



Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

The 2017 Champion Awards

2017 season saw us with eight Champion Award winners two silver and six bronze. The champion awards are only awarded for channel racing a bronze requiring three qualifying positions silver four and gold five.

As you can imagine these awards are very difficult to win therefore it takes a great pigeon these days to score repeatedly from the Channel and the awards are a fitting reward for these superb birds' efforts.

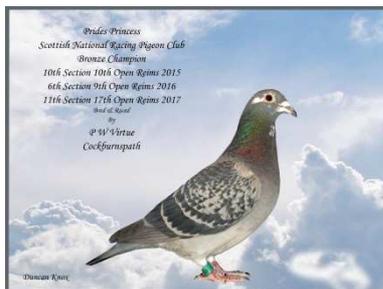
The awards are presented at our annual dinner and presentation night this year held on Saturday the 27th January at our usual venue the Cairn Hotel Bathgate.

The champion awards followed the national race and average winners being presented as senior vice president I had the great honour and pleasure of handing over these prestigious awards, the first to be presented were the six bronze awards the first one went to Peter Virtue of Cockburnspath, what can you say about this truly great fancier that hasn't been said before Peter's record is second to none what a family of pigeons, to win one of the awards is really good going but to take home three bronze and a silver is nothing less than outstanding.

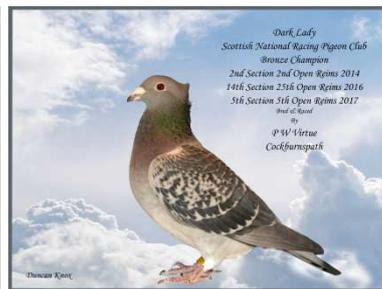


Peter's grandson Brodie receiving the first of their three bronze awards from senior vice president Duncan Knox

Peter's grandson Brodie is destined to follow in his granddads footsteps he is very keen on the birds and has been since a young lad he is always down at the loft I'm sure that before long he will become a very proficient fancier.



Pride's Princess



Dark Lady

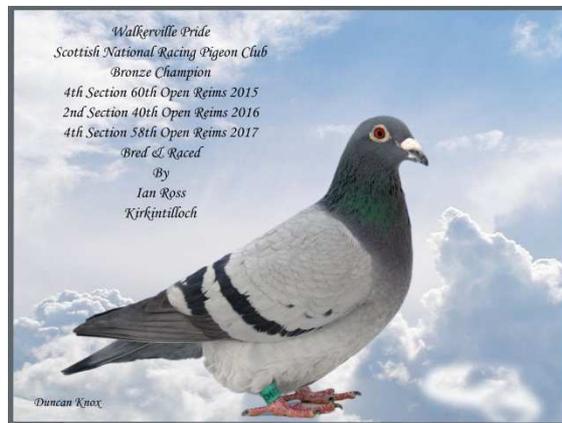


Whitey

The next bronze award went to another great distance fancier Ian Ross of Kirkintilloch, Ian's record from the channel races is exceptional having won section F on many occasions, Ian is only interested in the channel events and concentrates mainly on the Reims national.



Ian Ross receives his bronze award won by his good hen Walkerville Pride

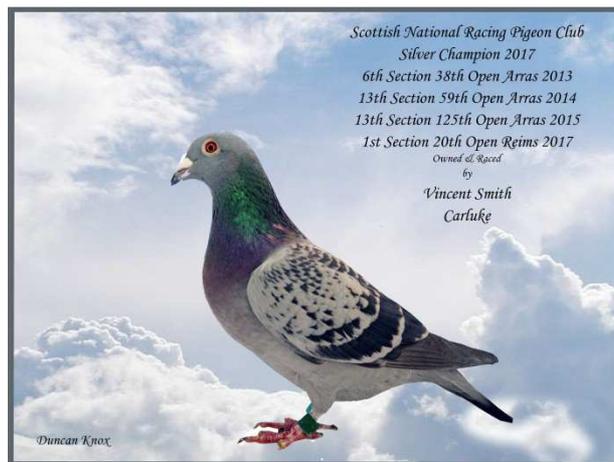


Walkerville Pride

The next award to be presented was the first of the silver awards this went to Carlukes Vincent Smith what a tremendous season Vincent has had he has virtually dominated section E this season with some excellent performances.

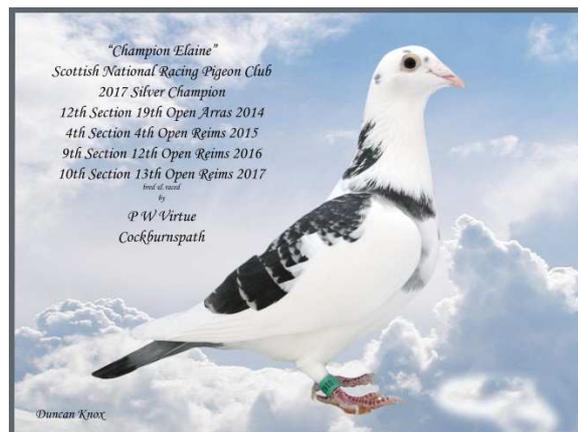


Vincent Smith of Carluke Silver Champion Award Winner



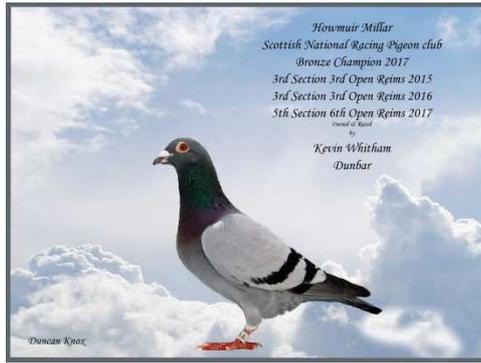
Vincent Smith's Silver Champion

Peter Virtues turn again this time to receive a silver award for the performances of his great racing hen *Champion Elaine*; this very consistent hen has 4 open positions in the top twenty

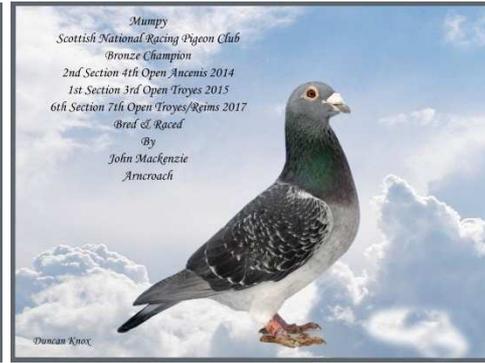


Champion Elaine

The two other bronze champions for 2017 were both top quality pigeons one is John Mackenzie's great long distance dark cock *Mumpy* what a tremendous record he has in the long events he surely must be one of the best extreme distance cocks in Europe at this present time. Unfortunately John could not be present to receive his award. The other is an equally great performance pigeon Kevin Whitham's *Howmuir Miller*, twice 3rd open and a 6th open from Reims.



Howmuir Millar



Mumpy



Peter Virtue with his silver award

The final presentation of the evening was the RPRC Cumbria Region Awards; RPRC President Les Blacklock gave a brief speech before presenting our own President John McFall with his award



RPR President Les Blacklock presents John McFall with his RPR Cumbria award

Les and Merle have been regular attendants at our function and have only missed one SNRPC Presentation night since 2006 and that was last year when he was representing the RPR at the Pigeon Olympiad in Brussels.

Duncan Knox

Press Officer