

Alan Agar - Lyndhurst Open #1 Winner - SA03 20242 BCPH

Alan started flying pigeons as a junior around 1963 with the then Elizabeth Club. These days he still flies from Elizabeth but for the Central Districts Club. He finds the Club very competitive with Paul Trzeciak, Alex Hlebnikoff, Walter Lizogubuff, Ken Wallace and John Doyle of the Elizabeth Club the flyers to beat, but others do well too.

Alan gets assistance from his wife when needed but essentially its 'Alan's hobby'. His original breeding stock was a purchase from the original Eitzen Sale, however he sold the birds a few years later.

Alan then re-entered the sport following the Eddie Brocklebank Sale, and has also been gifted birds from friends over the years. These include Dean Venables, Syd Randall, Ron Hall, Alan Johnson's - Chowns and Terry Fidler's - Delaneys. He breeds from around 12 pairs but changes the pairings from year to year. Numbers are generally limited to around 100 youngsters, but some years the total is fewer. Birds that are not in the stock loft are flown every year. Alan has a preference for hens, but notes that 'cocks can perform too'.

Alan is a competitive flyer, but does not always fly every race due to family commitments and holidays. This includes Club and Association Races.

Flyers that have had influence in Alan's flying career include Dean Venables and Syd Randall for sure, but acknowledges that Ron Hall and Greg Hamilton being very generous too. Alan likes to alter his tossing regime, and notes that the Association unit is very useful for 'over the hills' training when the birds are ready. As racing approaches, he asks the birds to do more work, and starts to restrict feed for good control. As Derby Races approach he does more intense training and notes that the year he won the Group Derby he tossed every day in the week prior to the Race.

Following the Derbies, he will separate cocks and hens. Alan's other SAHPA success was in a Booroorban some years ago. The parents of the winning bird are Delbar x Hinton from Ken Watson. Alan luckily had access to this pair when Ken (for health reasons) did not use the birds. Alan tosses with Bob Chalmers and lately with Graham Clark who goes to Hanson.



Alan and his Winning BCPH