



GLENDAMBO OPEN

Max Taylor finishing 1st 2nd and 3rd is a great achievement in anyone's language, against 210 members and 4132 birds. All three hens having the same Sire, the first two being sisters and the third a half-sister. The Sire is down from K Wickham's bloodlines from J.P.Wilson and the Dam of 1st and 2nd has the bloodlines of C Nelsen, S Gregerson and Doug Green, the third hen's Dam has Busschaert and Gaby Vandenabeele bloodlines.

Max has been flying for 66 years; he said that he is still learning. Starting in Mount Gambier, and was very keen in those days coming home for lunch every day to spend 5 minutes on lunch and 55 minutes with the birds. Max had a stint in Queensland and then back to Adelaide in 1973.

He breeds from around 20 pairs including some from the race team to have around 100 birds to start the season, using peas, wheat a small amount of maize and pellets as feed and plenty of grit, pink powder, salt, and sulphur powder in front of them at all times while breeding. During the racing season Max uses a mixture of 50/50 peas and wheat, and barley is added during the moult.

Once the birds are flying well around the loft training starts mainly by himself, there is enough room in Max's car to fit 100 birds in hampers, training is mainly done North.

No medication is given to the birds however Max uses apple cider vinegar and lemon juice in the water during the race season. The birds are trained together around the loft but are separated once in the loft and max uses a stick to train cocks and hens to their sections. He tries to keep pigeon racing simple and uses the K.I.S.S. method, he says good pigeons are needed and he tries to keep them calm by talking to them, and moving slowly when in the loft.



Max suggests to improve your performance make sure you fly the club races to see how they are going making sure you start with good pigeons and keep them fresh.

In closing having looked at Max's loft, the pigeons are very calm and have plenty of room and fresh air.

One thing Max did say he would like the sport to be like it was in the old days, as there seemed to be better sportsmanship back then.