

Secretary's success

When he won the SAHPA 690-mile Finke race on Sunday, association secretary, D. Green, scored his first big success since his last major win in 1949.

Winner of more than 12 big S. A. H. P. A. fixtures, Mr. Green is one of the select three with more than 12 important association races in the bag.

Only 20 of the 525 entrants released at Finke at 6 a.m. Saturday had reached home by Sunday night. The first six were clocked from about 2 p.m. to 2.20 p.m. Sunday and the others began to arrive at about 4 p.m. onwards.

Two birds owned by Graham Bros. (Vitesse) landed at the same time.

The Union's last race for the year — the 425-mile Benalla event — left a lot to be desired with no day arrivals and only 21 of 240 birds home by Sunday night.

Jackson Bros. and Son won first and third prizes.

NEST TIPS

Adequate nesting materials are needed to ensure the proper growth and good health of the squeakers.

It is a good idea to use nest bowls with concave bottoms, not flat, and part fill with pine shavings. If a good supply of pine needles, or stiff straw cut into six inch lengths, is made available to the parent birds, a comfortable cup-shaped nest will result.

It is also sound policy to sprinkle a small amount of poultry powder in the shavings as this will keep the parent birds free of body and feather lice, and the youngsters clean.

It is doubtful if anything will keep red mite out of the nest bowls. Once red mite gain a foothold it becomes a matter of constant inspection and spraying.

It is simple to destroy them, but most difficult to prevent other invasions.

Nest bowls lacking in sufficient nesting materials are cold and the reason for several common diseases in young pigeons. Many crooked keels and the complaint known as

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pinwheel (one or both legs sticking out at right angles to the body) are due to poor nests.

Results

FINKE

SAHPA (136, 525) — D. Green 915, L. Cox 912, C. Hawke 906.5, B. Baulderstone 906.2, R. Dangerfield 902, A. Dawson and Son 900; M. Harshgyi 834.6, W. Matthews 834.1, A. Goodger 833, S. Gregerson 827, A. McQuire 826.9, F. Delsar 826.1, A. Noble 825, Graham Bros. 799.8, Graham Bros. 799.3, T. Quinn 787, K. Wickham 761, H. Webber 760, Bird and Rosser 758, S. Ferguson 751 — subject to check.

BENALLA

SAPU and Sth. Fed. (31,240) — Jackson Bros. and Son 717, W. Moyle and Son 701, Jackson Bros. and Son 699, W. and K. Moyle 646, S. Mitton and Sons 629, W. Moyle and Son 614, S. Mitton and Sons 611, R. Watson 582, L. Candlett 572, G. Searle 552.

COUNTRY, OCT. 10

Port Pirie H.S. (two races)

— From Alice Springs H. Munn Memorial, 707 miles (14, 32) — R. and S. Laube 758, J. Dormer 678 — trophies by W. Blight and A. Macdonald. From Benalla H. Munn Memorial, 511 miles (15, 64) — G. Bowering 1007, G. Bowering 979, J. Dormer 975 — trophies by M. Baillieu, Solomontown HC and The Main Tyre Co.

Solomontown (two races)

From Cook — G. Nitz 1229, I. Newberry 1226, L. Tee 1223. From Geelong — R. Hobba 880, I. Newberry 793, Argent and Legg 759.

Waikerie — From Barton championship, 500 miles (2, 9) — G. Elliott 1056, A. Noack 1019.

Clare — From Benalla, 458 miles (4, 12) — J. Lane 810, A. Gertau 708, S. Lane 498 — trophies by SAHPA and McKendrick and Ahern.

Murray Bridge — From Benalla (13, 83) — L. Leighton 1237, B. Kennett 1140, G. Rowland 1087.

Port Augusta (Flinders HC) — From Ballarat, 490 miles (16,74) — F. Gill 943, J. Glass 942, Frank Grantham 941.