



Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Peterborough Young Bird National

The 422 entries for the 2019 Young Bird National got underway at 08.45 on Saturday 7th September into a light North wind. It's hardly surprising that the entries were low given the devastating losses that have been reported from all over the country, last season there were 421 birds entered into this race so we were up 1 bird! Well that's the racing all over for this year, it just seems to have flown in (no pun intended) now we endure the closed season which is always an anti-climax after the excitement of the national's, still we have our forum on the 12th October at the excellent Leapark hotel Grangemouth to look forward to and our presentation dinner on the 26th January at the same venue. Any enquiries about tickets and accommodation for these events please contact the secretary or any committee member.

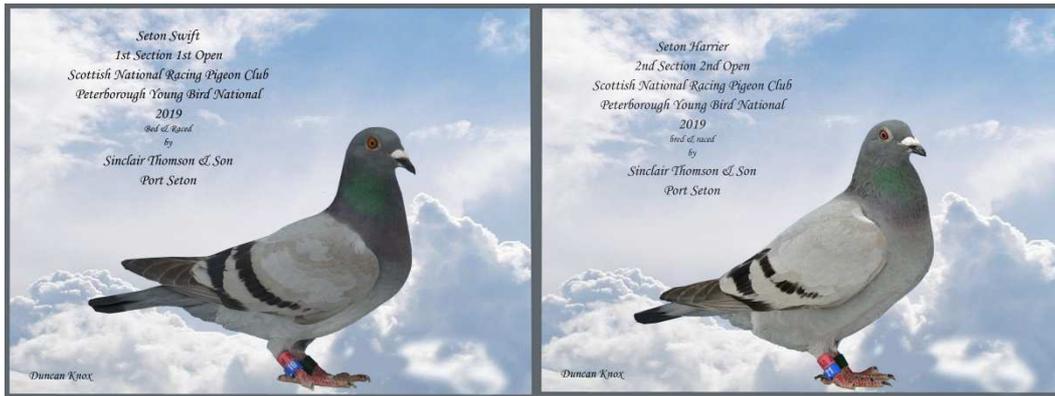
1st & 2nd Open 1st & 2nd section B. Sinclair Thomson & Son Port Seton

The race itself turned out to be a fairly stiff test for the birds which was always going to be the case due to the cool northerly winds; however the winning pigeons made the 259 mile journey home in just under 7 hours to the on form lofts of Sinclair Thomson & Son of Port Seton East Lothian. Sinclair and Sinclair junior are no strangers to the winner's enclosure this being their 4th National win; they have their loft management off to a fine art with both partners playing vital parts in their highly successful routine. Their National victories so far have been 1st open SNFC Clermont, Eastbourne and Maidstone and now SNRPC Peterborough. The partnership have won many top honours in Scottish National racing too many to mention in this short article, but it's unmistakably obvious they are well established in the premier league of Scottish fanciers.



1st & 2nd Open winners Sinclair Thomson and Son Port Seton

The national winner “*Seton Swift*” is a nice blue bar hen bred direct from their Maidstone national winner “*Alfie*” when paired to their SNFC silver award winner “*Seton Princess*”. She is a Geerincks x Soontjen from their Taylor Brothers of Newbiggin stock. The second open winner “*Seton Harrier*” arrived together with the Swift is also a blue bar hen slightly bigger in size than the national winner her sire is a blue Soontjen who was 3rd section 7th open SNFC Ypres 2017. Her dam is a Herman Ceuster down through Olympiad x Euro lines also from Taylor Bros. Both these hens flew all races to Wakefield with the Traprain club convoyed with the Pentland Federation before going to the SNRPC Young Bird National.



Seton Swift 1st Open & Seton Harrier 2nd Open Peterborough YB National for S Thomson & Son

3rd Section B 3rd Open James Mark Tranent.

Jimmy has been racing very steady these last few seasons being narrowly beaten by the two Sinclair's not just in the national but also in the club. The 3rd open winner is a chequer cock raced on the darkness and was paired to two hens (one of them being Jimmy's second timer winning 13th open) they were sent to Peterborough in excellent condition having completed all club and fed races, both parents were bred by Common Lumsdon & Patterson Ashington who are one of the top lofts in that area.



3rd section B 3rd Open J Mark Tranent

1st section C 4th Open Jock Scott Kennoway

Jock timed his chequer cock at 16.18 to take the section C honours and a very creditable 4th open for the 276 mile journey to his Kennoway lofts. Jock is a past SNFC national winner from Roye in 2016 beating Sinclair Thomson & Son by 5yards. The section winner is bred from a son of A Whittaker's national winner when paired to Jock's region winner from Maidstone. On the dams side the breeding is the Guttie hen when paired to J Duthie's Gold cup national winner.

2nd Section C 9th Open Macaulay Ferguson & Curran Forfar

This was a great performance from this well established loft their 2nd section winner was timed at 17.06 flying the 302 mile journey in 8 hours 21 minutes they also had another 5 of their 10 entries in the open result. For the benefit of anyone who doesn't know just where Forfar is it's situated 13 miles north of Dundee and 17 miles inland from Montrose, not an easy place to fly into. The 2nd section winner is a chequer cock flown on roundabout he had every fed race up to Ripon and is bred from one of the partnerships established stock pair that has bred birds to win at club, fed and national level. The sire is a direct son of Davy Glen's national winner and the dam is from Andy Miller's national family line.



Macaulay Ferguson & Curran's 9th open 2nd section winning cock

3rd Section C 21st Open Mark Malloy Methelhill

This was a good performance from Mark at his first venture with the SNRPC getting 3 on the open result his second bird winning 7th section. His first and second timers were gifted to him by Dougie Barnes of Crossgates, Dougie's pigeons have done very well for Mark recently scoring in the Fife Fed open race and taking the first 4 in the Methelhill club also that day.

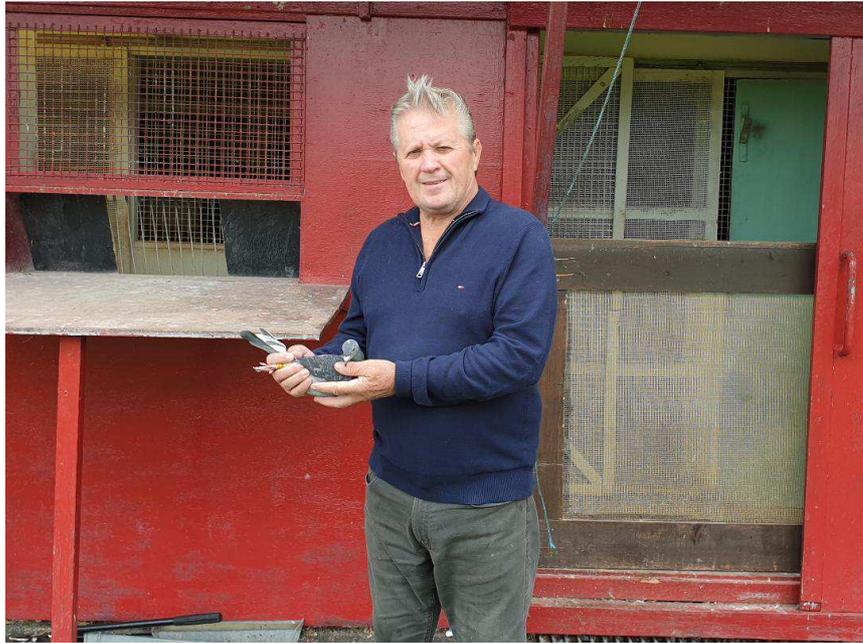


Mark Malloy's 3rd Section C winner

1st & 3rd Section D, Robert Hamilton Cambus

Roberts section D winner is bred from his Geoff Kirkland lines, flow natural to the perch and looking interested in a young cock, she flew every fed race prior to Peterborough a steady pigeon always in the first few home. The 3rd section winner another chequer hen this time her breeding was the well tried and tested Billy Napper of UNC fame lines, what great pigeons the Billy Napper birds have been over the years for many fanciers. This young hen had previously won for Robert also flying natural. Another of

Roberts Geoff Kirkland pigeons also won 4th section.



Robert Hamilton Cambus winner of 1st & 3rd Section D

2nd Section D Mr & Mrs Forrest Newbridge.

Ally and Jo timed another good one at 16.55 to take the 2nd section position, fresh from their 3rd section Arras success this time with the Belgian Ace Rudi De Saer cock raced on the darkness, he flew the full Central Fed programme and was 26th SCC Wakefield the week before the national.



Ally Forrest Newbridge with his 2nd section D winner

1st Section E Graham Brothers Carluke.

This is the fourth time Andy has won his section since moving to his present location and each time they had the first bird in the west area too, great flying in anyone's book well done Andy. The winner is a Southwell x Louella Jan Arden cross, due to the weather this year she only had 4 races before Peterborough 3 from Kelso and 1 from Alnwick 88 miles she had no training after the first Kelso only exercised round the loft so she put up an excellent performance considering she had such a huge jump to 264 miles.



Graham Brothers section E winner

2nd & 3rd Section E, E Jones & Grandson Kilsyth

Evan and Andrew take the 2nd and 3rd positions to continue their good form of late, Their first pigeon clocked was bred by Andrews good mate Freddie Robertson of Edinburgh and is from Freddie's Geerinx stock birds, (Freddie had a tremendous race from the SNRPC national too) the third section winner was also a gift bird from another good friend George

Harris there is some great Scottish distance bloodlines in this ones breeding John Stokes, Jock Alston, Richard Combe and the legendary Jock Reid ! this bird is also closely related to the partnerships 2017 section winner, they have fared well in the last few YB nationals winning a 1st two 2nds and a 3rd. They have named their 2nd section winner *Steady Freddie*.



Jones & Grandson, Evan & Andrew Kilsyth 2nd & 3rd Section E

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Section F, Derek Hay Kirkintilloch

Derek once again takes the 1st 2nd 3rd in section F he lost 10 minutes with his first one *Alana* when she eventually came in Derek was amazed at the super condition she was in when he handled her most certainly capable of flying another few hours, she was sent on her 5th flight flying to the perch and had 4 races out to Catterick 146 miles with the Glasgow fed where she was 6th club 6th east section beaten by loft mates, she also had 3 x 20-25 mile tosses before basketing. Her sire is a son of Magic winner of 4 SNFC diplomas and still only a two year old his best result being 1st west region 16th open SNFC Roye 520 miles winning the SHU best yearling award. *Alana* was sent back to the SNFC national and will feature somewhere well up in the result. 2nd section winner was bred from a sister of Magic this line is certainly working for Derek by producing

winners, he went to Peterborough sitting on fresh eggs and had the same preparation as the section winner. Derek sends his congratulations to the race control team, convoyer and all section winners in what was tough race. Indecently he had 100% returns from this one.



Derek Hay with his section winner Alana

Champion Awards and Reims Ace Pigeon Awards

Please forward any claims for these awards to John McFall or Duncan Knox

Secretary Required

Due to John's retirement from the sport we are looking for a suitable person to fill the secretary's position, see advert on the website and BHW. Any enquiries to John Mc Fall or Duncan Knox

Autumn Forum

The forum this year will be held this year in the Leapark hotel Grangemouth on Saturday 12th October. Tickets and accommodation enquiries from the secretary John McFall or any committee member.

Duncan Knox
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