

## Des Evans - Lyndhurst Y.B.C Winner - 15618 SA08 BBGC

249 Owners - 5010 Birds



Grizzle C SA 08 15618  
1st SAHPA Lyndhurst YBC  
500km against 5,010b 2009.  
Raced by Des Evans



Des started in pigeons as a junior with John Hofman in Riverside Juniors. In 1972/73 he again started in pigeons with the Salisbury club, was then in and out of pigeons until he moved to West Lakes. He raced from West Lakes until a neighbour caused a problem so he moved his loft to his business premises and he races to that loft in Pt Adelaide today.

In 2009 he only flew the north line and because of the faster races he clocked mainly import related pigeons. As well as winning 1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA Lyndhurst YBC he also placed 2<sup>nd</sup> Coober Pedy.

The sire of **SA08 15618 BBGC** is **SA04 23990 BBC** a Janssen and the dam is a Van Loon **SA07 15675 BGPB**. The interesting fact about both these parents is that on the sire side, no birds have raced for 5 generations and on the hen side, there have been no raced birds for 4 generations! **SA08 15618 BBGC** was bred by John Hofman.

Local birds (Fin Fraser, Alan Brown, Bob Marchant and Peter Mathews makes up the bulk of his loft breeding, but Des has taken up some Janssens to

assist his racing performances. The Fin Fraser and Alan Brown birds have been very good performers over many years for Des.

Race birds are flown for about an hour a day and hens and cocks are raced together. Sometimes late in the year cocks are removed from the hens. The race birds are hand fed twice a day with a basic 50/50 mixture of peas and wheat plus some Pryor small seed mix from Gilbertsons. Des will vary the feed %'s depending on weather and working characteristics of the birds.

Pink powder, vitamin mineral powder & cod liver oil (on food) is provided.

Youngsters are weaned and loft flown together before added to the 2 y/o team of previous years racers. Two y/o cocks are flown but are culled back to the most consistent performers.

Loft training starts around 8 weeks before racing and this builds to a good hour a day plus ranging before tossing starts. Tossing starts some 4 weeks before racing and birds get an initial toss of about 20kms then have about 12 tosses to 100kms before the first race. Once racing is underway, the birds are given a long (100kms) and short (50kms) toss each week. Tossing is on line of flight. Des mostly tosses with Charlie Forbes, but does all the early tosses by himself.

The race loft is cleaned once a day during racing and medication is avoided if he can. Birds are treated only as necessary. Pre racing all birds have a general treatment for lice, worms, wet canker and respiratory.

Breeding birds are hopper fed peas with some wheat and small seed provided by hand as a tit bit.

The stock birds are paired after racing and he generally mixes the combinations of birds for breeding using crossing with performance as his guide. Older birds are inbred then outcrossed into performance pigeons. He likes to stay within the bloodlines he already has.

Des has been able to get hold of good pigeons through friends and he has been particularly influenced and assisted by Alan Brown of Gawler over many years.

Des would like to see racing where pigeons get a good chance to get home, and most flyers get a shot at the SAHPA aggregate prize.