

SAHPA YEAR BOOK 2018



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JUNIORS:

Overall Points Winners and points of the 2018 Doug Searle Shield:

 1^{st} - Lucas Yang 21 points. 2^{nd} - Thomas and Henry Tirrell 16 points. 3^{rd} - Lorenzo Aquilina 15 points. 4^{th} - Hugh Mahney 11 points. 5^{th} - Fawcett Kids 11 points.

JUNIORS RACE WINNERS: Hawker No. 1 – Lucas Yang (SA17 13385 bbph). Bookaloo No. 2
 Lucas Yang (SA17 05493 bbh). Parachila – Lucas Yang (SA17 05416 bbc). Glendambo YBC
 Lorenzo Aquilina (SA17 06976 slath). The Twins – Hugh Mahney (LM17 0582 bcc)



TROPHY WINNERS 2018

Racepoint

Glendambo YBC Hamilton SAD Lyndhurst Open Hamilton Open Hamilton 5 Bird Special The Twins Open The Twins 5 Bird

Terang Coober Pedy Challenge Holbrook Longest East

The Twins Tribute Benalla Green Classic

Special Events

Terang Sires Produce Alice Springs Terang Cock Special

Benalla Border Village Junior Flyer Awards

Points Marla & Holbrook Terang Sires

Ace Pigeon Young Bird Ace Pigeon Old Bird

5 Bird Pool Points Slowest Win Vel. Holbrook

First Cock Alice Springs

Bird Of The Year (certificate) Most Outstanding Perf

SDC Points Winner North Line Points Winner

East Line Points Winner Premier Club (certificate)

S A Champ. Long Distance Aggregate Points Winner

Junior Flyer Awards **East Line Points**

North Line Points

Winner

Andrewartha & March

V Curea B Donovan

K & W Markou Hamilton Racing

J Vanderlinden

G Rayment

Cook & Edwards

G & B Clare G & I Cumminas

Hamilton Racing

R & S Chapman

Group 1 Lofts Warrnambool PC B Mvers & B Markou

SAHPA J Harper G Cawte J Harper

Donor

Warrnambool PC

Phil Squire

Newland Cup G Cawte

P Burke G Harris

Harris & Duits

R & D Somerville Hinkler Lofts

A Fllul & Son

C May

Lucas Yang C. Tunbridge

Harris & Duits Cook & Edwards

N Stojakovic

N Stojakovic G & I Cummings

P Squire

Hamilton Racing Hamilton Racing

Cook & Edwards Hamilton Racing

N Stoiakovic

Metropolitan Club Adelaide Race Lofts

Hamilton Racing Lucas Yang

N. Stojakovic Hamilton Racing Ken Pridham Memorial John Prvor Mem. V Curea

SALDC

Vin Blanden G Harris

Seasue Lofts Tim Fawcett Warrnambool PC Pridham Memorial

Certificate Certificate

Warrnambool PC

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F.M Fraser Warrnambool

Healy Markou Myers

SAHPA

Warrnambool PC Warrnambool PC

Andrew Muirhead Shield

Seasue Lofts R Horrocks Trophy

Tim Fawcett Warrnambool PC

Warrnambool PC

Chairman's Report - 2018

It was pleasing to return to a full season in 2018 after a cut down season in 2017 due to the Rotavirus outbreak. The virus appeared to have less impact on lofts this year but we still look forward to having a vaccine available before next season.

Greg Hamilton had a great season winning the Aggregate Points with Nenad Stojakovic finishing second, Cook and Edwards finishing third. Cook and Edwards also won the Short Distance points for the fourth year in a row.

At the Annual General Meeting, we inducted four new names on to the "Wall of Fame", they were the late Brian Healy for his many years of service to the sport as Race Liberator and Ring Secretary. We mounted a photo of Brian and his lovely wife Irene as they were a great team. Greg Hamilton and Jim Marafiote were also inducted as champion flyers,



having won the aggregate points multiple times and also having served the organisation on the SAHPA Management Committee. I was also very moved and felt quite humble to be inducted, we are all very privileged to be on the wall with great names of our sport in SA, Keith Wickham, Vin Blanden, Doug Green,

Grant Paterson, Fin Fraser, R Eitzen, C. Neilsen, W. Smallacombe, Stuart Gregerson, Allen Goodger, John Pryor, Roy Dangerfield, Ivan Wareing, Bing Moyle, Terry Castle, Peter Millay, Doug Searle and Ray Fullgrabe.

At the annual presentation we also awarded Geoff Rayment the Grant Paterson award for outstanding service to the SAHPA. Geoff was instrumental in organising the West Line race series in 2018 and often transported birds at his own cost. This mid week series is available for flyers to race birds on the West line to Ceduna. We held five races in 2018. Previous winners of the Grant Paterson award are Perry Burton, Brian Mahomet and in 2017 Don Schwarz for his service running one of the SAHPA Training Units over many years.

I wish to thank the SAHPA Committee of Management for the large commitment they have given to running the SAHPA, John Harper General Secretary, Paul Springett Vice Chair, Phil Squire, David Thalbourne, Nenad Stojakovic and Peter Burke, plus Tim Fawcett who was on the committee January through to March. Paul and David are retiring from the committee at our AGM March 2019. I wish to thank them for their service and without Paul we would not have the Geraldy Race unit, so we owe him a great deal of respect. David has given a lot to the sport and was recognised for his time as Chairman for more than a decade when being awarded Life Membership back in 2016.

The Treasurer's report shows that we have made a small profit of \$5,359, mainly because we raised \$5,949 from the Top 30 Aggregate points auction and we must thank all the flyers that donated birds and Tim Fawcett for providing his website for no cost to the SAHPA.

I also thank Greg Kakoschke for taking on the Chairmanship of the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board ANRPB. David Thalbourne has been the state representative on the board and in 2019 Phil Squire will be taking over the role as state representative.

I am really looking forward to the 2019 season and working with the new committee to do our best to break even financially and keep costs down.

Yours in Sport, Gavin Harris SAHPA - Chairperson



POINTS TABLE FOR 2018

	Rac	Rac	Rac	Rac	Rac	Rac	Rac	Rac	Rac	Rac	Rac	Rac	OVER	ALL	NORT	Н	EAST	
Name	YBC	HAM	LYN	SAD	5HA	TWI	5TW	TER	C00	HOL	TT2	BEN	TOT.	POS.	TOT.	POS.	TOT.	POS
HAMILTON RACING	28	21	23	21	30	29	29	29	20	9	30	21	290	1	159	1	131	3
STOJAKOVIC N	27	29	26	24	14	17	0	22	14	21	24	28	246	2	108	4	138	1
COOK A & EDWARD	0	0	15	19	26	28	20	30	23	7	26	29	223	3	112	3	111	4
MARAFIOTE J	0	25	13	20	0	27	13	15	26	19	25	26	209	4	104	5	105	5
HORROCKS & SEIBO	0	0	29	12	10	10	7	18	18	28	27	8	167	5	91	6	76	11
CHAPMAN R & S	0	24	0	28	29	0	0	26	0	0	0	30	137	6	0	90	137	2
HAMILTON C	23	0	27	13	0	26	14	0	28	0	0	0	131	7	118	2	13	56
DeVRIES H	0	0	14	0	20	13	23	0	0	0	29	27	126	8	79	7	47	21
DIMELLA F	29	0	0	25	23	6	0	20	22	0	0	1	126	9	57	12	69	15
BURTON P	12	0	0	2	27	8	11	28	6	0	13	17	124	10	50	15	74	14
WATSON & DURRAN	0	19	28	0	18	0	0	0	0	2	28	24	119	11	56	13	63	17
STENCEL K & H	0	0	9	27	28	0	0	0	0	0	20	25	109	12	29	32	80	10
CUREA V	0	13	0	30	11	25	2	27	0	0	0	0	108	13	27	37	81	9
RAYMENT G	0	10	0	0	0	15	30	2	0	25	23	0	105	14	68	10	37	26
KAKOSCHKE G	0	18	0	0	0	20	- 1	19	0	20	8	18	104	15	29	33	75	13
TSONIS G	0	16	0	0	25	0	0	12	13	29	5	0	100	16	18	54	82	8
THALBOURNE D & S	21	23	22	0	0	11	0	0	21	0	0	0	98	17	75	8	23	42
HARRIS A	22	0	0	29	24	0	0	9	0	14	0	0	98	18	22	44	76	12
HINKLER LOFTS	0	12	0	23	22	0	0	23	0	0	0	15	95	19	0	91	95	6
MARKOU K & W	0	30	0	18	17	0	0	0	0	10	0	19	94	20	0	92	94	7
DONOVAN B	0	8	30	17	0	0	8	25	0	0	0	0	88	21	38	26	50	19
TUNBRIDGE C	0	6	11	10	0	3	0	0	24	24	3	0	81	22	41	21	40	25
ABBOTT & SON L	4	2	19	0	0	0	0	14	0	16	17	9	81	23	40	24	41	23
ALBANOS N & M	0	14	0	0	0	19	12	0	0	23	10	0	78	24	41	22	37	27
VANDERLINDEN J	6	0	10	0	0	30	0	0	25	0	0	0	71	25	71	9	0	74
MOLCHANOFF M	0	1	16	26	0	24	0	0	0	0	4	0	71	26	44	17	27	36
ADEL RACE LOFTS	0	0	0	9	- 1	4	4	0	9	26	0	16	69	27	17	59	52	18
GRIFFITH W & M	2	0	17	0	0	21	25	0	0	0	0	0	65	28	65	11	0	75
WORTLEY P	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	21	0	27	0	4	65	29	0	93	65	16
VRANEK P	26	0	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	8	16	0	64	30	56	14	8	61
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LONG DISTANCE POINTS

MEMBER	CLUB	Alice Springs	Coober Pedy	Holbrook	Benalla	Border Village	TOTAL	POS.
ADEL RACE LOFTS	NOSUB	29	18	28	25	25	125	1
HORROCKS & SEIBOTH	PARAH	25	24	29	19	24	121	2
TSONIS G	METRO	23	21	30	6	23	103	3
MAGRO F & G	SDIST		19	22	21	28	90	4
BURTON P	PARAH	17	16		26	22	81	5
KAKOSCHKE G	METRO	28	2	24	27		81	5
ABBOTT &Son L	SDIST		9	21	20	29	79	7
MARAFIOTE J	METRO		27	23	29		79	7
STOJAKOVIC N	NOSUB		22	25	30		77	9
RAYMENT G	METRO	13		27	16	19	75	10

SAHPA Pigeon Awards 2018: The Bird of the Year is SA 16 06786 BBH raced by Greg Hamilton 2nd SAHPA The Twins and 3rd The Twins 5b Special.

The Ace Pigeon Awards category: Young Bird. 1st SA 17 06616 BBH Cook & Edwards. 2nd SA 17 07511 BBH F DiMella. 3rd SA 17 11330 BCH R & S Chapman. 4th SA 17 13561 BCH Hamilton Racing

Category Old Bird: SA 16 18853 BBPH N Stojakovic

SAHPA PRESENTATION 2018

















1 – Junior winner. 2 – Yang and Gao. 3 – Mr and Mrs Rayment. 4 – G. & B. Clare. 5 – Ross Chapman and Gavin Harris. 6. – Harris, Duits, Harper. 7. – Mr. And Mrs. Kakoschke. 8. Greg Hamilton and wife.

YBC 2018 Bronte Andrewartha



The 2018 Young Bird Derby was originally going to be from Lyndhurst 552 km straight north of the Andrewartha lofts. Strong N/West winds were forecast and the release committee decided to change the race point to Glendambo to ensure the safety of the conveyed birds. Leading up to the race a blue bar hen LM 17 0512 had only two races. The first race, being Bookaloo 388 kms taking 5 hrs 43 minutes to complete the course. The 2nd race was from Hawker 374 kms and taking 3 hrs 52 minutes (6 minutes behind his clock bird which was the 1st place). Her next start was from the Glendambo YBC.

There were 134 flyers and 2,674 birds entered into the Glendambo YBC. The hen

came straight from the north, did a half circle and into the clock. I'm very happy and surprised to get one so early. My mate, Don King was at the Adelaide Pigeon Club One Loft Race, which is about 45 kms shorter than my loft. Around 300 pigeons were released for this event with the SAHPA Glendambo birds. Don had not called me from there to let me know the birds were around, so when I got one before the call, and he was 45 km shorter, it was a shock. I can only think it must have crossed the water. I have no idea if it did or did not, all I know is the bird did a fantastic job.

The pigeon breeding is a Koopman / Hereman, bred by my racing partner, Warren March's Seasue Lofts pigeon stud. Since 2015 Warren has bred about 50/60 pigeons every year, it is supposed to be 30. This year the batch were mainly Koopmans, Heremans / Ceusters and Gabbys.

BBH LM 17 0512 did a great job doing 2106 mpm and taking 4 hrs 17minutes whilst still having to drop both 9th and 10th flights. That speed is approx. 125 kph or 78 mph. This was my first ever SAHPA blow home win, but it still feels the same as the other long distance events did, I was just as excited!

I have never had speed pigeons before the connection with Warren and I had to learn not to treat them or feed them like my Goodger/Metcalfs, Eitzens and Dangerfields. I trained them separately, which takes a bit more work to hamper the Aussie birds up, and then the Euros completely separately as I didn't want to slow Warren's birds down, nor wreck my Aussies into trying to keep up. Conversely, there is no point in forcing distance birds to try to compete at a gait which was far too fast for their normal pace.

For three seasons I absolutely ruined my speed teams, as I elected to feed and train them the same way I did successfully with the old bloodlines that I have flown for years. I remember, with some shame that year, after year I blew them away very quickly by using my long distance methods, which simply did not help them one little bit to perform to their optimum potential.

When I won Alice, I had for next 6 months people telling me how to feed and train them to win such a race.



A sample of the Skyleader tracking system

Leading up to the Young Bird Derby my birds are trained every Saturday with friends Tom and Troy Tirrell, the distance being about 135 kms in a northerly direction. Tom had purchased some Skyleader trackers and offered to put one on one of my pigeons. I was intrigued after viewing the print out of the test tracking and asked Tom to order some for my use. I wanted to teach the birds to cross the water. Tom would take the birds further inland so they could get a

run before reaching the coast. As you will see with the trackers the Saturday before the Young Bird Derby, the birds did just over 93 kms across the water. The Saturday of the race we did train from the usual place. Tom released the birds 7.45 a.m. first batch arriving 8.56 a.m. doing about 117 kmph, and with that knowledge, I calculated I would have a good time if I get a pigeon before 12.30 p.m. from the race, based on the knowledge that there was a 10 kmph NN West wind which was strengthening on the way home."

I separated the team I had picked out and locked them down for two days to freshen them up. I also changed the feed from Tuesday night until Thursday night hampering. I removed all peas so that my mixture for this was equal parts of corn, safflower, sorghum, wheat and a half a tin of canola. Now, remember what I said about ruining all of Warren's birds for three seasons before I caught on that something had to be altered in my regiment around the lofts?

I'll spell it out, the sprint and long distance birds never exercised around the box, trained or were fed the same. Each team was completely independent of the other and NEVER mixed. I train two complete teams for two completely different race courses and follow the horses for courses theory and treat them completely as separate entities.

By using the winds and gradually taking the birds further around St Vincent Gulf in the right conditions, I ensured they no longer feared the water and crossed with ease.

As a prime example of the superior flight data obtained, check out the SAHPA 2018 Ceduna release tracker link to indicate the data that Skyleader calculated on my tagged bird for that particular race, it is absolutely amazing technology and will revolutionize the training concepts in the future. You must put the tags on your best birds to get an accurate idea of what is happening, but you can be sure you won't clock them with the tag on, it may be the weight or something to do with the chip, I don't know." https://skyleader.com.tw/share/20180815BYI0UC

I thought I would test the trackers and I sent 10 pigeons to a 54 km training toss. They were released at 12.23 p.m. and I got nine together at 13.08.23 p.m. The tracker bird, one of my best sprinters was timed in at 13.09.32. That is 1 minute 9 seconds behind and I am convinced they definitely slow down the birds that have to carry trackers. It is interesting to note the way they deviate from the line, and I assume falcons have a go at them causing this straying off the line of fliaht.

Colin Tunbridge - small team flyer



1st Marla 956.307 km 1306.435 SA15 12652 RCH – 2016 2nd Lyndhurst YBC 496.357 km 1641.664 SA16 09011 – 2017 7TH Holbrook 823.681 km 792.120 SA15 12659 – 2018 10th Coober Pedy 740.238 km 2110.863 SA17 13866 BCH - 2018 Colin has been racing pigeons for close to 30 years. He has always wanted to be a small team flyer and his loft only accommodates up to 70 pigeons. Successes over the years

include 1st Marla (only bird clocked on the night) and 2nd YBC and quite a few other good placings. He thinks some flyers carry too many pigeons and are relying on numbers instead of good, fit and healthy pigeons. He would like to see the limit dropped to 20 birds. Once numbers are cut they would get used to it and get better healthy birds and also save themselves a lot of money.

FEEDING: Feed mix is mainly a commercial pigeon mix from a fodder store, however he adds what he feels is necessary for example safflower and corn. He would boost the daily mix by around an extra percentage as he feels needed. His extra additives include ACV, flaxseed oil put on the feed and maybe a sprinkling of magnesium especially as the races get longer and harder. Feed is morning and night and the birds are not kept hungry. Will use Turbosole and DoxyT because he likes to guard against canker and any respiratory problems that can be picked up on the training unit. Worming is twice a year usually pre-racing and around derby time

AROUND THE LOFT: Birds let out morning and night. Night flight is usually around 4.30 or 5 o'clock and sometimes this results in a few nights out especially early in the season but they soon become accustomed to getting in before dark. The loft is wood lined and has sawdust on the floor. Cleaning is as necessary and the sawdust is lightly sieved and then replaced.

TRAINING and RACING: Usually on the Assoc. truck but some tossing on his own around Nurioopta and that area back to Hillbank. Often two tosses a week and sometimes more early on. Tossing for selected young birds over the hills as with the older birds too. Prefers north line but youngsters go east only when they have had a couple of north races. Birds will fly right through the year. He says he prefers hens to race but the records show he does equally well with both.

BLOODLINES and BREEDING: Performance based. He likes a family to perform well so will concentrate on those when they perform. Has Gabbys which originated from JVL via Alan Agar. Not keen on breeding as a task but does breed some on the floor of the race loft as these youngsters seem to do well. They are from his old bloodline which he likes to keep going. Originally Stef Van Reet and Eitzen. He has also done well with birds from various flyers around the area..

Ross Chapman's Record Breaking Suzie Q



By John Hofman

In the SAHPA penultimate race of the 2018 season from Benalla (Vic) 795 birds representing 67 owners were released at 5.30 am on Saturday 6th October with a light southerly wind and a blue sky. Light variable winds were experienced at first and then changing to northerly for a large part of the journey and finishing off into a fresh SW-W wind for perhaps the last 3 hours or so of the race. I rang Ross around 3.30 pm that afternoon to see if he had clocked as that was the time I thought the leading birds may have arrived home. He hadn't seen anything up until then and I remarked that he would need to have one by 4 pm to be somewhere around the mark. I spoke to Terry Underdown a couple of days later he also thought

that 3.30 pm would have been about the time they should have been arriving but obviously the fresh westerly wind at the home end slowed them down considerably. I said to Ross, give me a call back when you clock. He rang back at 4.39 to tell me that he had clocked at 4.37 pm. Ross had no idea how his time compared with other members but feared he would be somewhat behind, partly due to the fact that I thought the birds would have been home earlier and partly because the bird he clocked was not one of his "stars" as in previous races she had been a consistent homer but was always a little way back behind the leading arrivals to the loft. It turned out that Ross topped the Federation with the pigeon he later called Suzie Q. Not only did he win it in a style but he did something I have never seen done in the SAHPA before in an on-the-day race. Ross' loft is the longest marker on the South East line (707 km) into Adelaide yet Suzie Q arrived home 15 and a half minutes ahead of the second placed bird flown by Cook & Edwards whose loft is nearly 12.5 km shorter. I would say that this was the best performance by a single bird in an on-the-day race, possibly ever, into Adelaide. In fact I would rate this performance right up there with Alf and Michael Vella's "Home Alone" who several years ago was the only bird home on the day in the VHA from Carrieton (840 Km) with quite a bit of daylight to spare.

I have just received a number of pedigrees of birds that feature in the bloodlines of Suzie Q. We will look at her sire's side at first. There are quite a cosmopolitan mixture of strains in the background including Silver Shadow Van Loon (Silver Mirage bred by Desira), Lucifer & Lucinda Van Loon lines bred by Hofman & Dave Allen (GB) Van Loon via Steven Brown of Melbourne. There is also Janssen via W. Verco's "Silver Pair" which originate from R. Wilson's "Golden Pair" x a descendant of S. Ferguson's noted imported Janssen hen. We will also find a dash of Smeulders Janssen i.e., "The Generaal" via Reg Muller, DeWeerdt via G. Vella (Melbourne) and Huysken's Van Riel, a sister to W. Verco's SAHPA Nyngan winner. Ross purchased Peter Matthews (Port Adelaide) number 1 stock pair which produced him numerous winners in his early days of racing and there is a smidgen of that blood in there plus a bit of what he calls his "Old Port Blood" which is made

up of a combination of pigeons he got in his early days in the sport from Gertig, Hofman, Underdown, & D. Jackson, among others. There is also a bit of Eijerkamp's own racing blood present that they simply described as Eijerkamp's. They came out in the very first shipment in 1990. There are a number of SAHPA winners & many, many high SAHPA placings amongst the above lot and it is obvious that performance rather than bloodlines were the criteria for breeding. On the dam's side it is much more straight forward. Both grandparents of the dam of Suzie Q were bred by Allen Limeburner of Newcastle, NSW. They appear to be mainly Vandenabeele, or Gabby's as the Australian fanciers prefer to call them. These Gabby's were purchased by Limeburner direct from Jack Vander Linden of Adelaide. One of the pigeons is "Little Boy" who was purchased by JVL at the Lu Bros. auction in Melbourne many years ago. The rest of the pigeons in the pedigrees are pigeons bred down by JVL from his Gabby imports. There is no doubt much more line breeding has been carried out in the production of these pigeons and they have been responsible for many winners here in both Adelaide & elsewhere in Australia.



Where did the long distance and hard day lines come from which this pigeon drew upon to produce such a performance? Possibly not the Gabbys as Ross has found them, generally, much better suited to the easier short and middle distance races on either line of flight. Ross has had some brilliant results in these events and they along with the Janssen & Silver Shadow Van Loons have contributed to the speed. There is little doubt that the Peter Matthews of Port Adelaide lines were excellent long distance pigeons as were the "Old Port Blood". The Huyskens Van Riel pigeons were also noted hard day long distance pigeons as were the De Weert's that

once upon a time found their way into Melbourne. Nothing should be taken away in this regard from the Lucifer x Lucinda Van Loon lines. A number of flyers including Phil Jacobs, Wayne Griffiths and Greg Hamilton have all scored top SAHPA placings in difficult middle to long distance races with pigeons containing at least some of these lines. Numerous interstate flyers have also scored well with these pigeons. One in particular of note is Vince Canizzo of Melbourne. It is also interesting to think that the Silver Shadow lines in Suzie Q, albeit somewhat small, may have contributed in some small way to her success as she is distantly related to Vella's "Home Alone" as mentioned above and Des Evan's "Silver Breakaway", 1st SAHPA Lyndhurst Derby. She beat the second bird by six seconds, whose loft was 15 km to the east with the wind blowing from the west. These breakaway traits can be attributed to the Silver Shadow Van Loons although the last two mentioned birds had much more Silver Shadow lines in them than "Suzie Q".

To sum it up Suzie Q is a mixture of many, many different bloodlines on her sires side and predominantly Gabbys on her dam's side. Whenever there is an argument between those for and against inbreeding and outcrossing, as far as Suzie Q is concerned, those who favour outcrossing would win hands down.

RUSSELL SOMERVILLE

Supplied by Russell

Williamstown member (Barossa Valley RPC Inc.)



I have kept pigeons since 1962. Started with show fantails then moved into race birds in 1964. I have raced at my current location since 1986. My birds are based completely around performance at the distance events. My main family is really a blend of old Aussie families over many years to form my own family of birds. These are a base of Goodger, G. Patterson, B. Donovan, Pryor, Peddy Barker, Cunningham and recently Verco from my late good friend Jurgen Ewendt.

I have one of each Rutz, Brockhamp and John Ellis birds as imports to blend in but only on a small basis.

I have won officially four SAHPA races -Canberra 950 km, Madura Pass (WA) 1148 km, Glendambo Open 505 km and Alice

Springs 1309 km. Unofficially I have had the 1st Assoc Bathurst 1000 km one day out of race time with a young hen pooled in every pool in the race and 2nd Assoc Nundroo 700 km when my relatives told me they had been trying to get the bird in for 5 min before telling me and beaten by 8 secs by Roy Dangerfield.

I have been successful in homing many birds in the top 10 from all the long distance points from Madura Pass in the west, Alice Springs in the north, Bathurst



in the east and from Devonport (Tas.) in the south.

My family of birds have to be tough to be able to survive living in the middle of three National Parks and three State forests but they will fly through a brick wall to get home.

Year 2018 saw the result that I had been trying to achieve for a long time in winning the SAHPA LDC Alice Springs with a 2 year old Black Pied hen (Black Onyx). This wonderful hen is incredibly brainy and full of determination. She has 10 SAHPA wins in her pedigree all at between 700 to 1320km. She was set as a baby in 2017 for Alice Springs 2018. She finished 2017 season with Coober Pedy. In preparing her with the Alice team she had all the Westline races in the

midweek series 2018. After completing Ceduna she was rested for a week then tossed every 2 or 3rd day with the other four candidates from Two Wells, Lower Light and Dublin sometimes only two birds, sometimes three. This was done at various times of the day and a couple of times in the hottest part of the day around 28 deg. The clock recorded her as being the first bird into the loft every toss. The last toss was on the Sunday before the Tuesday hampering. The critical thing with long distance racing is to have a bird completely comfortable with flying in a very small group or on their own for possibly hundreds of kilometres. I homed three of the five entered.

The food preparation for the long events is as much as they want to eat. They want to train for one to 1.5 hrs and disappear for most of that time. I have never flagged my birds. I feed peas (60), wheat (20), maize (20) and sometimes a handful of sorghum. I used a Vit B in the water for the first time and they have pots of Magnetite, sulphur, grit and Rawleighs Stock powder available to them if they want it. Some years I never have to fill them up, other years they go through it.

I'm humbled to have my name on the Alice Springs trophy along with the quality of flyers represented on it. I'm also humbled that my little family of birds will try their heart out to get back to their home.

I'm not a big believer in medicines. If a bird gets sick it must be able to recover on its own. If it doesn't show signs of recovery within a short period of time I assist nature in its process.



This year I have had 18 pair of stock birds and will start the season with around 90 birds which will be five less than last year. I keep my fingers crossed that the resident falcons find some other restaurant to eat at.

Our Association, as we move forward, has the opportunity to expand but needs to think outside the square and allow the members who currently reside just outside the boundaries to become part of the main competition.

Many years ago there were various degrees of competition which over the years have combined. It is now appropriate to allow more people to be part of the Association. We all need to remember that the basics of why we keep racing pigeons is the same for all of us and to allow an open competition in one body will benefit the sport overall.

Best wishes for a successful season to all members.

BILL MARKOU

As told to Peter Burke

Winner of The Hamilton Open 20/08/2019 97 owners and 1597 birds



History: Bill started in 1980 flying with the West Torrens Club in partnership with his brother Kos, and together they have won four SAHPA races. On his own Bill has won the Sires Produce but this is his first SAHPA win. Bill has always raced his birds from the family home at Fulham where his brother Kos resides next door, and probably keeps a watchful eye on things, although Kos says he's retired from the sport. Bill works most afternoons so most of his work with the birds is done in the mornings.

Training: Tossing his team of birds starts in a northerly direction and then they go over the Hills. Bill teams up with Richard Yeoll and they have a tossing program which suits a number of other flyers who all go along to train for the east line. In recent times Bill has only raced the east line as he believes it suits his pigeons and he has had his fair share of success on that line. Bill states they get plenty of east tossing.

Feeding: Feed for his pigeons is always sent away to Dr Marshall and tested before it's purchased. He starts off his youngsters with 50/50 peas and wheat mix with a little small seed added when moulting and no barley in this loft. Once the birds are working around the loft he changes their feed to 30% peas, 45% wheat, and the rest is made up of his own small seed mix.



Vitamins: Bill, like many flyers likes to keep his birds in top form, and when asked what additives do you give them? Bill replied I give them 11 in 1 made by Aviform. He puts it on the feed and on the Sundays after a race and sprinkles a little Protexin on the wetted feed to help with their recovery. The birds also have an unlimited supply of Rawleighs stock powder for them to have a peck at when they want.

Family of Pigeons: Bill like his brother Kos, has always kept a family of birds with the base being the Nelson / Marchant pigeons, and they are good honest hard day birds. In recent years

Bill has been on the lookout for a good cross to go into the family, to regenerate the vigour needed with inbred families. It can be noticed with the pedigree of his 2018 Hamilton winner, with the Hocking cock and Wayne & Cheryl Myer's bird on the sire's side. Any stock birds that don't produce results in a two-year period are quickly discarded.

SA 13 14564 BCPC Bred By W & C Myers

SA 16 05413BCH 1⁵¹ SAHPA Hamilton Open 12/08/2018

SA 14 20971 BCH 2nd SAHPA Moulemein

The Parents of this hen have produced 4 SAHPA placings

SA 09 04044 BCC

Lot 1 in W & C Myers Sale Catalogue Bred for stock, direct son of top racer and breeder Hampstead Bird of the Year cock. Top Pryor lines. Sire of 20th SAHPA Temora 820 km

SA 04 35222 BBH

35222 BBH bred by Keith Bowen top hen-G/dam of G Hodgins 1 st & 2nd Alice Springs

SA 10 20190 BCC

"THE HOCKING COCK" Gaby / Pryor

SA 11 16924 BBH Nelson Bloodlines Ideas on our sport: With the decline of flyer numbers in our sport Bill feels we should look at flying one line over a three year period, and keep to a fifteen week season. Starting at the beginning of June we would be finished by mid-September before it gets too warm. The one line racing would keep everyone on the same page, and we could start the first year on the North to North West line, then the second year move to the North East line, and then in the third year move to the South

Congratulations Bill, you have set the standards high for the rest of the West Torrens members.

Phil Squire

East line.

Central Districts Racing Pigeon Club

7 th Alice Springs SA15 26123 bch. Sire: SA14 17624 Rutz. G/sire GBJ 13 11315 x GBJ 12 00424. Dam: SA13 34285. Dam of 1st club Lameroo and 34th LDC Alice Springs.

18 th Alice Springs SA15 26207 bcc. First cock bird Alice Springs Award. Sire SA13 34158 Cooper Deweerdt off LM11 2418 – sire of 6th club and 9th Group Coober Pedy and 35th SAHPA Marla. Dam: SA13 34209 – Goodger. G/sire Sa06 07877 Goodger x SA09 00199.

24 th Alice Springs SA15 26121 bbc. Sire: SA14 17624 x SA13 34285.

Note: 7th and 24th brother and sister.

Lead up races 2016 Hawker, Lyndhurst YBC, Coober Pedy

2017 Did not race - Rota.

2018 Carrieton, Keith, Poochera, Lyndhurst Open, Alice Springs.



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DENNIS SHAW

Alice Springs result: Note: Dennis sent one pigeon only.

	Name	Velocity	Distance	Ring No	Col	Fly	Tape
1	SOMERVILLE	1135.650	1309.594	05609 SA16	BLKPH	19:13:10	13:51:10
2	ARL	1115.221	1319.121	22275 SA14	BBH	19:42:50	14:20:50



HISTORY: Started around 1965 flying in the East Suburban Club. Flew with the likes of Harshegvi, Colin Hawke, Charlie Mills. 43 members in that club. They used to hamper in Payneham. Over the years he moved north to Salisbury for a while, Paralowie and now at Clearview with the North Suburban Club. He remembers winning Cobar by 2 hours in around 2005. It was his second major win. Scored a first, third and fifth in the Assoc. probably with 400 members. That's the mealy family which he still has. That hen was sold to Pedavoli for good money. People that helped when starting include Harshegyi. Henry Ford, Keith Wickham and for birds in later times Alan Blanchette and John Cock.

BREEDING: Dennis is a bit different, he started breeding this season in May with one pair and from the first three rounds they have already been bred from! Has bred around 100 and also has around 30 from Alan Blanchette.

BLOODLINES: Include mealy family (with is Staf Van Reet, Dordin, Buschaert), Janssen, Pair 13 from Hofman, Gabby from Ken Waters, Smeulders Janssen from John Cock. Best performers have been the mealy family.

FEEDING: Feeds mainly peas on the hopper and wheat, saff, milo (3 times a day) when breeding. During training and racing peas, wheat, milo, saff, millett and maize. Roughly even percentages. In the race season in the morning they get one ounce of main mix and barley is on the hopper. In the evening the barley is taken out and no more feed allowed.

TRAINING: Is once a day in the morning, need to fly 50 mins to an hour. Forced only if needed. Tossing is Saturday across the water with someone else. And then on Sunday with the unit and if needed, mid-week.

MEDICATIONS: Turbosole, Triple X, Sulphur AVS, ACV and citric. No sprinkles on food, no vitiamins.

IN GENERAL: Pigeons are individuals and you have to get to know them. As long as they are keen to work and have a bright eye is an indication of form. Not interested in vent or down the throat. A yes to eye-sign. Same color on outside of eye as the pupil indicates a good pigeon to Dennis.

A concern to him is where we are going with the sport. It's dying because members are not re-generating. Most members are over 60 or 70 and mainly pensioners and this is a worry. What's for the future? Members are dwindling and the cost will go up. Promotion is difficult.



ALICE SPRINGS 2018:

The selection basis is on how a pigeon bounces back - always handles pigeon next day to see how they recover. This hen was always around the mark, always did well on tough races (mealy family with Smeulders Janssen). Had about four south-east races and two north races and one toss in the fortnight before Alice but was always doing the hour every day. Feed was kept the same. Has only ever

sent one pigeon a year to Alice for the last six years and has never lost a pigeon. On same day he clocked her half brother from cock's special and he ran fifth in the Assoc. It's in the blood. They are individuals though and need to be looked at that way. Won the LDC points this year with minimal pigeons. Finished fifth in Holbrook – and that pigeon flew Terang two weeks before and came home on the 2nd day at 2.20 in the afternoon. Next day she went out and flew an hour and handled magnificently so off to Holbrook and 5th Association.

Three times has finished 2nd in Assoc points and other good results. Believes Greg Hamilton is best flyer he has seen. Jim Marafiote and Cook & Edwards also right up there. Doesn't mind the pre-paid system and thinks anyone with 100 or so pigeons that flys all year is miles in front. The smaller flyers might be a bit behind. Can see that it's much better for budgeting and managing the Assoc. Likes the new truck.

VASILE CUREA

Now with Para Club

2017: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sires 2018: SAD winner

BEGINNINGS: Started when he lived in Salisbury North with the Paralowie club in 1997. People such as Cliff Nagle, Charlie Forbes, Butch Abraham gave him birds. One pair did ok. It took four years to win his first race with a Peter Matthews bird over the hills maybe Edenhope by 20 minutes. Salisbury club was a strong club back then. He moved to Salisbury for a few years and bought some birds at the end of the season from the Adelaide 10,000 auction. Brian Donovan gave him a few tips – he got birds that had originated from Grant Paterson and a hen from Bill Verco and also John Goodacre. Those birds were the origins of some of the birds he still has. Then he went to Smithfield Club. Currently with the Para club. Gave good birds to Peter Langer when he had four years off to build his house. Also got good Gabbys from Jurgen Ewendt (via Jack VanderLinden) plus he has birds gifted to him from Jurgen. His assoc winner is a cross between between Jurgen and Vasil's



birds. Jurgen got his birds from JVL direct and also via Ken Waters.

GENERAL: Keeps around 40 pairs of stock birds and around half are not prisoners. Breeds around 250 but does select very hard and also gives birds to friends in Melbourne. He gave a few birds to a new flyer in Melbourne who got first and second in a 600 mile race. Last year he won \$10,000 in a race in Melbourne with Vasil's

birds. Starts the year with around 230 registered birds. By the first race will have around 200 birds. Does all the training by himself or with one or two other flyers. Never goes on the unit. They get attacked a lot but that's the downside. Goes to Pt Pirie and Pt Broughton (likes a three hours toss from there) and maybe with Brian Donovan and gets around 800 birds on his own unit. Never tosses over the hills – never. Maybe Robertstown or Silver Sands but not for a few years now. Just north in the direction of Broken Hill.

Would like members of the Committee to be active flying members. Likes the prepaid system. Says that if we go one direction we need to go the other direction. Would prefer Glendambo as opposed to Lyndhust for the Derbies. Has got Benzine live but doesn't know how it will go.



FEEDING: Feeds well all year. Five peas, three wheat and one of other (corn, milo, sorghum, brown rice not much saff). Feeds once a day if he is on night work. They will go out and then fed around 11 am. Later in season more canola. Also uses cod-liver oil and brewer's yeast. Maybe ACV and yoghurt on food or a pro-biotic. Uses Gold Energy (from horse and fodder store). Does use pink powder but only for one day - leaving it there just ruins it. Triple X and Turbosole mixed together when he thinks they need it. Worming twice or three times a year. Also uses "Vital" All-In-One daily health supplement from Health Food Shops.

2017 RESULTS: First, second and third in Sires. First was Goodger x Gabby/Goodger cross. Second was Buschaert x Gabby and third was his own x Gabby. Their only lead up race was a Hawker but lots of training. Sent eight birds, dropped his best one but got the other seven. Finished 13th in the points with most gained North. Sent nine to Alice and dropped one. Finished 15th Goodger x Eitzen. Got five birds in the first 26 birds clocked for Alice.



2018 RESULTS – Flying in Smithfield Club but hampering at Centrals. Won SAD (sire was Jurgen and dam was the 15th Assoc. Alice from the year before, Goodger x Eitzen). He had already donated the full brother to the Northern Group for their fund-raiser and that night he won the SAD but he just said that's good should sell ok. Finished 13th but got most points on the east line. Another good position was from Terang with a

half Gabby. Last year he says he made a mistake by giving his Alice birds just club races plus tossing but should have got at least one eight hour race before going to Alice. With a longer race you can see how they recover and this gives you an idea of whether they can do Alice. Vitamins in the water to help recovery (B complex vitamins from the fodder stores).

Chris Mav - Border Village

SALDC winner 2018 - 21 owners 150 birds As told to Peter Burke



History: Chris started in the mid-seventies at the family home at Parkside with racing pigeons, while his brother Peter raced with the old East Suburban Club Seniors. Chris's cousin Foti Andonopolos also raced around that time in the South Suburban Junior Club (see photo of them together with their birds, Chris on the left). After many years and lofts in the western suburbs, Chris has finally settled at Croydon Park, close to his other great interest following the Croydon Kings Soccer Team.

Training: Chris likes to start tossing at

around 15 kilometres in a northerly direction and will slowly extend the distance depending how they return giving them at least 12 tosses before they go on the unit with other birds. Chris doesn't toss his birds over the hills but makes sure they go to Snowtown and Red Hill either with the unit or on their own, before they go in the race basket.

<u>Feeding:</u> Chris feeds all peas while breeding his babies, but once they are put into the race cage he feeds peas and wheat. The racing mix is different again as Chris likes to give them his own mix of 2 parts of peas, one part wheat and all the corn they can eat, and says "he is very close to hopper feeding them, they get as much as they want he says".

<u>Vitamins Supplements:</u> Chris keeps a garlic clove in his water troughs most days during racing and likes to give them Troy Vite B once a week. McMahons Digestive Aid Pigeon Grit (shell grit with pink powder and charcoal, made in Melbourne) is given to the birds all year round.



The Winner SA 15 04779 BBC: The breeding of the winner of Border Village 960 kilometres west of Adelaide in 20 hours 25 mins and 05 seconds flying at a velocity of 784.654 mpm contains the best of Ross Wickham's Dordins crossed into the best of Keith Veale's Dordins. This wonderful Blue Bar Cock was Chris's clock bird from the Twins Race approximately 620 kilometres from Adelaide a fortnight before.

Family of Pigeons: Some of Chris's birds have

come from those flyers of yesteryear with a family of Wickhams, Goodgers, and Orfanos birds from the late Terry Castle, John & Joe Schiavone. One bird Chris knows well is "The Producer Cock" that Terry Castle bought at the Stef Orfanos Sale, progeny down from this cock have done very well for Chris. Recently, Chris has blended the above birds in with birds from great flyers like Fred Dimella, Jim

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Marafioti, and George Tsonis, who, Chris said "have been extremely helpful in his flying successes". Chris believes in breeding winner to winner and brothers and sisters of winners to other winners, thus making up his own family.

<u>Chris's Ideas on our Sport:</u> Chris gets a great amount of enjoyment from the racing side of the sport, not to mention the social side, which Chris is heavily involved in, having friends over for that beer and good old Aussie/Greek BBQ. Chris is against prizemoney coming from the membership fees due to the same flyers winning all the time and the others becoming disheartened. He is in favour of a good spread of prizemoney being awarded from an outside sponsor if one could be found.

What do we need to change: Chris would like clubs to get their bird numbers in to the General Secretary earlier so numbers of birds in crates can be kept to a minimum.

Anything else you would like to mention:? "I would like to thank the SAHPA and the SA Long Distance Club Committee for their efforts to help keep us going strong for the 2018 season and many more to come. On a personal note 2018 was not one of my better seasons but to win the prestigious LDC Border Village race was absolutely fantastic". Thanks Chris Mav.

LEFT: Chris and his cousin Foti. RIGHT: Border Village celebrations.







RAMBO YANG AND DENNIS GAO

BEST RESULTS: 4th and 8th Assoc. Coober Pedy 2018. 6th SALDC Border Village 2018. 7th Mt. Willoughby 2017

HOW WE STARTED: Both Rambo and Dennis raced pigeons in China. Dennis started when he lived in North China (inner Mongolia) 16 years ago. In China last year there were 400,000 members in at least 3,000 clubs. A very popular sport there with expensive birds and big prize money. His uncle had birds and he was



interested and his cousin introduced him to actually racing them. Mainly only one loft races because people have little space where they live. The one-loft version is much more popular. Most people live in small apartments and might only have a couple of pairs of stock birds. Rambo started racing pigeons about 20

years ago in China (Tianjin) but Rambo had his own loft. He only flew a couple of years then stopped until he came to Australia but he always had pigeons as a child. Rambo came to Australia 7 years ago and Dennis about four years ago. They met via the Animal Expo when Dennis was asked if he would like to volunteer to help as he could speak Mandarin. During that time Rambo met Dennis and they became friends. In 2016 Dennis moved house so he asked Rambo if he would like to be a partner. So Rambo became the racer and Dennis the breeder and their first year flying was 2017. When Dennis started racing pigeons in Australia birds were acquired from Tony Perkins who donated a couple of pairs and Tony introduced him to the North Suburban Club. Tony was his greatest help in getting started. Pigeons were also obtained from Tim Fawcett's auction site. They also purchased birds from auctions such as Andrew Muirhead's (purchased around ten birds virtually all Gabbys plus Andrew's old bloodlines) also W & C Myers. Peter Burke helped a lot and his birds seem to do very well in their loft.

BREEDING: Around 30 pairs of stock birds (some are just used as the feeders) and breed three rounds a season. Pairing is done in late September. Long distance birds are paired together and imports together also old bloodlines to old bloodlines. Prefer young stock birds to breed from. The loft has four sections with a walkway. Hens and cocks are separated from July. Prefer hens to cocks but they both do well. This year will be their first year they will attempt Alice Springs - previously to Marla and Border Village.

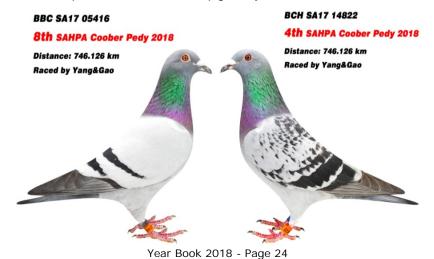
FEEDING: Mainly peas around 60 pc the rest corn, wheat, safflower and milo. Some canary mix during breeding and moulting. Uses vitamin and probiotic.

TRAINING: Starts early May after Anzac Day. Gets them used to hamper and then starts at 20 km. When the association truck starts they go on that. Usually twice a week, They don't have time to toss by themselves because both are very busy but they know tossing by themselves would be better. Race both directions but haven't done so well over the hills yet. Usually starts with 120 with 60 for each direction. This year they have some new stock so will see how they go.

MEDICATIONS: Before breeding treat for canker and worming and coxy. Turbosole and Doxy T – all the Colin Walker medications. Nothing used unless they feel it's needed. Avoids medications during moulting. They think good food, sun and fresh air are the best medication. Birds will be given a bath at least twice a week.

FUTURE FOR SAHPA: Pigeon racing in SA is very different to China. Not much prize money here and more young people are needed. Very hard to race here with neighbour and Council issues so the one-loft option would be a good way to go. He would like to see a loft built somewhere that maybe retired people could be involved with. We have some of the best hard/long distance birds in Australia, an excellent transporter and HQ. We just need more flyers. Language is a bit of a barrier to getting more Chinese involved. Partnerships would help a lot — understanding English is a problem. They sent birds to Adelaide Pigeon Club for the first time. He would like to thank all those people who have helped them, Peter Burke, Tony Perkins, Bronte Andrewartha, Jack VanderLinden, Aaron Horrocks and Mark Seiboth, Russell Somerville, Dennis Shaw, Ross Chapman, Len Colegate & Peter Wortley, Phil Squire and others (either birds or other help). Also all the members of the North Suburban Club have made us so very welcome.

PIGEON PHOTOS: Last year he started doing some photos, initially for themselves, then for JVL and also other people (11 recent years winners). He recently had a trip to China so has learnt more from the experts there and has brought back more equipment and knowledge. He enjoys doing this and hopes he can take more photos for the Australian pigeon flyer.



G. & I. Cummings

1st Holbrook (794 km) SA15 18614 bcph



BREEDING: Bloodlines are Dangerfield originally from Michael Cook with Trevor Haines (Strathalbyn) on the dam side. Dam: Mattheeuws / Jan AArden imported stuff from GB. Sire: Goodger.

ABOUT GARY: Came to SA from Britain at the age of 34 but because of children at the time didn't race. Had birds as a child but didn't race back then but did belong to a club. Started at age 45 racing with Southern Vales and liked racing the east line. He says because he tosses over the hills he doesn't lose as many as he does on the north. Used to have to start with a lot to compensate for

the losses due to the perigrines (this was at Flagstaff Hill). At Hallet Cove much better because hasn't seen a hawk. Would have around 100 young ones and around 35 old birds (east line birds). Has a racing section plus four other sections mixed hens and cocks but they get split a bit after the derbys (August / September). **TOSSING:** Pigeons have to range before tossing starts. Once out of sight for a few minutes they are then tossed at Meadows. Doesn't seem to get hit by the falcons there. Then Strathalbyn and Meningie. Five or six guys would take the birds down to Meningie. Would have around 500 or so birds on the unit.. This would be done for a number of weeks until after three or four east races and then stop. After that they would be raced regularly and then tossed north. Does some tossing east on his own with a select few targeting a race in a few weeks time.

FEEDING: Race mix is around five different small seeds plus peas and wheat plus some breeders pellets. Not a fan of maize or safflower and only uses a small amount. Doesn't like the birds getting fat. Gary used to participate in marathons and triathalons so has taken some of that information onwards. Feeds in the morning and judges by the weather as to how much to feed with the majority in the morning and less in the afternoon.

MEDICATIONS: Uses Turbosole, Resfite, Doxy-T. Additives are pro-biotics and vitamins in the water plus ACV and garlic maybe three times a week. Doesn't use pink powder. Uses Brewer's yeast and yoghurt and also lemon juice on the feed. Worms them roughly every 12 weeks.

THOUGHTS: When he first started he fed peas only (because he didn't have the information to do otherwise). So he has a view that the more information that goes out the better it is for pigeon racing in general. Some of the guys in SV club have helped a lot and do pass information. The SAHPA seem to be concentrating on the guys we have and we need to try and keep members. The Committee do a good job plus the Gen/Sec (John Harper) does a great job. No complaints there. The Southern Federation are a great bunch and very generous.

Geoff and Bridget Clare

1st SAHPA Coober Pedy 2018 SA17 03258 MH



BREEDING: Bred by Buxton and Snyders. Background breed is some Dutch and Belgium bloodlines (ie) Les Illes x Golden Horus Grand child of 2 National Barcelona and the lines of 1st National Bordeaux 1st Narbonne Opal Lady also contains the bloodlines of 1st Association Parachilna from lines of the Janssens x Hereman Ceusters.

LEAD UP RACES: First three races early north races and then individually

trained from along the coast Port Adelaide etc. Also with Tom Tirrell to Ardrossan so they cross the water. Geoff says they are more likely to come across the water if they are high and fast. Trained after that and set for the YBC but because of the change just kept trained and then sent to Coober Pedy with appropriate lighter feed for a fast race.

FEEDING: Breeding mix is equal parts peas, wheat, safflower, vetches and milo. For racing same but also with canola and buys parrot mix and rice depending on price added to the mix. Feed twice a day and if they leave feed then they get a bit less the next day. The aim is to get them looking for a little bit more. A little bit less is better. He normally handles all the birds in the club so has a good idea how they feel. You learn more handling pigeons than any other method. He has linseed oil, wheat germ oil and hemp oil and peanut oil. Used to get Vita Pro which is a multi vitamin and pro-biotic. Doesn't use Brewer's yeast any more due to some issues with using it.

MEDICATIONS: Worm using Wormax from De Weerd. Doesn't use any of the local medications they all come from the UK. Doesn't use Tuborsole. Does use Sedacoll as a treatment after anti-biotics.

STARTS YEAR WITH: 12 pairs of stock birds a bit of mixed bag from Buxton and Sndyer, Bert Balk, Gavin Harris, Willi Thiele, T. & R. Jefferies and Keith Saberton and Leo Duits. Usually about 80 young ones and around 40 old birds to start the vear.

THOUGHTS: Would like to see all races being treated as Association races. All races up to 500 km would be treated as a sprint champion competition. The rest would be the distance competition. Once the two results are combined you have an overall winner. As I see it all the birds go in the same races and a full result is published on Sat night. We all pay the same so the guy who has the best, say from Hawker or any other shorter races can't say they have an Association winner. Not every fancier has birds to win longer races or does not like long races so why cant he have a 1st Association from one of the shorter races and a diploma saying 1st Association on it .This way it should keep a lot more fanciers happy and at the cost of a few diplomas.

Jim Marafiote

SAHPA Champion Flyer 2017
4th YBC SA16 19408 bbc. 12th SAD SA16 19409 bbh
1st Twins SA16 19494 bbh. 17th Twins 5-B SA15 04344 bbh
5th MG1 Aust15 13316 bbh. 4th CP SA16 17680 bbh
5th Mt. W1 SA15 04359 bgh. 4th Mt W2 SA15 04359 bgh
Plus other points earned



Jim Marafiote was the 2017 SAHPA Champion Flyer, it was the fourth time Jim has won the SAHPA Aggregate points. Interesting to note that he has also finished 2nd in the points on six occasions. Just goes to show how consistent Jim has been over many years and from three different addresses.

John Hofman collated the aggregate points between 1980 and 1989 and published that Jim Marafiote was the SAHPA flyer of the decade.

Jim started racing at the age of 12 years in the very strong North West club which included Fin Fraser and Bill Walford. After he got married to Frances he flew from Para Vista for 18 years in the Vitesse club and won his first SAHPA aggregate when there were over 500 members in the SAHPA Also ran second on a couple of occasions. He then moved to Hahndorf in the

Hills which is a very difficult loft position and managed to run second in the points both times to John Pryor.

Since moving to Walkerville only a few kilometres north of the Adelaide city centre and retiring, he has won the Aggregate points three more times.

Jim has a family of pigeons which he has developed that can be placed from both lines of flight and in all types of conditions. A testament to this, he won The Twins Open (629 km) 1814 birds, which was a very fast race (2483 m/m 149 km/hr), clocking 1st, 2nd and 3rd. He was also was the second loft from Mt Gambier-1 with a velocity of 1274 m/m and 1168 birds. From Mt Willoughby-I (88 7kms north 1257 birds), a tough race, he was placed 5th with a velocity of 956 m/m 57 km/hr, then the second Mt Willoughby II (1005 birds) was even tougher and his loft was placed 4th. velocity of 891m/m 53.4 km/hr.

Nothing surer, Jim will be around the mark again next season!

Jim has served on the SAHPA Committee on multiple occasions and is passionate about keeping the sport enjoyable and keeping members. He has concerns about the costs rising as memberships decline.

Hamilton Racing Pigeons

SAHPA Champion Flyer 2018

Points scored: 28 YBC, 21 Hamilton, 23 Lyndhurst, 21 SAD, 30 5-bird Ham, 29 Twins, 29 5-bird Twins, 29 Terang, 20 Coober Pedy, 9 Holbrook, 30 Twins2



Greg and Leanne Hamilton had another great season in 2018, winning the SAHPA Aggregate Points (169 flyers) and Bird of the Year. This was the fourth time Greg has won the Aggregate points, the first being in 2008 and he has not raced a few of the seasons. He has also been second in the points three times.

One of the highlights of this season was that he scored 290 points from 12 races which is a record for the SAHPA. The great John Pryor once scored 275 points from 15 races. Other highlights were The Twins Open (607 km), being placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd and having bred 4th and 5th SAHPA for Ross Chapman. Greg was also 2nd in the Gold Coast \$50,000 where 11 birds landed together He was beaten by 0.9 of

a second. The Sires Produce Classic race from Terang (Vic) 515 km South East finishing 2nd. In the Twins Open II, which was a tough race, velocity of 1036 metres/minute, Greg had five birds land together and taok out first to fifth SAHPA.

The SAHPA Bird of the year was awarded to Greg's blue bar hen SA16 06786 "Good as it Gets", she was placed 2nd The Twins Open II (landed with winner, clocked 2 seconds behind) and 3rd The Twins 5 Bird Special (31 seconds behind winner). This hen is a grand daughter of champion "Good as Gold" sold at the June auction for a very high price. Bred off a Koopman cock mated to a hen which was Planet Che Van Loon x "Good as Gold" a Heremans-Ceuster.

Greg sold off his stock birds at a very successful auction in June 2018. Next season he is racing birds bred off his best race birds and his close friends such as David Cunningham, Greg Jack, Ross Hocking and Tim Fawcett who have bred birds to complement his team. I am sure we will see Hamilton Pigeon Racing have another great season.

Harris & Duits -



Terang Sires

The Sires Produce Classic race from Terang (Vic) 515 km South East of Adelaide was won by a blue bar hen SA17 08751 with a velocity of 1071 m/min. The 2nd placed pigeon was clocked 57 minutes later and third place was a further 25 minutes later, so it was a reasonably tough race for a small number of birds in the race.

The pigeon was bred by Leo Duits, the sire was from Leo's Marla (970 km) SAHPA winner mated to a Van Lint and the dam was a full sister to the Marla winner. The Marla winner was bred from a George Desira Hereman-Ceusters mated to a Grant Paterson Goodger down from the famous Pt Lincoln cock and Temora Hen. The hen 08751 SA17 had been placed 13th SAHPA Short Race Series from Edenhope 1 (320 km, 1474 birds) and 83rd SAHPA Hamilton SA Derby (450km, 1501

birds) before the Sires race, so she was showing some good form.

Leo and his syndicate members (Grant Paterson and George Desira) shared in over \$7,000 in prizemoney and pools for winning the SA Sires Produce Classic. Both Leo and Gavin are previous winners of the Sires Produce event.

Leo won the SAHPA Aggregate points back in 2015 and towards the end of the 2017 season at the age of 82 decided it was time to retire from the sport. Gavin Harris who had tremendous respect for Leo on hearing the news asked Leo to at least keep a few stock birds in his back yard as an interest. Leo had already parted with his stock birds but did keep a few of his race birds. Then his mates Grant Paterson and George Desira, who were also keen to keep Leo in the sport, sent down some more stock birds. Leo agreed to fly a small team in Gavin's loft and bred around 35 birds and the Harris and Duits team registered 50 birds at the start of the season. Leo, Grant and George then prepaid their birds within the team, ready for the Sires Produce.

The Harris and Duits race team had a purple patch in the short distance series leading up to the SAHPA middle distance races. From Edenhope 1 (320 km) one of the team was 2nd SAHPA out of 1474 birds and then at Edenhope 2 a week later the nest mate brother was 1st SAHPA 1593 birds. Both these birds were Canberra rung but bred by Leo from a cock George sent down off Ad Schaerlaeckens stock mated to a Hereman-Ceusters.

On the day of the Sires it was great thrill, Leo sat with Gavin all day waiting for the arrivals and the excitement grew once we clocked and started the ring around to find that no one had heard of another bird for almost an hour.

Pleased to report that Leo has kept the interest and has bred a large team of birds for Gary Barnes to race in 2019.

Jack Vander Linden

The Twins - SA17 08005 bbh 626 km



Won the Twins in 2018 with a Gabby. Little Boy is in the background.

BACKGROUND: First started in 1981 after coming from Holland. Always had pigeons in Holland but only as a kid back then. Mainly Leo's and Kakoschke's (Bonami and Doug Green) pigeons plus Webbers, Smallacombe – very good pigeons. He flew with Tea Tree Gully club – now long gone. People like Frank Donnelly, Colin Nelson and Todd. Jack started importing in 2003 with Gabbys right from the start. Lu brothers were cleaning up with them in Melbourne so decided to go for them. Had good contacts back in Holland so that helped. Now imported Flor Engel, Cassarts which have all done well. A lot

have gone interstate. Now flys with North Suburban Club.

BREEDING: Breed around 150 for himself to race but does breed a lot more for sale. Start with normally 50 or 60 old ones but will be more this year. The Gabbys are all bred straight but all his bloodlines are normally kept straight.

FEEDING: Likes to get grain from Melbourne. He says "heavy" mix. Maize plus all the other grains – have to be careful with maize as it does go off. Won't use linseed (very tricky to use) or barley – just doesn't like it. The racing mix is the same doesn't really vary it – they get fed more as the races get longer. Early they are kept a bit hungry. The mix has everything in it. The mix comes from Sam of Thomastown and Ian Mackay so he doesn't need to mess around with it plus it has been tested.



MEDICATIONS and ADDITIVES:

Worming with S76 from Rob Marshall, also Triple X for respiratory. Uses canola oil, garlic oil, flaxseed oil but not hemp oil. Does use pink powder on the food..His pink powder is not what we get here. Also "Natural" "Lookolie". He says he used to brew his own mix years ago but doesn't do that any more.

TRAINING: Short tosses to start but doesn't train or fly over the hills. Maybe this year. Mainly tosses by himself or with Peter Vranek. Tosses at least twice a week. Sometimes Port Clinton and around that area. Likes to see them get an hour or more. Has tried Alice, might try again but it's not his main aim. Prefers Coober Pedy and around that distance.

THE LOFT: Six sections in the loft with a walkway.

ON THE GABBYS: Started with just the one from Lu Brothers (Little Boy) – he bought more but that was the only Gabby. Has imported 12 from Peeters and 14 from Mark Vandaele. Six from another Dutch breeder and a couple direct from Vandenabeele. They will do any distance. Very good all round pigeons – the cocks are a bit big but they do very well. Some of the local flyers who have done well include - MV Lofts, Leo Duits, Peter Vranek, Ross Chapman, Alan Agar, Andrew Muirhead, Allan Brown, Vasile Curea, Jurgen Ewendt also Vince Canizzo, John Share, Allen Limburner interstate. Jack got a good hen (Gabby) from Shaun Elliot which was mated to Little Boy - never looked back after that. Little Boy has been with two hens - Leading Lady and a James Bond pigeon (Jack's Derby winner). Every young one from those two hens has bred winners. Gabbys have gone all over the world - big time in USA. Gabby himself is out of pigeons due to health reasons and not likely to be back. The Gabby line goes back to his father who got a good original pair (Kleinen the sire). Little Boy was a half brother to the best stock cock Gabby ever had (Wittenbuik). Jack says some of the latest ones he is breeding have feathers down the legs, probably due to the intense in-breeding he has done. They are performing well.

L to R: 1. Ventilation and climate control. 2. Walkway of loft. 3. Typical Gabby.





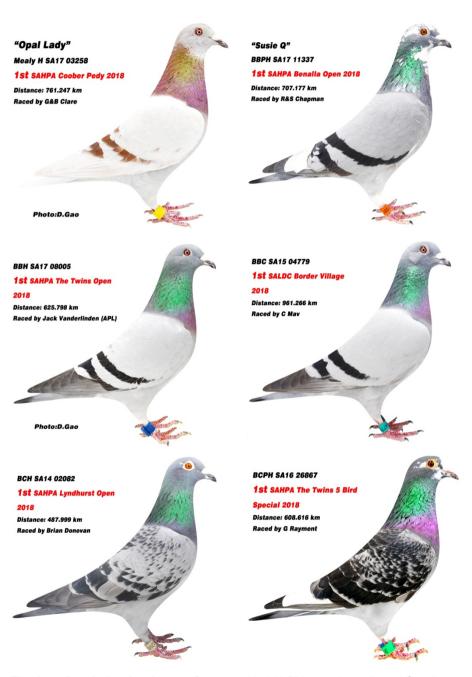


A GOLDEN ERA IN PIGEON RACING IN ADELAIDE

Moments to Remember - By John Hofman

The year was 1959, Buddy Holly, Richie Vallens and The Big Bopper died in a plane crash. Elvis was singing "Are You Lonesome Tonight", Roy Orbison was on the verge of his first big hit with "Only the Lonely", and Port Adelaide Football Club won their sixth consecutive title. 1959 was also the year that Hofman Bros., of Seaton Park got their first pair of pigeons. My brother Greg brought them home from my now lifelong friend, Denis Place. Denis' older brother Wayne had established a loft of racing pigeons a couple of years earlier but never got around to racing them. They had "gone to seed" by this time and had been "infiltrated" by some commoners. The pair that Greg brought home were blue chequers. They appeared to be a cross of racer and commoner and were unrung. They were named "Bossknocker" & "Mrs Bossknocker", by my father. But that was the spark that started my interest and association with pigeons and the sport. The chook house in the back yard was quickly converted

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