

2010 Tarbes Early-Closing Nomination Entries

GB2005P46505 Blue Hen nominated by Lee Patterson



I have chosen GB05P46405 based on her previous results from Pau/Tarbes with the CSCFC. Having disposed of my race team and moved to a new address in 2005, this hen started to show her promise as a yearling being 2nd club 10th Solent Fed from Fougères in an unfavourable east wind. In 2007 she started her CSCFC career by achieving 19th sect 23rd open Cholet in a very hard race, recording a time of 7 hrs 47 mins, velocity 816 ypm for the 260 mile trip. This was followed by the Pau race where she was my second bird timed on the day placed 36th sect, 59th open flying 15 hrs 21 mins to record a velocity of 990 ypm. She was not sent in 2008 year due to dropping flights but in 2009 was sent to Tarbes CSCFC (527 mls) and, in another hard race (NNW wind), was 1st to the loft, timed on the second day flying 24 hrs 45 mins taking 22nd sect, 58th open. Three weeks later she was sent to Bergerac CSCFC (420 mls) in a NW wind and despite returning with missing feathers and a large green bruise to her chest was 4th to the loft in 14 hrs 2 mins recording a velocity of 877 ypm to take 41st sect 103rd Open. These performances were on natural but this year she will be raced on roundabout. Her breeding is of Robert O Jones, Roslven Jan Aarden based blood lines.

"DEVIL WOMAN", GB2006J66615 Chq Hen nominated by Bill Harris



Paul, thanks very much for arranging this single bird nomination competition it will add a further bit of interest as the season progresses. My nomination is a Blue Cheq bred by Wilf and Janet Reed of Redbrook Near Monmouth. This 4yo Hen although not setting the world alight has proved a steady reliable pigeon over the years and has won several club cards all from across the channel. She is small to tiny and is typical of Wilf's distance hens. I have called her "Devil Woman" this is because the first three numbers of her ring are "666". She is a full sister to Wilf's Blue cheq cock that won the Tours section with the BICC and also won the Welsh Greater Distance Club and was high up in the BICC Open result. Her sire is inbred to Wilf's 1st Section "G" 3rd Open NFC Pau. Her dam is bred down from Wilf's old distance strain which he has blended over 60 years of distance racing. If she manages to make the race she will also be entered into the Forest of Dean Social Circle a club formed 3 years ago to promote and race from Tarbes with the Entente Belge. I was fortunate enough to win this club from Tarbes in 2008 and Wilf Reed won it in 2009. Can I offer my best wishes and good luck to all the NFC members who have been brave enough to nominate a single entry.

"JIM", GB2006N07749 Blue Cock nominated by Holmes & Sealey

Our entry is a 2006 late bred (August hatched) given to us by our close friend Dave Posey. He's a rarity in our lofts being a Blue. "Jim" as we called him was trained a bit in the year of his birth. Then he was paired up in April 2007 and reared a youngster. Jim was a slow developer we continued to train him wherever we went he had one race inland he came OK. In 2008 he was starting to slowly develop he had three races ... one inland and two channel races to 290 miles doing nothing out of the ordinary. He moulted well and over the winter he changed out of all recognition he developed into a big bold cock bird and he held his own with our old cocks. In 2009 he had three races ... one inland and two to Lessay 190 miles then straight into BICC Tarbes 610 miles he came 96th i believe in a hard race. He was in good condition upon arrival and Dave was pleased. We race natural open hole pairing in late March. Peregrines allowing good luck to all.

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GB2006N16012 Blue Hen nominated by B Simmons & Son



THE HEN I'VE SELECTED FOR THE COMPETITION WILL, I HOPE, GET ME ON THE RESULT AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE. MAKE NO MISTAKE SHE'S NO DUD HAVING WON FROM BODMIN 112 MILES; 4TH CLUB 12TH FED FOUGERES 213 MILES; 4TH CLUB 19TH SECTION 124TH OPEN CSCFC BERGERAC 466 MILES, TIMED EARLY 2ND DAY. FOR HER PREPARATION I WILL HAVE AN INPUT FROM A COUPLE OF LOCAL DISTANCE FANCIERS ... AN AREA WHICH I HOPE TO EXPLORE MORE OF IN THE COMING SEASONS. HER BREEDING MAY BE QUESTIONED BY SOME, SHE'S A VANDENABEELE/MINDERHOUD VIA PONDEROSA UK, ONLY TIME WILL TELL. I'D LIKE TO THANK PAUL FOR GETTING THIS COMPETITION UP AND RUNNING. A TERRIFIC FREEBIE! PS: IN HER FIRST RACE OF THE SEASON SHE HAS TAKEN 5TH POSITION FROM 47 MILES.

GB2007C00281 Chq Pied Hen nominated by John Clements

My nominated pigeon was bred by Alan Darragh of Northern Ireland. She is down from the bloodlines of 'Independent Ranger'. I came into contact with Alan during the period I was writing my book 'Long Distance Pigeon Racing' I interviewed him for a chapter in the book. Immediately I met and spoke to him I was impressed by his knowledge of pigeons and the attitude he had to the sport. His views were not conventional. He questioned everything and asked questions about everything. I was determined to get some of his pigeons so later when the book was finally published I asked him if he could breed me a couple of youngsters. He obliged and I think he felt that in turn I might be the sort of chap who would do well with them. Alan only lets late bred pigeons go from his loft so I purchased two late bred youngsters in 2007. This little hen was one of them. She was trained a little as a young bird then kept to develop. As a two year old in 2009 she flew so consistently and looked so well my enthusiasm got the better of me and I sent her prematurely to the Narbonne international a race myself, Russell Bradford and Paul O'Leary organised. The race was hard one particularly at the distance I was to fly 745 miles - this hen arrived just out of race time having put in a tremendous effort to get home. As she gets older I fully expect her to improve. Although she has not won anything yet I have a feeling about her. I feel she has a really good race in her. She is now year older with international experience in her CV. I expect - all things going well- to clock her from Tarbes in the International this year - She has experienced being liberated with many thousands of birds and even if she made a mistake last time and flew into Belgium or the Netherlands I don't expect she will make the same mistake again. I think she will be like her ancestor and be independent this time but not to range.

GB2007F32097 Blue Cock nominated by Paul O'Leary

My nominated pigeon is, plain and simple, an honest tryer. Bred for me by Calvin Legg, who has sadly left the sport for now, this bird had several steady flights as a Yearling and 2yo. Hopes were high for 2010 but an injury sustained in training from Poole has set him back a good few weeks in his planned preparation. However, he is now fully recovered and back in the training baskets. He may well go to NFC Messac and/or BICC Poitiers prior to Tarbes. This loft races Natural with nothing particularly fussy or faddy going on. I fly in a 'specialist' club that takes its race program from the NFC, BBC, BICC, and CSCFC programs. As such all races are cross-channel. I'd like to wish all my fellow competitors all the very best in this challenge!

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"RIDGE", GB2007N36118 Chq Cock nominated by GG & CJ Cooper

This cock has raced really well winning in 2009, 31st sect. G, 143rd open Fougeres NFC, second section G, 67th open Alencon NFC, 28th section 148th open BBC Poitiers, 69th sect.G, 527th open Messac NFC, 1st Club, 1st Bristol Fed Messac, 37th sect. G 335th open Saintes NFC. As a yearling he was 34th sect. G, 125th open Fougeres NFC, 24th sect. G Alencon NFC.

"TADWORTH TOMMY", GB2007N73134 Blue Cock nominated by T & M Peart



Hi Paul! What a good idea is this challenge all good fun, Even Stevens and free to enter! Our entry is a 3yo blue cock that Mary has named "Tadworth Tommy" (dont ask) he has been very lightly raced up to 384 miles but has shown to be a very promising pigeon, a couple of his positions that I have found in my not so tidy filing system are 283rd Open BICC Tours 3693 birds, 96th Sect. 358th Open NFC Saintes 5315 birds. The sire is the "Adcock Pied" bred for me by John & Mark Adcock of Croydon, who himself won several tickets including 16th Section 425th Open NFC Alencon 7476 birds, 116th Section 709th Open NFC Fougeres 9434 birds. He is bred from "Supreme Star " when paired to the dam of "Duracell". His dam was on loan to me from John Donovan being a daughter of the "P Ring". All being well his first race will be the NFC race from St. Malo.

"CLARE'S BOY", GB2007P08138 Blue Pied Cock nominated by Mark Brown



He is a Gaby Vandenebeele and was selected by Clare has her favourite as a baby, he has always had his own characteristics which make him stand out from his loftmates, we raced him as a youngbird out to Truro 182miles to us were he scored 3rd Section with the Central Southern Classic Flying Club, as a yearling he flew all races including the NFC Saintes race 397miles but never excelling just always around. He has never conformed to loft management and always does things in his own time, but he has always been a steady performer scoring minor prizes on occasions when he decides to put his mind to it. As a 2yr old again he flew all races in the club, we entered him the CSCFC Tarbes race were he returned a week later but looked as though he learnt a hard lesson, a little later that season we sent him back out to Saintes with the NFC were he returned well and finished 1st Section 24th Open in what has been his highlight of his racing career so far. This season 2010, he has been racing every week so far and has gained a couple of minor cards on the way, he went to a very hard Falaise on 8th May and returned in his own time, there's no rushing this fella as i said he does his own thing, yesterday he was our 3rd bird from the St.Malo NFC race after a fly of almost 5hrs and came back clapping around as though he had just been for a lap around the estate. Subject to no mishaps, he will be going to Messac (251mile) on the 5th June with the Wessex combine, then onto Niort (358mile) on the 26th June before going to the NFC Tarbes International race (566mile) on the 9th July 2010.

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"HAWK EYE", GB2008N69991 Red Pied Cock nominated by Walter Castledine



I have chosen to call my cock "Hawk eye" after a visit to Bergerac last year he returned a bit late with a large gash under his wing plus a swollen eye still he made it home this shows he's got some grit. I will prepare him for Tarbes International with visits to Vire, St Malo and then Poitiers then with a little rest he should be ready for his grand flight. His breeding is from a long list of tried and tested birds: Sire from Mervyn Johnson of Ipswich good old Lerwick birds: Dam out of the old Van der Espt lines from Nigel Llewellyn. These birds will fly all day long when going gets tough. I would like to offer my best wishes and good luck to all the NFC members who have been brave enough to nominate for this challenge.