

Pigeon Notes

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Junee Win To M. Murphy

M. Murphy (West Torrens) won the SA Homing Pigeon Association's record entry Junee race of 508 miles last Sunday.

The total of 642 birds was a record for the long-distance event—it defeated the 559 bird Finke total made one week earlier.

The association conveyed its birds to Junee by road for the first time. The arrival time of 9 a.m. Friday permitted the contestants to rest prior to the release at 5.45 a.m. Saturday.

The conveyer reported an excellent start to the long race to Adelaide.

Although there were no day arrivals, the winner for M. Murphy was found on the loft at 4.50 a.m. Sunday and the second prizewinner for K. Smoker was awaiting its owner in the loft at about 5.20 a.m.

The first twelve birds were in the clock by 6 a.m. and about 40 p.c. were reported home by Sunday night.

A special feature of the race was the struggle for the association's aggregate award, generally accepted as the SA champion of the year honors, between F. Fraser (North West) and K. Wickham (South Suburban).

Before the event was decided Fraser with 83 points led Wickham (71) by twelve points. Still subject to final check, Fraser scored four points to take his total to 87 and Wickham earned 15 points to finish with 86—a narrow victory for F. Fraser by one point.

Racing his first year with the association, former top Port Adelaide Association performer, Fraser was a model of consistency throughout the season and thoroughly deserved his success.

The big entries in both this event and the Finke race provided ample evidence that it was a wise move to hold only one race on each of the weekends.

In former years both fixtures were conducted jointly with races from Benalla and Oodnadatta. Although the returns from Junee suffered a lot when compared with those from Finke, the Junee race can be considered a successful one—only 10 p.c. were home in race time from Junee last year.

The winner for M. Murphy is a hard-raced blue bar yearling hen, above medium size which finished in excellent condition.

She flew all stages up to, and including both Benalla \$200 and Benalla open events.

The sire, bred by P. Matthews (PAA) is Harrison and Jurion and the dam, bred by R. Chenoweth (Hamley Bridge) is a combination of Gits and Lowe.

K. Smoker's second prizewinner is a blue bar two-year-old hen, a little under medium size and a typical Clay Barker in appearance.

She was a late bred last year and was unflown. This year she flew all stages to Benalla open.

Her sire won 10th SAHPA William Creek and is the produce of a D. C. Green cock out of a Grooter Putman hen.

The dam, bred by C. Beasley, is a mixture of Clay Barker and D. C. Green.

is a magnificent handler and finished in fine fettle.

He flew twice from Keith, once from Pimba, once from Dimboola, twice from Maryborough, and was clocked in the \$200 Benalla prior to his success from Junee.

The sire is Cudmore Jurion and Harrison and a full brother to Ware and Son's Benalla performers. The dam, bred by H. Aubert (PAA) as Stassar Jurion and Bricoux with a dash of the Smuts blood.

The fourth prizewinner for K. Smoker is a well-performed four-year-old blue che hen which has flown Benalla four times—she raced only from Maryborough this year.

The sire is the same grand producer, sire of 1st SAHPA Oodnadatta and 4th SAHPA Benalla for Smoker this year.

The dam, produce of a W. Verco hen, won the Henley and Grange derby for C. Woods.

RESULTS

SAHPA (143 642)—M. Murphy 1133, K. Smoker 1090, M. Benz 1099, K. Smoker 1090, M. Hatch 1086, 2. M. Antonio 1086, K. Wickham 1085, W. Matthews 1081, M. Kakoschke 1080, Warren Moyle & Son 1075, D. Jolly 1069, R. Rust 1058, D. C. Green 1047, W. Strongman & Son 1042, 28. D. Dempsey 1042, 22. J. Quinn & Son 1038, S. Mitten and Son 1035, F. Fraser 1027, C. Sewer 1024, J. Stacey 1017, W. Hodgson 1007, Warren Moyle and Son 1003, B. Miners 1002, M. Murphy 1001, J. Alldritt 1000, J. Quinn & Son 999, J. Quinn & Son 995, H. Ford 994, 6. F. Fraser 994, 3. A. George 992—subject to check.

COUNTRY 8.10.66

Port Augusta (Flinders) — From Ballarat, 492 miles (24. 99)—J. Webb, R. Martin, R. and L. McDonald (the winner clocked at 5.44.30 AM second day with second and third at 6.43.12 AM and 6.52.50 AM).

Port Pirie HS—From Oodnadatta, 418 miles (10. 78)—H. Jackson Jnr, 1258.8, S. Staker and Son 1258.3, H. Jackson Jnr, 1258.2—trophy by R. Baverstock.

Renmark—From Naracoorte, 190 miles (8. 39)—R. Ratcliff 1357, R. Yonker 1355, M. Carslake 1353—100 p.c. returns.

Solomontown—Two races from Maryborough (10. 72)—Argent and Legg 1098.3, Argent & Co 1098.19, Argent & Legg 1098.12—trophies by Halliday Memorial, Miss B. Argent Mrs. L. Jeffries and N. Green. From Watson (12. 76)—C. S. and M. J. Connor (two birds) 1135, R. M. Sykes 1134—trophies by PPHS, O. Farsche, V. Fidge and G. Nitz.

Clare—From Finke, 620 miles (8. 28)—M. Hancock 1085, J. Lane 1084, J. Boyd 1079.

AGGREGATES

The Port Augusta (Flinders) aggregate award was won by J. Webb with 90 points from D. Press 85 and Frank Grantham and C. Redman 75 points each.

The Henley and Grange honors went to S. Ferguson 148 points, from M. Hatch 132 and D. Hawke 125 points.

SOCIALS
The Renmark club will hold its annual picnic fixture at Plush's Bend at 12 noon on Nov. 13, and the North Suburban club's presentation night has been fixed for Saturday, Nov. 19.