

Southern Racing Pigeon Federation

With the 2026 Season now complete, I thought it was time to offer my 3rd and Final Report for this Year. Generally the racing was very good this year and as mentioned in previous reports the Liberation Guys continued to be tested in finding the best day to give our charges their best chance. A Couple of Races seemed to be more testing than perhaps they should off been but as long as all considerations and decisions are made in the best interest of the birds then we can't ask for much more.

Glendambo YBC

The YBC from Glendambo provided a solid fly for the birds this week with M & J Coates 1123mpm continuing his good from with a Win and gaining 12th Owner in the Assoc. A. Scerri & Son 1091mpm and G & L Harris 1089mpm filling the minor placings.

Lyndhurst YBD

Our 3rd Young Bird feature of the Year was special for a Young Champion of the future with young Henry Tirrell taking the honours 1221mpm and gaining 11th Owner in the Assoc. The Tirrell lofts have had great form this Year and the family dominated this race with Tom 1218mpm 12th Owner Assoc and Troy 1199mm 18th Owner Assoc only being split with the Nel family 1216mpm 17th Owner Assoc continuing to fly very well. Smiles all round and a big congrats to young Henry.

Wilcania 5BD

A tough fly for the 1st of the 5 Birders this Season and the with birds well spread the Champ Mark Bruggemann scored doing 1062mpm and was 3rd Owner in the Assoc. Shawn Manuel showed he was coming into form 1026mpm 7th Owner Assoc and A Scerri & Son stepping up 992mpm and 13th Owner Assoc. This week Carter & Joy flying from Victor Harbour warrant special mention gaining 17th Owner Assoc doing 970mpm in a super fly down through some tricky landscape.

Wilcania Open

Although sadly the General of the Aldinga Army passed away earlier this week, Ronnie and Joel showed that the great man Bronte had passed on enough knowledge in the last couple of months and the boys got up in a tough fly 1099mpm and gaining 13th Owner Assoc. Shawn Manuel continued his recent good form 1095mpm 17th Owner Assoc and the Nel Family 1067mpm 23rd Owner Assoc coming in next.

The Twins 5bd

After a week off, the Tirrell loft stepped up again with the GM (Tom) flying 1246mpm winning and also being 1st Overall in Assoc, a great result for our hard working Benzing man. As mentioned Shawn Manuel has really stepped up flying 1242mpm 2nd Owner Assoc with Lee Abbott also now starting to find his feet 1200mpm and gaining 12th Owner Assoc.

Marla

Our long one for season and the 2nd Race for the weekend showed that Bronte may be looking down on the Aldinga Army Troops with the boys getting the chocolates doing 1305mpm and gaining 5th Owner Assoc. Tom Tirrell has had a cracking weekend 1303mpm and gaining 6th Owner Assoc with G & L Harris 1296mpm 7th Owner Assoc and Lee Abbott 1285mpm 9th Owner Assoc also having a good race.

Maree 5bd

The final 5bd Race gave us a fresh face at the top with Vinko Eldic & Sons having a cracker of a bird doing 1497mpm and gaining 6th Owner Assoc. Shawn again stepped up with 1492mpm 13th Owner Assoc and Tirrell Loft again in the results with Troy doing 1481mpm for 19th Owner Assoc.

Maree Open

The Open birds took a little longer than the smaller mob with the Nel Family bouncing back to the top in a tight finish doing 1457mpm and gaining 14th Owner Assoc, the Aldinga Army again chimed in doing 1455mpm for 15th Owner Assoc and the guys in the Tirrell Loft again amongst it with Mark Bruggeman in the mix with Grant Sheehan, Mark and Troy getting 18th, 20th and 21st Owner Assoc respectively.

Packsaddle

A good race was had from Packsaddle with close results but the champ from Trott Park got over the line nudging out Shawn Manuel. Lee Abbott was able to get 18th Owner assoc doing 1350.79mpm with Shaun right up his clacker doing 1350.42 to gain 19th Owner Assoc. Steve Sargood 1345mpm, G & L Harris 1343 mpm and Mark Bruggemann 1343mpm all amongst it gaining 23rd, 24th and 26th Owners in the Assoc.

Cooper Pedy Open

Well this turned into a toughy with only enough light in the day for the boys in the Nth to get them on the day but never to be outdone the champ Mark Bruggemann was able to achieve most fanciers dream of getting one in the dark clocking at 1.27am doing 651mpm, a great bird gaining 20th Owner Assoc.

The Tirrell loft just around the corner had the 1st bird next morning with Tom clocking at 5.30am doing 976mpm and gaining 21st Owner Assoc with next being the Army doing 931mpm for 26th Owner Assoc with Kim Karagiannis also getting an early one doing 864mpm and gaining 35th Owner Assoc.

Warri Gate

The double header to finish the Assoc Season proved to be possibly the most testing of the year with some very good results for the boys from the Sth End of town. In the 1st release there was only 4 Members in the Fed to get day birds with G & L Harris saving his best till the last week to gain 6th Owner Assoc doing 1140mpm followed up closely by the Army Boys 1136mpm for 7th Owner Assoc with Lee Abbott 1129mpm 8th Owner Assoc and Shawn Manuel 1111mpm to gain 10th Owner Assoc.

Tibooburra

The 2nd part although marginally shorter proved to be a bit tougher on the birds and whether moving the birds once settled or being an hour later made any difference we may never know. Nether the less the race was run and won with Lee Abbott continuing his great form to gain the chockies in both the Fed and the Assoc doing 1045mpm. G & L Harris in resurgent show of form were next to also get 3rd Assoc with Shawn Manuel and Nico Nel gaining 15th and 16th Owners Overall in Assoc.

A Few of the guys from the SARPF chose to compete in some of the SALDC Specials with excellent results and thankfully the SALDC embrace and provide an opportunity for fanciers with a passion to test not only their birds but also themselves in these Special features on the Race Programme.

Some of the results worth noting in these races by SARPF Flyers.

Alice Springs

Troy Tirrell 4th Owner 1160mpm

Richard Fasciol 6th Owner 1156mpm

Shawn Manuel 10th Owner 1142mpm

Graham Goodrich 14th Owner 1116mpm

Cooper Pedy Cock Bird Spec

John Luter 3rd Owner 928mpm

Shaun Manuel 7th Owner 841mpm

Nel Family 8th Owner 832mpm

Mt Willoughby

G & L Harris 6th Owner 1068mpm

2026 SARP Points (Top Ten)

Nel Family	91 Points
Lee Abbott	87 Points
Shawn Manuel	79 Points
Aldinga Army	72 Points
G & L Harris	65 Points
Mark Bruggemann	62 Points
Troy Tirrell	57 Points
Tom Tirrell	56 Points
M & J Coates	54 Points
A Scerri & Son	43 Points

Congratulations to all the Winners, there was some outstanding results throughout the Year and I take this opportunity to wish you all a good breeding season and look forward myself to being part of the action next year.

Yours in the Sport Paul Gardiner