

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 pre-paid 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.