

L. Thamm Does It Again

Top Riverside owner, Laurie Thamm, finished a most successful season when he took first, third, ninth and tenth prizes in the recent Benalla event held by the Port Adelaide Association.

Kept down to 30 m.p.h., the leaders did not reach home until early in the second day.

Mr. Thamm's success is a climax to one of his best seasons in the sport—apart from his other P.A.A. triumphs he won both big races conducted by the S.A.H.P. Combine.

Recent P.A.A. Oodnadatta winner, F. Fraser, finished in second place.

Ray Fullgrabe, Plympton, took first and second places in the Southern Federation race.

Results:—P.A.A. (18, 236) — L. Thamm 383, F. Fraser 879, L. Thamm 858.9, D. Burgess 858.8, Lloyd and Sawford 841, G. and D. Edwards 840, R. Judd 824, F. Fraser 805, L. Thamm 800, L. Thamm 794; South Fed. — R. Fullgrabe 868, R. Fullgrabe 840, T. Lerner. 774.

Finke Race

Port Pirie H.S. advise a bad race from Finke on Saturday, October 10, when 53 pigeons competed without one arrival in racetime.

This was held the same day as the P.A.A. and S.A.H.P.C. disaster from Oodnadatta when only 2 per cent were home when the race closed on the third day.

However, Port Pirie H. S. held an event from Benalla, 510 miles, in conjunction with the Finke race when 11 owners entered 43 birds.

J. B. Dormer took first and second places at 1,306 and 1,302 yd. a min., with H. F. Jackson jr. in third position flying at 1,268 yd.

The Benalla race was the annual H. Munn Memorial event.

Leading Clocks And Winners

Here are the twelve leading clock owners and the winners of all S.A.H.P.A. races this year. — Tarcoola Derby, G. Starr, Henley and Weightman, South Suburban, winner, Maryborough Derby T. M. Butcher, Campbelltown, leading clock and winner, Tarcoola Open No. 1 H. Bott, Gawler, leading clock and winner, Maryborough Open No. 1 H. Ford, Glynde, leading clock, L. A. Pitt, Glynde, winner, Cook £100 J. Budas, North West, leading clock and winner, Benalla £100 D. Briggs, Millswood, leading clock and winner, Tarcoola Open No. 2 A. J. Allen, West Torrens, leading clock, Ross Burford, Millswood, winner, Maryborough Open No. 2 T. M. Butcher, Campbelltown, leading clock, A. Goodger, Hampstead, winner, Cook Open A. J. Harris, North-East, leading clock and winner, June, Marchant & Son, East Suburban, leading clock, M. Hatch, Henley and Grange, winner, Benalla Open Huff & Son, Glynde, leading clock, E. Watson, Millswood, winner, Forrest, S. J. Gregerson, South Suburban, leading clock and winner.

Record Prizemoney

Prizemoney paid out by the S.A.H.P.A. this year is an Association record.

The total of £8,036 13/6 represented the amount competed for in the twelve events at an average of nearly £670 a race.

There is no doubt that big prizemoney is not without its attraction, but it might be wise to remember that its only source of supply is out of the owners' pockets.

There is no gate money, as in a lot of other sports, when most of the stake is contributed by others than the contestants.

Therefore, it must be obvious that the more we race for, the more it is costing us, and it may not be that far distant when we will forget that we are awaiting the arrival of a pigeon but for a cheque that is expected to flutter down out of the sky.

If the time ever comes, when we think more of the cash to be won than the general welfare of our pigeons, the sport

Pigeon Notes By Vin Blanden

Kalgoorlie Scoreboard

John Flintoft reported the arrival of the fifth bird home from Kalgoorlie on 24/10/65.

His two-year-old well performed grizzle hen, bred by Peter Millay, finished in good physical shape after the long journey.

She is closely related to the earlier arrivals for Blanden and Bailey and L. A. Wallace.

Acknowledgement

Miss Susan Leach, Box 76, Mundalla, SA advises she is caring for Crystal Brook pigeon, 304 C.B.C. 63, and is awaiting advice from the owner.

Mr. F. R. Willard, 167 Elliott st., Whyalla, reports Port Adelaide blue bar cock, 2789 P.A.C. 64.

The Waikerie club aggregate was won in easy fashion by George Elliott with a total of 89 points, 50 ahead of the second prizewinner.

The winner's record for the 14 races held is:— six firsts, two seconds and three thirds.

Thirteen owners contested the series. Here are the five leaders:— G. Elliott 89, A. Noack 39, J. Smith 36, R. Waye & Sons 34 and N. Moules 31 points.

The Broken Hill H.C. aggregate was won by the Warren Loft with K. Stubing second and N. Ravlich third. Trophies were provided by S. J. Robertson, E. Glensk and Disposals.

E. L. Robjohns & Son won the Novice Award from the Grillet Loft — trophies by P. Hurley and Temby's Chemist.