

# 2014 Alice Springs

Nick & Maureen Albanos won the LDC Alice Springs with SA12 19277 BCPH who is bred down from their SAHPA Seymour winner.

Maureen does all the breeding, they don't breed from birds which haven't performed, they try to pair winners to winners, or they may keep a special bird for the stock loft if it's parents were champions, they will usually keep a son off this special pair.



Nick feeds a small amount of barley throughout the year, he gives the birds a small seed mix during the race season, he also uses pink powder, no vitamins are given.

He increases the peas as the races get longer, he gives some corn also. Nick also uses apple cider vinegar and garlic.

The first toss is Two Wells 3 or 4 times, then one Cactus Farm and then on to Pt. Wakefield, he separates the cocks and hens after the derby.

I asked Nick how he became interested in pigeon

racing but unfortunately since this a family magazine I cannot divulge that information.

Nick eventually got in touch with Ian Durrant who started him into racing pigeons.

They like to race both lines, he doesn't really think the birds need to be tossed over the hills, he said look at his Seymour, winner she had one Keith, a Twins and then won Seymour.

In past years the birds seem to come over the hills a lot easier, but not now.

He likes long distance racing, he would like to see us racing the north east line. I asked Nick if he believed in eye sign. When he won Alice he had quite a few visitors inspecting the hen all looking at her eye and wing, no one liked her eye or wing yet she still won Alice Springs.

He thinks it's the genes in the bird not theories that win races.

He checks the birds dropping daily, he keeps mostly Goodgers they have 30 pair of stock birds, and prefers racing hens, he medicates with Turbosole and Triple X during the race season.

His feeling on winning Alice Springs was one of sadness and happiness. On the night of Alice Springs clock reading, Nick had his clock read and left the club early because he had to drive the training unit the next day.

Later on that night he received a phone call from his sister with bad news, Nicks mother has died, then Maureen then rang him to say he had won Alice Springs he was happy and sad at the same time.

He admires Vasle Curea. Nick says Vasle has a knack of preparing birds for racing. Maureen says that all the flyers in the association are champion flyers.

