

2014 Ouyen Open (Coleambally 2)



Chris Mav won Ouyen Open with SA13 13722 MLYH. He must have been on fire because in the next east line race he came second in Temora with SA13 13846 BBC. The winner is mostly Wickham with a bit of Orfanos and Goodger.

Chris uses Troyvite-B and mixes his own feed from Semaphore fodder, training starts in May on the SAHPA unit, he medicates returning race birds.

He breeds 200 young, but quite a few are for other flyers, no line breeding is practiced. 50 pairs of stock birds are kept. Chris has no preference in racing cocks or hens, he uses Turbosole and Vitdian, he doesn't worry about what line he races. He trains 2 to 5 days a week. Wickham's are the main family kept.

Chris's interest in pigeons started in primary school. He starts the season with 140 birds, 100 of those will be young birds. He worms prior to the start of the season. He mostly love mates his stock birds, but makes sure there not to closely related, he tries 10 birds in one cage then if some don't like each other he will then put then in the next cage and so on. Chris's favorite distance is over 300km. A small seed mix consists of Milo vetch and safflower, he does feed a lot of corn. Cocks and hens are kept together throughout the race season.



He uses a lot of garlic in the water and on the feed, he doesn't believe in eye sign but likes to see a nice bright eye. The flyers he admires the most are George Tsonis, Jim Marafiote and Fred DiMella. He force flys his birds if they come back too early from training but it all changes when they start tossing, he tosses up to Red Hill.

Chris feeds 2 part peas 1 part wheat then the small seed mix, he doesn't keep very many imports. In regards to the COM, members expect too much of them they do their best and get criticized. Since Chris has been in Metro Club his results have improved.

2014 Coober Pedy Open Winner



Curea & Langer Vasil (Bill) & Peter won the Coober Pedy Open with SA13 31010 BBPH who was a late bred, the breeding of the hen was from a Goodger cock and pure Gabby Vandenamee hen from Jurgen Ewendt.

When Vasil was picking the birds for previous races it was very tempting for him not to pick her, but he didn't because she was a late bred, "she was a very nice hen" he had her set for Coober Pedy.

He likes the Goodger's and Eitzen's for the distance races, his favorite distance is 800 km.

They keep 40 pair of stock birds, they are very hard task masters. They think some of the imported birds like the Gabby's can do the distance.