

**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 vitamins.

**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.

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**2nd SALDC Alice Springs 2018**

**Distance: 1319.121 km**

**Raced by Adelaide Race Loft**

**(Dennis Shaw)**



#### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> day at 2.20 in the afternoon. Next day she went out and flew an hour and handled magnificently so off to Holbrook and 5<sup>th</sup> Association.

Three times has finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Assoc points and other good results. Believes Greg Hamilton is best flyer he has seen. Jim Marafiotte and Cook & Edwards also right up there. Doesn't mind the pre-paid system and thinks anyone with 100 or so pigeons that flies 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.