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UPCOMING AUCTIONS

Brisbane Auction Date

SUNDAY 1st JUNE 2008

Viewing 12PM - Sale Commences 1.30PM

Venue: Wynnum Manly Pigeon Club Rooms
Belmont Rifle Range Belmont

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Melbourne Auction Date

SUNDAY 15th JUNE 2008

Viewing 10AM - Sale Commences 1PM

Venue: Western Pigeon Federation Rooms
Carrington Drive, Sunshine Melways Ref 26:C8

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Adelaide Auction Date

SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2008

Viewing 9:30AM - Sale Commences 11:30AM

Venue: SAHPA Headquarters
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PIGEONS THAT WILL BE IN ALL AUCTIONS

Wettering Delbars, Maurice Casaert, Staff Van Reet - (same as the Dam of the 2007 Mallee Classic Winner)

Goodgers Grant Paterson - Full brother to Temora Winner and Port Lincoln cock same as John Prior No.1 pair

Gilson Blacks, Desmet-Matthijs - same as Mr Geoff Parker's long distance pigeons which homed from 500 – 600 – 700 miles, purchased at my 2006 auction.

S.M. Evans - Containing three generation of 600 mile federation winners

Snowy Ward Grizzles, Wickhams, Houbens, Phoenix Blues, Irish Busschaert- Responsible for 2 Young Bird National Winners, 1 all age National Winner, Super Breeders Plate Winner, 3 Combime Winners in Sydney since 2005, all related to 249 The Foundation Hen (Billy Parkes Busschaert from Ireland)

Mozaics, Silvers, Opals - All containing Goodgers lot 60 blood - Artie Morris Alice Spring blood, Fred Burton Launceston, Tasmania's Winning blood 900 km.

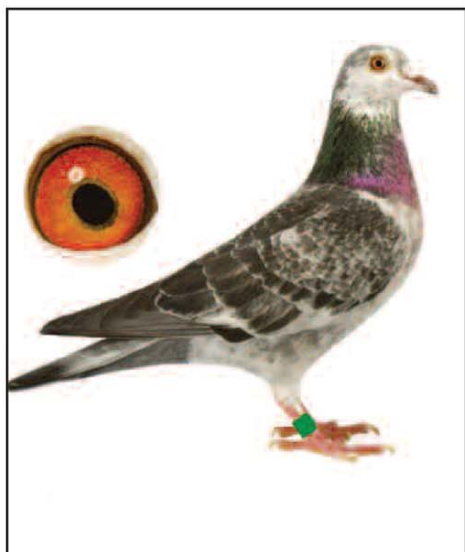
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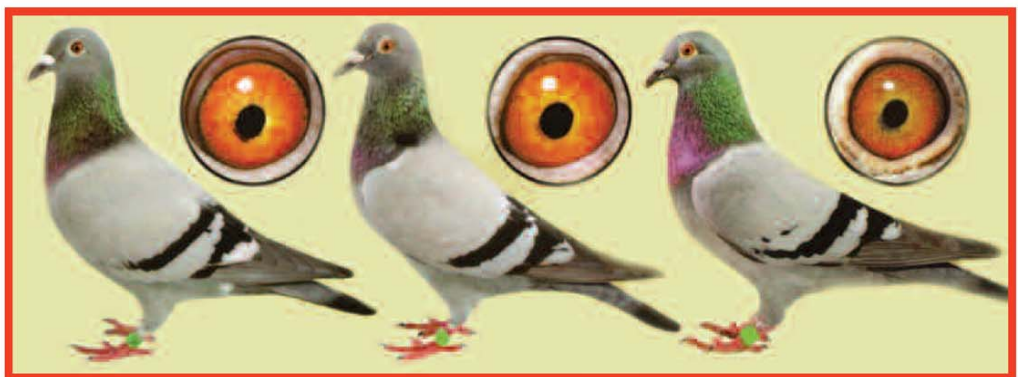
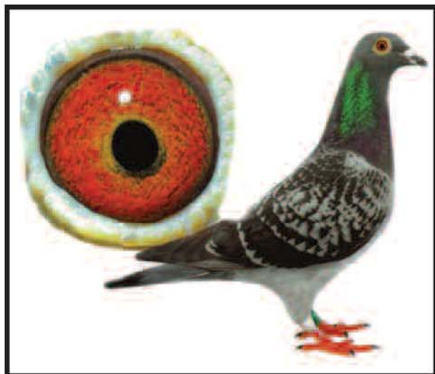
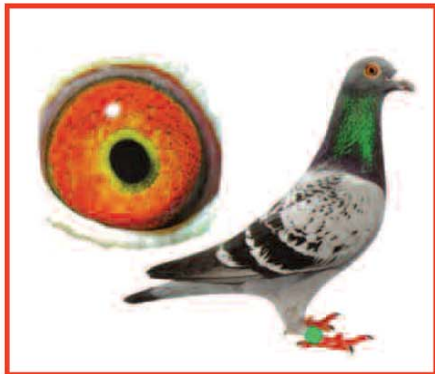
NO BIRDS HAVE BEEN sold PRIOR TO AUCTIONS

No medications or any antibiotics have been used on my pigeons, only the occasional Iodine. In my opinion medication destroys breeding stock which lessens the chances of breeding quality pigeons, I let my pigeons build their own immunity. I also travel some 100 km south of Sydney to collect clays from the mountains, brown and black coals, and good grits off the beaches. **Lots of work**, but the results definitely show in the pigeons as you will see when handling them.

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AUCTION PIGEONS
SNOWY WARD GRIZZLES



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CASAERT - STAF VAN REET



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A BRIEF INSIGHT INTO THE WARDS GRIZZLES

The Grizzles on offer are known as the Snowy Ward Grizzles and were purchased from Frank the Feed Man who had outstanding results with them. They arrived in Sydney from England in about 1900 and were imported by Mr. Con Hanam who owned the Camilla Grove Hotel in Erskineville, an inner suburb of Sydney. It was about 1917 1920 that Snowy Ward took over the entire loft of Grizzles from Mr. Hanam.

Snowy Ward lived in the same suburb as Mr. Hanam and they were very close friends. There were some very dark chocolate colored pigeons amongst the Grizzles. When Snowy raced the Grizzles they were an instant success, winning many prestigious races over 400 miles and they still are today. Snowy Ward was from all accounts a very generous man and gave pigeons to many different pigeon fanciers, including Mr. McLean, a very famous name in Australian Pigeon Racing. Mr. McLean only took the Bronze Pigeons or Checkers and I believe that is where the so called Bronze McLeans came from.

Another very interesting story about Snowy Ward was that his backyard backed onto a railway yard where all the steam trains met from all over the country to repair, turn around, and head back to the country. While train drivers were waiting for their train to load up with coal and repairs which took a few days, they were known to go to Snowy Ward's loft and were given a pair of Grizzles to take home and that is how these Grizzles spread all over the country.

Snowy Ward sounds like the old timers or a Pigeon Man we would have all liked to have known, a man who put friends and mates before pigeons. I would also like to point out that a few of these Grizzles went to Taiwan a few years ago and one Grizzle Cock bred the biggest winner in Taiwan. I have seen the pigeon and it won over 1 million Taiwanese dollars. (20 Australian \$ to 1 Taiwan \$)

The Grizzles and the Mosaics have a very strong constitution, big hearts and will keep going. They will go the distance as they have proved time and time again over the last 60 years, but to compete in today's competition they need some speed pigeons crossed into them.

SUCCESS WITH STAF VAN REET

At my 2006 Brisbane auction, Mr Ken Tucker of Rockhampton Queensland purchased a daughter of my Blue Bar Cock GC 9022 of Staf Van Reet bloodlines. It was a very wise selection as this young hen produced for Ken the winner of the Best Western Mallee Classic One Loft Race shown on this months front cover. This winning pigeon took home a prize of \$10000 and a further \$1500 in pools along with the accolade of being the events Champion Queensland Ace Bird and Champion Overall Ace Bird.

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THE PIGEONS OF MAURICE CASAERT

The first thing that is very interesting is that Maurice Casaert only kept about 15 pair of stock pigeons, a very close knit family and all looked alike. Their main feature is that Maurice Casaert bred for pigeons with good pectoral muscle and it shows when you handle them. The Casaert's excel from 400 mile onwards. Late last year Maurice Casaert sold out his entire loft of pigeons, so you cannot buy from the Casaert loft now. The Taiwan pigeon flyers purchased 65 pigeons out of a total of about 200 pigeons. They received over 250,000 Euros in total. When I was in Taiwan in November last year the 05 pigeons had just arrived from Belgium and I was able to inspect them. I was also able to get my hands on a catalogue as well plus a copy of the pedigrees of his three National winners which I will put on display at my auction for those interested in Casaerts. The interesting thing is the pedigrees for his National winners is almost the same as the Casaerts that I am putting up for auction. One of the main pigeons in the Casaert line is LA BELLE DESEYN 628179 87 and that pigeon shows up a number of times in my Casaerts. Also invincible Montauban National winner by 20 min 1992 5335 pigeons is also in my Casaerts pedigree.

DESMET MATTHIJS FOR THE TOUGH ONES

The February 2007 issue of the Journal featured Geoff & Bill Parker of Shepparton who purchased a number of pigeons at my 2006 Melbourne and Brisbane auctions. These pigeons have brought them instant success and played a big part in making them the Goulburn Valley Pigeon Club Aggregate winners for 2007 in just their second year of racing. Some of the performances these pigeons produced for the Parkers are as follows: A Blue Checker Hen won 3rd prize 500 miles only 4 home a smash race. - Three birds homed from 600 mile smash race one a Desmet-Matthijs cross - One bird homed from 700 mile smash race a Desmet-Matthijs cross. There will be Desmet-Matthijs in all my 2008 Auctions bred the same as the parents of Mr. Geoff Parkers. Mr. Geoff Parker also won races with Houbens whose parents were also purchased from Barry Devine's Phoenix Lofts.

Desmet Matthijs in stock : BCH Aust-02-8678 only pool bird home Young Bird Derby smash of the west 500 km. in 2003, 1500 birds competed less than 50 got home. Aust. 02 8678 won \$3000. in pools on the day. Also in stock is BCH SH-04-2105 - 500km combine winner, also 1st two bird combine winner, and first in the Seven Hills Squeaker sale race \$6000.

The Desmet-Matthijs pigeons are extremely intelligent pigeons. They are very quiet pigeons that think for themselves. In bad circumstances they always seem to come through. I won a 500 mile combine in 2005 from Bairnsdale by a very big margin and the only way this hen could have achieved this result was to cut from the race team and fly a long way on her own. Her Grandfather won a race from Batemans Bay NSW (350km south of Wollongong) into Brisbane and this does happen with the Desmet-Matthijs pigeons as Mr. Geoff Parker also found out.

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AUCTION PIGEONS
DESMET MATTHIJIS



Won 3rd Prize 500 miles - Only 4 home
Geoff & Bill Parker
Parents purchased from Phoenix Lofts Australia

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GRANT PATTERSON GOODGER



Son of the Original Pair - In Stock
Brothers and Sisters will be in the Auctions

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THE GOODGERS

I sold all the Goodgers in 2006. I kept the Grant Paterson pair and one hen from Bill Walford which contains all the good **red hen 494 blood** who was off Lot 60. Bill contacted me before the 2006 sale and told me not to let these three Goodgers go as I will never be able to replace them. The best advice I could have received. As so much publicity came out about the Goodgers later in the Journal. The three I kept have all the right blood in them Lot 53, Lot 60, the Port Lincoln Cock have a look at the pedigree's. I have had the Grant Patterson pair for some time. I received them from John Share and I have hardly bred off them mainly because they do not seem to race all that good in Sydney. They did breed me a smash winner in I think 2001 from Grafton 500 km. A lot of pigeons were lost that year. That pigeon won over \$6000 in the Liverpool Squeaker sale race and one other hen got home from a very bad race on the west when a north westerly came up and the pigeons were blown into Victoria. After that I did not breed much from them. The young pigeons that I did breed off in 2007 are very nice pigeons and most will be sold in the **Melbourne**, and **Adelaide** 2008 Auctions.

Interestingly the cock is now 12 years old and does not miss an egg, all fertile. Lot 53 shows up three times and Lot 60 3 times in their pedigree, same as these were John Prior's No. 1 pair.

I am told they do not come any better, **as good as they get**.

OAT-97-855 GRIZZLE

Outstanding Producer. Bred Fed winners in 2005, Sire, G/Sire and GG/Sire of 1st Club & Fed 600km 460 Flyers 4100 Birds, 2nd Club & Fed 600km 410 Flyers 3600 Birds, 1st Club & Fed 315km 520 Flyers 4010 Birds, 2nd Club 4th Fed 619km 380 Flyers 3710 Birds, 6th Club 7th Fed 632km 390 Flyers 3910 Birds, 3rd Club 3rd Fed 827km 350 Flyers 3200 birds etc..

PAN-94-974 GRIZZLE

Won 1st Club & Fed 580km 190 Flyers 3010 Birds, 2nd Club 3rd Fed 900km 180 Flyers 3000 Birds, 1st Club & Fed 290km 190 Flyers 2900 Birds

PAN-90-1003 GRIZZLE

Won 1st FRP National 580km 190 Flyers 1200 Birds 1100mpm

PAN-91-993 GRIZZLE

2nd Club & Fed 680km 150 Flyers 2000, 1st Club & Fed 990km 138 Flyers 1500 Birds

OAT-96-57 GRIZZLE

Won 1st Club & Fed 780km 158 Flyers 2500 Birds only 12 home on the day.

PEAK-92-249 GRIZZLE

Won 1st YB National 580km 130 Flyers. Bred 1st Fed 350km

NS-90-300 GRIZZLE

Outstanding stock pigeon. has bred a multitude of winners and stock pigeons.

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SA-95-11435 DARK C COCK

Lot 8 Grant Paterson sale.

SA-87-32956 BCC
Ref "A" Grant Paterson Sale. Sire of 1st SAHPA Temora 520m, 20th SAHPA Benalla 440m, 21st SAHPA Mitiamo 33m, 6th 25th & 28th Little Topar 300m etc.

SA-87-18573 BCPH
Dam of 1st SAHPA Temora 520m, 20th SAHPA Benalla 440m, 21st SAHPA Mitiamo 33m, 28th Little Topar 300m

SA-81-428 BCC
Lot 53 A Goodger Sire of John Pryor and G Paterson's No 1 stock cocks.

SA-78-1593 BLK PH
Lot 60 A Goodger Sale
1st Club Carrieton 176m.
Dam of Proyor & Paterson
No 1 stock cocks.

SA-77-5610 BCC
Lot 143 A Goodger Sale.
Brother to Lot 22 (10th SAHPA Young 1979), Lot 44 (9th SAHPA Nyngan), Lot 193

SA-82-3269.

SA-76-9548 BBPC
Lot 51 A Goodger
\$1900 Cock

SA-78-1635 BCH
Lot 52 A Goodger

SA-77-5622 BKPC
Lot 95 A Goodger

SA-77-41299 BCH
Lot 75 A Goodger

SA-74-56922 BCC
Bred by W Verco

SA-78-1635 BCH
Ref C A Goodger

SA-81-255

SA-81-460 BCH
Lot 100 A Goodger

SA-95-11492 BCPHEN

Bred by G Paterson. Full sister to Lots 1-7 Grant Paterson sale.

SA-86-26562 BCPC
12th SAHPA Mitiamo 310 miles.
Sire of 19th SAHPA Boorooban 340m, 12th & 39th Coober Pedy 450m

SA-93-31756 BCH
Full sister to 18th SAHPA Glendambo 300m, & 30th SAHPA Boorooban. Dam of 10th & 26th SAHPA Boorooban 340m.

SA-81-496 BCC
Lot 164 A Goodger Sale

SA-78-1593 BLK PH
Lot 60 A Goodger Sale
1st Club Carrieton 176m.
Dam of Proyor & Paterson
No 1 stock cocks.

PTL-84-1062 BCPC
Ref "B" G Paterson Sale.
Excellent sire os SAHPA winners

SA-90-22491 BCPH
Ref "C" G Paterson Sale.

SA-78-1530 BCC
Lot 160 A Goodger

SA-77-41296 BCH
Lot 161 A Goodger

SA-77-5622 BKPC
Lot 95 A Goodger

SA-77-41299 BCH
Lot 75 A Goodger

SA-82-11829 BCC
J Pryor No 1 Cock

SA-76-51397 BCPH
Ref "B" G Paterson

SA-87-32956 BCC
Ref "A" G Paterson

SA-87-18573 BCPH
Dam of 1st Temora



The Black Racing Pigeon *By Barry Devine*



What is their true identity and where did they originate from? About 4 years ago I set about trying to acquire a few pair of quality black pigeons with a good track record. I found out very quickly that this would be a very difficult task indeed. In 4 years I have only managed to acquire 5 good ones that have raced or bred winners over four hundred miles.

With patience and time I have now put together a very nice family of Blacks. The one family that stands out that has raced extremely well in Sydney for well over 30 years were known as the Hargraves (Gilson Blacks). The Hargraves' have passed on now and ceased racing some time in the late 70's and 80's. It is a known fact that they won more Nationals and Combine's with the Blacks than any other flyers of that time I have been told.

One very famous Black Pigeon in Sydney was owned by Harry Appleby and known as the Black Prince. It bred many outstanding pigeons in his day, the 70's and early 80's. This pigeon would be down off the Hargraves Blacks. Peter Condran tells me that his mother took him to Hargraves as a teenager to buy him a pair of Blacks which surprisingly he still has some of these in his lofts today and Peter tells me they have bred him his biggest winners. Some were sent to Melbourne and raced by Mr. Winston Cummings and won good races in the VHA. Sid Webster raced Blacks to Tasmania and took prizes with them up to 900km. Mick Dashwood of Deniliquin had Blacks from Sydney which were known as Mick's Mighty Blacks and they excelled over the distance. Mick bred the winner of the Victorian Statewide 700 mile race from Coongoola in 2001. The winning pigeon was a Blue Chequer off Mick's Blacks.

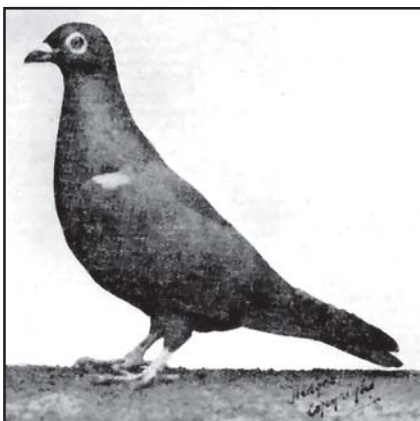
This brings us to the question who was Gilson? After a lot of research I have discovered that the Gilson Blacks were developed by a Mr. Gilson of Antwerp in Belgium in the 1870's and they were then purchased by Mr. J.O. Allen and taken back to England. The Gilson Blacks of J.O. Allen as they became known, played a very big part in the establishment of so many families of pigeons in England as a cross. One example was J.W. Logan who used the Gilson Blacks to develop his strain.

J.O. Allen was also one of the first to import the Gits pigeons into England. One interesting point is that J.W. Logan's Old 86 was the first pigeon to do 400 miles on the day across the Channel in 1886, his dam was a Gits Hen -



J.O. Allen

646 a gift from J.O. Allen. This record however was very quickly broken by J.O. Allen's Champion Cock in the same year. It flew 459 miles in 9 hours 30 minutes at 1422yph, a record which stood for many years, while Allen's Champion Hen (1/2 Gilson) ran 5th in this same race.. There are pages of recorded wins by J.O. Allen's Black



Black Gilson Cock. Channel winner for J.O. Allen. It covered 459 miles in 9 hours 30 minutes, a record which stood for many years.





Gilsons over many years in England. In a 1907 stud register of the great pigeons of the time, of the 900 pigeons listed no less than 212 were descendants of Allens champion pair. It is interesting to note that J.O. Allen was also one of the chief collaborators with J.W. Logan and Col Colville in forming the first organisation of the sport into clubs for competitive racing in England. Getting back to the Hargraves black pigeons in Sydney, it is not clear when they arrived in Sydney but it would be in the late 1930's I would think.

The Blacks I have put together I have no doubt are down from those Hargraves Black Gilsons. They are medium size pigeons, and very uniform in type. The Gilson Black in the photo is very similar to the present day Blacks that I have put together, maybe not as tailey as the one in the photo. Many thanks must go to Ron Whitford of Bendigo for supplying most of the information on the Gilson Blacks for this article.



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