

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..