Last weekend we up to Kevin’s for the Ripon race the convoy were liberated at 06-00am so we left about 08-30 as it takes an hour to get to Arbroath and we wanted to be in time for the birds arrival home. We expected them about 10.00 but it was a strong wind with showers as we waited and we had to stand at the side of the house to keep out of the rain. The winners were at this time but ours were a bit later than this and first bird was a chequer cock that I bred in last year from a pair of Bernard Deweerdts sire is down from Gilbert his No 1 stock cock who was a good racing pigeon and won 2422 international Barcelona 23.708 birds, 150 international Perpignan 17.624 birds and 1833 international Barcelona 27.669 birds. Gilbert full brother ‘Germain’ won 21st National Perpignan and both were bred from Magnus a winner of 4th national Dax and 19th national Perpignan. The dam is bred down from Ted bloodlines when paired to Iban crossed Kedir lines. Once the first bird came the others followed and we helped him vaccinate his youngsters for PMV and when we left in the afternoon he had about 10 or so birds still had to come but was only 4 short by nightfall. On the same day the Barcelona One Loft (Lou and John McGee) were racing from Bourges and I received word that my blue cock (brother to our 4th open SNFC Alencon 573 miles winner) was 2nd to the loft with Keith Thomas having the first arrival. This cock has been a good pigeon as he was 9th bird home from Narbonne 502 miles and 15th home from Barcelona nearly 600 miles. I still have 3 birds in the Barcelona loft 2 x 5 year olds and a 2 year old so let us hope they can do well for John & Lou in 2015. I will be keeping an eye on their progress however they are having problems with updating the web site as the webmaster is still in hospital and hopefully he will catch up with all the results etc. when he is finally allowed home.

Results

Angus Federation were racing from Ripon with over 750 birds in the convoy liberated at 06-00am into a west wind the birds took just over 4 hours to cover the 170 plus mile race with Forfar SNFC winner Davie Glen having a great race winning 1st 2nd 3rd 5th 6th 7th 11th 15th 18th & 19th federation with club mate Ian Scott in 4th & 8th place. Another Forfar partnership of Macaulay Fergusson and Curran in 9th place Bob Baldie of the same club is 10th 12th & 13th with Arbroath’s Charlie Cameron splitting the Forfar dominance by winning 14th place.
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J Anderson of Letham also splits the Forfar lads with a bird in 16th place then back to Mike Leggett of Forfar who is 17th with federation secretary David Liddle of the same club in 20th place.

East Section winners are as follows; 1st 2nd & 3rd is Arbroath’s Charlie Cameron with Les McKay of Inchcape club in 4th & 6th places. D & D Hay of Gourdon club are 5th 7th 8th & 10th with Kevin J Murphy of Arbroath in 9th place.

Club Winners are as follows:

Forfar 419 birds winner Davie Glen;
Montrose 63 birds winner J & J Leven;
Arbroath 99 birds winner Charlie Cameron;
Inchcape No Birdage winner L McKay;
Gourdon 51 birds winner D & D Hay;
Letham 120 birds J Anderson.

Arbroath RP society from the 4th old bird race from Ripon flown on 16th May 4 members sent 99 birds liberated at 06:00am into a west wind. Charlie Cameron takes the first 3 places with the winner a yearling grizzle cock bred by Ludo Van Sant from Belgium he flew the young bird national last year. The 2nd bird is a 4 year old blue cock bred from a Jos Claes cock brother to Charlie’s 1st section C SNFC Newbury winner and the 3rd bird is 3 year old black cock. His sire is a Keith Bush crossed ‘Snowcap’ winner of 1st section C 4th open SNFC Reims. Dam is a black hen who has won 3 positions in first 20 from SNFC races from Eastbourne, Ypres and Reims. My thanks to Charlie for collecting a pigeon from a-none fancier for a lad from Manchester he was hoping to toss the bird at Wakefield next weekend. Ayrshire Federation

News from Mark Findlay who writes; Hi Joe, with the forecast not looking too promising for the weekends racing Ayrshire federation race controller Derek Mc Cullen made the decision to opt for a Friday race with basketting taking place on Thursday 7th of May for a race from Sedgefield on the Friday with 1940 birds liberated at 8.45 into a south west wind.

![Ayrshire Fed Winner bred and raced by Andy Barbour of Dalry HS](image)

The federation topper taking the first 4 positions with a clean sweep is the very inform lofts of Andy Barbour of Dalry HS. He won 1st fed with a velocity of 1708 with a black yearling cock bred from his Peter vd Merwe lines crossed with an Archie McIntyre pigeon purchased from Jock Campbell's clearance sale on the sires side. The dam is from a Rietvink Janssen via Galaxy Lofts. The 2nd and 3rd fed on the same yard of 1707 also are also from Andy’s Galaxy Lofts bloodlines and ALL the birds are flown on the roundabout system. Congratulations once again to Andy Barbour for another fantastic team performance I have attached a picture of Andy’s federation topper.

![Ayrshire Otterburn winner.](image)

On Saturday 16th May Ayrshire federations 4th race of the season was programmed for Wakefield with a very strong west wind in mind the birdage was reduced to just 781 birds. Unfortunately by the time we had minor repairs carried out on the
Transporters' rear lighting system it was 00.40 before our conveyers would have started their journey of approximately 7 to 8 hours to the race point. Derek McCullen our race controller decided it would be in everybody's best interests if we raced from Otterburn. Although a good number of members including myself wanted to get to Wakefield it turned out to be a good call with a 30 to 40 mph west wind this was going to be a tough enough test. As it turned out most fanciers reporting 90 to 100 percent returns with the convoy liberated at 9.00am into a very strong westerly wind the race was won on a velocity of 1017 flying into Largs which is one of the most northerly lofts in the federation to the partnership of R & G McCallum of Dalry HS. Members Robin and George timed there good 2 year old chequer cock as a matter of interest Joe the brothers had been flying roundabout until the week before basking for this race and decided to pair the birds up for the longer races ahead and this good cock had taken up with 2 hens. What more motivation did he need? He was a gift bird George received from club mate and good friend Archie McIntyre from his Herbert lines he flew when in partnership with ex Ayrshire fancier Ian Cameron. Brother Robin had just returned from a round of golf when the chequer cock landed and he has kept them long enough to know with the speed of the head wind, and in his own words said to George ‘Now that’s a good bird’ yes it certainly was Robin as it was the best bird in Ayrshire on the day and won 1st federation well done lads on a fantastic performance. 2nd fed on a velocity of 1004 is Crosshouse HS and past Anderson Shield winner is Wullie Juleyan well done Wullie another excellent performance. Not too far behind in 3rd place is Derek Kane of Clyde Coast HS with another good pigeon. Well Joe there goes another week’s racing and we are already looking forward to the national races and hopefully some big performances from our members. All Ayrshire results and information is available on our website at www.ayrshirefederation.co.uk. Many thanks once again Joe kindest regards Mark’.

Ardeer HS

James O’Hare writes ‘Hi Joe Ayrshire federation was supposed to be racing from Wakefield on the 15th May but a reversing accident left the transporter with no back lights so had to get an emergency repair and the lorry could only make it to Otterburn. The convoy of only 781 federation birds were liberated at 09:00am into a strong North West wind and a tricky race was on the cards 5 Ardeer members sent 23 birds and although the velocities in the club was below 900 ypm due to the very hard headwind the birds also experienced many showers on the route home however good returns were had by all members. Taking the 1st x 2 places is the partnership of J & S O’Hare with a yearling chequer cock sent sitting on eggs he has previously won from Sedgefield. His sire was killed by the sparrow-hawk just before the season started in the back garden. The J & S O’Hare are 2nd with a 2 year old dark chequer hen a late bred in only her 3rd race of her life and she won 4th club from Sedgefield the week before. She is bred down from birds of B Williams & Son of Wales and contains the best of distance blood. The 3rd club is the partnership team of J & J & C Nicol with a cock containing the very best of Nigel Laycock ‘Steady Eddie’ blood crossed with a granddaughter of ‘Just a Kid’ from Paul Stobbs. This cock was 5th club as a young
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bird, then as a yearling came back from his first race from 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 to win 16th federation. In 2014 he was flying steady with a couple of minor tickets before winning 1st club 1st x 3 bird club and 6th federation from Dumfries on 8th of June. He then had 4 x 40 mile tosses on the trot before basketting for Ypres with the SNFC and he won 1st club 1st 3 bird club 7th federation. This Otterburn race was his first race of the 2015 season, so hopefully he can add to his winning ways later in the season cheers for now James’.

Central Federation
Broxburn club news from Bernie Britton with the club result of the Wakefield race flown on 16th May with 5 members sending 216 birds, liberated at 07-30am into a north west wind the winner is Gordon MacKenzie with a blue bar hen flown on roundabout. This hen was 3rd club Otterburn this year and she a Gabby from Gordon’s stock loft and in fact Joe she is a sister to the hen that won last week. In 2nd place is John McNeill with a blue bar hen flown on roundabout she too is a Gabby bred by D & J Hawkins & Evans she has won before being 6th club Otterburn, 1st club 2nd fed from Ripon (1) 8th club Ripon (2) 17th club Wakefield 1st club 4th fed and 8th open Scottish Central Combine yearling derby from Peterborough as well as 3rd club 3rd fed from Ripon (3) this year she has won 3rd club 10th fed from Coldstream. In 3rd club is Gordon MacKenzie with a dark chequer hen flown on roundabout she also is a Gabby her sire and dam were gift birds from Mr & Mrs Forrest of Ratho from there originals from M & D Evans principal stock birds.

Well that’s all for another week all the best and many thanks Joe yours Bernie’. 

East of Scotland Federation
News from Tam McEwen who informs me the federation were at Wakefield on 16th May with the convoy liberated at 06-15am into a west wind topping the federation with a yearling blue hen is Jim McNeil of Tranent he had a great race as he is also 8th federation. Brian Lavery of Prestonpans is there again with a great double in 2nd and 6th places his club mate John Bird is there again with 2 birds in 3rd & 7th places both fanciers continuing with a good run of form. Tom Waddell also has a nice double with two birds in 4th and 10th federation. Mr & Mrs Borgess of Ormiston had a great result with a very good bird in 5th federation place with another consistent fancier Ian ‘Spider’ Rowley of Gladsmuir in 9th place.

Prestonpans HS
This week’s winner is Brian Lavery with a yearling blue cock blue cock on 1264 his breeding is as follows his sire was bred by Ian ‘Spider’ Rowley of Gladsmuir while his dam was bred by club mate Bobby Dickson. 2nd is John Bird with a 2 year old blue hen on 1255 she is from his Vandenabeele bloodlines and she won 2nd federation from Tow Law this year. Tom Waddell is 3rd with a 2 year old blue hen on 1243 she is from Tom’s own bloodlines. Well Joe that’s another one under the belt and we will soon have our 1st SNFC race oh how time flies’.

Fife Federation
Dunfermline news of the Ripon old bird club result with 8 members sent 170 birds for the 4th week in a row the red card is taken by Frank Mitchell with a velocity of 1083.68 ypm. He timed a yearling roundabout cock...
with his breeding being through the late Jock Traill’s bloodlines. Frank timed another bird 2 seconds later with a velocity of 1083.54 ypm to take second place this was also a yearling roundabout cock who won the previous week’s Sedgefield race and was also 98th open SNFC young bird national last year. This bird was bred by Wattie Sharp who is a former Dunfermline club member and Frank certainly has them flying well this year Joe. Taking 3rd place is John Robertson with a velocity of 1062.91 ypm he timed a yearling from Keith Cochrane of Crossgates bloodlines as a matter of interest John also wins the nomination and the club 2 bird as well. Well that’s another cold and windy week over Joe hopefully the summer will be with us soon yours David’.

Kennoway HS news from Jocky Scott who dropped off his result to me Jocky took the first two places from the Ripon race with the winner a 4 year old blue cock on roundabout he was bred by Bruce McKenzie of Dundee. His 2nd bird is a yearling chequer cock also on roundabout he is bred out of Jock’s 1st open Leicester winner. Third place goes to Brian Chalmers with a yearling cock on widowhood.

Pentland hills federation & New Lothian R.P.C.

News from Andy Millar who informs us that the above organisations held their 5th race of the season from Wakefield on Saturday 16th May with 15 clubs sending 3270 birds the distance of 160 to 175 miles to most lofts in the federation. Race controller Bobby Graham had the birds on their way early at 06:15 am this was due to North Road organisations all around the area, again a good decision by the man in charge. Winning 1st New Lothian and 1st federation is the loft of Brown & Black who race with Woodburn club in Dalkeith. A move of loft location was forced last season to the village of Whitecraigs so exciting times ahead for Davie and Silent partner Peter. Their timer was a hen racing on the roundabout from Busschaert crossed Vandenabeele origin. 2nd are the loft of Willie Kinnear and son Barry of Danderhall with club mates I & I Hunter in 3rd place. Press Officer Andy Miller of Sighthill is 4th & 5th with W Pryde & son of Easthouses in 6th & 8th places. A Young of Danderhall splits the above birds to take 7th spot with Mr & Mrs Simpson of Easthouses in 9th place just ahead of T Nolan of Danderhall.

From the Pentland hills federation Peterborough yearling open race flown on Wednesday 20th May 40 lofts prepaid for 142 birds going to the race with 35 actual lofts sending 102 birds liberated at 06-30am into a west wind. The prize money was £2,500 paid out in 19 prizes. The 1st & 3rd places are won by A W Robertson of Gilmerton on a velocity of 1125 his winner lifting £1,105.00 for top place the 3rd placed pigeon won £730.00 so not a bad day’s work. Second is J Pryde of Easthouses 4 yards behind winning £865.00. I Johnstone of Danderhall is 4th with an all pooler and wins £1,230.00 for his efforts. 5th is the ever consistent loft of Willie Kinnear & son Barry from Danderhall they win £450.00. 6th winning £325.00 is John Bosworth of Traprain with his club mates J & G Whitson next winning £740.00 8th place goes to John Bird of East of Scotland who wins £395.00 with Andy Miller of Sighthill in 9th & 11th places he wins £78.00 for his efforts and making up the top ten is Ronnie Bremner of Sighthill club winning £41.00: my thanks to Andy Miller for supplying the above information.
Club Winners are as follows;
Woodburn 130 birds: 1st & 3rd Brown & Black 2nd Lapinski
Danderhall 480 birds: 1st Kinnear 2nd Hunter 3rd A Young
Sighthill 173 birds; 1st & 2nd Miller 3rd Girdwood
Easthouses 400 birds; 1st & 2nd W Pryde & Son 3rd Mr & Mrs Simpson
Castlebrae 151 birds; 1st 2nd & 3rd L Mitchell
Edinburgh Premier 238 birds; 1st & 2nd Gilchrist 3rd McFarlane
Loanhead 317 birds; 1st & 3rd Smith 2nd Murray
Inveresk 120 birds: 1st 2nd & 3rd Halley & Kelly
Edinburgh West 137 birds; 1st Lamb 2nd McCaig 3rd I Bennett
Gilmerton 160 birds; 1st 2nd & 3rd A W Robertson
Bonnyrigg 148 birds: 1st Neill 2nd A Dewar 3rd J Dewar
Rosewell 92 birds: 1st Hush 2nd G Tytler 3rd McCormack
Peebles 69 birds: 1st & 2nd Hannah 3rd Bissett
New Lothian 42 birds:
Edinburgh Central 0 birds:
Traprain 511 birds: 1st Thomson 2nd Whitson 3rd Bosworth
Others 102 birds:
NEW LOTHIAN RPC from the Wakefield race
62 lofts sent 1785 birds liberated at 06-15am into a west wind the winners are Brown and Black of Woodburn with 2nd place going to the loft of Willie Kinnear and son Barry of Danderhall with club mates I & I Hunter in 3rd place. New Lothian Press Officer Andy Miller of Sighthill is 4th & 5th with W Pryde & son of Easthouses in 6th & 8th places. A Young of Danderhall splits the above birds to take 7th spot with Mr & Mrs Simpson of Easthouses in 9th place just ahead of T Nolan of Danderhall who is 10th & 11th.

Joe's Joke
Here is a lovely Australian Poem: It has something for everyone - If you know the bush, it will appeal to you, if you work in the oil industry, there is something in it for you too, if you have a sense of humour - well, it might test it a little and if you are not an Australian, then it won't help your knowledge of Australian life one little bit ... but believe me it is SO FUNNY.

Our Brand New Long Drop Dunny
Poor old Granddad's passed away, cut off in his prime,
He never had a day off crook - gone before his time,
We found him in the dunny, collapsed there on the seat,
A startled look upon his face, and his trousers around his feet.
The doctor said his heart was good - fit as any trout,
The Constable he had his say, 'foul play' was not ruled out.
There were theories at the inquest of snakebite without trace,
Of red backs quietly creeping and death from outer space,
No-one had a clue at all - the judge was in some doubt,
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When Dad was called to have his say as to how it came about,
'I reckon I can clear it up,' said Dad with trembling breath.
'You see it's quite a story - but it could explain his death.
"This here exploration mob had been looking at our soil,
And they reckoned that our farm was just the place for oil,
So they came and put a bore down and said they'd make some trials,
They drilled a hole as deep as hell, they said about three miles.
Well, they never found a trace of oil and off they went, post haste,
And I couldn't see a hole like that go to flaming' waste,
So I moved the dunny over it - real smart move I thought,
I'd never have to dig again - I'd never be 'caught short'.
The day I moved the dunny, it looked a proper sight,

But I didn't dream poor Granddad would pass away that night,
Now I reckon what has happened - poor Granddad didn't know,
The dunny was re-located when that night he had to go.
And you'll probably be wondering how poor Granddad did his dash—
Well; he always used to hold his breath until he heard the splash!!

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