

Peter Brumfield - Adelaide \$10,000 Winner - SA08 14403 BBH 137 Owners - 185 Birds - Roxby Downs - 500kms



Peter first started racing pigeons in 1974 from Hyde Park. A fishing mate (Frank Bishop) persuaded him to have a go and bred 12 pigeons for him to start racing. As it turned out, he won the first club race from Carrieton in his first year, and won the group and club points the second year. He also won 16th Booroorban in that second year. At the end of the third year he moved to Qld and gave up the pigeons until he was re-persuaded to start again in 2007.

He flies blue barred birds only and has been gifted all his birds from Greg Hodgins (his cousin) for this second go at racing pigeons.

He was a most surprised man to learn that he had won the Roxby Downs 'Adelaide \$10,000' for 1009.

Greg had suggested a certain pairing to use for the \$10,000 race and subsequently choose the single bird that Peter entered into the race. On the day of the race Peter was at home at Underdale and he received a phone call from a lady at the race day. Because he had a visit from his cousin Joyce the day before (as it was his birthday) and they had been talking about the race, when he received the call from the lady telling him that he had won the \$10,000 race from Roxby Downs, he just thought it was Joyce ringing to have a lend of him!

It wasn't until he was rung for the second time that he realised that maybe he had won. At that point, he rang Greg Hodgins (who was at the race day) and they celebrated over the phone!

Peter has been racing pigeons with the West Torrens club and reckons they are a great bunch of blokes, and wishes to thank them for all the assistance they provide to him to keep him racing pigeons (as Peter is not in the best of health).

Peter breeds from 12 pairs of breeders and races around 40 birds each year. The birds are chosen by Greg Hodgins for Peter to use. SA08 14403 BBPH has been gifted back to Greg for stock purposes. A full sister (SA08 14395 BBH) won the Carrieton club race and Peter reckons she will do well in 2010.

Sire of SA08 14403 BBPH is a straight Gaby Vandabeele (whose half brother placed SAHPA top 30 three times) and the dam is half Gaby Vandabeele, half Casaert. A half sister to the dam won 3rd SAHPA Coober Pedy, and another half sister was placed four times SAHPA top 30 for Greg. Grand parents are all imported Gaby and Casaert from Jack Vanderlinden.

Peter flies the birds around the loft for an hour a day and races hens and cocks separately. Hens follow cocks in the morning for loft flying. He feeds 50% peas, 50% wheat plus some small seed for variety. He always uses garlic in the water. No other additives are provided in water or on feed. The only medication provided is for pigeon pox and worms. All of his toss training is done on the SAHPA truck.

Peter is an enthusiastic racing pigeon man that will regretfully give up pigeon racing at the end of 2010 but will continue to enjoy their company and their loft activity.