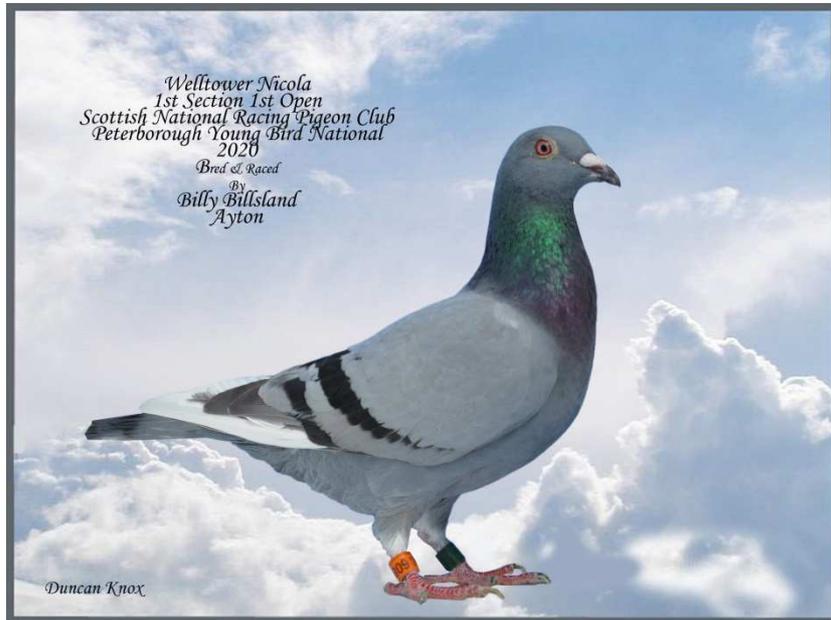




Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Peterborough Young Bird National

The final event of the season the Peterborough Young Bird National got underway on Saturday 5th September when convoyer Mathew Boyle released the birds at 8am into a light West wind, conditions were favourable for a good race although the winds were quite blustery in some areas but it was a good flying day with some cloud cover up through the country. This year we had 361 birds entered 61 down on last year which was to be expected considering the very heavy losses most fanciers have been experiencing. The 1st and 2nd open winners were timed by Billy Bilsland at Ayton, once again Billy turned in an exceptional performance with 14 of his 15 entries in the clock the last one timed at 14.49. No one who knows Billy well would grudge him this success when you consider the amount of work and effort he puts in each year with his birds this combined with excellent stock sense makes him quite a formidable competitor. This latest win will be his 11th first national win with both the Scottish National Flying Club and the Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club a phenomenal achievement. His winner this time is a nice blue white flight hen home bred her sire is from Billy's Vandenabeele bloodlines and her dam is a daughter of his old red stock cock who is responsible for breeding two national winners plus many other national prize winners the 2nd open pigeon is a Chec white flite cock his sire is Vandenabellele and the dam Battenberg V D Merne lines. Once Billy's young birds are weaned they have an open loft and are trained 3 times a week from 40 miles around three weeks before the nationals they are split and them put on roundabout they were also put on darkness in March. They had Wetherby 140 miles Worksop 180 miles and Oakham which is 227 miles, Oakham turned out to be a hard race with the birds facing a northerly head wind.



Welltower Nicola 1st Open Peterborough Young Bird National



1st & 2nd Open Billy Bilsland Ayton

Third open I'm very proud to say is my brother James Knox he timed his chequer hen at 14.21 to take the 3rd section 3rd open position, both the sire and dam of his winner was bred by his good friend David Fisher of Ipswich, David had his loft in the next allotment to James at one time before moving back down south again. The sire is from Rob Wood of Doncaster and the dam from Darren McFadden's inbred grizzle family. James's hen won the hard Dunbar Castle FC

Wakefied race the week prior to the national on 1004. She was raced on darkness and like the rest of his young bird team was in fantastic condition going to the national. All his 3 entries were clocked scoring 3rd, 63rd and 124th open. James has an excellent record in the young bird national having won 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th and 10th open in the past.



James Knox of Dunbar with his 3rd open hen

1st Section C, William Hay Methil Fife



William Hay of Methil Fife 1st section C

The section winner is bred from Williams Andre Clement family the sire being bred by Andre Clement himself, the dam is a daughter of Williams 2008 Leicester young bird national winner. This hen went to all race points and was privately trained the week following Peterborough she was sent back to the SNFC Young bird national Huntingdon and won 2nd section 35th open, an excellent performance by this young hen.

2nd & 3rd Section C, Macaulay Ferguson & Curran, Forfar

The partnerships 2nd section pigeon is a blue Roland Janssen cock he flew most of the federation races topping the fed from Ripon the week prior to the Peterborough national he is bred from a 12 year old cock and an 8 year old hen from Jim Currans original Roland Janssen colony as Gavin says it doesn't matter the age if the blood is right. Their 3rd Section winner is a dark Chec cock bred in the stock loft from their Wilf Reed lines, he flew most of the federation races this year and was raced on the roundabout system. Gavin would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Curran for providing him with some fantastic birds over the past few years and also Davy Liddle for all his help he has provided especially this year. Sadly this will be Gavin's last season racing as he has to give up the birds due to health issues but he would like to wish all fanciers good luck for the future.

1st Section D Robert Hamilton Cambus



Robert Hamilton Cambus with his section D winner

What a tremendous season Robert has had this latest section win is the second time in succession that he has won section D from the young bird national and his 3rd section win this year by also winning from Hazebrouck and Arras. The 1st section winner a chec pied hen was bred from a blue cock he had on loan from his good friend John Mulhearn he is a Jan Aarden purchased from Louella lofts, as John wasn't having much success with him they decided to try him with one of Roberts Geoff Kirkland stock hens, he flew every federation race and was very consistent he won 1st club 4th fed from Ripon which was a very hard race she landed with 3 loft mate and was in excellent condition. Her dam is bred from Roberts No1 stock pair which has produced numerous pigeons to win from 300 – 600 miles, she was raced to the perch and had just thrown her 4th flight on the day of basketing. Undoubtedly Robert is one of the best national flyers in Scotland flying into quite an unfavourable part of the country.

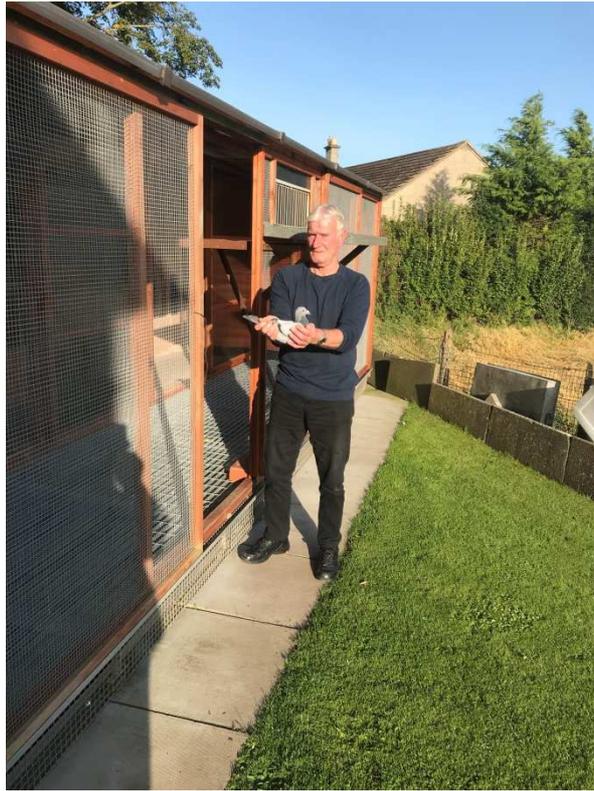
2nd Section D Ian Bennett East Calder



Ian Bennett of East Calder with his 2nd section D winner

Ian's blue cock took the second section position flying 265 miles into East Calder, he was bred from a pair of late bred he got from Mick and Julie Currie of Moffat 2 years ago this was the first round bred off them. He flew consistently throughout the season and was his second timer from Wakefield the race before the national.

3rd Section D Mr & Mrs Forrest Newbridge



Ally Forrest 3rd section D

Ally and Jo's 3rd section winner as bred by Lee Blyth of South Sheilds, his sire is a son of 3rd open UNC Bourges and the dam a M&D Evans cross daughter of 4th UNC Bourges. The 3rd section blue cock flew the full Central fed programme to Wakefield before going to the national.

1st & 2nd Section E Geddes Hillis & McGuiness Hareshaw



Gordon Geddes left with friend Willie Gas with the 1st & 2nd section F winners

Gordon is pictured with good friend Willie Gas, the other two members of the partnership are camera shy, Willie is holding the mealy hen section winner Gordon holding the 2nd section bird the breeding of these birds are what Gordon calls his Jock strain the mealy section winner 's sire was bred by Andrew Bertrham of Pathead crossed with their Jock pigeons so called because they are a blend of pigeons from Jock McNeil Broxburn, Jock Ellis Dundee ,Jock Alston Ravenstruther and Jock Duthie of Dundee hence the Jock strain. This line of breeding was also responsible for their Ancenis national winner of 2014.Both these pigeons only had two races prior to going to Peterborough which was Dunbar and Catterick. They were raced on the darkness.

3rd Section E Graham Brothers Carluke

Andy clocked his dark Jan Aarden hen to maintain his excellent record in section E. He purchased her parents from Louella Lofts last year, she had all races up to Catterick approximately 130 miles then she was jumped into Peterborough 264 miles.



Graham Brothers 3rd section E winner

1st Section F Ian Lowe Gartcosh



Ian Lowe Gartcosh 1st section F

Ian's chec hen is bred down from birds from Tom McEwan of Elphinstone and feature a 5th open SNFC Alencon on both sides. They are De Weerd through Mark Gilbert of Windsor. Raced on the darkness they had 3 x 10 mile training tosses then exercised round the loft twice a day, Ian's hen had all the federation races.

SNRPC News

(Phone In Sale)

The President and management committee would like to say a huge thank you to all donors and purchasers at our recent phone in sale which was a tremendous success. We wish all purchasers the best of luck with their new acquisitions.

(Averages and Trophies)

Due to the unusual circumstances thrust upon us this season certain averages and trophies will not be awarded the ones that can be awarded are as follows:

Overall Average(Billericay,Hazebrouck and Arras) **Section Averages:** as above. **John Ellis Trophy:** Average from Hazebrouck & Arras. **Friendship Trophy:** average Billericay, Hazebrouck, Arras, Peterborough. **Champion Award and Arras Ace Pigeon** Claims to be with the secretary by 16th October. All 1st open winners will receive a silver medal and section winners a bronze

The following will not be awarded: **The Gold Medal, Extreme Distance Average, John Trail Trophy and the Joe Bowman Trophy.**