

HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT, MY INBRED LITTLE BOY FAMILY

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This is a short history of this concentrated blood line family based on Little Boy, Wittenbuik, Kleinen, of Gaby Vandenabeele pigeons, using the very dominant performance genes. It has taken me the best part of 15 years and I aim to continue till as long as possible.

I started with two grand sons of Little Boy and two hens of the Wittenbuik line. These pigeons gave superior results, to my surprise especially one cock 4511, they gave high federation places, including multiple drops to clock. At this point I was inbreeding but not too close but thought I should try half B & sister pairing, again giving top results, then breeding back to the 4511 line and again performances. At this time using F2 & F3 generations I realised new blood may be needed, so I bought 2 more cocks both grandsons of Little Boy, one a half brother to 4511, the other a cousin off 2292 a full brother to 4511 's sire 19609.

To breed close but not too close I decided to pair the cousin 39282 to 4511's daughter 1433, (the grand daughter of 21343 other original cock) and was totally blown away with their performances, twice multiple drops for 3rd fed, with 517 winning 1st Fed, 1st Fed, 3rd Fed and a 4th Fed in two years, then stopped and grand daughter 1132 won 1st, 2nd 2nd, Fed as a young bird, and off course stopped both.

I was wondering how to find out how good these birds were, and at this time I sent birds to fly in the Adelaide Sires Classic 2016. Before the race they had clocked several times for Ross gaining many places and Ross asked if I had a cock to try, and sent 1120 which had been injured racing, as it turn out was a brother to 1202 hen in the Sires Race.

The Sires Classic from Moulamein 507 km flying 9 hour 31.33 minutes clocked 1196 @ 887.263m/m, then 1202 then 4 minutes behind 1196 was Ross's bird 14620 next. (1202 was not qualified for the direction so disqualified). So my result was 1st and 9th with Ross 2nd and 10th from 13 day birds.

I sent two birds for the 2020 Sires race and Ross dropped four together and my hen 1981 got fourth. The winner was off 1126 from the 2016 sires And the second bird was off her daughter that had won 1st SAHPA 5 bird.

So far 1120 has produced three SAHPA wins and about 20 SAHPA SDC places in the top 15 place, 1126 is almost as consistent a producer, giving multiple drops in SDC the top 5 places, a 1st SAHPA 5 Bird, 1st Sires Classic 2nd off her daughter.

A hen bred by Ross from an hen inbred 1/2 B/S off (4511) produced a hen that won 1st SAHPA Benalla 707km at 1060.315 m/m in 11 hours 6 minutes, by 27 minutes or 42 m/m and a hen from me 9th in same race.

Ross bred brother to sister from 1120 and sold the cock in a fund raiser sale, with the nest sister ending with the same fancier who crossed these out and won 1st and 2nd from Marree in 2020 one off each both having previous high places.

Ross previously won Bird of Year and Young Bird of Year with Little Alice daughter of 1120. I was told another flyer bred from a brother of Ross's Benalla hen and his hen won 2 SAHPA places 2019 and 3 SAHPA places in 2020, and running for Bird of Year also.

A friend races in NRC Queensland, won in a combine liberation from 548.225 km in 8hours 1 minute flying 1138.577 m/m beating the QRF fed winner by 32 m/m or 29 minutes from an inbred cock from me.

Another fancier from Victoria rang to say he got 14 fed off an inbred bird of mine from the few races they had because of lockdown. I myself only 2 race points were completed and a club toss from 200 kms was all I could participate because of lockdown.

At my age of 82 I need to reduce numbers, so reluctantly decided to have a sale of about 50 quality family birds, producers and fed winners included, in July 2022 on the 3rd (or 10th if a hold over of CCF) at Liverpool club rooms at 61 Speed Street Liverpool NSW.

My future breeding will be from the race loft birds and will try to limit to 50 young birds a year as long as my health continues, as each year lifting baskets seem to get heavier each year. I have included some family crosses to enable to pair to the inbred birds to maintain line, and it is preferred way to breed winners and from inbred birds paired to good performed birds.

Preliminary sale list will be available in January and a final list with equipment and possibly a few more birds, will be available by April / May, no sale birds will be sold before sale, I aim to have lists to be able for download on web sites of the SAHPA site and the Central Cumberland site as well as the Journal web site. Preliminary list as email download may be requested at allen.limeburner@gmail.com.

I know all purchasers will be more than pleased with any purchases and I thank them in advance as I am sure this family will dominate for years to come, you will notice some wins are out in front which is a character and ability of this inbred family using a cross for vigor.