

23 Jul 2011 - Mortlake 10BS, 510km, 103 owners, 718 birds Stasinowsky Family - SA09 18961 BCH

Rod started his racing career in 1994 with the Hyde Park club. At the time his brother (Daryl) was also racing birds. Daryl and Rod had been introduced to pigeons as children by their father - pigeons all their lives. Rod has recently rejoined the Hyde Park club, and enjoys the friendly club atmosphere.



Rod's career highlights to date are 1st SRC Alice Springs (2003), 2nd Canberra (1st cock bird in 2000) and gaining top 10 SAHPA aggregate points in 2010.

In 2011, Rod and his family gained 1st SAHPA Mortlake 10BS and 7th SAHPA aggregate points.

1st Mortlake SA09 18961 BCH is all 'old South Australian' bloodlines. The sire side is all Goodger/Kakoschke/Blanden with numerous SAHPA placings in the breeding background including 1st Alice Springs. The dam side is all Copeland Eitzen with the dam placing 22nd Maryborough and mother to 6 SAHPA placings and 27th Alice Springs.

Twenty pairs of stock birds and 5 pairs of his best race birds provide 100 babies a year, and are added to about 30 2&3 YO's to make up his race team.

The birds are based on two varieties - 20% old south Australian families (Goodger/Kakoschke/Blanden) and 80% imports (Mueleman/Janssen/van Loon).

Race birds are fed twice a day with a commercial race mix from Greg Hamilton (XThomastown VIC). Additional maize is added as deemed necessary dependant on condition of the birds and weather. Cider vinegar is added 2-3 times a week to drinking water. No other additives are provided. Babies are added to the old bird race team once the babies have been regularly flying an hour. This will be around April each year. Toss training begins four weeks before racing and begins with a 100 km toss to Pt Wakefield. The birds will get some 8 tosses before racing to a maximum of around 140kms. Once racing is underway, tossing is done on the SAHPA unit (north only) to 90kms and 130kms. No or little training is done to the SE due to personal time restrictions and the fact that the birds fly the loft very well.

The race loft is cleaned once a week, the birds loft fly for an hour plus daily and no medications are provided.

Breeding birds are hand fed 2-3 times a day with the Greg Hamilton commercial mix, and all birds are paired in November. Two rounds are provided. Stock birds are the best of his race birds plus 2-3 new stock acquisitions yearly. The breeders are mated best to best.

Rod's greatest difficulty is finding the time amongst family and work to pursue his hobby as he would like. His preference is for the SAHPA to operate a line of flight programme to the same race points 3 years in succession. He is a very big supporter to east line racing, and bases his breeding around his east line results. He is continually looking for better birds to add to his breeding pool.