



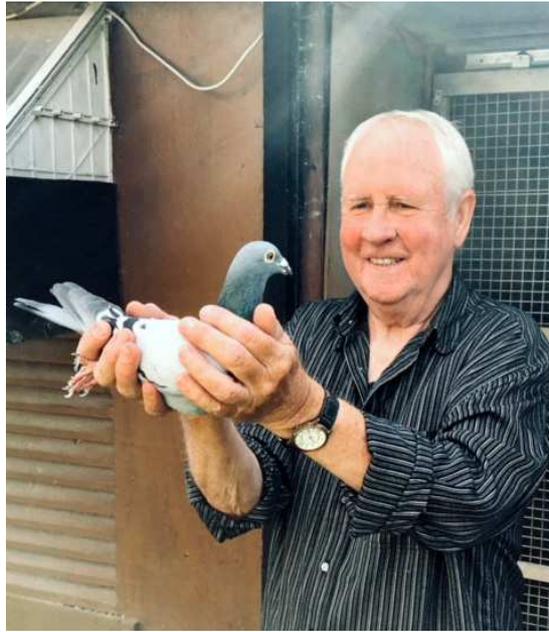
Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Reims Gold Medal National

264 birds were liberated at 05.45 am into a light north east wind; channel visibility was reported as excellent. Racing over the 500 mile mark with quite a small convoy is always a tough ask and due to the extreme heat and northerly winds up through the country this race was no exception, with no birds recorded home on the day of liberation it was an early rise for everyone the following morning Saturday 30th July.

The Gold Medal winner was clocked at 05.27 am to the loft of Steward Davie of Dundee this 3 year old blue cock recorded a velocity of 937yph and must have been very close to home when darkness descended on Friday night. The winner named "Davie Boy" raced the full programme as a young bird and was raced up to Little Hampton as a yearling and Maidstone as a two year old this season he had three races Towlaw 128 mls, Wakefield 205 mls and Leicester 279 mls then rested, on the day of basketing he was given his hen for around two hours.

He was bred from a pair of late bred from Stuart's old Rennes family who have been responsible for: 1st open Fife fed Fareham 376 miles, 1st open Sartilly Fife fed 516 miles the dam is from Mitchell of Inverkeithing and the sire was purchased from Doug Haines Ladybank.



A delighted Stewart Davie with his Gold Medal winner Davie Boy

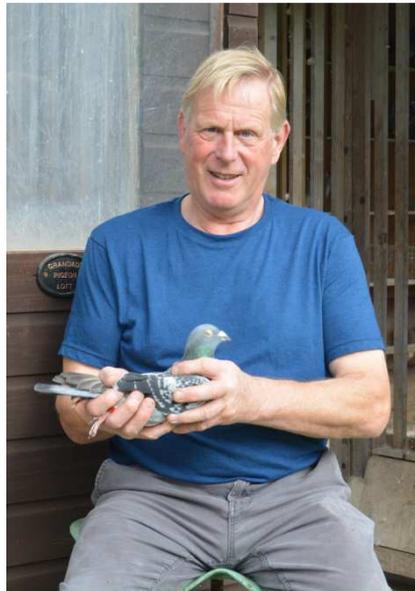
1st Section B 3rd Open P W Virtue Cockburnspath. To say that Peter Virtues performances racing from Reims over the past 13 years have been consistent would be a massive understatement we have to ask the question is there another loft in the country that can even come close to this record of; 3X1st ,3X2nd, 4X3rd, 2X4th and 3X5th. All open positions plus a multitude of other excellent open prizes. The section winner this time is another pigeon bred in the purple her sire in the 2014 Reims gold medal winner Double Gold and her dam is a Bronze Award winner Pride's Princess a direct daughter of Virtues Pride who I consider to be the best pigeon he has ever bred he has left a legacy of winners in the Virtue loft.



Peter Virtue 1st sect B 3rd open

2nd Section B 5th Open Gordon Turnbull Chirnside.

Gordon's loft is in a fine vein of form this season fresh from a great performance out of the inland national where he took 2nd open 2nd section, The breeding of the 2nd section winner is from classic UNC long distance bloodlines the grandsire was bred down from Kirkpatrick Brothers Whitley Bay Old red Bourges cock and the grand dam contains the bloodlines of the Bourges winner the great Wearside Lass. Gordon's chec hen raced up to the very hard U.N.C. Huntingdon then was rested for three weeks going to Reims on overdue eggs.



Gordon Turnbull Chirnside 2nd sect 5th open

3rd Section B 9th Open David Crees Coldstream

David's two year old red hen was clocked at 08.59 for the 9th open 3rd section positions she was a gift from David's friend's Willie Gray & Son of Bergham bred down through Willie's Red Barcelona lines crossed with his own distance family. The 3rd section winner had four races up to Chelmsford 300 miles with the U.N.C. she was fed on Irish mix topped up with farm beans with some hormoform and trapping mix as a treat.



David and Chloe 9th open 3rd section

2nd Section C 8th Open Eric Young Kilmany

Eric's pigeon is a 4 year old blue cock this is the third time in succession he has scored from Reims previously winning 8th section 26th open, 4th section 16th open and now 2nd section 8th open all very hard races, he is bred from a Staff Vanreet crossed with a Frankie Murray pigeon. On the first two times he went sitting on 20 day eggs this time he went on a seven day youngster.



Eric Young Kilmany pictured with Triple Blue

3rd Section C 10th Open George Anderson Scone

George timed his good three year old blue hen at 11.51 to win third section this was the same hen which was his second arrival from the hard Reims race last season winning 3rd section 15th open, this hen has been a very consistent pigeon for George she was his first pigeon out of Buckingham this year before going to Reims, she was raced celibate her breeding is mostly John McNeill of Broxburn on the sires side and Jock Anderson bloodlines on the dams side.



George Anderson Scone with his 3rd section hen

1st & 3rd Section D 6th & 26th Open Peter Keogh Broxburn

Peter is most definitely the man to beat in section D at the moment in the last few seasons his birds have put up some first class performances with this year's Reims race proving no exception with a tremendous 1st and 3rd. The 1st section winner is bred through Peters John Bosworth stock, the sire is a great breeder for him having already bred a host of national prize winners one of them will pick up a SNFC bronze award this year. The dam was bred by Peter Virtue being a direct daughter of "Virtues Pride". The blue cock was raced up to Buckingham then had 4 training tosses before Reims. Petr's 3rd section pigeon is a 3 year old hen she flew Ypres last season her breeding is another of his Bosworth stock cocks and has the same dam as the section winner. Peter's team

are flown celibate after rearing a round of youngsters, she was also at Buckingham prior to Reims.



Peter Keogh and club mate Tom Weir

2nd Section D & 15th Open Frank Baillie Clackmannan

Franks 2nd section winner a two year old chec hen is bred from his Brian Denny / John Ellis bloodlines her dam was his timer from Reims last season, she had 5 races up to 300 miles then single tossed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 30 miles prior to basketing. She went to Reims sitting 7 day eggs.



Frank Baillie's 2nd section hen

2nd & 4th open 1st & 2nd Section E, W Mitchell & Son Lesmahagow.

W Mitchell & Son, Lesmahagow, 1st and 2nd sect E 2nd & 4th Open, the partnership have long been recognized as one of the top west of Scotland lofts, in fact, not many channel races will you fail to see the Mitchell name to the fore.

With a family of pigeons based on local top fanciers, the policy of breeding from the survivors has seen them establish a family of pigeons, with both winning birds having a long line of multi timed channel birds in there pedigree ie parents grandparents etc

Octogenarian Wull senior, has taken a back seat in recent years leaving William Jr to run the family joinery business and managing the pigeons.

The section winner a 2 year old Cheq hen, previously 13th Sect Billericay as a yearling, had preparation three races from 170,205 and 250 miles nighting out from the very difficult latter race. Then trained 2x times Dunbar (60 miles) Sat ,Sun, following by 2 x15 mile mid-week and Dunbar again on the Sat prior to basketing.

The second section winner a 2 year old Blue cock, previously timed from Bedhampton SNFC as a yearling in a very hard race,had five races from 140,170,205, 250 and the 90 mile comeback race. Training as above, and was noted dropping a newly hatch egg shell in the garden the morning of basketing. Grand sire of both pigeons is Stumpy who lost part of his foot in a freak accident over the winter, he is a winner from Arras and Reims and homed injured from Alancon 2017. The same morning of this double success, a daughter of 'Stumpy' was timed by Jones and Son Glasgow to win 1st Sect F SNFC Liege.

William has contributed immensely to the SNRPC, formally on the management committee, marking station convenor and responsible for sourcing annual sponsorship for the Club.

3rd Section E 19th Open W Davidson & Son Coalburn

W Davidson & Son, Coalburn, 3rd Sect E 19th Open another illustrious name in channel racing spanning 50 + years. David timed a 6 year old blue hen timed on a number of occasions from France. She raced celibate having had 5 consecutive races to Peterborough (260 miles) ,repaired, had the pre-race training schedule and sent 12 day eggs.

She is a sister to a number channel winners inc blue cock 1st sect Reims etc , being direct from the Old Jan Aarden x inbred hen from the old Davidson family.



David Davidson with his 3rd section winner

1st Section F 7th Open Ian Lowe Gartcosh

Ian's 4 year old section winning hen was trained as a youngster, as a yearling she was raced every other week up to Billericay, as a 2 year old she had 3 races up to Peterborough then trained for Reims but Ian wasn't happy with her condition so she wasn't sent she had the same preparation as a 3 year old and was sent on 7 day eggs and won 62nd open 16th section this season the same preparation then 6 tosses to Dunbar in a row and sent on 5 day eggs. Her breeding is part Jim Hannah/ Southwell/ Dennis Dall.



Ian Lowe Gartcosh

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