

CHAMPIONS OF THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL RACING PIGEON CLUB
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We now come to report number 9 with another West of Scotland fancier who comes to the fore in all types of distance racing, Ian Ross of Kirkintilloch. Ian is a dedicated racing pigeon enthusiast who supports the SNRPC and distance pigeon racing into Scotland. He has been a member of the SNRPC committee since the beginning and a convenor for the west section marking, at the same time he has had some outstanding positions in distance racing, now and over the years.

Ian Ross of 108 Loch Road Kirkintilloch Glasgow G66 3EA
Winner of SNRPC Bronze Champion award

SNRPC Bronze Champion Walkerville Lass



Walkerville Lass.

At the time of visiting Ian, his hen was 6 years old and had been subjected the year previously to a major hawk attack and was now retired to stock. Her first time across was in 2005 as a 2 year old and to Alencon with the SNRPC our first premier gold medal race winning a very creditable 17th open from 762 entries and 1st section F with 65 entries and 1st in the western area with 265 entries flying 548 miles. In 2006 as a 3 year old she won 53rd open and 5th section F competing in the open with 532 entries and 49 section entries the distance this time was 577 miles and she was timed late at night on the day being one of 44 day pigeons from our first Reims gold medal race. In 2007 as a 4 year old she went to Tours and our convoy was liberated along with 4000 entries from the Midlands National Flying club the distance to Ian was 627 miles and Walkerville lass achieved 23rd open with the SNRPC and 1st section F there were 109

open entries in the SNRPC and 10 in the section. If it had not been for the hawk attack one will never know what else she may have been capable of, at this moment in time Ian has one son and 2 grand daughters from her in the loft with a number of her progeny presented to the SNRPC young bird sales. The sire of Walkerville lass was a gift cock presented to Ian from the Carlin Brothers Kibarchan, the Carlin brothers bought this pigeon as a young bird from J & T Barnet and Daughter of Telford and was 10 years old when given to Ian, the blood lines of this pigeon were Cyril Ball of Telford. The Dam of Walkerville lass was from a pigeon with similar blood lines that Ian bought from J & T Barnet and Daughter of Telford.



Ian Ross

Ian Ross was born in the Kirkintilloch area and grew up there. He was interested in racing pigeons whilst still at school at the Lenzie Academy when aged 12. During the early 70s he was in partnership with his brother Alan, in that period his most memorable win was winning 129th open from Rennes in the SNFC. Alan still races the pigeons but on his own, in fact just a couple of doors away from his brother. Ian is married with 3 grown up daughters and his wife Betty is in the nursing profession, Ian at the present moment is a medical technician originally he was involved with supplying medical equipment for the NHS. When Ian and Betty married they lived for some time in Tullibody a small town close to Stirling and during that period he did have racing pigeons but due to the pressures of his employment could not fly from the distance On moving back to their present address he set up his current lofts and has had regular success from the 80s at the distance year in and year out right up to the present date.



Ian holding Walkerville Lass

Ians Loft complex at Loch Road is situated at the bottom of his garden and consist of a stock loft a young bird loft and his main racing loft all are connected. He winters around 40 pair of stock birds and racers and each year breeds around 50 to 60 young birds. At one time he used to train hard but time and cost made it very prohibitive and now prefers to use the club and federation racing to prepare his candidates for the distance even though he does sometime flag his birds, Ian sends his distance candidates most times sitting 11 days eggs but not every time. Feeding is a general mix like a good all-round and he treats the birds with a few peanuts when going to the distance. Though Wakerville lass is bred from the Carlin brother's gift cock through J &T Barnet and daughter blood lines. Ian has other distance families in his lofts, Billy Jameison of Annan, Blacks of Dromore Notheren Ireland, Jock Allan of Symington and Wilf Flochart Tranent, all well known long distance Fanciers. In the last three years Ian has won the following positions in the SNRPC. 2008 55th open Reims 4th section F. 2009, 12th open and 56th open Reims 1st and 5th section F also 9th open Andrezel 1st section F in 2010 he was 22nd open Reims and 1st section F and 7th open Tours and 1st section F this is very good long distance flying in any mans language. At the AGM in 2011 Ian was elected Junior Vice president of the SNRPC and prior to that he was a member of the committee Ian also helps to run the Muirhead marking station without doubt a dedicated pigeon person and manages in his busy life to win into the bargain. The officials and the committee of the SNRPC congratulate you on your Champion Bronze award.