

Geoff and Bridget Clare

1st SAHPA Coober Pedy 2018 SA17 03258 MH



BREEDING: Bred by Buxton and Snyders. Background breed is some Dutch and Belgium bloodlines (ie) Les Illes x Golden Horus Grand child of 2 National Barcelona and the lines of 1st National Bordeaux 1st Narbonne Opal Lady also contains the bloodlines of 1st Association Parachilna from lines of the Janssens x Hereman Ceusters.

LEAD UP RACES: First three races early north races and then individually

trained from along the coast Port Adelaide etc. Also with Tom Tirrell to Ardrossan so they cross the water. Geoff says they are more likely to come across the water if they are high and fast. Trained after that and set for the YBC but because of the change just kept trained and then sent to Coober Pedy with appropriate lighter feed for a fast race.

FEEDING: Breeding mix is equal parts peas, wheat, safflower, vetches and milo. For racing same but also with canola and buys parrot mix and rice depending on price added to the mix. Feed twice a day and if they leave feed then they get a bit less the next day. The aim is to get them looking for a little bit more. A little bit less is better. He normally handles all the birds in the club so has a good idea how they feel. You learn more handling pigeons than any other method. He has linseed oil, wheat germ oil and hemp oil and peanut oil. Used to get Vita Pro which is a multi vitamin and pro-biotic. Doesn't use Brewer's yeast any more due to some issues with using it.

MEDICATIONS: Worm using Wormax from De Weerd. Doesn't use any of the local medications they all come from the UK. Doesn't use Tuborsole. Does use Sedacoll as a treatment after anti-biotics.

STARTS YEAR WITH: 12 pairs of stock birds a bit of mixed bag from Buxton and Snyder, Bert Balk, Gavin Harris, Willi Thiele, T. & R. Jefferies and Keith Saberton and Leo Duits. Usually about 80 young ones and around 40 old birds to start the year.

THOUGHTS: Would like to see all races being treated as Association races. All races up to 500 km would be treated as a sprint champion competition. The rest would be the distance competition. Once the two results are combined you have an overall winner. As I see it all the birds go in the same races and a full result is published on Sat night. We all pay the same so the guy who has the best, say from Hawker or any other shorter races can't say they have an Association winner. Not every fancier has birds to win longer races or does not like long races so why cant he have a 1st Association from one of the shorter races and a diploma saying 1st Association on it .This way it should keep a lot more fanciers happy and at the cost of a few diplomas.