



Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Season 2023 Presentation Dinner

The club held its annual presentation night on Saturday 27th January at the Leapark Hotel in Grangemouth and in keeping with club tradition the evening got underway with the 2023 winners and guests being piped into the hall



The National winners and guests being piped into the hall

Our guests for the evening were John Wiseman President of the Dundee federation and Grahame Mackenzie also of Dundee. Following what has to be said was an excellent meal the presentation got underway. John Wiseman presented the Billericay awards, as the race winners were not present the section winners were presented with their bronze medals. Section winners attending were Ken Buchanan of Hamilton winner of section E and Alex Roberts Clydebank section F.



Ken Buchanan

Alex Roberts

The Eastbourne National was next to be presented again by John Wiseman 1st Open Peter Virtue of Cockburnspath , John mentioned in his speech the fact that this Eastbourne win was Peter's 17th national win. The section winners were Ken Buchanan section E and Willie Smith Cumbernauld section F.



Peter Virtue and grandson Brodie Rutherford



Willie Smith Cumbernauld



Ken Buchanan

Peter also won the RPR Kings Coronation medal for the first nominated bird in the race.

Brighton the last old bird national for the season was the next presentation. 1st open winners S Thomson & Son of Port Seton stepped up to receive the awards the partnership also won 1st Yearling. Again another outstanding performance this was the partnerships 7th national win, section winners Ken Buchanan Hamilton section E and Alex Roberts Clydebank section F.



Sinclair Thomson and Son Port Seton



Ken Buchanan



Alex Roberts

The Young Bird National from Huntingdon was won by Brian Kelly of Chirnside and once again John Wiseman did the honours. Brian is another multinational winning loft and enjoyed a quite exceptional young bird season this year from his entry of 56 pigeons he had 30 on the open result.



Brian Kelly Chirnside



John Wiseman Dundee

Section winners for this race were John Wiseman Dundee section C, former member and Reims gold medal winner Norman Renton of Foulden presented John with his medal. Dr Jim Salmond Shotts section F, unfortunately Jim couldn't managed to attend due to health issues. The section averages followed winner of section B Peter Virtue Cockburnspath, Senior Vice President Duncan Knox presented Peter with his award. Section D T & G Weir Linlithgow. Section E Ken Buchanan Hamilton Ken was another who had a very successful old bird season by winning 1st section in all three nationals. Alex Roberts of Clydebank winner of two 1st sections.



Tom Weir receiving his award from Norman Renton



Norman Renton presents Ken Buchanan's award



Alex Roberts with his section average plaque



John Wiseman completed the presentation when he presented Peter Virtue with the Overall Average Claret Jug and RPRA Cumbria Region Friendship trophy.

The final presentation of the evening was the Crystal Claret Jug for best overall average and the winner was Peter Virtue of Cockburnspath.

Once again the Leapark proved to be an excellent venue and following the presentation the company enjoyed a pleasant evening indulging in a few drinks and catching up with friends old and new.



Some of the ladies present

The clubs AGM is next on Saturday 10th February 1pm at Newbridge Bowling club, it's important that all members should try and attend

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