

# Ian Brown

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It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I write these few words. I was informed today that our dear friend Ian Brown had passed away in Perth hospital aged 87. Although Ian had not been in the best of health these last few months it came as a great shock to hear of his passing. Born in Aderdeen Ian was a top class chef, hotelier and restaurateur in his day he and his wife Audrey were probably best known for their time as owners of the exclusive Auchterarder House hotel once a striking Victorian manor house, they entertained many high profile guests probably the most famous was Ronald Regan the former USA President. Ian was also known as an accomplished pianist and was a keen golfer in his day he also wrote articles for the Racing Pigeon Gazette under the name of Pa Broon. As lifelong pigeon fancier Ian was linked with many of the great Scottish fanciers through the years and could relate many a tale of times gone bye, Ian sadly decided to retire from the sport a couple of years ago as it was becoming too much for him due to his failing health so he reluctantly parted with his beloved birds. He was a past president

and founder member of the Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club which was very dear to his heart. He was partly instrumental in the formation of the SNRPC Champion Awards in the early years of the club; he and I spent many a happy hour visiting the winners of these prestigious awards. Ian was quite a character always up for a lively debate but always a true gentleman; he will be greatly missed by all who knew him especially his close friends in the pigeon world. To Audrey and the family we send our heartfelt condolences at this very sad time.