



Scottish National Racing Pigeon Club.

Billericay National

The first national race of the season got underway on Saturday 18th June when the convoy of 1400 pigeons were liberated at 06.00 am into a light North West wind. With head winds and rain showers forecast in some areas a fairly hard race was expected. The winner was timed at 15.21 to the loft of Mrs Ally Mitchell in Edinburgh, Ally made history by being the first lady fancier to win a national race in her own right flying from her own loft, she might even be the first lady fancier in the UK to win a national race I have no doubt there has been some husband and wife partnerships down the years but as far as we know she is the first lady. The winning pigeon a yearling blue bar cock '*Castle Brae Harry*' is bred from stock from G W P McAloney & Son a Van Denabeele, the dam is a D&M Evans also bought from GWP McAloney a daughter of Jester 74 he previously topped the Pentland Fed earlier this year from Newark. Ally and husband Les are both members of Castle Brae pigeon club.

1st Section B 1st Open Mrs A Mitchell Edinburgh.



Ally Mitchell 1st Open

2nd Section B 2nd Open Lloyd Togneri Cockburnspath.



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Lloyd timed his 3 year old dark cock at 15.09 he has been a good performer with 3 national positions to his name in 2014 he was 44th open at Chelmsford and 5th open Arras and in 2015 he was 11th open Reims. He is bred through his Peter Virtue family the Dam being a late bred a full sister to Peters great pigeon Tuffty.

3rd Section B 6th Open P W Virtue Cockburnspath.

Peters timer is a dark chec yearling cock he has had 2 firsts in the club this year and a 2nd fed he is fairly closely bred to *Virtues Pride* 1st Open Reims and SNRPC Gold Champion the sire is a grandson of *Pride* and the dam a full daughter, she herself was 10th open Reims and 35th open Chelmsford for Peter.



Peter Virtue and Grandson Brodie



Castle Brae Pigeon Club, Ally Mitchells loft in the foreground with husband Les situated third from the far end

1st Section C 5th Open John Dinsdale Glenrothes.

John's two year old grizzle cock was timed at 16.18 to win the section he was flying to a 5 day youngster given to him 2 days before basketing, he was a late starter racing and made a few mistakes early on before he got the hang of it but he certainly did the business for John out of this one. His sire was a gift from his brother Chic and is from his Jock McKenzie bloodlines The Dam was a gift bird from Ian McMurchie of Glenrothes and is from Jocky Kings Mary lines. John is indebted to his wife Mharie and his club mates for all their help with the birds when he worked away from home otherwise he might have given them up. John was quick to congratulate Mrs Mitchell on her excellent win.



John Dinsdale 1st sect C 5th Open

2nd Section C 11th Open Dean Bridges Milton of Balgonie

Dean's loft has been in excellent form this year and it continued through to this our first national of the season his yearling dark chec pied cock flying celibate was clocked at 16.30 flying 349 miles he has previously won 35th sect 204th open SNFC Buckingham 302 mls, 3rd Fed Wakefield 187 mls 10th Fed Leicester and 1st Fed Leicester 261 mls to add to his honours from this national.



Dean Bridges 2nd section C winner

3rd Section C 12th Open Jim Benvie Kirkcaldy

Jim Benvie has three national wins to his name this time Jim's 3rd section winner is a yearling Coorman cock bred by John Smith of Couper and gifted to him last year he was 122nd in last season's YB National and was raced spare this season. He was clocked at 16.26 flying a distance of 346 miles to Kirkcaldy.



Jim Benvie 3rd section C

1st Section D 3rd Open John Bird Blackburn

John's 4 year old chequer hen was clocked at 15.47 flying 339 miles to win 1st section D and 3rd open positions, her sire and dam are John's stock pair from Woodroffe Brothers Sunderland from their Popeye lines which has bred a lot of good birds, she returned from a training toss in 2015 after 3 days badly smashed up. Raced on round-about but paired up for this race and sent with eggs due to hatch.



John Bird's section D winner

2nd Section D 4th Open David McBeath Falkirk

David's pigeon is a 2 year old cock bred by Andy Gregson of Preston from his De-Weerd lines he was sent to Billericay chasing his hen, he raced the full Almond Valley fed programme prior to the national. He was not raced as a yearling but flew the full young bird programme.



David McBeath with his father holding the 2nd section winner

3rd Section D 33rd Open David McArthur Grangemouth

David McArthur of Grangemouth's Blue Pied yearling cock is a Van Der Rhee and was raced on the round –about he raced the full programme except Leicester prior to the Billericay national he was trained three days a week with the Boness club and Martin Conlin and David wishes to thank them for some excellent training he was 6th club Appleby and 19th section 34th Fed in their Newark Open race.



David McArthur 3rd section D

1st & 3rd Section E 9th & 27th Open Graham Bros Carluke

Graham Brothers Andy and Charlie's section winner is a 2 year old Busschaert x Leo Von Rijn cross she had two races as a youngster and scored 2nd club 2nd fed from Alnwick then was lost for two weeks before returning on her own at the yearling stage she won 2nd club 3rd fed Otterburn she went to Billericay racing to eggs and was their first bird and was on the result as a 2 year old she won some club cards and was sent to the Billericay national on the round- about system exercising an hour morning and night with no training taking place after the first old bird race Charlie and Andy have named their winner Mary's Lass in memory of their mum who sadly passed away on the 25th June. The 3rd section winner was bred the same way and Billericay was her first national race.



Andy Graham of Graham Brothers Carlisle

2nd Section E 22nd Open John McFall

Another good performance from John our president, people tend to forget apart from being an excellent administrator and ambassador for the club that he is also a top class fancier. His 2nd section winner was bred by George Anderson of Scone Perthshire which John purchased at the SNRPC spring auction in 2014 he is a half-brother to Georges Jose (the special one) SNRPC Silver Champion. The 2nd section winner had 4 races up to 130 miles as a youngster, 5 races up to 230 miles as a yearling this season he had 5 races up to Kettering two weeks before Billericay and is raced on full widowhood he has been clocked a few times but always beaten by a loft mate.



John McFall 2nd section E

1st & 3rd Section F 41st & 51st Open Stewart Young Glasgow

Stewart's 1st section winner is a yearling chequer cock who was sent feeding two big youngsters. The 3rd section winner is a four year old who has been a very steady racer he is also showing to be something of a breeder also he is the sire of the section winner, his bloodlines go back to a stock cock bred by Billy Jamieson. Stewart wished to thank Billy Holland for all his help over recent years.



Stewart with the section winner, young Jack holds 3rd sect while Jacks pal looks on.

2nd Section F 48th Open R A Anderson Kirkintilloch

Roberts 2 year old chequer cock was sent sitting 10 day eggs he had all races up to Leicester then flown round the loft he is a very steady racer in the club he is Van Loon breeding was paired at the end of March then split and was re-mated after the Leicester race.



Robert Anderson Kirkintilloch 2nd sect F

Duncan Knox

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