

Scott Carpenter & Larry Mayne Winners Coober Pedy Open



Larry Mayne

Scott Carpenter

This is the first year the Carpenter & Mayne partnership has flown, and had their first major success in the SAHPA. The opportunity to fly in partnership came about when a property was on the market next door to Sharon & Scott's place, so in 2004 Larry & Chris were busy trying to move in before Christmas.

With no stock loft available, Larry had to put his birds into Scott's race loft, where most of these birds love mated.

The new stock loft was finished in March, so the stock birds in the race loft were moved to make room for the increasing number of babies – it was a hectic rush just before the start of the 2005 race season.

Scott & Larry had a successful year flying in the Para Club, taking out the Short Distance points, 2nd Middle Distance points, and equal 1st Long Distance points, and overall Club Champions. Also finishing 14th in the SAHPA points.

Larry commented at the end of the season that it is a lot different flying up at Gawler where you are on the fringes of the SAHPA boundaries than it is in the city. Firstly you definitely must have the right winds on the day to be competitive in the SAHPA. Secondly the falcons are more numerous in this area.

Our winning bird was down from a Van Loon cock mated to a Janssen Van Loon hen which came from Rob Wilson, Stan Fergusson & Fred Chadwick of WA. We must give credit to our second 2nd SAHPA Coober Pedy hen which landed with our winner; this hen was purchased at this year's sires produce sale and was bred by Gus Grunwald of the North Suburban Club.