

from. Best described as a good honest hen. Because of the Rota Virus in March I only bred two rounds of youngsters from my 14 pairs, mostly cocks. This pair managed to breed me four hens. This year 2017 we raced along the south east coast line for several reasons, but mainly to try not to spread the virus into Victoria. We did not go as far as normal only up to 400 kms. These four hens raced three times each in SAHPA races & gained eight SAHPA placings six in the top 10. In the club races they raced twice for equal 1st from Coonalpyn 2nd, 3rd, 4th, from Penola. On at least three occasions the four hens were on the landing board together. After the success of this pair I realised the dam of 335 another hen hardly used for breeding had bred me six top positions in SAHPA races. Her half sister (same dam) also double SAHPA placed hen has produced seven SAHPA placed birds. I suppose the chance 335 being a good breeder was not such a long shot after all. Its early days I know, but I think this might just be the best pair I have ever bred. One bird SA 16 08657 BBH is featured. I think her nest mate 08658 was at least her equal being 4th SAHPA in the 5 bird race from Mt Gambier, 1 second behind 57. 2nd open from Penola 3 seconds in front of 57. Equal 1st open from Coonalpyn with a loft mate, and 6th SAHPA Mt Gambier No 1.

Peter Roumeliotis

Mount Willoughby No. 2 as supplied by Lee Abbott



Peter's winning bch SA 16 11251 was clocked at 9:37am on Sunday after being released at 7 am on Saturday with SSE winds which were always going to test the birds. A velocity of 891.954mpm over 855 km is certainly a test of breeding and fitness. Peter also won the SAHPA Trophy for the slowest winning velocity.

His bch is from a mealy cock who is off a brother to the SAHPA Lyndhurst YBC winner of 2006 for Peter The grand dam is a mealy Busschaert Hen (she is also the grand mother of the cock that was 2nd SAHPA in the Mt Willoughby # 1 2017) The winners dam is a Busschaert

hen that was bought at Rod and Judy Billings sale.

Peter has built an impressive new loft since the last time I visited him in 2012. It now faces east and gets the morning sun, it has open door trapping and he uses the Tipes electronic clocking system. The old loft faced south into the southerly winds. Peter tries to keep his system simple, he feeds peas, wheat and maize with some small seed linseed, milo, safflower.

As Peter has his own business he has limited time to train his birds so he works them around the loft and usually likes to see between one hour to one and a quarter hours morning and night. Peter has changed his medication program over the last few years and now uses natural products more. Twice a week in the racing season he uses garlic in the water and grit and FVite in the loft he also puts pink powder on the feed with oil.

To finish a great year Peter also won the SALDC points. These points include SAHPA long races and Alice Springs and other SALDC long distance races.