

Daryl Stasinowsky - Lyndhurst Open Winner - 04250 SA06 BCH

Daryl has been racing pigeons since 1996 when he started with the Adelaide Hills Racing Pigeon Club and he was living at Nairne. He now races from Panorama with the Glenelg Club.



Highlights of his racing career to date include racing birds from a dynasty created by his brother Rod Stasinowsky. The story starts with a hen which won 1st Alice Springs for Rod in 2003 (BCH 27456 SA01). Rod bred a hen from the Alice hen which won 8th SAHPA

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Glendambo 2004. This bird produced a hen which Daryl raced and won 5th Lyndhurst YBC 2006, and it was this hen which produced BCH 04250 SA06 to win 1st SAHPA Lyndhurst Open for Daryl.

Daryl has a modest loft at Panorama, and currently uses 7 pairs of stock birds plus the best of the race birds from the previous season to produce around 75 young for the next years racing. About 20 two and three year old hens and cocks make up the balance of the race team. The birds are basically Goodger based, however he has introduced Grenville Evans Janssens from Phil Howell and some van Loons. It was a Janssen cross (BCH 04250 SA06) which won the Lyndhurst YBC for Daryl.

BCH 04250 SA06 raced Carrieton #2, Nhill #2, The Twins and the Lyndhurst Open before being stopped on the race track. She had returned so well from The Twins, he sent her back the following week to Lyndhurst.

Race birds are fed twice a day and comprise a mixture of peas, wheat, maize, milo, safflower plus the Gilbertsons small seeds mix. The main variable is wheat and he tends to limit the peas during racing. He uses safflower and wheat to 'get them flying' at the start of training season, then alters feed to get the training results he is after. Vitamins, minerals, iodine (from Rob Marshall) plus oil on seeds (Turbovite from Colin Walker) as appropriate are all used from time to time. He generally flies 15 birds in club races and between 2 and 20 in SAHPA races.

Training usually starts at around 60 kms about 4 weeks before races start. He likes to have around 8-10 tosses to a maximum of 160kms before racing, then once racing starts, the programme is varied between more shorter tosses, and one long toss per week depending on the condition of the birds and the results the previous week. He uses the SAHPA toss unit selectively, and tosses on line of flight. The loft is cleaned daily in the race season, and he uses medication only on veterinary advice, otherwise no medication is given.

Breeding birds are handfed twice a day on essentially peas, with a variety of grains fed as the top up. He starts breeding a month after racing is completed and gets 3-4 rounds from the breeders (he floats the eggs) and 2 rounds from the race birds. He feels losses are greater these days and although he acknowledges that falcons are a problem, he reckons that weather conditions are generally tougher and this is the probable cause of bird losses.

He advocates a rotation of lines of flight on a yearly basis and believes that this would assist training, provide variety to the SAHPA programme and give all flyers a fair go.

He believes that getting the birds healthy is the key to good flying results and notes that an Adelaide based pigeon vet would be a great help to the flyers in Adelaide.

Daryl's philosophy is to enjoy his pigeons, and reckons he is lucky to be able to keep them.