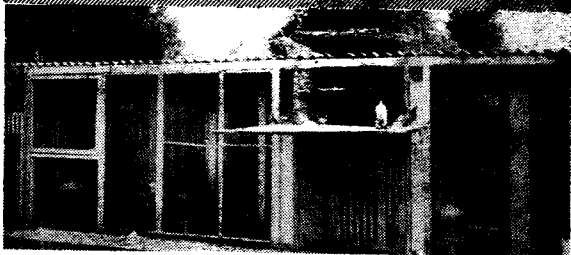


PIGEON NOTES



● Dave Jolly

The success of Dave Jolly, one of the SA Pigeon Union's top flyers, can be gauged by the 25 race certificates his birds won in the 1972 season.

His small backyard loft houses almost 100 race birds and several pairs of breeders.

He lives at Millswood and enjoys pitting his skills against some of the best flyers in the State.

The 1973 season begins in four weeks for members of the SAPU and Dave will be in the front line with his team fully keyed up.

He has had racing birds since his youth.

His wife, children and even the family dog help with training his pigeons.

No visitor can enter the yard without a warning bark from the Jolly's pet Alsatian. Consequently Dave has few intruders.

Last season Dave was placed first in events from a number of racepoints, including Keith, Maryborough (twice) and Benalla.

Birds from the Jolly loft won the two Maryborough Open events in the club, finishing 10th, and 3rd, 10th and 14th in union placings.

In Benalla Dave's birds repeated their best performances with a first club, and 2nd, 3rd and 10th placings in the union.

This boosted Dave high in to the list of union flyers.

Also during the last season birds from the Jolly loft finished 2nd (club) and 11th (union) in the Maryborough Derby, 4th (club) and 19th (union) in the Maryborough seven-bird special and 3rd (club) and 16th (Union) in the Farina Derby.

The derby performances were significant, showing that Dave's birds can fly south and north lines. Not many flyers can boast good performances on both lines.

In the longer distance races Dave's birds achieved club and union placings in events from Temora and Finke, with the club third place being awarded in both.

He exercises his race birds around the loft each day and has been giving them short training tosses for a fortnight.



Dave is active within his club and holds a number of committee positions.

He helps with hampering for both club and union races.

As a result, Dave has many friends both in and out of pigeon racing — Australia's largest backyard sport — both here and interstate—**GRAHAM BADGER.**

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Following is the programme of the Loxton Homing Club for the remainder of 1973.

June 2, Burra; June 9, Coonalpyn; June 16, Gladstone; June 23, Coonalpyn; June 30, Gladstone Derby, 5 bird limit; July 7, Keith; July 14, Gladstone; July 21, Keith; July 28, Gladstone.

August 4, Naracoorte Derby, 5 bird limit; August 11, Pimba; August 18, Naracoorte; August 25, Pimba; September 1, Pimba; September 8, Marree; September 15, Mt. Gambier; September 22, Oodnadatta; September 29, Mt. Gambier.