

Peter Antoney

1st SAHPA the twins 2004

When Para club's Peter Antoney won the 2004 Twins Open with a March-bred hen it was his third Sahpa win in three successive years. Many flyers dream of winning an Association race once. The better ones think a win every five years is achievable but to win on every year is real feather in the cap.

Later in the year Peter was to finish 2nd from Temora in controversial circumstances totally out of his control.

A former policeman, Peter now has the luxury of working four hours a day for the local council and this leaves him enough time to dedicate to his passion of pigeon racing.

He tosses regularly with Bob Chalmers who has a collection point only 200 metres from Peter's home.

The winner has bred by Ron Hall from a Van Loon cock and a hen purchased at George Mavros' sale.

She had an unusual preparation for the event with only a fast Hawker as a lead-up race. The Twins was

also a fast race so conditions were ideal for a fresh young hen.

Peter's Temora runner up was an interesting story.

The pigeon was purchased along with his loft mates after the death of a club-mate George Kedge. Fortunately Peter was able to obtain George's loft making it easier to break in his birds to the new address.

The breeding of this bird is unclear except that it sire was a Goodger bred by Stan Roberts.

As mentioned elsewhere, the Temora/Morundah situation was a tribute to Peter Antoney's honesty. He could have easily said nothing when the bird arrived early and clocked it claiming it had flown Morundah. Instead he immediately contacted officials and left it to their judgment.

The Para team has had a remarkable run in recent years and with 14 members it is now very competitive.

Peter Antoney is now the measuring stick for his area.

Wallace & Doyle

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One of the most successful partnerships formed in SA pigeon racing in recent years is that of Ken Wallace and John Doyle.

Since coming together several years ago, the duo has won three Sahpa races including the last two East Derbies.

The opportunity arose when Ken Wallace was despairing at disappearing numbers in his club and John Doyle, who loves to travel, was looking for a partner.

John Doyle has been in pigeons since he was fifteen and formerly raced in partnership with the late Max Thomson at Salisbury North. With good success.

But it was the 1969 Oodnadatta Special race that kick started Doyle's long term interest in the sport. Back in those days the first prize of \$200 was significant.

John's family was made up of Harrisons and Blandens in those days and there are still some remaining in the loft today.

Ken Wallace, on the other hand, has been successful with birds from John Chown, of Gawler.

In 2004 they blended the two families together with instant success.

Ken cares for the birds on a daily basis while John likes to study the breeding and help with tossing etc.

They start off with 150 youngsters plus old birds from the previous season.

Over the years John Doyle has stuck pretty well to his own blood, only introducing an occasional bird for a cross. He likes to pair them fairly close - cousins and uncle to niece etc.

Birds are bred annually for sales and friends.

John Doyle says his birds are not fast but they make up for this with determination and reliability.

They have two cocks that are excelling in the stock loft - last year's birds of the year on the East line and his brother.

On the hen's side of the family bred down from their Wedderburn hen are showing up.

The combination finished 6th in the 2004 points, providing the air with great satisfaction.

At the rate they are winning, that are the loft to beat in the 2005 Derby.