

Central Southern Classic Flying Club

Annual Dinner & Prize Presentation

The Marsham Court Hotel, Bournemouth was the venue for our 40th Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation held on Saturday 24th October. Invited were some special guests who, if it wasn't for them, the Classic as we know it would not be here today. Keith Bainton, who along with Major Buckingham came up with the idea of forming the Club, Dennis &

P Ayling with President Anner Smith.



A Holdaway with guests of honour, Roger & Nancy Smith.

Trish Whitbread, Dennis was the very first Treasurer we had. Tony & Meg Kane, as you know Tony was our Transport Manager and Convoyer for many years. Our Guests of Honour who were to present the awards were Roger & Nancy Smith from Salisbury. Roger being the very 1st Pau Classic winner. Our other special guests included Steve & Nettie Richards, Steve Jones from Countrywide Feeds & his partner Sylvie-Ann, Brian Wall who has sponsored the Yearling Derby for how many seasons I cannot remember. Brian ditched Viv for the night and brought Alan Holdaway as his partner (not sure what's going on there!). Last but



Tony's Tribute, 1st Section, 1st Open Central Southern Classic Flying Club Pau, 520 miles 2015. Owned and raced by Paul Ayling of Gosport.



A Parsons.



Mr & Mrs B Wall.

by no means least, Tony & Maria Cowan. Tony has not been in the best of health for a while but still continues to carry out the breeder/buyer auctions, the latebred sale held in September and also a little bit of entertainment for the presentation night, Maria is much appreciated by myself with her assistance to me on the auction nights.



A Smith & Son.



Cottrell, Richmond & Son.

On behalf of the Committee I would like to thank you for your support of the Classic and I hope you enjoyed the weekend.

We do have several Committee members who work tirelessly for the Club and one of them is Roy Christopher, our Master of Ceremonies for the evening. Roy began the formalities of the evening introducing our



Mr & Mrs R Hill & Dtr.



All Race winners.



Mr & Mrs G Lloyd.

new Chairman Clive Merrills. Clive welcomed our guests and thanked everyone who has contributed to the Classic this season. Anner Smith, our President gave a brief account of 2015 and mentioned some of the race winners who were there, also pausing to reflect on the members and friends we have lost this year. Tony Cowan then responded on behalf of Paul Ayling, the Pau Blue Riband winner with a few words.

In charge of selling the raffle tickets were Chris White and Anne Hooper. These ladies (I use the term loosely) are a godsend and I





Mannor Lofts (Martin & Jack Norman).



MM G & M Wile & S Lias.

appreciate all their help. The raffle made a total of £336. Anne also organises the lovely flower arrangements given to our guests and Chris helps me to lay out all the trophies for the evening.

The Mini Auction was hosted by Tony Cowan. The birds kindly donated for the auction were from Paul Ayling, Tony Cottrell, Ollie & Martyn Richmond, Micky Betts, Ian Crammond & Nigel Langstaff and Eamon Kelly, making £685 all together. Thank you to all these people.

Best wishes to you all for next season.

CLARE NORMAN



M R Williams.



S Slade.



B & S Price.



E IIsley.



S & L Harris.



MM M Gower.



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