



## *Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club*

### *2021 Yearling National*

The yearling national is always a very popular event for our members it is traditionally flow in conjunction with the Arras national our last old bird national of the season, unfortunately this year due to restrictions racing from France the Arras race point was substituted by the West Sussex seaside town of Littlehampton.



*From the race point to the winners loft 398 miles.*

The race got under way at 6am when convoyer Matt Boyle liberated the 735 pigeons, there was no wind reported at the race point.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Yearling National David Wilson Balmullo Fife**

### **Blue Hen GB20S01936**

The winner of the 2021 Yearling National was David Wilson of Balmullo North fife. Balmullo is situated north of St Andrews the Fife town famous for its university and golf course. From the race point at Littlehampton to David's loft in Fife is a total of 398 miles. David's yearling winner was timed at 19.02 on a velocity of 895ypm beating the second placed yearling belonging to Broxburn's Peter Keogh by 10 yards, the yearling winner also took the 7<sup>th</sup> open position in the main race an excellent performance all round. Regarding her breeding on the sires side her grandsire is from GWP McAloney and the g/dam from a son of the late Tom Currie of Cupar's SNRPC Reims Gold Medal winner JJ. On the dams side she was a gift bird from Terry Turpie of Pitlessie from his D Black & Son of Drumore lines. The Yearling winner flew all races up to Ripon as a youngster This year she flew Kettering open race then tossed at Berwick the week before Littlehampton, she was sent sitting 16 days.

David has led a very interesting life away from pigeons a blacksmith/ Farrier to trade and is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation of the family in the profession, he won the world Farrier Champion in Calgary Canada in 1985, following this win he toured Europe and Canada judging and demonstrating his skills he has also toured Australia 4 times. I thoroughly enjoyed my chat with David who is a very interesting gentleman and I look forward to visiting him in the future to photograph his winner.



*The 2021 Yearling National Winner for David Wilson of Balmullo*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Peter Keogh Broxburn**

**Chec White Flight Cock SU20CA299**



*Peter Keogh with his 2<sup>nd</sup> placed yearling cock*

This one is bred in the purple from a Peter Virtue stock cock who's sire won 2<sup>nd</sup> open Arras, 20<sup>th</sup>, 64<sup>th</sup>, 46<sup>th</sup> open Reims winning 2<sup>nd</sup> Ace Pigeon award with the SNRPC in 2015. The dam of 299 was a gift to Peter by Alistair Clarkson through his friendship with Robert Cormack of Winchburgh, this hen was bred by Richard Combe of Elphinstone from a Bob McDonald cock and a hen from Richards old family. 299 flew the fed programme up to Ripon 150 miles where he went missing for a fortnight. This season he was paired late and therefore never raised a youngster before being separated he then raced the programme up to SNFC Maidstone which turned out to be a very stiff race where he homed on the second day just out of race time he was rested for 10 days then two 50 ml tosses in preparation for Littlehampton where he did twelve and a half hours on the wing, Peter has hopes of getting him over the Channel next year.

**3<sup>rd</sup> David Crees Birgham Coldstream.**

**Chec Hen NEHU 20BOR1464.**



*David Cree's hen pictured on her return*

David's yearling hen only had one race as a youngster and that was Ripon with the East of Scotland Fed this year she had 4 races with the Scottish Border fed and one from Peterborough with the Up North Combine. Her sire is a red cock bred by Eddie Biggs of Norham (now retired from the sport) he is from his Red Barcelona lines he flew Barcelona Tarbes and Pau before Eddie got him, the dam of 1464 is bred from Davy's Hirsler pair Endurance 1<sup>st</sup> open Reims and Chloe 2<sup>nd</sup> open Reims. (they don't come much better than that)

## **4<sup>th</sup> Billy Bilslund Ayton.**

### **Blue Chec Hen SU20633**

Billy's blue chec hen is a daughter of his 2016 SNFC Young Bird National winner Red cock 1901 paired to one of his very successful Vandeabeele hens, these pigeons have served Billy so well over the last decade. This medium sized hen was raced as all Billy's team on roundabout which he has perfected to suit his management



*Billy Bilslund with his yearling winner*



## **5<sup>th</sup> John Hadfield Blackburn.**

Blue Bar cock SU20AV3100



*John Hadfield with his 5<sup>th</sup> place yearling national winner*

John's blue cock was flown on widowhood and had only 4 races up to Wakefield due to losing his tail in a hawk strike after recovering he went to the Wetherby come back race with the Almond Valley fed 4 weeks before Littlehampton. John was not intending to race him again this season after what happened to him but a week before basketing he was flying 2 to 3 hours each night on his own so he decided to send him. He is a grandson of Mark Gilberts Southfield Supreme and his dam is a half-sister to John's to John's SNFC Ypres section winner.

**6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Robert Hamilton Cambus.**

Blue Bar Hen SU20NW3979.



*Robert Hamilton 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Yearling national*



Robert's blue hen that was 6<sup>th</sup> yearling flew the full programme up to Peterborough as a youngster and was quite consistent this season she had 4 races prior to the Littlehampton national she is another of Robert's Geoff Kirkland lines her sire was 1421 who was 1<sup>st</sup> section 10<sup>th</sup> open SNFC Ypres and also won 1<sup>st</sup> SCC Ypres 2019.

Robert's second pigeon a Chec WF cock is a Jan Aarden introduced as a youngster from his good friend John Mulhearn he also completed the Young bird programme to Peterborough this year he had 5 races prior to the Yearling National. Both Roberts's pigeons were sitting approximately 10 days at basketing.

## **7<sup>th</sup> J Mackenzie Anstruther**

GB20S1847 Blue White Flight Hen



*Jock Mackenzie's blue white flight hen*

Jock's blue white flight hen was his first bird timed from this year's Billericay national winning 29<sup>th</sup> section 66<sup>th</sup> open Jock ended up with 5 out his 7 entries home from this difficult race three of them on the open result. This hen is a

granddaughter of Jock's great old warrior Mumpy who was 2<sup>nd</sup> sect 4<sup>th</sup> open Ancenis, 1<sup>st</sup> sect 3<sup>rd</sup> open Troyes. 6<sup>th</sup> sect 7<sup>th</sup> open Troyes/Reims and 5<sup>th</sup> sect 5<sup>th</sup> open Troyes in his illustrious career. Her Dam is a Blue White Flight hen bought at the Kingdom Sale from Davy Whyte of Cardenden. This hen was unraced as a youngster

## 8<sup>th</sup> B McKenzie Dundee

SU20DF935 Red Chec cock



*Bruce McKenzie's Red cock 935, 8<sup>th</sup> Yearling.*

935 won his first race as a young bird, 1<sup>st</sup> Logie Club 10<sup>th</sup> Fed, his season he was 15<sup>th</sup> Fed Wooler and 12<sup>th</sup> Fed Ripon his last race before the Littlehampton National was Leicester 280 miles. His sire is a grandson of "Red Tornado" 1<sup>st</sup> Open SNFC Cleremont 543 miles and on the dam's side he is bred down from Bruce's great friend the late Joe Hunt's "Cool Hand Luke" winner of seven national diplomas and a silver award.

## **10<sup>th</sup> J McNeil Tranent**

SU20E396 Blue Bar hen



Jim McNeil Tranent's smart little blue hen

Jim's blue hen flying 371 miles and winning 10<sup>th</sup> in the Yearling National is from his Syndicate Lofts "Waarle lines", she is very inbred to Waarle who was the Dutch partnership of Hermans-Hoekstra great racing cock winning 1<sup>st</sup> National Montauban 600 miles flying against 34,827 pigeons. This hen flew the fed programme very consistently all year for Jim.

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