

How are the results worked out?

The results for single berries often look confusing to the uninitiated (and sometimes to much more long standing members!) so here is an explanation of just how the results are worked out. It is important to remember that the Society rules on single berries state that:

“a member is only allowed one prize in this section, taken by his (sic) heaviest winning berry (regardless of prize status)”

This means that the allocation of prizes is complicated due to the Society’s desire to ensure a wide distribution of the prizes. The easiest way to explain this is to look at the 2015 results and explain how the prizes for the single berries were allocated. The first thing to bear in mind is that there is a pecking order for the berry colours, this being red, yellow, green and then white. This is trumped by the heaviest berry so in 2015 the winning berry was a yellow Millennium, therefore the order of the colours then became yellow, red, green and white. So, The winning berry is always the heaviest and the rest of the results are worked out from there as is shown on the following diagram of the 2015 results.

1. The results are arranged by colour, in 2015 Yellow being first as this was the heaviest berry. This gives us the Champion Berry, Mr G Watson’s yellow Millennium weighing 31 drams, 6 grains.
2. Mr Watson is then excluded from all other colours, hence his name is crossed out in the remaining columns.
3. Next we allocate the second and third prizes in the yellow category. To do this we need to check that a growers does not have a heavier berry in another colour as it is a growers heaviest berry that must be taken for prize purposes. This can sometimes lead to the odd situation where a grower is

Yellow				Red				Green				White			
G Watson	Yellow	Millenium	31.06	C Gray	Red	Christina	25.04	B Nellist	Green	Bank View	29.01	B Nellist	White	Belmarsh	25.24
J Hart	Yellow	Edith Cavell	28.06	J Hart	Red	Lloyd George	24.16	G Watson	Green	Surprise	28.13	G Watson	White	Lord Kitchener	25.03
C Gray	Yellow	Woodpecker	27.25	Mrs A Hart	Red	Lloyd George	22.16	G Bielby	Green	Bank View	24.17	G Bielby	White	Mr Chairman	24.20
N Pickering	Yellow	Woodpecker	26.22	G Bielby	Red	Just Betty	22.13	JA Leng	Green	Bank View	23.20	J Hart	White	Belmarsh	24.06
B Nellist	Yellow	Woodpecker	26.02	G Watson	Red	Just Betty	22.02	Dr HH Kaye	Green	Bank View	23.19	C Gray	White	Newton Wonder	23.02
Mrs A Hart	Yellow	Millenium	24.23	PW Bennison	Red	Christina	21.10	C Gray	Green	Surprise	23.16	H Hebdon	White	Mr Chairman	22.08
G Bielby	Yellow	Firbob	22.18	B Nellist	Red	Lord Derby	24.06	D Hardacre	Green	Bank View	21.09	Mrs A Hart	White	Belmarsh	24.09
H Hebdon	Yellow	Woodpecker	22.12	JA Leng	Red	Just Betty	20.24	J Hart	Green	Bank View	21.04	S Bundy	White	Seedling	20.05
M Hart	Yellow	Millenium	22.12	S Bundy	Red	Lord Derby	20.10	Mrs A Hart	Green	Bank View	20.05	J Charlesworth	White	Mr Chairman	20.00
J Charlesworth	Yellow	Woodpecker	22.09	J Charlesworth	Red	Just Betty	20.05	N Pickering	Green	Bank View	20.02	D Hardacre	White	Newton Wonder	19.16
JA Leng	Yellow	Firbob	22.07	H Hebdon	Red	Just Betty	17.09	M Hart	Green	Bank View	19.02	Dr HH Kaye	White	Newton Wonder	19.16
H Fishpool	Yellow	Woodpecker	19.17	M Hart	Red	Blackden Gem	16.25	PW Bennison	Green	Surprise	18.15	T Price	White	Blackden Firs	19.10
D Hardacre	Yellow	Millenium	19.16	D Hardacre	Red	Just Betty	16.06	T Price	Green	Woodside	18.09	JA Leng	White	Chrystal	19.08
S Bundy	Yellow	Seedling	19.09	T Price	Red	Seedling	15.18	H Fishpool	Green	Surprise	18.06	PW Bennison	White	Princess Royal	18.02
T Price	Yellow	Edith Cavell	18.24	H Fishpool	Red	Just Betty	15.08	C Plummer	Green	Surprise	17.04	C Plummer	White	Fascination	17.19
PW Bennison	Yellow	Woodpecker	18.12	Dr HH Kaye	Red	Just Betty	14.22	TR Willis	Green	Surprise	16.23	H Fishpool	White	Catherine Hartley	16.09
C Plummer	Yellow	Woodpecker	18.02	RB Potter	Red	Blackden Gem	13.03	Mrs K Brown	Green	Surprise	16.12	K Coulman	White	Chrystal	16.01
TR Willis	Yellow	Woodpecker	17.23	N Pickering	Red	Just Betty	11.24	S Bundy	Green	Surprise	16.10	N Pickering	White	Lord Kitchener	15.01
Dr HH Kaye	Yellow	Woodpecker	17.14	K Coulman	Red	Just Betty	11.12	J Charlesworth	Green	Bank View	15.14	P Fishpool	White	Newton Wonder	13.24
P Fishpool	Yellow	Edith Cavell	15.09	Mrs K Brown	Red	Just Betty	11.08	IT Woodcock	Green	Surprise	15.05	WS Lethem	White	Lord Kitchener	13.09
RB Potter	Yellow	Woodpecker	13.13	IT Woodcock	Red	Blackden Gem	10.11	H Hebdon	Green	Surprise	14.09	IT Woodcock	White	Mr Chairman	12.24
K Coulman	Yellow	Edith Cavell	13.01	C Plummer	Red	Christina	10.00	P Fishpool	Green	Bank View	14.04	Y Williamson	White	Mr Chairman	12.00
WS Lethem	Yellow	Firbob	13.00	P Fishpool	Red	Just Betty	9.07	WS Lethem	Green	Surprise	14.02	V Wilson	White	Newton Wonder	10.10
Y Williamson	Yellow	Woodpecker	11.15	Dr M Pickard	Red	Lord Derby	8.06	V Wilson	Green	Surprise	13.23	Dr M Pickard	White	Transparent	8.01
IT Woodcock	Yellow	Woodpecker	10.22	Mrs P Perry	Red	Blackden Gem	7.01	Dr M Pickard	Green	Surprise	13.07				
Mrs K Brown	Yellow	Woodpecker	10.20	T Carruthers	Red	Hinnonmaki	4.17	K Coulman	Green	Bank View	13.07				
V Wilson	Yellow	Firbob	9.20	Y Williamson	Red	Just Betty	4.08	RB Potter	Green	Transparent	12.20				
Dr M Pickard	Yellow	Woodpecker	9.16					Y Williamson	Green	Surprise	11.00				
								S Sheard	Green	Surprise	8.24				

allocated a lower prize in one colour than they would have won with a lighter berry in a different colour. That is just the way it is. So in 2015 the second yellow went to Mr J Hart whose three other colours were all lighter. His name is then crossed out in the remaining three colours. Third yellow demonstrates the slight perversity in the results in that Mr C Gray was awarded third prize in the yellow category and what was the heaviest red is then excluded from the results. Bad for Mr Gray (being Chairman of the Society does not change the results) but good for Mrs A Hart who won the red category with what proved to be the third heaviest red berry.

- Next the prizes for the red berries are awarded. Due to their success in the yellow category both Mr Hart and Mr Gray had already been excluded from the red results so top honour in 2015 went to

Mrs A Hart with a Lloyd George weighing 22 drams and 16 grains. The next two berries were excluded because (i) Mr Watson had already won the yellow category and (ii) Mr G Bielby had a heavier berry in the white category. Here the rules worked in Mr Bielby's favour in that he won first white instead of second red. Second red went to Mr PW Bennison with sixth heaviest red and Mr S Bundy won third with the ninth heaviest red (Mr B Nellist and Mr JA Leng being excluded as they had heavier berries in other categories)

5. Two colours down, two to go. Still following it? As mentioned above, Mr B Nellist was not awarded third red as his 21 dram, 6 grain Lord Derby was lighter than his winning green berry, a Bank View weighing 29 drams and 1 grain. Mr Watson and Mr Bielby had already been excluded so second green was awarded to Mr JA Leng with third going to Dr HH Kaye.
6. This brings us to the fourth and final colour, white. The first two berries had already been excluded so up stepped Mr Bielby (who had been excluded from the red berry class) to take first white with a Mr Chairman weighing 24 drams and 20 grains. Second and third white went to the next two in the list who had survived this far!
7. That is how the single berry prizes are awarded, quite simple really! There are four remaining prizes for the single berries. First, second and third Maiden is awarded in order to the three heaviest berries entered by a maiden grower. Note that a maiden grower can also win a colour prize, the rules aren't that harsh! The final prize is the aptly named "Best Beaten Berry", awarded to the heaviest berry that did not win a prize. In 2015 this went to Mr N Pickering with a yellow Woodpecker weighing in at 26 drams, 22 grains. This was actually the sixth heaviest berry entered in 2015. By comparison, third white was awarded to the fortieth heaviest berry, the white Mr Chairman weighing exactly 20 drams entered by Mr J Charlesworth.