

## Greg Hamilton - SAHPA Aggregate Points Winner 2012

Last year (2011) Greg did not fly - electing to have a year 'out of the game'. He added to his interests in international one loft racing, travelled to Europe and sourced new birds (to introduce as a cross into his current race winning family).

Greg has been a consistent winner in SAHPA racing appearing in the following yearbooks: 2008 (Glendambo 10BS winner, and SAHPA aggregate points winner), 2009 (Wilcannia winner, and 2<sup>nd</sup> SAHPA aggregate points winner), 2010 (Lyndhurst YBC winner, and equal SAHPA aggregate points winner), and now 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA Ceduna SAD, 1<sup>st</sup> Ceduna Open, 1<sup>st</sup> Coober Pedy #2, and 1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA Aggregate Points winner). This is a remarkable race record to date.

**Greg with Henk Jurriens and Hans Eijerkamp** in Holland.



**APFA11 24709 BBPH - 1<sup>st</sup> Ceduna  
SAD - 552km - 209 Owners - 3535**



Greg concentrates on the SAHPA races which comprise middle and long distance racing including Alice Springs.

His middle to long distance one day racers are based on the Eijerkamp Van Loon and Janssen lines. Several key pigeons have been imported direct from Eijerkamp (plus some toppers from John Hofman) has played a major part in the part in the development of this wonderful family of pigeons. More recently Greg is introducing Gerard Koopman and Heremans-Ceusters pigeons with good results.

His long to extreme long distance family is based on pigeons from the late John Pryor who was in many ways Greg's mentor in the sport. He now looks to Hans Eijerkamp, Jim Marafiote and Gerard Koopman as his role models. Greg's philosophy towards life and pigeon racing is simple "be as good as you possibly can be, not as good as you need to be". He believes this ensures that you are constantly challenging yourself rather than having your limitations set by others. It is also apparent he is never satisfied with his efforts, even his recent record breaking results. He is always looking at

ways to improve. He says it is difficult to get to the top in any sport, but the real challenge for the true champion is to stay at the top.

Greg breeds from approx 40 pairs. He often re-mates pairs - some cocks three times, some hens twice.

Greg did not fly the last two races on the programme.

Greg's detailed race programmes has been provided in other year books - in brief however the key issues are - good pigeons, good management systems and lots of hard work!

Greg arranges a commercial feed mix for breeding and racing. Both feed regimes are provided to his specifications and include a range of grains, and pellets. He supplements the grain and pellet diet with vitamins and cider vinegar, aiming for 100% 'well being' - ie 100% healthy and very happy and calm pigeons.

**APFA11 24915 BBH - 1<sup>st</sup> Ceduna  
Open - 552km - 177 Owners - 3523**



**APFA11 24927 BCH - 1<sup>st</sup> Coober  
Pedy #2 Open - 720km - 173 Owners -  
3130 Birds**



**Vedder - Sire of APFA11 24819 BCH**

APFA11 24819 BCH has been the result of generations of performance from the best in Europe to the last three breeding and racing generations in Australia. The European superstars include Silver Shadow, James Bond and Phantom. The Australian superstars include Silver Knight, Phantom Girl (to produce Vedder) and Hofman Pet Hen (to produce Wonderbond 06). APFA11 24819 BCH has been bred in the 'purple' and has performed to a superstar performance.

Breeding lofts are cleaned once weekly rather than daily (as long as all are perfectly dry) and Greg believes this helps the youngsters enhance their immune systems. In some instances too much cleaning can be detrimental he says. During the race season the race lofts are cleaned daily, this is the time for 100% cleanliness. Greg uses a preventative medication programme for anti canker and anti respiratory treatments - particularly the 10-12 week SAHPA race programme. These programmes were provided during the 2011 North Suburban Pigeon Expo night and can be seen on the SAHPA website by scrolling through the video playlist.

In 2012 Greg raced mainly young birds and was delighted with their results. His race placings and returns this year were sensational.  
For Ceduna SAD - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>  
For Glendambo Open - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>  
For Ceduna Open - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>  
For Marree Sires Produce - 5<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>  
For Nundroo Open - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
For Coober Pedy - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>  
For Nullabor #1 Open - 8<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>rd</sup>

**2012 BOY - APFA 24819 BCH  
3<sup>th</sup> Ceduna SAD, 8<sup>th</sup> Glendambo Open bred  
by Vedder - photo below**

