

British International Championship Club



Guernsey YB National Provisional Race Report 25th August 2024

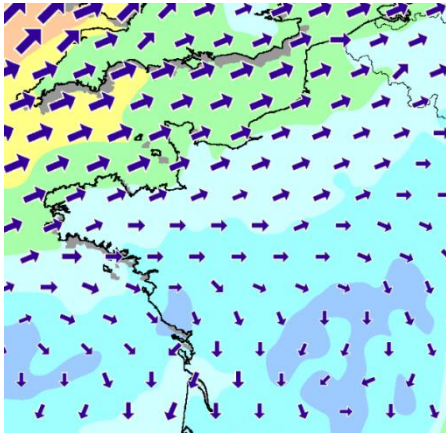
The first young bird race of the season took place from Guernsey on Sunday 25th August where the birds were liberated at 8.00am after a one-day holdover. In total 163 members sent 1,871 birds. Each section sent the following: South Centre, 78 members sent 805 birds, South East 65 members sent 769, South West, 11 sent 220, North Centre, 4 sent 47, North East, 3 sent 17 and in the North West, 2 members sent 13 birds.

The weather/race report

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

The BICC convoy was liberated at 08:00 under broken clouds and blue skies. The convoyers reported the convoy was quickly out of sight. The satellite image shows the clear skies over most of the Channel areas. (Guernsey circled) The flight path was clear across the channel to southern England with very good visibility. Winds over the Channel came from the W/S/W and were forecast to reach 20 mph and more. Initial reaction to the weather conditions affecting the race were for a good racing day but on viewing the early times it would seem that the blustery winds over the Channel played a significant role in fragmenting the convoy. Despite this, some excellent performances were achieved.

Steve Appleby race /weather advisor.



Wind flow map



Satellite image of Guernsey

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

The Provisional Open winner, taking 1st South East Section was Lee Bastone of Burnham on Crouch over 208 miles on 1916. Firstly, I'd like to congratulate all the other winners. I had 6 drop together, with my first bird being a Peter Fox X Franszwols, of the Drum Lines. My second pigeon was the same way bred from a different nest. And my third bird was a gift from Storment lofts. I had one bird missing on the night, which dropped in early next morning. I'd like to thank Micky Watts for all the hard training he's putting in and my wife, Jo, for all her help.



National Young Bird Winners, Lee and Jo Bastone, with Micky Watts



Lee & Jo's grandson making sure the birds have a good bath

The Provisional South East Section Winners

2nd South East Section, 2nd Open was Colin Draper of Yalding over 176 miles on 1891. Colin's good Guernsey bird was bred by Dean Pallatt out of the Best Kittell bloodlines.

3rd South East Section, 4th Open was Chris Kavanagh of Oxted over 164 miles on 1880. Chris had two birds arrive together, GB24 V30724, a blue cock bird and, GB24 V30726, a blue-pied hen. 24 was bred out of 2 yearlings from the racing team last year - GB23 A39685 a cock bird and GB23

V15324, a hen. Our birds bred down from the racing team and young birds brought at Lier are on the darkness system and old birds on widowhood.

10th Open Gladwin Jarvis & Family of Leigh on Sea over 200 miles on 1841. I would like to say a very well done to all the winners and to the BICC for putting on such a good race programme, the races in 2024 have been great. I had two together and another just behind. First on the clock is a hen, she had 3 inland races with the Thames before this, winning 1st club in one of these. She is direct from 45 who went to stock in 2024 as he was one of our record-breaking team of 2020, when between John Cowlin and myself, we took the first 10 in the NFC and 6 days later 1,2,3,6,8,9,10,11,12, & 13th Open BICC. 45 took 6th and 30th Open in these two races. The dam also raced for us before coming home from the last Y/B national in 2021 badly hawked and left blind in one eye. Her 3 brothers/sisters all scored well up that day in the National, so we put her to stock, and she has certainly paid us back.



Colin Draper's bird



Chris Kavanagh



John & Theresa Gladwin

The Provisional South Centre Section Winners

1st South Centre Section, 3rd Open were Malik & Khan of Tolworth over 162 miles on 1881.

Firstly, congratulations to Lee Bastone on winning the open and taking the first 6 positions. This was our first race of the young bird season as we decided not to club race this year and go straight for the National, which worked out really well for us. We had 4 come together and are possibly taking the first 4 positions in the section. Our first bird is bred from new stock with the sire, Tom, a direct Van Gaver from Finn x Tetske and the dam, Marijke, a direct G&S Verkerk from Fire Eyes x New Olympic Solange. All 4 of her grandparents have won major titles. She was sent sitting on the nest and we are 7 short from 29 sent on the day. The birds arrived in very good condition and for more information on the breeding of the pigeons, you can follow us on Facebook @Ace lofts.



Malik & Khan

2nd South Centre Section, 6th Open was N T Wilson of Hilsea over 112 miles on 1876. Firstly, I'd like to congratulate the winners. I had 4 drop together, which was great! First was a blue hen, a Vandenabeele from my good friend Jason Ross, a granddaughter of his prolific Cookie. The second, a

chequer hen, then a pied cock and after a further 2 seconds a bird bred by Steve Birch of Chesterfield. My fourth one was my Thames Breeder buyer, bred by John Gladwin. To say I'm over the moon with the way they came is an understatement.

3rd South Centre Section, 7th Open was Ken Wise of Isleworth over 166 miles on 1863. Ken timed GB24N00303 at 10.37 to take 3rd section.



Nic's 1st arrival



Nic's 2nd Arrival



Nic's 3rd Arrival

The Provisional South West Section Winners

1st South West Section, 71st Open were Owers Bros from Nr Wareham over 87 miles on 1578. This Section winner is now named Alex, Pete would like to thank his brother for all his hard work with the pigeons and also thank Clive Harrison for his help with the training programme. Congratulations to all the section winners.

2nd South West Section, 90th Open were Clift & Harding of Tirley over 170 miles on 1456. The Guernsey race proved to be difficult given the strong WNW wind and our loft location. The birds were spread out and our first was from the race birds, the sire being bred by Gordon Bros in NI. He has scored well in the top 6 of the Section in the NFC several times with large entries. The dam is down from a son of Perp.06 of Mark Gilbert's, who is now 7 years old, and still in the race team being a sister to two of our 1st Section winners in the BBC & CSCFC. Similar bred to the sire has scored in several Channel races over the past few seasons. We had a second pigeon 10 mins after the first then had to wait two hours for the next two finishing with 4/10, so not so good on returns.

3rd South West Section, 96th Open was Clive Harrison of Troytown over 86 miles on 1372. Flying 86 miles and being one of the shortest flying members from Guernsey, I was pleased with their performance in a strong SW wind. Timing 9.50am from an 8am liberation with a velocity 1372 to finish 3rd Section. Sending 9 and having 9 home after a 1-day holdover. Can I thank the convoyer and the organisation for the care given by looking after the birds and the excellent condition they returned in. The sire of my first bird is of Dave Hawthorn x D & J Staddon Miracle lines. The dam, a D & J Staddon x Frank Zwiers lines. Personal congratulations to Woody & Pete Owers on winning the WS section for the third time this year, well done boys.



Owers Bros. Pete holding the section winner, named Alex, with George on the left



Clift & Harding



Clive Harrison's bird

The Provisional North Centre Section Winners

1st North Centre Section, 61st Open was Mohammad Ayaz of Birmingham over 208 miles on 1629. Mohammad timed a chequer pied hen, bred from a hen off his good friend Ronnie Williamson from Ireland. She is a daughter of his, Double Heart Breaker cock and the cock bird he had from another good friend, the late Johnny Heath of Cannock. She was raced to the perch.

2nd North Centre Section, 68th Open was Gavin Cole of Gedney Hill over 244 miles on 1596. Gavin timed a young hen from Guernsey from his Red Fox x Wonder Reds stock. Janssens bought from Red Fox direct. A cracking hen that has been coming well in club and fed, and she done well on a hard day. The hen has also placed top 4 in the fed.

3rd North Centre Section, 72nd Open was John Black of Hitchin over 200 miles on 1574. The bird I timed in was a little chequer hen flying to the perch. The sire of my first bird was bred from The Warrior, 1st Section Perpignan and 2nd Section Bordeaux when paired to 1st Section Guernsey. The dam was bred from 1st Section Agen, a grandson of Jimmy Baurress Bordeaux cock paired to 1st Section Fougères NFC and 90th Open Tarbes. All four grandparents are Section winners for me. I sent 12 birds and had 6 in 25 minutes, so was pleased with that, in a strong west wind up here in the north centre section. Well done to all the section winners and the BICC for looking after the birds, they were in excellent condition when they returned.



Mohammad Ayaz



Gavin Cole



John Black

The Provisional North East Section Winners

1st North East Section, 11th Open was Jeremy Nicholson of Ipswich over 237 miles on 1836. Well done to the winner Lee Bastone and all the other section winners, also a big thank you to Trevor and

the BICC team, albeit a holdover, the birds all arrived in great condition. I had 9 from 14 on the day. Also, thanks to all the hard work done by the team at Colchester marking station. My first arrival, a blue hen, dropped just as our local kite was patrolling the skies around my loft. They don't seem to ever bother the birds, but she was very nervous and took a bit longer than I would have liked to trap. She is bred from a g/son of Sagan, who has produced me and others good birds, x with a Gert De Swaf hen. She in turn has produced some very good birds for me and others. My second bird, a blue hen, was bred by Bill and Sam Davis from their very good family of pigeons. My 3rd was a chequer cock, who's sire is a Frans Zowls from Tip Top Star x 640 from J&P Gladwin. His dam being a very good Van de Bulck stock hen.

2nd North East Section, 124th Open, was Brian Pearce of Assington over 227 miles on 816. Brian timed a red chequer cock, down from a new pair this year, from Red Barcelona x Jelle Jellema, New Jade 3 and 735. He is a natural young bird, and it was only his second race. I sent two and got both. He was in great condition after an 8-hour flight home over 227 miles. Well done to the winners. Also, well done to all involved. The race controllers and conveyer, as it was the correct decision to holdover and the birds returned in great condition.



Jeremy Nicholson



Brian Pearce's red chequer cock bird

The Provisional North West Section Winners

1st North West Section, 177th Open was Graham Jones of Cannock over 222 miles on 1543. Graham Jones' pigeon was from Mick Lennon. Thanks to the markers and conveyer, I had 5 back in good condition and well done to the winner and all section winners.

2nd North West Section, 118th Open, was John Rodway of Rushwick over 185 miles on 1067.

The bird was a blue chequer cock hatched towards the end of April. This bird had previously spent three days away in late June returning as another victim from a bird of prey attack. Most of its tail was missing and it had other injuries. However it recovered and was able to compete in four races before Guernsey, the furthest being Purbeck which is just over a hundred miles to my loft. Many thanks to William Lewis for taking both myself and my pigeons to the marking station at Steventon, this is much appreciated.



John Rodway

The Provisional Top Ten Open Positions:

1st Lee Bastone of Burnham on 1916, 2nd Colin Draper of Yalding on 1891, 3rd Malik & Khan of Tolworth on 1881, 4th Chris Kavanagh of Oxted on 1880, 5th Mr & Mrs J Buckfield of Wickford on 1879, 6th N T Wilson of Hilsea on 1876, 7th K Wise of Isleworth on 1863, 8th Dave Bastone of Althorne on 1851, 9th J Cowlin of Hullbridge on 1847, 10th Gladwin Jarvis & Family of Leigh on Sea on 1841.

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