

## **Wildfowling Memory – My First Pinkfoot**

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Shooting my first Pinkfooted goose on the foreshore at the creek of Baldoon on Wigtown Bay (1988 aged 38). after being in the club for 1 year. I was accompanied by my son who was out the time. Also, my wine-coloured spaniel called Flash.

There were two geese coming towards us as we hid in the creek. I shot one and was so excited to seeing it fall out of the sky that I forgot to shoot at the other one. The goose came down that close I thought it was going to hit me. Great morning. The goose weighed 6¾ lb.

It being the first Pinkfooted goose that I had shot. I was that excited I jumped out of the creek and beat the dog to it.

I came fully transported this goose back to England where I had it mounted and cased. My son has it in his house in Kent. He stayed in the local hotel in Wigtown. I was that pleased I bought everyone in the bar a drink that evening to celebrate!