

the Whitfield lofts. Already they are making their presence felt, for although the season is young, the following prizes have been won this year:— Three thirds and one fourth from Bundanoon, fifth Marulan, second Gunning, ninth Wallerawang, and sixth Orange. Only two birds from the Barker pair (No. 14) were raced last season, both late birds, and one scored seventh Narrendera; the other was owner's first bird home in the Hay smash.

Alderman W. A. Lambert, in placing his breeding list before the fancy, feels that he is giving young fanciers an opportunity to obtain at a price within the reach of all, to make a start with proven stock—descendants of birds that have always done a little more than their fair share of winning, so opponents think; not for one or two years only, but for close on twenty years this loft has always been amongst the winning numbers on race days, especially when the races have been hard and long.

Alderman Lambert looks upon seasons 1907 and 1908 as being the two most successful years of his pigeon career. He carried off first prize in two clubs for best average performance in both those years, viz., Leichhardt and Sydney No. 1 clubs. But, looking back through his records, there is no getting away from the fact that his birds have managed to negotiate the long journeys year after year. With him it is not a question of getting a bird home from one long race and keeping it to look at ever after. They are asked to do it again just to prove the first time was no fluke, and having done it a second time are sent again to prove that they are good enough to occupy a perch.

Already this season a good start has been made by winning in the big Sydney No. 1 Homing Pigeon Society, 1st Orange, flown on the 20th ult., being the first hard race of the season, proving the birds have not lost their punch.

#### SOUTH AUSTRALIAN NOTES.

For some time past considerable discontent has been manifest amongst members of the various city clubs over the fact that their birds have to fly over 90 miles further than the Kooringa (Burra) Homing Club members in all North line Association Races, particularly in this so in regards to the young birds' championship race, flown from Leigh Creek, 300 miles airline from race point to the General Post Office, Adelaide. The majority of the members of the S.A.H.P.A. reside within a radius of 10 miles from the Adelaide G.P.O., and consequently they provide over 90 per cent. of the nomination and acceptance money, which, less actual expenses of conducting the race, goes as prize money. The Y.B.C. is the richest race of the S.A.H.P.A. Last season £53 was disbursed as prize money for six places, and this year there is every prospect of a large increase on this sum. Over 1000 rings (nominations) were issued at 1/- each, and acceptances are 1/- per bird due this month. The prize money thus offered is a great inducement for clubs in country centres north of Adelaide to

join the Association and participate in the events.

The matter of country clubs came up for discussion at the annual meeting, held in March, 1918, and after considerable discussion it was resolved that after season 1918 no loft outside a radius of 50 miles from the Adelaide G.P.O. will be allowed to compete in any Association races. The carrying of this resolution debarred the Kooringa Club (90 miles north of Adelaide) from competing in any Association races after the present season. This was considered by a delegate as a great injustice to the Kooringa Club. He contended that once a club was admitted to the Association, it was grossly unfair to turn around and then debar that club from participating in the various races organised by the Association.

When discussing the matter a delegate stated that if the races were flown in district sections, and each section provided its prizes, there could be no reasonable objection raised to any club in S.A. joining up and competing in its section. The present system of pooling all nomination and acceptance money, and allowing all clubs to compete for same regardless of what distance they flew, was most unfair to the city fanciers, and not calculated to promote the interests of the sport. Another member said no club should be admitted unless the Association could exercise the strictest supervision regarding the setting and sealing of the clocks and the checking of the times.

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The following resolutions were carried:—

1. "That from this date no applications for affiliations be granted to any club (other than to the clubs already affiliated with the Association) outside the metropolitan area, 10 miles."

2. "That country clubs be termed country districts, with a fixed area of 6 miles radius from centre of district."

The Flinders Homing Club, Port Augusta, have flown up to date eight races on the East-West line, and will be flying on July 20th the Derby, which is to be flown from Oldra, 350 miles airline. Much interest is taken in this race, and owners are training their birds thoroughly. We expect to hamper about 80 birds for this race.

The Club's longest race on the East-West is from Ratlina, which is over 600 miles airline, and it remains to be seen who will get that distance safely.

Owners are complaining re hawks; many had their birds hawked badly from Wynbring, and I might say the returns from that town were not too brilliant. Some owners lost considerably, and in my opinion this line is not the easiest to fly, especially when we get up a bit, as what with hawks and scarcity of water the birds will have a bad time. Another thing is to be noticed: there is not the returns on the second day that we had on the South line.

#### THE VICTORIA HOMING PIGEON SOCIETY.

Schedule of Races, Season 1918.

- August 17—Avenel, 65 miles.
  - August 24th—Avenel, 65 miles.
  - August 31st—Euroa, 84 miles.
  - September 7th—Euroa, 84 miles.
  - September 14th—Springhurst, 156 miles.
  - September 21st—Springhurst, 156 miles.
  - September 28th—Wagga, 228 miles (6d. Federation race).
  - October 5th—Young, 305 miles (6d. Federation race).
  - October 12th—Young, 305 miles (Special race).
  - October 26th—Peak Hill, 400 miles (1s. Federation Race).
  - November 9th—Coonamble, 515 miles (1s. Federation Race).
- Donors of Special Prizes.—J. H. Green £2 2s, B. Nolan £1 1s, G. Enever £1 1s, W. E. Cherry £1 1s, J. Dowdall 10s 6d, W. J. Brooks 10s 6d, J. Mason 10s 6d, T. Delaney £1 1s, A. Friend £2 2s, A. K. Penny £1 1s.

#### THE BATHURST HOMING PIGEON SOCIETY.

The Bathurst Homing Pigeon Society's racing season opened on Saturday, the 15th July, with a fly from Stuart Town (49 miles airline), and a second race from the same point was held on Saturday, 20th. The Club had the assistance of the station master, who liberated on both occasions at noon. The opening race proved a little the faster of the two, the distance being

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