British Homing World Show of the Year

Gala Evening

including the 51st Annual RPRA Awards Presentation

SHOW

Saturday 21st January 2023



Welcome

Good evening,

Welcome to the 2023 Gala Evening at the British Homing World Show of the Year. Can I thank you all for supporting the Show this year, in these challenging times.

We must thank the Show Committee, ably led by the Chairman David Trippett, and the Stewards and their families, for their continued support; also the RPRA and BHW staff for all the unseen work that they do in organising and advertising the Show.

Since the last show several hard workers for the show have left their employment with the RPRA: Ian Evans (Show Manager), Lyna Zhang (Finance Manager), Karen James (Stallholder liaison) and Donna Russell (entries and results). Each contributed to the ongoing success of our Show.

We now have a new Show Manager, Chris Sutton, who will, I have no doubt, carry on leading the Show in the best traditions of our sport.

I congratulate all our successful fanciers, young or old, for their performances in 2022. This year we have many outstanding performances.

Long distance racing took place on both the North & South roads. Racing from the continent was achieved, although the registration requirements proved difficult for many members when racing South. Thanks to Richard Chambers and Ian Evans for working with Defra and organisations/fanciers to make continental racing a possibility. The RPRA will continue to liaise with all governmental departments to obtain the best possible outcome for long distance continental racing.

I thank you for attending tonight and hope you enjoy your evening.

Best wishes for 2023.

Les Blacklock RPRA President

TONIGHT!



(11pm to 1am)



Royal Pigeon Racing Association Awards 2022

The RPRA receives nominations for awards in three categories: short, middle and long distance.

Certain awards are decided on a coefficient, based on the bird's placings compared to the number of birds in the race and the distance raced.

Others are decided on a vote by the RPRA Council (marked with a *)

We are delighted to celebrate the 2022 winners:

Young Fanciers - 8 to 15 years old

Young Fanciers - Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Ethan Nightingale** of Dover GB21L01022, coefficient score 40.144 Ethan receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

2nd Prize is awarded to Harry, Thomas & Joseph Larkin of Craigavon GB19L17540, coefficient score of 119.149 They receive a medallion and a cheque for £30

> **3rd Prize** is awarded to **Millie-Ann Coleman** of Dover GB20D10491, coefficient score of 206.712 Millie-Ann receives a medallion and a cheque for £20

4th Prize is awarded to **Mullen Brothers** of Portadown GB20L02224, coefficient score of 317.071 Zach & Codi receive a diploma

Intermediate Young Fanciers - 16 to 21 years old

Intermediate - Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Keelie Wright** of Magheralin GB20L10971, coefficient score 55.850 Keelie receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Intermediate - Long Distance 451 miles and over*

1st Prize is awarded to **Owen Abery** of Reading GB20N08099, 7th of 258 birds, 504m 625y Owen receives a trophy, medallion and a cheque for £50

Guy Barrett Trophy*

This trophy is awarded by judges, based on letters submitted by clubs nominating a young fancier for recognition as the most outstanding overall, based on performance, their attitude to the sport and service to the club. For 2022 the Guy Barrett Trophy is awarded to **Oliver Longford** of Carlisle. Oliver receives the trophy and a medallion.

Bamford's Top Flight Schools Championship Trophy

(best performance by a single pigeon)

The 2022 winner is **St Andrew's Primary School,** Oswaldtwistle GB20N61597 Chequer Pied Hen, coeff score 3.710, vel 1654.125 ypm 1st Club 224 birds, 2nd Fed 539 birds, 5th Amal 969 birds The school receives the trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £50

Adult Awards

The adult awards are also based on short, middle and long distance categories. In addition, the Tony Cornwell Memorial Trophy is awarded for the best all round performance by a single pigeon over the season, and the Louis Massarella Trophy for the best performance by a young bird.

Short Distance 0 - 250 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Williams Brothers** of Oldbury GB21Z26164, coefficient score of 6.156 They receive the Selby Thomas Memorial Trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to Ben Walton of Congleton GB20C23846, coefficient score of 9.380 Ben receives a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Stuart Wilcox** of Bristol GB20N70069, coefficient score of 10.306 Stuart receives a medallion and a cheque for £40

Middle Distance 251 - 450 miles

1st Prize is awarded to **Steven Cutts** of Rotherham GB20N85325, coefficient score of 2.975 Steven receives the Preston Trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

> 2nd Prize is awarded to R & C O'Shea of Worksop GB21Z41520, coefficient score of 4.198 They receive a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **Hughes & Buckley** of Rochdale GB20X18862, coefficient score of 4.993 They receive a medallion and a cheque for £40

Adult Awards

Long Distance 451 miles and over*

1st Prize is awarded to **Ronald Pendleton** of Liverpool GB17Z62140, 1st Open, 2035 birds, 714m 718y Ronald receives the Queen's Coronation Cup, a medallion and £100

2nd Prize is awarded to C McArdle & Sons of Banbridge GB20B45105, 1st Open, 2118 birds, 470m 1655y They receive a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **D & J Staddon** of Ditcheat GB19B03004, 1st Open, 269 birds, 560m 246y They receive a medallion and a cheque for £40

Tony Cornwell Memorial Trophy (best all round performance by a single pigeon)

1st Prize is awarded to **Mellonby & Knowles & Simpkin** of Bridlington GB19Z56447, coefficient score of 6.157 They receive the trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

> 2nd Prize is awarded to P J Wells of Dunstable GB20H36757, coefficient score of 9.154 He receives a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to **J Wood & Son** of Oldham GB20N47255, coefficient score of 14.122 They receive a medallion and a cheque for £40

Louis Massarella Trophy

(best performance by a young bird)

1st Prize is awarded to **D & R Williams** of Cleobury Mortimer GB22Z34341, coefficient score of 4.019 They receive the trophy, a medallion and a cheque for £100

2nd Prize is awarded to S Brenton & Son of Castleford GB22C29155, coefficient score of 7.629 They receive a medallion and a cheque for £60

3rd Prize is awarded to M Bundy of Norwich GB22A13405, coefficient score of 8.387He receives a medallion and a cheque for £40



RPRA One Loft Young Birds Race 2022

Tonight we celebrate the winners of the RPRA One Loft Young Birds Race, together with the Ace Pigeon and the Two Bird Average winners. In total 1496 young birds entered the loft.

Young Birds Final Race

Liberated Sunday 25th September 2022 (09:00am) from Sennen Cove, Cornwall, a distance of 199 miles 264 yards. 297 birds marked.

Winner of the 2022 RPRA One Loft Young Birds Final Race

Joe Dunning: Ring No GB22V56406 at 1271.4238 ypm Prize: £25,000, an RPRA trophy and medallion

Winner of the 2022 RPRA One Loft Young Birds Ace Pigeon

Phoenix Knights: Ring No WHU2022D04515 at avge velocity 1033.88 ypm Prize: £8,000, an RPRA trophy and medallion

Winner of the 2022 RPRA One Loft Young Birds Two Bird Average

Aston Flyers: Ring Nos GB22D74018 (13th) and GB22D74006 (14th) Combined flying time 36,061 seconds Prize: £500, an RPRA trophy and medallion



RPRA One Loft Yearlings Race 2022

We also celebrate the winners of the RPRA One Loft Yearlings Final Race and the Ace Pigeon. In total 193 yearlings entered the loft.

Yearlings Final Race

Liberated Sunday 3rd July 2022 (07:00am) from Arbroath, a distance of 314 miles 934 yards. 77 birds marked. Light WSW wind.

Winner of the 2022 RPRA One Loft Yearlings Final Race

Aston Flyers: Ring No GB21D13001 at 1196.0952 ypm Prize: £10,000, an RPRA trophy and medallion

Winner of the 2022 RPRA One Loft Yearlings Ace Pigeon White Rock: Ring No WHU2021C39366 at avge velocity 1326.76 ypm Prize: £1,000, an RPRA trophy and medallion

> To follow the 2023 One Loft Race please visit www.rpraoneloft.org/southern



2022 Show Proceeds Charity Donations

BPFL Medical Research Team

£1,000

Other possible grants are pending until March 2023

We are very proud to say that since our first show in 1973 a total of

£2,723,580

has been donated to charities



