

BICC PRESENTATION EVENING

Well the great and the good convened on an unsuspecting Bournemouth on the weekend of 5th & 6th of February to celebrate the prize winners of the 2015 National and International season. Such is the popularity of this wonderful weekend that all tickets for the presentation had been sold out months prior to the date and quite a number of fanciers were left disappointed at not being able to attend. So it was that 184 members and guests sat down in rather cramped conditions on the Saturday evening to honour the 2015 winners who included two more INTERNATIONAL WINNERS to swell our growing list of winners on the International stage. Before moving on to the night itself I must inform members that the 2017 dinner WILL BE STRICTLY LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM OF 150 MEMBERS AND GUESTS, so you have now been warned well in advance. Get your ticket orders in early or be left disappointed as many were this year!!

The weekend started for yours truly along with my wife Judy, Ray and Marie Strawbridge and Ray's sister Eileen, early on Friday morning when Judy and I made our way down to Newport to meet up with Ray and co. By 13.15 pm we were firmly established in the lounge bar at the Queen's Hotel, our base for the weekend. It wasn't long before the bar started to fill up and by late afternoon / early evening it was packed to the rafters. It was good to meet up with Pat and Angela O'Sullivan. Pat had recently had a very successful entire clearance sale at Blackpool and was looking in good order despite his recent health problems. Whilst talking to Pat we were joined by the "Geordie" brotherhood – George Davidson, Brian Hicks, John Rumney and Neville Daley along with Reg Wright of Hull, who had made the 600 + miles trek down from the Newcastle area. Later in the evening the Irish brethren aka Sean Kelly and Liam Fitzgerald and their much "better halves" arrived from Limerick.

The hotel did a roaring trade throughout the Friday evening and night with many opting to dine in the hotel dining room and all who I spoke to commented on the really excellent four course meal provided at a massive 50% discount for BICC members.

Saturday morning dawned grey and overcast with a howling southerly gale blowing in off the Channel. However, it stayed dry for the whole of the morning and the forecast torrential rain didn't arrive until lunchtime which gave the ladies plenty of time for the obligatory "retail therapy" in the many shops around the nearby town centre.

By early evening it was time to get suited and booted for the festivities and by 6 pm the bar and lounge area was once again filled to capacity with members and guests enjoying a pre dinner drink.

Main guests for the evening were club sponsor Jamie Crouch along with his wife as well as the BICC's expert convoyer Trevor Cracknell.

Although the seating arrangements were, as stated earlier, "rather cramped", those present sat down to enjoy the usual superb four course meal.

It was then quickly on to the presentation. I was hoping to meet up with that great long distance fancier and triple Barcelona winner with the BICC Dave Delea of Rainham in Essex. Dave won the BICC Barcelona race for the third time in this year's Barcelona race, but unfortunately he had suffered a fall at home and wasn't well enough to attend. Hope your feeling better now Dave.

Trevor Robinson from Patrington Haven near Hull did however travel down to collect the Jim Emerton Trophy for the longest flying pigeon in race time from this year's Barcelona race. I believe this is the second time in the past couple of seasons that Trevor has won this trophy.

The Padfields were also in attendance and they won a bootfull of trophies including the Jim Emerton Dream Trophy for highest velocity by a pigeon flying over 750 miles from Barcelona. This with the great blue w/f cock which finished at 2nd Open behind Dave Delea's winning hen.

Most of the race winners were in attendance and these included Geoff and Catherine Cooper winners of the BICC St Vincent race where their two hens finished at 1st & 2nd Open Hens International. Also present was the Besant partnership whose dark cock topped the pile in the Agen International beating more than 10,000 pigeons entered by the cream of the continental fancy.

Presentation over, it was down to the serious business of dancing and socialising. Another good night enjoyed by all present. On behalf of the members I would like to congratulate and thank Carol our secretary who worked so hard yet again to ensure the success of the evening. Many thanks Carol.

I have listed here the full role call of 2015 Race and Trophy winners. Each race winner was presented with a framed photograph of their winning pigeon by official club photographer Chris Sutton. Chris also provided most of the photographs that accompany this report. Many thanks Chris.

NATIONALS.

FALAISE

1st OPEN, 1st ES, M & B Flock - London

Winner of the B. Long Trophy 1st National Race,

1st CS, J M Armitage ash, 1st NC, M Anderson & Son Tyne & Wear, 1st NE, Reg Wright Hull,

1st NW J Rodway Rushwick, 1st WS GG & CJ Cooper Peasedown-St John

HENS

1st CS, Walter Castledine Farnham 1st ES, M & B Flook Loft 2 London, 1st NC B Hobbs & Son Wellingborough

1st NE, Reg Wright Hull 1st NW J Rodway Rushwick 1st WS, Peter Atherton Nr Somerset

YEARLINGS

1st CS, M J Armitage Ash 1st ES, Mark Bulled, 1st NC L & P Loom Wyboston

1st NE, Reg Wright Hull 1st NW M & C Lee Worcester 1st WS, Brooks Bros Bristol.

ALENCON

1st OPEN, 1st ES, Gladwin Jarvis & Family – Leigh On Sea

Winner of the B. Long Trophy, 2nd National Race & Mark Kidby Memorial Trophy

1st CS M Gilbert Winkfield, 1st NC David Paine St Neots, 1st NE P Meades & Son Suffolk,

1st NW T & J Davies Birtsmorton 1st WS Paul Murrell Dorset

HENS

1st CS, Malik & Khan Tolworth 1st ES, Meg Murray Burnham-on-Crouch 1st NC David Paine St Neots

1st NE, Colin Seago Lowestoft 1st NW M & C Lee Worcester 1st WS, E & M Richards Somerset

YEARLINGS

1st CS, Mark Gilbert Winkfield 1st ES, Meg Murray Burnham-on-Crouch, 1st NC C Barnes Upper Dean

1st NE, P Meades & Son Suffolk 1st WS, S Luff & P Walker Dursley

TOURS, 30th MAY 2015

1st OPEN, 1st ES, Micky Watts - Southminster

Winner of the B. Long Trophy, 3rd National Race

1st CS, K Abbott Brighton 1st NC T Bennett Westville, 1st NE, D Osborne & Son Suffolk

1st NW T & J Davies Birtsmorton 1st WS, GG & CJ Cooper Peasedown-St-John

HENS

CS, Peter Donovan Croydon 1st ES, M/M Streatfield Snodland, 1st NC T Bennett Westville

1st NE, D Osborne & Son Suffolk 1st NW T & J Davies Birtsmorton 1st WS, G Treharne & Son Nantyglo

YEARLINGS

1st CS, Robert Carter & Son Epsom 1st ES, Micky Watts Soutminster, 1st NC G Duggan Chipping Campden

1st NE, P Meades & Son Suffolk 1st WS, J Smale Abergavenny.

POITIERS

1st OPEN, 1st CS, D Bullen & Son - Croydon

Winner of the B. Long Trophy, 4th National Race & B Corbin Cup Longest National Race

1st ES, Alex Mackenzie Chelmsford 1st NC Maples & Wratten Guilden Morden

1st NE, M/M Strowger Suffolk 1st NW T & J Davies Birtsmorton 1st WS, Peter Atherton Nr Somerset

HENS

1st CS, Roger Lowe Caversham 1st ES, M & B Flook K Foster Longfield Hill 1st NC Maples & Wratten Guilden Morden

1st NE, P Meades & Son Suffolk 1st NW Booth & Roper Tewkesbury 1st WS, Peter Atherton Nr Somerset

YEARLINGS

1st CS, D Bullen & Son Croydon 1st ES,C & G & P Breen Grays

1st NE, P Meades & Son Suffolk 1st NW M/M G Lloyd Moreton-On-Lugg 1st WS, Martin Hayne Weymouth

LE MANS

1st OPEN, 1st NE, Mr & Mrs David Quantrill - Lowestoft

Winner of the B. Long Trophy, 5th National Race

1st CS, K Abbott Brighton 1st ES, Marl Bulled Harlow 1st NC Mr & Mrs G Spiller Moulton Chapel

1st NW E D Watkins Shrewsbury 1st WS, John P Halstead Kington Magna

HENS

1st CS, D M J Hughes Windsor 1st ES, Mark Bulled Harlow 1st NC J D Fretwell Evesham

1st NE, R Hacon & Son Norfolk 1st NW Booth & Roper Tewkesbury 1st WS, J & P Webber Abertillery

YEARLINGS

1st CS, George Burgess Wraybury 1st ES, Mark Bulled Harlow 1st NC Leonard Richard Manning Boston West

1st NE, M/M Dyer Lowestoft 1st NW M/M G Lloyd Moreton On Lugg 1st WS, E & J Howse & D Parsons, Devizes.

GUERNSEY 1 YOUNG BIRDS

1st OPEN, 1st NW – J Rodway - Rushwick

Winner of the Violet Wills Cup

Peter Rixon Reading wins the the Keith Davis Memorial Cup for the 1st Bird into Berkshire

1st CS, M/M K Hine Hayes 1st ES, M/M Tofts Bishop Stortford 1st NC S Redfern & Family Derby

1st NE, Joanne & Alan Hacon Great Yarmouth 1st WS, R E Taylor & Sons Bristol.

GUERNSEY 1 OLD BIRDS

1st OPEN, 1st NW – T & J Davies – Birtsmorton

Winner of the BICC Special

1st CS, G T Burgess Wraysbury 1st ES, Ted Robinson Orpington 1st NC S Redfern & Family Derby

1st NE, J Gannon Norwich 1st WS, G Clarke Cardiff.

HENS

1st CS, G T Burgess Wraysbury 1st ES, Ted Robinson Orpington 1st NC S Redfern & Family Derby.

1st NE, H G Cooke & Son & Grandson Norfolk, 1st NW T & J Davies Birtsmorton 1st WS, Zbigniew Nowak Plymouth.

YEARLINGS

1st CS, J M Armitage Ash 1st ES, M/M Prior Bishops Stortford 1st NC Gary Carter Nr. Broadway

1st NE, J Gannon Norwich, 1st NW T & J Davies Birtsmorton 1st WS, G Clarke Cardiff.

GUERNSEY 2 YOUNG BIRDS

Winner of the BICC Special

1st OPEN, 1st ES, D Heywood & Sons - Landon

1st CS, Malik & Khan Tolworth 1st NC B & P Loom Wyboston, 1st NE, R Fenech & Son Attlborough.

1st NW J Rodway Rushwick 1st WS, M/M D Peart Birdlip.

HENS

1st CS, D Reid Weybridge 1st ES, J A House & Son Basildon 1st NC B & P Loom Wyboston.

1st NE, R Fenech & Son Attlborough, 1st NW J Rodway Rushwick 1st WS, M/M D Peart Birdlip.

GUERNSEY 2 OLD BIRDS

Winner of the BICC Special

1st OPEN, 1st ES, Micky Watts Southminster.

1st CS, M/M Chaplin Woking 1st NC John Black Hitchin 1st NE, T & N Hart & Son Cambridge.

1st NW R Scriven Alveley 1st WS, John P Halstead Kington Magna.

HENS

1st CS, M/M Chaplin Woking 1st ES, Micky Watts Southminster 1st NC John Black, Hitchin.

1st NE, T & N Hart & Son Cambridge, 1st NW R Scriven Alveley 1st WS, John P Halstead, Kington Magna.

YEARLINGS

1st CS, G Burgess Wraysbury 1st ES, Micky Watts Southminster 1st NC John Black, Hitchin.

1st NE, Mrs K Terry Stowmarket, 1st NW M & C Lee, Worcs. 1st WS, John P Halstead, Kington Magna.

INTERNATIONALS

PAU INTERNATIONAL

1st OPEN, 1st ES, J Underdown - Basildon

Winner of the F. Brooks Trophy,

G M Preece & Son, Dover wins the B.I.C.C. Rose Bowl for the 2 bird Average.

GG & C J Cooper win the Channel Queen Trophy for the highest Positioned Hen in the Internationals.

1st CS C Edmiston Horley, 1st NE, Robert Govier, Gt. Abington, 1st WS, GG & C J Cooper Peasedown-St John.

HENS

1st CS John Wills Sunbury on Thames, 1st ES G M Preece & Son Dover.

1st WS, GG Cooper & CJ Cooper Peasedown St John.

AGEN INTERNATIONAL

1st OPEN, 1st CS, Bob Besant & Son – Worcester Park

Also

1st INTERNATIONAL WINNER

Winner of the Mark Gilbert Trophy the B. Long Memorial Cup for the Highest Position in all International Races

1st ES J Harris & Dtr Dagenham, 1st NC John Black Hitchin, 1st NE Philip Harrod, Lowestoft 1st WS, Daniel Hocking, Bridgwater.

HENS

1st CS Mark Gilbert, Winkfield, Windsor, 1st ES J Hemmings, Rochford 1st NC John Black, Hitchin.

1st NE, D Osborne & Son Suffolk, 1st WS, Daniel Hocking, Bridgwater.

YEARLINGS

1st CS, Mark Gilbert, Winkfield, Windsor, 1st ES Dean Childs, Basildon 1st WS W Selway, Somerset.

BARCELONA INTERNATIONAL

1st OPEN, 1st ES, D A Delea - Rainham

Winner of the G. Hunt & Son Cup

J King & Son Slough wins Mr & Mrs Bunney Cup for the first bird in the CS.

Padfield Family Abertillery wins the Frans van den Heuval Cup for the 2 bird Average.

Trevor Robinson, Patrington wins the Jim Emerton Trophy for the longest flying bird in race time.

Padfield Family, Abertillery wins the Jim Emerton Dream Trophy for the highest Velocity over 750 miles.

1st CS, J King & Son, Slough 1st NC, Trevor Robinson, Patrington, 1st WS, Padfield Family Abertillery.

HENS

1st CS, J King & Son, Slough, 1st ES, D A Delea, Rainham, 1st NC. M/M Wilson, Cleethorpes.

1st WS, Padfield Family Abertillery.

ST VINCENT INTERNATIONAL

1st OPEN 1st WS, G G & C J Cooper – Peasedown-St John

Winner of the BICC Cup and the P Rigianni Memorial Cup for the 2 bird Average.

John Tyerman wins the K Brakes Cup for the 1st bird into the CS

1st CS J Tyerman, Bracklesham Bay, 1st ES R A Loft, Tenterton,

1st NC J M Haverley, Milton Keynes, 1st NE B Wallman, Cambs.

HENS

1st CS D Bullen & Son, Croydon, 1st ES M/M D Reis, Colchester 1st WS GG & CJ Cooper, Peasedown-St-John.

YEARLINGS

1st CS Mosquera & Last, Wembley, 1st WS GG & CJ Cooper Peasedown-St-John.

MARSEILLE INTERNATIONAL

1st OPEN, 1st ES, D HALES - HOCKLEY

Winner of the F Roberts Trophy

M/M Rhodes, Aylesham wins the BICC Cup for the 2 bird Average.

1st CS A & T Deacon, Waterlooville, 1st NE J Gannon, Norwich.

HENS

1st ES, M/M Rhodes Aylesham .

PERPIGNAN INTERNATIONAL

1st OPEN, 1st ES, Robert Harris, Ramsgate

Winner of the F.A.Brammer Trophy and the K. Crouch Trophy

J Harris & Daughter wins the A & T Deacon Trophy for the 2 Bird Average.

1st CS, Lucian Gherghina, Harrow, 1st NE, E Philpott, Gt Yarmouth, 1ST WS, John P Halstead, Kington Magna.

HENS

1st CS, Lucian Gherghina, Harrow, 1ST ES, R Harris Ramsgate

1st NE Nicola Babes, Ely , 1st WS, P Holley, Frome.

YEARLINGS

1st CS Lucian Gherghina, Harrow, 1st ES, M G Mitchell, Dover.

TWO BIRD AVERAGE WINNERS

PAU

G M Preece & Son Vel 690.879

C Edmiston Vel. 669.181

GG & CJ Cooper Vel 655.198

L & K Buddle Vel 645.208

J Underdown Vel 629.433

BARCELONA

Padfield Family vel 807.064

Mark Gilbert Vel 721.320

G M Preece & Son Vel. 514.866

D Hales Hockley Vel 512.573

Dorin Melinte vel 469.468

AGEN

Mark Gilbert Vel 1402.17

Constatin Cornea Vel 1282.050

D G Watson & Son Vel. 1241.210

Bob Besant & Son Vel. 1185.932

R A Loft Vel 1149.263

ST VINCENT

GG & CJ Cooper Vel 1161.207

D Bullen & Son Vel 922.089

M/M G Mears Vel 917.570

J Tyerman Vel 889.323

R A Loft Vel 873.124

MARSEILLE

M/M Rhodes Vel 722.676

F Knowles & Son Vel. 702.845

D Hales Vel 699.779

A & T Deacon Vel 490.856

SR & WH Knox Vel 468.066

PERPIGNAN

J Harris & Daughter Vel. 800.191

G M Preece & Son Vel 797.303

L & K Buddle Vel 741.237

F Knowles & Son Vel. 725.750

Neil Jones Vel 710.211

S. G. BISS POINTS CUP

(All International races)

G M Preece & Son 96 points

F Knowles & Son 60 points

Padfield Family 46 points

EUROPA TROPHY

(Best Ave. All Int. races)

F Knowles & Son Vel 620.799

SR & WH Knox Vel 611.671

A J Turner Vel 533.535

BEWES TROPHY

(Best Ave. Pau & Barcelona)

Padfield Family Vel. 734.292

WRIGHT CUP

(Best Ave. Pau & St Vincent)

GG & CJ Cooper Vel 850.453

A J Turner Vel 694.688
M Gilbert Vel 674.150
G M Preece & Son Vel 596.425

J Tyerman Vel 768.228
G M Preece & Son Vel 761.457
J Underdown Vel 746.942



Some of the massive gathering enjoying the evening



Some of the Welsh connection accompanied by Reg Wright from Hull



The Suffolk contingent