

## 2010 Tarbes Early-Closing Nomination Entries

### "MR H", GB2005K26710 Chq Cock nominated by Russell Bradford



A rather unsubtle name for this 5 yr old cock is "Mr H", as he won 1st Section 'H' in the NFC from St. Malo in July 2006, 403rd Open, into a NE wind. He is an above average sized bird prone to carrying a fair bit of body weight, but this has clearly suited him in the longer or harder races. He is bred on the sire side from a Jim Biss Jan Aarden, the dam of which was a daughter of Natrix, when paired to a full sister of a Jan Aarden cock that won 1st SE Section MNFC Picauville for me in 2002 with nearly 13,000 birds competing, and her Gt/G/Sire is Champion Vlekje on one side and Broer Smaragd on the other. Mr 'H' was 2nd North Section & 67th Open BICC Tarbes International in 2008, 625 miles, and in 2009 was the 1st and only bird in race time into the East Midland Section from Narbonne International, 652 miles, 28th UK Open. He has crossed the Channel seven times so far and that may well be 8 or 9 before he goes to Tarbes International again in 2010, before earning a well deserved retirement.

### "SERGEANT CECIL", GB2005N38845 Chq Hen nominated by Mark Bulled



My hen "Sergeant Cecil" has already won 1st LSECC Tarbes and also been 2nd section Bergerac. I was going to retire her after she won Tarbes, but when the NFC decided to go with the International I felt I had to give her one last go. When I saw this competition that you are running she was the obvious choice. She has already flown Tarbes 3 times and if all goes well I will set her up the same as last year, sent on basketing day on a 3 day old baby, the nest condition she has had her 2 best performances on. She is bred from our old family that my Dad and I have created over 40 years, and which have been very successful on the North Road from Thurso and Lerwick. Both Sergeant Cecil's grandfathers have been LNRC Hall of Fame winners from Thurso. I have only raced south road for 3 seasons and to be honest haven't really competed in the NFC, but concentrated more on the LSECC and BICC. I must admit my main ambition now is to win NFC Tarbes so hopefully with this hen I can go close!

### "RUSHDEN DIAMOND", GB2006Z35312 Dark Chq W/F Cock nominated by M/M Errington



Bird is bred from a family of performance long distance pigeons which includes Jim Biss, D & J Morris and Supercrack bloodlines. This will be his first attempt at Tarbes channel trips with the BICC and NFC have been included as preparation, Alencon and Tours (2008) Fougères and St. Nazaire (2009)

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### "RED TED", GB2007N15649 Red Cock nominated by L & K Buddle



Our Nomination is a red cock called "Red Ted" after Ted Ivory of Sittingbourne who bred this pigeon for us. He was sent to the 2009 NFC Tarbes but returned very badly injured 6 days late through hawk attack! He is a full brother to a good Hen of our's called "The X-Ring" who won 3rd Open NFC Chale, 18th Open NFC Guernsey, 79th Open NFC St Malo, 104th Open NFC Angers, 250th Open NFC Saintes and 3 times 1st Kent 500 mile club. For the 2010 season he will be raced on widowhood having reared a round of youngsters in early February. He will most probably have one inland race to 100miles then be sent over the Channel with the East of England CC about 3 times out to 220 miles in preparation for his main race of the season NFC Tarbes. We have enjoyed sending to the NFC's Grand National race for about 9 years and we have been fortunate enough to have always clocked in a fairly decent time. Our best result from the Grand National is 2nd Section E, 4th Open NFC Pau in 2002. We also clocked two on the day of liberation in 2005 and one on the day of liberation in 2008. In the members 5 year Grand National average (2004-2009) we lie 13th Open.

### GB2007N85682 Blue W/F Cock nominated by Gary Ellis



Please see attached picture of my single nom for the Tarbes National 2010. This Cock was kindly bred by Club mate Mark Gilbert (my opinion the best all round flyer in the Country in the last few years). To date this cock has achieved the following:- 1st Club 2nd BBO Fed Saintes 2009; 20th Open Tours LSECC 2009; 483rd Open Saintes National 2009; 1463rd Open Messac National 2009. As a yearling and in his first season (as I don't race my youngsters) this cock flew Tours and Saran with the BICC and was first in the clock on both occasions. This year my aim is to send him to the early National races then on to Tarbes.

### GB2007X67384 Light Chq Hen nominated by Dean Jones



Light Chequer Hen GB07X67384 is my entry in the 2010 single bird nomination competition from Tarbes. In 2009 she was 1st North Section 32nd Open BICC Saran, 2nd North West Section 6th Open CSCFC Tarbes, 1st WVCC Salisbury. I hope if all goes to plan that she will have three inland races before NFC Messac & Nantes then the BIG one!

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### "STEADY EDDIE", GB2007Z72261 Blue Pied Cock nominated by C.J van de Mortel



Your competition has galvanized us into sending to Tarbes, but looking at the entries there are some really outstanding pigeons, but it will be a lot of fun to take part in, if we get that far, here are some details of our entry pigeon. GB2007Z72261 is a Blue Pied Cattyresse Cock bred down from stock obtained about 11 years ago originally out of 4th Open NFC Pau and 1st Open NFC Saintes plus others around these lines. He is a latebred and has flown 7 channel races being clocked in every one except his first. Last year he flew 4 channel races and was 1st timer in two, plus 3rd and 4th. He is known as "Steady Eddie". On arrival he always attempts to entice his hen out of the loft no matter how long he has flown. The following are NFC young bird results NFC Section J, perhaps they show a determination that we hope will bring him back from Tarbes. His G.dam, Gt.G.dam, and Gt Gt.G.dam were all clocked in NFC YB races taking 8th Section Falaise, 13th Section Guernsey, and 64th section Fougères. His dam is sister to 1st Section 16th Open Guernsey 2001, 13th Section 227th Open Guernsey 2002 NFC ybs. These hens were sisters and were responsible for 10 pigeons clocked in 2003 NFC ybs Falaise taking 8,17,20,22,23,33,38,45,49,51 section J. In all there were 6 sisters and 1 brother who bred prizewinners in the NFC, MNFC, and MCC up to Saintes (489mls), 4 of them raced and won prizes themselves. This year the progeny of these pigeons produced 4th & 98th open MCC Sartilly ybs, only 131 pigeons recorded. 6th & 41st open MNFC treble chance ybs only 60 pigeons recorded. 61 bred nestmates who were clocked in the Teurlings Guernsey and Lessay 2009, unfortunately one arrived seriously injured and had to be culled.

### "RED 42", GB2008N12542 Red Cock nominated by Mark Dorrington



1st BICC West Section Falaise Yearlings 2009; 41st Open NFC Fougères 9696 Birds 2009. This pigeon then flew Tarbes with the NFC in 2009 and sadly lost his way but was reported in Belgium on the Monday, tired. However within 3 days I found this pigeon in my Youngbird loft so it had a single flight from Belgium on top of his efforts from Tarbes within a week this is the reason why I picked this pigeon as he has the heart of a lion. Red 42 was bred by Brian Sheppard of Trowbridge from his Red Barcelona bloodlines. Some of the loft's other results: 8th Open NFC Fougères 5342 Birds 2005; 14th, 16th, 54th, and 89th Open NFC Tarbes 3808 Birds 2009; 41st Open NFC Fougères 9696 Birds 2009; 74th Open NFC Alençon 7476 Birds 2009; 84th and 119th Open NFC Tarbes 4035 Birds 2008.

### "FORTUNE", GB2008N17494 Red Hen nominated by Steve Redfern



I have long been envious of the Scottish and Irish Nationals and their single bird challenges, reading with interest how each entry is bred and prepared for the race. My nomination, "Fortune", has been selected because, flying 672 miles to Tarbes, I believe you need a bird from a proven family. Although she only had two races as a YB and was only lightly raced as a yearling she has flown steady and never had a night out. Her Sire has flown Tarbes three times, all in race time, twice in result. Her Grandsire was clocked on his only time at Tarbes. Her Uncle has flown Tarbes three times, all in race time, once in clock. Not forgetting another Uncle that I lost at Tarbes last year going for a COM, having been 29th and 72nd open previously. Her sister was clocked on the day from Saintes NFC last year (495 miles) as a yearling. With a bit of luck all these birds will also be going to Tarbes. All these birds are based on blood from my good friend Joe Raeburn, Melksham, Eric Fox pigeons from Mick Burden, Uttoxeter and Alan Shore of Hankeloe bred down from his COM winner.

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### GB2008N34590 Chq Pied Cock nominated by M/M F Birch & Sons



We have chosen this Cock because he has always looked and come well. He was sent to Tarbes as a yearling with NFC last year and came the next morning, he would perhaps have been in the first 500 but we never clocked him. Our results from the Blue Ribbon Race since we returned to national racing in 2004 are as follows: 6th Section E 21st Open Pau 2004 timed on the day of liberation, 15hrs 54 mins on the wing; 169th and 214th Open Tarbes 2005, only 4 sent; 70th, 248th and 455th Open Tarbes 2007, only 5 sent; 158th, 634th and 660th Open Tarbes 2008, only 5 sent; 381st Open Tarbes 2009. So since returning we have not failed to be placed in the first 500.

### "SHAPWAY STAR", GB2008N43820 Cheq Cock nominated by J & D Staddon



J&D Staddon have moved approx 20 miles to Evercreech in Somerset and for the new NFC season will now race in Section G. They have nominated Cheq Cock GB08N43820 called Shapway Star. This cock is a cross of Dave Impett's Bruggeman Bros pigeons and Mark Gilbert's Deweerdt family. This cock has already been our first bird from two NFC races to the old address taking 6th Section 626th Open St Malo YB National and 3rd Section 10th Open Alencon National in 2009. His sire is a direct son of "Lee's Star" 8th Section L 19th Open NFC Tarbes at 748 miles & "Katies Star" 1st Section L & 12th Open NFC Tarbes at 748 Miles. His Dam is a daughter of "Southfield Pau" 1st Open BICC Pau, 4th Open LSEC Le Mans & 115th NFC Dax. Her dam "Southfield Jean" is a full sister to "Southfield Treble" 112th Open NFC Saintes, 8th Open LSECC Bordeaux, 21st Open NFC Pau, 63rd Open NFC Dax, 5th Open BICC Perpignan & 12th Open BBC Palamos. He's bred for the job and if we can get him to the race in one piece we are confident he will do us proud.

### GB2008R45966 Blue Pied Cock nominated by Team RML



TEAM RML brings together several individuals to race in a few selected International Races in 2010. Most, due to varying circumstances, have some impediment to International Racing in 2010. The concept is one loft and one team of pigeons prepared and trained by one individual but with full TEAM involvement in discussion and decision making. This provides contact and participation for those unable to compete directly themselves due to illness, misfortune, location or a number of other circumstances. Contact is maintained through a web site, Newsletters and, when he is able, through TEAM member Bernie Bennett's BHW column. All TEAM RML's pigeons are of essentially Dutch origin and from a select group of top performing International lofts. The entry for the Tarbes challenge is GB08R45966, a Blue Pied cock, Grandson of 17th International Pau 2006 of Hans Knetsch and Jac Steketee bloodlines. He has only raced twice, Falaise and Alencon, like the other yearlings and came 3rd on a performance basis. He attracted 3 TEAM votes based on his improved performance over the two races. His nest mate, 967, who came first on a performance basis, attracted 1 vote along with 928 who was 2nd. He is entered in the spirit the competition was launched, looking for potential rather than proven performance. Thank you for setting the competition off as it is an interesting and fun thing to do in a time when, it seems, some are going quite barmy.