

**Dennis Shaw - SA04 38101 BBH - Cobar - 19 09 2009**

**107 Owners, 1162 Birds.**

**Vin Blanden Trophy - Bird of the Year 2009 - Slowest Winning Velocity.**



Full Brother to 2<sup>nd</sup> Adelaide \$10,000  
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BCH 6<sup>th</sup> Alice Springs 2007

Dennis races in the SAHPA as **Adelaide Race Lofts** and has been a fierce competitor for many years. He started racing in 1966 and after a couple of years won the SAHPA Young Bird Derby aggregate. He has twice placed second in the SAHPA Aggregate points ladder and in the last 5 years has gained aggregate points positions of 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

**SA04 38101 BBH** has been a magnificent racing hen for Dennis. In 2009 she gained 1<sup>st</sup> Cobar and 3<sup>rd</sup> Little Topar 10BS for SAHPA Bird of the Year. In previous years she had gained 5<sup>th</sup> SAHPA Coleambally and many other top 10 SAHPA placings. Many times she homed with other winning pigeons but was not clocked because the North Suburban club has a policy of clocking only one pigeon.

The sire of **SA04 38101 BBH** is from Dennis's mealy line (comprising a mix of Staff van Reet, Dordin, Busschaert and Van Wanroy). The dam was bred by Alan Blanchette and is from G Paterson/Venables lines. An offer from Sydney was made for **SA04 38101 BBH** which Dennis could not refuse.

Dennis breeds from 30 pairs of stock birds but uses his returned race birds for breeding.

Numbers of pairs in total can reach 75 pairings - some of which are used as feeders and some as test matings for future years. Race birds are loft flown for a minimum 1hr a day and flagged if necessary. Cocks and

hens are raced together until the cocks become a problem. Dennis also uses a breeding section (he clocks into this section) as a test for fitness of birds to back up for races early. Birds are confined to their sections for most of the week, but the breeding section is opened to all sections via a corridor from Tuesdays till hampering. Those birds that have raced recently but show keenness to 'play' in the breeding section are often raced sooner than the normal four week cycle. Excellent results have been obtained using this method.

Dennis uses a basic SA feeding mix of 2 parts peas, 1 part wheat plus about 10% maize. For training and some early races he adds up to 30% barley to the mix. All birds are fed barley on the day following racing.

Citric acid is provided in water when cold and humid, and Epsom salts are used as Dennis thinks necessary.

All youngsters are weaned in with the old birds (which comprise about 50 from the race season just completed). 2yo cocks are raced on a 2-4 week cycle depending on their fitness. Serious loft training starts around 6 weeks before racing, and toss training around 4 weeks before racing. Initial tosses start at 30kms and birds have weekend tossing to 120kms by the first race. Once racing starts a short toss (60kms) and a long toss (100kms) programme is started. This only changes for the long races when he may toss four out of seven days depending on his assessment of form and fitness. Race birds come home to Turbosole and triple-X for 24 hours. No other medication is provided.