

Alex Hlebnikoff - SA11 40002 BCH

Nundroo Open Winner - 690km - 152 owners - 2845 birds.

SA11 39840 BCH

Marla Winner - 970km - 212 owners - 2379 birds.

Alex first started with fancy pigeons in 1994 when he lived in Orange NSW and moved into racing pigeons on his retirement from work and move to Adelaide in 1999. He started racing in 2001. Highlights of his racing career to date include winning SAHPA Aggregate Points in 2003 and being runner up in 2004.



This year he has won both Nundroo Open and Marla Open - a terrific result.

His racing is concentrated around pigeons that fly well in hard races.

The winning Nundroo bird SA11 40002 BCH was bred from birds bred for stock - the sire an Eitzen/Goodger cock and the dam a Goodger Metcalf Eitzen Janssen mix.

Marla - never done much before, and probably arrived before midnight - Alex checked the loft at 8.30pm - no birds, was awake at 1.30am but as it was raining, he decided not to go and check. Up at 5.30am and found the pigeon waiting outside the loft with a pile of

droppings beneath its backside!

Coaxed in at 5.34am to win Marla from Jim Marafiote by 28 seconds! Dam was bred for stock but tossed from the Barossa and was hawked before arriving home, then placed in the stock loft.



Alex breeds from 30 pairs of birds and aims for a race team of around 180.

The race team is generally hopper fed, but hand fed when time permits. Feed is generally 60% peas and 40% wheat with maize and safflower added.

Race birds are wormed prior to racing. Weaned babies are allowed two days on their own to ensure they are eating and drinking, then placed with the remaining race team.

Hens and cocks are separated after the YB derbies.

No two year old cocks are raced.

Alex uses the Mega Black electronic timing system.

Toss training starts about 4 weeks before racing with a 30km toss. Another 7-8 tosses are taken with the toss distances increased to 100kms by first race.

Race birds are loft flown daily for about an hour.

The race loft is cleaned weekly.

Breeding birds are fed 60% peas, 40% wheat and some oil seeds. The breeders are mated around Sept/Oct. He uses birds bred specifically for stock as well as the best of the previous year's race birds.

Alex has been successful in finding good birds by attending the SRC Sires Produce sales.
