

SALDC MARATHON CHALLENGE

Interstate, Country and Local SA Flyers are invited to participate in this exciting concept, the Marathon Challenge. Each year the SA Long Distance Racing Pigeon Club Inc. SALDC hold the prestigious Marathon Race from Alice Springs which is 1320 km North of Adelaide. Many interstate breeders have expressed an interest in being able to participate in this exciting event and we are now challenging these Breeders to compete in the event.

The Alice Springs event is only for yearlings or old birds, young birds are not accepted as the birds should be mature and have race experience to compete over this long distance.

The Marathon Challenge concept

1. Breeders can use their own rings and pay \$70 per bird to the SALDC before 12th June and register which birds are in which loft. So you don't need to pay until the Flyer has successfully broken the birds in and possibly given them several training flights.
2. Breeder will arrange to have the birds placed in the loft of a SALDC Member, a list of member contact details will be published on the www.sahpa.asn.au web site under Club Pages – SALDC. Breeders can also contact the following members for guidance:

Gavin Harris	0418853111	Gavin@teamharris.com.au
Troy Tirrell	0410647268	troy@tapman.net.au
Lee Abbott	0439812231	jakelee5@bigpond.com
Greg Hodgins	8263 5670	

3. A Race Result sheet will be published on the web site showing both the Flyer and Breeder for the Coober Pedy Race and the Alice Springs result.
4. The nomination fee will be allocated as follows based on \$70 per bird:
Coober Pedy first season prize \$20
Alice Springs second season prize \$25
Alice Springs Transport Nomination prepaid \$25

First Season: Coober Pedy Race \$20 portion towards Prize Money Pool,
Five prizes split 1st 35%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 20%, 4th 12.5% and 5th 7.5% where the breeder would get 50% of the prize and the flyer would get 50%. For example, assuming 200 birds nominated at start of year, then \$4000 in Prize Money Pool for Coober Pedy Race, the first nominated bird would win \$1400, which would be split \$700 to Breeder and \$700 to Flyer. Flyer will pay for SAHPA transport fee from there prepaid.

Second Season: Alice Springs Race \$25 portion towards Prize Money Pool
Five prizes split 1st 35%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 20%, 4th 12.5% and 5th 7.5% where the breeder would get 50% of the prize and the flyer would get 50%, For example assuming 200 birds nominated at start of previous year, then \$5000 in Prize Money Pool for Alice Springs Race, the first nominated bird would win \$1750, which would be split \$875 to Breeder and \$875 to the Flyer.

Flyer will not have to pay the normal \$25 pigeon nomination fee for each bird as it is prepaid as part of the ring nomination price.

If we have more than 200 pigeons nominated the prizes will obviously be larger.

In 2025 we had 109 pigeons entered and paid out \$2180 in prizes for the Coober Pedy leg.

These Marathon Challenge birds will also be competing in the normal race so will be entitled to the normal prize money which is \$1500 to the winner of Alice Springs. It is up to the Breeder to negotiate how this money would be split, otherwise it is assumed that the Flyer would receive this prize.

5. Ownership of the nominated birds

The Breeder will negotiate with their chosen Flyer the ownership and declare it on the ring nomination form when declaring which loft the birds have been placed in. For example, the Breeder may wish to retain ownership of the birds so that after the Alice Springs Race they can have the bird returned to their loft at their expense.

Please see Tick Box on nomination form where Breeder can be given first option to have the bird returned at their expense after the Alice Springs event.

6. Other Guidelines

- a) The SALDC club are the organisers of the event but are not responsible for any disputes between Breeder and nominated Flyer, however we will provide arbitration should it be required
- b) The race is a great opportunity to further enhance the reputation of the Alice Springs Marathon and to promote greater depth in long distance pigeon racing.

Please consider being part of Australia's most well known Marathon Pigeon Race, SA Flyer's want to share the excitement of the Alice Springs event with our interstate pigeon fanciers friends.

In years to come we want some state of origin competitions.

SALDC MARATHON CHALLENGE NOMINATION SHEET

Breeder Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone : _____

Club: _____

Nominated Flyer Name : _____

Tick Box if you would like first option on the return of bird to the Breeder after the Alice Springs Event

Please note that the Breeder needs to organise and pay for the return transport.

Ring Numbers, colour and PMV vaccination date

Eg, 20414 QPF 25 BB

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No. of Entries : _____ -

Please EFT the funds to SA Long Distance Racing Pigeon Club Inc

Bank Account : SALDC

BSB : 105124

Account : 046787940

@ \$70 each

Reference : Your Surname Initials

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Post to: Gavin Harris

488 Marion Road

Plympton Park SA 5038

Mobile : 0418 853 111

Or

Email : Gavin@teamharris.com.au