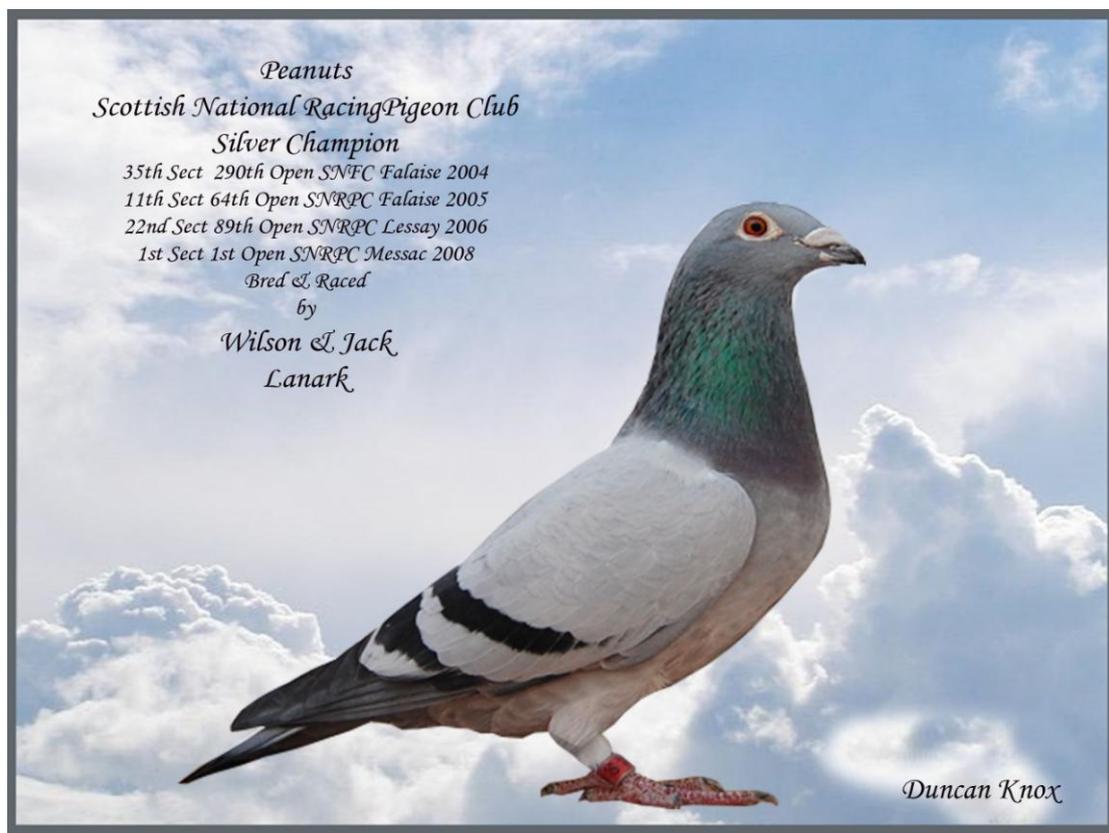


CHAMPIONS OF THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL RACING PIGEON CLUB

For our 5th report we have another top partnership this time from Lanark in the West of Scotland. Robert Wilson and Davy Jack have been a successful partnership for 20 years flying under the well known partnership name of Wilson & Jack. The partnership are members of the Kirkfieldbank racing pigeon club where they have some serious competition to contend with not only in club racing but at the long distance.

ROBERT WILSON & DAVY JACK OF 3 SMYLLUM PARK LANARK WINNERS OF A SNRPC SILVER CHAMPION AWARD 2010

SNRPC SILVER CHAMPION PEANUTS



This is a lovely blue hen, a great handling pigeon, good of body feather and a nice eye, now at 8 years old she handles and looks like a 3 year old and that was how old she was on her first time over the channel in 2004 when she flew with the SNFC from Falaise at 498 miles, winning 290th open competing with 3025 pigeons, she was also 35th in section E. In 2005 as a 4 year old she was sent to Falaise with the SNRPC flying 492 miles and won 64th open and 11th section E competing with 908 entries in the open and 207 in section E. In 2006 Peanuts was sent to Lessay with the SNRPC, the distance was 455 miles and she won 89th open and 22nd section E flying against 1106 open entries and 272 in the section. In 2008 now 7 years old the partnership put her to Messac with the SNRPC the distance to their loft being 549 miles this gallant blue hen peanuts won a fantastic 1st open and 1st section E the SNRPC birds were transported and liberated with the MNFC at 6.25 am with a light southerly wind, the partnerships good blue hen was timed at 7.04 pm with a velocity of 1272 the weather

conditions from the borders being driving rain and dull not at all the best conditions for racing pigeons. It is worth mentioning that Peanuts in 2007 was also flown from Portsmouth this race point being flown due the bird flu as no French racing was allowed the distance just under 400 miles she was timed in the early morning, The name peanuts was given because she has an avid appetite for peanuts which are normally fed to their channel candidates. The following racing history is worth noting. As a young bird she was given 5 races, as a yearling 4 races to 340 miles, as a 2 year old 5 races to 340 miles then the SNFC open Falaise, then prior to the SNRPC Falaise in 2005 she had 5 races to 340 miles, before Lessay as 5 year old she only flew 2 races to 230 miles and before wining 1st open from Messac she had 4 races to 340 miles the SNRPC Wanstead flats open in which she was timed and on the sheet., This hard working special blue hen Peanuts has now been retired to stock.



The partnerships loft is an old stone built lean to, situated down a fairly steep hill at the back of the old Glenmuir knitwear factory which was originally McDougals the Dyers where Roberts dad worked also Davies Joinery business was attached to this property and the reason Robert and he met. The views from the front of the loft across part of the Clyde Valley towards New Lanark are quite something and one can imagine the birds racing across this valley to finish in racing.

Robert Wilson started racing pigeons in 1952 in partnership with his Dad flying as J Wilson and son Robert has with his dad the distinction of winning 1st open Rennes with the SNFC in 1960 with a 4 year old blue chequer hen named Linville supreme this really is quite an achievement and was won in the same loft that the current partnership fly to now. Davy Jack also kept racing pigeons back in his school days but started again when they formed the present partnership, Robert stresses that Davy during their 20 years in partnership has been a very integral part of the successes they have achieved in that time in club, federation and National racing with there most

memorable achievement until now being 22nd open and 1st west section from Sartilly in 1990 with the SNFC.

They winter some 50 to 60 old birds and keep only a few stock birds breeding about 45 young birds for racing and a few late breeds mainly for the sales. Whilst Duncan and I were at the loft we handled a couple of their current distance winners namely a 3 year old Chequer hen that was 7th open and 3rd section E from Reims in 2009 and a 4 year old blue hen that had been 20th open and 3rd section E from Arras in 2008. The loft though built of stone and slate is dry and roomy with the birds being kept on a form of deep litter it acts as a form of insulation in the colder weather keeping the birds looking in great condition. With the standard of their pigeons and their continued current performances and the partnerships dedication to their birds I am sure it will not too long before they win another SNRPC Champion award

The Partnerships dedication to their pigeons and to distance racing is only too apparent as the lofts are some distance from both their homes plus being situated on a steep slope and they have no running water at the lofts every single drop must be transported by hand in a large plastic drum regularly. As I am writing this report we have just had the most horrendous 10 days of snow ice and hard frosts and the thought of Robert and Davy struggling down that steep path with water every day emptying frozen drinkers is most certainly a chore that many fanciers could not contend with.

The SNRPC president and the committee congratulate Wilson & Jack in on their SNRPC Silver Champion Peanuts and to their continued support of the SNRPC.

Duncan Knox & Ian M Brown.