

# 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.