July Bordeaux £7:00 per bird This will be a collaboration with the BBC and CSCFC conveyed by the BICC £7:00 per bird

24th August Guernsey YB £3.75 per bird

24th August Guernsey OB £3:75 per bird

14th September Fougères YB £4:00 per bird incorporating the NEW BICC BREEDER BUYER RACE. (Details below). This will be a collaboration with the BBC and CSCFC.

14th September Fougères OB £4:00 This will be a collaboration with the BBC and CSCFC.

## International Races:

21st June Pau International This will be a collaboration with the BBC and CSCFC conveyed by the BICC £9:50 per bird

28th June Agen International £10:50 per bird

5th July Barcelona International This will be a collaboration with the BBC conveyed by the BICC £10:50 per bird

12th July St Vincent International £10:50 per bird

2nd August Perpignan £10:50 per bird

The number of Marking stations for the national races in 2024 will remain with 3 changes:

Basildon will close and will be replaced by Colchester (Stanway FC)

Radstock will close and will be replaced by Street (location to be confirmed)

Northampton will return to Harrowden

Many thanks to both the outgoing and incoming officials.

International races will be marked at Sunbury as per 2023 with the exception of Pau that will see an additional marking station available at Southampton run by the BBC.

There will be no 5 bird national races for 2024.

The club will introduce a new breeder buyer race for 2024 with final details to be confirmed as to venues and dates of sales but as a guide the race will be run as follows:

There will be 4 regional sales during early spring March / April.

Breeders can buy up to 3 rings for the cost of £10 per ring open to all RPRA members.

Buyers must be members of the BICC to purchase a pigeons to race.

The club will be split into 4 sections for this breeder buyer race, West, Central, East and North.

There is a guaranteed 1st prize of £2000 breeder and buyer, there will be an additional guaranteed £250 breeder / buyer prize to the winners of the other 3 sections, so for example if the east section takes the 1st £2000 prize the 1st BB pigeon in the other 3 sections will take £250 to both the breeder and buyer.

The more birds entered the larger the prize pot over and above the guarantee after club takes 10%.

In addition to the 2024 race season the club also discussed a number of cost saving initiatives to keep the club as competitive as possible whilst future proofing the BICC and channel racing for years to come, the members have an outstanding and progressive committee who are constantly working to drive down costs wherever possible.

Finally our hard working secretary Carol Francis has indicated her intention to retire in October 2024 after many years of outstanding service to the club for which the committee and members are extremely grateful.