

# Pigeon Notes

By Vin Blanden

## Schedule Over For S.A.H.P.A.

The S.A. Homing Pigeon Association schedule ended when the Forrest race closed on the fourth night with seventeen birds in racetime.

Seven birds were clocked late in the second day, nine more throughout the third day, and one on the fourth day—others have been reported home since the race closed.

In all, the race was a triumph for South Suburban owner, S. J. Gregerson, who landed two birds together at about 5.20 p.m. second day to take first and second prizes.

The first bird in the clock was a three-year-old red hen which is half-sister to Mr. Gregerson's winners of 1st S.A.H.P.A. Alice Springs (1961) and 1st S.A.H.P.A. Cook (1962).

The winner flew two Benalla races during her career.

The sire, which produced the Alice Springs winner, is Havenith Logan, Sion and Bricoux.

The dam, which produced the Cook winner, was bred and reared by former North Suburban owners, Williams Bros. and performed in grand style to win 2nd and 5th S.A.H.P.A. in two Ballan races.

She is a mixture of D. C. Green, Jurion and the late O. Bengers' blood.

The second bird in the clock was a three-year-old blue hen which returned from a Maryborough race with a broken leg and busted keel when a yearling.

This plucky hen is bred from a Taylor Jurion cock and her dam is a combination of Jurion and a Williams Bros. hen similarly bred to the dam of the first bird in the clock.

K. Wickham, also South Suburban, won third prize with a two-year-old blue bar hen which flew well as a yearling.

This year she was raced only twice before being sent to Forrest, one of Tarcoola clubs and one from Tarcoola to Benalla.

She is a granddaughter of 2nd S.A.H.P.A. Oodnadatta and 14th S.A.H.P.A. Alice Springs.

Her sire is full brother to the sire of the 1964 Benalla winner.

### RESULTS

Forrest.—S.A.H.P.A. (192,455) — S. Gregerson 884.3, S. Gregerson 884.1, K. Wickham 880. P. Arriola 878, K. Bright 875. C. DeLaine 843, J. Quinn and Son 838, M. Bergin 799, L. A. Wallace 794, Blanden and Bailey 765, C. Copeland 751, Warren Movie and Son 685, B. Satter 665, T. Frank 639, H. Ford 609, C. Rayner 539, R. Scudds 401.

### FOR THE RECORDS

Here are the statistics of the six middle-distance races—three from Tarcoola, 370 miles, and three from Maryborough, 320 miles.

Thirty cocks and 60 hens shared the prizemoney of the Tarcoola races and 21 cocks and 60 hens split the Maryborough prizes.

Tarcoola prizemoney amounted to £2,459 15/ and Maryborough to £2,461 3/.

In all, 9,494 entries competed from Tarcoola at an average of 256 owners and 2,165 birds a race, and 9,931 birds were sent to Maryborough at an average of 248 owners and 3,310 birds a race.

An average of 10.1 clubs shared in the prizemoney from

Tarcoola while an average of 10.3 clubs did the same from Maryborough.

This is the list of clubs with the number of prizes won in the six events.

Tarcoola:—Millswood 17 prizes, South Suburban 14, Hampstead 12, East Suburban 12, Hyde Park 10, Glynde 6, Oaklands, West Suburban, Campbelltown each 3, Henley and Grange, West Torrens, Magill, North Suburban each 2, and Gawler and North-East one each.

Maryborough:—Hampstead 19, Glynde 12, West Suburban 11, East Suburban 8, Henley and Grange 7, Campbelltown 7, North-West and North Suburban each 5, Millswood, Oaklands, West Torrens and South Suburban each 3, Hyde Park 2, and Magill and North-East one prize each.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Messrs. W. R. and R. M. J. Baldoock, Flinders Island, Elliston, P.O. SA, write:—"We are enclosing rings (36) PAC 64 and 64B race rubber from pigeon watch we found drowned in one of our tanks on October 4.

"There are at least three other pigeons still here. We cannot say just when they arrived, but they have been here a few days.

"We often have homing pigeons land here, sometimes staying a few days, and sometimes one or two may be around for weeks."

Another Port Adelaide bird, 2211 PAC 62, a blue chee cock, which was badly hawked and has since died, was found by Mr. Turner, of St. Peters, just outside Balaklava.

Mr. Turner bought wheat and fed and watered the bird before delivering it to the writer. It, too, was carrying a white race rubber.

## The Advertiser Trophy

The Advertiser' trophy for the most points scored in the S.A.H.P.A. long-distance races from Forrest and Forrest was won by K. Wickham.

20 club owners managed to get points in both events. The winners are the results:—K. Wickham 32, C. DeLaine 25, C. Copeland 25, M. Bergin 18, R. Ford 13 and R. Scudds 3 points.

Clare.—From Benalla, 458 miles (3, 13)—Wilson and Hicks 937, J. R. Lane 821. Six birds in race time—trophies by D. Dohnt and E. K. Dunstan. From Forrest, 650 miles (3, 11)—Wilson and Hicks 615, A. J. Gertau 440. Two birds in race time—trophies by Stanley Wine Co. and Giessenbury & Mahon.

Solomontown.—From Watson (9, 66)—R. H. Manfield & Son 1,061.3, R. H. Manfield & Son 1,061.2, R. Sykes 1,052—trophies by B. Hartridge, J. Davidson and Miss B. J. Argent. From Mount Gambier. — From Broken Hill 42 miles (9, 33)—A. Walters 12,45.9, J. Butler 12,12.48, J. Roberts 13,16.25 — twelve birds in race time.

From Bendigo (4, 18)—W. Harvey 10,30.0, J. W. Butler 11,17.10 — three birds in race time.

Renmark.—From Naracoorte, 187 miles (8, 41)—Mrs. R. Ratcliff 1,176, D. Matulick 1,153, F. Peters 1,123 — Mrs. Ratcliff's eighth win for the season.

Fort Pirie H.S.—From Maryborough, 421 miles (8, 47)—J. B. Dormer 1,127, D. C. Laube and Sons 1,125, D. C. Laube and Sons — trophies by R. Baverstock and A. Hall.

# Good Races From Pimba

Pigeons which contested the SA Homing Pigeon Association's races from Pimba, 270 miles, on Saturday had it right on the nose for the first time this year when it took them about 7 3/4 hours to reach home.

Released at 8 a.m. the leaders averaged about 35 m.p.h. to finish at about 3.40 p.m.

More than 400 metropolitan owners flew 5,600 pigeons in the races and the return of 70-80 p.c. in the day was an excellent result in headwinds from 270 miles.

Reports to hand indicate a normal follow-on during Sunday.

Apart from one or two isolated cases of dirty feet, probably due to rain beating into a few of the hampers en route, the pigeons finished in fine feather.

Perhaps some of the young derby candidates which took part will find the hours on the wing too long for them to reach winning condition for the big race next Saturday week.

However, depending on their physical condition when they were sent to Pimba, there will be many which will benefit from the eight hours or more on the wing.

It is certain that some of the youngsters which flew on Saturday will turn in a good performance in the 370-mile Tarcoola derby.

S.A.H.P. Combine birds which flew the Dimboola events had easier weather conditions and the winners averaged about 48 m.p.h. for the 220-230 miles.

Returns from Dimboola were excellent and both bodies, without a bad result to date, can now look forward to good entries in the more important races ahead.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS:—

### Pimba

East Suburban (17,368) — C. Hawke 7,56.34, C. Mills 7,57.5, Marchant & Son 8,5.35; Oaklands (22,275)—P. Thalbourne 7,55.28, A. McLean 7,55.25, C. DeLaine A. 8.2.2, Glynde (15,270)—A. Pitt 7,43.44, A. R. Coventry & Son 7,46.9, C. Pitt 7,51.43; Hampstead (39,658)—G. Casey 7,37.45, K. Stegeman 7,40.34, W. Matthews 7,44.17; North Suburban (22,335)—W. Whitrod 7,40.10, M. Benz 7,45.49, M. Gratch 7,51.58; Campbelltown (21,307)—P. Butcher 7,42.59, J. Colligan 7,58.49, B. Archibald 7,58.6.

Gawler (16,270)—C. Patterson 7,30.38, H. Bott 7,24.7, L. Nalmsmith 7,56.12; West Suburban (27,409)—H. Casey 7,41.34, W. Potter 7,50, Horsfall 7,53.9, West Sub. Jr. (12, 64) — Porter 7,53.45, J. Drewitt 8,1.19, B. Hards 8,2.44; Hyde Park (15, 249)—C. Kokkowitz 7,57.16, W. Strongman 8,2.8, K. Badcock 8,2.42; North-East (14, 143)—B. Moors 7,51.10, Thebe & Heuchan 7,57.47, R. F. Young 8,5.5; Magill (11, 130)—Sloper & Son 7,46.49, W. Frser 7,58.30, H. Schultz 8,5.54.

Hampstead Jr. (12, 79)—B. Potter 7,58.6, K. Shinkfield 7,58.49, A. Pryce 8,6.34; Nairste (5, 38)—B. Townsend & Son 8,13.19, C. Patterson 8,38.45, C. Harvey 8,47.45; West Torrens (18, 208)—M. Murphy 7,52.16, L. Downer Snr. and Jr. 8,4.18, H. Thain & Son 8,1.51; West Torrens Jr. (6, 45)—B. Mahomet 8,16.5, M. Petrovic 8,18.1, M. Higgins 8,25.13; Henley and Grange (20, 292)—R. Fourer 8,48.27, M. Hatch 8,2.38, M. Zawickowski 8,4; Henley Jr. (7, 32)—L. Pope 8,5.43, R. Prestwood 8,7.27; E. Spotswood 8,23.23; Millswood (25, 350)—R. Watson 7,58.8, Fletcher 8,6.54, R. Burford 8,10.54.

Elizabeth (14, 160)—L. Lloyd 7,37.13, B. Champion & Son 7,41.51, M. Thomson 7,51.40; Elizabeth Jr. (9, 36)—F. Prinz, R. Shaw, J. Nvs; North-West (9, 125)—J. Budas 7,43.40, R. New 7,46.35, S. Dixon 7,48.48; North-West Jr. (13, 67) — S. ray Bridge,

Quinton 8.6.6, G. Whitehorn 8,13.37, Dryden & Figg 8,21.50; South Suburban Jr. (11, 40) — Minards 7,51.44, L. Stevenson 7,53.4, K. Wickham 7,51.51; South Suburban Jr. (11, 40) — L. Baker 7,35.20, G. Sheehan 8,35.13, J. Newland 9,52.11.

### Dimboola

Riverside (44, 815) — H. Aubert & Son 4,46.18, R. Drew 4,45.52, A. Wear & Son 4,47.19; Peterhead (16, 313)—C. Dunstan & Son 4,48.1, J. Todd 4,48.28, J. Dunstan & Son 4,50.35; Victor Harbor (8, 34) — B. McKenna 4,45.15, Hann Bros. 4,45.42, R. Hanson & Son 4,49.47; Woodville (20, 329)—D. Shepherd & Son 4,43.59, D. Dempsey 4,44.7, J. Hicks 4,45.56; Stirling (8, 77)—C. Hart 4,37.10, B. Fuller 4,38.7, K. Sutka 4,49.33; Angaston (7, 96) — A. Fairley 5,3.25, R. Thiele 5,12.20, M. Fairley 5,22.20.

South-West (9, 84) — W. Lehman 4,55.0, C. Hocking 4,57.37, I. Kutcher 5,2.27; South West Jr. (11, 53)—S. O'Connor 4,52.18, G. Caldicott 4,53.15, G. Sare 4,52.30; Plympton (10, 119)—C. Alexander 4,46.25, R. Bedford 4,50.8, R. Pullerabe 4,50.44; Plympton Jr. (11, 48) — T. Ellul 4,51.20, H. Vandinvenore 5,0.4, T. Tolan 5,5.36; Glenelg (13, 151)—A. Darke 4,46.25, T. Lerner 4,51.6, L. Brown 4,56.26; Osborne (18, 319)—T. Kauschki (tw. birds) 4,50.47, P. Smith & Son 4,52.7.

### Country Results 10/7/65

Waikerie.—From Parachilna (derby), 230 miles (9, 24)—R. Wave & Sons 4,18.2, N. Moules 5,33.6, J. Smith 9,56.8.

Renmark.—From Yunta, 115 miles (8, 60)—R. Doevensdam 638, D. Matulick 637, H. Van de Wiel 634.

Peterborough.—From Kingoonya, 253 miles (9, 60)—C. Waterman 6,49.30, R. Featherstonhaugh 9,18.29, J. Krause 9,36.55.

Clare.—From Dimboola, 265 miles (7, 62)—A. J. Gertau 762, Wilson and Hicks 760, J. B. Boyd 751—the H. L. Tiller Memorial trophy to the winner and the R. Barber trophy to second.

Solomontown.—From Wirra 1632, R. Sykes 1676, A. Bishop & Son 1673.

Port Augusta (Flinders) from Oodnadatta (derby) (32, 130)—S. Clifton 1345, S. Clifton 1337, C. Redman 1335.

Crystal Brook.—From Coonalpyn, 193 miles (5, 53)—E. L. Hickey 884.6, J. Wohlmg 884, D. Roads 884.

Roads.—From Bridge, — From Parachilna, 228 miles (13, 98) — B. and J. Harris 1705, B. Kennett 1704, G. Wave 1702—trophy by E. Grose.

Port Pirie H.S.—From Keith, 245 miles (15, 133)—J. B. Dormer 853, M. J. Bickley 852.9, H. F. Whynall Jr. 852.4—trophy by D. Bickley.

Whynalla.—From Wynbring, 291 miles (18, 159)—F. R. Willard & Son 1409, D. McLaren & P. Sampson 1405, R. Azzopardi and W. Brady 1402—trophies by R. Parsloe, L. Hosking and Sutherland's Ltd.

### Around The Clubs

K. Badcock and C. Kokkowitz, Hyde Park, have shared the honors in the nine races held to date. They have each won four and the other one; success went to veteran owner E. Hampton.

North West junior, 14-year-old Steven Quinton, has flown five races only for prize wins and prizes.

With one race to go in the Hampstead club race aggregate, A. Goodier has a lead of seven points over G. Dawson.

Murray Bridge advises that B. Kennett is now the club ring secretary. All found Murray Bridge birds should be reported to him at Kennett road.