



Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Fontenay National

For our third national of the season and second channel race we were at Fontenay on the suburbs of Chartres approximately 45 km South West of Paris the distance is roughly 550 miles or so to the Edinburgh area.

Our convoy of 192 birds were liberated along with 3,000 plus Up North Combine pigeons at 5.45 am into light North West wind.

To say this was a difficult race is somewhat of an under statement as this was one of the hardest channel races we have encountered since the formation of the SNRPC in 2005, there were only 8 pigeons timed on the day.

Despite facing Northerly winds which seemed to vary the entire journey our race winner made excellent time completing the 568 miles to the loft of Davy Burns in Kirkcaldy Fife in 13 hours 9 minutes recording a velocity of 1241 ypm. What an excellent race Davy had timing 3 of his 6 entries in two hours to take the first three positions in the section and 1st, 3rd and 7th open positions. I believe that this is the first time this has been achieved in section C, what a tremendous performance and thoroughly deserved by this top class fancier.

The winner a Blue hen is small to medium and is a grand daughter of Davy's 3rd open La Ferte- Bernard winner with the SNFC which contains Dennis Dall bloodlines, she was raced natural sent on 14 day eggs having had 5 races prior to the national including Leicester twice winning 3rd club in one. She was trained 12 times at around 15 miles.



Davy Burns Kirkcaldy with his national winner Clare.

Davy's second pigeon 2nd section 3rd open is also a 4 year old hen her sire was bred by Bob Blyth Kirkcaldy while the dam is again from Dennis Dall stock. She was raced and trained the same as the winner and was again sent on 14 day eggs.

The 3rd section 7th open winner is again a 4 year old and was paired to the 3rd open hen his sire was bred by Bob Blyth down from Jimmy Keir pigeons while the dam is again Dennis Dall breeding direct out the Jock Trail pair.



Davy Burns 2nd & 3rd section winners

Section B

Section B was won by **Brian Kelly of Chirnside** Brian timed his 5 year old chec hen at 19.08 to take the 2nd open position, yet again Brian is runner up in a national this is the 3rd time he has been 2nd open and he has been 3rd open an incredible 7 times. If anyone deserves to win a national it's this dedicated fancier the time and effort Brian puts into his birds is commendable to say the least it can only be a matter of time before he gets the ultimate reward and wins a national. Brian's 1st section winner (Hiccup) had 5 races they were put on the roundabout around mid April for 6 weeks the re-paired in mid June she was send on 12 day eggs and exercised around the loft for 40 minutes pigeon twice daily, she has been a very steady pigeon.



Brian Kelly of Chirside pictured with Hiccup his 1st sect 2nd open winner

2nd section B 8th open is **Ben Veitch of East Saltoun**

This young fancier's loft is certainly on top form what a fantastic season he is having his latest winner a red yearling cock follows on from his previous great performances 1st sect 5th open Wanstead and 2nd sect 3rd open Reims. Prior to Fontenay he flew every club race to Peterborough then went to Marlborough with the SNFC winning 59th section 11 ½ hours on the wing he was sent back to Thirsk the next week and was 1st club 2nd fed he then had 2 training tosses to Berwick before the national. His sire was purchased at a sale and was bred by Jamie Combe the dam is a Kirkpatrick bred by Mick Bray of Norwich. He was paired to 2 hens and sat both sets of eggs which were 12-14 days at basketing.



Ben Veitch's red yearling with one of his hens

3rd Section B 11th Open **Duncan Knox Dunbar**

My pigeon is a 2008 chec hen she was bred in my Brother Jimmy's loft from a stock pair I had on loan from Stuart Roberts of Ayton. Timed at 7.24 am second day.

She was raced celibate and had 7 races including Wanstead Flats twice one with the National and the other the East of Scotland Fed this was her first time over the channel. She has always been a very steady racer; my birds had 1 training toss at 15 miles prior to the season starting then into their first race at Scots Corner 111 miles then raced every week they are exercised round the loft for an hour daily.



Duncan Knox Dunbar 3rd Section 10th Open

Section D

1st section 26th Open **John Mack Alloa**

John has again lifted another bronze section medal this time from the SNRPC Fontenay race 576 miles, timing his good 2 year old Chequer hen on the second day at 11.37 am with a velocity of 693. This pigeon was flown the whole young bird programme to 200 miles then flown the whole programme as a yearling to 300 miles plus and this year prior to Fontenay had every race to the SNRPC Wanstead flats open 350 miles, being timed in the early morning. She has been many times on the results in the club including twice first and three times second. She was sent sitting on 10 days eggs and on her third flight. The Breeding is from a Jan Arden Chequer cock when paired to a Blue Cattryse hen that were gifted to John from Club member Ian M Brown, It is interesting to note that these stock birds were both bred by Louis Massarella and the Cock was the sire of Ian Browns SNRPC Reims diploma winner in 2010 and the hen the dam of his Reims diploma winner in 2003 with the SNFC. Congratulations to John and not forgetting his father who helps with the birds on their very consistent winning national flying.



John Mack Alloa 1st section 26th Open

Section E

1st 2nd 3rd section 4th 5th 6th Open **W Davidson & Son Coalburn**

What a fantastic performance from this top West of Scotland loft, Billy and Davy have come up some tremendous results in the past many times but this was really something special. They also took the 4th section position and 9th open. Their winner a 3 year old chec cock and is bred from a son of the partnerships original Steve Wright Jan Aarden cock while the dam is from John Callan's Van Der Wegan family. He was sent on chipping eggs

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