

## Keith Jacquier - 1<sup>st</sup> Young Cock Bird Nyngan Winner - SA07 05425 BCPC

Keith started in pigeons in 1967 at age 41 with his son who was a junior with Doug Searle at the Riverside club at Port Adelaide. The son left in 1972 and Keith continued with the race birds and as assistant treasurer to Bob Watson until he retired in 1973. Keith then took on the treasurer's position which he continues to hold to the present day.



His highlights to date include 2<sup>nd</sup> SAHPA Creswick in 1986 and 1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA Ouyen #3 in 2006. This year he gained 12<sup>th</sup> SAHPA Nyngan 2008 with the young cock SA07 05425. A sister (SA07 05386) won 1<sup>st</sup> club Little Topar SAD.

Keith has been very competitive at Riverside winning the east line points in the last four years, an eight time winner of the combined points for the SAD/YBC races and 5 times the club aggregate points winner. The sire is SA02 17413 BCPC who was a consistent race cock (gained 2<sup>nd</sup> club, 6<sup>th</sup> group, 55<sup>th</sup> SAHPA Temora in 2004 after racing the whole of 2003) and

his breeding is Janssen/Eitzen on the sires side and Eitzen/Ferguson on the dams side.

The dam is SA00 16325 BCPH a consistent race hen and her breeding is Walford/Goodger on the sires side and Eitzen Goodger on the dams side. SA07 05425 had only three races for 2008 as his flights were not right. He raced Little Topar SAD (returned Sunday), Emmdale (was 2<sup>nd</sup> loft) and Nyngan (1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA). Keith uses around 25 pairs to breed 100 youngsters and with the returns from the previous year starts with a race team of around 120 birds.



The birds are based on Walford/Goodger, Eitzen, Barker/Jurion and Janssen.

The race birds hopper fed with a 60/40 mix of peas and wheat with maize, safflower, sunflower and white millet making up around 10% as titbits. The mixture is rarely changed week to week or during the race season. A multivitamin is occasionally provided, but no other additives. Medication is rarely provided.

Youngsters are mixed with last years birds as they are weaned and are proved with free lofting until Keith decides that serious training needs to start. Worm tablets are given to babies as they are weaned and moved to the race cage. Hens and cocks are housed, trained and raced together during the whole race season.

Training begins around Anzac day and after the birds have been loft flying well. Generally tossing starts at around 30 kms and Keith likes to have some 10 tosses to a maximum of 80 kms before racing starts. Once racing starts he uses the SAHPA unit to toss train his race birds.

The race loft is cleaned once a week on Fridays.

Breeders are mated on the weekend of the last race, and peas (50%), wheat (40%) and safflower/sunflower/maize (10%) is provided in hoppers all day as required. Keith normally breeds 2 rounds and he chooses his breeders on the basis of race performance and breeding background. He likes to inbreed for stock and outcross for racing.