



NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

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By Joe Murphy

There have been some outstanding performance achieved with UK pigeons these past few weeks with my dear friend John Tyerman of Bracklesham Bay winning 4th open CSCFC Pau race with only 5 pigeons making it home on the day well done to each of these fanciers Paul Ayling 1st open; Steve Benham 2nd open, Tony Hounsell 3rd open and A Holdaway is 6th open not forgetting P Entwistle who won 5th open timing in before 6am next morning. Then we have Bob and Anthony Besant of Surrey winning 1st international Agen 10.510 birds with their dark chequer cock 'Noble Dream' well done lads. It was also good to see my dear friend Russell Bradford of Wellingborough in Northamptonshire winning 3rd & 5th north section Agen which is outstanding after his 1st section win from Tours keep up the good work Russell. I was also impressed to read in Gareth Watkins report on the race about Mark Sparey of Abertillery whose blue cock Rhiw Parc Tomos who won 3rd west section from Agen, this cock as some outstanding performances to his credit and while speaking to Mark he informed me that the blue cock is earmarked for NFC Tarbes so fingers crossed that he does well. I was so happy to hear the news this

weekend that my good friends Ian Crammond and Nigel Langstaff of Fontwell have won 1st & 3rd NFC Saintes.



1st NFC Saintes, Nigel Langstaff and Ian Crammond with Kevin Murphy.

The winner has already won 1st section A for the partners from Saints and is bred from Boshua crossed Van Osche families. He is the same way bred as the partnerships Million Dollar race Ace Bird so this line is winning not only in the UK but further afield, well done Ian & Nigel. 2nd National is Gary Inkley of Uxbridge who is a great pal of Eddie Newcombe. Well done Gary! This same weekend in July 2015 will be remembered for lots of reasons: some for winning, while others for very hard pigeon races. For example the world famous BARCELONA International race flown on

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Friday 3rd July with the convoy of 19000 pigeons liberated at 07-40am and only ONE pigeon recorded on the day of the race to the loft of Cuffel P & Fils of Montivillie which is near Le Havre in Northern France timed at 20-57 to record a velocity of 1150.63. To have the only bird on the day in an international race is something else but to win Barcelona is a dream come true. Continuing on this theme of dreams I must highlight the wonderful feat of a Scottish pigeon raced by Ken Buchanan of Hamilton. This pigeon was liberated at Troyes at 5-15am with the SNRPC 83 pigeons and was the only day bird recorded being timed at 22-02 hours flying 620 miles and recorded a velocity of 1083 for this outstanding accomplishment well done Ken. It never stopped raining the following day until well into the afternoon and the remainder of the convoy were shut out with only another 7 birds making it home in 3 days. Returning to the Barcelona race the BICC had 114 members sending 330 birds to Barcelona and the winner was Dave A Delea of Rainham with a 3 year old flying 705 miles timed at 10-50 hours the second morning for a velocity of 937. The Padfield Family of Abertillery had a great race being 2nd 6th & 9th with J King & son of Slough in 3rd place with Dorin Melinte of Stanmore 4th with Mark Gilbert of Windsor having 2 on the result in 5th & 7th positions. In the Barcelona Challenge Loft in Hericourt in France which is a distance of 625 miles from Barcelona the 1st and 3rd recorded pigeons were entered by Lee Fribbins the Editor of the RP so well done Lee. John & Lou McGee are 2nd & 4th with D Scott in 5th place and Clive Carpenter takes the next 2 places. Ian Crammond and Nigel Langstaff are 8th making it a memorable weekend for them. Yours truly Joe Murphy managed to get one

of my 2 entries home on the result in 13th place with only 18 birds home as I start to write this article on the Tuesday after the race. My blue cock was bred for the job as he is from 2 direct children of 1st open Scottish National Flying Club winners. His sire was a direct son of 'Petite Rose' 1st open Tours bred and raced by Tom & Scott McEwen from Elphinstone while his dam is a direct daughter of Stevie Ferguson of Annan 'Watchill Princess' 1st open Tours. Noel Peiren won 1st Belgium national and 2nd international Barcelona clocking 11 pigeons, my dear friend Bernard Dewerdtd of Kortemark club won 31st all west Flanders and 98th International clocking 15 out of his 20 entries from Barcelona to win the following positions; 2nd 3rd 4th 6th 8th 15th 16th 18th 19th 20th 32nd 42nd 43rd 45th & 47th Kortemark club. From the Kuregem Center in Gent they sent 132 pigeons to Barcelona and another fancier I have written about in the past Daniel Aerens of Drongen sent 27 birds and he clocked 19 of them to record the following positions; 3rd, 4th 5th 6th 10th 13th 22nd 29th 30th 33rd 35th 40th 42nd 43rd 45th 46th 49th 50th & 53rd fantastic flying well done Daniel.

SNFC Ancenis

The convoy of 275 birds convoyed by the Midland National flying club were liberated at 07-15am into a south west wind with 60% blue sky at the liberation point and all the birds cleared within 45 seconds. My mate Rob Glover from Nuneaton phoned me to tell me he had timed in and the birds were doing 48 mph however he did not think he was quick enough and the leaders would be doing it faster. Going by this we estimated getting a pigeon between 8 and 9pm if it was up with the early MNFC winners but alas this was not to be as we

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never timed in on the day and both our entries failed to make it home. The winner of the SNFC race flying 534 miles into Annan is J Willacy with a blue pied 3 year old hen doing a velocity of 1248 so well done Mr Willacy on winning the Gold Globe. Second is John Hodgson & son of Annan whom I mentioned a few weeks ago when writing about Billy Bilsland 5 national wins. I said Billy was catching up with John and thought for a long time that he had won the national to make it number 8 but this was not to be. I was surprised to see that John timed a YEARLING this being the only yearling on the result. Last year's Ancenis winner Craig Halbert of Eastriggs is there again with 2 birds in 3rd & 8th open positions well done Craig great flying. The father and son partnership of Richard & Jamie Combe of Elphinstone are in again with a pied cock winning 4th open and next door neighbour John Bosworth keeps up his good season by being 6th open. First section E 1st west region and 5th open is Davie Allison of Hamilton with a 4 year pied cock flying 594 miles this was the only pigeon on the day into the west section so well done Davie. 1st 2nd & 3rd section D is Davie Jamieson of East Calder who does very well at the extreme distance races so well done. 1st section G is the household name of Jim and Ann Donaldson of Peterhead who timed in their only entry to win 22nd open flying 701 miles. The only other section G fancier to time was George Taylor from the same club so well done to the 3 of you. 1st section C was won by George Anderson of Scone with his chequer pied hen flying 633 miles to win 26th open. I also noticed my old mate Derek Hay of Kirkintilloch timed in his 5 year old blue bar hen to win 5th section E 23rd open this hen won 10th E 46th open last year from Ancenis flying 605 miles as a

matter of interest Derek timed in another 2 birds on the result from his 5 birds sent well done big man.

SNFC Eastbourne

The Eastbourne race was held on the same day as the Ancenis race with the national inland convoy of 2495 birds entered by 455 members liberated at 10-15am into a west to south west wind and reports that the convoy cleared the liberation site in one batch into a north east direction. We had 9 pigeons entered into this race and the anticipated time of arrival was 19-30 hours in fact I told Kevin we could have pigeons arriving from both races about the same time so he would have to watch out. Last week I highlighted about how he went to see his son playing football and missed the birds coming home - well this week it was my turn to miss the first bird's arrival. I had just gone into the toilet when I heard Margaret say to Kevin 'Is that not a pigeon' I started to laugh as I thought to myself these 'Bugger's are trying to wind me up'. So when I came back out into the garden I laughingly said 'Oh do you not have a pigeon then' when Kevin said 'look on next doors house roof' and low and behold there was a blue hen. She sat for a few minutes then came down and was timed in she was a daughter of 'Lucky' she was later than what we expected being timed at 20-07 however she managed to make the national result winning 162nd open. We had 3 on the day with 2 more the following morning but unfortunately we lost our good hen 'Lucky' who was going for her Bronze award. This has been very hard on Kevin as this is the 3rd time he has lost a good pigeon going for a special award in the SNFC. I keep saying to him 'This is what makes these award winners so special'. The winner of the national Eastbourne race was Sinclair

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Thomson & son of Port Seton (which is near where the Scottish Open was held in Gullane Golf Club) The winner was a yearling chequer hen and the partnership also had birds to win 11th 18th 32nd 44th (this pigeon won 9th open Portsmouth a few weeks ago) 70th 88th 136th 175th 208th. The partnership has had a very good season in the national winning 26th & 27th open in the first race from Billericay. Then they were 9th open from Bedhampton and now 1st open Eastbourne (they have other pigeons on the open results as well) so congratulations. Willie Pryde & son of Gorebridge are 2nd open anyone who follows my weekly column will see this name crop up regularly in Andy Miller's Pentland Hills federation reports. Gordon Turnbull of Duns is 3rd open and he too has had a very good season being 2nd open Billericay, 11th 12th and 15th open Bedhampton and 3rd open Eastbourne he has other good pigeons winning open positions on the results our congratulations. First section C (our section) was won by J Wiseman of Dundee who won 4th open with Angus federation and past SNFC Ypres winner David Glen of Forfar in 5th place well done lads. Billy Bilslund of Ayton is there once again with 2 birds in 6th & 7th place his first bird a blue cock won 17th open from Bedhampton while the 7th open won 5th open from the same race point. Not bad flying having a bird to win 5th & 7th open National in the same year well done Billy. First section D is won by J Bird of Blackburn in 73rd open place with 1st section A to J Dalgliesh of Ecclefechan in 178th open. Old friend Andrew Lockhart of Larkhall is 1st section E 1st west region in 180th open with 1st section G 1st north region to Glen Cameron of Aberdeen (Charlie's son) with the same pigeon that

won 1st section G 58th open from the Bedhampton national another outstanding pigeon well done Glen the wife will also be very happy as 2 'handbags' in one season. While on about the north section Kevin informs me that John Thompson of Moray winner of 4th section G was bred by him this red cock was flying 497 miles so he is well pleased and send's John his congratulations. Section F winner is I Ross of Kirkintilloch I cannot understand how some fanciers are in section E and live in Kirkintilloch while others are in section F, surely they should all be in the same section. I for one would not like to fly my pigeons into Stranraer or Prestwick and compete against fanciers who live in Kirkintilloch who are in the same section. It is time the SNFC looked into this situation and made it equal for everyone who competes in the club.

Results

Angus Federation

The Ridsdale race flown on the 4th July had 211 birds racing and this was won by Forfar member Davie Glen is 1st 9th 16th & 17th with Ian Scott in 2nd 18th & 19th places. Bob Baldie is 3rd 6th 7th and 20th with Macaulay Ferguson & Curran in 4th 5th 10th 11th 12th 13th 14th 15th places; with J Anderson & son of Letham club in 8th place.

East section winners are as follows; 1st C & A Carrie of Inchcape with club mate W Hamilton in 2nd place and G McKenzie is 3rd & 4th M Craig of Gourdon is 5th & 8th with D & D Hay of the same club in 6th 7th & 9th place with Les McKay of Inchcape in 10th spot.

Club Winners: Letham 29 birds J Anderson & son; Montrose 18 birds J & J Leven; Forfar 135 birds D Glen; Inchcape 11 birds C & A Carrie; Gourdon 18 birds M Craig.

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Ayrshire Federation had a come-back race from Otterburn on the 27th June with only 210 birds liberated at 09-15 hours into a west wind.

Ardeer HS

James O'Hare writes 'Hi Joe we had 5 members sending 30 birds for this 104 mile journey home. The red card is won by Jimmy 'Dancing Shoes' Dunn who timed in a 2 year old chequer hen flying natural to eggs. She is a Janssen crossed Van Reet and as a young bird she won 1st club 1st federation from Sedgefield a distance of 147 mile she also had a few races as a yearling and was always Jimmy's 1st bird home. This season she has had 5 races and has not let him down winning some handy pool money into the bargain. In 2nd place is the partnership of J & S O'Hare who timed a 2 year old dark chequer hen flying spare she was bred by Gary Cairns of Wallyford in Edinburgh. The partners are 3rd with a yearling blue cock flying to eggs he was a steady young bird winning pools on a few occasions. As a yearling it won 1st Stobbs Camp and was 3rd Otterburn 1 and was giving the name Tyson Gay by Sandra.



Jimmy 'Dancing Shoes' Dunn

The federation 114 birds were at Eastbourne conveyed by the SNFC on the 4th of July with the strings cut at 10-15 am into a west to south west wind.

Ardeer had 3 members sending 7 birds for the 397 mile journey home. The red card goes to the partnership of J & J & C Nicol who timed a 3 year old blue cock. He is the best of Nigel Laycock 'Steady Eddie' crossed with a granddaughter of 'Just a Kid' of Paul Stobbs. He won 5th club as a young bird, then as a yearling came back from his first race (Appleby) injured on the keel and minus a toe. He was left to recover, and was sent to the comeback from Stobbs Camp where he was 3rd club beaten by 2 loft mates dropping together for 16th Federation. In 2014 he was flying steady

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winning a couple of minor tickets then went to Dumfries on 8th June winning 1st club 1st x 3 bird Club 6th Federation. He then had 4 tosses from 40 miles on consecutive days before basketting for Ypres winning 1st club 1st 3 bird club and 7th federation. 2nd place goes to J & J & C Nicol who timed a 2 year old blue cock, his sire is a Janssen Van Drunen cock from their good friend Brian May of Rotherham, his dam is a blue Soontjens hen bought from Paul Stobbs of Stonehaven Lofts. He has been 5th club Wakefield last weekend, 2nd club Uttoxeter, and 1st midweek club Carnwath. He is a really game pigeon who has always raced natural, his full brother won 2nd club 2nd fed from Montrose to a loft mate when a Brian May black Cattrysse hen pipped him on the trap. Currently his dam is on loan to a friend in the federation but they plan to put this pairing back together next season. In 3rd spot is J & S O'Hare timing a 3 year old chequer cock sent sitting on eggs and was only his 4th race of the season after getting injured just before the season started. In these 4 races he has won 6th club Otterburn 1st club 1st 3 bird and 1st north section Wakefield then 1st club 1st 3 bird club and 7th north section Billericay and arrived home with a few feathers missing

East of Scotland Federation

News from Tam McEwen with the Bedhampton result with the convoy liberated at 10-35am into a west wind this turned out to be a great race for John Bird of Prestonpans who took 1st 4th 5th & 9th open which completed a 'Great' season so well done John. Davidson partners of Gladsmuir have a good bird in 2nd open with Graham Wardhaugh of Dirleton well to the fore finishing 3rd open. Dougie Grieve of Longniddry has a good bird in 6th open

with Keith Howie of Prestonpans finishing well in his first season in the federation in 7th spot. Mr & Mrs March will be delighted with their 8th open and Richard & Jamie Combe of Elphinstone complete the top ten with a nice pigeon in 10th place.

Prestonpans HS

This week's winner is John Bird who takes the first 3 places in the club his winner is a yearling blue hen doing 1200 velocity. This hen was 1st Pentland Hills federation midweek young bird open race from Peterborough her breeding is from D & J Hawkins and is pure Vandenabeele. The 2nd placed pigeon is a 2 year old chequer cock on 1173 his sire is full brother to the above winner while the dam is from John's won distance stock. This cock was 1st federation 35th section B 44th open SNFC Maidstone in 2014. John's 3rd pigeon is a yearling blue cock on 1160 his parents are direct from Premier Lofts (Herman Ceusters) this cock was 9th federation Wakefield as a youngster. Well Joe that completes the federation old bird programmes for this season good luck to you and Kevin from the 'Over the Water' nationals. Yours Tom'.

Get Well

Have heard Mr Charity, Jack Allison has been in hospital. Hope you are keeping better and on the way to a good recovery. Yours, Dunky and Carol

Joe's Joke

In a convent in Ireland, the 99-year-old Mother Superior lay quietly. She was dying. The nuns had gathered around her bed, laying garlands around her and trying to make her last journey comfortable. They wanted to give her warm milk to drink but she declined. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Then, remembering a

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bottle of Irish Whisky that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, they lifted her head gently and held the glass to her lips. The very frail nun drank a little, then a little more and before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass down to the last drop. As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader. "Mother," the nuns asked earnestly, "Please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us" She raised herself up very slowly in the bed on one elbow, looked at them and said: "DON'T SELL THAT COW."

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