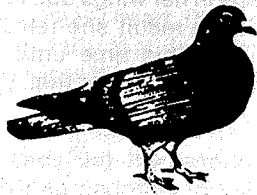
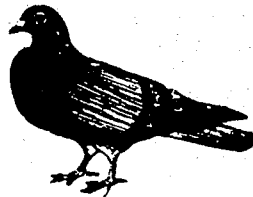




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Barbara Cunningham

PORT PIRIE, S.A.



Barbara Cuning holding her bird of the year, 1990.

It is mentioned from time to time how important our wives are to us if we want to be successful in this fascinating sport of ours. Being a shift worker for the last 20 odd years my wife, Barbara, has been a great help with the pigeons, doing all the usual chores necessary to run a successful loft when I can't be there.

It wasn't until three seasons ago though, when our then 14 year old son decided he wanted to race pigeons but after being set up with a loft, the pick of my stock birds to breed from etc. he decided that it wasn't for him. To cut a long story short, my wife took over the son's loft and decided to see what she could do on her own the first two seasons were moderately successful, but we decided it would be better to work together in the one loft instead of trying to run two lofts. Not knowing what to do with the birds she had left Barbara decided she would have some fun for a while and fly them out this year. Having only 21 pigeons to start with she decided she would split them into three teams of six with three spares. We fly south one week and west the next and the west route is usually easier than the south so Barbara decided she only needed one team for the west which could go back each fortnight and race her two south-line teams every four weeks.

I think her results were beyond everyone's imagination. Her small team flew 20 races for the season only missing out on the two Young Bird Derbys because they were all old birds. In most races Barbara's six birds were home within 1/2 hour of the winner and we had a lot of split up races this year. Her south line birds were tossed twice a week from 50 miles and she lost one pigeon all season tossing. In about the first 16 races Barbara contested she lost five pigeons. For the whole season 12 pigeons were lost. In a club of nearly 30 members racing, Barbara won a 500km race and a 800km race. Was placed several other times finished 9th in

the overall aggregate. She also had the bird of the year.

I have been the top flyer in the club for the last five years and I send 20 odd birds each race, but Barbara's little team of six put me to shame, quite a few times on race days. I am looking forward to having Barbara as my loft manager in 1992. We intend having a complete break next season.

A woman's touch certainly worked in this case and also proved that it is not necessary to carry heaps of pigeons to be competitive.

I hop this article will prove that the ladies are at least equal to the men in this sport if they decide they want to have a go.

The enclosed photo is of Barbara in front of her loft holding her bird of the year.

Yours in the Sport,
David Cunningham
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