

My Fellow Fanciers,

I seek your indulgence as I ask you to join with me as I reminisce on the past, debate the present and offer a little advice for the future.

The Newspaper Clipping below which has been enlarged to enhance its legibility is from "The Advertiser" 1959, the year in which my Late Father and I won "The Advertiser" Trophy. Please forgive the quality of the reproduction but the Clipping is 37 Years Old.

Pigeon Trophy To Kakoschke

Messrs. Kakoschke & Son won "The Advertiser" trophy for aggregate points in the SA Homing Pigeon Association races held from Alice Springs (830 miles) and Junee (508 miles).

Both events proved most difficult and only 23 birds were clocked in race time.

Although 18 owners scored points, only Kakoschke & Son clocked pigeons in both races.

Members to score this year were:—Messrs. Kakoschke & Son, 28 points; B. Minerds, K. Wickham, 20; Richmond and Shaw, M. Bird, 19; M. Smith, A. Pearce, 18; Dangerfield and Hockey, G. Downes, 17; D. Ashwin, 16; T. Butcher, Pearson & Son, 15; F. Delsar, 14; T. Freak, 13; De Laine & Son, 11; L. Wallace, 10; R. Wickham, 9; T. W. V. Richardson, 8.—VIN
BLANDEN.

I clearly remember clocking our Hen from Junee. It was 9.30a.m. on the third morning. She was a Black Cheq. Tickeye, Gits-Bonami-Royal Hen and her Ring No. was 428. This Race was flown under the most appalling conditions and only SIX Birds were clocked in Race Time. Our RCC 3003 was our 2nd Bird from Alice Springs that same year and was placed 12th SAHPA.(BCPH our 1st). HE WAS ONE HELL OF A PIGEON. He was the most peculiar colour Red Cheq. and it was he who passed on the Bulldog Appearance still evident in many of our Birds today. Short Stumpy legs, Short Bull necks and enormously Powerful. His Progeny won Races and Places for us from distances as diverse as Carrieton and Alice Springs. Please see LOT 158.

The Birds responsible for winning this Trophy were the culmination of years of persistent endeavour (My Mothers description of total addiction possibly more apt) to create a Family of Race Winning Long Distance Pigeons. These Pigeons, their Ancestors and their Progeny form the nucleus of one of the most successful and well respected Families of Long Distance Racing Pigeons in Australia today.