

PIGEON POST

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South Australian Homing Pigeon Association Inc.

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General Secretary's Notes.

The SAHPA Trophy Presentation will be held at the 6th of November 2010 at the Maylands Hotel tickets \$35.00 per head available from the General Secretary from the SAD Derby onwards, miss it and you will have to wait a whole year for the next one. It is hoped that all SAHPA winners will attend this prestigious occasion along with all SAHPA members.

Members interested in helping out on the Royal Adelaide Show stand are asked to contact the General Secretary.

Coming Events:

A free BBQ for all SAHPA members will be held on the Sunday night fire off on Marla and Holbrook races at the Assoc Hall, please notify the General Secretary of numbers attending from all clubs for catering purposes.

Coming Events.

Hampering for Sires Produce:

Northern Group Squeaker Sale SAHPA Hall 28th November 2010

1st Sires Produce Sale SAHPA Hall 5th December 2010

Alice Springs:

Barossa Squeaker Sale SAHPA Hall 12th December 2010

Smithfield Squeaker Sale SAHPA Hall 2nd January 2011

Tonic Tips:

Northern Districts Squeaker Sale SAHPA Hall 9th January 2011

2nd Sires Produce Sale SAHPA Hall 6th February 2011

Sires Produce/Alice Springs.

Hampering for the Koroit Sires Produce Race will be held at the SAHPA Hall at 7pm Friday 27th of August, there will be a loft auction on all lofts.

Members are reminded that all Sires Produce birds must be qualified on the line of flight.

Alice Springs hampering will be held at the SAHPA Hall from 6.30pm 31st of August. There will be a loft auction on all lofts.

Cock Bird Special.

Members are reminded the Cock Bird Special will be held on Colac race 4th September \$6.00 per bird.

The Vin Blanden will be held on the Coober Pedy race one bird only nomination \$5.00.

DA Tonic

Take four whole garlic bulbs (not cloves the whole bulbs) peel and chop into small pieces, four whole lemons cut into four pieces. boil 2lt of water then add the above and leave it to simmer for 30minutes, then add 3 desert spoons of columbine tea(any pigeon tea will be ok) and let it simmer for 10 minutes, then add 50ml of aqueous of iodine (Iugols) and simmer for a further 10 minutes, then add 1/2 a kilo of dark brown sugar and boil for a further 10 minutes, then cover your pan with a lid and leave for 48 hours, then remove the lemon peel leaving the fruit in the pan give it a good stir and sieve into bottles, keep the bottles in a cool place so it doesn't ferment, a fridge is the best place, you can give it to the birds for 7 days to begin with then twice a week.30ml per 5 liter, the above is taken from the Squills year book (UK), it really is a good tonic especially during the moult, ps keep the kitchen door open when making it as it don't half make a stink.

And another Tonic that's just as good as the DA Tonic and a lot quicker and easier to make.

125 ml apple cider vinegar

1 onion

1 head of garlic

60 ml honey

Mix the above in a blender for 10 minutes.

This juice needs to be refrigerated but should not be stored for more than a week. 30 ml of this concoction are added to 1 litre of drinking water.

Schedule:

Give for 7 continuous days before training starts. Provided that the birds are healthy, you will notice that the birds will have more fun in the air and fly at a faster pace after 3 or 4 days on this juice. The droppings will be nice and firm and the down will fall, during the race season:

Monday:

a fresh mix AM

a fresh mix PM

Will they like to drink it? Not very likely. They need to get used to this concoction like they would to any stuff that smells so strong. One needs to make sure that they don't have access to any other water.

offer water to the flying birds just twice per day for 5 minutes after their food in order to cut down on trichomoniasis as explained here.

One will find that this mixture thickens on standing in the refrigerator and that one has to shake the bottle before using it again.

Several very good flyers have had excellent results over the years using both of the tonics listed above, the results of there use can be seen daily with the increased health and vitality that the birds show. Flyers have got there birds going from flying 15 - 20 minutes a day around the loft to freely over an hour after the first 7 day course. It must be remembered like most natural remedies these are a preventative and NOT A CURE so if you birds are sick treat with the correct medications first.

