



**Steve & Paul Kulpa**

**Of Reading**

**1<sup>st</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section D 1<sup>st</sup> NE Section**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June the British Barcelona Club and Central Southern Classic held their joint race from Messac with a total convoy on board of 2840 pigeons.

Steve Appleby & Mark Gilber (Weather & Race Advisors): *The Messac birds were liberated at 06:45 under broken cloud and sunshine, clearing the site immediately. The convoyers reported no wind at the site but this direction will change to south westerly over the channel and England.*

Thank you to our marking stations once again for all their hard work and to our convoyers.



Both Clubs would like to extend their congratulations to **Steve & Paul Kulpa of Reading** on winning both the British Barcelona Club and Central Southern Classic Flying Club **1<sup>st</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section D 1<sup>st</sup>**

**NE Section.** We clocked our 4 year old hen after 5hrs and 7 mins for the 252 mile journey. The breeding of the winning hen, is Herman Ceuster x Lambrecht. The Herman Ceuster line is from the highly successful Euro line which over the years we have found to be an excellent line of birds for us. The mother was the Red Lady, top breeding Lambrecht hen bred by Alan Dungworth, she was dam and gdam to a number of winners for us she was also the mother to the 6<sup>th</sup> ace pigeon in the NFC a couple of years ago. Preparation for this race was weekly inland federation racing, she then went to the classic Isigny Sur Mer, where she finished 53<sup>rd</sup> section 330<sup>th</sup> open & the BBC Fougères but failed to make the result. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> bird is also a Herman Ceusters x Lambrecht and the sire of this cock is a brother to the winners sire this will be provisionally 2<sup>nd</sup> section 5<sup>th</sup> open BBC 3<sup>rd</sup> section 7<sup>th</sup> open CSCFC.

Feeding is Versele-Laga superstar mix. Supplements, we follow the racing program of the fantastic Aviform products. Prior to this race we noticed that she was looking to pair up to another hen, not to miss an opportunity we slipped a nest bowl and plastic eggs in to which they immediately took to and have been sitting now for about 18 days. The week leading up to Messac, our winning hen stopped wanting to exercise at home and just wanted to get back in to sit on her eggs. The race itself we had 13/21 on the day with 4 more early on Sunday, All of the birds that returned came in good condition even after flying in the heat of Saturday. We would like to thank the teams from both clubs for all their hard work.

**CSCFC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> NW Section Stuart Treharne of G Treharne & Son of Nantyglo** Firstly I would like to congratulate S&P Kulpa on their great win.

Our bird is a yearling hen and it was her second channel race following last week's Guernsey when she was our second bird. She is an Eijerkamp van Loon, her dam is a direct daughter of Claudio Che when he was paired to an inbred granddaughter of Chicago. Chicago bred Kain and Abel plus many other top birds for Eijerkamp.

Her sire is home bred, being bred from a Direct son of Kain when he was paired to a direct daughter of Kaira, Kaira was Eijerkamps best breeding daughter of Kain. The hen is raced on roundabout and exercised morning and night for an hour around the loft, her cock was lost from Guernsey but did arrive on Thursday evening so she didn't have a cock on her return from Guernsey and I thought this may have been a problem but clearly it wasn't. She was let into her pan before Basketing.

The birds returned in excellent condition although they were well split up and some flew many hours extra on the wing. At the time of writing we have 26 from 29 with three yearlings missing.



Stuart Treharne

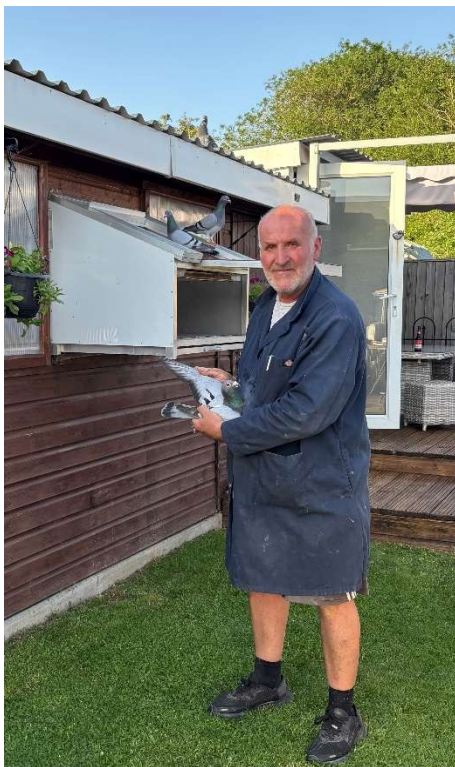


Trevor Booth & John Roper

**BBC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section C / CSCFC - 3<sup>rd</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> NW Section Trevor Booth & John Roper of Tewkesbury** It was an extremely busy and emotional day for Trevor and John, having 5 other national races as well. They clocked a 3yo blue chequer widowhood cock at 14:04 to take provisionally 1<sup>st</sup> section, 2<sup>nd</sup> open BBC and 2<sup>nd</sup> section, 3<sup>rd</sup> open CSCFC. He has generally been a very consistent bird for them, but he was sent to Guernsey in the Classic the week before and came okay but nothing to write home about. Over the next three days he had totally changed and Trevor had enough faith in him to send him to Messac. The bird's parents are half brother and sister children of Sportsview Amy, the best hen they have raced till now. She achieved 1<sup>st</sup> section, 5<sup>th</sup> open NFC Tarbes in 2019, 1<sup>st</sup> section, 4<sup>th</sup> open BICC Poitiers; 2<sup>nd</sup> section, 4<sup>th</sup> open BICC Falaise; 6<sup>th</sup> section, 40<sup>th</sup> open NFC Pau and many more not mentioned. So they hope her Grandson can go on to achieve more in the future.

The partnership would like to congratulate the open winner and all section winners and say a big thank you to the marking team at Watchfield for all their hard work.

**BBC – 3<sup>rd</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Section C / CSCFC - 5<sup>th</sup> Open Fab Barresi of Peasedown** This is a middle distance pigeon, unknown parentage. It has been very consistent in club and channel racing. I would like to thank all the markers and helpers at Paulton marking station for their hard work.



Fab Barresi



Anton Ionut with Sebastian & Theodor

**CSCFC – 4<sup>th</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> NE Section Ionut Anton of Reading** My first pigeon to arrive from Messac National, which I named "Bastian," is a young bird that was bred from a cross, the mother being a Bert Saarloos bred by me in my loft and kept for breeding from the first pigeons imported from Bert, and the father is a 100% Magirescu & Ojoc & Dorneanu male, a famous pigeon racing trio from Romania. "Bastian" was raced on a 10-day-old chick, but it's worth mentioning that I wanted all my racing team not to use up their energy, and I personally fed all the chicks from the racing batch every day. The male was also flown in the Guernsey National CSCFC this year, finishing 40<sup>th</sup> in the NE section. The

food I gave them was Versele Laga Champion with an Energy mix for the last 2-3 days. For training, in the mornings my pigeons fly freely as long as they want, and every evening I drove them a short distance in a car to fly around 10-15 minutes for confidence. On Wednesday evening, before the Thursday morning basketing, I took them again, and they achieved their best timing, which gave me confidence for the race from Messac.

**BBC – 4<sup>th</sup> Open / CSCFC 6<sup>th</sup> Open Clive & Jill Rogers & Neil Sales of Radstock** This hen is one of the Treetops sprint distance racing team. She was bred by Mark Gilbert at Southfield Lofts. Her dam is GB24B02388 (bred and raced by Mark Gilbert) which won 1<sup>st</sup> Open BBC and 1<sup>st</sup> BICC St Philbert this year.

The blue pied hen B04303 was raced “down the leg” as a young bird, which is a westerly direction down to Devon and into Cornwall. Members of the West of England Combine then voted to change the direction of the race programme to an easterly route along the south coast for 2026. Unfortunately, this hen was badly injured early on in the season which meant that her first outing of the year was not until 28<sup>th</sup> April when she went to Holmsley as a trainer and after that her strength was slowly built up when she raced inland at Paulton Homing Society. Her first channel outing was BBC Fougères where she was the 9<sup>th</sup> bird back to loft at Treetops. She was beginning to show some promise and appeared to be over her initial injury which had been quite severe so the decision was made to send her to Messac and she rather surprised the Treetops team by being their first return to the loft and taking 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Open. Looking forward to racing her more across the channel in 2027.

**BBC – 5<sup>th</sup> Open 2<sup>nd</sup> Section D Steve & Baz Baron of Redbourn.** Blue Cheq Hen, flown on widowhood. Coorman blood lines bred from Bob Fenech stock. She's taken a few club and fed positions. Last year she was 28<sup>th</sup> Section 75<sup>th</sup> Open Messac. This year she was 2<sup>nd</sup> Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Fed and 2<sup>nd</sup> Combine Wadebridge beaten by loft mate arriving together.



Neil Sales



Steve & Baz Baron

**BBC – 6<sup>th</sup> Open 3<sup>rd</sup> Section John Adams of Watford** Congratulations to S & P Kulpa on winning the race.

My yearling blue pied cock was in superb condition, looked like he had just flown around the loft. Full of distance blood lines. Sire: half brother to Northfield Expected 1<sup>st</sup> Section 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Bordeaux

1<sup>st</sup> Section 2<sup>nd</sup> Open BBC Bordeaux and Northfield Duchess 5<sup>th</sup> Section 6<sup>th</sup> Open BICC Bordeaux 4<sup>th</sup> Section 5<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Bordeaux. Grandsire "965" out of Supreme Junior 1<sup>st</sup> National BICC Pau Grandam Southfield Producer. Daughter of Southfield Supreme 1<sup>st</sup> International Dax. Dam: Is a daughter of "Jaffa" son of Southfield Sebastian 1<sup>st</sup> National Falaise 1<sup>st</sup> National Agen when paired to Mel Witbuik 482 Daughter of Southfield Melissa Star 1<sup>st</sup> National BICC Pau 2<sup>nd</sup> National BICC St Vincent.

**CSCFC - 7<sup>th</sup> Open Garth Wile of Bristol.** Classic pigeon was bred from a Nigel Templar cock which is a Gerrit Lahuis x syndicate lofts breeding, the parents having bred many prize winners for Nigel. The dam is bred from Nigel Templar he always bred good pigeons. The Pigeon has flown the water three times.



John Adams and Grandson



Garth Wile

**BBC - 7<sup>th</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> Section B / CSCFC 8<sup>th</sup> Open 1<sup>st</sup> SW Section Mark & Julie Gower of Fordingbridge**

My provisional section winner is a blue hen flown on the round-about system.

She is bred from Franz Zwols cock from Peter Kirkwood of Carlisle from his combine winning birds when paired to a Vandabeele hen from Mark Evans from Leading Lady 1<sup>st</sup> BICC Guernsey.

She had a couple of races on the West route before going to Nort Sur Edre 4 weeks ago where she came the next morning.

After 3 weeks rest she had a 64 mile race west where she showed she was ok and then in to Messac. It turned out a more difficult race than expected for me with 14/19 home at the time of writing. Congratulations to S & P Kulpa for winning the race.

**BBC - 8<sup>th</sup> Open Roger Lowe of Reading.** Sending 3 middle distance birds and getting 3 within 2 minutes it turned out to be a funny race with some fanciers having a good one and some struggling. My first bird a hen blue 22 has been my first on several occasions this season, she has over five top results all overseas to her credit and is from own family. Sire: Main Son my number one stock cock winner of 1<sup>st</sup> NFC Sigogne in 2018, he is from the Main Man 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Saintes NFC National who in turn is from My Little Diamond also winner of 1<sup>st</sup> NFC National in her only race ever.

Dam is Fabulous Harry direct Hooymans double granddaughter of Harry, it's the first season blue 22 has been a roundabout hen, previously she had been with the young birds.

I just like to say well done to Steve and Paul Kulpa on a fine performance.



Mark Gower



Roger Lowe & Luke Oglesby

**CSCFC - 9<sup>th</sup> Open Steve Moseley of Bristol** My pigeon is a Vanswol bred from pigeons from Stuart Wilcox. He won in the club 2 weeks ago out of Stoney Cross.

**BBC – 9<sup>th</sup> Open Stuart Wilcox of Bristol** We timed a 2 year old hen called the “10 Hen”. This has been one of our best pigeon over the last two seasons, last year she was 6<sup>th</sup> Open BBC National Fougères, 2 x 1<sup>st</sup> HLFC Hamworthy, 60<sup>th</sup> Open CSCFC Messac. This season she has won 1<sup>st</sup> Club 67b 8<sup>th</sup> Combine Stoney Cross 839b, 1<sup>st</sup> Club 93b 3<sup>rd</sup> Combine Littlehampton 769b, 3<sup>rd</sup> Club 76b 3<sup>rd</sup> Combine Littlehampton 820b, 31<sup>st</sup> Combine Littlehampton 437b, 87<sup>th</sup> Open CSCFC Fougères 2561b and now provisionally 9<sup>th</sup> Open BBC Messac. She is bred from a full brother to Champions 069, 221, Beauty and a ½ Brother to Cornish Queen. This cock is also sire of Charlie Star 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Nort-Sur-Erdre. His Sister Super 69 was 3<sup>rd</sup> National Ace RPR Sprint and Titan Games and also bred 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Alencon. The sire is bred from Miss Turbo from Koen Minderhoud and Amigo, bred by Rik Hermans from Ch. Friendship 1<sup>st</sup> NAT Chateauroux 44,500b. The Dam of the 10 Hen is a direct daughter of Lola Lily, she won 1<sup>st</sup> NPO Bourges 8800b for G S Verkerk. All birds are fed on Beyers and Countrywide mixes with Beyers and Wonder Pigeon Supplements.



Steve Moseley's cock bird



Stuart Wilcox

**CSCFC – 10<sup>th</sup> Open Steve Thorpe of Swindon** Congratulations to the winners from Messac. My third section winner is of stock birds from R & B Smith he is one of my favourites.

**BBC – 1<sup>st</sup> Section E Dave and Kyle Harris of Newport** I am holding our first arrival, he is a yearling widowhood cock that has been a consistent performer this year, he is bred from our “treble four” cock that was purchased from Central Lofts and is from “Blackpool Kittel” and CWL box 9 pair, on the dam side, is a daughter of “Scarlet Ohara “ from JPS Lofts.

Kyle is holding our second arrival, a yearling cock, he is bred from Ernie Rigby stock originating from Syndicate Lofts, he has been a fantastic in the last two years, he topped the Midlands Amalgamation from Guernsey as a young bird and has been in and around the results inland.



Steve Thorpe cock bird



Dave & Kyle Harris

**BBC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Section E Richard Chambers of Rugeley** The hen that I timed in to take a provisional 2<sup>nd</sup> Section, 14<sup>th</sup> Open is once again a pigeon from our Chambers Family Stock Loft.

Her sire was bred from stock purchased from Mark Gilbert and is a grandchild of Hugo, Golden Lady, and Kannibal Barcelona. Her dam is a pigeon we obtained from David Impett of Blackpool, known as “The Impett Hen”. She has bred a lot of good pigeons for us, including the Chambers Family’s 1st Section, 9<sup>th</sup> Open Tarbes NFC 2025 winner. She is also the grandmother and great-grandmother of our two-time Barcelona hen, Unbreakable.

I always use this race each year to introduce the yearlings to Whole UK National Racing, so it was fantastic to see this hen really motor home. When she landed, you could tell she had put a proper shift in.

What made it even better was that the next pigeon to arrive was her nest mate. The rest then followed, with the final pigeon dropping in at 9:45pm while we were waiting for the NFC Tarbes pigeons. All in all, I had 10 of the 11 home, and they will now be tucked up for the winter, ready for the two-year-old programme next season, which they will all go to Tarbes Grand National.

With just one race left for me in the BBC from Barcelona this year for the 3 year olds, it has been a great season to reflect on what the yearlings have achieved. A massive thank you to the club for supporting us here in the Midlands and for providing marking stations at Ironbridge and Rugeley. Congratulations to S&P Kulpa for winning the race, and also to our good friends Booth & Roper for taking provisional 2<sup>nd</sup> place. You guys had another great weekend.

**BBC – 1<sup>st</sup> Section G Fagg & Nicholas of Sittingbourne** The cock we got from Messac is bred from two N.F.C Winners, the sire is Lotties Lad who won Nort-sur-Erde when he was paired to Deyven who won Fougères over 10000 birds in 2020. He was sent on traditional widowhood he was a late bred bird hatched in July 2024 no racing as a baby and lightly raced as a yearling.

Our bird from Pau is a hen that was gifted to us from Kevin Foster from his Barcelona pair interestingly her nest mate was our second bird from Messac she arrived back in super condition she was sent sitting 10-day old eggs, when Kevin gave us the birds, he stated you will get these from Barcelona! Perhaps next year.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners especially the Pau winner what a pigeon!



Richard Chambers



Fagg & Nicholas cock bird

**BBC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Section B / CSCFC - 2<sup>nd</sup> SW Section Tony Cottrell of Cottrell, Richmond & Rogers of Wimborne** Congratulations to the winner of this yet again difficult race for us from France.

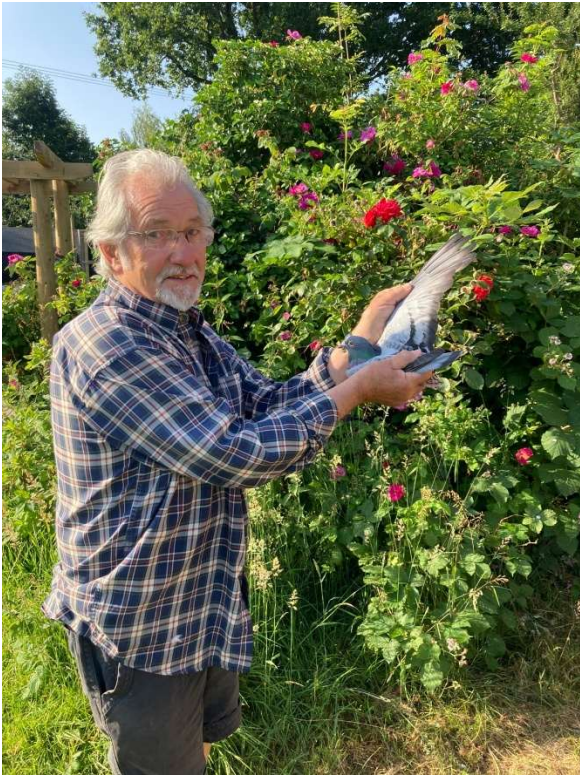
The bird we timed was our 2<sup>nd</sup> bird timed from St Philbert, who is provisionally 3<sup>rd</sup> Section. He came through light misty rain, visibility no more than 200 yards which did not clear till 1 o'clock.

He is a medium size cock bird and sits well in the hand, silky feathering out of my 22 Squadron 1<sup>st</sup> Open Bergerac CSCFC winner and the Pollie line 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Pau CSCFC hen crossed with a hen out of Mr 10,000 Macaloney bought at Doncaster Show. Sent sitting 10/12 days.

Well done to all the section winners and the marking team at Sarisbury Green and Convoyers. Remember motivation, observation.

**CSCFC – 1<sup>st</sup> SE Section Artur Markiewicz of Totton** He is a yearling cock of medium size, and both his parents were bred from direct Gert Heylen import stock. He has always been a nice, steady pigeon and has continued to improve as he has matured.

We're absolutely delighted with his performance and couldn't be happier to see him achieve this result.



Tony Cottrell



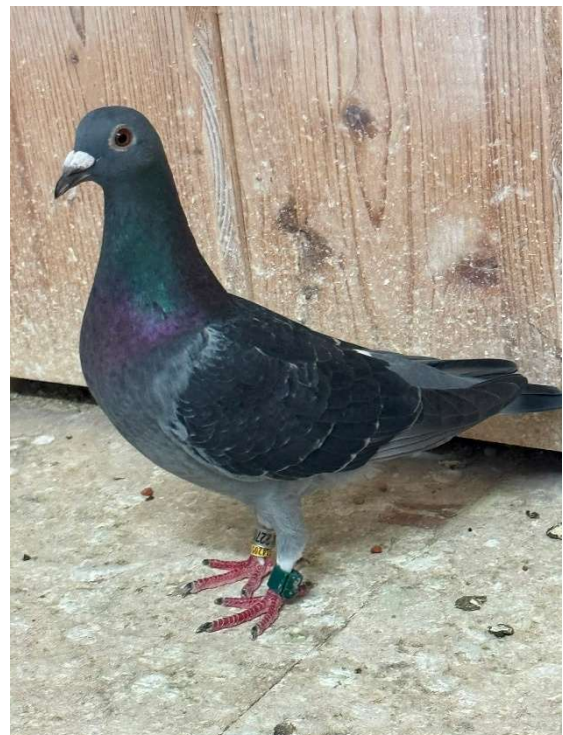
Gabriel Markiewicz

**CSCFC – 2<sup>nd</sup> SE Section Lee Kruger of Winchester** His sire is from Kevin Zerafa (a son of Southfield Sebastian and Enigma) and his dam is from Cosmin Talas (a daughter of Johnny and Aurora). The birds are raced on the chaos system and fed on Plateeuw mix.

**BBC – 1<sup>st</sup> Section A Paul Basham of Southampton** My yearling hen is bred from the race loft and her father flew Pau last weekend. He was my second pigeon in the clock. Not sure where he will be in the result to be honest but I clocked him at 12:38 on Saturday. These are now my family and the sire of her father bred The Lioness. 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Perpignan. Also closely related to Burseldene Brian who was 1<sup>st</sup> Open BICC Poitiers.



Lee & Michael Kruger



Paul Basham's hen

**BBC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Section A Barry Peach of Waterlooville.** Barry timed a yearling dark hen to take provisionally 2<sup>nd</sup> section.

**BBC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Section G Steve Howard of Guildford** My bird is mainly Cannons from Keith Mott and Peter Taylor. He has raced in all of the BBC races this year and has been the second or third bird each time until now.



Steve Howard



Les Stock

**BBC – 1<sup>st</sup> Section J Mark Bullied of Harlow** Well done to all the winners. I was very surprised to win the section third race running as I thought I was late. Another slog for the Eastern flyers this year. I timed a 3 year old widowhood cock, a previous club winner but more steady rather than spectacular. Alfie Hawthorn x Macaloney blood lines.

**BBC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Section J Les Stock of Romford** My Messac pigeon is a 2 year old blue cheq. widowhood cock. The sire was bred by Mark Bullied ('Legacy' family) when paired to a Deweerdt hen from stock I had from Andy Gregson.

This was the cock's 7th race this year, including Guernsey and Isigny-sur-mer with the NFC. All being well It will go to Bordeaux in a couple of weeks time.

### **Convoyers Report**

Thursday 18 June

Finished loading at Sarisbury Green at 4.30pm. Drove the 10 miles to Portsmouth Docks and gave the birds a full feed and fresh water was put on. Drove onto ship at 10.45pm.

Friday 19 June

Drove off the ship at 6am, went the mile or so to the Vet's inspection shed. This time things were a bit different with the vets, instead of 2 crates off the transporter and 5 birds from each of the 2 crates being checked against paperwork, this week the Vet decided to check a large amount of crate numbers against the paperwork - 40 plus crates. And then took 1 crate off the transporter and took 10 birds out of this crate to check ring numbers against paperwork (all OK). We left the vets after 2 hours and headed for Messac. Once on site we refilled the drinkers and gave the birds a full feed early

afternoon and left them to rest for the rest of the day, topping up water regularly. At 6pm Pat spoke with Mark Gilbert (Race Adviser) about tomorrow's lib. Mark said he would phone Pat at 5.30am tomorrow morning.

Saturday 20 June

Up at 5am. Got transporter ready for a lib, sprinkled water on the drinkers. Mark phoned Pat at 5.30am and said "some mist in the Channel but clearing fast". We had blue skies and bright sunshine so the birds were liberated at 6.45am in no wind and headed North in seconds without circling.

Pat and Steve