



Central Southern Classic Flying Club



British Barcelona Club

MESSAC RACE

CSCFC

Kenny & Armstrong of Wantage
1st & 2nd Open 1st & 2nd NE Section



Kenny & Armstrong Families

BBC

Martin Williams of Hereford
1st Open 1st Section C



Martin Williams



What a fantastic entry we had for this combined race to Messac, 2,600 birds between the BBC, CSCFC, WOESRC, Premier 100 and Romsey & District FC producing two top class lofts as overall winners for the Classic and BBC. The Kenny & Armstrong Families and Martin Williams.

Thank you to all the marking stations and everyone who helps and assists, they were flat out as usual making sure the paperwork was ready on time for customs. Our thanks to Paulton marking station and everyone involved there who marked for the first time, a job well done and much appreciated. Finally, thank you to Pat and Steve for taking so much care with our birds whilst they are away.

(Race & Weather Advisors – Steve and Mark) The BBC convoy was liberated at 06:30 under broken clouds and blue skies into a light N/E wind clearing the site. This wind direction will change over the channel to light and variable. The flight path is good, a clear channel with smooth seas and visibility about 10 miles.

BBC - 1st Open 1st Section C Martin Williams of Hereford. My Messac winner is a two year old roundabout cock. He had been given the name “One Hit Wonder” by a friend of mine after winning Section J NFC from Coutances by 200 yards as a young bird. As a yearling, again with the NFC, from Fougères he made a mistake, so I rested him for the rest of the season. That has certainly paid off as he took 1st Section, 12th Open with the BICC from Alençon, 6th Section, 34th Open with the NFC from Carentan and now this. Three Section wins and a 1st Open! Sorry Dean, but he now has a new name “Blue Lagoon”.

His breeding is my own cocktail of Huybrechts x Sablon x Roodhooft. His sire was a mother and son mating going back to Jimmy Weeder’s pigeon “JJ”, winner of 7 x 1st and sire to 30 x 1st winners. His dam is “Blue Gem” who was my top National bird, winning 2nd Ace Northern Pigeon 2021. Her line was Roodhooft x Sablon Wade Brothers “Jean”. Unfortunately, I lost her from her first race last year from Weymouth.

My returns were very good having 19 out of 20 on the day. I would like to thank everyone at the BBC for all their hard work, week in week out.

CSCFC - 1st & 2nd Open 1st & 2nd NE and BBC 2nd & 3rd Open 1st & 2nd Section D - Section Kenny & Armstrong of Wantage. Our 1st Open Classic winner/ 2nd Open BBC is a yearling Blue Bar Widowhood hen. She has had 6 channel races this year and has previously been 4th Section 35th Open Fougères NFC 5,801 birds. Her Dam is Queen Elizabeth 1st Open UNC Maidstone National Winner 4,800 birds, when paired to a TJ Elzinga cock bird.

Our 2nd Open Classic/ 3rd Open BBC bird is a yearling Blue Bar cock flown on widowhood. He has previously been 14th Section 54th Open Norte-Sur-Erdre NFC 2,163 birds. His Sire is a Gino Clicque cock when paired to a full sister of the Gold Mine Hen Adele.

Both birds were bred by David and Emma at Highfield Lofts.

All our birds are fed Beyers corn.

We would like to finish by thanking everybody that helps at Steventon marking Station throughout the season.

BBC – 4th Open 1st Section E Dave & Kyle Harris of Newport. Kyle is holding our first arrival a blue two year old widowhood cock, he was a gift young bird from Tex Talbot from his own blend of “town hallers”, (only joking Tex). His bloodlines are Herman Ceusters of Premier Stud stock, he was only lightly raced as a young and a yearling had two Guernsey’s with half a dozen inland races, this year he has had two NFC races, Fougères and Messac, being rested between the two Messac races, he has always been there or thereabouts but got it right this time.

Our second bird being held by Dave was just behind our first, a Cheq yearling cock, he is from a cock gifted to us by Geno Rigby of Dawley, Telford. He was through his Jimmy Gibbons stock when paired to a bird of ours, a Turner Busschearts hen he purchased from the WDWs one loft sale. His dam is a cross between our own Evans and Walker Soontjen family and JPS Marshall bloodlines, a consistent performer as a young bird and again this year, he was our first bird last week from Guernsey in the Bell (Tong) Flying Club finishing fourth club.

Thank you to Aurel for setting up the marking station at Ironbridge, without his support in this area a lot of flyers would find it difficult to send to these races.

Congratulations to Aurel on his open and section positions and also John (Sebastian) Szul who timed five of his eight entries in 25 minutes flying 340 mile on a challenging day, well done to all.

I would also like to thank Kevin Doley for his support and the endless late night messages that I bombard him with asking countless questions on all things pigeons.



Kyle & Dave Harris



Jimmy Wearn & Erik Neilson

CSCFC - 3rd, 4th & 5th Open 1st, 2nd & 3rd SE Section and BBC – 5th, 6th & 7th Open 1st, 2nd & 3rd Section A Jim Wearn & Erik Neilson of Ramsdean. We had three birds drop together within four seconds, a pair of nest sisters which are the best Kittel x best Bolt blood. The hen splitting these sisters up is Dean Pallatt bloodlines pigeon.

CSCFC - 6th Open 4th SE Section and BBC - 11th Open 4th Section A Nick Wilson of Portsmouth. This is the hen who won the section from the BBC YB race. She's a Lambrect bred by Steve Birch of Chesterfield. I really fancied her, that's why I nominated her, nice little earner £190 + £150 for winning 100 club and the corn nom! Well done to all the winners.



Nick Wilson's Hen



Mircea Cioc & his family

BBC – 8th & 9th Open 1st & 2nd Section B Mircea Cioc of Shaftesbury. Firstly I would like to congratulate M Williams on winning the race and all the section winners.

This year is my second year flying old birds. I only started racing just over 3 years ago. My aim from the beginning was to race at the National level. I purchased pigeons from a few different places but soon I realised that the pigeons

that are doing the business for me are from my good friend and mentor Cosmin Talas from Oxford. Cosmin helped me with everything from the beginning and is always there when I need any advice.

Due to lack of space I can't keep a lot of pigeons. This year I started racing with 14 widowhood cocks, 12 yearlings and 2 two year olds. They have been raced on widowhood with the local club. They had one channel race with the NFC and this race was their second time over the water. I had a brilliant race with 9 out of 10 back and they came back in brilliant condition.

I had 2 pigeons together, nest pair to win 1st and 2nd Section, 8th and 9th Open. The 2 cocks that won 1st and 2nd section are nest pair, bred last year.

The parents are bred by Cosmin Talas from Oxford. The father is a son of Sparky and Sparta. He is a full brother to 1st Fed winner, 3rd and 4th section winners. Sparky is Cosmin's double section winner with NFC in the same year. The mother of the 1st and 2nd section winners is daughter of Cosmin's good breeder Arn and Rona. Arn son of National Ace Pigeon and Rona daughter of Ronaldo of Hugo Vlaeminck, Ronaldo one of the best pigeon at the national level in Belgium.

I'm not surprised that the 2 brothers came that well when you look at the pedigree, they are bred for the job.

I would like to thank Cosmin for supplying me with good pigeons which helped me to win my first section in such a short time.

I can't describe the buzz I get when I race over the water, just another level.

Thank you to Clare for her help.



CSCFC - 7th Open 1st SW Section and BBC – 12th Open 3rd Section B George & Pete Owers of Wareham. Once again the Owers Brothers partnership are on song.

We would like to congratulate the winner and all the section winners.

Also, we would like to thank Merv Gray who bred this yearling chequer cock for us.

George is on the right holding the Classic Section Winner and Pete is on the left holding our double Section Winner.

Lastly, thank you to Clive Harrison for taking us to the marking and I would also like to thank my brother George for all his hard work.

CSCFC - 8th, 10th & 11th Open 1st, 2nd & 3rd NW Section Mike Hathway of Bristol. Timing in 3 widowhood cocks. I only have a small back garden and cannot see the birds coming, so when I saw three birds on the landing board I thought that they had escaped from another section. Amazed that they were race birds, all three were clocked in 5 seconds and looked like they had never been out of the loft!

All of them had previously been to 4 or 5 channel races and inland every week in between. They are related and from my own blended family. 14 out of the 15 were home by 3pm.



Pete & George Owers



Mike Hathway



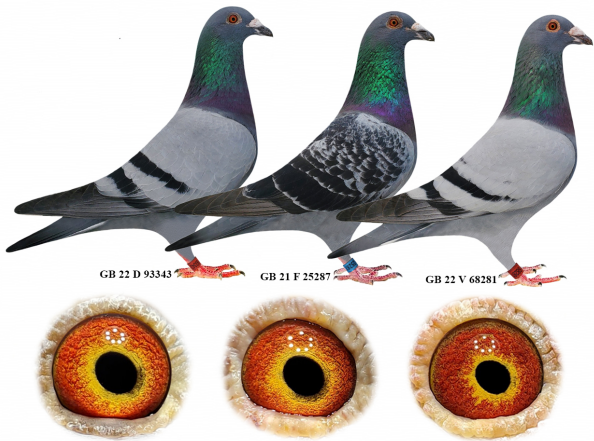
BBC – 10th Open 2nd Section E Team Aurel of Ironbridge. We are delighted with our arrivals from BBC Messac. It was a great day for racing for us with 50% returns in the first hour, we will probably end up 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th in Section E when results will be completed.

Our first pigeon is currently 2nd section E , provisional 9th Open 1882 birds flying 334miles /537km on the widowhood system. He is a 2022 late bred from our long distance racing team of Champion Vasile. In section E, it was beaten by a better pigeon on the day of D & K Harris, well-done mate fully deserved victory.

Congratulations to the Open Winner Mr Martin Williams, we have no doubt he has mastered the conditioning of the birds for these type of races. Also well done our friend Mircea Cioc who is also our official photographer for this race.

We are also delighted that the Open winner and the Section E winner were basketed at our newly established basketed centre in Ironbridge , that gives us an enormous pleasure of giving the northern lads the opportunity to compete in these races without travelling too far down south. Thank you to the convoyer Steve Travers for looking after our birds and to BBC for this amazing race!

All the best. Team Aurel.



Team Aurel



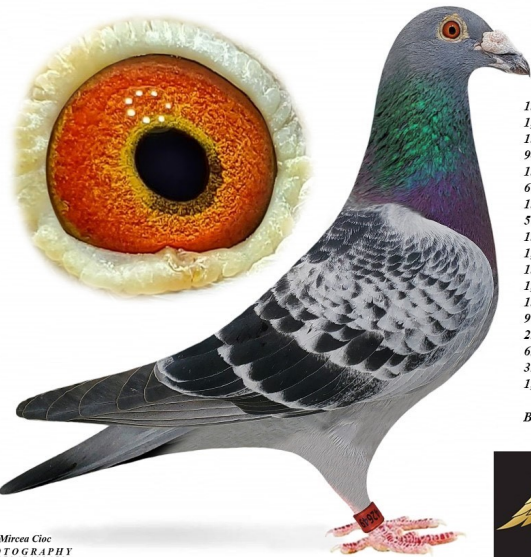
Kenny Land's Cock Bird

CSCFC - 9th Open 2nd SW Section Kenny Land of Bournemouth. Well done to all the winners and thanks to all involved in organising this race. My cock bird was bred by my friend, Terry Wareham, out of a Tony Stephens Vandabeele cock bird and the dam was from a Johnny Cooper's Kuelleman's pigeon strain. My cock bird was 3rd Section Fougères 2023 Classic.

BBC - 13th Open 1st Section J Rob & Andrew Wilton (D Wilton & Son) of Chadwell St Mary. The pigeon we timed to win 1st Section J is a yearling cock flown on the widowhood system. He's a grandson of our top Leo Heremans cock called Louie, this cock was our first pigeon from a race from Yelverton a few weeks ago.

CSCFC - 12th Open 4th NW Section Joe Raeburn of Melksham. Congratulations to Paul and family and all the section winners.

I timed a blue yearling cock, bred from a son of Stuart Webb Tarbes Classic winner, when pair to a Andy Parson Hen. He started the season being raced on the chaos system, but was sent to Messac sitting eggs. Thank you to Adam Thomas for your help.



"LOUIE"
GB 17 S 42649

- 1st Club, 1st Fed. Poole
1,264 birds
- 1st Club, 1st Fed. Poole
942 birds
- 1st Club, 1st Fed. Poole
673 birds
- 1st Club 1st Fed. Poole
561 birds
- 1st Club 5th Fed. Poole
1,183 birds
- 1st Club 9th Fed. Purbeck
1,576 birds
- 1st Club, 11th Fed. Poole
905 birds
- 2nd Club 2nd Fed. Honiton
622 birds
- 3rd Club 26th Fed. Purbeck
1,504 birds

Bred & Raced by:
D. Wilton & Son



Mircea Cioc
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Joe Raeburn



Pete Barlow

BBC - 2nd Section C 14th Open Pete Barlow of Coombe Hill. Congratulations Martin on a great result. My provisional 2nd Section is a son of Odessa Girl winner of BBC Berwick paired to a brother of BICC winner (Miracle hen) gifted to me from the 2 Terry's.

BBC - 1st Section G 15th Open Mick & Lyn Chaplin of Woking. I congratulate the winner of this hard race and am pleased that I have 9 of my 11 entries back. The section winner is a yearling grizzle cock having his third channel race of the year. He was raced widowhood up till last week when all the widowhood hens were left in the cocks loft. The sire is a Roland Jansen white red grizzle bred by Louella from direct Roland Jansen stock. Both parents of the mother are owned by Robert Rome of Fleet and the sire of the mother is a grizzle direct from "Bernie" winner of 5 x 1st and 1st Welsh National. "Bernie" is a grandson of "Geronimo 183", a top producer for the Rome loft and direct from Patrick Houfflijn's "Geronimo", winner of 10 times in the top National and International and responsible for more than 10 x 1st National and International winners. "Bernie" was paired with a top hen that bred "Valentina", a top hen in the Rome loft that won the 3rd NFC Ace International Trophy winner (all 5 NFC races) and she is bred from the lines of "Dark Misty", "Zatopek", top pigeons acquired from Silvere Toye. Dam of the mother is a direct daughter of "GT Super Star" of the late GT Snelling. "Super Star" won 30 times in the top 30 Fed - all individual sprint races. He won 6 x 1st Club and 13 x 2nd.



Mick & Lyn Chaplin



Jimmy Connolley



John Draper

BBC - 2nd Section G Jimmy & Pat Connolley of Marden. Firstly, congratulations to Mr Williams. Our pigeon was a yearling, checker-pied cock, sent widowhood. He was bred from a son of Aurora, a Hungarian pigeon that placed 12th in the Darby-Arona race in 2022 and that we bought from the auction afterward. His dam was a Vandenabeele, bred from Bob de Bat, son of Shadow.

CSCFC - 3rd NE Section John Draper of Faringdon. This Lambrecht x Vandenheede 2 year old hen has flown consistently this season, obtaining 3rd Section 13th Open CSCFC and 3rd Section 17th Open BBC this weekend from Messac. She has been on roundabout but was repaired and sent sitting eggs 3 days for this race. She has previously achieved the following positions this season: 271st Open Carentan CSCFC, 9th Open Fougères BBC and 157th Nort Sur Erdre CSCFC, both her parents are still in the racing loft her mother being 8 years old and her father 6 years old.

BBC - 3rd & 4th Section D Ricky Turner of Aylesbury. I would just like to say well done to the winner and to all section winners and to the BBC as the birds always seem to come back in very good condition. I sent 6 birds to this race all sitting 5 day old eggs and I had 2 together to be 3rd & 4th Section very happy with that. My first bird has been excellent for me this year he has been 3rd Open BBC 71st BICC 279th NFC 8th NFC, now prov 18th BBC. He is from Paul Douthwaite in Scarborough. My 2nd bird is from Darren May which she was on her 5th National this season and is a lovely hen. I feed Vanrobaeys, this year I started with 18 cocks and a few hens and only have about 28 young birds. This year at the start of season I said I was going to send to more Nationals and it has affected my sprint racing, but I have found Nationals just give me a much better buzz on a race day, so it's looks like National racing is the way for me in the future

BBC - 2nd Section J David Coward – Talbot of Chelmsford. GB21N85744 Blue Pied Hen
Sire Griz Pd Cock Belg 18 6243166 from the Romein Kleine family X Dam Blue Hen from the family of Govaerts. Both sire and dam are from the lofts of my good friends Lee and Ian Sullivan of Brighton. Lee and Ian have been responsible for many of my good pigeons this year and I would like to thank them both. This hen has always been one of my best pigeons, in fact, I told Lee this would be a good pigeon when she was a baby. She has been my first pigeon on many occasions, in fact, last year she was 1st section, 5th Open BICC Gurnsey any age race.



Ricky Turner



David Coward-Talbot



Willie Healy

BBC - 1st Section H Willie Healey of Jersey. Great to be back, our first race this year and also our first BBC race in four years. The pigeon I timed in is a 5 year old Blue Bar Cock, the sire being Polish given to me by an ex fancier living in Jersey and the dam being from the late Joe Letchio of Alloa blood lines.

A big thank you to Jason and his crew on the fishing boat for taking our birds training over the water and a special big thank you to Clare Norman for doing her best for the Channel Islands pigeon fanciers. Congratulations to the winner and everyone who got their birds home safely.

BBC - 2nd Section H Paul Davies of Jersey. I timed a seven year old hen which won section H old hens five years ago. This is our first race this year and first BBC race in four years due to DEFRA rules.

I congratulate my friend Willie Healy for winning section H and all other section winners.

I thank Clare Norman for all the hard work she does. A special thanks to Nick Pearce for taking the Jersey birds to the marking station.

Convovers Report

Thursday 27 June:

Finished loading 5.30pm. All overseas paperwork finished, arrived in Portsmouth Docks 6pm. All birds have been fed and fresh water put on. We boarded the ship at 11.15pm.

Friday 28 June:

Left the ship at 6.30am. Drove the mile or so to the Vet Inspection shed. Two crates of birds were taken off the lorry and inspected against the Paperwork which was all OK. Left the Vet at 8.45am then drove straight to Messac. Birds were given fresh water on arrival and 30 minutes later given a full feed. Since it was a nice sunny day, the doors were left open and water topped up throughout the day.

Saturday 29 June:

Up at 5am. Pat and Mark Gilbert (Race Advisor) talked to each other and agreed that the route heading North was all clear and good for an early lib. We got the transporter ready and liberated at 6.30am into mainly blue skies and virtually no wind and with the sun rising from the West. The birds left immediately heading North.

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