

Greg Hamilton - Wilcannia Open - 27483 SA08 BBPH - 05 09 2009

159 Owners - 2453 Birds

SRC Long Distance Champion - (Cobar, Nyngan, Coober Pedy, Marla, Alice Springs)

SAHPA Joint Long Distance Champion (Marla, Nyngan)

Greg featured in 2008 as the SAHPA Aggregate winner and his last seven races in 2009 provided Greg with placings which enabled him to snatch 2nd Aggregate points in 2009.



SA 08 27483 BBPH - a GGG-daughter to SA93 31901 and the 'Morundah' hen - and related to 2nd and 3rd Wilcannia

His key results were 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Wilcannia, 5th Nyngan, 6th Coober Pedy, 8th Cobar, 9th Marla and 3rd Alice Springs - all of which (except Wilcannia) resulted in Greg winning the SRC Trophy for best Long Distance Flyer SRC as well as joint Marla/Nyngan winner SAHPA.

The Wilcannia/Alice Springs weekend racing was memorable because Greg used race rubbers and mechanical clock as the electronic club system had decided not to work while hampering for Alice Springs. He found that having to hand trap after being used to electronic trapping was quite eventful as the four landed together and after he managed to clock the first two he looked around and found that 3rd and 4th had wandered out of the loft and onto the landing section! He took another 40 seconds to get the other two clocked. Some 30 minutes later he also clocked his Alice bird so it was a hectic period.

Greg followed a similar training methodology

to that outlined in 2008, but was unable to get good early results. He put this down to faster initial racing and not enough work being put into the birds. Once they 'got going' they performed brilliantly. As in previous years he starts with two teams (the imports on the N/NW line and the Goodger/Webber/Pryor birds on the NE line).

1st, 2nd and 3rd Wilcannia were bred from the best of the Goodger Pryor bloodlines and the 4th Wilcannia from Pape/Webber bloodlines.

The pedigree of SA 08 27483 BBPH is filled with super pigeons - the 'Pt Lincoln' cock, Ref 'A' J Pryor, 'Power of One' hen, Ref 'D' J Pryor, the 'Morundah' hen, 'Lot 128' J Pryor and the 'Temora' hen. Greg likes to plan his race programme backwards from the longer races, set birds for particular races, and provide lead-up races that assist the plan.

He acknowledges that he sells a lot of 'good' pigeons to flyers in the SAHPA and that the only way he can keep an edge is to do the little things better and more often than anybody else. He reckons the edge is sharpened if by observation he can pick up something that assists the motivation of his birds on race day.

In 2009 he started with 120 birds, started the SAHPA races with 95, but reckons that 80 is the best number for his loft and method of flying.

BBPC SA 93 31901

"Champion Lot 128" John Pryor's sale.
Owned by Greg Hamilton
3/4 brother to "The Goldmine Cock"

Sire of 1st SAHPA Coleambally,
g-sire of 1st SAHPA Hamilton, 1st SAHPA
Adelaide \$10,000 race.
gg-sire of 1st SAHPA Benalla,
1st SAHPA Moulamein etc etc

