



## **GLENDAMBO 15 BIRD** 186 owners 2200 birds

Northern Districts' Glen and Chris Rehn's first Association winner was a great thrill for the partnership, SA 12 10771 in only its second race, raced as a young Blue checker hen but has since turned out to be a cock. His Sire is a cross of birds from L. Colgate (Jackson from R Linkevic) and Deweerdt from Fred Dimella and the Dam is all Deweerdt. The Deweerdt pigeons were purchased at Fred's Sale in 2009.

Glen and Chris started racing pigeons together in 2009, with Glen having been involved in the sport in the 80's. They have around ten pairs of stock birds and also breed from their race team to breed around 100 birds for the upcoming season. The birds are fed a commercial mix from Gilberton's Fodder store and a little barley is added during the moulting season and more peas are added as the race distance increases, pink powder and grit is in front of them at all times and vitamins are given twice a week. Cocks and hens are flown together and not separated in the loft. The birds are worked in the mornings and they like to see them doing around one hour before tossing begins which starts at 25km then to 60km, they train mainly by themselves but do use the Association unit on occasions.

Having electronic clocking is very helpful for Chris as she does all the paper work. Chris did say she will help with anything other than cleaning the loft that is Glen's job.

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## **HOLBROOK FIRST YOUNG COCK**

Southern Districts Frank and Gwen Magro and Rick Facciol partnership had the first young cock from Holbrook, in this very demanding race SA 12 16043 BBC was clocked at 11:41 am on the second day with a flying time of 19 hours 10 minutes and 19 seconds to take 5<sup>th</sup> position in the SAHPA . His Sire is down from Keith Brumfield's Goodger's and the dam was given to Frank by Bronte Andrewartha and was bred from his Jack Metcalfe birds which have Jacks 1<sup>st</sup> Alice Springs in the pedigree. The young cock was flown every 4 weeks up to Holbrook. Frank stars the season with around 200 birds and the main bloodlines are Goodger, Pryor, Silver Shadow and some Busschaert's.

The birds are fed twice a day on a mixture containing Peas, wheat, maize, milo, Canary seed, rice and Vetch with more small seed added after the Derbies. They start serious loft training 8 weeks before the start of the season and start tossing on Anzac day with 8 tosses up to 80k starting at 10km, then to Port Wakefield 110kms. Birds are flown for 1hr in the mornings while the loft is cleaned. Frank is always looking at his tossing program to improve his race performance. Turbosole, Resfite, and Baycox are used at the start of the season and before the Association races. Frank thinks a new unit would possibly help in better racing and returns and thinks the Association could look at the pensioner's financial position, as it has become very costly to race pigeons.