

Glynde Wins Premiership

The S.A. Homing Pigeon Association's 1965 Premier club competition was won in easy style by the Glynde club.

Although only two of its members finished in the first twenty of the Association aggregate — L. Pitt, first, and H. Ford 20th — other owners in the club flew consistently to give Glynde an average of 15.06 points a member.

East Suburban with an average of 12.7 finished in second place.

East Suburban's success was mainly due to the fine performances recorded by C. Mills, third in the S.A.H.P.A. aggregate, and M. Marchant and Son and M. Harshesvi who tied for tenth place.

Third honors went to South Suburban with an average of 9.5, mainly derived from consistent performances by S. J. Gerson, K. Wickham and C. Copeland who finished 5th, 6th and 8th respectively in the Aggregate list.

Millswold made up the final four with a score of 9.2.

Three Millswold owners, Ross, Burford, R. Watson and J. Quinn & Son, finished in the first ten to amass 119 points between them.

Kalgoorlie Scoreboard

Owners with birds home from the 1044-mile race to date are: Blanden and Bailey October 16, L. W. Lee and G. Buckley October 19, R. Watson October 20.

While the turn in the long race is a poor one, it is pointed out that it was won from Kalgoorlie and not from Carleton.

The practice of entering birds in the race just for the sake of being in it, is not a good one, for too many birds of little experience and of dubious quality can be a handicap to good pigeons which are ready and able to face up to the task.

The Kalgoorlie race was not an event for yearling cocks and hens or the old "stay-away and come home sometime" plodders.

The only birds capable of doing the job properly are those

carrying the long-distance bloodlines and which are conditioned to perfection.

It is doubtful if 40 of the 173 competitors were genetically and physically capable of the task.

Oodnadatta Result

The recent SAHP Combine race from Oodnadatta proved a bad one when only two PAA birds of 217, both clocked by F. Fraser, and four of 82 pigeons contesting the Woodville Club event were home at the end of the third day.

Mr. Fraser's winning velocity was down to a slow 655 yards a minute.

Without delving back into SAHPA records, one very poor Oodnadatta result comes easily to mind.

In 1936, the open race of 1,366 birds ended in like manner.

Two birds reached home at the end of the second day when the winner, at 614.9 yds. a min., was clocked by Fred Roberts with second place going to the late Horrie Horwood.

Twenty-six birds, all hens, were home at the end of the third day of the 1,366 in the race.

Mr. Fraser reported another arrival from the PAA event on the fourth day.

Result PAA (26, 217) — F. Fraser 655 and 615 yds. a min., Woodville (12, 82) — S. Proszowski 644, W. Richardson & Son 615, D. Dempsey (two birds) 595.

Melbourne Solo

Hurtle Arnold, Arnold & Brown partnership, advises the fine performance of a yearling blue che pied cock.

This bird, lost in one of the Maryborough races, was reported by Mr. L. H. Millson, of North Brighton, Victoria.

At about 3.15 a.m. last Sunday week, Mr. Arnold found the young pied cock sitting on his perch in the loft.

Thinking Mr. Millson may have given the bird to someone moving to Adelaide so that it could be released upon

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arrival here, Bob Brown wrote to Mr. Millson to make sure.

The reply: "On the Saturday morning prior to the Sunday arrival home of the bird, Mr. Millson let his birds out for exercise and after gaining height he noticed the young pied cock leave his batch and head away in the direction of Adelaide.

A strong south-east wind was blowing at the time and no doubt Arnold & Brown's bird took advantage of the "faller" in his bid for home.

He made it and he is a good one.

Acknowledgement

Reports of found birds are still coming to hand.

Thank you to J. Ward, Milang; J. Rowney, Payneham; J. C. Penglase, Port Augusta; N. W. Mason, Stansbury, Y.P.; M. F. Collins, Yallunda, Flat; R. L. Illman, Paskerville, Y.P.; N. Growden, Port Lincoln; J. F. Kwaterski, Minnipa, and Michael and Barry Plummer, Penola.

The Hampstead Aggregate award was won by A. Goodger with 82 points from W. Mathews, 74. Then followed: — R. Blyth 69, G. Casey 69, G. Dawson 61, K. Bright & Son 59, V. Pape 58, H. Porter 56, L. Valente 52 and R. Danglefield 51 points.

Forty owners competed for the award.

The Clare aggregate trophy, by South Bridge Service Station, was won by J. R. Lane with 200 points. He was closely followed by Wilson & Hicks 197, and A. J. Cattanach 195 points.

D. B. Clark trophy for the slowest bird home was also won by R. Lane.

The "chick" award for the best performance for the season went to a young hen named R. Lane — clocked 1st in her last four starts and the only bird in race time to Clare from June.

Remark. From Mount Gambier, 248 miles (two events) — 6, 24) — D. Matulick 1280, F. Peters 1244, M. Carslake & Son 1191, (2, 37) — R. Jonker 1497, D. Matulick 489, M. Carslake and Son 1486.

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