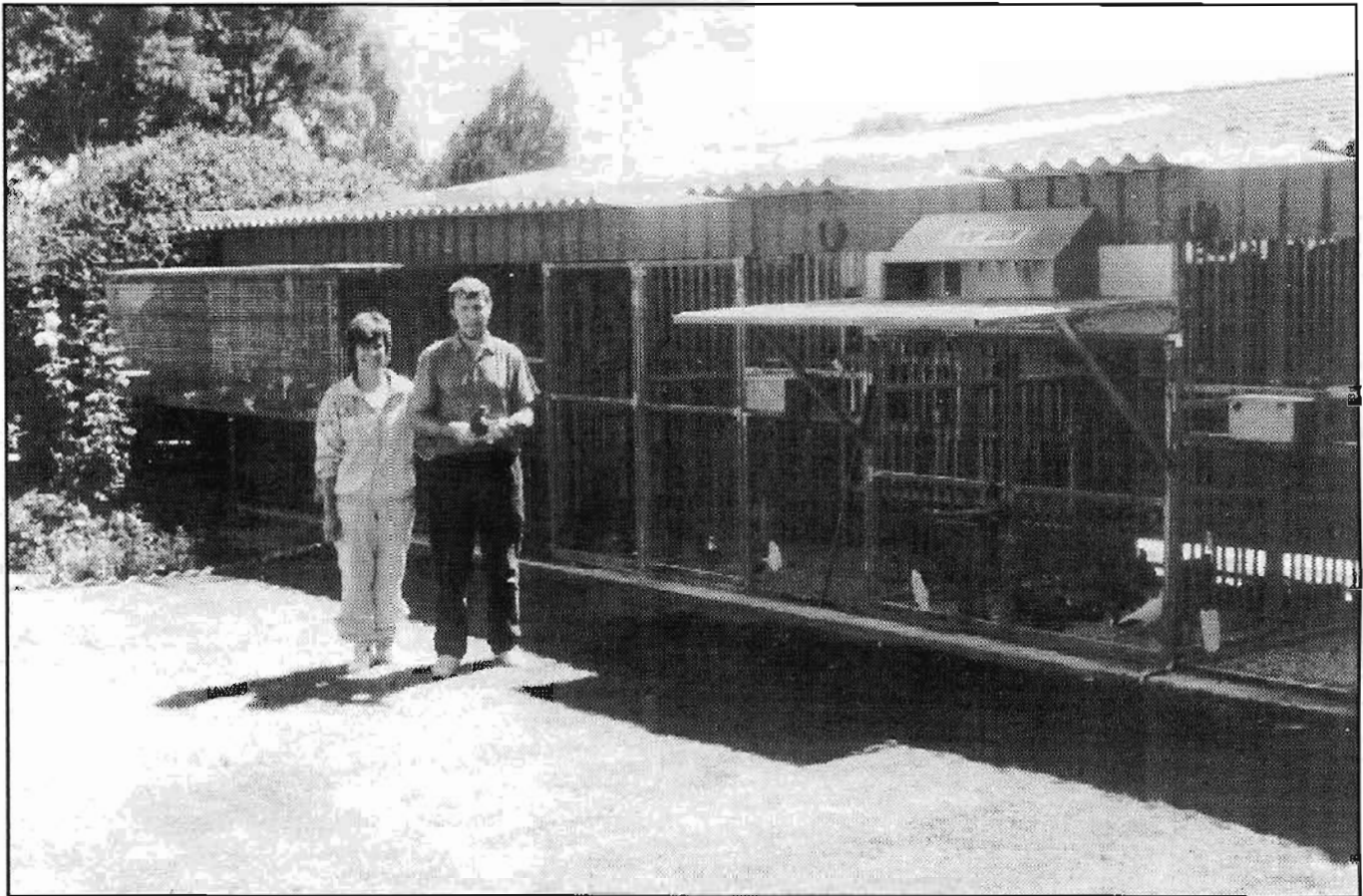


# PIGEON FANCIERS' GAZETTE

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# LOFT REPORT

## Bob & Bev Seedsman Salisbury Club

Bob & Bev Seedsman have been a successful team, flying from their picturesque home at Salisbury Downs for several years. Bob a fitter and turner by trade, was introduced to Racing Pigeons by his uncle, the late Ron Eitzen at the age of 14. After obtaining youngsters from his uncle, Bob commenced flying in the West Suburban Juniors and flew for 2 years.

After marrying Bev, buying a house, and starting a family, Bob's interest in the sport was re-kindled, and he joined the Salisbury Club. Owing to work commitments, most of the pigeon flying was left to Bev. It has only been the last 8 years since Bob changed employment, that they have been able to spend more time to successfully manage their birds.

Their current loft is 36 ft long with 4 flying and 2 breeding compartments. Each compartment is 8 ft deep and 6 ft wide. The loft is built from square tube on a concrete floor, the external walls are colorbond sheeting, with deep six asbestos roofing. The roof has 3 sheets of clear fibreglass sheeting over the flying section to allow extra light in. Ventilation is situated on the back wall - approx 12 ft high at the top and bottom.

### STOCK BIRDS

The origin of the strain is the old Eitzen Black Splash three winner blood. Following this, the Goodger strain was introduced by two hens from C Elliott's sale - one being his 2nd SAHPA Booroorban hen, and a daughter of the "Elliott Hen", as well as a pair purchased from Alan Goodger's sale.

In recent times Goodger based birds were given to us by Ron & Graeme Eitzen and Grant Patterson.

In 1986, we purchased two pair of birds from Wally Gertic, which are of the old Cecil Dunstan blood.

### RACING TEAM

Approximately 150 youngsters are bred each year. After retaining some for stock - culling those that are not up to standard - leaving 120 young birds and 40 old birds for racing.

### FEEDING

The breeding mix is made up of 90% peas, 5% wheat and 5% small seed. The small seed which consists of Milo, Safflower, Linseed, Black Rape and White Millet is fed as a top-up after the main feed.

The Racing Mix is 70% peas and 30% wheat, with small seed used as a trapping mix.

### TRAINING

After the educational short tosses, the birds are tossed mostly from Snowtown or Moorlands. Birds fly the entire program, and are preferred when the races are into the wind. The birds are exercised twice a day when possible. All birds are raced to the perch, with the sexes being separated when the cocks become a nuisance.

### INDICATION OF FITNESS

Clarity of eye (eyes tend to be bulging), feather sheen, pink flesh and birds feel bouyant in the hand.

### VITAMINS & MEDICINES

The birds are wormed with Ivomec before the racing season begins, and given Primactor twice a week. Wallaroo grit is before the birds all of the time. Dynamutlin is used only if required for respiratory problems. Birds are bathed once a week with Condis Crystals.

### LINES OF FLIGHT

Bob feels that the North East line is the fairest to all flyers, but does prefer opposite lines of flight - namely north-west and south-east.

### IMPORTS

The 1996 season will be the initiation of imported birds, which have been obtained from Ponderosa (Janssen Hen), Reg Muller (Janssen Hen), Barry Gould (Cobut Hen and Janssen Hen), and Ray Fewings (Janssen Hen)

- Q. What do you dress the loft floor with?  
A. Paving Sand.  
Q. Do you treat birds for Canker prior to breeding?  
A. No.  
Q. Is the loft disinfected?  
A. Yes, before & after breeding with Malawash.  
Q. Do you believe in eye-sign?  
A. No. It's part of a bird's makeup.  
Q. What type of pigeon do you prefer?  
A. Small to medium apple bodied, well balanced, ones that win!  
Q. Do you believe in late-breds?  
A. No.  
Q. Do you prefer on the day races?  
A. No preference - good pigeons win either.  
Q. What advice would you give to novices.  
A. Obtain two pair of good birds from 2 or 3 good flyers - seek advice - find a good woman - and have patience with both.

### OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

1st Inglewood SAHPA	2nd Bathurst SAHPA
2nd Cobar SAHPA	3rd Morundah SAHPA
3rd Nulabor SAHPA	4th Temora SAHPA
4th Booroorban SAHPA	5th Nundroo SAHPA
5th Little Topar SAHPA	6th Booroorban SAHPA SAD
6th Cobar SAHPA	7th Temora SAHPA
8th Eucla SAHPA	8th Little Topar SAHPA
8th Alice Springs SAHPA	

### AGGREGATE POINTS SUCCESSES

1989 - 9th, 1994 - 4th, 1995 - 8th.

Bob pointed out that flying in the strong Salisbury Club & Group, has helped maintain a standard, needed to be successful at SAHPA level. Bob, a life-member of the Salisbury club, has held most positions in the Club and Bev has typed many certificates.

Bob and Bev wish to thank the late Ron Eitzen, cousin Graeme Eitzen and Ivan Wareing for their knowledge and encouragement over many years.

One highlight over the past year, was an overseas trip which was organised by Ray Fewings and Stephanie Paps.

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