

Peter Blaser - Moulamein Open Winner - 02626 SA06 BCC

Peter has been a SAHPA race winner in each of the last 4 years and he reckons says Moulamein his favourite race point (as he has won four times during this period) - twice in 2005 (SAD and Open), the 2006 (Open) and the 2007 (Open). His fourth win during this period was from Hay in 2004.



He has consistently bred birds that regularly return in the top 6 to his loft and then provide consistent or winning babies. If they do not perform on the track they don't get a trail in the breeding loft. If they don't perform in the breeding loft they are culled. His basic plan is - get them home, then get them faster!

Peter re-stocked his breeding cages in 2000 after a break from the sport. On returning he decided to try and re-create his Blasers's. These were the old Metcalf line mixed with Goodger/Smuts. One was a full brother to the Jack Metcalf Alice Springs winner. Two were sons

From the Goodger/Smuts line. The 2005 winner was a product of the two lines, performance in the offspring dictating current matings.

A second line is based on the Goodger and Pryor families - offspring from lots 53 & 60, 21st Century cock, the \$1900 cock and the Cook winner have been blended to his requirements.

A third line is based on Jurion/Eitzen birds. Bill Bilecki provided the Eitzen birds and Keith Saggars provided the Jurion line. The Bill Bilecki birds were based on birds from Robert Watson and Doug Searle. This family of birds has been very good to Peter on hard day racing - he clocked 6th and 17th Morundah 2004 from this group and 17th Morundah bred 1st Moulamein 2006.

His last group is made up of imports. He has a Busschaert hen (one left of four purchased) that has produced a SAHPA winner and two top thirty placings, a van Loon cock responsible for a SAHPA winner and two placings when mated to a van Loon/Janssen hen from Don Agostino, a Casaert cock on trial for 2008, and some Smeulders/Janssen that are in the second year of trials. He spends the whole race year evaluating and planning his matings for the new season, and by breeding time has usually changed his mind 10 times! He pairs up on the last weekend of racing and breeds three rounds - he generally does not fly late bred youngsters.

Breeders are fed once a day in the off season (peas, wheat & barley) and three times a day during breeding (peas and wheat with a taste of safflower, milo and barley). For the first three months, youngsters are raised in their own groups, and then allowed to mix together until training is started. Peter has made a significant change to his loft management routine in 2007/2008. He normally cleans the race cage every day of the year (and breeding cages twice a week), but has for this season decided to leave the loft to collect droppings and feather until near racing. He feels that this year he has had fewer health issues than in previous years.

For 2008, he has decided to medicate only when necessary (2007 was based on a planned programme), and for wet canker (on a monthly preventative basis).

Peter has been a keen and supportive member of the SAHPA over many seasons of racing. The current policy requirement of 6 competing members for a hampering clocking centre however he feels is harsh on clubs such as his own. He would like to see policies and requirements that keep flyers in the SAHPA and competing in races.

