

Hamilton Racing Pigeons

SAHPA Champion Flyer 2018

Points scored: 28 YBC, 21 Hamilton, 23 Lyndhurst, 21 SAD, 30 5-bird Ham, 29 Twins, 29 5-bird Twins, 29 Terang, 20 Coober Pedy, 9 Holbrook, 30 Twins2



Greg and Leanne Hamilton had another great season in 2018, winning the SAHPA Aggregate Points (169 flyers) and Bird of the Year. This was the fourth time Greg has won the Aggregate points, the first being in 2008 and he has not raced a few of the seasons. He has also been second in the points three times.

One of the highlights of this season was that he scored 290 points from 12 races which is a record for the SAHPA. The great John Pryor once scored 275 points from 15 races. Other highlights were The Twins Open (607 km), being placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd and having bred 4th and 5th SAHPA for Ross Chapman. Greg was also 2nd in the Gold Coast \$50,000 where 11 birds landed together He was beaten by 0.9 of

a second. The Sires Produce Classic race from Terang (Vic) 515 km South East finishing 2nd. In the Twins Open II, which was a tough race, velocity of 1036 metres/minute, Greg had five birds land together and took out first to fifth SAHPA.

The SAHPA Bird of the year was awarded to Greg's blue bar hen SA16 06786 "Good as it Gets", she was placed 2nd The Twins Open II (landed with winner, clocked 2 seconds behind) and 3rd The Twins 5 Bird Special (31 seconds behind winner). This hen is a grand daughter of champion "Good as Gold" sold at the June auction for a very high price. Bred off a Koopman cock mated to a hen which was Planet Che Van Loon x "Good as Gold" a Heremans-Ceuster.

Greg sold off his stock birds at a very successful auction in June 2018. Next season he is racing birds bred off his best race birds and his close friends such as David Cunningham, Greg Jack, Ross Hocking and Tim Fawcett who have bred birds to complement his team. I am sure we will see Hamilton Pigeon Racing have another great season.