



Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Champion Awards Update

2011 saw us progress into our third year of the Champion Awards this follows two highly successful seasons of award winners within our organisation. As a reminder the criteria for the awards are as follows: Bronze Champion three official Open or Section diplomas, silver four, gold five and platinum six.

1. A pigeon must either have won an Open or Section allocated diploma for channel racing. Only 1 in 10 pigeons will receive an allocated diploma towards the awards from Reims or Arras.
2. All pigeons timed in race time from our distance race will receive a diploma but only 1 in 5 will count for the awards.

A member must claim an award in writing to the secretary

It is my pleasure to bring you our latest group of winners to be honoured with these awards.

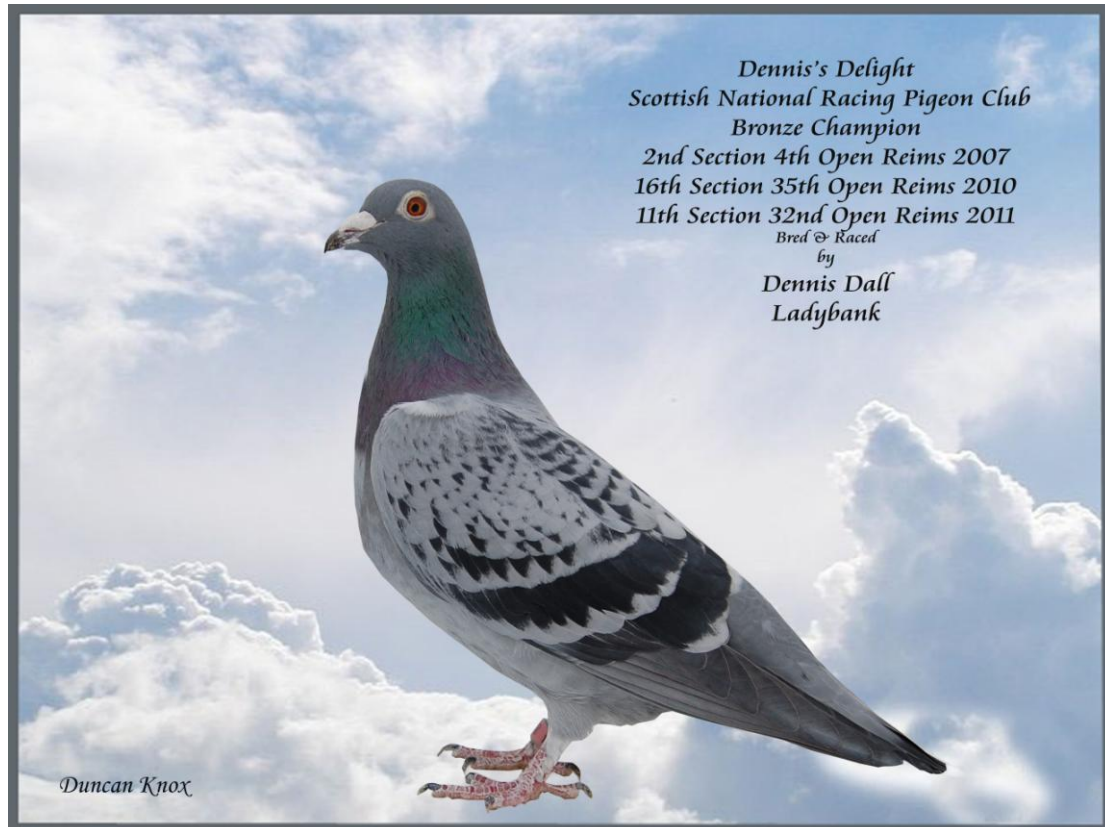
Bronze Champion Dennis Dall Ladybank

Our first member to be honoured with a Bronze is Dennis Dall of Ladybank in Fife with his excellent nine year old chequer hen *Dennis's Delight* she has three great prizes to her name all from Reims some 570 miles in 2007 she was 2nd Section 4th Open in 2010 16th Section 35th Open and in 2011 11th Section 32nd Open.

Her breeding is very interesting her Sire is a pigeon bred by one of the country's top distance lofts, Brian Denney of York, Dennis bought this cock at a sale in Doncaster and he is bred from the best of Brian's extreme distance stock.

On the Dams side her Great Grandsire is a full brother to Rowena Dennis's 1990 1st Open SNFC Noirt 697 miles paired to a Jim Hannah hen, the maternal Great Grandsire is a half brother of Rowena paired to a hen that won good prizes for Dennis from Beauvis Rennes and Nantes.

Dennis and his late father Norman's name will always be revered in British long distance pigeon racing circles such is the impact these men have made in their time in the sport, to attempt to list their successes would be an unfeasible task but to be recognized in this manner by so many top fanciers in the country is an accolade not many will achieve in their lifetime, Dennis should be extremely proud of this fact.



Dennis's Delight

Bronze Champion Peter W Virtue Cockburnspath

The second of our Bronze champions **Tufty** is owned by multi national winner Peter Virtue of Cockburnspath
He is a lovely five year old Chec Pied cock, he is a particular favourite of mine in Peter's loft, bred in the purple he has three top positions which earned him this Bronze Award:
9th Section 12th Open Lillers 2009, 6th Section 34th Open Reims 2010 and again 6th Section 13th Open Reims 2011.
He is part Jan Aarden and prominently displays one of the characteristics of the strain which appears from time to time notably the tuft or Kuif on the head, (hence the name). He is a great pigeon in the hand and has that beautiful rich Aarden eye that Jan Aarden enthusiasts all over will

recognise as another trait of this wonderful strain of long distance racing pigeons.



Tufty

Bronze Champion Gary Hall Thornton

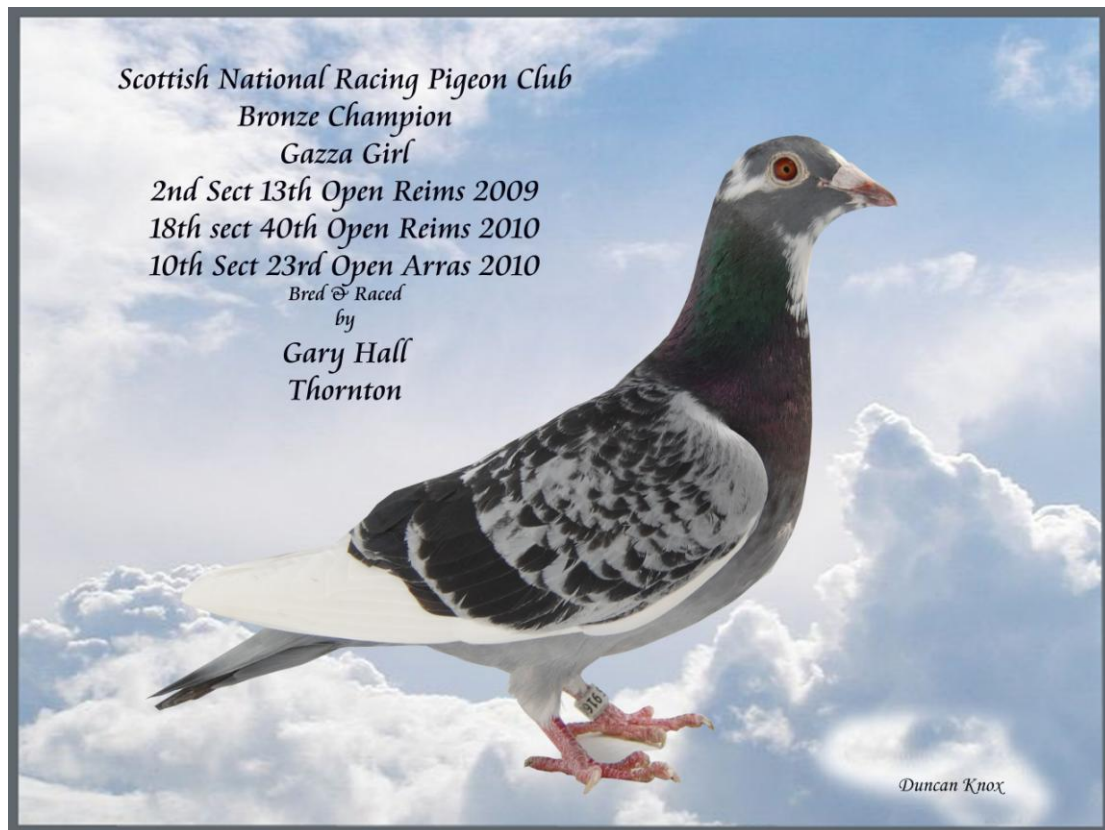
The third Bronze Champion to be honoured belongs to one of Fife's best fanciers in recent years Gary Hall of Thornton. In footballing terms Gary would certainly be in the "Big Four" of the Premier League, his record of performances in distance racing are exceptional and I believe not had the recognition he deserves, Gary is a quiet kind of guy who never blows his own trumpet, but one can't argue with facts and the plain facts here are that this is a current winning loft of distinctive quality and has been for the past few seasons.

Gary's Bronze Champion is a nice Chec pied hen named ***Gazza Girl***

Her Bronze winning performances are:

2nd Section 13th Open Reims 2009. 18th Section 40th Open Reims 2010.

10th Section 23rd Open Arras 2010.

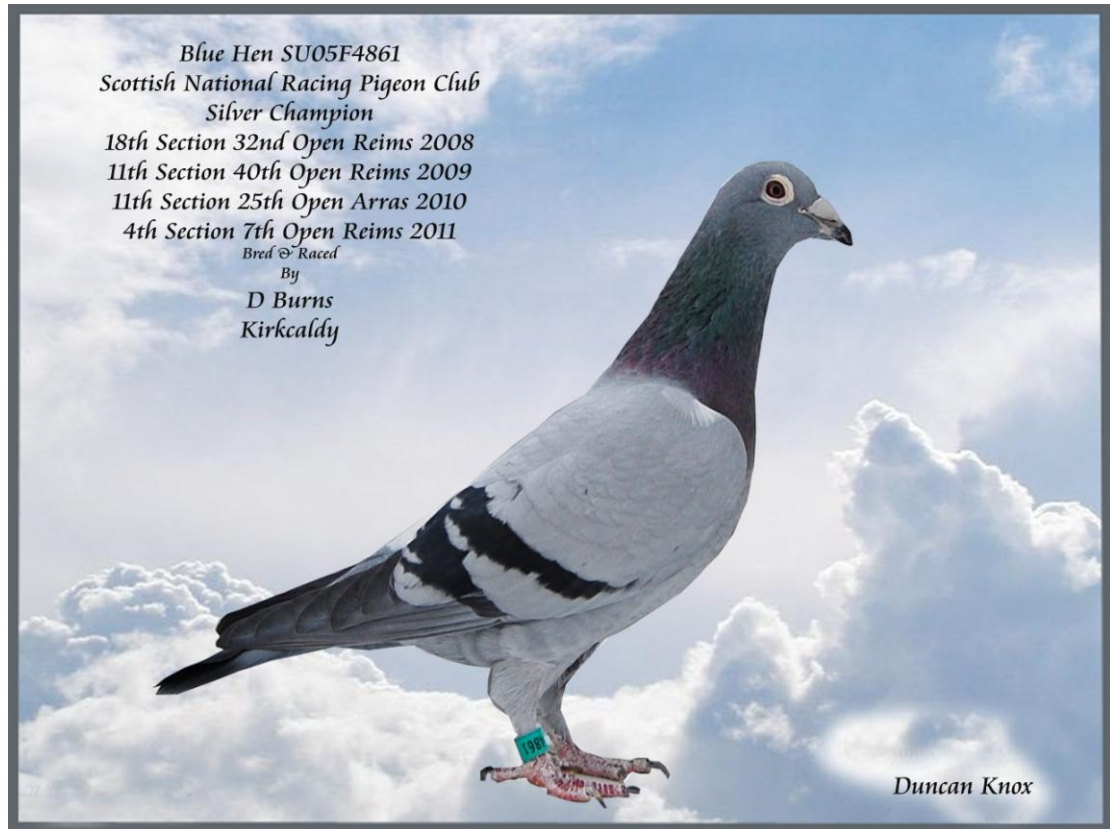


Silver Champion Davy Burns Kirkcaldy

Davy is another of the Kingdom of Fife's top fanciers whose record speaks for itself, a past National winner from Fontenay and extreme distance and section average winner 2011 and not only that he is a very experienced and consistent channel flyer.

Davy's very neat back garden loft is full of excellent local distance racing bloodlines.

The silver Champion is bred down from pigeons Dave got from the late great Dennis Dall of Ladybank Fife, the Dall pigeons have certainly left their mark in long distance racing all over the UK.



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