

Messrs. Ward Bros.' advice and make a second and third choice in case your first has gone.

Mr. Moxey is one of those fanciers who values only one pedigree, and that one which reads sire flown and won, dam flown and won generation after generation. He started right with the best he could get in England, and for the past 15 years his birds have faced the road and won right up to season 1918, for although Mr. Moxey did not race last year Mr. W. Grant flew some of his birds for him, and they held their own in the Western Suburbs Club.

Mr. A. Ashton-Hansen is offering some stock birds in this issue, of his good Vassart and Lowe Grooter blood. I was out at his new home at Unwin's Hill a few weeks past, and was struck with the healthy position, right up on top of a cliff, with a view for miles around, the air is beautifully fresh, and birds cannot help being healthy, and looking well there. Any one of the birds he is offering will make a useful cross.

It is not often we get a chance of obtaining some of the champion strains from Western Australia, but this issue gives fanciers this chance, inasmuch as Mr. W. F. Joss is offering to book squeakers from his stud. Every year this good fancier has got birds in good time from the long events. Western Australia seems to be the land of long distances in pigeon racing as well as other things. Every year they negotiate the 650 mile stage, and in 1918, an 805 mile race was flown, and won by a bird of Mr. W. F. Joss' strain. For a good long distance cross, bred in a different climate, but without the disadvantage of change of seasons that applies to birds imported from England, one might do worse than try a W.A. squeaker.

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CROYDON INVITATION HOMING CLUB, SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

The annual meeting of the Croydon Invitation Homing Club was held on March 31st, at the residence of Mr. F. W. Ninham, who occupied the chair. The balance-sheet for 1918 was submitted, and showed the club to be in a very financial and prosperous condition, the membership for the past year being nine flying members. It is with much regret that we have to mention the loss of two of our late flyers, Messrs. Gray and Barnaldo, who, during last season, were taken from our midst by the hand of Death. Mr. Barnaldo had been associated with the sport for very many years, and has always been loved and respected by all with whom he associated, he having been one of the original founders of the Croydon Club.

Throughout the last season our members had very creditable returns, both in Club and Association races, and, I think, for the number of members, we were well represented in the Association events, viz., Melbourne, J. T. Wood second and F. W. Ninham fourth; Albury, J. T. Wood third.

A gold medal, presented by Mr. G. Murray (Broken Hill) for the Bendigo race, was won by A. George, and a trophy, donated by Mr. C. Kennett, for highest number of points in Association races, was won by J. T. Wood.

The positions for club points were as follows:—Messrs. Wood 29, Graham 24, W. Ninham 16, George 12, H. Ninham 12, Richardson 11, Solly 6, Euston 5, Skinner 4.

The newly-elected officers for 1919 were as follows:—President, F. W. Ninham; Secretary, R. G. Solly; Treasurer, C. G. Kennett; Clock Committee, Wood, Euston and Richardson.

The prospects for the coming season are good, for although we are losing one of our keenest and best fanciers in Mr. Bert Graham, we are adding five new members to our ranks.

The prize list promises to be good, as we have to date about a dozen trophies, generously donated by patrons interested in the sport.

SYDENHAM HOMING SOCIETY.

The 3rd annual report and balance sheet was adopted on Monday, March 24th, and showed the club to be in a good position financially. The club during the season just ended paid away prize money to the total of £146. So it will be seen that competition for the various trophies as well as prize money was pretty keen.

The remarkable performance of one of our members, Mr. Slade, is worthy of mention, as he won the three averages, and was only unplaced three times. He won a handsome silver shield, donated by J. Peddie, also a silver jardiniere, donated by J. Bradshaw, and a gold medal, donated by G. Dorr. He also won a shield, presented by Felix Booth, for winning Mildura Federation race. Another shield, presented by Sir Samuel Hordern, was won by another member of Sydenham, Mr. McKean. Members also obtained a good number of places in Federation races, and taking things altogether the club had a very successful year.

A RETURNED SOLDIER.

Mr. C. M. Alexander, 68 Cummins Street, Broken Hill (a returned soldier), writes that he wishes to make a fresh start in the fancy, and would be much obliged if some fanciers would supply him with a few birds for the purpose. Now then, Fanciers, do your bit.

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