

## **Chairman's Report – 2018 Season**

It was pleasing to return to a full season in 2018 after a cut down season in 2017 due to the Rotavirus outbreak, the virus appeared to have less impact on loft's this year but we still look forward to having a vaccine available before next season.

Greg Hamilton had a great season winning the Aggregate Points with Nenad Stojakovic finishing second, Cook and Edwards finishing third. Cook and Edwards also won the Short Distance points for the fourth year in a row.

I wish to thank the SAHPA Committee of Management for the large commitment they have given to running the SAHPA, John Harper General Secretary, Paul Springett Vice Chair, Phil Squire, David Thalbourne, Nenad Stojakovic and Peter Burke, plus Tim Fawcett who was on the committee January through to March. Paul and David are retiring from the committee at our AGM March 2019. I wish to thank them for their service and without Paul we would not have the Gerald Race unit, so we owe him a great deal of respect. David has given a lot to the sport and was recognised for his time as Chairman for more than a decade when being awarded Life Membership back in 2016.

We welcome Perry Burton and David Buxton on to the Committee.

The Treasurer's report shows that we have made a small profit of \$5,359, mainly because we raised \$5,949 from the Top 30 Aggregate points auction and we must thank all the flyers that donated birds and Tim Fawcett for providing his website for no cost to the SAHPA.

I also thank Greg Kakoschke for taking on the Chairmanship of the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board ANRPB. David Thalbourne has been the state representative on the board and in 2019 Phil Squire will be taking over the role as state representative.

I am really looking forward to the 2019 season and working with the new committee to do our best to break even financially and keep costs down.

Yours in Sport,

Gavin Harris

SAHPA - Chairperson