

**23 Jul 2011 - Lyndhurst YBC 510km N, 240 owners, 5150 birds
Coulston & Cleveland - AUST10 19204 BCH (Bird of the Year)**

**06 Aug 2011 - Lyndhurst Open 510km N, 230 owners, 4688 birds
Coulston & Cleveland - AUST10 19250 BBPC**

A new name appeared on top of the SAHPA result sheets in 2011 in the name of Coulston and Cleveland. The partnership started racing in 2010 from a loft located at Pooraka and they fly in the Vitesse Club winning seven club races (Stirling Nth#1, Hawker#1 - 1st SDC, Keith#3 - 8th SDC and Edenhope - 2nd SDC, Mortlake 10BS, Lyndhurst YBC - 1st SAHPA and Lyndhurst Open - 1st SAHPA). At the completion of the race season **AUST10 19204 BCH** was awarded the SAHPA Bird of the Year Prize winning **1st SAHPA Lyndhurst YBC & 5th SAHPA Parachilna.**



J Cleveland receiving YBC trophy for the partnership

The season commences with approximately 350 birds in the race team, training starting 5kms and 10 weeks before the race season commences, and having about 5 tosses from 90 kilometres before their first race. Once racing commences the birds are then tossed from 30 kilometres, 5 times per week on the line of flight. The race team consists of about 65 old pigeons with old cocks being flown in the team.

The birds were fed a commercial mix 'Fernando' with the mixture simply fed throughout the week without additives or variation to either their feed or water.

The race loft is cleaned twice per day during the racing season.

100 stock birds are kept and birds from the following families, G Munnick, Van Dyke, Heremann Ceusters, Flor Engel, Goodger and Gaby Vandenaabeele are represented. All types of matings are tried, inbred, linebred, crossing and best to best. When asked about how the loft was looking to improve their race performances the simple answer was to "keep improving the stock birds"



Mal Coulston

