

Loft Report - Bob May

BOB (a bit of a comedian) MAY and his lovely wife Dorothy have now raced pigeons for 58 years, but this is not really correct, as Bob did not marry Dot until 1945 as he needed help with the birds (probably true) and after winning the first race in his new club of City and Suburban in 1943.

Bob well remembers the old Park View Club and legends like Rob Eitzen as the standard to learn against and learn Bob did for the next 50 odd years.

Bob has been a force to be reckoned with. Bob's birds being lent or given to many people and friends. In most states of Australia you will find birds bred down from Bob May's

In the early days, Bob remembers with a smile the champion hen SA496973 winner of 1st Carrieton, 2nd Parachilna, 1st Maree, 1st Oodnadatta - winning all affiliated Clubs to SAHPA

Bob bred N Kakoschke some birds for the 1992 season and they won a list for Neville. This again shows that Bob and Peter's birds fly for most people lucky enough to be donated some.

Having a modest loft of approximately 70 birds to race and only 12 pairs of stock, he is of the old school and uses a shell grit floor with 50/50 peas and wheat. The breeding is possibly Stassart and Jurian but is today really the May Family and a credit to his breeding and type choices, obviously the May Family will be with us long after Bob is not and this strain will run in South Australian lofts for generations to come.

In the few years my wife and myself have raced pigeons, Bob has been of great help to us and I will be forever indebted to Bob for his help and friendship.



Bob May holding BBH SA94 02237 - 2nd SAHPA Morundah Open, 6th SAHPA Booroorban Open

level she was bred by a Tibey of Southwark called Early Star (Gitts, Bonami, Baker, Logan, Royal). Possibly in the Artie Morris famous Black family.

Around 1953 Bob moved to Enfield and from 1968 raced in the North Suburban Club in partnership with his youngest son Peter, winning the aggregate points in North Suburban on a number of occasions and many times placed in the top 20 of South Australian flyers.

He has never greeted the Chairman to collect the coveted 1st SAHPA, but Bob ran 2nd three times and collected every position to the first 20.

Even at 70 years of age Bob was still 13th in the SAHPA points from 450 flyers starting with only 44 birds.

Many top lofts in South Australia contain Bob's birds and he has given of his best to Greg Enjhoun, Daryl and Anne Hutchins, John Peters and Rooney Drydon. Bob Seedsman who also comes to mind, likes to have a few 'May' birds in his racing loft.

PLACINGS

1st Carrieton, Nth Sub
1st Hattah, Nth Sub
30th Farina, SAHPA YBC
32rd Farina, SAHPA YBC
19th Booroorban, SAHPA SAD
5th Farina, SAHPA Open
6th Farina, SAHPA Open
8th Farina, SAHPA Open
9th Farina, SAHPA Open
13th Farina, SAHPA Open
13th Booroorban, SAHPA Open

Bred for N Kakoschke, 1992 Season, these birds took many placings.

DARYL and ANNE HUTCHINS.