



Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Tours 2010

Our 129 entries were transported and liberated with the 3,573 Midlands National Flying Club pigeons on Saturday 3rd of July

The birds were released at 9.35am into a west wind.

The weather conditions were such that a very hard and gruelling race emerged.

The prospect of a two day race was always on the cards more so when news filtered through that very few Midlands National pigeons had made it on the day it became apparently obvious that the convoy had encountered severe problems on the way.

Only the very best distance pigeons were going to do this trip and it would take an exceptional racing pigeon to win this the longest channel race of our programme.

The distance alone, the 600 miles plus would normally be enough to ensure that a great performance was going to be required to win but throw in the type of weather and wind conditions they had to encounter made it even more of a daunting task.

The 1st Open position did go to an exceptional racing pigeon and to an exceptional pigeon fancier, Tranent's John Bell timed his great hen "Annfield Belle" at 10.42 am on Sunday morning to clock a velocity of 915yph some 38 yards in front of the second open pigeon.

I take great pleasure in reporting the fact that John has won his first National, all our members will be delighted for him as he has been very close to the number one spot on several occasions and this 1st open win is so well deserved, John is one of the sports gentlemen and a great supporter of the SNRPC

'Belle' was 2nd open from Andrezel 562 miles in 2009 and also won 15th sect 45th open at Reims in 2008.

John's family originate from his great friend Rod Adams, John has built up a impressive team of all round pigeons using Rods pigeons as the base carefully bred with the best his own old family, they can win at any distance in club fed or National racing on the roundabout system.



.A very proud John Bell with Annfield Belle 1st Open SNRPC Tours 612 miles.

2nd Open 1st sect C John McKenzie Anstruther

Jock McKenzie wins a great 2nd open 1st section C with his two year old red cock 'Johns Reject' flying 628 miles into Anstruther. This pigeon was raced natural and sent on newly hatched eggs he had 5 races up to Biggleswade where he was first home to Jock's loft winning 9th Kingdom after flying around the loft for 5 minutes before trapping a sure sign that he was in super condition.

He is certainly bred for the job with the late Jimmy Hamilton's pigeons featuring heavily in the pedigree from his Iron Lady lines this bird is bred from winning pigeons with both his sire and dam winners on the road especially the dam she won good positions from Arras and Reims with the SNRPC and is a great granddaughter of Iron Lady and also pigeons gifted from Ernie Crabb while the Sire has Johns own winning bloodlines lines and that of Jimmy Keir in his pedigree. All John's distance pigeons have Iron Lady featuring somewhere down the line in their breeding.



2. John McKenzie in front of his loft

3rd Open 2nd Section C John Ellis Wellbank Dundee.

Another tremendous performance from John with yet another superstar emerging from his Wellbank lofts this 3 year old blue cock has won the following positions in his short racing career: 23rd Sect 38th Open Arras 2008, 37th Sect 78th Open Reims 2009, 10th Sect 18th Open Reims 2010 and finally two weeks later 3rd Open 3rd Sect Tours 2010. He is a full

brother to Wellbank Prince his dam is one of a pair John got as a gift in 2003 from Jim Hooper of Cardiff who was the secretary of the British Barcelona club at that time. He had 5 races to Leicester prior to going to Reims and was sent with a big youngster in the nest he was then rested for a fortnight and sent to Tours sitting around 10 days with the same youngster still in the nest as John says the youngster should have been taken away before this but this is a position that John favours and it undoubtedly did the trick with this super pigeon



.John Ellis Wellbank

4th Open 3rd Section C Pete Patrick Thornton

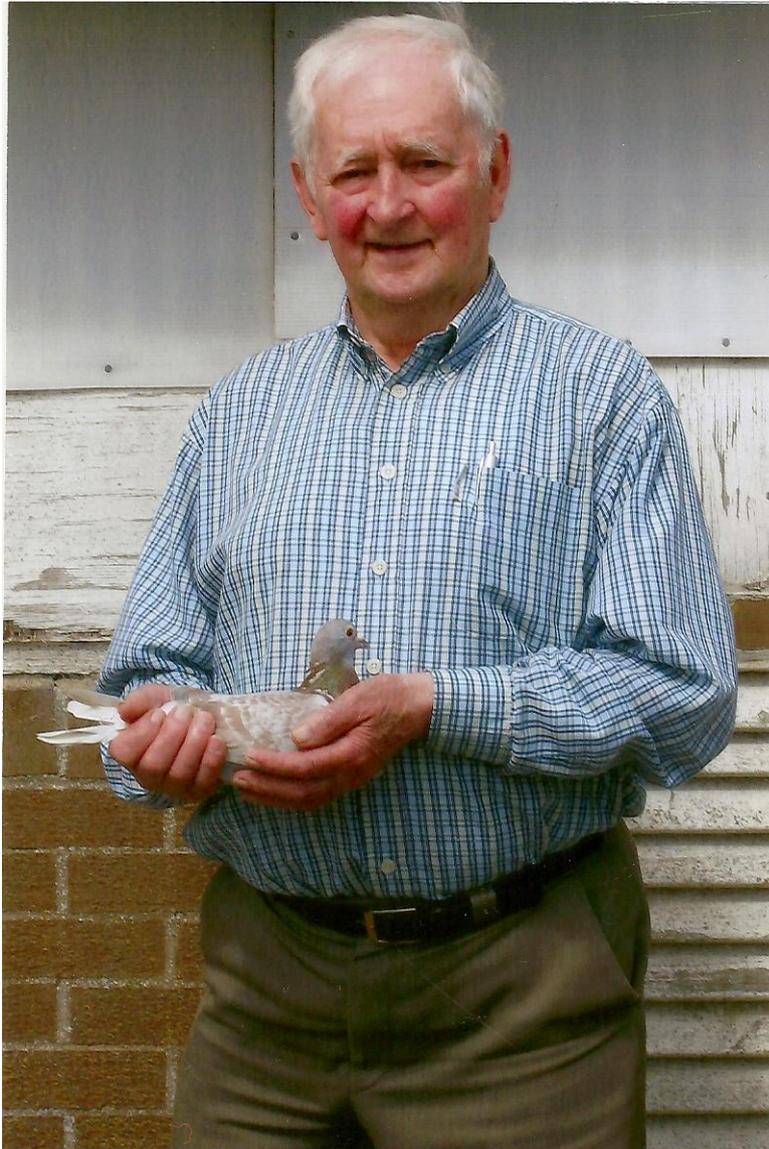
Pete again to the fore in this severe long distance test with his 4 year old red cock named Sir Jimmy he was sent sitting 15 day eggs on the day of basketing he was bred by Pete and is 50% Jimmy Hamilton old Bricoux X Marriot on the sires side while the dam is a grand daughter of Reward which is Pete's old family this line has produced a number of good national pigeons at the 400 – 700 mile mark.



Sir Jimmy bred by Pete Patrick Thornton

5th Open 4th Section C, John Anderson Anstruther

John has carried on his good form from last season with this excellent 5th open win this 3 year old red hen was raced on the roundabout system them paired up for Tours and sent on 9 day eggs at basketing she was John's second timer in last years hard Reims race this season she has been a steady racer for John and went as far a Leicester before the Tours race. Her sire is a strawberry mealy cock bred down from Jocky King's best and the dam is a half sister to Dennis Dall's great gold award mealy that won seven times from the channel, they don't come any better than that for the distance.



John Anderson Anstruther

6th Open 2nd Section B, W & M Smith Macmerry

Another great performance from Willie down at Green Dykes farm Macmerry, I never fail to be impressed each time I visit these lofts, Willie has created a tremendous team of pigeons in an environment that can only be described as a pigeon fanciers paradise.

His winner this time is an 08 Dark Checker hen (Barneys Delight) bred from birds gifted to Willie by Barney Kenny of Loanhead before he emigrated to Australia in 2008 these birds were Busschaerts.

She flew the programme as a youngster including the Y B National Leicester and as a yearling again had the full club programme plus winning 38th open SNRPC Wanstead Flats and 137th Open Lillers she was raced roundabout.



Willie Smith pictured holding Barney's Delight

7th Open 1st Section F Ian Ross Kirkintilloch

What a great season Ian has had, here he is again with his single entry in another hard national his pigeons seem to excel in these events his 4 year old blue hen is bred from Eric Fox x Cyril Ball pigeons she is a half sister to Ian's Bronze award winner last season, she scored herself from Reims in 2008 winning a good 4th section 55th open this was another difficult race. In 2009 she returned from a race injured and was rested. Her sire was bred by Alan Maul of South Wales who was an excellent distance flyer. She was raced to Peterborough and sent on 12 day eggs.



Ian Ross Kirkintilloch

8th Open 5th Section C, Penman & Grubb Thornton

Pete's 8th open winner was raced in the club to Leicester then trained before going to Tours he has been a steady racer for Pete and has won some club positions this year, originally he was intending sending him to Reims but after a very hard Leicester race he decided he wasn't ready so he was left for Tours, a very wise decision it would appear. He is bred from a cock bred by Bev Curtis from South Wales and these pigeons can win from 50 to 500 miles plus the dam of the blue pied cock was out John Proctors 7th open Tours bird. He was sent sitting on a 5 day youngster.

9th and 12th Open 6th and 8th Section C, John Proctor Kirkcaldy.

John Proctor had a great race with two on the result the first in the clock was his 7 year old Gay Pied cock he was bred from a blue cock out of Johns Jock Trail pair and his dam is his old stuff originally Buster Brown bloodlines from Eddie Newcombe Macmerry. He was raced up to Leicester then trained at 20 miles he was sent sitting 14 days. Johns second pigeon was a 5 year old blue cock who is a direct son of his 7th open Tours pigeon while his dam was bred by Jim Benvie. As the 9th open bird he was sent sitting 14 day eggs.

10th Open 7th Section Jim Benvie Kirkcaldy

Jim's checker pied hen looks like a very good prospect for the future as a yearling she won 97th open 53rd section from Lillers, she is out a daughter of Kingdom Boy Jim's great double national winner from Reims and Lessay, the sire is a son of John Proctors 7th open Tours pigeon. She was on ten day eggs and was raced up to Leicester then trained.

11th Open 3rd Section B Stuart Young Bonnyrigg

Stuart is another fancier who is never far away when the going gets hard his 3 year old Black white flight cock flew Lillers in 2009 this season he had Selby, Newark ,Leicester and the come back race from Ripon his eggs had just hatched prior to basketing and his second flight was half way up. His sire who was 28th open SNRPC St Nazaire in 2006 is a son of Kenny Boy the 1st East section SNFC Sartilly winner. His dam is D Grieve of Longniddry + Stuarts own family



Stuart Young's black w/f cock on his nest

We congratulate the owners of these 12 gallant pigeon's who made the result in this very difficult race each should be very proud of their achievement.

Duncan Knox
Press Officer