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Yes 613 miles on the day from our SNRPC St Nazaire which was flown with the National Flying Club when 48 members sent 124 birds the birds were liberated at 06.45 into a North East Wind on the 1st of July 2006 and this was to be a memorable day for John Proctor of Kirkcaldy as he was to time his 5 Year old Blue Cock 'McFly' at 21.37 to be the only SNRPC timed on the day flying an incredible 613 miles, what a performance.



McFLY

'McFly' had been bred from a Chris (Buster) Brown of Kirkcaldy Sire which had the old Newcombe blood in it. The Dam also came from the same source and John is over the moon winning St Nazaire in the SNRPC. McFly had been paired on the 10th of Feb and had reared some youngsters he then flew Otterburn 77 miles then Towlaw 108 miles and John was going to stop him for the season as there was no word of Channel Racing at that time. Then the Channel Racing was back on and he went to the Otterburn comeback race. He then flew Maidstone on the 17th June with the Kingdom Racing Pigeon Association taking 9 and a half hours and he went to St Nazaire on a 7 day young bird. His last toss was the Saturday before the race a 45 mile toss from Kelso. 'McFly' has a great record at the distance as a 3 year old he had been 90th Open SNFC Falaise 519 miles, then 3 weeks later he was 6th Section 17th Open SNFC Tours and as a 4 year old he was 20th Open SNRPC Cholet, 633 miles.



McFly - 1st Open SNRPC St Nazaire 2006 with his mate the mother of the loft - also his grandmother

John Proctor was also 3rd Section C, 6th Open St Nazaire with a 4 year old Grizzle Cock that went on 14 day eggs having had three races prior to St Nazaire including Maidstone where he homed in 10 and a half hours. He had been 277th Open SNFC Clermont as a yearling, as a 2 year old he came back injured from La Ferte Bernard, as a 3 year old he was 5th Section C, 10th Open SNRPC Cholet 633 miles. His Sire was John's Good Chequer that won four prominent positions at the distance with the SNFC. The Dam came from Mr & Mrs Purdie of Kirkcaldy which contained John Ellis of Wellbank and Wilson Ovenstone of Methil bloodlines. John's Grizzle was timed at 06.43 on the second day two wonderful pigeons into the Kingdom of Fife.



John Proctors Grizzle Cock - 6th Open SNRPC St Nazaire 2006

The Second Pigeon in the Race was also in the Kingdom of Fife to another weel kent face Harry Maidment of Ladybank when he timed his 5 year old Blue Chequer Hen 'Chloe's Angel' at 05.52 to record a velocity of 1037.54. This hen is from a line of winners her sisters taking prominent positions in Channel Races before. The Sire was from a Red Cock that came from a Jimmy Hamilton hen and a cock from Dennis Dall's first Gold Award pigeon Barbara. The Dam is a 9 year old Mealy hen bred by Billy Davidson & Son of Coalburn. John Proctor and Stuart

Bowman had visited Harry on the 2nd day to obtain this information and Harry's 2nd pigeon arrived there at 2.17 p.m. Stuart Bowman timed the pigeon for Harry which was 7th Section C 20th Open SNRPC St Nazaire. Well done Stuart and thanks to Stuart Bowman for the invaluable information and the photographs of the winning pigeons.



John Proctor (left) with Harry Maidment the 1st and 2nd SNRPC St Nazaire 2006 **'Chloe's Angel'(Above)**

1st Section E 3rd Open were the well known Lanarkshire partnership of Mr & Mrs David Elliott of Newbigging they also are 2nd Section E 8th Open and are 21st Open with their third pigeon. Their Section Winner is a 3Year Old bred from a Son of the Blue Rennes Hen and the Dam is from a Red Hen that was 1st Section E, 5th Open SNFC Nantes. The 8th Open is a 5 year old Dark Chequer that was 1st Section E 11th Open SNRPC Cholet 2005. His sire is a Dark Chequer Cock bred by George Archibald of Loanhead, the dam is a Blue WF hen that was 1st Section E 9th Open SNFC Sartilly. Mr and Mrs Elliott are having another successful year in the SNRPC.

4th and 5th Open is the Tranent partnership of W & G Flockhart, our Reims Gold Medal Race Winners. There are two photos of the 4th and 5th Open supplied by Duncan Knox of Dunbar. The 4th Open a 3 year old Blue Chequer and the 5th Open a 3 year old Blue Hen timed at 06.06 and 06.14 two in 8 minutes from 600 miles. I bet Wilf's heart was fluttering that morning mine would have been that's for sure.



W&G Flockhart's 1st & 2nd Region B winners 4th and 5th Open St Nazaire

W & M Smith of Macmerry also had a good race being 3rd and 4th Section B, 7th and 9th Open recording velocities of 945 and 903.

Jim O'Hara & Son of Allanton was 3rd Section E 10th Open with a 3year old Red Cock timed at 09.00.

John McNeill of Broxburn was to win Section D taking his 8th Bronze Medal timing a 5 year old Blue Cock at 13.55 being 22nd Open.

The SNRPC St Nazaire Race was a good race and once again there were many fine performances. I am grateful to Ian M Brown, Stuart Bowman, Duncan Knox and Stuart Malcolm for supplying information, photos and know how to allow me to summarise the race for you, the full result is in the result section just click on St Nazaire in the **Results 2006** section.

John Gray for the **Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club**