



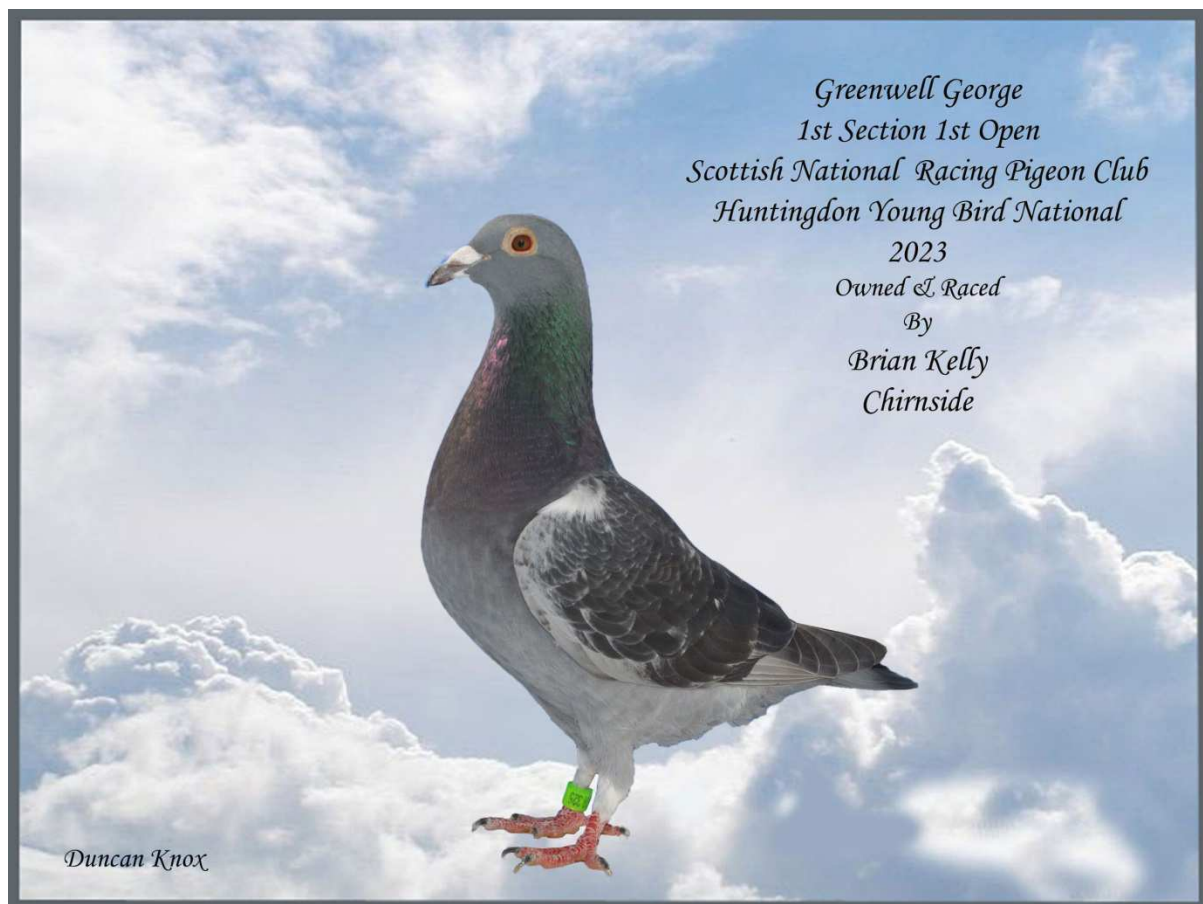
Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Huntingdon Young Bird National

The 2023 Young Bird National got under way on Saturday 2nd September when convoyer Thomas McLean released the 307 birds at 10.30 am into a very light south westerly wind further up the country the wind direction changed to north east, a fairly difficult race transpired with mixed returns some fanciers enjoyed very good returns while others struggled. It was no surprise when I received word that Brian Kelly of Chirnside had timed his first pigeon at 15.45 closely followed by Sandy and William Crowe of Coldingham at 15.55. Robert Walker of Eyemouth clocked at 15.53 to make up the first three in the open result.

1st Section B 1st Open Brian Kelly Chirnside





1st open winner Brian Kelly had a tremendous race with 30 pigeons out of his 56 entries on the open result; Brian's young birds have been racing extremely well this season in the Up North Combine and also in training with the East of Scotland Fed. The national winner "Greenwell George" is a fine strong dark chec cock bred from Brian's own family that have served him well over the years. This young cock went to all training races with the East of Scotland before going to Huntingdon.

2nd Open 2nd Section B, A & W Crowe Coldingham



Sandy and William have had an excellent season with both young and old birds 14th open Billericay National, 3rd Open Brighton National, 2nd sect 7th open SNFC Falaise and now 2nd sect 2nd open. Their pigeon is a blue white flight hen one of a kit of ten purchased from Louella Lofts and is bred from a pair of Leo Heremans. The Huntingdon Y B national was only this birds 3rd ever race having being jumped into UNC Grantham some 215 miles. Sandy and William are very grateful to Jordan Crowe for his help with the birds then Sandy went through a hernia operation and William working away without his help around the loft they would not have been able to compete in the National.

3rd Section B 3rd Open Robert Walker Eyemouth



Robert Walker Eyemouth with his 3rd open winner

Roberts dark checker hen has been a steady flyer all season she was 2nd the week previous also from Huntingdon her sire was bred by John Pryde and her dam by Robert's mentors Common, Lumsden ,Patterson of Ashington. Robert wishes to thank both lofts for great pigeons.

1st & 3rd Section C Billy McEwan Dundee



Billy McEwan Dundee 1st & 3rd Section C

Billy's section winner "Young Charlie" was bred mid-January his sire and dam were both Bruce McKenzie lines from his race team, This young red cock flew the whole YB programme and paired up to a young hen two weeks prior to the national his hen was due to lay when he was sent.

3rd section winner was a chec cock bred from his race team from two yearlings from his Kip stock, he was paired up and was sitting 7 days. Billy's birds were trained from St Andrews Tuesday and Wednesday prior to the national.

2nd Section C, D & D Hay Gourdon

David and David junior are the furthest flying loft currently in the SNRPC and race into a fairly Unfavourable location taking this into consideration they have put up some excellent performances in national racing. Their 2nd open winner a blue hen her dam was 6th sect 20th open SNRPC Brighton this year bred from a gift bird from Ken Droog of Forfar out of his good Geerinckx lines Grand dam was bred by Gavin Ferguson out his 2nd open SNFC Maidstone winner. Her Sire is bred from the partnerships Marshall x Lambrect stock, their Lambrects have been very successful breeding pigeons to win 1st fed 1st combine Newtongrange over 1,000 birds, also taking the first 9 in positions in the Angus fed and Grampion Combine Newtongrange 2 1,170 birds, 1st & 2nd Combine Harrogate in 2021. The Lambrects were purchased from Bryngwynt Lofts.



D & D Hay Gourdon 2nd Section C

1st & 3rd Section D Robert Hamilton Cambus



Robert Hamilton 1st & 3rd section D pictured with a budding young fancier

Roberts winner was bred from a cock purchased from Geoff Kirkland for stock to date he has produced 5 section D winners either directly or grandchildren this cock has consistently produced winners when paired with various hens. The 3rd section D winner was bred from a son and granddaughter of the same Geoff Kirkland cock

2nd Section D, Mr & Mrs Forrest Newbridge



Ally Forrest with their 2nd section D winner

Jo and Ally's blue white flight cock was bred from two Jan Aarden pigeons that came from Neil Jamieson when he gave up the sport he flew the complete programme before going to the national and has been a steady racer his dam won 2nd section Huntingdon in 2022.

1st Section E, Dr J Salmond Shotts



Dr J Salmond Shotts with his section winner

Dr Salmonds section winner is a blue hen “Honest Lass 11” named after his grandfather George Copeland’s great pigeon. George Copeland was a national convoyer for over 40 years. The section winner was bred by a friend Mark Tanner of Essex from his Mark Gilbert bloodlines.

Duncan Knox

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