

Nenad Stojakovic - SAHPA Aggregate Points Winner 2011

Nenad began racing as a Hampstead junior in 1965 and raced there for 2-3 years. At that time work and other birds began to take his time and pigeons were sidelined. Following marriage he re-entered the sport in 1971 with North Suburban when the club resided at Railway Terrace Dudley Park. During the next 10 years pigeons took over his life so in 1980 he sold all his pigeons and took up greyhounds until 1985 when the lure of pigeons brought him back to racing.



Highlights of his career include his first SAHPA win - Young in 1979 when only five pigeons were home on the night. For the Young race Nenad sent 15 pigeons, recorded 6 in top 30 SAHPA, and 10 in top 50 SAHPA and 9/10 placings at North Suburban!

Another memorable race was SAHPA Benalla 1988 - there was a holdover due to poor weather, with birds released on the Sunday - Nenad clocked at 8.30 in darkness, one of three birds on the day.

In 1995 he returned to Hampstead (when his daughter wished to fly as a junior) and was leading the SAHPA points into the last race (Bathurst). John Pryor and Graham Watson recorded points to beat Nenad into 3rd SAHPA points.

He was however the Hampstead aggregate points winner in that year.

In 2011 Nenad won the SAHPA aggregate points. He recalls that the birds trained, tossed and raced beautifully all year providing him with consistently good positions in 7 of the 14 SAHPA races.

Nenad breeds from 60prs, breeds 240/250, and culls back to around 200 birds which would include some 25 two and three year olds. Culling continues throughout the race year on a weekly basis.

Race birds are fed 50% peas, 50% wheat for club racing, and for SAHPA racing Nenad adds 25% maize and 25% safflower and small seeds mix. Before the first toss the birds are medicated with Triple-X, and during racing are normally provided with Turbosole on a Monday post racing and an iron tonic every 2nd week on a Tuesday. Epsom Salts are provided once a month on return from a toss or loft fly in the am. Clean water is provided thereafter. Squeakers are weaned into a separate race loft and allowed to mature to 'eye colour' change, then mixed with the older birds and allowed to fly out as they wish. Cocks and hens are raced together until the cocks become a nuisance then separated.

Loft training starts at 7 weeks before racing and all pigeons are 'bagged' and all loft training (for 1.5hrs) is flagged from that time.

Toss training starts at 45kms about 4 weeks before racing and Nenad provides some 6 tosses to a maximum of 100kms before the first race. During racing, birds are tossed to 100kms weekly. South race birds only get tossed south to Callington, however when the north birds need extra, they are also tossed to Callington.

The race loft is cleaned once a day. Nenad allows his race birds a loft fly on the evening of basketing. They are fed in, allowed to rest for approx 1 hr then birds chosen for the race team. Generally the birds are loft flown by his wife, and Nenad acknowledges that without this assistance, racing pigeons would be very difficult.

Breeding birds are hopper fed 60% peas and 40% maize, with some coprice pellets. When youngsters are ready for weaning, small seeds are provided in each breeding box. The breeders are paired in 1st week of November each year at night when the birds are more peaceful. Nenad inbreeds for stock and outcrosses for racing. Some of the inbred birds are raced to check performance.

Nenad's greatest concern is with pigeons is time. He rightly values his work and family, and the pigeons have to fit in as best they can.

Nenad would love to have a paid job managing a race loft - that way he could put all the time he wanted into the task.

In particular, Nenad wishes to thank Lyall Monk for the great support provided by clocking his race birds (when Nenad went to the horse races to see daughter Lauren ride) and Willi Thiele for providing assistance when it was needed.



**SA04 07268 BCH and
SA06 18289 BCC**

See pedigree below and the race results generated by this pair in two seasons of racing for Nenad in 2010 and 2011

SA06 18289 BCC Brother to 2 nd Marla (one of 3 birds clocked 'on the day' overnight)	SA94 04869 RCC - #1 stock cock - A Richardson Blood. 2 nd SRC CS The Twins Sired 2 nd Coober Pedy
	SA01 04390 BBH G Markham BB family
SA04 07268 BCH Never bred a good pigeon for Curly Maricic Picked from the 'kill' cage following sale of Curly's birds. Pedigree 'OK' - handled well!	SA01 23205 BBPC R Purdy (D Green)
	The Temora Hen - John Pryor

Race results from birds bred from SA06 18289 x SA04 07268

1 st SRC CS Colac	- 585kms	2010 Season
4 th & 10 th Warrnambool Open	- 515kms	2010 Season
18 th Colac Open	- 585kms	2010 Season
5 th & 7 th Mortlake 10BS	- 510kms	2011 Season
28 th Stirling North	- 280kms	2011 Season
6 th Mortlake SAD	- 510kms	2011 Season
6 th SRC CBS The Twins	- 620kms	2011 Season