



## ● Trevor Quinn

The secret of success of Pasadena racing pigeon owner **TREVOR QUINN** is the **Quinn-Solley-Queen strain** — a family built up by three generations of Quinns.

First use of this winning blood was made by the late **J. J. Quinn senior**, one of the original core members of the **SA Homing Pigeon Association**.

He established the "blood" which has become fixed throughout the State for its tenacity and great flying ability.

In turn, the knowledge and expertise has been handed down from father to son, passing from the originator to **John J. Quinn**, of **Underdale**, and then to **Trevor**.

**Trevor's** father still plays a very important role in keeping the **Quinn** family on top. **Trevor** houses the racing birds at his **Barcroft** street home while his father breeds most of the youngsters.

Despite his long family association with the sport, **Trevor's** feats in the game have been nothing short of spectacular in the four years he has been actually racing pigeons.

In the first year he won the **Penalla** race of the **SAHPA** — no mean feat for any flyer, and last year he was placed fourth in the aggregate points of the association ahead of more than 350 other flyers.

He repeated this success this year when he drew for fourth with **Albert Geartner** (**Campbelltown**) but he also went one step further in having owned and trained the **SAHPA** "bird of the year."

His small blue chequer hen **SA 71 8125** was placed in two association races this year — second in **Morundah** and 15th in **Temora** — thereby winning the coveted award. She will now take pride of place as a breeder at the **Underdale** loft, and her retirement after only a year on the track indicates the value of her to her owners.

**Trevor**, 32, is married with three children. His wife **Jackie** plays an important part in looking after the "two lots of children." **Tracey** is the eldest child at 5, with **Andrew**, 3, and **Jason**, 18 months.

**Trevor** works as workshop manager at **Adelaide Motors**, and is a member of the **Hyde Park Homing Pigeon Club** — one of the strongest units within the association.

Since the beginning of training in late April, only a handful of birds — less than 20 — have strayed, or failed to return to **Trevor's** loft.

He believes in keeping his birds absolutely fit, and will not send a pigeon on a race unless it is "100 p.c."

He trains his charges for night flying, and on a hard overnight race his birds often continue after other birds give in.

Like most other **SA** flyers, **Trevor** has a better liking for hen birds. This year he concentrated the majority of his hens on the "south line" and left most of the cock birds that he flies for the

north. He attributed this to his dislike for race points which entail large areas of the course being water.

**Cook**, and **Forrest** (**WA**) were his two main dislikes on the north. However, he expects to concentrate evenly on the two lines next year, now that the north line has been re-routed through **Oodnadatta**.

He has been particularly pleased with returns this season, and well he might be, with 15 birds placed in association races this year.

The last race from **Temora** was indicative of his good returns. In that race he got all home with nine on the day.

At the start of each season **Trevor** attempts to have around 120 birds ready for racing. All receive identical early tossing as **Trevor** firmly believes his birds should be able to adapt to either line on call.



He is a great believer in personal tosses, and right up until the middle distance races he and his brother **John** can be found out tossing on most mornings.

They put their four-wheel trailer to very good use, and journeys of over 200 miles are done on occasions.

The **Quinns** buy their feed direct from the growers, supply clean drinking water for their birds twice daily, and believe hygienic conditions are a must to produce champions. — **GRAHAM BADGER**.