

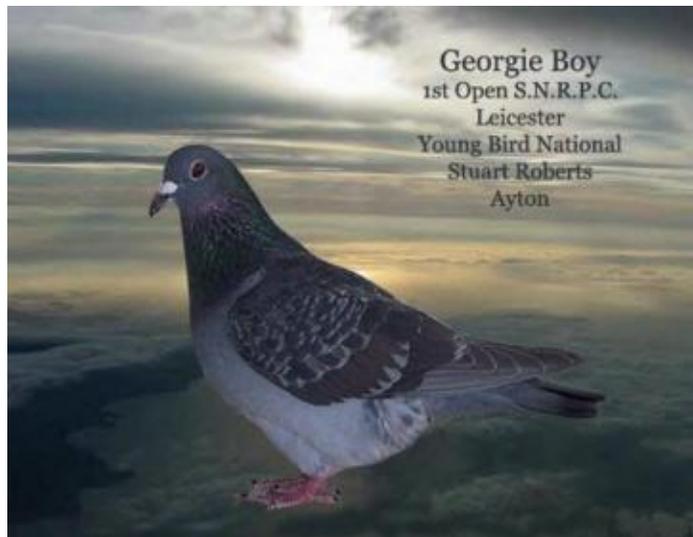
# **‘Georgie Boy’ wins the SNRPC Leicester YB National for Stewart Roberts of Ayton**

The Scottish National Racing Pigeon Clubs final race of the season the Young Bird National took place on Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2006 when 97 members sent 655 birds and our convoyer Matthew Boyle liberated the birds at 08.00 into a light south east wind. The numbers of birds sent by the sections were as follows Section A – 35, Section B – 103, Section C – 79, Section D – 72, Section E – 55 and Section F – 23.

Duncan Knox from Dunbar visited Stewart Roberts of Ayton early in the week and has got the photograph of ‘Georgie Boy’ the winner of the National for us also the photograph of Stewart’s Loft. The young birds fly to the small loft on the right of the picture it used to be the Coal Shed for the house before it was a pigeon loft and the winning pigeon was happy in it flying to the bucket nest that was shown in last weeks article.

I quote from Stewart’s words to Duncan ‘On hearing the news of being 1<sup>st</sup> National in the SNRPC (being my fourth National win) I am absolutely delighted to say the least. The winner being ‘Georgie Boy’ bred by myself from pigeons gifted to me by my very good friend George Hastie of Berwick-upon-Tweed. George is a fancier I have admired since coming to this area, definitely in my mind one of the top men in Britain. George loaned me a dark chequer cock unrun to go with a chequer hen youngster he gave me in 2005. The cock is a son of his good Fed winner who won eight first Feds plus five second Feds and also first in the Tyne to Tweed Section Up North Combine. When you think it is 60 miles from the top to the bottom it is truly amazing to achieve first position at the top end. This bloodline is closely related to two combine winners (400 miles plus).

‘Georgie Boy’ in his last outing was from Melton Mowbray, 230 miles, he landed with four other loftmates and was clocked to be 5<sup>th</sup> Club beaten by three loftmates. His condition going to the National was sitting eight days and he was extremely keen. On return from the National he has almost stayed on the nest 24 hours, has to be lifted ‘out of the bucket’ where he nests, to exercise. His next job will be another National on chipping eggs’.



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Duncan Knox also visited Walker & Wilson of St Abbs who had a truly remarkable race taking 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Open and I include photographs of all four pigeons also a photograph of Jim Wilson on the left and Robert Walker holding all four of their pigeons. I also have some details on the pigeons the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open is bred from a Belg 1994 Direct Willy Thas Sire paired with 'Shore Gem' 1<sup>st</sup> Open SNRPC. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Open is also from a Direct Thas Sire paired to another 1<sup>st</sup> Open SNRPC 'Shore Miss Tasker'. The 4<sup>th</sup> Open is a Thas X Delbar and the 5<sup>th</sup> Open is a Busschaert bred by J Atkins & Son Darlington.





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Chris Little of the Mr & Mrs C Little of Eastriggs partnership sent me details of the Section 'A' 1 2 3 and also a photograph of his section winner. She is a Blue Chequer Hen, she was raced on the darkness system and had three races prior to the national Tebay, Leyland and Lymm. Her Sire was bred by the Gyselbrecht family from Belgium and he is a son of Narcis Laaureat, a super racer with 3 top national prizes from Barcelona. Her Dam was bred by Robert & Chris Dobbelaere from Belgium, she is a half sister to 1<sup>st</sup> National Soulliacand she is a grand daughter of the sire of their loft the Kleine Geschelpt 13.



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2<sup>nd</sup> Section A – Scott Irving Jnr. of Annan

Scott's pigeon is a Dark Chequer Cock bred by the top partnership of Mr & Mrs D Skelton and contains Busschaert bloodlines. The Cock had 5 races prior to the national Shap, Tebay, Shap, Leyland and finally Lymm where he gained 8<sup>th</sup> Club. He is the same way bred as the bird which won 11<sup>th</sup> Open SNRPC Newbury this year for Scott. Scott would like to pass on his thanks to Mr & Mrs Skelton for breeding these birds for him.

3<sup>rd</sup> Section A – Mr & Mrs Chris Little of Eastriggs

This bird is a Blue Gaby Vandaenabeele Cock and was raced on the Darkness system, he also had 3 races prior to the national, Tebay, Leyland and Lymm. His Sire was bred by M & D Evans and is a real top breeder, he is a son of the world famous Jester & Carrie. His Dam was bred by Syndicate Lofts and is a daughter of Golden Gaby, winner of 1<sup>st</sup> national Orleans.

Section C was won by J Anderson and Son of Wellbank recording a velocity of 1464 when they timed a Schalie Janssen hen to be 1<sup>st</sup> sect C, 32<sup>nd</sup> Open at 13.36 flying 280 miles. She was raced from Arniston, Otterburn, Whitton Castle, and the week before the YB National flew Ripon approx. 180 miles. She had been raced natural to the perch until Ripon then she laid on the Sunday and raced to 4 day eggs. The Anderson's had 5 home out of six and it was good to see them win the section. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sect C on 1448 was Andy Thomson of Duntrune. Andy's pigeons was on darkness and was flying to the perch. Her last race had been Whitton Castle 140 miles before going to Leicester 280 miles. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Section came from a cock from Jim Cameron of Uddingston paired to a hen from Mick McMurchie. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sect was Bruce McKenzie of Dundee who timed at 13.39 just before Andy flying about 1000 yards less, so it was very close up there in the Dundee area. My thanks to Stuart Bowman for the information on Section C.

Section D was won by Jim Smith of Falkirk who timed a blue hen at 13.23 recording a velocity of 1397, hard on his heels was the man who has dominated section D since the SNRPC started racing, John McNeill of Broxburn who had timed a blue chequer hen at 13.14 flying 249 miles and recording a velocity of 1396. 3<sup>rd</sup> section D was G McKenzie of Uphall who had sent 2 pigeons and timed a blue hen at 13.15 flying 249 miles and recording a velocity of 1392.



Jim Smith of Falkirk



John McNeill of Broxburn



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John Alston of Ravenstruther was my next contributor with the details of the Section E winners. Mr & Mrs David Elliott of Newbigging were 1<sup>st</sup> section E with a Blue Chequer Hen which is a daughter of their good hen 'Fern' 1<sup>st</sup> Section 6<sup>th</sup> Open SNFC Chenoise and 2<sup>nd</sup> Section 9<sup>th</sup> Open SNFC Tours and bred down from a long line of long distance winners, this young hen also topped the Federation from Wetherby the week before the Young Bird National. She had no training after the start of the young bird racing and was exercised round the loft. I am grateful to John for the photographs of David Elliott and D Tervit who was 2<sup>nd</sup> section E. John was 3<sup>rd</sup> section but I do not have any info on his pigeon.

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Section F was dominated by B McCrindle & Son of Glasgow who took 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Section F with only 5 pigeons at the race. His section winner was timed at 14.50 flying 259 miles and recording a velocity of 1111 his 2<sup>nd</sup> section was timed at 18.14 recording a velocity of 741. 3<sup>rd</sup> section F was Ian Strachan of Kilmarnock who timed at 19.11 flying 248 miles recording a velocity of 652.

The Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club are indebted to the following sponsors. Stewart Roberts for £100 for the 1<sup>st</sup> Open (won by himself well done Stewart)

All Section Winners receiving Carrs Natural Products

Woodside Farm Feeds (Tom Law's) for all our feeding for season 2006

British Homing World for the printing of the result's in the journal.

Gordon Geddes and the South Lanarkshire Federation for their help in transportation.

That's all the information I have at the present time and once again I would like to thank Duncan Knox, Stewart Roberts, Chris Little, John Alston and John Gray for their contributions and congratulate the winners on what was another successful SNRPC race.

There are some other intimations concerning the Club our SNRPC Dinner Presentation will be held in the Cairn Hotel Bathgate on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2006 and we would strongly advise people who require overnight accommodation as I am advised that the rooms are going fast. The Accommodation Rates are £50.00 for a twin/double based on 2 people sharing £35.00 single all rates include full breakfast The number for reservations is 01506 633366.

The management committee met recently to discuss race programme proposals for the 2007 season and they are as follows :

The Inland National – Wanstead Flats on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2007

The Gold Medal Race – Reims on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2007

A Race from Arras (to include the Yearling National) on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2007

Plus two other Channel Races including an Extreme Distance Race to be agreed subject to finding suitable joint conveying partners.

It was also reported that the SNRPC is in a healthy financial position.

Lastly I would like to mention the SNRPC Website which is now very active with regular updates on the Club. The contributors are the guys would have contributed to this report and John Gray is the Editor and he will be greatly helped by the following Duncan Knox, Stuart Bowman, Chris Little, Ian M. Brown, Norman Dixon and anyone else who wants to send in articles concerning the SNRPC. The Web Address is \_\_\_\_\_ and you can contact John Gray on 01324 555888 or at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

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