

SAHPA YEAR BOOK 2020



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The SAHPA Annual presentation was held
at The Hampstead Hotel, Collinswood.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on 26th March, 2021
at 10 Boulderstone Road, Gepps Cross.

TROPHY WINNERS 2020

Racepoint

Lyndhurst YBC

Marree Open

Twins Open

Twins 5-bird Special

Mt. Gambier Open

Mt. Gambier 5-bird

Cooper Pedy

Mt. Gambier SAD

Marla Open

Allendale East 1

Allendale East 2

Allendale East 3

Winner

F. Dimella

Yang & Gao

Hamilton & Fawcett

Thame & Mavros

R. & S. Chapman

R. & S. Chapman

J. & C. Harper

N. Stojakovic

J. P. & N. Nicoli

Hamilton & Fawcett

Adel. Race Lofts

J. Marafiote

Donor

Warren March

Watson / Dixon / Klenner

Watson / Dixon / Klenner

John Harper

Chris Mav / G. Tsonis

John Harper

Phil Squire

Warren March

Russell Somerville

Peter Burke

Bill Bilecki

Bill Bilecki

Special Events

Sires Produce

Alice Springs

Allendale East Vin Blanden

Cooper Pedy Cocks Spec.

R. & S. Chapman

G. & L. Harris

Hamilton & Fawcett

L. Abbott & Son

LDC

Grant Paterson

SAHPA

LDC

Awards

Junior Flyer

Agg. Pts. (two longest races)

Slowest Velocity

First Cock Alice Springs

Bird Of The Year

Most Outstanding Perf.

SDC Points

North Line Points

East Line Points

Premier Club

Champion Long Distance

Aggregate Points

Thomas & Henry Tirrell

J. Marafiote

Squire Family

Hamilton & Fawcett

Hamilton & Fawcett

J. Marafiote

Thame & Mavros

N. Stojakovic

Para Hills

G. & L. Harris

J. Marafiote

Tim Fawcett

Mathew Ginever

Gavin Harris

Vasile Curea

Warrnambool RPC

B. & W. Myers

Warrnambool RPC

Warrnambool RPC

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George Tsonis / C. Mav

Tony Perkins

SAHPA

Pigeon Awards:

Bird of The Year: SA19 9311 bbph raced by Hamilton & Fawcett. 3rd SAHPA Allendale East & 5th SAHPA Allendale East. **Ace Pigeon Young**

Bird: 1st SA 18 14855 bcph N Stojakovic **Ace Pigeon Old Bird:** 1st SA 17 07946 bbph J Marafiote 2nd SA 17 02956 bch G & L Harris.

Chairman's Report – 2020

By Tony Perkins (Chairman)



We all know how hard 2020 has been with the Covid epidemic disrupting our lives; I would like to thank our Members who were willing to adapt to change enabling us to complete a full season. Once again we were able to make a profit so we will be looking to make more changes to lowering the cost of flying.

Our membership this year was 156 plus 29 country affiliate members.

I wish to thank the SAHPA Management Committee Nenad Stojakovic, Peter Burke, Phil Squire and David Buxton, Perry Burton and John Cock joining us mid-season. With only John

Cock re nominating for 2021 sincere best wishes to a great job done by all outgoing members, you have made many hard decisions in a thankless job donating many hours of your time and effort.

Our General Secretary John Harper has had to complete numerous Covid forms throughout the season and keep enforcing the Covid rules to keep us safe. With John leaving us at the end of three years' service we say thank you and wish him all the best.

At the annual presentation held at the Hampstead Hotel we awarded Tim Fawcett the Grant Paterson award for outstanding service to the SAHPA. Tim Fawcett has donated his time in conducting many online auctions for the Top 30 point's sale which included taking birds to the airport etc., also his contribution on the 5 man committee and over the last 5 years on the release panel. Tim has also been a wealth of information on all matters of the SAHPA.

Congratulations to our new Life Member Don Schwarz.

Congratulations to our new Wall of Fame Member Ross Chapman.

Thank you for job well done to our Conveyer Russell Burnett and driver Alex Stojakovic.

Thank you to our IT Manager Alan Agar and Geoff Cawte for all their work done including race adjudication.

Thank you to our ring Secretary Sofia Thalbourne for another great year.

The two training drivers Don Schwarz and Ray Pimlott have once again done a terrific job. A job we take for granted, these guys are up at the crack of dawn and back home in the afternoon to ensure our birds receive safe training. Well done guys.

A big thank you to Gavin Harris our outgoing Treasurer on a tremendous job done leaving us in a commanding financial position, not to mention all the time donated on countless other SAHPA projects. Our new Treasurer Tom Tirrell has made an immediate positive impact and I look forward to working with him in 2021.

Once again, thank you to the flyers that finished in the Top 30 of the Aggregate Points who donated birds for an online auction. Tim Fawcett provides his online auction site for no commission; our only expense is the photos. Thank you very much Tim, all the donors and the buyers from around Australia.

I expect the 2021 season will be an exciting one, given we are trying the N/East line again. Good luck to all Members, please support and respect your Committee and Officials.

Regards Tony Perkins (SAHPA – Chairperson)

Tom Tirrell – Treasurer report for 2020



I was appointed Treasurer in June 2020 following the resignation of Gavin Harris. Having been the Treasurer for a Rotary Club for a number of years, I felt comfortable in accepting the position.

I can assure you all it has been a very steep learning curve but non the less an enjoyable one.

At the time of writing this report with the assistance of Gavin Harris, we have preliminary figures ready to go to the Auditors. I will not quote figures now, as they will be submitted to the COM and members at the AGM. Suffice to say that the SAHPA is in a solid financial position to face

the challenges of the future.

As discussed at the Secretaries and Chairman's meeting the replacement of the Ford training unit is one that could eat into the reserves currently held by the Association.

We (the SAHPA) have been fortunate in that Harvey Norman have taken space in our carpark and this together with members who donated birds to the SAHPA Points Sale (Thank You again) has added to our profit for the year.

The race season was compromised by COVID and meant that the distance travelled to the south race points was less than expected and hence a saving on fuel budgeted occurred.

I am hopeful for the future of the Association and the sport in general, although as with most other sports and recreational activities, there are challenges to be overcome. The future will not be easy and should any member have any suggestion to improve or assist the SAHPA, please advise a member of the committee to ensure it is heard. Many hands make light work.

As Treasurer my aim will be to keep the SAHPA in a strong financial position with funds available and being raised for future expenditure.

I wish every fancier good health, good racing and happiness.

Yours in sport, Tom Tirrell

SAHPA POINTS 2020

Name	Race 1 N	Race 2 N	Race 3 N	Race 4 N	Race 5 E	Race 6 E	Race 7 N	Race 8 E	Race 9 E	Race 10 N	Race 11 E	Race 12 E	OVERALL		NORTH		EAST	
	YBC	MRE	TWI	TWSB	SAD	MGS	CP1	MG1	AE1	MAR	AE2	AE3	TOT.	POS.	TOT.	POS.	TOT.	POS.
MARAFIOTE J	15	0	20	0	24	27	18	20	20	25	28	30	227	1	78	8	149	2
HAMILTON & FAWCETT	29	12	30	0	27	16	0	25	30	10	29	0	208	2	81	7	127	4
HORROCKS & SEIBOTH	25	26	12	0	26	0	21	0	28	5	22	28	193	3	89	4	104	5
ADEL RACE LOFTS	27	0	0	22	0	23	17	19	22	18	30	0	178	4	84	5	94	6
STOJAKOVIC N	0	0	0	0	30	26	0	28	29	0	24	22	159	5	0	82	159	1
THAME & MAVROS	28	20	27	30	0	0	26	0	11	0	0	0	142	6	131	1	11	55
CHAPMAN R & S	0	0	0	0	29	30	0	30	27	0	26	0	142	7	0	83	142	3
DIMELLA F	30	8	2	20	0	3	0	21	18	11	25	0	138	8	71	10	67	12
WATSON & DURRANT	23	7	24	0	10	0	0	1	16	17	19	20	137	9	71	11	66	13
HARPER J & C	5	16	11	0	28	0	30	0	10	0	27	6	133	10	62	13	71	11
WILLIAMS R	13	0	0	0	7	10	25	26	25	0	17	0	123	11	38	28	85	7
SABERTON & JEFFRIES	0	14	21	29	1	0	22	0	0	15	16	0	118	12	101	3	17	50
HODGSON S	0	28	0	11	20	14	0	29	0	0	14	0	116	13	39	27	77	10
NICOLI J P & N	24	29	19	10	0	0	0	0	1	30	0	0	113	14	112	2	1	68
Roberts K & A & J Jackson	17	0	29	0	0	0	24	6	0	14	20	0	110	15	84	6	26	42
GOODRICH G & H	0	21	0	2	23	19	0	9	0	0	0	27	101	16	23	45	78	9
HINKLER LOFTS	0	6	0	6	0	18	0	0	23	0	23	21	97	17	12	66	85	8
GRIFFITH W & M	0	27	23	1	0	0	0	0	7	21	12	0	91	18	72	9	19	46
TUNBRIDGE & AGAR	0	18	22	0	0	0	12	0	12	0	0	23	87	19	52	17	35	32
HLEBNIKOFF A	7	2	0	0	0	24	15	17	0	16	0	0	81	20	40	24	41	25
BURTON P	0	0	10	23	0	29	0	0	19	0	0	0	81	21	33	35	48	22
MANUEL S	0	0	0	0	17	8	0	22	0	19	0	13	79	22	19	54	60	14
DONOVAN B	20	1	0	0	21	0	0	0	15	0	21	0	78	23	21	50	57	16
DONNELLAN M	0	0	0	0	22	21	0	10	0	20	0	4	77	24	20	52	57	17
HARRIS G & L	6	0	0	12	8	0	23	0	0	27	0	0	76	25	68	12	8	58
ABBOTT & SON L	0	19	0	0	25	0	0	0	0	6	0	26	76	26	25	44	51	21
TSONIS G	21	0	0	0	19	12	0	24	0	0	0	0	76	27	21	51	55	18
HAMILTON C	0	11	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	29	0	7	75	28	40	25	35	33
ALBANOS N & M	0	0	14	24	0	0	0	0	4	0	13	11	66	29	38	29	28	40
MOLCHANOFF M	0	0	0	28	0	0	7	16	0	0	15	0	66	30	35	34	31	36

SHORT DISTANCE POINTS 2020

Name	Race 1 N	Race 2 N	Race 3 N	Race 4 E	Race 5 N	Race 6 E	Race 7 N	Race 8 E	Race 9 E	Race 10 E	OVERALL	
	WT1	CAL	HA1	TI1	HA2	KE1	PIM	KE2	PEN1	PEN2	TOT.	
MARAFIOTE J	22	9	20	29	15	14	17	26	25	28	205	1
DIMELLA F	0	30	26	30	18	0	4	20	0	0	128	2
HAMILTON & FAWCETT	0	25	0	28	24	21	28	0	2	0	128	3
ADEL RACE LOFTS	8	18	9	18	19	8	13	0	0	27	120	4
HINKLER LOFTS	0	0	0	22	0	30	0	9	29	18	108	5
CUREA V	29	0	22	9	9	12	0	0	0	20	101	6
HORROCKS & SEIBOTH	12	23	0	4	0	23	0	12	0	26	100	7
TUNBRIDGE & AGAR	0	0	30	0	22	22	24	0	0	0	98	8
Roberts K & A & J Jackson	7	16	0	0	20	5	12	19	0	14	93	9
MAGRO F & G	0	12	0	0	25	0	0	30	24	0	91	10
CHAPMAN R & S	0	0	0	23	0	27	0	0	11	30	91	11
KAKOSCHKE G	19	0	23	0	16	6	25	0	0	0	89	12
GRIFFITH W & M	0	27	0	0	30	0	27	0	0	4	88	13
DONOVAN B	5	0	0	19	23	3	0	15	14	8	87	14
THAME & MAVROS	26	0	2	5	17	16	21	0	0	0	87	15
MANUEL S	0	0	15	0	3	0	14	25	30	0	87	16
HARPER J & C	17	8	25	0	26	0	7	0	0	0	83	17
WILLIAMS R	0	0	0	14	0	20	0	10	23	15	82	18
HLEBNIKOFF A	4	0	28	0	14	1	0	2	16	16	81	19
VANDERLINDEN & EDWARDS	15	13	3	0	28	0	22	0	0	0	81	20

JOHN CRUMMEY

Glenelg Club



Background: Born in Newcastle in the UK into a pigeon community. He immigrated to Australia in 1955. His grandfather and father both flew racing pigeons successfully in the UK, when pigeon racing was extremely popular, so he was destined to race pigeons in Australia.

John is now a spritely 82 years old and commenced flying in 1960 with the Plympton Club. He raced for about four years, then work commitments became too challenging. He returned to the sport in 2009 flying with the Glenelg Club and has been lucky enough to be Flyer of The Year in 2011 and then again whilst in a mentoring a new flyer in 2019.

Around the Loft: I let my birds out every morning normally around first light. During the off season I let them fly at their leisure. During the race season similar release time and by this stage they are ranging and normally fly for about 1½ hours. Not until they start ranging do I commence my training tosses.

Tossing: First toss is about 25 kms north, then a few more at the same distance to educate the birds. Distance is gradually increased to 40 kms, 60 kms, 100 kms north to ensure they are able to return independently. After that they go on the training unit up to Port Wakefield, Bute and Snowtown weather permitting.

Medication: Garlic is added to the drinking water once a week. Bathing routinely on a Monday morning adding potassium permanganate (condy's crystals) to the water to manage parasites. Apple cider vinegar weekly. No other medications as I prefer natural remedies

Bloodlines and breeding: I have been gifted birds from many pigeon fanciers in SA. I try and develop a strong long distance line. Usually, I breed about 100 youngsters a year and with fortunate conditions about 40 to 50% remain for successful racing the next year. I am a passionate supporter of the Sires programme and believe that there should be more incentives to ensure these types of programmes survive.

Highlights: I fly all distances, but look forward to the longer races, like Alice Springs and Border Village. I have been reasonably successful with the Alice Springs line. Numerous club winners from 2011 to 2020. On one occasion I sent 7 hens and all successfully returned home. In 2013 I flew Bathurst 1033 kms and gained second in the Association when only three birds made it home within race time. As all pigeon fanciers know, they could not be successful without a supportive partner, so it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge the ongoing support of my darling wife, Marg, who without her support flying pigeons would not be as enjoyable.

TERRY BURDON

Lyndoch Club

Terry is one of the founding members of the Barossa Valley RPC. Currently flying as Burdon & Woollatt in partnership with Bruce they are the only current pigeon flyers in Lyndoch.

Terry's loft is a timber framed, iron clad loft measuring 5 m x 3 m and divided into four sections. Back and front have high ventilation strips full length. The floor is covered with shellgrit and sharp sand with the water troughs mounted high to prevent dust and fouling.

There are also two stock lofts and breeding boxes behind the main loft which also house not only stock birds but a range of Pigmy Pouters. Terry is also a well recognised breeder of these show birds.

Terry's race birds are a mixed lot with his favourites being a Dangerfield cock gifted from Jurgen Ewendt and a Koopman Pryor hen that was a gift from Warren March. Breeding best to best with 15 pair they breed 60 plus youngsters with 15 to 20 old birds to be the year's race team. Terry and Bruce race up to 10 birds per race and have taken Middle Distance (equal) points, Long Distance points and Club Champion points having won 7 races including Alice Springs.

The Club is 30 years old this year and Terry says he appreciates the great club atmosphere that Russell, Len and Bruce have created as the management team. The promotion and growth of our club enables him to be able to enjoy his hobby and sport with a great bunch of members.

Feeding during breeding season is a high pea content with the addition of lesser amounts of wheat, milo, safflower and other oil seeds with Brewers yeast and PVM sprinkled over the grain. Grit is always available with iodised salt, sulphur, bi carb and seaweed meal.

Flying season more carbs, cutting back on peas and slowly adding barley and corn as the weather cools. By Derby time the peas are almost gone.

Terry vaccinates for PMV and Rota and worms pre breeding, pre tossing and again before the Derbies. Also uses Triple X pre training as the winter weather sets in. Returning race birds get a few drops of Sani Check in their water also a probiotic post meds. Loft is disinfected with Vercon S.

The preferred races are a W/SW wind and not blow homes on the north lines. Terry is not a great fan of the S-S/E line as losses are way too high.

Terry thanks Geoff Rayment for having the Westline short series as his returns are always far greater than any other racing. Terry subscribes to the ARPJ and enjoys any articles by Basil Gossman and Bilco. There are no secrets it only comes down to common sense as the birds let you know when they are right as you scrape perches each day. Terry and Bruce enjoy all racing but especially the Derbies and longer.

Once the birds are ranging they toss privately and later on the club toss unit but ONLY after the season has broken not before. Terry believes we should all support the management of our sport and appreciate the time and effort that goes on in the background which enables us all to enjoy our sport and hobby. He also says give the whinging a rest.

Terry would like to thank Bruce for his continued help and lastly Jenny for her toleration of the birds and him. Best wishes to all for the season.

NENAD STOJAKOVIC



SAHPA Results: 1st Mt Gambier Derby SA 19 11646 bbc Owners 81, birds 1212.

Mt Gambier Open 7th & 29th. Mt Gambier 5-bird. 5th. Allendale 1 6th, 12th, 13th & 17th assoc. Allendale 2; 13th & 14th. Allendale 3; 11th, 23rd & 37th. 5th SAHPA Points. 2020.

Nenad only flew the east line this year with great results. He chose not to fly the north line with the belief that at times his location is at a disadvantage. His Mt Gambier cock bird has a background from some very successful flyers. The sire is down from Terry Underdown and the dam's bloodlines from Alvon Richardson. This cock bird only had two races prior to his triumph in the SE Derby. He has also won the east line points for the last three years.

The breeding management strategy is to first review a bird's pedigree to ensure it has the proven blood lines to fit into his race team. Secondly, he also selects birds from his team that have demonstrated they can consistently return home in the required race time. A careful review of all his birds is conducted prior to them gaining entry into his stock loft.

Initially Nenad's selection process was often only based on performance, which is still a sound foundation for stock selection. But with the sad passing of fellow fancier Curly Maricic in 2009, Nenad gained some insight from Curly's flying / breeding practices and then his attitude changed and pedigree now plays a greater role in his stock bird selection.

Nenad has approximately 50 stock pairs and plans about three breeding rounds. As with many fanciers Nenad also prefers hens to cocks. He does not cull to reduce the ratio of cocks to hens, but natural selection separates the birds that don't meet his race standard. Currently Nenad has a network with a fancier in Tasmania who they exchange conversations and ideas to improve both their birds' bloodlines.

Education starts - as with all bird's - location training plus the obvious ambience in Nenad's backyard induces a relaxed environment.

Tossing begins with a trip to Dublin about 50 kms, normally three tosses in a row to ensure all birds are fit and skilled enough before they venture out to longer distances. He tosses no further than Pt Wakefield about 100 kms and believes this distance is far enough. During the race season he only give his birds short tosses up to about 60-70 kms to sharpen them up. This technique has proven to be very successful for him. He prefers to toss in the line of flight, which will be different this season with the north east line being introduced. Like many fanciers he prefers to toss on his own. This provides independence with his tossing timetable.

Turbosole is utilised during the race season on every Monday and once a month Epsom salts is put into the bathing water to promote good health. Some fanciers state "it cleans the birds out". His grain mixture consists of 4 parts peas, 4 parts wheat, 1 part safflower, 1/2-part milo.

Nenad agrees with the majority of fanciers, that the new flyer must acquire good quality birds when establishing a racing loft. The new fancier must be patient and focus on good health to be successful in pigeon racing.

G. & L. HARRIS

**ALICE SPRINGS 1350 km vel 1167.897 mpm
19 hr 16 min 12 sec 50 owners 227 birds**



Congratulations to Gavin Harris in winning Alice Springs, Northern Territory to Adelaide, South Australia as well as gaining two more birds in the top 10 - 4th and 5th.

The Alice winner 15575 SA17 bcph was 18th Assoc Alice Springs in 2019. She has flown the SE line this year and the Westline midweek series over two gulfs..

Sire is Gavin's Dangerfield based family. Her dam was 2nd Sires Produce Moulemein 49 5km 2014 with only three birds home on the 1st night. She is off a Mark Bruggemann crossed with a David Wattering hen donated to the North Suburban club sale.

The 4th and 5th hens are nest mates and their dam is a full sister to the dam of the winner making them cousins to the winner. The dam is also g/dam of 1st SAHPA Springhurst 2019 730 km.

When bred in 2017 this pair was sired by a cockbird that won 1st cock Alice Springs 2017 and 27th overall. He was out of birds gifted by Wayne Myers and Mark Bruggemann. He was donated by Gavin to the Long Distance Fundraiser Auction and was bought by Alan Marcon of the VHA

The 4th and 5th hens were raced in the midweek Westline series across two gulfs both last and this year.

The Alice team was selected early this year and after the races over the last two weeks before hampering have had many 40 and 60 km tosses two or three days apart with a couple late afternoon.

When Gavin was approached by the late John Pryor to join the LDC some 25 years ago it very impressed Gavin with John's confidence at the first meeting of the year in saying he has picked his Alice Springs winning birds already. You have to have confidence in their ability. Gavin's bird was pooled also showing the confidence he had in her.

Many thanks to Gavin for this info and many more successful Alices to come.

The photos are bcp winner (top), bbp 4th (left) and bbp 5th (right).



L & S Racing 2019 Broken Hill Points Winners



Background: I raced for 16 years, then had a 12 year break and have been back at it for the past 4 years. L & S have been racing for the past 3 years. Steve and I have been racing partners before for 5-6 years before we both stopped due to work commitments. I grew up with my mother having show poultry and pigeons and I graduated to racing pigeons as I got older. I am also a judge of pigeons and poultry.

My biggest influence has been local flyers, Ken Crabb and Trevor Grillet as they are both masters at the long distance racing .

Breeding: I breed winner to winner most times unless bred for stock or well bred. I like pairs to go straight together. Any birds that take time to mate are separated fairly quickly.

We have Vanloons, Broken Hill hard day birds, Gabbys, Koopmans, Goodgers, Rutz German long distance pigeons. I outcross most of the time, good birds to good birds.

Using online auctions and National Lofts, Seasue Lofts and Hamilton Lofts for their racing results.

Training: Educate birds by myself first up, then club toss. Birds are not tossed with the Club until they are racing home to the loft and then have some afternoon tosses during the year on their own to keep their mind on the job. This results in multiple birds landing together.

Best birds: I've had 4 or 5 good birds in the last 4 years. Some have been sold as I try to keep my stock birds under 6 year old. At the moment 1556 bch known as the Nundroo Hen and Lot 46 – A. Muirhead Sale, Gabby x Bathurst blood are both prolific breeders. Everything in our loft is based on performance.

Stock birds: I like to put my first 600 mile cock bird to stock every year and select hens on their performance and family.

Country racing: We have had above average club returns this seasons and had a fantastic year. Taken all places in the 4 main races. The highlight being 5 together from the 600 mile. I think poor returns in most areas is because of the wide spread drought and no natural bird life for the falcons.

Ideas: We need young people to take an interest in the sport, but they grow up with computers these days and not pigeons and poultry. It is too great a cost with the electronic clocks and chip rings for most youngsters of today.

SALDC POINTS 2020		SA CHAMPION LONG DISTANCE POINTS				59 Members	
MEMBER	CLUB	Cooper Pedy 750km	Alice Springs 1320km	Maria 970km	Border Vil. 960km	TOTAL	POS.
HARRIS G & L	SVALE	29	30	29	29	117	1
HORROCKS & SEIBOTH	PARAH	28	13	23	21	85	2
ABBOTT & Son L	HYDE	3	29	24	28	84	3
NICOLI JP & N	NOSUB		26	30	23	79	4
BUXTON & SNYDERS	SDIST	23	28		27	78	5
MAV C	METRO	19	7	22	24	72	6
SQUIRE FAMILY	CENTL	27	22	15	4	68	7
ADEL RACE LOFTS	NOSUB	25	5	26		56	8
RAYMENT & ANDREWARTHA	METRO	30	6	5	15	56	8
MAGRO F & G	HYDE	14		11	30	55	10
ALBANOS N & M	PARAH	2	24	10	18	54	11
MARAFIOTE J	METRO	26		28		54	11
MALLIA P	WTORR	1	25	25		51	13
TWORKOWSKI T & W	WTORR	20	12	19		51	13
YANG & GAO	NOSUB	16	1	20	12	49	15
MOLCHANOFF M	CENTL	22	9	16		47	16
DONOVAN B	PARAH	7	21	1	16	45	17
VRANEK P	NOSUB	8		14	22	44	18
HITCHCOCK J	SDIST	11	11	21		43	19
BURKE P	WTORR	4		12	26	42	20
CRUMMEY J	GNELG		14	27		41	21
TSONIS G	METRO		15	18	8	41	21
KAKOSCHKE G	METRO	21	10	3	6	40	23
KOKOLAKIS & N	WTORR	15			25	40	23
FACCIOL R	SVALE	9	18		10	37	25
TIRRELL T D & J S	GNELG	18		17		35	26
CUREA V	METRO	13	20			33	27
WILLIAMS N	GAWL		19		14	33	27
ANDREWARTHA & MARCH	HYDE	5	27			32	29
PILISKIC S	PTADL	17			13	30	30

The SALDC two races in 2020 were Alice Springs 1330km and Border Village 975 km. The races were exceptional for returns with well prepared and well bred birds entered by the owners.

ALICE SPRINGS 1330 km 5th Sept. 50 owners entered 227 birds.

1st G & L Harris 1167.897 mpm SA 17 bcph

2nd L Abbott & Son 1165.851 mpm SA 16 22422 bch

3rd Buxton & Snyders 1164.735 mpm SA16 02782 bbh

The birds did the journey in around 19 hours with 77 birds home at the end of day 2 and 99 birds at the end of day 3. Returns overall were exceptional.

BORDER VILLAGE 975 km 9th October. 35 owners entered 256 birds.

1st F & G Magro 1194.841 mpm SA 18 23749 bcc

2nd G & L Harris 1176.761 mpm SA 17 0373 bch

3rd L Abbott & Son 985.467 mpm SA 18 12529 bbh

The birds did an amazing job with the 1st two birds continuing into the night to be 3 hours ahead of the main batch. Ninety-nine birds were home at the end of day two in this average 18 hour event. The overall returns were very high again indicating the quality of the birds sent. 2021 LDC events (to be confirmed) are Alice Springs and Border Village.

THE WESTLINE:

The Westline Series is a midweek series of races conducted on a Wednesday with five races on offer. The maximum entry is 10 birds per owner. With an interrupted series this year with some tough weather days the results are as follows:

Kimba 8th July, 12 owners 84 b, 280km 1st G & L Harris 1373.551 mpm

Wudinna 22nd July, 15 owners 115 b, 360k. 1st R Caruso 1019.535 mpm

Poochera 5th Aug., 10 owners 65 b, 425km 1st P Burton 881.903 mpm

Pimba 18th Aug., 12 owners 77 birds, 430km 1st P Burton 1800.017 mpm

Ceduna 11th September, 10 owners 90 birds 1st P Vranek 1147.052

The 2021 Westline Series will see a change as we are offering hampering at the SAHPA HQ before moving on to pickup the members who hamper at the Gawler Club. A massive thank you to the Gawler Club members for allowing their rooms to be utilised for our series and their wonderful hospitality on normally freezing hampering nights. Great comaraderie amongst pigeon flyers.

Hopefully with the extra pick up from the Association we will encourage new membership to our mid week comp. Any flyers who support that weeks race, are also eligible to send trainers at a cost of 50c per bird to be released at a substantial distance (usually The Tanks 275 km). Training numbers will be capped depending on membership numbers to make it fair that all flyers get birds on for training. This has been very successful in the past to help generate most of the running costs of the series.



ROSS CHAPMAN

FIRST FOUR POSITIONS 2020 SIRES PRODUCE RACE PICCANINNIE PONDS

By John Hofman



It was a fine & mild Sunday afternoon with a light to moderate SW wind most of the way home, tending more southerly at the Adelaide end. The 1305 birds in the Open race from Allendale East (408km) were released at 6.45am and were quickly away and the 197 birds in the Sires Produce event from Piccaninnie Ponds were released at 7.30am so that they would not get mixed up with the Allendale birds. Piccaninnie Ponds is 15km further south, adjacent to the Victorian border.

Ross and his wife Sue sit in their sunroom /office /trophy room while waiting for the birds to arrive. They had timed their first arrival from Allendale at

12.06 pm which had averaged the very good speed of 76.4 km/h and had a fair number of their other entrants home shortly after.

They later found that they had run 11th & 14th SAHPA. They began to wait earnestly for their Sires Produce entrants from about 12.45pm thinking that they should not be too much more than an hour after the leading Allendale birds. Ross originally purchased 10 birds for this race but lost 5 in races leading up to it, leaving him with the remaining 5 to enter. Of these 5, one cock had almost grown its 9th flight on both wings and he was fearful that it may drop its 10th in the race basket. Anyway, just before 1.12pm they spotted a small batch of 5 birds heading towards the loft from the east and there was a grizzle leading the pack by about a metre or so. He knew immediately that they were sires produce birds as he had sent a grizzle cock to this race.

The Grizzle hit the landing board and raced across it and through the traps & scanning pads as if he was competing in the Stawell Gift with another bird entering just a second behind him. The other 3 dawdled a bit before going through and Ross thought he had all 5 arrive home together but the last bird through did not register on his Tipes system. It wasn't his and he eventually traced it to its owner, Brian Donovan of Virginia. His fifth bird with the short flights arrived home an hour or so later. Having had 4 of his 5 birds arrive together Ross was quite sceptical as to whether he would do well in this event. He couldn't imagine having 4 birds leading the pack. These sires birds had averaged 74.2km/h which later turned out to be not far behind his first Allendale East bird and just a little further behind the Open winners, Hamilton & Fawcett, doing 77.9 km/h.

Ross has now won a record four sires produce races and quite a number of high minor placings. In 2004 he won the Moulemein Sires 507 km in 8 hrs. 50 mins 54 sec at 955mpm in 2014 Moulemein Sires 507 10.54.09 775 3 birds on day. 2016 Moulemein Sires 5079.31.33 887. 2020 Picanninie Ponds Sires 423 5.42.02 1237

In the 2016 race he clocked in 1st, 2nd & 3rd positions but shortly after clocking he realized that the second placed bird was not qualified on the east line of flight

although it had previously flown three north line races, so he immediately self-reported and had it disqualified.

Now let's get to the bloodlines of the winner. On the sires side (bgc SA 15 14617) it is a combination of Hofman's Silver Shadow, Lucifer & Lucinda Van Loon lines & James Bond Janssen lines, Dave Allen (U.K.) Van Loon lines via the late Allan Brown of Victoria, and a Vandenabeele gifted to Ross by Ken Waters. The dam of the Sires winner bbh NH 15 1126, was bred by Allen Limeburner of Newcastle (NSW) most likely a hen of the Vandenabeele strain down from the birds he purchased from Jack VanderLinden.

Shortly after winning this Piccaninnie Ponds race Ross's brother Alan spotted a comment on social media by a fellow SAHPA fancier stating that he doesn't enter these "handbag" events. I don't know why because these four pigeons each carried home a handbag stuffed full of \$100 dollar notes. Consequently Ross has decided to call this cock "Harry the Handbag Cock" and he is smiling all the way to his bank, again. I think Ross only visits his bank to deposit his winnings. On this occasion it was \$13,300.

I shall mention briefly the breeding of the 2nd, 3rd & 4th placed pigeons. On the sires side of the 2nd placed pigeon are the Janssen lines from Bill Verco, the Janssen lines from Reg Muller, and the Dave Allen Van Loon Lines. The Verco Janssen lines came from a son of Rob Wilsons Ponderosa Janssen pair known as the "Golden Pair". This pair contained the famous old Janssen lines of the "Schone Mallie". They were first shipment pigeons going back to 1990 and were prolific producing pigeons. Bill mated this cock to a Janssen hen that he obtained from Ken Horan and she was a daughter of Stan Fergusons imported Ponderosa Janssen Hen. Bill called this pair the "Silver Pair", once again prolific producers. On the dams side are the Hofman Van Loon lines of "Silver Shadow" & "Lucifer" & "Lucinda", the James Bond lines & the Dave Allen Van Loon Lines the same as those as the winner and the same hen NH 15 1126 Vandenabeele lines of Allan Limeburner.



The sire's side of the 3rd placed pigeon is totally Heremans & Ceusters from Grant Paterson and bred by George Desira and features strongly along the lines of the "Olympiade". The pedigree on the dam's side is a little sparse for detail but it does feature Colin Walkers Superman Janssens.

The 4th placed pigeon was bred by Allen Limeburner and was sent to Ross for him to enter in this specific race. On the sires side we

have a son of Jack Vanderlinden's "Little Boy" & "Leading Lady" (QPF rung bred by Shaun Elliott), mated to a hen named "Georgette" being bred by Belgian flyer Mark Vandaele (Vandenabeele strain). Also in the pedigree is a hen bred by Greg Hamilton of the Heremans & Ceusters strain. The dam's side features pretty well all "Little Boy" Vandenabeele lines via Jack Vanderlinden along with the same Heremans & Ceuster lines via Greg Hamilton as on the sires side.

Finally, all readers will realise that these pigeons are superbly bred and are chock full of fed winners and importantly full of local winners all over South Australia & Australia and given Ross's astute observations and attention to detail they are mighty hard to beat.

A look back at the involvement of one of our ex-officials and a major contributor to pigeon writings:

JOHN HOFMAN

Years as a competing member:

1961-63	Riverside Juniors	Affiliated with PADRPA & SAHPC
1964-68	Henley & Grange Club	Associated with SAHPA Inc.
1969	Peterhead Club	PADRPA & SAHPC
1970-72	Osborne Club	SAHPC
1973-75	LeFevre Club	SAHPA
1977-94	Tea Tree Gully Club	SAHPA

Years as a social member:

1995-2005	Vitesse Club	SAHPA
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During this time he held various positions (Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Clock Chairman, Publicity Officer and other positions) at various times in the above-mentioned clubs.

Positions held at a higher level than club level.

1969	Secretary of the Port Adelaide Districts Racing Pigeon Association.
1975-88	Served on the SAHPA Long Distance Committee, several years as Secretary.
1982-86	Editor of the SAHPA Gazette.
1982-85	Served a three year term on the SAHPA Management Committee.
1985	SAHPA Assistant Secretary.
1986	Served on the 86 SA Jubilee Committee which held two successful events to celebrate the State of SA 150 Year Jubilee. A race from Canberra where the birds were released by the Late Senator Janine Haines, and a convention at the Enfield Council Chambers where the guest speakers were John Koster and Graham Davidson.
1986-92	SAHPA General Secretary.
1990	Organised and co-ordinated the first legal import of racing pigeons into Australia for over 40 years. Directly involved in subsequent importations in 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996 and 1998.

1998-2000 then 2002-2003 SAHPA Release officer.

Started in Seaton in partnership with my brother Greg in 1961 with the Riverside Junior Club. We raced there for three years before we had to leave the junior ranks due to the fact that I was by then working for a living and was about to turn 18. From 1964 to 1968 I flew in senior competition with the Henley & Grange Club in the SAHPA where I scored a number of good club wins and placings and a few SAHPA positions, mostly on the SE line against some SE line specialists in that club, namely Don Hawke, Verco & Willoughby, Stan Ferguson, Kevin Smoker, Reg Fourier & Colin Bayment to mention a few.

Towards the end of September 1968, I married Beverley and we moved to Osborne. I was in the most north westerly loft position in Adelaide. I quickly built a loft and had youngsters to race to it in 1969, having joined the Peterhead club which was in the PADRPA and the SAHPC. In 1970 I joined the Osborne Club until the end of the 1972 season when in 1973 I switched to the Le Fevre Peninsula club in the SAHPA. I was runner up in the club points that year and won the club points in 1974. At the end of the 1975 we moved right across town to St. Agnes and had a year off racing while

we got things established and built a new loft. From 1977 to 1994 I raced in the Tea Tree Gully club with quite some success, winning the club points on several occasions. Most of my successes came from the east, south east and north east lines. In 1983 I finished 12th in the SAHPA Aggregate points without scoring a single point on the North line.

In 1988 I became involved with importing pigeons and became Australian Agent for Ponderosa U.K. Stud in England and Eijerkamp's Ponderosa & Greenfield Stud in Holland. This also involved a number of trips to England & Holland over the next few years. I stopped racing at the end of the 1994 racing season as I had a bit of a scare with pigeon lung but after heeding to some precautionary methods such as wearing a mask at all times when with the pigeons, dust coats & caps etc., I carried on breeding and running the stud. In 2003 I finally had to give up the stud breeding business as the dust from the birds were now affecting my wife.

In 2007 we moved to Alberton. I became a silent partner to Des Evans in 2008 as Des was finding it difficult to work and handle the birds as well. He raced his birds from his workshop premises at Wingfield. After disposing the stud I kept a handful of birds and when I moved to Alberton I put them into Des's loft to breed & race from plus I also obtained the odd pigeon that I had bred while having the stud when I found out that it was up for sale. These birds proved quite successful and quite a number of club, group and SAHPA placings were won including a 1st SAHPA Lyndhurst in 2009. It was quite common for us to have the leading velocity on the western side of town on the north line and we broke down the dominance that Ross Chapman had in the club on the north line at that time. Greg Hamilton purchased quite a number of these stock birds from time to time as I sought to replace them with younger progeny. It was mostly the Janssen & Van Loon that he purchased and I think it would be fair to say that Greg would agree that these birds figure prominently in the success that he has had over the last 14 years or so. I finally retired from pigeon breeding & racing at the end of the 2013 season.

TUNBRIDGE & AGAR (1st Hawker 1 SDC)

Sire: SA14 14034 (Stef Van Reet x Goodger). This cock flew Marla. Sire of 28th Assoc Coober Pedy 1 in 2019 (SA18 09044). Sire of 1st SDC Hawker No. 1 in 2020 SA19 08736 and the nestmate (08735) was 13th Assoc. Marree.

Dam: LM16 9250 (Drapa). Bred by Warren March. The sire of this hen was bred by Mark Gilbert. Bred 1st club and 3rd SAHPA Pinnaroo. Also 1st Metro club Lyndhurst Open for MV Lofts. The dam of 9250 was bred by Les Green UK. From a son of "pokerface." Carries three crosses Champ and brother Carl. Her grand-dam is a direct daughter of the No. 1 couple "The Merlin Pair" – Verkerks. The grand-dam is full sister to Fed and Combine winner "Amal".



STEVE THAME & GEORGE MAVROS



I commenced in the sport in 1982 with birds from Reg Foureur and flew in the Tea Tree Gully club for one season before moving to Salisbury Heights and joining the Para Hills Club. I flew in that club through the eighties and nineties which was part of the strong Salisbury Group. Back then there were very good flyers like Eitzen, Wareing, Seedsman, Muller and Seiboth just to name a few of them. I had mixed success but managed in 1990 to finish 17th in the SAHPA points against 475 members. There were seasons I did not compete due to family commitments and have to work shifts in my employment.

Over the years I have come 2nd four times in Association races and didn't believe I would ever with one, especially after coming second in The Twins 5-bird in 2019 and 9th in 2018 with the

same bird, which is unrelated to our 2020 winner – so the motto is never give up believing, it just might happen.

First The Twins 5-bird Special. 617 km.



Details of SA17 00523 bred by George Mavros

Sire's side: Goodger / Kakoschke closely related to birds purchased at Rod Billings sale. Lot 79 reference.

Dam's side: Janssen, closely related to a bird purchased at Adelaide International Expo 2012 bred by Rodney Howe.

The lead up races were Parachilna and Marree. Prior to that private tossing and unit tossing with Don Schwartz.

FRED DiMELLA



Results: 8th Points SAHPA. 1st and 2nd Lyndhurst YBC 510 kms. SA19 1275 bbh. SA19 1384 bbh. Twins 5-bird: 14th & 30th. Twins Open: 52nd. Marree: 28th. Mt Gambier 5-bird: 32nd & 50th. Allendale1: 45th. Marla 31st & 44th. Allendale 2: 12th, 15th and 30th.

Fred competes in the North Suburban Club and was pleasantly surprised when he sighted two of his hens land together in the YBC Derby from Lyndhurst. He was even more astounded when a third hen arrived shortly after, and nearly trapped, but his astonishment soon turned to disappointment when his third took off into the blue skies, then out of sight, not returning for about 45 minutes. One of the great fears that a pigeon fancier has!

But two out of three is a great achievement. This accomplishment had a more significant outcome, that being: all three were from the same family, all three are sisters. The sire was a Grant Paterson Temora winner and the dam was also a Temora winner, an outstanding breeding feat.

Fred's philosophy in breeding is firstly based on pedigree. All breeding stock has to have a sound pedigree. Secondly his own loft winners or consistent birds also make it to the breeding loft. Thirdly his experienced eye completes his future racing stock.

Over many years Fred has strived to breed the best performing birds that he can. He obtained birds from flyers such as Wickham, Pryor and Deweerdt. He endeavours to improve his bloodlines by introducing proven birds with proven pedigrees. Obviously, this technique has been successful, noted by his ongoing high results in the SAHPA.

He modestly states there is no secret to his success, but dedication and an experienced eye when assessing his birds. He will observe and handle his racing team a day prior to hampering. On hamper day he will again assess his team and if there is any doubt about the bird's welfare, they will not attend the race.

Only fit healthy birds are tossed. Young birds not exercising around the loft to Fred's standard wait until they are fit, then tossed with the rest of his team. He tosses on the line of flight, as this prepares his team with a sound education for the up-and-coming race season. Fred often trains alone again to ensure his birds are well educated and find a consistent line of flight to his home without distraction from other pigeons.

Race preparation starts with 60 kms tosses, then about 100 kms, further if he believes they need more fitness. Fred does not overly work his birds. With a reasonable team of birds he spaces their races out to about 3 to 4 a year, reducing fatigue and stress which ensures the birds welfare is maintained. He prefers same day returns, but admits the thrill of sighting a bird early from a long-distance race late that night or extremely early the next day is exhilarating.

Advice to the novice flyer: purchase the best birds available, acquire a wide range of knowledge from your club members and utilise this information to the best of your ability and success should follow.

Fred currently has pins inserted in his right hand and could not successfully manage his loft without the assistance of his devoted wife Vicky, who like many pigeon fanciers' spouses never get enough recognition.

JOHN PAUL NICOLI

First Marla 970 kms. 7th Lyndhurst YBC 510 kms. 2nd Marree 580 kms. 21st Twins
5 Bird Special 620 kms. 12th Twins 620kms. Overall 14th position SAHPA



John Paul first flew pigeons in Europe in 1992. He flew a small team and only a few races. Moving his family to Adelaide in 2003, he commenced flying with the Glenelg club in 2017 and he was reasonably successful. In 2019 moved his entire setup to Highbury taking many young birds that he bred in 2019 to Highbury to race. He now races in the North Suburban club.

He won Marla in 2020 with a mealy cock which was a late bred bird - only bred in March 2019. This mealy cock has a strong performance pedigree. The sire flew Benalla and the dam flew Alice Springs twice, so winning Marla was his destiny. The mealy cock had only three lead up races to Marla. Marree was his last race

until his Marla win. John Paul recalls the moment he sighted a dot in the western sky returning home from Marla His level of satisfaction was hard to measure, but no doubt the mealy cock now has a special place in both his heart and loft.

Breeding: John-Paul believes that winners will breed winners. He has a strong preference for Gabby X Goodger He believes the European birds have more potential when crossed with the Australian strains. The race loft will commence with about 200 birds, all going well at the end of the year a loss of about 50% with natural attrition is acceptable. The stock loft has about 40 pairs, ongoing reviews of performance and improving the stock quality is a continuous process.

Tossing: The first toss is about 40 kms north, preferably in the line of flight. He will give his birds two tosses at 40 kms, then progress to 60 kms then 80 kms, then up to 120 kms weather permitting. He only tosses by himself - this is to ensure his birds are educated to return home and not be distracted by other pigeons in the training truck. John Paul believes education is essential to racing and reducing early losses before the racing season commences.

Loft management: John Paul believes in the natural system of pigeon management. Much like the human athlete: good diet, exercise and a sound mental health should be the start to pigeon success. A bird that starts off poorly will not present as a true performer. He establishes a strong bond with his birds, guaranteeing the loft is calm and well ventilated which will entice the birds to return home to a secure environment. His belief is that this rapport will instill a strong relationship with the bird and the owner.

He rarely medicates his pigeons, Epsom salts in the bath water to reduce stress, relax the bird's muscles and again promote good health. Clean quality grain is paramount to ensuring pigeon health is maintained. ACV also added to the drinking water. Loft position is more beneficial to a flyer in short races, but the long races the loft positions is greatly diminished.

Advice to new flyers: Do your homework when purchasing pigeons. Source birds within your local area that have performed in your local environment.

DAVID & SOFIA THALBOURNE



David has raced pigeons all his life. Cannot remember when racing pigeons were not in the yard! Father Gus, brothers John and Philip all raced pigeons. At one stage three individual lofts operated from the one yard. You can imagine the excitement when on race day a bird swings around, resulting in one happy face and two sad ones.

David has been active in the sport for at 70 of his 77 years. He is currently a Life Member of the SAHPA after serving many years

at Management level as both Chairman and Delegate positions. He is also a past Chairperson of the SARPF (Southern Fed).

Clubs he has competed in include Plympton, Oaklands, Southern Districts (Hackham), Happy Valley, Southern Vales, Woodville, Para Hills and Metro (current).

David has represented our sport at many media and promotional levels including schools and community groups and through radio and television mediums. He also served recently as SA & NT Delegate on the ANRPB.

David married Sofia in 2004, a very good move as she quickly adjusted to pigeon life. Sofia has held the position of SAHPA Ring Secretary for the past seven years.

David has gained many club and Association placings over the years. A couple of great thrills was to win the SA Combine South Derby from Maryborough (Vic.) and also win 1st placing from Canberra in SAHPA some years ago and that time beating the great John Pryor.

David remembers many great pigeon conversations with work colleagues Allen Goodger and Colin Elliott. He also remembers standing with fishing rod in hand alongside Keith Wickham on the Murray at Cadell discussing pigeon issues – trying very hard to pump Keith for some pigeon pointers with not much luck. Played it very close did Keith!

David has toyed with many bloodlines through the years starting with Baker / Barker birds inherited from dad Gus in 50s. He then moved on in the 60s with the Harrison Jurions which were the flavour of the day. These birds were mainly suited for short and middle distance racing. However, after being gifted a grand-daughter of the famous “Elliott” hen and a “Vic Pape” cock bird from Allen Goodger I started winning top positions from racepoints like Marree, Oodnadatta, Rosedale, Canberra and Alice Springs – distance races I couldn’t succeed in before.

Feeding: I probably don’t vary much from most other fanciers in that basic grains like peas and wheat, a little barley in the moult. A trapping mix of small seeds can entice some quick traps. I feel if you can feed to have good control over your birds you will have more success than failure.

Striking the happy medium with feeding to create good exercise and not allowing the birds to get fat. Good feed control and good exercise can help to get successful race results. Observation of your birds is a good way to go. I medicate and treat the birds for most common ailments including worms.

Training: I try to have the birds working freely and roaming around my local area in time for Anzac Day each year before I start training tosses usually from short distances to give birds “confidence” in the routine of finding home. I am a great believer in the “confidence” aspect of our birds in understanding what they are bred for i.e. race home asap!

Racing: How often to race pigeons can depend on the style of races. Quick easy races you can send birds often. Hard, slow races require more recovery for the birds. Once again “observation” of the birds is the key. I do like birds to have a clean rosy breast, no scale and a very bright eye and be keen to exercise. Usually your last bird to land from exercise can be your fittest.

I am currently crossing bloodlines such as Van Loon, Gabbys and some other import derivatives with our Aussie strains like Goodger, Eitzen etc to try to develop birds to handle short, middle and long distance racing. I'm sure other fanciers are trying to do the same. Good luck!

It is a shame our sport faces future challenges such as: real estate designs that create less yard space, Councils do not like pigeons, particularly feral (buiding and street birds). Unfortunately non pigeon people do not understand the difference between feral and racing birds. It is important that fanciers do the right thing and keep good control over their birds either exercising or in the loft. No sitting on rooftops all day. Also terms such as “rats of the sky” don't help. We should be trying to promote the sport. Pigeon racing can be costly without much return unless you operate a stud and sell birds. No easy fix for our sport.

I might be biased by I consider the Thalbourne name to be well established in pigeon racing in Adelaide. As mentioned earlier Gus, John, Phil and David all raced actively for many years and that's not forgetting cousin “Con” also racing some years ago. My late brother John started the Elizabeth club when the Gawler club considered he was winning “out of turn” too often, particularly with Ray Fullgrave bloodlines on the SE line. John also spent time on the 5-man COM in the Jack Bergin era.

The name on David's loft “Ashbourne” is a combination of David's parents (Thalbourne and Ashby). Just a bit of trivia.

It is a shame that modern systems such as Benzing “live”, although being very efficient does take away some social aspects of our sport. But that's just me! Enough from me good luck to everyone and get involved!

SAHPA RING SECRETARYSofia Thalbourne: Sofia has been Ring Secretary since April 2013. She says she enjoys the job because it's a people job which means she has contact with members of the public. Some calls are difficult because the expectations of the public is sometimes not what can be done without details. People do try to give information. Our system is quite good for it's reporting and comments are made that our system works well. It's important that everyone understands how important it is to do the right thing and collect pigeons asap. Strangely ring sales have stayed pretty static over the last seven years. Rings are still being sold even into February. Sofia helps David when needed and can do all the jobs, cleaning, feeding everything. She says everyone is respectful and friendly.

A Brief History of the North East Line

By John Hofman

Back in the 1890's or early 1900's the north line into Adelaide was the Broken Hill line as that was the only line at the time on which they could rail their pigeons. I believe Broken Hill was about as far as they went as fanciers were still developing their imported British strains to fly the distance. The south east line was also flown but it was a job to get the pigeons to fly Dimboola and there was a great sense of achievement when the first pigeon managed to fly from Maryborough (Vic).

When the rail line was built to Alice Springs the Broken Hill line was discarded for the north line which proved to be easier due to the race points being on the western side of the Flinders Ranges as opposed to the eastern side. Northerly race points such as Gladstone, Carrieton, Parachilna and Marree were selected and then the long distance points of William Creek, Oodnadatta & Alice Springs, which was later reduced to Finke. Back in those early formative years our forefathers could clearly see that many members were in a disadvantaged position on the north line while others were disadvantaged on the south east line and this is why they introduced two lines of flight that were as much as possible opposite so that members who were generally advantaged one week had to give overfly the following week. Up to 1960's the SAHPA was operating within a 12 mile radius boundary from the Adelaide GPO.

Back prior to the early 1970's the SAHPA was run by the delegate system. I think the larger clubs could nominate two delegates to represent them while the smaller clubs could nominate only one. This could become a little clumsy at times with up to 20 delegates in attendance plus the Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. I am told that at times it would not be uncommon for two delegates from the same club to vote against each other on a particular issue despite being instructed by their club to both vote the same way. Anyway it was for many, many years that the delegates held the power to vote for the lines of flight and race points which sometimes would take two or three meetings to thrash out. The same applied when the Five Man Management Committee was introduced in about 1971, the committee set the lines of flight and the race points. There was a bit of an upheaval around 1998/99 when, through a notice of motion, the members won the right to set the lines of flight at a special meeting each year.

Back to the NE line. Apart from the turn of the 20th Century when there was little or no choice but to fly the NE line to Broken Hill, the NE line was not flown again until the World War II years of 1943 & 1944 with I believe rather disastrous results. I believe they flew from points such as Yunta, Cockburn, Ivanhoe, Roto and Parkes. The latter three points producing particularly poor returns with no birds ever recorded home from Parkes. The NE line was flown again in about 1980 in conjunction with the west line and it was not particularly successful. The race points were Yunta (3), Cockburn (2), Little Topar (3), Cobar (2) and Nyngan (1). Eleven races reciprocated with eleven from the west made it a 22 week program. In 1988, as General Secretary, I came to the conclusion that the NE line was a neutral line of flight and if ever the Association was to contemplate flying a single line of flight this would be the only line that could be chosen. Grant Paterson was the Treasurer at that time and I put this proposition to him and he could see merit in it as did the Chairman, Bill Walford, it so we put a submission the Management Committee who after a good

deal of consideration, gave their approval to fly it in 1989. We started off with Carrieton (2), Mannahill (2), Olary (2), Cockburn (2), Little Topar (3), Wilcannia (3), Emmdale (2), Cobar (2) and Nyngan (1). It turned out to be a terrific season with record numbers going to races and most owners experiencing excellent returns, at least until they got to Cobar & Nyngan where they became a little patchy. The same line was successfully flown again in 1990 with an extra distance race point added in Gilgandra (1,000 km). If my memory serves me correctly Jim Marafiotte, when he was living at Para Vista, won this race when he clocked several hours into the night on the day of release. We were fortunate back then as on most races the birds had light side or tail winds and plenty of surface water due to good rains in that outback area prior to the start of the season.

In 2002 the NE line was flown in conjunction with the N/NW line. The longest NE race was Nyngan & it proved to be very difficult. The winner came from the Grange area. The winner timed at 12.06 pm second day; Flying time: 19 hrs 27 mins; Velocity:-761.5mpm. The Gilgandra race scheduled the following week was abandoned.

The NE line was flown again in 2008 in conjunction with the NW line. Difficult races from both Cobar & Nyngan. The Cobar winner came from the Kilburn area, the Nyngan winner was from West Torrens.

Cobar winner timed at 7.13 am 2nd day; flying time:-14 hrs 2 mins; Velocity:-913 mpm, 104 birds home at end of day 2 out of 1770. Winning margin:-2 hours 9 minutes.

Nyngan winner timed at 12.02 pm day 2; flying time:-16 hrs 27 mins; velocity:-887mpm, 68 birds home at end of day 2, two more presented on day 3. winning margin:-50 minutes.

In 2009 the NE line was flown in conjunction with the N/NW line.

The Cobar race was won in the Hampstead area: winner timed at 6.03am 2nd day; flying time:-13 hrs 4mins; Velocity:-978mpm; 55 birds home at the end of day 2 out of 1162. Winning margin:-1hour 52 minutes.

The Nyngan race was won in the Paralowie area:- Winner timed in at 06.29am 2nd day: Flying time:-14 hrs 18 mins; Velocity:-1017mpm; 64 birds home at the end of day 2 out of 799. Winning margin:-1 hour 45 minutes.

The placings on the NE line are generally much more evenly spread over the Adelaide metropolitan area than any other line. Depending upon the wind direction the leading batches, which are generally smaller in size, cross the ranges in the following areas, Barossa Valley, Gawler, One Tree Hill, Campbelltown Gap and well to the south of Mt. Lofty with the most common being across the One Tree Hill area. If the birds get moderate to fresh N to NW winds they often will track down east of the River Murray & many end up in the Keith/Bordertown area before they know where they are and have to track back into a head wind to Adelaide from the SE. A lot of them are not physically capable of doing this. It has also been noted by fanciers who have been travelling in the Riverland & Murrayland districts on NE line race days that they have seen small & numerous batches of birds go to ground or land in trees around 4.00-5.00 pm. It's as if they can sense that they can't quite make home by nightfall and they don't want to push on into the late afternoon / evening for fear of falcon attacks which are looking for a feed at that time of day. They prefer to rest up overnight and make a dash for home at first light the next morning.

JOHN HARPER

1st Coober Pedy. Allen Goodger 750 kms. 108 owners. 1778 birds. Lyndhurst YBC
26th Marree 580 kms 15th Coober Pedy 750 kms 1st Allendale 384 kms. 21st
Allendale 4th Allendale 25th Overall 10th in SAHPA points. 2020. (All Assoc.).



Background: My interest in racing pigeons was sparked in my early teens when I saw a photo of my Father's SAHPA winner from Ballan dating back to pre-WWII when he raced in The Gardens Club in the partnership Reynolds & Harper. I started racing pigeons in 1962 as Father & Son in North Suburban when it was located at Dudley Park and vividly remember the excitement on clock reading nights at the SAHPA Hall which was then located at Mile End. Several years later when I commenced work and found a stronger passion for surfing and girls, pigeon racing took a back seat but later was rekindled when I married and moved to Elizabeth South where I flew for several seasons with the Elizabeth Club. Once again other priorities took over and pigeons remained on the back burner until 2004 when I joined Hyde Park serving as Secretary and Treasurer for

some eight years. In 2014 I realised I needed a change and moved to the North Suburban Club where I am currently serving as Secretary. The move to North Suburban with around 24 members was a wake-up call that I needed to lift my game if I wanted to be successful at the highest level. Back In 2009 I decided to apply for admission to Flinders University as a mature age student and completed a Bachelor of Science degree in 2012. The reason for mentioning this was that two of the topics for the degree were Genetics and Meteorology, which fitted in well with pigeon breeding and racing.

Breeding: With a strong interest in genetics and researching pedigrees for the top performing bloodlines it became clear to me that the best genetic base was already here at Adelaide Premier Lofts. I was of the opinion that the pigeons I needed to focus on were the 'Gaby' Little Boy lines and the Leo Heremans. Opportunity knocked when leading North Suburban member Andrew Muirhead decided to retire

from the sport which enabled me to purchase performance pigeons from his 'Gaby reference pair' and the 'Bathurst pair'. Breeding around these birds and the Leo Heremans has enabled me to fulfill my long-term goal of breeding an Association winner.

Methods: With access to the Internet, it is easy to keep abreast of the current winning bloodlines and methods used by leading flyers with Pipa being one of my most visited sites. It is with interest that I notice that the current leading flyers in Holland (1-day Long Distance) G & S Verkerk has a family that is performing for a host of other flyers and their birds are in high demand in China. When looking at their pedigrees on the female line through 'Olympic Solange' we can trace the key breeders of Gerard Koopman. As far as methods employed, I am a big fan of Ad Schaerlaeckens and regularly visit his site to read his articles.

It is up to the individual on how far they wish to go in adopting his recommendations which are based on Selection, Health & Performance. I am a firm believer in the old saying: "Good Pigeons make Good Pigeon Flyers"

PEDIGREE: SA17 22512



Sire: SA11 04094 bb "CoCo"
From Andrew Muirhead. Sire of 1st Colac, 1st Coober Pedy, 16th Mt. Willoughby, 22nd Edenhope (all Assoc.) and 10th Sires Marree. The sire of 04094 is SA08 04678 Gaby x Houben. Lot 41 Fred Dimella sale. Sire of 9th Keith. Dam of 04094 is SA10 19207 (Muirhead) bc daughter of 1st Assoc. Warrnambool.

Dam: SA17 22515
"Belladonna" Gaby x Doug Green. Bb 12th Benalla, 30th Terang Sires, 23rd Hamilton 5-b. Dam of 10th Sires Marree and dam of 1st Coober (all Assoc.). The sire of 22515 is RIPA 13 6'10 "Ripper" Gaby x

Doug Green. 5th Verco Sires Bookaloo. 30th LDC Terang and 12th Benalla (Assoc.). Dam of 22515 bb bred by Eddie Lenkic. 55th MG SAD.

In the background pedigree there is KPS05 589 (Gaby) bred by Vince Pedavoli of Sydney with PRF03 30 Houben from Des Sippetts down from "Young Artist" lines. Also SA09 03108 (Muirhead) SA09 03112 also Muirhead and SA05 36859 down from "Little Boy".

BIRD OF THE YEAR

SA19 9311 bbph - raced by Hamilton & Fawcett

This magnificent hen placed 3rd SAHPA Allendale East and 5th SAHPA Allendale East. She also won 1st SAHPA Vin Blanden Memorial with her 3rd placing in Allendale East. She flew 7 races in 2020 on both lines of flight.

Her sire was kindly gifted to Tim Fawcett from Jamie Ennis, Geelong VIC. He is bred from Rolf Goodacre's Adelaide Pigeon club Bird of the Year in 2018 who also won 1st APC The Twins. This cock contains the best of Greg Hamilton's top Koopman and Van Loon birds. He was paired to Goodness, a top producing daughter of Greg Hamilton's champion racer and breeder "Good As Gold" who was 2x1st in SAHPA races and sold for an Australian record price of \$21,000 in 2018. Goodness is also the dam of Good As it Gets - SAHPA Bird of the Year in 2018.

Her Dam was Rolf Goodacre's Bird of the Year in the Adelaide Pigeon club in 2017. She contains the best of Greg Hamilton's Koopman and Van Loon birds and is a grand daughter of his No 1 cock 24698 the nest mate brother to champion hen Ermerdream.

She was a super consistent race hen all year and has now been retired to stock.

SA19 9311 – G. Hamilton bbph. 3rd SAHPA Allendale East 417 km, 1191 b, 5th SAHPA Allendale East 1305 b. 1st Vin Blanden Memorial winner 2020.

Sire: VRPU 18 5053. Koopman X bc. Koopman x G. Hamilton. Sire of BOY 2020. The sire of this cock is a Koopman bb bred by R. Goodacre. Purchased by J. Ennis for \$5100 in 2018. Adel. PC BOY 2018 gaining 1st APC The Twins, 7th APC Coober Pedy, 12th APC Parachilna and then bred 2nd Melton Classic in 2019 from first youngster raced. The dam of 5053 is "Goodness" bc "Platinum". Daughter of the famous Planet Che and Good as Gold. Dam of Good As It Gets – 1st SAHPA BOY 2018 for G. Hamilton, 2nd The Twins and 3rd, 4th and 5th SAHPA SDC Stirling North and 2nd Melton Classic 2019.

GROUP 1 LOFTS

SA 19 9311 BBPH
SAHPA Bird of the Year 2020
3rd & 5th SAHPA Allendale East
1st SAHPA Vin Blanden Memorial



Dam: SA16 15008. Ancestry. Koopman bb. Bred by R. Goodacre. 2nd APC Hawker, 8th APC The Twins and Adel. PC BOY 2017. Dam of BOY 2020.

The sire of 15008 is SA13 18165 Koopman bc. 3rd Adel. PC Lyndhurst 2014, sire of 2nd and 8th Adel. PC and BOY APC in 2017. Son of R. Goodacre No. 1 pair.

The dam of 15008 is SA14 19707 G. Hamilton bc. Daughter of Maverick and High Aim. Dam of 1st APC Lyndhurst APC, 2nd Hawker APC, 8th The Twins APC and APC BOY 2017.

JUNIORS RESULTS 2020

Warnertown 195 km 22 June 2020				
	Velocity	Ring	Col/sex	Fly
1 HUGH MAHNEY	1080.649	3067 SA19	BCC	3:04:47
2 SAM SCERRI	1069.557	02961 SA19	BCPC	3:10:56
3 KAKOSCHKE GRANDKIDS	1064.544	9717 SA19	BBC	2:57:05
4 FAWCETT KIDS	1063.757	15268 SA19	BCH	2:34:17
5 LORENZO AQUILINA	1060.648	3869 SA19	SBBCA	2:54:49
6 YANG BROS	1057.27	11480 SA19	BBH	3:03:38
7 TIRRELL THOMAS & HENRY	1056.565	22705 SA19	BCH	3:09:48
8 NIRIKE NEL	1037.946	9989 AUS19	BBH	3:32:58
9 ISOBELLE SNYDERS	1030.172	18396 SA19	BBH	3:42:40
10 HENRY CAON	1017.422	3004 SA19	BBC	3:16:16
11 KOKOLAKIS JIM	1017.019	0068 SA19	BBC	3:08:31
12 COOPER ROBERTS	990.538	9411 SA19	BBH	2:47:20
13 JACKSON ANDREW WARTHA	956.266	19254 SA19	MC	3:59:25
14 MIA WILLIAMS	574.234	19919 SA19	BGRZH	4:48:38
15 L&R WILLIAMS	417.43	6982 SA19	BCPC	4:35:50
14 HENRY CAON	1599.724	2995 SA19	BBC	2:57:36
15 FAWCETT KIDS	1570.7	21151 SA19	DCC	2:34:29
16 COOPER ROBERTS	1528.536	9431 SA19	BCC	2:40:32
17 MIA WILLIAMS	651.31	13148 SA19	BCH	6:16:11
Carrieton 270 km 27 June 2020				
1 ISOBELLE SNYDERS	1759.918	6428 SA19	BCPH	2:59:47
2 L&R WILLIAMS	1705.529	6944 SA19	MLYC	1:59:19
3 JACK ABBOTT	1704.378	21853 SA19	BBC	2:52:10
4 JACKSON ANDREW WARTHA	1683.496	3266 LM19	BCC	3:07:39
5 KAKOSCHKE GRANDKIDS	1675.664	9735 SA19	BGRZH	2:41:26
6 LORENZO AQUILINA	1659.586	1135 SF19	MELC	2:41:07
7 HUGH MAHNEY	1654.855	3067 SA19	BCC	2:51:41
8 SAM SCERRI	1654.03	03029 SA19	BBC	2:54:56
9 KOKOLAKIS JIM	1647.461	13264 SA19	BBC	2:47:46
10 PERCY & OSCAR WALKER	1641.369	12665 SA19	BBPH	2:44:18
11 YANG BROS	1639.557	11480 SA19	BBH	2:48:38
12 NIRIKE NEL	1615.479	19130 SA19	BBC	3:10:27
13 TIRRELL THOMAS & HENRY	1609.913	22428 SA19	RCH	2:57:15
14 HENRY CAON	1599.724	2995 SA19	BBC	2:57:36
15 FAWCETT KIDS	1570.7	21151 SA19	DCC	2:34:29
16 COOPER ROBERTS	1528.536	9431 SA19	BCC	2:40:32
17 MIA WILLIAMS	651.31	13148 SA19	BCH	6:16:11
Hawker No 2 12 July 2020				
1 COOPER ROBERTS	966.101	9431 SA19	BCC	5:15:32
2 NIRIKE NEL	958.282	23336 SA19	RCH	6:22:24
3 JACK ABBOTT	951.24	21897 SA19	BBH	6:10:27
4 KOKOLAKIS JIM	945.293	0091 SA19	BCPC	5:54:52
5 ISOBELLE SNYDERS	944.315	18396 SA19	BBH	6:37:15
6 HUGH MAHNEY	942.454	22702 SA19	BCPC	6:04:08
7 TIRRELL THOMAS & HENRY	938.258	22705 SA19	BCH	6:07:02
8 JACKSON ANDREW WARTHA	930.482	19287 SA19	RCC	6:42:38
9 SAM SCERRI	904.936	02985 SA19	BBC	6:24:55
10 PERCY & OSCAR WALKER	878.745	12560 SA19	BBH	6:14:13
11 KAKOSCHKE GRANDKIDS	873.403	9737 SA19	BBH	6:17:38
12 YANG BROS	793.563	11480 SA19	BBH	7:03:08
13 MIA WILLIAMS	771.164	19928 SA19	BCPC	6:34:51
14 FAWCETT KIDS	749.249	15286 SA19	BCH	6:43:18
15 L&R WILLIAMS	710.4	6982 SA19	BBC	6:08:07
Lyndhurst YBC 510 k 25 Jul 2020				
1 TIRRELL THOMAS & HENRY	1086.398	22415 SA19	BCH	8:01:07
2 PERCY & OSCAR WALKER	1084.858	15067 SA19	PBBH	7:47:28
3 KOKOLAKIS JIM	1084.043	13264 SA19	BBC	7:53:56
4 JACKSON ANDREW WARTHA	1078.334	19271 SA19	BBH	8:32:45
5 SAM SCERRI	1076.49	04688 SA19	BBC	8:09:13
6 NIRIKE NEL	1071.955	10984 SA19	BBPH	8:28:10
7 FAWCETT KIDS	1062.06	15260 SA19	BCH	7:32:10
8 LORENZO AQUILINA	1054.083	3889 SA19	BBH	7:59:02
9 ISOBELLE SNYDERS	1043.069	6417 SA19	BCH	8:50:33
10 YANG BROS	997.957	11480 SA19	BBH	8:35:05
11 MIA WILLIAMS	971.26	20027 SA19	BBH	8:16:53
12 KAKOSCHKE GRANDKIDS	953.633	9708 SA19	BBH	8:52:46
13 HENRY CAON	922.634	2995 SA19	BBC	9:25:13
14 HUGH MAHNEY	878.468	3067 SA19	BCC	9:53:38
The Twins 620 km 15 August 2020				
1 HENRY CAON	1182.101	2996 SA19	BCH	8:58:59
2 LORENZO AQUILINA	1155.088	261 SA19	BBPH	9:02:56
3 YANG BROS	1139.479	187 SA19	BBH	9:17:07
4 TIRRELL THOMAS & HENRY	1138.161	3063 SA19	RCH	9:19:57
5 PERCY & OSCAR WALKER	1137.2	12609 SA19	BBPH	9:10:42
6 HUGH MAHNEY	1135.17	3064 SA19	BCPH	9:21:16
7 NIRIKE NEL	1131.034	2002 SA19	BGRZ	9:37:17
8 MIA WILLIAMS	1124.698	20027 SA19	BBH	9:03:32
9 JACKSON ANDREW WARTHA	1121.16	19271 SA19	BBH	9:48:10
10 SAM SCERRI	1118.992	02964 SA19	BCH	9:32:07
11 ISOBELLE SNYDERS	1117.554	18396 SA19	BBH	9:50:19
12 L&R WILLIAMS	1103.726	6982 SA19	BCPC	8:23:25
13 KOKOLAKIS JIM	1066.235	13264 SA19	BBC	9:50:25

In 2020, we had 17 registered competing Juniors for the 2020 season. This was our most in over 25 years. The 5 race programme consisted of Warnertown, Carrieton, Hawker, Lyndhurst YBC and The Twins Open. Points are awarded from number of members each race down to one that compete. Each race the juniors fly for a trophy and three prizes kindly donated by SAHPA members.

The overall winner wins the Doug Searle Shield. Doug was a fantastic supporter of Junior pigeon racing in SA in the 60s and the award honours his fine contribution. The winners for the 2020 season were Thomas & Henry Tirrell with 47 points. Congratulations to all the competitors.



L. and R. Williams



Cooper Roberts

YANG & GAO



Xuezhi (Rambo) Yang and Hongrui (Dennis) Gao won an SAHPA race in just five seasons in the sport. They got 4th (twice) 7th and 8th in the SAHPA before, but winning the SAHPA was always their dream.

The North Suburban duo won the Maree Open on Saturday August 1 (2020) and remarkably – with both men working away from home – the winning bird timed itself. Dennis arrived at the loft around 1:30 and found their bird in the clock and in the loft.

Their hen clocked at 1.27pm and 24 seconds, winning by 19 seconds from clubmate John-Paul Nicoli with Stewart Hodgson (Glenelg) third.

The Nicoli's pigeon clocked earlier than the winner, but the Yang and Gao bird had to travel almost an extra five kilometres, with entrants experiencing 20 to 25 mph NNW along their journey.

Dennis Gao is currently working as a veterinary nurse and recently graduated from Flinders University with a bachelor degree of science major in Animal Behaviour.

Rambo Yang, who is a handyman and removalist, has two sons, Geoffrey and Lucas, who race as SAHPA juniors (Yang Brothers).

Dennis met Rambo at the Pigeon Expo at the Adelaide Showgrounds in 2016, when Dennis was working as a volunteer interpreter, and they went on to form a great friendship and now extremely successful partnership



In 2016 Dennis flew his first season out of a small loft at the property where he was a homestay student, but the following year he shifted to new lofts Rambo built on his property and they started buying birds at auction or getting them from other leading flyers.

Birds came from Tony Perkins, the Andrew Muirhead sale, Tim Fawcett's site, and from Bronte Andrewartha, Peter Burke, Leo Duits, Jack Vanderlinden and others.

The key blood is Gaby – ex Muirhead / Vanderlinden, and Goodger / Janssen.

Saturday's winner carries that blood..

The hen was always a consistent race hen, clocked 28th Association from Coober Pedy last year, 28th from Carrieton this year, and her half-sister finished 4th in the Association from Marla 2019.

Both men have had busy years at work and their training schedule was cut back dramatically with the birds locked in sometimes unable to loft fly. Trips on the training truck were also fewer that last year. Dennis did take the birds on some individual tosses but again on fewer occasions than in 2019.

Dennis looks after the roadwork and the breeding, while Rambo feeds and waters the birds, and cleans the lofts.

Dennis is very appreciative of the work done by his flying partner.

He heard some times from other flyers before driving to the Association hall and arriving at 7.20 pm.

Dennis checked the online result and was amazed to see their bird leading.

He walked inside and told Rambo "We have a chance of winning" ... Rambo said "Yes , the Club" ... and Dennis said, "no, the Association!"

Its been a whirlwind since then, with congratulations coming from throughout the Association and from interstate with the duo wanting to thank everyone for their amazing recognition of their win.

The Yang brothers (Lucas and Jeffery)



JIM MARAFIOTE

Champion Flyer 2020. - 1st & 2nd Allendale 3. 384 kms. SA19 482 bbph (picture). Lyndhurst 21st. Twins open 13th. Mt Gambier Derby 11th. Mt Gambier 5-bird 4th. Coober Pedy 14th,15th &16th. Mt Gambier Open. 18th 19th & 20th Allendale open 39th 40th. Marla 6th. Allendale 2. 10th Allendale 3. 1st & 2nd. Ace pigeon old bird. SA17 07946 bbph.



Jim has been a force to reckon with for many years whilst flying in the SAHPA. There are many achievements that Jim has accomplished over a long period, not just from his current location at Walkerville but also whilst flying from his previous country location of Hahndorf. Jim - modest and a gentleman of the sport. Genuine and straight forward with his views of the pigeon industry.

Jim's two birds home from Allendale are cousins and have strong connections to previous well performed birds in his loft. Bloodlines from association placings from locations such as Mt Willoughby 890 kms and

Temora 800 kms. The dam placed fourth on one occasion from Mt Willoughby and then fifth from Mt Willoughby less than two weeks later - an outstanding hen. Both pigeons placed in the Allendale event only had two lead up races due to being late bred pigeons. Both birds were bred in March.

The rationale for the late breeding pattern which was unusual for Jim was due to the unfortunate arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic. Jim had intended to travel overseas but this did not eventuate. So, the more intense the restrictions became the more Jim decided that he would fly in the 2020 season. Jim does not have a preference regarding late or early bred birds, but insists that the training regime should be tailored to suit the individual bird. A good education is paramount to any consistent healthy pigeon. Normally Jim's plan is to produce two rounds of selective pigeons as this produces sound healthy well-educated pigeons. He deems that hens are more reliable than cocks and manages about 60% hens 40% cocks all going to plan.

Jim tosses alone and ensures the birds are fully educated with the geography of the lines of flight. He prefers to toss alone as this assists him in maintaining a high standard of bird hygiene and fitness.

Jim stated his pigeon's performance dropped away during the Marree and Coober Pedy races due to lack of concentration. Jim refocused and as the results show, the performances improved. Jim has faith in his own ability and judgement when reviewing his management system and loft operation.

He is continuously reviewing his loft management skills and updates them to suit the bird's performance. Without hesitation he will modify his technique to ensure he gets the best outcome for his pigeons. He does not believe he does anything different to any other fanciers, but believes you have to be consistent with your management system. You make sure safeguards are in place such as good grain, clean water, and healthy pigeons which will ensure sound bird welfare is achieved.

Jim's advice to new flyers is to purchase good pigeons and take constructive advice from fanciers that have achieved success in the pigeon sport.

DENNIS SHAW

Adelaide Race Lofts

1st Allendale 2. 384 kms SA19 12570 silver hen.
Lyndhurst YBC 5th . Twins 5-bird. 12th Mt Gambier 5-bird 9th
Mt Gambier open 22nd Allendale 1. 32nd. Marla 16th



Dennis describes his Allendale winner as a durable consistent pigeon. This pigeon flew both north and east lines, also, this was only her second association race. This hen has a strong bloodline. Her sister was 12th in The Twins 5-bird race. Dennis prepared his Allendale winner with a 90 kms toss a week before she won the Allendale event in order to sharpen her up for the obvious successful win.

Dennis was lucky enough to be gifted the grandsire of this hen from John Cock and the granddam also had performed well for Dennis finishing 8th in Coober Pedy. The bloodline consists of Vanloon / Jansen.

Tossing: Dennis is a firm believer that if you want to be successful you have to put in the miles. He tosses in the line of flight and believes sound education is one of the many

keys to successful pigeon flying. He initially tosses by himself and at times with fellow fancier Tom Tirrell. He also utilises the SAHPA training truck.

He tends to race more hens than cock birds mainly due to the hens being more settled and manageable than cock birds. He also believes that hens are more alert and not as easily distracted as cock birds tend to be. Dennis flies a team of usually 30 birds on both lines.

Loft management: Bathing routine consists of bathing in clean water weekly, monthly Coopex residual insecticide added to bath water to manage parasites. Other forms of management are Turbosole for canker and triple X to treat respiratory disease. Dennis deems it a necessity that the loft must have good ventilation and ensures all his pigeons have ample space and access to direct sunlight. Feeding is no secret: good clean grain.

Dennis credits his achievements to 56 years of experience and is insightful enough to acknowledge that pigeon racing in a continuous learning process. He is definitely passionate about his pigeons and continually assess and reviews his birds. He frequently handles his birds to confirm his management regime is still working and this guarantees the welfare of his birds is maintained.

Advice to the novice flyer. Purchase the best birds you can afford. Review the SAHPA results and don't buy the flash in the pan bird, purchase a consistent pigeon. Hopefully this will produce dependable pigeons for the new flyer to build their stock birds upon.

Dennis's quote: *"The apple doesn't fall far from the tree, neither the rotten fruit."*

PIGEON FEEDING MIXES

By John Hofman

During my several visits to England I noticed the wide range of pigeon mixes that are available to fanciers both there and on the Continent. There are numerous seed companies both in Europe and the U.K. that market pigeon mixes that have been cleaned, polished and tested. Their presentation is superb.

There are breeder mixes which are high in protein to ensure strong and healthy youngsters are raised, racing mixes which are well balanced with peas/beans for protein & maize, wheat and barley for carbohydrates (energy) and small seed to get the birds into top form. There are also numerous trapping mixes and depurative mixes.

Pigeon feed primarily consists of legumes (peas & beans), grain (corn, wheat, barley and also rye & oats) and seeds. The seeds basically fall into two categories i.e., cereal and oil. The cereal seeds are red dari & white dari (better known as sorghum or milo) and white millet and paddy rice. The oil seeds are linseed, safflower, sunflower and canola (rape seed). Other seeds that can be fed for protein content are lentils, mung beans and vetch (tares) but feed only a small percentage as the latter two are toxic if fed in too large a quantity. To be on the safe side I would choose only one of these three and feed it sparingly.

Paddy rice is a very good feed. It contains a lot of vitamin B and a high concentration of carbohydrates. Pigeons fed on rice in their diet do not develop thirst as quickly. Hemp seed is also in many of the European small seed mixes and the pigeons go crazy over it as it is like candy to them. Unfortunately it is prohibited in Australia for sale but I am told that sesame seed is a very good substitute. These small seeds complement the pigeon's feed when given in small amounts. Good health and optimal physical condition are unimaginable without them.

The grand total of proteins, carbohydrates and fats must be adjusted to meet the requirements of the bird for which it is intended. If the percentage of protein is too high, the body must get rid of the excess or poisoning will occur. This "processing" places unusual demands on many organs and brings with it the danger that they may not be able to continue their normal functions. No new cells can be built if the protein content is too low, or if certain essential proteins are lacking. Insufficient amounts of energy are liberated when the carbohydrate content of the feed is too low. If the animal ingests too many carbohydrates, the body will store the excess fat, with all the associated difficulties.

Graham Davison refers to peas as "sinkers" when given in too high a quantity in racing diet. Racing mixes that contain too high a percentage of peas slow the pigeon down and similar will happen if the carbohydrate percentage is too high as they will build up too much fat. Therefore it is important to use a well balanced and properly formulated mix which is now being marketed here in Australia by several seed companies in the eastern states of Australia and are now available in Adelaide. These mixes are cleaned, polished and tested like they are in Europe. It takes all the guess work out of feeding a balanced mix and there are no concerns that you may be feeding contaminated or fumigated grain. All that is left to the fancier is to feed the correct quantity to his/her pigeons and that will depend upon the loft work rate and training resume their owner has them under.

A properly balanced mix will have the birds working around the loft vigorously for up to two hours or more per day, thus eliminating the need to toss long, hard and often.

SAHPA RESULTS - 2020

Pos	Name	Club	Velocity	Distance	Noms	Ring	Col/sex	Fly	Tape
LYNDHURST YBC 25TH JULY 2020 510 KM 116 OWNERS 2203 BIRDS RELEASED AT 7.45 AM									
1	DIMELLA F	NOSUB	1135.166	509.765	28	1275 SA19	BH	7:29:04	15:14:03
2	DIMELLA F	NOSUB	1134.239	509.765	28	1384 SA19	BBH	7:29:26	15:14:25
3	HAMILTON & FAWCETT	METRO	1133.798	484.094	30	3149 SA19	BCH	7:06:58	14:51:58
MARREE 1ST AUGUST 2020 580 KM 121 OWNERS 2122 BIRDS RELEASED AT 8 AM									
1	YANG & GAO	NOSUB	1783.357	583.871	16	04759 SA18	BCH	5:27:24	13:27:24
2	NICOLI J P & N	NOSUB	1781.884	577.919	30	19385 SA19	BCC	5:24:22	13:24:22
3	HODGSON S	GNELG	1775.944	588.104	25	25945 SA18	BCH	5:31:09	13:31:08
TWINS 15th AUGUST 2020 630 KM 119 OWNERS 1946 BIRDS RELEASED AT 7 AM									
1	HAMILTON & FAWCETT	METRO	1234.815	607.632	30	13894 SA18	BCH	8:12:05	15:12:05
2	ROBERTS K & A & J JACKSON	PARAH	1230.569	625.088	15	12050 SA19	BCH	8:27:58	15:27:58
3	HAMILTON & FAWCETT	METRO	1228.201	607.632	30	13813 SA18	BLKCH	8:14:44	15:14:44
TWINS 5B 15th AUGUST 2020 630 KM 96 OWNERS 491 BIRDS RELEASED AT 7.40 AM									
1	THAME & MAVROS	CENTL	1218.536	617.351	5	00523 SA17	BBPH	8:26:38	16:06:38
2	THAME & MAVROS	CENTL	1218.256	617.351	5	00534 SA17	BBH	8:26:45	16:06:45
3	SABERTON & JEFFRIES	METRO	1217.138	615.588	5	23108 SA17	BBH	8:25:46	16:05:46
MT GAMBIER SAD 23rd AUGUST 2020 400 KM 81 OWNERS 1212 BIRDS RELEASED AT 7.15 AM									
1	STOUKOVIC N	NOSUB	1412.709	378.606	30	11846 SA19	BCC	4:28:00	11:42:59
2	CHAPMAN R & S	PORT	1411.942	389.39	23	4764 SA19	BBPH	4:35:47	11:50:48
3	HARPER J & C	NOSUB	1405.693	369.791	8	22206 SA19	BBC	4:23:04	11:38:04
MT GAMBIER 5B 23rd AUGUST 2020 400 KM 81 OWNERS 364 BIRDS RELEASED AT 7.45 AM									
1	CHAPMAN R & S	PORT	1395.913	389.39	5	12767 SA19	BBH	4:38:57	12:23:58
2	BURTON P	PARAH	1395.904	379.965	5	01795 SA17	BCH	4:32:12	12:17:12
3	HAMILTON C	METRO	1393.117	372.891	4	04895 SA18	BCH	4:27:40	12:12:40
COOBER PEDY 28th AUGUST 2020 740 KM 118 OWNERS 1778 BIRDS RELEASED AT 7.15 AM									
1	HARPER J & C	NOSUB	1457.136	740.735	14	22512 SA17	BBH	8:28:21	15:43:21
2	THALBOURNE P	METRO	1448.079	726.96	13	01633 SA18	BCH	8:22:01	15:37:01
3	KOVACEVIC M	CENTL	1446.755	719.809	25	22125 SA18	BBPH	8:17:32	15:32:32
MOUNT GAMBIER 5th SEPTEMBER 2020 370 KM 77 OWNERS 1167 BIRDS RELEASED AT 7.30 AM									
1	CHAPMAN R & S	PORT	1238.321	389.39	21	4736 SA19	BCH	5:14:27	12:44:28
2	CHAPMAN R & S	PORT	1238.19	389.39	21	4734 SA19	BBPC	5:14:29	12:44:30
3	CHAPMAN R & S	PORT	1237.862	389.39	21	6675 SA19	BGZH	5:14:34	12:44:35
ALLENDALE EAST 13th SEPTEMBER 2020 384 KM 80 OWNERS 1305 BIRDS RELEASED AT 6.45 AM									
1	HAMILTON & FAWCETT	METRO	1288.704	417.014	30	14991 SA19	BCH	5:21:06	12:06:06
2	HAMILTON & FAWCETT	METRO	1287.829	417.014	30	15239 SA19	BCH	5:21:19	12:06:19
3	HAMILTON & FAWCETT	METRO	1284.271	417.014	30	9385 SA19	BBH	5:22:12	12:07:12
MARLA 19th SEPTEMBER 2020 970 KM 87 OWNERS 11161 BIRDS RELEASED AT AM									
1	NICOLI J P & N	NOSUB	1520.207	966.522	29	22134 SA19	MLYC	10:35:47	17:20:47
2	HAMILTON C	METRO	1514.976	967.287	6	06855 SA17	BBH	10:38:29	17:23:29
3	DeVRIES H	PARAH	1507.349	960.759	10	01623 SA17	MLYH	10:37:23	17:22:23
ALLENDALE EAST 26th SEPTEMBER 2020 384 KM 67 OWNERS 1191 BIRDS RELEASED AT 6.45 AM									
1	ADEL RACE LOFTS	NOSUB	1395.09	397.089	30	12570 SA19	SILVH	4:44:38	11:44:38
2	HAMILTON & FAWCETT	METRO	1392.29	417.014	30	14904 SA19	BBC	4:59:31	11:59:31
3	HAMILTON & FAWCETT	METRO	1391.593	417.014	30	9311 SA19	BBPH	4:59:40	11:59:40
ALLENDALE EAST 3rd OCTOBER 2020 384 KM 67 OWNERS 1191 BIRDS RELEASED AT 6.45 AM									
1	MARAFIOTE J	METRO	880.761	393.671	30	482 SA19	BBPH	7:26:58	13:56:58
2	MARAFIOTE J	METRO	880.335	393.671	30	566 SA19	BGRZPH	7:27:11	13:57:11
3	McIDUFF R	PARAH	874.357	404.186	3	3580 SA19	BCH	7:42:16	14:12:16
BORDER VILLAGE 9TH OCTOBER 2020 960 KM 35 OWNERS 256 BIRDS									
1	MAGRO F & G	HYDEP	1194.841	964.934	6	23749 SA18	BCC	13:27:35	6:16:37
2	HARRIS G & L	SVALE	1176.761	976.064	11	03073 SA17	BCH	13:49:27	6:38:25
3	ABBOTT & SON L	HYDEP	985.467	965.807	10	12529 SA18	BBH	16:20:03	9:09:03
ALICE SPRINGS 5TH SEPTEMBER 2020 1300 KM 50 OWNERS 227 BIRDS									
1	HARRIS G & L	SVALE	1167.897	1350.322	9	15575 SA17	BOPH	19:16:12	13:44:10
2	ABBOTT & SON L	HYDEP	1165.851	1338.922	3	22422 SA16	BCH	19:08:27	13:36:28
3	BUXTON & SNYDERS FAMILIES	SDIST	1164.735	1338.688	19	02782 SA16	BBH	19:09:21	13:37:22
PICANNINIE PONDS SIRES PRODUCE 13TH SEPTEMBER 2020 407 KM 40 OWNERS 197 BIRDS									
1	CHAPMAN R & S	PORT	1236.867	423.029	5	4747 SA19	BGZC	5:42:01	13:12:02
2	CHAPMAN R & S	PORT	1236.806	423.029	5	12768 SA19	BCH	5:42:02	13:12:03
3	CHAPMAN R & S	PORT	1236.385	423.029	5	12769 SA19	BBH	5:42:09	13:12:10

SAHPA PRESENTATION 2020



Row 1: Tim Fawcett then Cooper Roberts
Row 3: Dennis Shaw then Fred Dimella

Row 2: Stewey Hodgson then Jeffery Yang
Row 4: Jim Marafiotte then Gao & Yang.

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Row 1: S Thame (Mavros) then Nenad. Stojakovic
 Row 3: Champion Club (Para Hills) then G. Tsonis.

Row 2: L. Abbott then Gavin Harris
 Row 4: Horrocks & Seiboth then
 Watson & Durrant