

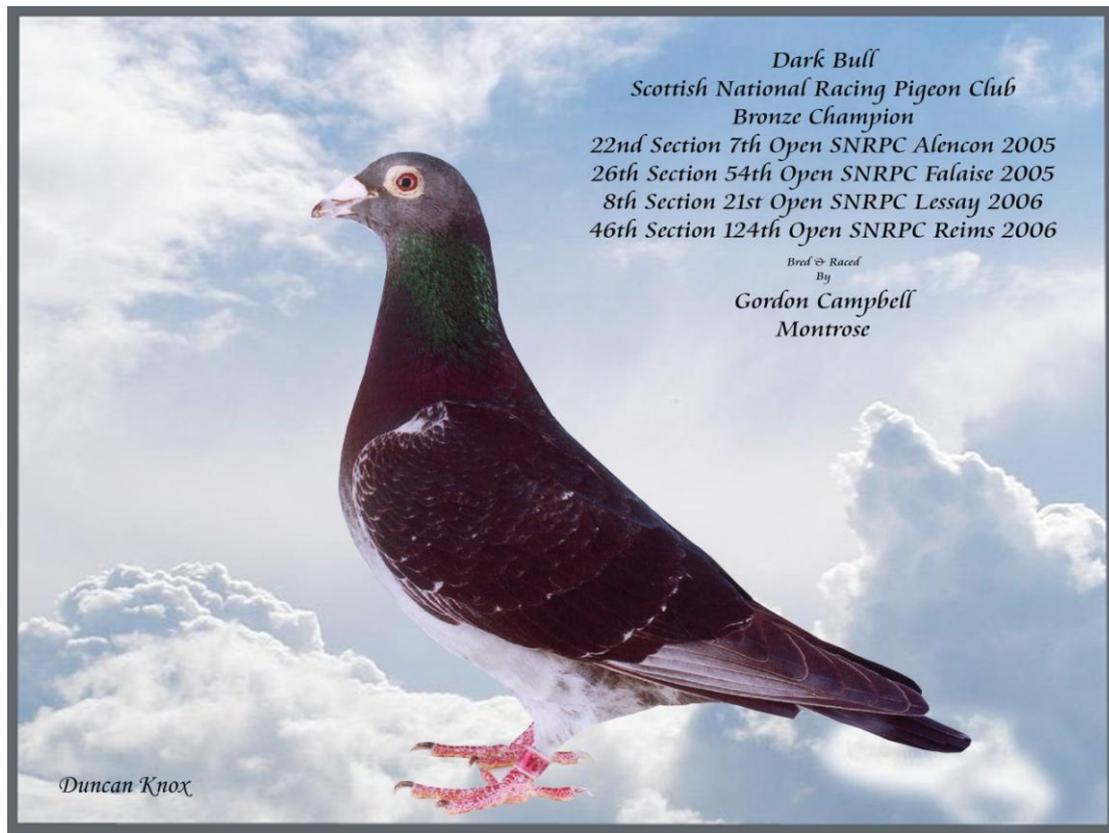
CHAMPIONS OF THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL RACING PIGEON CLUB
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GORDON CAMPBELL OF GLENOQUIL STREET MONTROSE ANGUS
WINNER OF SNRPC BRONZE CHAMPION AWARD

SNRPC Bronze Champion Dark Bull

With only 3 more reports to go I am coming to the end of what I hope will have been a small insight into the special performances of a number of dedicated long distance SNRPC members all of whom are now part of the SNRPC Champion Awards a special recognition of their pigeons performances and their dedication to our recreation of long distance racing pigeons, I have a special pleasure in writing about Gordon Campbell maybe because of being an ex pat Aberdonian, I may have secret sympathies with the longer distances flown to the North and North East or I find Gordon has this quiet confidence and sincerity required to race and win with pigeons at the long distance (which I have found to be the only constant of all successful winning distance pigeon people).

Owned by Gordon Campbell Glenoquil street Montrose Angus



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This dark chequer cock is a handsome long distance racing pigeon looks right, handles right and has been proved right by winning an SNRPC Bronze Champion award. On our visit to this small but very successful distance racing pigeon loft in Montrose Angus we saw this pigeon's progeny grace this fancier's loft and hope the following confirms the reason why.

This good dark cock was bred in 2001 and first won at the distance from Alencon in 2005 at 4 years old flying 582 miles winning 77th open and 22nd in section C this was one of the first distance races the SNRPC flew and Gordons Bronze champion was competing against 762 entries in the open with 220 in section C. Dark Bulls next win was again in 2005 and was from Falaise a distance of 550 miles, in this race he was competing against 908 entries in the open and 329 in the section and it really says something about this pigeon flying 1132 miles from France in the two races within 3 weeks of each other and being on the open and section results both times this time from falaise being 54th open and 26th in the section a very good performance. The third distance win was in 2006 and was from Lessay this was a very hard race with birds having to face a 30 miles per hour north wind mainly over the channel with many good pigeons struggling to home. Competing with 1106 entries in the open and 382 in the section this champion pigeon won 21st Open and 8th in section C at around 500 miles this was a very good performance especially after he had just flown Reims 3 weeks prior a distance of 584 miles placed 124th on the sheet and 46th in section C still a creditable effort but sadly cannot count for the champion awards for reference there were 532 entries at Reims and 139 in the section. In 2006 he was also placed in the Newbury race flying in excess of 350 miles. It must also be recorded that prior to 2005 he had an exceptional record in club flying at various distances out to 550 miles and during the rest of his flying life.

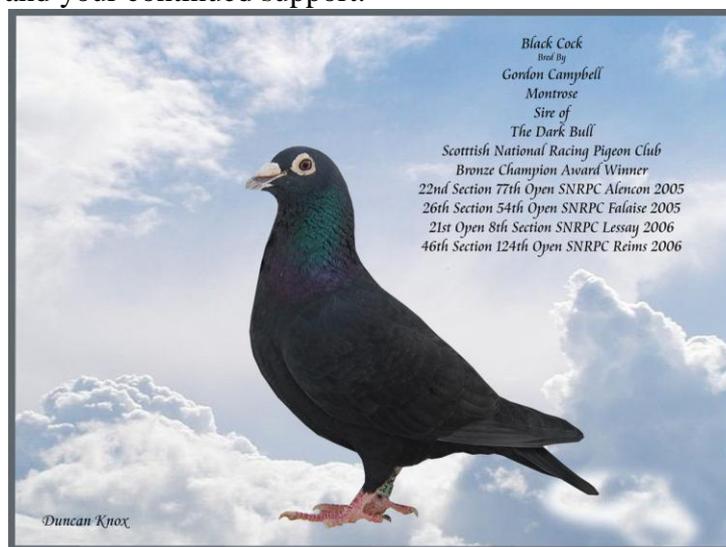


Gordons lofts are situated at the bottom of his very well kept garden at the rear of his his semi detached house they are neat and tidy having a racing and breeding section a

young bird section and a small stock loft, he winters some 22 pairs of birds including stock birds. His 30 or so young birds are usually raced the club programme and are not on darkness, his old birds are flown on the natural system though he did try widowhood during 2004. His Birds are mainly from local sources though when he moved to Montrose from the Lanark area he brought some pigeons with him, at the moment he has birds from local flyer and friend Jock Robertson this blood being mainly Krauth and Busshaert which he has interbred with his original birds from Lanark and other local interesting introductions, in fact Stuart Bowman wrote a article which highlights in good detail Gordons pigeons and his methods this appeared in the BHW in May the 26th 2006.

Gordon is a family man and his wife Jean fully supports Gordon in his hobby of pigeon racing they have 2 daughters and three grand children who often help in scraping out and his work as a fire technician within the Oil Industry which is now a major part of Montrose Industry has fairly normal hours allowing him time to see to the birds welfare. His introduction to racing was through his Father in the 60s in Lanark also his Brother Brian he himself started to keep the pigeons in 1985 in Lanark before moving to Montrose.

He enjoys racing at all levels and being a member of the Montrose club which has some 12 members he takes his share of the tickets, but he has a preference for the distance and loves to wait on his arrivals from the longer races. Feeding is a normal Mixture with some whole peanuts fed leading up to the long races, Training with young birds is from Tayport and for the distance is the club racing and something that I have not been to for ages he likes is a pigeon show. I would thank Jean and Gordon for their hospitality to Duncan and I, we both felt that here was what pigeon racing as a recreation and hobby was all about, the SNRPC committee congratulate you on your Bronze award and your continued support.



Sire of the Dark Bull

SNRPC CHAMPION AWARDS

It is without doubt a pleasure for Duncan and I to be able to highlight the performances of the SNRPC members through the SNRPC Champion awards. At this moment in time, from the first sixteen, we have three remaining to report on and now we have a further five awards two of which have moved up from Bronze champions to Silver champions and as of to date a further 3 one of which has moved from a silver

champion to Gold. We are still hoping for a Platinum Champion, six times from 500 miles plus and on the official result.

The SNRPC though not a large organisation wishes to recognise the special performances of its individual club members at the distance through its champion awards by their pigeon's ability to fly the distance in a competitive race time and win more than once. We would encourage any member who thinks that he may have a pigeon that qualifies to send photo copies of your diplomas to myself Ian M Brown Hillsviepw Powmill near Dollar Clackmannanshire FK14 7NP or to Duncan Knox 3 Latch Road Dunbar EH42 1LZ so we can verify an award.

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