

# 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.

**Feeding:** 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".

**Vitamins Supplements:** 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