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SA10 40826 BCH - Roxby Downs 10BS Winner - 511km - 173

owners - 1500 birds

SA11 39486 BBC - Glendambo Open Winner - 520km - 200 owners

- 3631 birds

SA10 40826 BCH - Vin Blanden Winner - Nundroo



The 2012 year was a good year for me following on from last year's Sires Produce win.

This year I put a LOT OF WORK into getting my birds fit and healthy.

I did not participate in the first five races as I moved my loft to a different location in my backyard, facing ESE rather than NNE to take advantage of the early morning sun.

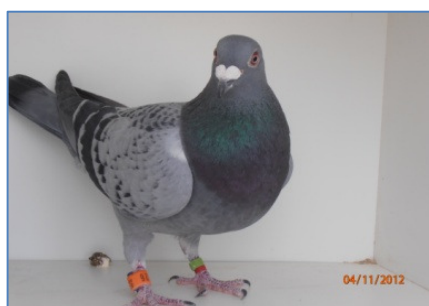
I hampered and handled each and every one of my birds (approx 65) every day to check the condition of all birds, therefore treating them as required, if they were too light they were given more food and if too heavy they were rationed.

Road training for the first 12 days was at 12km no matter what the weather, of which most days were overcast and gloomy, then it was onto the association truck twice a week for 4 weeks, after that I did all the road training on my own driving between 500 to 700 kilometres every week

Turbosole was the only medication used during the year, it was in the water every day for the first 12 days of tossing, then every Saturday for the rest of the season. A Vitamin and mineral solution was used every Monday and Tuesday in the water.

Feeding: I used Peas, Wheat, Corn, Safflower and Milo. As I have a very small loft (4.8m x 1.8m) I keep all my birds together and they are never separated, all get the same feed whether they were raced or not. Peas early in the week were heavy and then reduced as the week progressed being replaced by Corn.

My aim this season was to do well in the first 2 weeks (4 races) and hopefully to continue on until the sires, and as I did better than expected, I put into stock the winners and their parents which reduced my race numbers even more thus making it much harder to be real competitive with such a small team. It became very hard to be competitive at the later races with the birds being over raced and tired.



SA 10 40826 BCH - Winner of Roxby Downs 10BS

The bloodlines of the Roxby Downs Winner are mostly Lindsay Smith Buschaert crossed with Janssen Van Loon x Pobor. She flew Wuduna #1 and arrived home next day injured...then flew Poochera and was very late home...then Roxby Downs 10 bird and won. Although the previous 2 performances were bad this bird flew very well as a young bird and was first bird home twice

SA11 39486 BBC - Winner Glendambo Open

The Glendambo Open Winner was Lindsay Smith Buschaert x Buschaert x a cock bought at Syd Randall's sale. He flew Wudinna #2 and was 14th of 20 sent, the Poochera and was 15th of 30 sent then Lyndhurst YBC was 12th of 20 sent ... then won Glendambo Open and won.



SA11 39429 BCSH - Winner VIN Blanden

The VIN Blanden Winner was all Janssen. She flew Hawker #2 and was 12th of 30 sent then Parachilna and was 1st of 30 sent then Lyndhurst YBC was 2nd of 20 sent then Glendambo was 8th of 20 sent Nundroo and won Vin Blanden (32nd SAHPA).

