

GUERNSEY YB/OB RACE

YOUNG BIRDS

Darren & Kirstie Simmons
Chelmsford

OLD BIRDS

Dave & Lee Bastone
Althorne

Congratulations to our young bird and old bird winners Darren & Kirstie Simmons and Dave & Lee Bastone. On Saturday 15th August the BBC held it's first young/ old bird race from Guernsey with 948 pigeons entered in the two races (young birds 639 and old birds 309). The birds were liberated at 7.30am into a brisk North wind.

Thank you to all the marking stations and the marking teams. Not long to go now before the end of the season and a well earned break for you all. Thank you also to Pat and Steve for the excellent care you give our birds.

YOUNG BIRD REPORT

Young Bird race winners **Darren & Kirstie Simmons of Chelmsford 1st Open 1st Section J.**

Wooooo Hoooooo just won our first ever British Barcelona Club National, took a hell of a loss but the feeling is epic. Mum to our first national winner, now named "Lovesacks Powerful Pamela" after Darren's Mum who we lost this year, was the first bird I ever purchased from Peter Fox at Syndicate Lofts at Doncaster at £450 when I knew absolutely nothing about pigeons (I still don't but anyone who know me knows I like the pretty ones). But this baby has done us proud. Mum was GB21 V38195. Dad was GB22 N79423 and we purchased him from our good friends Darren and Sarah May from May pigeons. We at Loveshack Lofts (as we've been nicknamed) bred her ourselves not knowing a lot about pedigrees etc but some how managed to get this combination right this time so on the back of our first Thames win in a couple of years we now have our first ever national win. Would just like to say a massive thankyou to everyone for their constant support and encouragement especially from our Hullbridge Club members.



Kirstie & Darren Simmons

2nd Open 1st Section G Neil Emberson of Chatham. Miss Unlucky Chequer pied hen. Miss Unlucky was bred by my father Vic Emberson of Banstead. She is a Herman Ceusters x Cooreman Her sire has scored for my father at the BBC Fougères OB race earlier this year scoring 2nd Section G 24th Open 2807 birds. Miss Unlucky's dam is full sister to many top birds and federation winners.

3rd Open 1st Section A Martin Attrill of Southampton. Firstly I would like to congratulate the winners up there in Chelmsford D and K Simmons and also local fancier who I just pipped for 3rd open Bill Norman. My 1st section 3rd open on hard day now named "LE TISS" is a blue Belgium cock I hand picked out of 40 babies bought over by mate Asa Williams (southern area auctions) on one of his trips to Belgium sourcing new families. This cock was bred by Peter De Paepe Belgium known for his grizzle family but I picked the blues out not tempted for the colours. I train most days weather permitting with friend and local top fancier Terry Sails and race in one of the strongest and best clubs on the South coast The premier 100 club where I won 1st open the week previous. The pigeon is raced on total natural and on my new Southampton "SPYGATE SYSTEM" Picking up all the information and knowledge from all the clubs I'm in and fanciers I visit always listening and learning and try to better myself and the pigeons.

4th Open 2nd Section A Bill Norman of Southampton. Firstly, I would like to thank Pat and Steve for looking after the birds so well.

I was thrilled to be told by Clare that I was provisionally 2nd section 4th Open with a pigeon that was bred from stock that I have from my brother Martin, Clare and Jack Norman (Mannor Lofts). The sire is bred from a Darren Ede cock when paired to a Roger Lowe hen, the dam is bred by Clive and Jill Roger's and Neil Sales, inbred to Mark Gilbert's History.

Finally, I would like to thank Martin Attrill, Rob Jones and Terry Sails for training my pigeons every week for me, and I must mention my long suffering wife Carroll for putting up with me all these years.



Neil Emberson's Miss Unlucky



Martin Attrill



Bill Norman with Sienna & Joe

5th Open 1st Section D John Black of Hitchin. The bird I got first was Big Dave a blue W/F cock bred by club mate David Paine that I bought in the club auction. He had three club races then into Guernsey, he dropped with another bird but he was first to trap. Well done to the winner and all section winners.

6th Open Jim Etherington of Cowplain. The pigeon is GB 26 B 11179 and is a pigeon bred from our stock birds. The sire is a stock bird gifted to me from Tony Cripps, and the Dam is a stock bird gifted to me from Tony Leggatt.



John Black



Jim Etherington

7th Open Peter Fyfield of Borden. The pigeon was having its third race, been coming well and was in very good condition so think I would like to say many thanks to the convoyer.

8th Open 1st Section B Mel & Sue King of Blandford Forum. My first bird is a chequer cock bred from my longer distance birds being from Andy Parsons brilliant Tarbes family blended with Joe Raeburns Litton Glory & Gwen lines and Martin, Clare & Jack Norman's lines of Sumarian Fighter Zwart Goude Abigails Star bloodlines.

My 2nd bird 3 minutes later is a dark hen again from Andy Parsons line crossed with my well-established Vandenabeele family - possible 2nd section.

Congratulations to the winners and all section winners, and thank you to the officers, convoyers and all the marking teams.



Peter Fyfield



Dan Crick

9th Open Barrie Smith of Winchester. Both of Barrie's pigeons from the young bird race and the old birds were Van Loon bloodlines.

2nd Section D Dan Crick & Son of Luton. Provisional 2nd section 15th open a blue hen bred by John Chipperfield. I would like to congratulate John Black for winning the section and taking my birds for me and congratulations to the winners.

1st Section E Nigel & Wendy Shaw of Crewe. The young bird we timed 17th open is the first one to be raced from our family Bats brother when paired to a daughter of Indy from our new family.

2nd Section B Danny Lanahan & John Gerard of Poole. The youngster is a daughter of our good blue pied hen 1st section 35th Open Pau Int 2025, 1st Section 34th Open Tarbes 2026. She is Figo/Flo and the father is a g/gson of our Zwarte Louders cock.

2nd Section C Geoff & Catherine Cooper of Peasedown St John. We timed a blue hen sent sitting a just hatched young bird. She has raced well for us so far this season, winning a 1st and 3rd club.

She was bred by Dave Atkin, her sire was an Alan Devlin cock of the Safier line.

Her dam was an inbred daughter of Mysterio.

It was a hard race but the birds that came looked well and were out flying the next morning.

Congratulations to the winners and all who timed on a hard day.



Nigel & Wendy Shaw's YB



Danny Lanahan & John Gerard



Geoff & Catherine Cooper's hen

OLD BIRD REPORT

Old Bird race winners **Dave & Lee Bastone of Althorne 1st Open 1st Section J.** Firstly I'd like to congratulate all the section winners and especially Darren and Kirstie on their first national win this was not an easy race with lots of birds missing on the night we sent 13 hens got 11 on the night and one the next morning.



Dave & Lee Bastone

2nd Open 1st Section G Adam Light of A M & L Light of Horsham. The first pigeon I got is a 2 year old Blue CH hen from mixed bloodlines, that had flown the early part of the season but returned late and injured from the St Philbert race. She had a few weeks off to recover and regrow missing flights and I hoped to get her back into the BBC Messac but she wasn't quite recovered. So instead, she was sent to the last few short Federation races and I paired her up with the aim of having her go to this race due to chip on the day of liberation. She's been trained up alongside the babies in recent weeks to keep her on her toes and it was noticeable how protective she was on the nest when I was basketing her. I'd like to congratulate the winners on a hard day for racing with some brave pigeons putting up good individual performances.

3rd Open 1st Section D Steve & Paul Kulpa of Reading. They clocked there 3 year old van den bulck hen after 4 hrs and 35 mins. Her sire and dam were bred by Derek Nichols of Premier Stud. Her sire being a son of Geraint Thomas (son of Kittel) & Red Goddess (dgt Gee & Lydy Kittel) and her dam being a daughter of Gee and Lydy Kittel. Our birds are fed on versele laga corn and we follow the Aviform racing process for our supplements. We sent 15 hens to the race and had 11 on what turned out to be a hard race on the day. Well done to the winners of both the old bird and young bird races.



Adam Light's hen



Steve & Paul Kulpa

4th Open 1st Section B Danny Lanahan & John Gerard of Poole. Blue cock Belg23-6126226 Smart Lad Sire is inbred Sagan super line short to middle distance bred so many top birds 1st 1500 birds -1st 2000 birds and so on class blood. The dam Golden Lady g/daughter Olympiade 003, dam of over 12 x 1st the best of Leo Heremans blood.

6th Open 1st Section A Brian & Viv Wall of Bedhampton. This yearling hen has been a really consistent bird this season having taken some excellent positions in the 6 races she has been sent too. Flying to the perch so she is keen to get back to the loft. She is bred through the Kittle lines and will hopefully be one to watch next season. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all who make's these races possible.

7th Open 2nd Section A Steve, Yvette & Lauren Harris of Portchester. We would like to say well done to all the winners on what proved to be a very tough race. Our bird was gifted to us from D & T Hughes of Portsmouth bred from their Darren May bloodlines.



Brian Wall



Steve Harris

8th Open Kevin May of Wallington. My pigeon GB 25V22081 Blue Cock, last a year late bred, only trainer this year, and in his first race.

His sire was bred from Syndicate Lofts from Blue Mike and Serena, a grand son of Mona Lisa.

His dam was bred from Premier Stud stock inbred to Gaston Van De Wouwer Kaasboer.

9th Open Nigel & Wendy Shaw of Crewe. The first two old hens 9th Open with the other one close behind flying 246 miles are both bred by Jamie Langrish. Both been reliable pigeons & both were sent on 5 day young birds.



Kevin May's cock bird



Nigel & Wendy Shaw's 1st & 2nd Old Hens

10th Open Ann & Asa Williams & Bill White of Southampton. Would like to say well done to the first and second in section A Brian and Stevie who are also members of the club we are in, the very strong premier 100 club. Our 3rd section 10th open cock named "Barcelona Bill" even thou he didn't go to Barcelona as preparations wasn't straight forward so ended up going to Dax where he took 6 days. So will hopefully have a go at Barcelona next year. He went sitting 14 day old eggs and had been over the channel 4 x previous this year, he will be prepared for the next classic. He was bred by Justin Bernard out of his Thurso winner and gifted to Steve and Yvette Harris where he raced up to Bordeaux for the first two years of his life. When they moved they gifted the race team to my nan which she persevered with and broke in and has had success with these pigeons this year.

Thanks to Steve and Yvette for them. I would like to say well done to Ann and Bill "Williams and White" for never giving up in a tough season over the channel, always there every week at the marking stations always only sending small numbers. And happy to still enjoy it and hopefully get one. They never moan and just get on with it week to week.

And my nan's motto is when we talk about losses don't worry about the ones we've lost, worry and concentrate who are in the loft .

PS; they don't do photos or autographs so you had to have one of me. Loft boy.



Asa Williams



Mircea Cioc's New Vaillant

2nd Section B Mircea Cioc of Shaftesbury. My 2nd Section winner, 11th Open BBC is a hen I call "New Vaillant". She is a yearling hen that race all 3 channel races last year as a young bird and scored in all 3. She was the best yb over all 3 channel/national races. She didn't race this year with the old birds, only started training with the yb's and had a couple of races with the local club before she went to BBC which seems to be a difficult race.

She is bred from my very promising pair that already bred a few good pigeons.

Her parents are bred by Cosmin Talas from Oxford. Her father is a son of Sparky and Sparta. Full brother to 1st Fed winner, 3rd and 4th section winner with the NFC, brother to the mother of 18th Open Avirings One loft race 2026 against 2471 pigeons for Cosmin. Another daughter of Sparky won 24th Open Grand Final Pride of the Potteries, she is the mother of 21st Open Hot Spot 3 and 57th Open Grand Final UK Premier One Loft Race 2025, also to 30th Open Hot Spot 1 UK Premier One Loft Race 2026, came with the first group. Sparky is Cosmin's double section winner with NFC in 2 weeks and a very good breeder.

Sparta is a daughter of national Ace Pigeon "Joy Boy".

Mother of my 2nd section winner is a daughter of Arn and Rona, both very good breeders for Cosmin. Arn is a son of National Ace Pigeon Long Distance and Rona daughter of Hugo Vlaeminck famous pigeon Ronaldo. "New Vaillant" is a full sister with Arvin, 1st Section, 8th Open BBC Messac National 2024 as a YL Aaron, 2nd Section, 9th Open BBC Messac National As a YL also 1st Section, 85th Open NFC North sur Erdre National 2025

Another brother won 12th Section, 25th Open BICC North sur Erdre National 2026...

H/sister with Arik 4th Section, 32nd Open BBC Guernsey National 2024 as a YB "106" 2nd Section, 163rd Open NFC Falaise National 2024 as a YB Gail 9th Section BICC National Guernsey 2022 as YB.

I sent 3 yearling hens and got 2 on the day. Both came in brilliant condition.

Well done to all the winners.

2nd Section D Mr & Mrs Bryan Boggins & Son of Watford. Our bird is a 2 year old van bulck widowhood hen bred from our best stock cock from Karl Donnelly's jackpot lofts she has been consistently picking up prizes all her life.

1st Section C Dave & John Staddon of Ditchheat. We sent 14 old birds to Guernsey, not liking the look of the wind; we didn't send YBs this year. Pleased to win the section with a yearling cock bred by Twyron Lloyd-Jones of Honiton. We bought him at the Three Counties Classic Racing Pigeon Club YB breeder Buyer in 2025. The sire was bred by Ty's clubmate Simon Cordery from a cross of Stefan Lambrecht x Gaston Van Wouwer pair; the mother was bred by Three Counties Classic Racing Pigeon Club champion Richie Goodier from his multiple-winning Van Den Bulk x Pitbull Laenen lines. He was sent paired, but his hen hadn't laid before basketing. This is the first time he has scored for us, so hopefully he is coming right. He will go to Chale next weekend with the Three Counties before Guernsey CSCFC in 2 weeks. Our prov 2nd Section winner is a blue hen sent sitting four eggs of four days; she is paired to another hen and a cock at the same time. Her Sire is Meteor Miracle, winner of 2 x 1st section and 2nd open NFC. He is one half of our famous Miracle Bros 6 x 1st section national racing. The Miracle Line just keeps producing and producing winners in every generation. The dam was bred by May Pigeons from elite breeders Romeo and Juliet, meaning she is a granddaughter of Spiderman.

Congratulations to all section and open winners on a very tough day, and thank you to all markers and management for organising our racing.



Bryan Boggins hen



Dave & John Staddon