

Pigeon Notes

By Vin Blenden

More Than 6,000 Birds At Keith

More than 6,000 birds competed in the last of the S.A. Homing Pigeon Association's races from Keith on Saturday.

Excluding Clare, Bala-klava, Ardrossan and West Torrens Juniors, 375 owners were represented by 6,090 pigeons in the 125-mile event.

According to observers at the racepoint, the big mob split into two batches when released.

One lot got away and the other remained at Keith for some considerable time which probably was the reason for the patchy returns.

Returns in the night were below average and quite the reverse of the 24-hour combined result from Stirling North when a splendid result was reported.

Next Saturday the Association will fly from Pimba and the Combine will hold its last Keith race.

SATURDAYS RESULTS:

Keith

East Suburban (16, 345)—C. Mills 3.12.46, H. Peterson 3.13.51, Blanden and Bailey 3.18.22; South Suburban (28, 591)—C. Stanton 3.14.43, C. Forrest 3.15.44, A. Weightman 3.14.8; Hampstead (83, 648)—H. Porter 3.21.23, R. Eltzen 3.21.18, A. Goodger 3.21.49; Magill (10, 108)—B. Brime 3.18.28, J. Ferguson 3.19.28, L. and N. Sloper 3.19.32.

Hampstead Jr. (9, 43)—D. Collett 3.31.44, T. Daly 3.35.7, K. Shinkfield 3.36.43; Nairne (7, 76)—M. Pearson 2.58.49, H. Silesky 3.31.23, Harvey 3.14.14; South Suburban Jr. (11, 50)—A. Baker 3.19.1, R. Braden 3.33.18, G. Sheehan 3.36.30; North East (9, 132)—Thee and Heuchan 3.29.56, A. J. Harris 3.39.43, B. Moores 3.42.50; Campbellton (21, 340)—J. Butcher 3.18.5, E. Abrahams 3.19.50, W. Stern 3.20.57; Elizabeth (11, 104)—B. Champion and Son 3.37.35, E. Brocklebank 3.46.39, A. McQuire 3.44.14.

Elizabeth Jr. (6, 49)—J. Shaw 3.45.40, D. Thomson 3.45.10; West Torrens (19, 259)—J. Watsie 3.19.19, Anton and Nicolas 3.18.27, J. Dickson 3.18.57, G. Gawler (18, 378)—J. Bergin 3.53.35, C. Patterson 3.38.56, E. Mahoney 3.54.11; Millswood (24, 512)—I. Edwards 3.10.41, J. Quinn and Son 3.21.24, Warren Moxie and Son 3.16.47; North Suburban (21, 339)—W. Whitrod 3.22.46, M. Benz 3.24.36, T. Kingsley 3.25.34; Glrynde (13, 289)—B. Salter 3.14.44, J. Earle 3.20.24, J. Bested 3.23.37.

West Suburban (26, 493)—W. Jackson 3.23.41, R. Eitzen 3.21.53, C. Henderson 3.24.15; West Sub. Jr. (11, 48)—C. Forbes 3.26.9, P. McKenzie 3.23.58, B. Hards 3.25.0; Hyde Park (14, 279)—C. Kotkowicz 3.16.18, K. Badcock 3.15.46, W. Strongman 3.15.27; Henley and Grange (18, 343)—R. Fourer 3.22.2, D. Hawke 3.21.57, D. Innes 3.24.26; Henley Jr. (8, 32)—C. Clarke 3.25.17, P. Bhamis 3.27.15, E. Bayly 3.26.55; North West (9, 196)—W. Walford (2 birds) 3.27.25, S. Dixon 3.28.25.

Nth.-West Jr. (6, 28)—C. Whitehorn 3.33.24, J. Whaite 3.34.17, D. Penland 3.37.16; Strathalbyn (7, 53)—P. B. Clark 3.8.22, D. C. 3.7.15, E. Bayly 3.12.35; Oaklands (30, 354)—Burrows 3.15.1, J. Alldritt 3.13.31, H. Parker 3.13.56.

Stirling North

Riverside (38, 334)—A. Morris 3.1.3, W. Molek 3.1.6, A. Morris 3.2.3; Peterhead (15, 234)—C. Dunstan and Son 2.58.4, A. P. Thompson 2.59.21; R. Woodhead 2.59.43; Victor Harbor (9, 77)—Hann 2.58.37, E. Hanson 3.2.58, B. Owen 4.3.14; Woodville (23, 405)—B. & R. Hocking 3.2.57, B. & R. Hocking 3.3.38, D. Dempsey 3.4.10; South West (11, 94)—F. Glaeser 3.15.7, A. Langsford 3.14.51; W. Lehman 3.16.37; Sth. West Jr. (17, 96)—G. Sare 3.13.15; C. Caldwell 3.15.10, P. Lambert 3.16.4.

Anastion (7, 101)—R. Trifelle 3.13.13, J. Miller 3.13.30, A. Fairley 3.21.20; Plympton (11, 126)—C. Alexander 3.12.19, R.

ter 3.10.37, F. Taylor 3.15.44, E. Wray 3.15.54; Osborne (18, 298)—P. Smith and Son 2.55.43; Sparrow & Nettleton 2.56.47, G. Kneipe 2.56.43.

Country Results 19/6/65

Peterborough. From Coonalpyn, 200 miles (9, 40)—F. Olsen 3.51.9, G. Waterman 5.52.36, F. Fair 5.54.12.

Port Augusta (Flinders) from Parachilna (38, 284)—P. Blumman 965, C. Redman 964, W. Grantham 963.

Clare. From Carrieton, 97 miles (8, 71)—M. Hancock 947, J. Boyd 942.6, I. Victor 942.3 trophy by Solomontown Homing Club.

Renmark. From Alawoona, 41 miles (10, 121)—Mrs. Ratcliff 1,017, R. Jonker 995, R. Lockett 995.

Murray Bridge. From Keith, 90 miles—B. & J. Harris 935, P. Rawlinson 933, G. Wray 932 trophy by J. Trevor. The same bird won the previous Keith race.

Whyalla. From Two Wells 120 miles (17, 144)—E. Willard and Son 1125, J. Vines 1121.5, N. Humphryson 1121.1 trophies by C. J. Coles Ltd., C. Murphy and J. Bedford.

Solomontown. From Two Wells—L. H. Tee 1145, R. Manfield & Son 1143, Champion & Pavlich 1140—trophy by D. G. Hauser.

Crystal Brook. From Nairne, 135 miles (5, 57)—T. Smith 1150.8, J. Wohling 1150.5, D. Roads 1150—trophy by R. Giles.

Port Pirie. H.S. From Wirramina, 175 miles (15, 124)—G. Bowering 1082, H. Jackson Jr. 1079.6, J. Shepley & Son 1079.

Around The Clubs

C. Dunstan & Son, Peterhead, have won all three races from Stirling North and Plympton owner, C. Alexander won three in a row when he finished in front from Stirling North on Saturday.

C. Mills has finished in the first six in all six races held to date by East Suburban. His record is 3rd, 2nd, 6th, 1st, 5th and first.

Nairne owner, M. Pearson has four firsts and two seconds from six starts, including the hat-trick from Keith.

R. Eitzen, West Suburban, has an imposing record in his six races—1st, 2nd, 2nd, 1st, 4th and second.

North West fancier, W. Walford, has won three races to date and has also taken second prize on the same occasions.

Waikerie Crashes Again

Heavy losses are again being experienced at Waikerie, about the worst ever according to club life member Arn. Boehm.

"We are nearly out of birds," writes Mr. Boehm. "One flyer has only 20 left of 90 he had when he started to train."

An idea of the poor returns can be gained from the results of two recent races.

Only eight of 52 birds homed from Stirling North, 165 miles, on June 12. The winner from 9 owners was G. Elliott 833 vds. a min., followed by N. Moules 780 and A. Noack 510.

Twelve of 86 birds made home in the day from Keith, 132 miles on June 19 (another 21 reached Waikerie later).

R. Curtis won at 928 yards from A. Noack 921 and G. Elliott 918.

Killed By Hawk

Allen Fairley, secretary of the Angaston Club advises that a former member reported S.A. 84, 225, race numbered 357, attacked and killed by a hawk at Black Hill on the Murray Plains, Saturday afternoon, June 13.

The rings were removed from the dead bird and forwarded to Mr. Rigg, of Clover Crest, Modbury, found 6942 S.A. 60.

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Records Should Be Kept

The young fancier will soon learn that if he is going to start on the right foot in pigeon racing, it is imperative that proper records of breeding, training and racing particulars are maintained.

It is essential that a record of the young bred from the various stud pairs is kept for future reference and this can easily be done by using a small notebook with a page devoted to each parent pair.

The ring numbers of the pair are shown together with the mating date, ring numbers of the resultant youngsters, and hatching dates of the progeny.

If the breeding book is kept properly, it will eliminate any doubt concerning the parentage of all birds bred in the loft over the years.

The novice will find that if he trusts solely to memory the time will surely come when he will regret that he has not a correct record to which he can refer.

Experience will teach him that winners do not always breed winners, and that on occasions those that produce winners have been only ordinary performers on the road.

It is also a fact that in most cases many years pass before the impact of an individual pigeon's influence in the loft is realised to the full, and it is most important then that he knows how this bird was bred.

It is this knowledge which will assist the owner in his selection of future mating pairs.

The training book should contain notes of all preliminary training tosses, dates and distances, weather conditions and a rough note of the times taken for each flight.

It will also prove beneficial if particulars of ordinary daily exercise routine are included from time to time in order that a comparison can be made from year to year.

For instance, if results are not so good this year it can be useful to know what the birds were doing around the loft when the result was good at this time last year.

It is true that when the winning bird eventually enters the main lot comes the batch as a whole is fit as a fiddle, working fast around the loft, and serene and contented on the perch.

It is also a fact that one cannot win consistently unless the first bird to the loft traps fast without waste of time. In most cases it is the trap which wins or loses, especially in the shorter races.

The serene and contented bird is usually a fast one into the trap, on the other hand, the "touchy" one, no matter how fit, is physically, is reluctant to land without a few laps around the area, and shows little or no enthusiasm to enter the loft upon its arrival home.

Physical condition can amount to little if the bird's erratic behaviour is the cause of time wastage at the home end.

Methods used to quieten these "touchy" birds, successful and otherwise, should be noted in the training book for perusal when necessary on future occasions.

The race book should contain a complete record of each event flown showing the ring numbers

of all birds competing and the time of each pigeon's arrival home.

Other items include the number of owners and pigeons contesting the event, time of release, weather conditions at the race point and at home, and the name of the winner, together with its clocking time.

Particulars of birds lost in the race (the owner's birds) should also be entered in the page.

It is important that the time of arrival of each bird is noted if its performance is to be compared with that of the winner or with others in the same loft.

The sequence of its arrival serves little purpose unless the time is included for it can be the second bird home yet still be an hour or so behind the winner.

The beginner will find that it pays to await the arrival of the remainder of his pigeons after he has clocked his first bird.

If he is at home he can make sure each arrival has something to eat immediately it enters the loft instead of coming home to an empty food bowl.

He must remember that the late bird in this race is often the early one in the next event and if it has learned that food and water are waiting for it, it will not hesitate before entering the trap.

Pigeon racing these days is a sport in which every second saved is vital.

Proper records are easily kept and add interest to pigeon racing as a whole.

If one is to be successful in the sport it is essential that these records are up-to-date and readily available for reference.

Normal Start

To Season

Thousands of birds are now in training and in most cases tosses of 30-50 miles have been completed without incident.

Early reports to hand indicate a normal start without notice of any bad results.

Requests For

Jurions

Following notice in these notes of Mr. D. C. Cudmore's impending auction of his Jurion stud, Mr. Cudmore has received many enquiries for pigeons.

Fanciers are advised that no birds will be sold until the auction sale.

The sale will be held in August and an advertisement giving all particulars will be inserted adjacent these notes as soon as the auction date has been fixed.