

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN HOMING PIGEON ASSOCIATION

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SAHPA TOSSING /TRAINING

The SAHPA will operate two pigeon training units in 2009, the Ford F100 Truck and Trailer driven by Don Schwarz and the Mitsubishi Canter driven by Nick Albanos. The SAHPA Management Committee are trying to accommodate the needs of the Southern and Western members and also the demand from members who use to transport their pigeons on the Bob Chalmers training unit.

An extra tier is being added to the Ford F100 unit so we can accommodate extra birds. The SARPF (Southern Federation) is allowing the SAHPA for no charge to use their Mitsubishi Canter in return for providing a service to the Southern and Western members on both Sundays and Tuesdays. All revenue will go to the SAHPA and the SAHPA will be responsible for the Registration, Insurance, Servicing and Running Costs.

At some time in the near future a New Truck or Trailer will be purchased and the trade in value of the Mitsubishi Canter will be paid back to the SARPF. The new truck may also be used as a Race Truck for races such as 10 bird specials and Long Distance races where the bird numbers do

not warrant the use of the large race unit. The SAHPA Management Committee are investigating various options and configurations.

Please see the attached the SAHPA Tossing Program 2009 for dates, release points and pick up points.

When looking at the second page of the Tossing Program, please note that dates appear on both the left hand side and right hand side of the page, this means that both units go to the various release points on both these dates. We did our best to fit the program for both units on to the one page.

All the best in 2009 and please support the SAHPA training units as the money goes back into the SAHPA and the sport.

By Gavin Harris
SAHPA Management Committee

Please note: Pick up points on the program supplied with your newsletter

SA Sires Classic 2009

This year's proceeds from prepaid nominations and the auctions has once again set a new record. Total proceeds of \$41,740.

The SAHPA Special Races Committee have adopted a recommendation made by one of the clubs to hold the hampering on a separate night from the main SAHPA race to avoid any risk of birds being hampered or loaded incorrectly.

The race will be held from Marree on Sunday 23rd August, hampering will be held at the SAHPA Headquarters only on Friday 21st August, 2009 starting at 6:30pm

We hope that all participants understand this decision, as it is paramount that with

this much money at stake that every thing is done to avoid any possible problems which would jeopardize the on going success of this event that all South Australian pigeon fanciers can be proud of.

If on Thursday 20th August the weather conditions do not look good enough for a Sunday release the race will be moved back a week.

We will make an announcement on Prize Monies closer to the event, once we have received tenders for the transportation of the birds to the event.

By Gavin Harris
Secretary – SAHPA Special Races Committee.

FREIGHT CHARGES .

Freight charges for the 2009 season remain the same as last year except for the Marla and Nyngan will be \$2.50 per bird and the 10 bird races will be \$3.00 per bird.

Club races-----\$1.00
Middle distance -----\$1.20
Cobar/Cobber pedy -----\$1.70
Marla/Nyngan-----\$2.50
10 birds-----\$3.00

VIN BLANDEN MEMORIAL.

The Vin Blanden will be conducted from Cobar -1 bird nomination - \$5.00 per bird.

MEMBERS BE AWARE WHEN RINGING PIGEONS TO CHECK RING NO'S AS THERE HAS BEEN AN INCIDENT WHERE THERE HAS BEEN TWO RINGS THAT ARE THE SAME NO.

TROPHY DONORS

THE SAHPA IS LOOKING FOR TROPHY DONORS FOR THE SEASON 2009 IF YOU WOULD LIKE MAKE A \$50.00 DONATION CONTACT THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

CLUB SECRETARIES.

REMINDER –STOCK ORDERS.

Please have your stock order forms in by the 8th May 2009.

Stock orders can be collected from the SAHPA Headquarters on Wednesday 13th May between 11.00 am–approx. 5.00pm.

Race programs will be available on stock day.

Vaccination forms must be in by the 30th April.

All GPS readings will be done in the next two weeks by club secretaries or the general secretary.

CLUB COMPUTER INTERNET HOURS.

Please ensure that your computer is up and running and that you have internet hours left before the season starts.

THE PHONE NO. FOR ALL S.A.H.P.A. FIRE OFF IS TELSTRA NO.1194.



BUSHFIRE APPEAL



On behalf of all members of the SAHPA the Management Committee donated \$500 towards the Vic. Bushfire appeal and members donated \$66.00 Total donated \$566.00 Thank you to all members that donated money.

100 CLUB!!!!!!

The \$100.00 club will be running again this year, If you would like to join send your money to the General Secretary one week before the Association races starts which will be the LYNDHURST YBC.

The cost is \$100 for each line and prize money will be determined by how many members we have .There will be three prizes 1st,2nd and 3rd.

SA Distance Champion

At the SAHPA Special Races Committee meeting held on 25th March,2009 it was passed that the SRC Committee will award a perpetual trophy (plus one to keep) each year for the Champion Long Distance Flyer.

This award will be based on the total points received from the Two longest Races on each line of flight plus the Alice Springs Event. For example in 2009 the award will be based on points received in Coober Pedy, Marla, Cobar, Nyngan and Alice Springs.

In years to come this award will be one of the most prestigious awards in the South Australia Racing Pigeon fraternity.

We would like to encourage all SAHPA members to participate in Alice Springs 2009 which will be held on the Friday 4th September, 2009, hampering on Tuesday 1st September. Tenders are invited for transporting the birds to Alice Springs.

By Gavin Harris

Secretary – SAHPA Special Races Committee

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY IN EASTERN
ELECTORATE.**

DUE TO PERSONAL ISSUES MR G WATSON HAS RESIGNED FROM THE COMMITTEE AS THE EASTERN MEMBER..

THE SAHPA AND ALL MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR G WATSON FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO RUNNING THE SAHPA.

THE POSITION WILL NOW GO TO AN ELECTION.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED AND ARE A MEMBER OF THE EASTERN ELECTORATE, PLEASE FORWARD YOUR NOMINATION TO THE:

GENERAL SECRETARY
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Hi There,

My name is Paul Windler and live in Grafton up on the Far Nth coast of New South Wales and I race with the Grafton Racing Pigeon Club up here.

I have a trio of Hintons blood , 1 cock and 2 hens , all dark checkers. I am trying to locate someone who has Rays blood, who has Red checkers in his family. As I am wanting to put it into mine.

Appreciate your help in my search.

Regards

Paul A Windler

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COMING EVENTS

Training units start on ----- April 26th

Club racing starts on-----May 23rd.

Good Luck to all members for the coming 2009 season.