

Mundy and Hendrie - YBC



PETER MUNDY

Peter Mundy has raced from his present location since 1981. However his first pigeon race (1969) was with the Elizabeth Club based at Smithfield but his involvement goes back a lot further than that. He has been around pigeons since he was 4 years old and is 4th generation of the Thamm family - his grandfather Laurie Thamm was his greatest inspiration. Peter is currently a member of the Elizabeth Club which flies with the Northern Group at Central

Districts Club. His partner is Richard Hendrie but the birds race

from Peter Mundy's loft. He has many good results including 3rd Assoc Alice Springs and 2nd Assoc Little Topar, Farina, Glendambo, and this year 1st YBC Lyndhurst. He doesn't have a particular favourite bird as there have been many of the years. He does have a memorable moment though when he flew 2nd in Kulgera (on the day) to Mark Seiboth. Peter knows when he is a chance in a race – he says the bird just looks “special.” His target is simple: “win the next race!”

His opinion on the new unit is ok but wants to wait and see race results over time. As for the pre-paid system, the partnership thinks it is good as they would only fly 30 birds. However he feels the date for paying is too early and suggests we should be able to pay for say 100 but not submit the ring numbers until a certain date. He feels the SAHPA lacks some communication and is not unified enough. As for the future he thinks it is hard now given the small size of modern backyards.

Peter says loft position is very important although not so much over 600 miles. Retired people may have an advantage with time but they may also have less money. He would like to see more limit type racing i.e. 5-bird races. Winning races is 60 pc the breeding with training, and luck taking 40 pc.

He uses deep litter in summer but cleans the loft every 2nd day when racing. Peter plans ahead but says you can't win every race and you need more than one family to compete. His favourite distance is the “next race.”

Peter says he likes a pigeon with a strong eye, good wing and feathering. They feed the best food they can afford and use Troy-B vitamins as a supplement. Birds are hand fed, eat what they want and he judges when he thinks they have had enough. Worming is done twice a year and medications are Turbosole and Triple X – every six weeks or so. Fresh garlic is used year round. Grit and minerals are always available. They mix their own feed and use Eco-Avian in their mix. Pellets are being used now during breeding. Peas are increased after the Derbys – they would start with approx 25 pc of peas and max out at 40 pc. A bath is given after a race – and a day off.

The loft is 22 ft. long comprising 4 compartments with 3 for racing and one for trapping over the electronic plate.

Work around the loft is about an hour plus short tosses. Training is done with the idea to avoid the falcons, vary the time he lets them out at home. Tosses are short tosses starting at Angle Vale and Lochiel would be the longest. They get tossed twice a week on average. No preference on wind direction but tossing is done on the line of flight. Single tossing has been done with no special results. Racing is from the first to the last race depending on the family. Basket training is done for training and feeding purposes.



They breed from about 20 pair but not just from the stock birds. Pairing is done at the end of October. Birds do not go into the stock loft untried. Inbreeding and line breeding are used. New birds are used but Peter is careful where he gets them from – prefers to swap birds. The main bloodline is Thamm (Gurnays). Cock birds need to be bossy types and have performance and conformation. Around 150 are bred each year. There is no special reference bird because he has a family of pigeons and uses his own stock sense when pairing up.

Peter says any win is a good win – fast or slow. He uses a short toss to motivate them. There is no preference on distance. As far as the actual bird is concerned he likes a heavy shouldered bird, wedge shape, tail going down to two feathers and a closed wing. Size medium to larger.

SA15 4229 is a Flor Engles / Gabby bred and gifted to Richard by Richard's good friend Gary Lillingston. She was part of a team from Gary that performed very well. Richard would like to take this opportunity to thank Gary again for the birds.

