



## *Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club*

### *Huntingdon Old Bird & Yearling National*

Taking into consideration the extreme heat forecast on the English South coast on the 16<sup>th</sup> July the SNRPC Management committee made the decision to change the race point from Brighton to Huntingdon giving the birds a better chance from a shorter distance and also hopefully miss the forecasted severe heat on the South coast. It has been a very poor national racing season all round for most organisations with heavy losses recorded which in turn reflects on the bridge sent to the remaining races, with this in mind we cancelled out Littlehampton race simply because the birds just aren't there to send. With this in mind we decided as we had one race less that we would increase the prize money by an extra £250 with a further £50 to the Yearling National winner. On reflection this seems to have paid off as our members sent a total of 616 birds to Huntingdon. The race got underway on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> July when convoyer Mathew Boyle released them at 6am into a very light west wind.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Section B, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Open, 1<sup>st</sup> Yearling National. P W Virtue Cockburnspath**

What a phenomenal season Peter has had and here he comes up trumps once again with yet another 1<sup>st</sup> National win, his 16<sup>th</sup> in total this must be an all-time record the only fancier I can think of coming close to this achievement is Billy Bilsland of Ayton. The 1<sup>st</sup> open winner is a fairly small to medium cock and when you study his pedigree he is certainly bred for the job, his sire was put in the stock loft after being badly hawked he is a son of "Virtues Pride" 1<sup>st</sup> open Reims, Virtues pride is also an SNRPC Gold Champion having scored 5 times from Reims 536 miles. The Dam is Peter's great champion "The Wee Sprinter" she has scored in 8 nationals including twice 2nd open; she was bred by Peter's friend Mike Staddon. The second open winner is a two year old hen she was

Peters 4<sup>th</sup> timer from the Billericay national winning 34<sup>th</sup> open she has previously scored several times in club and fed, her sire was 11<sup>th</sup> open in Huntingdon he is a son of “Double Top” 1<sup>st</sup> Burbure and 1<sup>st</sup> Reims, her dam was 2<sup>nd</sup> open Reims 2019 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Reims 2018. “Double Top” is a grandson of Virtues Pride. The 2<sup>nd</sup> open’s dam is a granddaughter of “Treble Gold” 1<sup>st</sup> Open Reims 2016 Treble Gold is also a son of Virtues Pride



*Peter Virtue with his latest national winner*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Section B 3<sup>rd</sup> Open Duncan Knox Dunbar**

My 3<sup>rd</sup> open winner is a yearling blue Busschaert cock his sire and dam were both bred by my late good friend Eddie Briggs of Norham and were gifted to me when Eddie had to give the sport up through poor health. Eddie sadly passed away last year, he would have been delighted with their performance. They were bred from the best Jimmy Bambling North East Busschaert lines. 14623 was raced celibate had every race up to Kettering and was always in the first 5 home to the loft, he had one training toss to Morpeth the week before Huntingdon which turned out to be quite a difficult toss 14623 and his brother were my first two home arriving together.



*Duncan Knox with his 3<sup>rd</sup> Open winner "Briggsy"*

**1<sup>st</sup> Section C 16<sup>th</sup> Open J D Armour Leven**



Dyke's 2 year old cheq hen was flow on roundabout her positions won this season she flew all kingdom fed races, she has raced very well this season winning 5<sup>th</sup> club 5<sup>th</sup> fed Alnwick 1, 1<sup>st</sup> club 1<sup>st</sup> fed Alnwick 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> club 2<sup>nd</sup> fed Kingdom open Rotherham, 6<sup>th</sup> club 9<sup>th</sup> fed Alnwick3 and 1<sup>st</sup> club Kettering before winning the section from Huntingdon. Both parents were bred by Dykes good friend Rod Sparkes: Wild Boy x Darcy May. Reggie x White Cheeks bloodlines. Dyke feeds Versele Laga and gold bird supplements.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Section C 17<sup>th</sup> Open J Wiseman Dundee**

Johns 2<sup>nd</sup> section winner is a yearling chec white flight cock who also won 1st Grampian Combine, he was raced on the roundabout his sire is a direct son of Martin De Poorter of Sluis Netherland's New Rainman the dam is from Popeye bred by Woodruffe Brothers Sunderland John purchased her at John Duthie's sale.



*2<sup>nd</sup> Section C 17<sup>th</sup> Open John Wiseman Dundee*

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Section C 19<sup>th</sup> Open C&G Cameron Arbroath**



*Siobhan and Paloma Cameron, Glen's daughters with the 3<sup>rd</sup> section winner.*

Charlie and Glen are another loft having a great season at Billericay on 18<sup>th</sup> June they were 3<sup>rd</sup> section 5<sup>th</sup> open at Eastbourne they were 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> section, and now 3<sup>rd</sup> section. Their winner this time is a yearling flown on roundabout he was previously 10<sup>th</sup> section 40<sup>th</sup> open this year from our Billericay national his sire is "Branch" star of the loft 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Open SNFC Roye 2018 he in turn is from a son of Perpignan of Leon Messiaen bred down from the Malfait family . The Dam of 307 is a daughter of "Remco" 1<sup>st</sup> National Agen 8579 birds "Remco" laso contains the Malfait family lines.Sister of 307 was Charlie and Glens timer from SNFC Alencon 573 miles winning 4<sup>th</sup> section.

**1<sup>st</sup> Section D D H Ogilvie Whins of Milton**

Toms section winner is a blue white flight 2017 bred cock he was previously 140<sup>th</sup> from SNRPC Billericay earlier this year and has several national cards to his name he was home bred from a gift Kruger cock from GWP Macaloney X Van Dyke hen Tam Blair lines through Danny Henderson of Dundee.



*Tom Ogilvie and Norrie Marsden with the 1<sup>st</sup> section D winner*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Section D Mr & Mrs Forrest Newbridge**



*Ally Forrest with his 2<sup>nd</sup> section winner*

Jo and Ally's birds have been in excellent form this season fresh from their Eastbourne national success when they were 1<sup>st</sup> section 11<sup>th</sup> open, their 2<sup>nd</sup> section winner this time was a three year old cheq hen gifted to Jo and Ally by Neil Jamieson of Newbridge club when he gave up the sport his sire was a Kevin Parsons Hofkens Kal Dynasty lines and her dam a Jan Aarden.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Section D Robert Hamilton Cambus**



*Robert Hamilton 3<sup>rd</sup> Section D*

Robert's 3<sup>rd</sup> section winner this time is a yearling chequer cock 1200 he was sent sitting 14 days he is bred from a pair of stock pigeons from Roberts Geoff Kirkland family he is also a full brother to 1201 who was 1<sup>st</sup> section D 35<sup>th</sup> open Billericay national earlier this year. 1200 had every race prior to Huntingdon, the parents of these two pigeons are responsible for numerous section winners.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Section E David Graham Lanark**



*David Graham Lanark 1<sup>st</sup> section E*

David's is another loft enjoying a rich vein of form this year previously winning section E from the Eastbourne national. David's winner this time was a four year old blue hen she is bred off a son of Peanuts the 2008 SNRPC Messac national winner for Wilson & Jack Lanark when paired to a Jimmy Gillies of Clydebank hen. The section winner had Cattrick, Wetherby, Alnwick 3 short tosses and an 80 mile toss prior to the national and was sent on chipping eggs.

David wishes to thank Davy Jack for all his help and advice. David was delighted with his returns having all his 7 entries on the result.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Section E, T & G Steele Lesmahagow**





*Tommy Steele of the T&G Steele partnership 2<sup>nd</sup> section E.*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> section winner is a two year old black hen she is a great granddaughter of W Davidson & son's Silver award winning black hen, this was her 4<sup>th</sup> race of the season and went feeding a 3 day old youngster

**3<sup>rd</sup> Section E, W Davidson & Son Coalburn**



*W Davidson & Son's 3<sup>rd</sup> section E hen*

David's 3<sup>rd</sup> section winner is bred from one of their own family paired with a Jan Aarden she was sent to Huntingdon with her second flight  $\frac{3}{4}$  up and sitting on eggs due to hatch on the day of the race she had 4 races up to Leicester then Huntingdon with the South Lanarkshire fed before going to the national.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Section F Gary Donaghy Clydebank**



*Gary with his double section winner*

Another loft showing great form this season is Gary Donaghy's of Clydebank, Gary wins his section with the same pigeon he won Section F from Billericay.

Gary is very grateful to Robert Fortune of Old Kilpatrick who gifted him four youngsters in 2019 the yearling mealy cock is bred down from these birds this year he was 1<sup>st</sup> club 2<sup>nd</sup> fed Retford, 1<sup>st</sup> section Billericay and now 1<sup>st</sup> section Huntingdon, he was sent sitting and feeding a big youngster.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Section F Matt Luke Port Glasgow**



*Matt Luke of Port Glasgow with his 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> section winner*

Matt's two year old chec hen had 6 races including the Billericay national were she was 4<sup>th</sup> section she was bred from a Black of Drumore cock paired with one of his own hens who has been a good racer for Matt.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> section winner is a two year old red cock he is also Davy Black lines Matt gave club mate Davy Richardson a hen bred from his Black stock to be paired to a red cock and they shared the youngsters. He also had 6 races including the Eastbourne national where he was 7<sup>th</sup> section. Matt wishes to congratulate his other club mate and pal Gary Donaghy on his section win.

### **2022 Late Bred Phone in Sale**

One to look out for! The sale list will be appearing soon in the BHW and SNRPC website, there will be once again some top class youngsters on offer.

Duncan Knox

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