

cord number of birds being sent along I believe.

Now that the racing season is with us, I would suggest to the various clubs that they appoint a publicity man to take some of the work off the all too hard-worked secretaries, who, in the majority of cases, have to work hard all day, and at night have to attend to their clubs and take all the knocks which are coming along. Space will always be found for club doings as long as it is news and of interest, but please don't write that your club is the best in the world, or that it is the worst. Just something that will interest our readers.

Upon moving among pigeon men I find there seems to be a feeling of boom in our sport. Lately all the clubs have had to report an increase of membership. This most assuredly looks good, and it is pleasing to notice a fair sprinkling of lads at some club meetings. They should be encouraged, as it is to them we must look for the future furtherance of our sport.

Clocks are off, so I am informed, owing to high cost. Let us hope something can be done to let us have some on the market.

LEICHHARDT CLUB SHOW.

We spent a very pleasant afternoon at the final fixture of this splendid show, which is a model, and shows what can be done by an enthusiastic secretary and committee. The birds were beautifully staged, everything being clean, neat and tidy. To Mr. Palmer, the secretary, we offer our hearty congratulations, and trust it will be many years before this yearly event lapses.

Of course, Mr. J. Ward was the judge, and, needless to say, his decisions were universally accepted, and without comment. His long experience as a successful flier and well known fairness make him a model judge.

As regards the birds—well, I simply can't describe them, and I had a job to get away without trying to buy all the winners for the A.R.P. loft. Mr. Worsley's beautiful Blue Cheq. hen, winner of three consecutive championships, was queen of the show, and no other hen is able for the time being to lower her colours.

Mr. H. Robson was the winner of the special for best A.R.P. rung bird in the show, and it was a beauty. Shrewd Mr. Robson!

Herewith results:—

Show Results.

1-300 Mile Cock: 1st, W. McLean; 2nd, W. Parkinson; 3rd, C. Stewart.
1-300 Mile Hen: 1st, S. Worsley; 2nd, W. Parkinson; 3rd, G. Hokin. Blue or Black Cheq. Cock: 1st, J. Worsley; 2nd, J. Smith; 3rd, W. McLean. Blue or Black Cheq. Hen: 1st, J. Worsley; 2nd, T. M. Palmer; 3rd, W. Freeman.
300-600 Mile Cock: 1st, H. Fisher; 2nd, W. McLean; 3rd, C. Stewart. 300-600

Mile Hen: 1st, S. Worsley; 2nd, W. Parkinson; 3rd, W. McLean. Any other Colour Cock: 1st, S. Stallwood; 2nd, J. Wilkinson; 3rd, J. Mathews. Any other Colour Hen: 1st, J. Miller; 2nd, H. Harris; 3rd, J. B. Tennant. Red or Red Cheq. Cock: 1st, E. Chadwick; 2nd, G. Oldham; 3rd, W. Parsons. Red or Red Cheq. Hen: 1st, S. Stallwood; 2nd, A. Pegrum; 3rd, W. Parkinson. Blue or Blk. Cheq. Cock: 1st, T. McNiven; 2nd, J. Imlay; 3rd, J. Worsley. Blue or Blk. Cheq. Hen: 1st, J. B. Tennant; 2nd, J. B. Tennant; 3rd, C. Daley. Blue Barred Cock: 1st, S. Stallwood; 2nd, T. Watts; 3rd, W. Doyle. Blue Barred Hen: 1st, E. Chadwick; 2nd, G. Oldham; 3rd, O. Hayes. Champion Cock: E. Chadwick. Champion Hen: S. Worsley. Best A.R.P. Bird in Show: H. Robson (won A.R.P. special).

WAR PIGEONS.

The following cutting has been kindly sent us by a subscriber:—

Demobilisation.

The feathered "veterans" of H.M. Pigeon Service are being "demobilised," and it has been decided to present them to discharged soldiers. The whole of the pigeons used by the Army, Navy, and Air Force during the war, numbering 80,000, were presented gratuitously by breeders, in return for which the latter were given free supplies of corn to assist in rearing fresh "recruits."

Pensioned Flyers.

In a few cases, old, war-worn birds have been pensioned off by the Government, and are now living in peace and plenty. One of these is the pigeon which was shot through the eye while delivering a message. It recovered, and is now at Westgate, "on light duty."

Life Savers.

The number of lives saved by pigeons during the war will never be known, for, in addition to the many pilots and observers who have been rescued from wrecked machines as a result of messages faithfully delivered, the birds have been used to establish communication with troops who were surrounded by the enemy by dropping them from aeroplanes in baskets attached to parachutes.

Service in the Trenches.

Carrier pigeons have, in fact, been employed in all parts of the battle zone—even in the front line trenches—and, as a result, numbers of our soldiers, sailors, and airmen have formed an attachment for them and are taking up the breeding of carrier pigeons either as a sport or a hobby.

A Boom in Carriers.

In commercial circles many traders and merchants have come to the conclusion that under certain conditions, such as in isolated situations, pigeons are invaluable for cheap and ready means of communication. There is already a big boom in carrier pigeons.

A.R.P. 1920 RINGS

We are expecting our second shipment just as we go to press, having had invoice some time. As soon as received through Customs they will be despatched to those whose orders have been received. Will our clients take this as an intimation, and when rings are received accept their receipt as proof of our having safely received their orders, it having been impossible to reply individually for obvious reasons?

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Will clubs affiliated with the Victorian Homing Association and

West Australian Federation

please send their orders direct to the Secretariés of these two Associations? This will save delay and much trouble to us. The third shipment of 10,000 were ordered by cable on May 13, and should be on hand by middle of July. If this number is insufficient to fill orders, we will draw upon 2000 1919 rings, which will be registered for 1920, and carry same special rights and privileges as 1920 rings.

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