

TRAINING: Starts early May after Anzac Day. Gets them used to hamper and then starts at 20 km. When the association truck starts they go on that. Usually twice a week, They don't have time to toss by themselves because both are very busy but they know tossing by themselves would be better. Race both directions but haven't done so well over the hills yet. Usually starts with 120 with 60 for each direction. This year they have some new stock so will see how they go.

MEDICATIONS: Before breeding treat for canker and worming and coxy. Turbosole and Doxy T – all the Colin Walker medications. Nothing used unless they feel it's needed. Avoids medications during moulting. They think good food, sun and fresh air are the best medication. Birds will be given a bath at least twice a week.

FUTURE FOR SAHPA: Pigeon racing in SA is very different to China. Not much prize money here and more young people are needed. Very hard to race here with neighbour and Council issues so the one-loft option would be a good way to go. He would like to see a loft built somewhere that maybe retired people could be involved with. We have some of the best hard/long distance birds in Australia, an excellent transporter and HQ. We just need more flyers. Language is a bit of a barrier to getting more Chinese involved. Partnerships would help a lot – understanding English is a problem. They sent birds to Adelaide Pigeon Club for the first time. He would like to thank all those people who have helped them, Peter Burke, Tony Perkins, Bronte Andrewartha, Jack VanderLinden, Aaron Horrocks and Mark Seiboth, Russell Somerville, Dennis Shaw, Ross Chapman, Len Colegate & Peter Wortley, Phil Squire and others (either birds or other help). Also all the members of the North Suburban Club have made us so very welcome.

PIGEON PHOTOS: Last year he started doing some photos, initially for themselves, then for JVL and also other people (11 recent years winners). He recently had a trip to China so has learnt more from the experts there and has brought back more equipment and knowledge. He enjoys doing this and hopes he can take more photos for the Australian pigeon flyer.

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Distance: 746.126 km

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