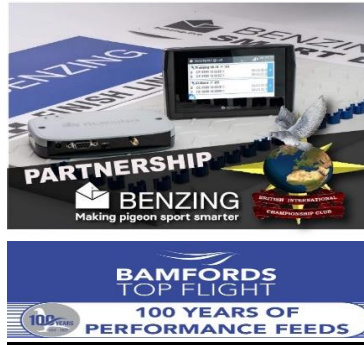


British International Championship Club



Guernsey OB 2 National Provisional Race Report

6th July 2024

The BICC's 5th National race of the 2024 season was from Guernsey, where 236 members sent 2,363 birds. They were liberated at 9.30am.

In the South Centre, 96 members sent 871 birds, South East, 68 sent 831, South West, 33 sent 266, North Centre, 17 sent 140, North East, 13 sent 122 and in the North West, 8 members sent 133 birds.

The weather/race report

Steve Appleby, the BICC race and weather advisor, provided the following report:

Weather conditions for this BICC were far from seasonal all down to the position of the jet stream which affects our weather. The convoy was liberated at 09:30 under blue skies. The conveyors reported that the convoy was out of sight almost immediately. The wind direction over the Island and the channel was mainly from the west quite blustery, averaging speeds of 20 mph. The satellite image captured at 09:50 shows the mostly clear skies over the channel and southern England. Obviously, the wind strength and direction decided the east side of the country would time in many of the leading birds and viewing the early times recorded it would appear a successful race for the BICC.



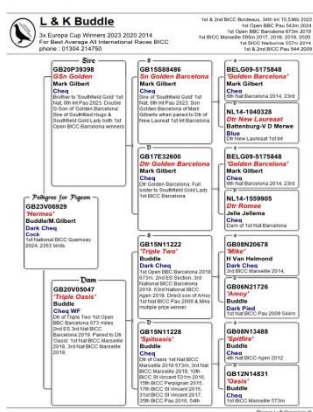
Satellite image

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

The Provisional 1st Open and 1st South East Section winners were Lee & Kevin Buddle of Dover over 203 miles on 2207. Our winner is a 2023 late bred cock we now call Hermes, who was sent on his first cross Channel National race of the season. Prior to this Guernsey race, he had 3 x Stoney Cross, 128 miles, and 1 x Blandford, 149 miles, with the local Wingham Club.

He was sent to the race on our Chaos Widowhood system, being just lifted out of his nest box on race marking morning. A big thank you goes out to Mark Sparey of Abertillery for the loan of the sire of Hermes for a couple of months last year. He was bred by Mark Gilbert and is a brother to Southfield Gold, 1st National BICC, 6th International Pau 2023.

The dam of Hermes is a daughter of our Triple Two, himself a winner of 1st Open BBC Barcelona 2019. 2nd ES, 3rd National BICC Barcelona. Triple Two was paired to a daughter of Oasis, 1st BICC Marseille 573m 2018, 3rd BICC Marseille 573m 2019, 10th BICC St Vincent 531m 2016, 15th BICC Perpignan 593m 2015, 17th BICC St Vincent 531m 2015, 31st BICC St Vincent 531m 2017, 35th BICC Pau 544m 2016, 54th BICC Mont De Marsan 530m 2017, 57th BICC Pau 544m 2018. 71st BICC Pau 544m 2019, 149th Open NFC Tarbes 548m and BICC Certificate of Merit Award.



Pedigree



Lee & Kevin Buddle



National winner

The Provisional South East Section Winners

2nd South East Section, 2nd Open were Mr & Mrs S Rhodes of Aylesham over 203 miles on 2138. The partnership reported that their 2nd Open bird is a lovely strong blue cock bird of Heremans Cluster breeding. He is a grandson of Samuel and Lovell's Queens Cup winner from Roye and he has been six times in the first 10 in the section from Kent Cosmo Fed. A very consistent bird only raced inland prior and was sent on the Guernsey race because the last two Cosmo races were cancelled, so we sent our sprinters to Guernsey, and they came very well. Congratulations to Lee and Kevin Buddle on their latest BICC, win they are on fire.

3rd South East Section, 3rd Open was C Hoskins of Canterbury over 202 miles on 2112. I clocked a yearling blue celibate cock, first time over the water after several inland races with my club, the Wingham FC. I say celibate, but in the days prior to basketing he was playing around with a young hen, since I lost all my hens from a bad Channel race earlier in the season. He is a JPS Stefan Lambrechts crossed with a Heeres & son hen via John Searle of Cambridge.



Steve & Shane Rhodes



Chris Hospkins

The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

1st South Centre Section, 6th Open were Newton & Brennan of Brighton over 141 miles on 2021. Derek Newton and Jason Brennan timed a yearling hen of van der Buick x van Rest, a previous prize winner and they send congratulations to all the winners.

2nd South Centre Section, 7th Open were Lance and Graham Gunn of Southwick over 137 miles on 2017. Firstly, I'd like to congratulate the winner and the section winners. My pigeons have been raced on roundabout this year. The pigeon I was 2nd Section with is a Vandenebee on the mother's side, direct from M.D Evans, and on the father's side, Svr. grandson of Toes Special. A bird bred by Kevin Gillam of Croydon. My second pigeon, probable 3rd Section is bred by myself of Leo Hermans X Pitbull Lines.

3rd South Centre Section, 14th Open were Sallis, Rushman, McGee, of Hove over 141 miles on 1911. Our pigeon is a blue checker cock raced on the natural system to a baby. He is bred from a son of Lloyd Laureaat, 1st International Pau 2022, when paired to Serena and Willeke's Laureaat when paired to Black Mamba. Both bred by Ad Fortuin. We had 8/10 from home and they were sent as a trainer for the Bordeaux race.



Newton & Brennan



Lance & Graham Gunn

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st South West Section, 160th Open were C & J Howse of Devizes over 127 miles on 1423. We are really pleased to win the section from guernsey with are great cock bird 55! This is his second section win in three weeks, having previously won 1st Section NFC North sur- Erdre. He has been one of our most consistent birds over the years, winning inland and having 6 positions in the first 100 of Nationals and Classics. He was having his eighth Channel race of the season! All our birds are raced

on the chaos system and are raced weekly, with some inland races to keep them ticking over. The birds are fed on a variety of mixes from Versa Laga and Vanrobaeys. The birds returned in excellent condition, with all our 7 entries home.

2nd South West Section, 165th Open was Chris Lake of Poole over 137 miles over 1381. I would like to congratulate the winner and all the section winners. My first bird from Guernsey was a yearling blue cock raced on widowhood and bred from my Janssen based family of pigeons. His sire was my first bird from the St Philbert National, winning 16th Open out of 5031 birds. This is my first year racing south again after a break racing north for three years, when there was all that trouble with the French. Thanks to everyone for all the work that's gone into making south racing possible.

3rd South West Section, 167th Open were Lanahan & Gerard Loft 2 of Poole over 91 miles on 1376. The pigeon we were provisionally 3rd Section with is a grandson of our 1st CSCFC club winner from Coutances, Dark Flo, raced on a roundabout system.



Chris Howse



Chris Lake



Lanahan & Gerard

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st North Centre Section, 80th Open was Dave George of Letchworth over 200 miles on 1685. This chequer cock has been a consistent bird to loft. He won 1st club, 20th fed, 30th UBI combine Guernsey 2 weeks earlier and now has this 1st NC Section, prov 78th Open to his tally. He was bred by Simon Schofield of Leeds out of his Marine Sink stock. Many thanks go to Simon, and many congratulations to the winner.

2nd North Centre Section, 100th Open was David Paine of St Neots over 212 miles on 1645. Dave was 2nd NC Section with a 2-year-old cock flown on widowhood. He was followed by another 2-year-old cock flown on the natural system, Dave think's that he could be 2nd and 3rd Section in the final result, and had a good race, with 17 from 18 on the day, with 4 very close together.

3rd North Centre Section, 124th Open was Slavek Treder of Bedford over 202 miles on 1582. Slavek races on the natural system and timed a yearling red hen. The dam is from a Red champion brought from Poland and the sire, a 4-year-old blue cock from Marek Krasowski. Marek flew pigeons in England and won with the BBC.



Dave George



Dave Paine with his grandson



Slavek Treder

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st North East Section, 69th Open were Eddy & Clayton Oxborough of Norfolk over 281 miles on 1698. The partnership of Eddy & Clayton timed a hen flown on the roundabout system and is very well bred. She was bought from Jeremy Nicholson of Ipswich and is off Sagan and Kittell. This was the hens fourth race of the season and her first Channel race. They would like to thank Dave Fisher, Dennis Ball and all the boys at the Colchester marking station for all of their hard work.

2nd North East Section, 74th Open, was Dave Downing of Newmarket over 246 miles on 1695. Dave wins 2nd NE Section with a 3-year-old blue Cock. This bird was again well fancied by Dave being 1st Section Alencon earlier this year, as well as a previous club winner and 4th Section BICC Guernsey in 2023. He is from Dave's small widowhood team and is a Hardy Kruger cross Vandenabeele bred from a cock out of a pair direct from Hardy paired to a Vandenabeele hen purchased at a Doncaster show auction from Stewart Knowles. With another bird crossing the pad one second after the first arrival, Dave also wins provisionally 3rd Section with a 3-year-old Van den Bulck widowhood cock. This cock has also flown well for Dave with previous club wins inland and this was his first look at the Channel. He is bred from a grandson of Sagan 2, when paired to a granddaughter of Griepel. Both parents being purchased from good friend Andy Woods of Norwich.

3rd North East Section, 81st Open were D & E Ball of Eyke, Woodbridge over 249 miles on 1685. Provisional 3rd Section was D & E Ball. Another of my faithful Gaby pigeons, a 2-year-old cock flying to 4-day old eggs. This was a dreadful day here in Suffolk. Birds had to negotiate a 30-mile bank of torrential rain that covered the area from 7:30 am until 14:30pm. How do they do it? Well done to Clayton Oxborough on a well-deserved section win. He and his mate Keith are tireless helpers at the Colchester Marking Station. Well done also to Dave Downing, even tougher fly for his pigeon, and congratulations to all the flyers who continue to support the Colchester marking station.



Clayton Oxborough



Dave Downing



Dennis Ball

The Provisional North West Section Winners

1st North West Section, 170th Open were Silvester Brothers & Clark of Stoke on Trent over 242 miles on 1358. The bird the partnership timed was a Sylvian Verhestrate/Drum. The parents came from their late friend, Keith Higham of the West Midlands. Their probable second section bird is a Frans Zwol and the parents are from their good friend Paul Morrison of Scotland.

2nd North West Section, 171st Open, were Mr & Mrs N. Shaw of Crewe over 246 miles on 1341. The first bird we timed from Guernsey was a two-year-old Ceuster hen bred by David Sara and sent sitting 12 days. As we were up against the wind, they performed ok, and it was a pleasure to watch them arrive. We had 18 from 21 in a few hours flying 246 miles.

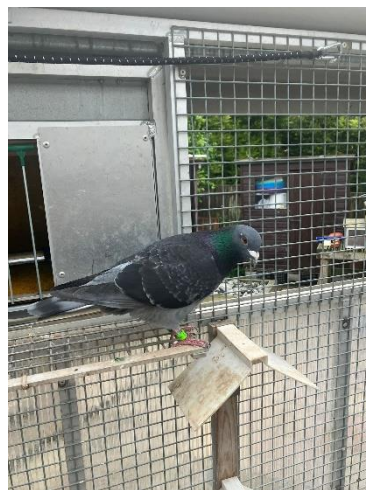
3rd North West Section, 176th Open were A & D MacMillan of Stoke on Trent over 240 miles on 1315. The pigeon is bred down from pigeons I purchased from Mark Gilbert and Lee & Kevin Buddle. The sire is from the lines of the 161, son of Euro diamond, Southfield Melissa, Starlight and 79333. Mark's good breeding hen, daughter of Southfield Supreme and the dam is bred down from the lines of L&K Buddle's Elsa, BC, Amoy, Game and David Hales' 80. He was a late bred in 2023 and was not raced or trained just loft flown and had just 2 land races from 100 miles then Guernsey with the BICC, thanks.



Silvester Brothers & Clark



Mr & Mrs Shaw's bird



A & D MacMillan's bird

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions

1st L & K Buddle of Dover on 2207.345, 2nd Mr & Mrs S Rhodes of Aylesham on 2138.348, 3rd C Hoskins of Canterbury on 2112.815, 4th Andrew Popely of Maidstone on 2076.163, 5^h F. Knowles & Son of Wingham on 2060.455, 6th Newton & Brennan of Brighton on 2021.852, 7th Lance and Graham Gunn of Southwick on 2017.158, 8th S Carey of Folkestone on 2014.795, 9th R & K O'Connor of Tonbridge on 2000.600, 10th Ethan R Nightingale of Dover on 1929.715.

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