

BRITISH BARCELONA CLUB – FOUGERES YB and OH NATIONAL

The last National race of the 2010 season for the British Barcelona Club saw 193 members sending 1,427 young birds to our Young Bird National accompanied by 215 old hens which had been entered by 51 members into our Old Hens National. Marking had taken place at Penkridge, Stevenage and Salisbury on the previous Thursday and the consignment was liberated from Fougères at 0745hrs on Saturday 4th September on a bright sunny morning into a light South Easterly wind forecast to turn easterly over the Channel.

The winner of our **Young Bird National** was **Paul Mauger of St Sampsons Guernsey** who flying 100 miles timed GB10B21727 (1st Gold Ring) a blue chequer Gaby Vandennee hen at 09:36 to record a velocity of 1593.

This hen takes **1st Section H and 1st Open** and is bred from stock purchased from M & D Evans, the sire is a G.son of Golden Gaby and the dam is a G.dtr of Shadow x Saffron.

In preparation for this race she had been given 3 x 30 mile tosses and had participated in 2 x 60 mile races. Paul feeds his birds on Gems young bird mix which obviously suits as he has won all 9 young bird races in Guernsey RPC this season.

With father Richard having won the BBC Messac National race earlier in the season I had recently visited the Mauger's in Guernsey to make a promotional video on the BBC and therefore this win comes as no surprise as I was really impressed by Paul's lofts and his overall enthusiasm to do well in the sport no doubt this had been learnt from his father and will in time be passed down to son Mason.



Paul Mauger and son Mason



Christine Frost

Not far behind Paul recording a velocity of **1585** to take **1st Section B and 2nd Open** were **Brian and Christine Frost of Crewkerne in Somerset** who flying 190 miles timed a dark hen GB10N88126 at 11:16.

This hen has been flown on the Darkness system, with only one flight dropped. She was 2nd Section from Carentan last week with the NFC and was sent back to Fougères competing with her nest sister for the attentions of the same cock bird which proved a great incentive to race home, this was her sixth race of the season.

She is a bit of a 'Heinz Variety' her bloodlines are from Ponderosa UK Stud, Martin Mitchel, Gary Bone and the Frosts own Combine winning lines.

A slight gap then to **Mr & Mrs David Bradshaw** flying 259 miles into **Swansea** timed GB10E47493 at **12:45** to record a velocity of **1521** to take **1st Section C and 3rd Open**. The pigeon in question is new blood introduced into their family of pigeons. Natalie Bradshaw of Marathon Lofts gifted the bird to grandson Lewis Bradshaw who was going to fly by himself but then decided to race in partnership with his granddad David. As he is still very keen next season the lofts name will change from M/M David Bradshaw to Bradshaw & Grandson. This well bred pigeon bred from Marathon Loft's top stock is a granddaughter of Etoo who is a direct son of Sars which is out of Jos Thones best. On the other side it is out of the old Bradshaw distance family going back to the birds that C Bradshaw Snr and Jnr used to clock for fun at 600 to 700 mile races. M/M D Bradshaw were the first loft in Wales to win the BICC and have won the BICC four times - twice with the same pigeon namely Crocketts Rockett. They are past all national averages winners with the Welsh South Road National and have won from 60 miles right through to 600 miles. This game hen had flown deep into West Wales on its own and was sent on natural - no darkness system - flying to the perch. They would like to congratulate the winner and the team that look after the birds as they arrived home in excellent condition.



Lewis Bradshaw



Dave Fox

Close behind to take **2nd Section C and 4th Open** was **Dave Fox of Stroud** who clocked his mealy hen at **12:23** to record a velocity of **1520**. Now named Foxy baby, as she is bred from his 2006 BBC Ingleton National winner Foxy Lady. She has been raced as far as Portsmouth with the West of England South Road Combine, and then on 21st August she was sent to Carentan with the CSCFC winning 36th open 4th NW section, he sent four birds to this race and got all four. She was then left alone, not trained until being sent to the BBC Fougères race, she came home looking like an oil painting in perfect condition and he has all of his six entries home. His young birds are well trained as far as Salisbury Plain most weeks, they are fed on a mixture of a good racing mix and breed and wean. This year his young birds have raced out of this world, winning 7 firsts and 1 second out of 8 races. He would like to thank Richard Green and all the helpers at Salisbury marking station, for all the good work they put in, and also thank Nigel Rigiani for the way he looks after the birds.

2010 has been a fantastic racing season at club and fed level for **Andy Heal of Bath** who was delighted to time his blue hen at **11:54** to record **1517.377** to take **3rd Section C and 5th Open** in a National race which for him just about put the icing on the cake. He calls his pigeons the Cam Valley thoroughbreds as they are a mix of sprint based pigeons. Some years ago he decided to base all his future selection of pigeons on performance only, dismissing all the theories and fancy named birds with extensive pedigrees, and use the basket as the selector, the main emphasis being on sprint/middle distance, this also included his stock, all birds had to have been proven on the road, or have been bred from proven winning pigeons, pedigree and the strain was not important.

His main strain of pigeons at the time was Van Reets, however there are at least eight other sprint based strains now bred into his family, as he is looking for the hybrid vigour and health associated with cross breeding, as with all the will in the world he is not Van Reet or any other Dutch maestro, and cannot reproduce their pigeons as they would.

Twelve to twenty widowhood cocks are raced and ten to twelve pairs of stock are kept with fifty youngsters a year bred mainly from the stock all of which are required to fly the channel at least once.

Each year his bird's performances have improved winning more and more club and Fed prizes, to date this year they have won thirteen first prizes in club and fed and six out of the seven young bird club races flown.

For him as a small fancier to have the birds compete and win prizes at national level is a dream come true.



Laura and Andy Heal

Only decimals behind Andy recording a velocity of **1517.279** are the partnership of **F Lloyd and E Kelly from Abingdon** who have a field day in **Section D** taking **1st, 3rd and 4th Section and 6th, 26th and 37th Open**. The first two pigeons one of which is a **Gold Ring** were purchased from Crowley and Green. They are both Maris pigeons and are bred from their best the first bird clocked being bred from "**Scud**" who is Sire of their double section winner "**Snapper**" and the second bird clocked is a direct son of "**Snapper**". Eamon purchased these birds as he has raced Maris pigeons before and had found them to be very good sprint birds. This year all young birds had 2 races with the BB&O Federation and then were trained off the south coast a minimum of 3 times per week. They have been very consistent with good positions in the Dorset Madhatter Open Race, Central Southern Classic from Carentan and the National Flying club Carentan. All birds have been fed on Red Band and Gerry Plus since the start of the young bird season and this week he added super Widowhood for the longer young bird races.



Helper Mark Jarvis and Eamon Kelly

His birds returned in excellent condition with 11 out of 15 on the day and 1 early on the Sunday morning. He would like to congratulate Paul Mauger on his winning performance and thanks also to Richard for all his hard work throughout the season.

Another Welsh fancier **John Ludlam** from **Nelson Mid Glamorgan** times his Cheq cock GB10N53901 at **12:36** to record a velocity of **1496** to take **4th Section C and 7th Open**.

This Cheq cock is bred from a Grandson of De Barcelona and a Granddaughter of De Barcelona Van De Wegen

This was his third trip to France this year as a young bird, being his 4th bird back with the CSCFC, his 3rd bird back with the NFC, and now his 1st bird back with the BBC.

The birds are raced to a 18 foot x 8 foot loft, he bred 100 birds to race this year and still has 80 left, 50 of which were on the dark this year.

His young bird feeding this year is V/L widowhood mix + prestige one hand full for 3 pigeons and all of his dark young birds were flown on the widowhood with no nests. For John it was an excellent race, he sent 20 and had 18 on the day flying 248 miles which was a superb team performance.



John Ludlam



Jack, Sophie and James Parker

Cheltenham fancier **Steve Palin** times his blue hen at **12:42** to take **5th Section C and 9th Open** this is bred from his own family of birds based around Frank Aarts Janssen crossed with Luc Geerinckx birds that he acquired in 2003. He employs the darkness system with all of his young birds as he only has a small Loft. The blue hen had been raced every week in the Severn Valley Fed with Cheltenham Homing Society where she had won 1st club Kingsdown 187 birds and 2nd club Newton Abbot 138 birds. She was sent to Fougères sitting 10 days. This is his first year racing with the BBC and he has enjoyed it very much. He has been impressed by the condition of the birds when they return from the BBC races, a true sign that they are well cared for.

Father and son partnership **J & P Parker of Reading** are the inform loft at the moment timing their blue Peter De Meere hen at **11:55** to record a velocity of **1493** to take **2nd Section D and 8th Open**.

The pigeon is a half sister to last week's first section and sixteenth open with the NFC. The birds are singled up three times a week from the coast. They are on darkness and raced on the roundabout system for motivation. They feed Beyers corn and enjoyed good returns with other birds dropping in shortly after the first and would like to thank the BBC for a good liberation and for keeping them in good shape.



Steve Palin



Joe Raeburn

Mention the Kings and suddenly they appear to take **2nd Section B and 12th Open** when they time a blue white flight hen at **11:16** flying 178 miles into Blandford Forum to record a velocity of **1479**.

As to be expected this hen contains top winning bloodlines and is bred from "Stourcrest Austrinus" a (Gyselbrecht x Jan-Aarden) cock that flew the National Flying Club Tarbes International this year, when paired to "Stourcrest Phobos" (Vandenabeele) hen. A full sister to their National Flying Club Nantes winner of 2002 and dam of their 1st West section, 7th Open HLFC Tours Young Bird National 2009.

Melkshams ace fancier **Joe Raeburn** times his Cheq Gaby Vandenbeeke cock **GB10B21872 (3rd Gold Ring)** at **11:57** to record a velocity of **1490** to take **6th Section C and 10th Open** and also another to win **5th Gold Ring**. His sire is from John Gladwin of Formula One lofts out of a son of his Blue Turbo when paired to a daughter of Wittenbuik. And the dam is from one of the best flyers in the South of England that we all know and they are Mel & Sue King of Blandford - her breeding is from a half brother of Eros 1st Open NFC Nantes when paired to a nest sister to the dam of 1st Open BBC Lamballe. All young birds are raced on darkness to suit his work hours, and this year he is trying Garvo food which he must thank Mark Dorrington for sorting for him (though he says after last week's NFC Carentan race that he did not think it was a good choice as he sent 15 and did not time in). He would also give a big thank you to Bob Robertson for his in help in training and taking his birds to the marking.



Mel and Sue King



Richard Mauger

Taking **2nd and 3rd Section H and 13th and 15th Open** is the winners father **Richard Mauger of St Sampsons Guernsey** who was delighted with his son's National victory but also extremely pleased to have timed two birds before his son got his next.

His first bird was a Jan Aarden x Janssen cock which has been trained from 20 miles and had 3 x 60mile races in preparation.

His second bird is a hen that is bred from a gift bird from Pete Wilcox x with his old Delbar lines she had also been trained from 20 miles and had 4 x 60 mile races in preparation.

Off course this follows up Richard's own top performances in the BBC earlier in the season when he won **1st, 2nd and 6th Open BBC National** from Poitiers. Top flying from the Maugers of Guernsey.

Talk about putting the icing on the cake for this guy **G J Hallam of Dukinfield** winning **1st sec E 14th Open** flying **357 miles** and on the same day he also wins 1st and 4th Staffordshire Moorlands 2 bird race from Carentan flying 298 miles and in the process picks up £1420 in prize and pool money, add to this his 2nd Section L NFC from Carentan flying 298 miles the previous week and that's some flying. John told me that all 3 results were achieved with birds bred by his good friend Paul Beck of Dukinfield as early on in the season when breeding John had suffered a bad hatch and Paul came to the rescue letting him have a round of YBs out of his race team. John said god only knows what he would have done with birds out of his stock team. John has asked me to say a big thank-you to Mr Beck and says can he get his order in with for early next season.



1st Section E and 14th Open

Closely following John is **Mal "the wallet man" Hope** flying 308 miles into **Telford** who times a blue hen at **13:55** to record a velocity of **1470** sufficient to take **2nd Section E and 16th Open**.

His blue hen is a cross of Colin Lloyds Cattrysse, the sire being a double grandson of "King Arthur", Colin's Saintes National winner a pigeon I know well as it beat me into 2nd place. The dam is out of his old distance birds from the late Colin Brough of Congleton. He clocked three more Cattrysse crosses to record velocities of 1387, 1380 and 1377 which also look like being well up in the result

I have known Mal for several years now having first met him at a pigeon fair in Ostend when I tripped over his fat wallet which he had dropped. Some quick detective work revealed where he was staying and later that evening we met up for a beer and I returned his wallet.



Mal Hope

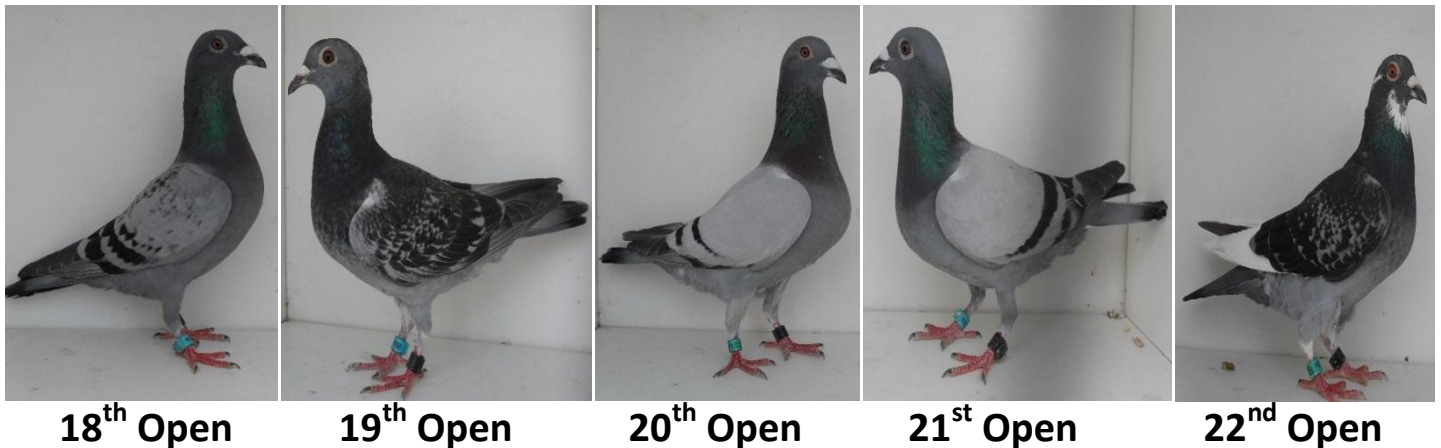
GB10B21599 (4th Gold Ring) a Red Cheq hen called "**Red Rosie**" flies the 346 miles to **Northwich** where she is timed in by **Mr & Mrs Howman** at **14:41** to win **3rd Section E and 17th Open** with a velocity of **1462**. From the photograph you can see that she's a small medium hen with an apple body and rich coloured eye she is bred down from Black Gold (Camphius) and Bubble (Silvre Toy) on the sires side these being the winners of the South West One Loft Race and the Europa One Loft Race 2006 respectively the dam is from Stock purchased at the bereavment sale of Bob Lewis a good friend and great distance flyer from his Kirkpatrick Stock. This hen was sent sitting 12 days and has previously come to win at club level beaten by loft mates.



3rd Section E 17th Open

Taking the next five positions in **Section B** and **18th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd Open** was Richard Elliott of Plymouth the proprietor of the South West One Loft Race who entered a total of 126 birds into the race. It's the first time that he's entered a BBC race and he passes on his thanks to those responsible for providing the first class service at the marking station he even enjoyed the entertainment from Zee-German Lady !!! and a special thank you to the gentleman that helped him get the birds.

When he knew the birds were up he was excited but also apprehensive as Plymouth was totally hazed out also the sea was a blanket of haze but he expected it to burn off as it has done over the last few days, the wind was very strong East which is also a concern because through experience we have had bad races as most do with East winds. The first pigeons were expected from 3 hours 30 minutes and fair enough at 3.36 five pigeons dropped and in leaving 3 strays on the apex of the loft, we had a steady flow for a while but then it dried up and he only managed 36 day birds and on the 2nd day only 1 more bird had returned. All in all he felt that it was an exciting experience to have a good team in the National and for them to put up a good performance the returns could have been better but he definitely had no regrets.



Johnny Attrill and daughter

Salisbury fancier **Johnny Attrill** a recent re-starter in the sport had a field day clocking four early pigeons at **11:38:13, 11:38:24, 11:45:32** and **11:48:29** to take **1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th** in **Section A** and **24th, 26th, 35th and 40th Open**.

Johnny restarted in the sport after going to a pigeon presentation night where he ended up buying a pigeon which then needed a loft and a mate and things then progressed. Mind you he was careful where he purchased obtaining top stock from Ian Crammond and Nigel Langstaff and Robbie Jones all of whom were true gentlemen offering sound advice which was duly followed.

Local flyer Dave Day gave him 40 young birds free of charge which immediately won the first two club races and top positions in the Fed as well as National positions.

This season saw him purchase more young birds from Crammond and Langstaff and in this race he had two birds come together with a blue cheq cock of Wim Muller x Van Helmond followed by a blue cock which also contained Janssen bloodlines of the Wearn Bros. Jimmy would like to thank Ian, Nigel, Robbie and Dave for all the help that they have given him.

The Section G winner was Eric Higginbottom of Sandhurst who timed a Blue hen GB10N44700 bred out of two birds from Peter Fox Syndicate Lofts, the sire is Wonderbar bred by six times German champions A & W Drapa from 'E T Hofkens-Janssen and Miss Uno Hofkens-Verstraete. The dams sire is 'Conimix Prince' a Wal Zoontjens pigeon and dam is 'Blondie' a G & H Van Boxmeer. The section winner is some sort of mystery bird, when Eric calls the young birds in after training she's never with them and always returns on her own hours later. He can see by her wings that she has been flying for those missing hours and still won't trap until she is ready. Fougères was her first race he sent her because of her antics and bad trapping knowing she would have a tough time against that East wind. She arrived from the race looking really well and trapped straight away for the first time in her life. She was the only bird that he had on the day from six entered.



Eric Higginbottom

Onto the **Old Hens Fougères National** and taking **1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Section B** and **1st, 8th, 9th and 11th Open** we have **Crewkerne** maestro **Mike Staddon**.

In 1st Open we have "Miss Staddon" she is a two year old hen blue bar. She is bred down from the best of Chris Gordons, Sheldon Leonards, and Ron Williamson, which Mike has formed into his own family of dual purpose pigeons-hence her name. She has flown very consistently all her racing career, but this is her best performance to date. She is very closely related to 18825, who is provisional 5th section 11th open in this race and 1st sect. 4th open in last year's race. He sent six hens to this race, all were home in one hour. All hens were raced natural in this race, all sitting eggs 10-12 days. They had a month's rest after the old bird season and then had 2 x 40 mile tosses over the bank holiday (to make them think a bit) from Newton Abbott-no reason-just that he was going to Newton Abbott twice over the bank holiday. He uses natural products from Hilton Herbs of North Perrott, which he finds are a great aid. It goes on the corn and he only uses clean water in the drinkers at all times- no medication at all. Just natural immunity and Mr Basket. If a pigeon is sick, I dispose of it. All his corn comes from the club sponsors A.E.James & son Bristol.



Mike Staddon

This season he has used 'Concorde' and 'Endurance plus'- thanks Tim. He would also like to thank our secretary Richard Green, who he believes is doing a fantastic job and also what a brilliant season he has had racing as Crowley & Green, and also the markers and workers at the marking stations, plus the chief convoyer Nigel Rigiani.

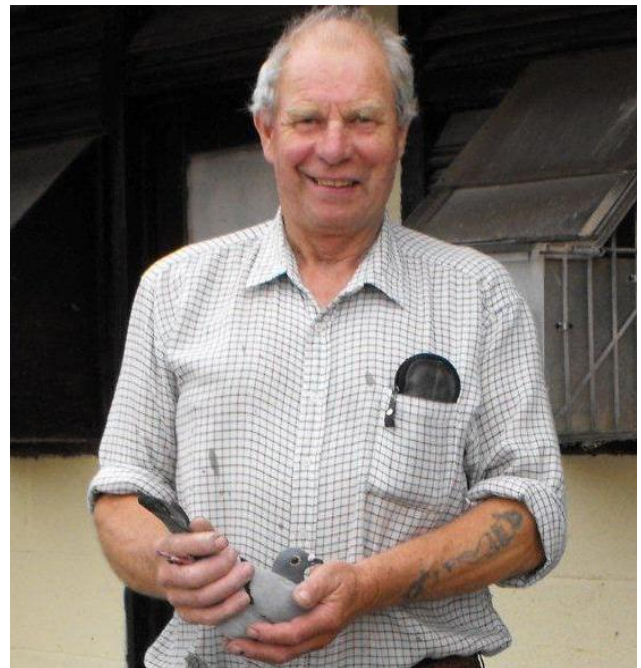


Jane Johns

As is often the case when we have East in the wind the fanciers further North West in Section E excel in this case its **Mr and Mrs Alan Shore of Crewe** flying **327 miles** who clock a blue bar hen at **14:17** to record a velocity of **1469** to take **1st Section E and 3rd Open**.

Prior to being sent to this race this she was a widowhood hen and was trained up with the young birds, as she was last year when she was 1st Section E and 6th Open in the same race.

Her breeding is from their old Pau cock, Danny Boy - Ko Nipius x Janssen - crossed with John Barnett, Telford bloodlines. This hen was sent to the race feeding a week old youngster.



Alan Shore

Taking **2nd Section E and 4th Open** we have **David Ellams of Telford** who was flying in his last National race and almost finished on a high when he timed his yearling chequer hen at **13:52** to record a velocity of **1467**.

The Sire of this hen is Davy Lad GB 99 N 42861 who was 1st Sec and 15th Open Saintes and also 1st Sec and 11th Open from Saintes flying 487 miles.

The Dam of this hen was a Grand daughter of Arnie Tonks's "Tina Turner" who was 3rd Sec and 4th Open MNFC Saintes.

A life time's work must go when his clearance sale comes around on the 27th November of this year.



David Ellams

Another top fancier appears in the frame when **Sid and Val Miles of Peasedown St John** clock their late bred yearling hen “ Little Lucy “ at **12:02** to take **1st Section C and 5th Open** with a velocity of **1459**.

Little Lucy was a late bred hen, very lightly raced and sent on widowhood. She is bred out of a good blue hen which was 1st Marmande in the West of England South Road Combine and was also 2nd Sec and 14th Open Pau National, both races clocked on the day after 15 hrs on wing.

Her Sire was also a winner on the road taking 1st club and 2nd West of England Combine from Cholet but was retired early and put to stock after a hawk attacked and injured his wing. His grandparents were our 3 Pau National winners.

It is hoped that she turns out to be as good as her parents



Sid and Val Miles



Tania, John and Julie Barnett

Bristol fanciers **Mr & Mrs Kenneth Davey** clock their two year old blue hen at **12:21** to record a velocity of **1455** fast enough to win **2nd Section C and 7th Open**.

This hen was one from a batch of six purchased at Blackpool from his good friends George and Pat Smith. She has flown very well for him winning several club cards and had previously finished 10th Section and 52nd Open in the BBC's Bordeaux National earlier this season.

Ken would like to thank his good friend John Crew who trains his birds due to the long hours that Ken works.

The number of top fanciers appearing in this article is amazing as in **3rd Section E and 6th Open** we have the other well known **Telford** fanciers **J & T Barnett and Daughter** who timed their lovely four year old dark cheq hen in at **13:56** recording a velocity of **1458**.

This hen SU06AF 1293 is bred by Joe Murphy from pigeons on loan to Joe from J & T Barnett & Dtr (Telford).

The Dam of her Sire was Bred by Joe Murphy from a J & T Barnett & Dtr Cock when paired to a daughter of Mystical Rose Joe's SNFC Sartilly winner 4 times flying 500 mile, twice the only bird on the day in Fed.



Kenneth Davey



4th Section E and 10th Open

The bird timed first carried an end nest flight all Summer and dropped it about three weeks ago, for this race it was about 3/4 grown. She is one of my Michael Spencer's who he was lucky enough to obtain some stock birds from when he emigrated to South Africa. She is a double granddaughter of no.18, who is a son of Border Prince (1st.open NFC Nantes-461 miles-10,561 birds) when he was paired to his own granddam an Emile Dewerd. No.18 is the sire of Border Prince 2. (2nd.section L -147th open NFC Pau - 734miles - beaten by a loft mate) and also sire of the Versele Laga over 400 mile band yearling championship with the NFC from Nantes.

D & N Hordern take **5th Section E and 12th Open** when they time their two year old blue pied hen at **14:13** to record a velocity of **1409**.

Dave Hordern, and silent partner, son Nathan, fly in Stafford where Dave has been secretary of Stafford RPC for the last 10 years. They fly in the Staffordshire Moorlands Fed and the North Staffordshire Fed, and this year joined the BBC as Dave has been on the marking team at Penkrige all season. This has prompted them to send to the BBC races from Poitiers and Bordeaux this year.

During the old bird season, Dave flew on the roundabout system and all his hens went to Vire (278 miles) and Messac (343 miles) with the local Feds. At the end of old bird racing, the old birds were kept separated and the young cocks and hens were added to them for ease of management.

The young birds are trained up to 40 miles as often as possible. With the BBC Old Hens Fougères race in mind, Dave sent his old hens with his youngsters on every training toss, his 4 selected candidates were therefore racing to the perch. Dave's first hen home was a self-bred 2 year old Blue Pied Wildemeersch which has never previously shown any winning form but has never been far away. Its sire was bred by club mate Steve Hallett and given to Dave by clubmate Roy Butters when he retired from the sport, a broken pigeon it had always been a very consistent performer for Dave with positions up to 2nd Fed, similarly the dam came to Dave via Roy Butters, both parents being Wildemeersch of the late Johnny Ackroyd blood.

Dave would like to thank Anne and Richard Spooner for their organisation of the BBC Penkrige marking station and fellow BBC member Chris Whittingham of Wheaton Aston for training his birds.

BBC committee man and IC Penkrige marking station **Richard Spooner of Stafford** takes **4th Section E and 10th Open** when he times his yearling blue cheq hen at **14:18** to record a velocity of **1434**.

This is the first time that he has raced hens since 1982 as normally he only races widowhood cocks and does not race his young birds, Therefore he is always faced with the dilemma of what to do with the excess of young hens after he has selected what is required for stock and to pair to his widowhood cocks. This year for a bit of fun he decided to put the fifteen left over into a young bird section and have a play with them when he was not racing the cocks.

After sending them all just racing to a perch to Carentan (240 miles)and Messac (344 miles) both hard races he still had twelve left in the pen. So he decided to send them all to the BBC old hens race to sort them out. He sent eleven in the end had nine home on the day and one at 06:20 the next morning.



5th Section E and 11th Open



Paul Davies

Pyrford fanciers **A and Miss P Tullet** take **1st Section G and 38th Open** with a four year old Delbar hen timed at **14:37** to record a velocity of **889**.

As a young bird this hen had five inland races and as a yearling in 2007 she was only exercised around the loft. In 2008 she only had one inland race from Kingsdown finally returning two months later in good condition. Paired up in 2009 she had three inland races up to 140 miles. This year however she was paired to Alan's Barcelona Cock and was not raced until the BBC's YB/OH Fougères prior to which she had one toss from Wincanton 85 miles and one from Winchester of 35 miles.

The last 3 months the birds were fed on Garvo and Complete Pigeon Care. He sent 3 birds and got 3 but his 4th entry was hawked 4 days before basketing and is recovering well with the help of Germaline.

My apologies to those not covered in this article especially to **Salisbury** fancier **James Fulford** who won **1st Section A (Old Hen National)** who's information has not arrived at the time of going to print and also to **Gary Bentley of Leighton Buzzard** who won **1st Section D (Old Hen National)** who I was unable to contact. My thanks go out to all those committee and club members who have assisted me in various ways at the Salisbury marking station and especially to the IC's of the Penkrigde and Stevenage marking stations who have performed magnificently and been a pleasure to work with. Finally I think we all appreciate the efforts of the racing team and extend our thanks to – Steve Appleby the weather advisor – Eric Ilsley the race controller – Darren Hatcher the driver and finally Nigel Rigiani the convoyer who have all worked extremely hard, sometimes in difficult circumstances to give us magnificent racing in 2010.

Another familiar face in the result is that of **Paul Davies** from **St Clement, Jersey** who clocked two blue hens at **9:21 and 9:30** to take **1st and 2nd Section H and 22nd and 31st Open**. This section win makes it 3 section wins for Paul this year with the BBC so he had best bring an extra bag when he attends the Annual Presentation to carry away his prizes.

Both hens are Jan Aarden x Janssen and flown on widowhood. The first hen timed is a 5 year old, which is bred off Paul's 9 year old blue cock 'No fear' who has won 30 x 1st, 2 x 1st section and 1st combine. So this is a case of a section winner breeding a section winner.

The second hen timed is a 4 year old, which won Section H last year in the old hen's race. She also won 58th Open in the BBC Poitiers National.



Centre - hen 1st Section G 38th Open with Alan's Barcelona cock and two late bred youngsters currently being reared.