



Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Season 2013

The clubs annual general meeting was held last Saturday the 9th February at Newbridge Bowling Club it was very well attended with over 100 members present.

The President Ian Brown and his two vice presidents, senior Andy Thomson and junior Duncan Knox were unanimously re-elected and I am happy to say that the current management committee remains the same as last season plus two additional members Alistair McNaughton of Falkirk and Bruce McKenzie of Dundee taking the committee to 15 in number, we are very fortunate to have men in the calibre of Alistair and Bruce on board they will be a great asset to the SNRPC.

It was a pleasure to attend our AGM as always when you go to one of our functions what is noticeable is the wonderful sense of friendship and harmony with in this club, it was the foundation on which this club was formed in 2005 and still to this day when we are about to embark on the 2013 season it is very much apparent that it still plays huge part in the fabric of the SNRPC. I'm quite sure any new members will thoroughly enjoy their racing with us and also have the piece of mind that their pigeons are being transported by the very best vehicles available, for me it is a great pleasure to serve the Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club and its members as P.R.O.

Race Programme

The 2013 National Race Programme

Billericay, Inland National Saturday 22nd June,

Reims, Friday 28th June,

Fontenay, Friday 5th July,

Arras, Friday 12th July

Peterborough, YB National Saturday 7th September.

It was agreed at the AGM that the management committee would look into the possibility of an alternative race point to Fontenay which ideally would be around the 600 mile mark and on the same line of flight as the route we that we have been racing for the past few years, you can be sure that the committee will strive to do their utmost to come up with a suitable replacement to suite all members.

Subscriptions remain the same at £25 and bridage for next season also remains the same as last season at Billericay Inland National £2, Reims £6, Fontenay £6, Arras £3.50 and the Young Bird National Peterborough £2. Prize money will be as last season.

Sponsorship

We are happy to announce that we have secured some new sponsors for next season these being **John Smith** of Cupar Fife agent for DuzWurk one of the new leading products on the market, Mucusgone and Anti E.Coli Agent. John can be contacted on 07742 657813 after 4.30pm. **Frazer Animal Feeds** Banbridge, County Down Northern Ireland. (Bulk pigeon feeding delivered to your door, contact Vince Hendry on 01698 424 359 for further details.)

Chatelherault Children's Nursery Hamilton who have generously offered to sponsor one of our national races.

These along with other generous donations to the club from prominent members have certainly helped reduce some of the financial strain involved in racing from the continent.

I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of the officials and members of the SNRPC to thank Mr & Mrs Forrest of Ratho once again for their sponsorship of the Reims Nationals.

Presentation Night

In the last article we highlighted the 2012 1st open and average winners and now we feature the section winners for last season's nationals who were as follows:

Billericay Section B: PW Virtue Cockburnspath. Section C : J D Armour Leven. D : J Shaw Alva. E : J Frod & Son Lanark. F : K Kelly Kirkintilloch.



Left to right Les Blacklock, Brodie Rutherford Peter's grandson sporting the 1st open silver medal and Peter Virtue.



J D Armour Leven



John Frood Lanark



Karl Kelly Kirkintilloch

Reims Section B: John Robertson Port Seton. Section C: Gary Hall Thornton. Section D: Frank Baillie Clackmannan. Section E: Ken Buchanan Hamilton. Section F: Ian Ross Kirkintilloch.



SNRPC President Ian Brown with John Robertson Port Seton



Ian Ross Kirkintilloch

Arras Section B: Brian Kelly Chirnside. Section C: Alex Brunton Falkland. Section D: Frank Baillie Clackmannan. Section E: John McFall Blantyre. Section F: Matt Luke & Son Port Glasgow.



SNRPC Senior Vice President Andy Thomson with Alex Brunton Falkland



Frank Baillie Clackmannan



JohnMcFall Blantyre

Peterborough Young Bird National

Section B: Andrew Lees Eyemouth. Section C: Bruce McKenzie Dundee.
Section D: Bert Sharp Clackmannan. Section E: Hamilton & Thomson
Hamilton. Section F: John Murdoch Greenock.

A few words on the Hamilton & Thomson partnership from Hamilton who I think are a wee bit special, Jim and Mary have been racing together since 2007 when Mary stepped in to look after Jims birds when he was unwell and made such a great job of it that the partnership came to being. It is great to see them get this well deserved honour winning their section from Peterborough on such a hard day for the west area their section winner originated from Brierly pigeons they bought at a sale in Fife crossed with one of their own breeding. .

Both the partners are very passionate about their pigeons and put in a tremendous amount of work and effort, Mary with her youthful enthusiasm and Jim very much the old hand and steadying influence, it certainly works and we wish them well for the future.



Bruce McKenzie Dundee with past president George Wilson



Hamilton & Thomson of Hamilton



Reims gold medal winner Frank Baillie photographed with his two sons



The magnificent Gold Medal presented to the 1st Open Reims winner to keep, it could be yours in 2013

New SNRPC On-Line Auction Site

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We are delighted to announce this fabulous new venture is now up and running the software has now been installed on our SNRPC website and we are currently running a test auction to make sure everything is in place. The software was very generously donated by Vince Hendry of Hamilton, Vince is a great supporter of the SNRPC and this wonderful gesture is very much appreciated by all the members. To access the Auction Site click the link on the website home page and this will take you direct into the auction site once on the site if you wish to bid for a pigeon you will have to register as a user, this is a simple process, once on the auction site you will see on the title bar the option to *login* or *register* click on the register and this will take you to a form where you will be asked a few details you will also be required to create a user name and a password once this has been done the next time you visit the auction site click on login enter your user name and password and you are then able to bid for a pigeon and follow the on line auction. The auction site is available world wide and there for anyone who wishes to sell birds, all that is required is to contact the secretary John McFall 01698 324638 or myself on 01368 864174 and we will take it from there.

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