

Paul Trezciak - Lyndhurst Y.B.C Winner - 24940 SA06 BCH

Paul Trezciak flies with the Central Districts Racing Pigeon Club and has been racing pigeons since 1978. At the time (1978) he was helping an older flyer at Peterborough. He has also been a flyer in Port Augusta and for the last 12 years resident at Craigmore (a north eastern Adelaide suburb) - first with the Gawler club and now Central Districts.



Highlights to date are 1st NAPA Ararat 1992 (only bird on the day), 1st Sires Produce 2001 and winning Club and Group Points with Central Districts.

His achievements this season include 1st Lyndhurst YBC, 3rd Coober Pedy #1, 16th, 19th, 24th Coober Pedy #2, winning the Club points and having a bird in the lead group in the Adelaide 10,000. The 1st Lyndhurst was purchased at the Centrals club sale.

It was bred by Larry Hughes, and the breeding was a Wallace & Doyle cock to a Bill Strongman Goodger hen.

Paul uses 20 pairs of stock birds to produce around 100 youngsters each year. To these, last years racers bring his race team to some 140/150 pigeons which are housed in a spacious loft. The birds are Horseman based (due to his involvement with Graeme Horseman in Pt Augusta), Goodgers, plus some imports. He has been pleased with the van Breemen crosses he has produced.



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Race birds are generally flown once a day for as long as they like (generally 1hr - 1.5hrs), and then hand fed twice a day with a commercial breeding mix from Gilbertsons. Paul adds peas and or maize as he decides on the day. Water is from the local bore (as it is more convenient than using tap water), and vitamins and minerals are provided with feed, as well as cod liver oil and sea weed meal.

Birds are weaned through to mid April and the birds are allowed loft orientation and occasional regular loft flying (twice a week). The emphasis is on growth and a stress free environment. Young birds are not flown with the old birds until training starts in mid April. From mid April, all birds are required to fly daily for an hour plus and are now on rations (1-1^{1/8}oz). His latebreds (generally weaned Feb/Mar) are held back and are not trained until racing starts. The birds are generally tossed line of flight, but he likes to vary the location over a reasonable arc to give a good general education. Race birds are treated every two/three weeks for canker and respiratory disease, and are wormed pre tossing and around YBC race time.

During the breeding season birds are fed 60% peas 40% wheat plus small seeds. Vitamins are added to water. Birds are paired after racing has finished and he uses his best race birds, plus older stock birds to breed his next years young. Birds are bred on a performance basis, and this will involve line breeding, crossing and best to best. Birds must be of similar confirmation to be mated. Older stockbirds are inbred to provide young stockbirds from his best producing pigeons. Notwithstanding the thought he puts into breeding, he prefers racing to breeding.

He finds that racing conditions have not changed much over time - he still breeds a similar number (100) and finishes the season with similar numbers (40-50). Falcons are regular visitors, but feels they are no worse than previous years.

He sometimes thinks about giving up the birds, but then thinks again. He loves the sport, and what else would he do?