

# Tim Fawcett and Geoff Jackson

By Tim Fawcett

"Gorby"

SA 15 24295 BCH

1st SAHPA Lyndhurst Open 2017

Leo Heremans



**GETTING STARTED:** Tim got started with pigeons with his Grandfather Ross Grivell. Raced them and about at the age of 7 he became interested and teamed up with him. Winning the first race was a thrill it took about 4 yrs of flying and then winning the SAHPA Juniors Champion in 1988 was a thrill for Tim personally.

**BLOODLINES:** Our early birds were from Dennis Shaw & Seychell sale and then we got birds from Ron Eitzen and Allen Goodger family birds. My current day birds are predominantly imported lines and I have had great success with the birds from top

fancier Leo Heremans over the past 5 years.

**THE WINNER:** My winner in the Lyndhurst Open in 2017 is SA 15 24295 BCH. She is very well bred being from my direct imported cock "Angus" who is a grandson of the world famous Nieuwe Olympiade owned by H & E J Eijerkamp. Her dam is from Ponderosa Australia bred from top producer Olympus & Kirsty. She is 100% Leo Heremans and was always an honest race hen, the first time I clocked her was when she won.

**ON THE ASSOC.:** Having spent 3 yrs recently on the SAHPA COM this is a difficult one, a bit of both-I don't think you can drop the ball on junior flyers as they usually have a connection with a flyer and will often take it up later in life. I think we need to target billboard advertising, community groups such as the Chinese community ie: attending fairs/festivals that ethnic groups hold with a display as there is often a connection. It has become more difficult with sizes of yards, peoples lifestyles etc but you have to keep trying to maintain numbers. Retired fanciers can spend more time with birds and being able to take out for training when weather is inclement etc but you don't use that as an excuse if they beat you.

**ASSISTANCE:** My wife Lindsey is a fantastic support to me with racing and general assistance she is a gem. My son helps a bit with opening and closing doors and my partner Geoff Jackson lives in Melbourne he's an ex Adelaide boy. Greg Hamilton is a very dear friend of mine and has been for a number of years, I always listen to Greg and take his advice and I always listen to top fanciers that beat me regularly flying in Metro club with the likes of Jim Marafioti who has offered support also over the years and Alan Cook, Greg Kakoschke etc creates a good competitive but supportive environment they are a great bunch of guys to race with.

**LOFT POSITION:** It is important but not the be all and end all, I think you have to have everything in your favour on the day ie: wind strength & direction but if your birds aren't 100% fit and healthy you won't win no matter where you live.

**IDEAS:** Adding a prize money subsidy onto the prepaid as I think when you win now you get nothing and back when racing was going well you at least got reward for effort, it just helps out guys who are struggling to justify to keep racing to family etc..