



HOLBROOK 93 owners 1107 birds

The tough Holbrook race was won by Phil Loveridge of the West Torrens club. His game young hen flying most of the 800km journey on her own to win by 3 and a half hours. She was sent back on 2 weeks from the hard Tatura after homing on the second day.

The parents of the Holbrook 2013 winner were bred by Peter Burke and are a mixture of mostly Grant Paterson Goodger's with Grant's Temora winner and J Pryor's Morundah winner and Temora winner featuring in both the Sires and Dams pedigree. The old saying of "the apple doesn't fall far from the tree" is certainly true in this case. Phil started as a 10 year old in the Henley and Grange Juniors with Harry Willoughby. Legendary flyer Bill Verco looked after the juniors in those

days, and he and Phil later formed a very successful partnership, they also were working together at Simpsons – along with another famous SA flyer Keith Wickham. Phil returned to flying in 1978 with birds from Bill Verco, and another well-known Woodville flyer Corrie Lodge. His best performance during that time was 11th from Bathurst in the early 80's. Phil then took another break. During his time out of the sport he continued to visit Bill Verco, and bought seven birds from him to keep at his loft. Bill Verco would eventually ask Phil to fly in partnership with him. With Phil breeding the birds and Bill racing them, as a partnership they won the SAHPA race from Nyngan in 2002.

Phil breeds from 25 pairs and starts with 120 birds to race, his bloodlines are Pryor, Goodger with some Peter Mathews birds mixed in. The race birds are fed twice a day, lightly in the morning and as much as they want at night. Feed is mainly peas, wheat, Maize and milo he adds the John Pryor small seed mix with oil as the distance increases. The cocks and hens are kept together for the whole year. Training is one long toss on the weekends and several short tosses during the week. Phil uses Turbosole occasionally and Doxy-T once a year at the start of the season, Moxidectin is also used.

Phil also was 2nd Marla, This hen was bred by Stewart Hodgson and is a full sister to his 2nd SAHPA Maryborough.

These two races saw Phil win the Newland Cup for the longest race on the East and the Charles Henderson perpetual for the Aggregate Points for the 2 long Races.



Phil would like to see more young people take up the sport and suggested maybe we try schools and help foster the sport in this way.