



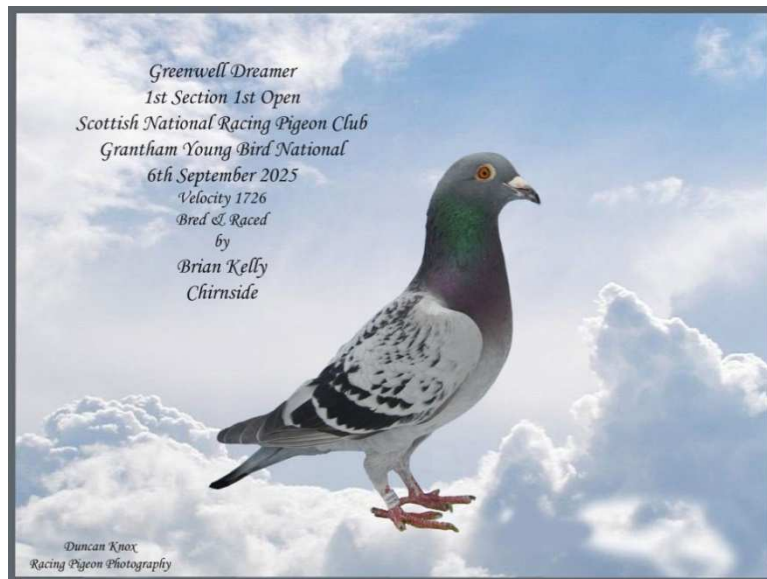
Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club

Grantham Young Bird National

On Saturday the 7th September we were at Grantham in Lincolnshire for our final national race of the season the Young Bird National.

This year we were being convoyed by the Scottish Central federation, the convoy of 501 birds were released along with several hundred federation birds by convoyer Tommy Waugh and driver Billy at 9am into a very light South East wind. I must say to was very encouraging to see such a good entry considering the heavy young bird losses reported from all over the country.

1st Open 1st Section B Brian Kelly Chirnside



The national winner “Greenwell Dreamer “ was clocked in Chirnside Berwickshire by Brian Kelly at 12.30 on a velocity of 1726 Brian has won several nationals in his long successful career in the pigeon sport between the SNRPC and SNFC. The winner had 4 races before Grantham last one was from Wetherby the week before the national with the East of Scotland Fed, on the Thursday the day before basketing he was chasing his hen and had started to build a nest in the corner of the loft. Brian’s 3rd section winner was a home bred blue hen from his own tested family that has served him so well over the years clocked at 12.42 also taking the 9th open position.

1st, 2nd, 3rd Section C Mark Maloy Methilhill



Apart from an excellent 1st 2nd 3rd section Mark had a good race with 4 of his 5 entries on the open result. The section and 63rd open winner was a blue hen clocked at 13.43 for the 242 mile trip to her home in Fife, her sire was a son of War Drum from Syndicate Lofts and her dam a daughter of Rihanna also from Syndicate lofts bred for Mark by his good friend Douglas Barns from Crossgates.

2nd section 73rd open winner is another blue hen from a son of "Man O Chester" x Dark Delilah and her dam Sunday Girl x Goalm Syndicate lofts again bred by Douglas Barns.

3rd Section 84th open a chequer cock Sire is a Van Den Buick and his dama daughter of Misterio bred by Dave Aitken of Lincon. Mark is very thankful to Douglas and Dave for providing his with quality pigeons.

2nd Open 1st Section D was T & G Weir Linlithgow



Tom's section winner was bred from his Mr & Mrs Andy Gregson stock and flown to the perch and has raced steady all season, the 3rd section winner's sire was a grandson of C & G Cameron of Arbroath's great pigeon "Branch" his dam was from Toms Chambers family distance lines he was also 7th fed Ackworth Moor and was sent looking at a cock prior to basketing.

3rd Open 2nd Section D Tom Manger Boness



Tom Manger Boness with his 3rd Open 2nd section winner

Tam's Blue pied hen is a Herman Custer pigeon whose parents were both bred by Tam's friend Freddy Robertson of Edinburgh. He had every federation race this year before being sent to the Grantham National.

1st, 2nd Section E Scott Gibson Falkirk



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Scott's section winner is a chequer cock from Gary Gibson of Northern Ireland and was raced every week to the perch. 2nd Section was another chequer cock from Scott's Alan Darragh lines like the section winner he had every race 6 in total up to the Grantham national, they were trained to 25 miles then exercised twice daily for 40 minutes round the loft

3rd Section E, Dr J Salmond Shotts



Dr Salmond's 3rd section winner was from his good friend Steven Aitchison of Eyemouth bred from his Bricoux lines, this mealy hen is typical of the breed; Jim has enjoyed a very good young bird season racing very few late breds

Gary Donaghy Clydebank 1st & 2nd Section F



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Gary's section winner was home bred from pigeons he was gifted by Liam Byrne of the Barrhead club, Gary wishes to thank Liam and Veronica for giving him these pigeons, the second section winner flying to two young chicks was also bred by Gary his sire was a double section winner from Billericay and Huntingdon in 2022, the dam was bred by club mate Jim Drummond from his Martin Hughes stock.

3rd Section F, Durban Kamil Clydebank



Durban's 3rd section F winner is home bred from pigeons from the late Allan Kelly , flown to the perch this chequer hen had five races up to the Grantham national.

Duncan Knox

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