

Pigeon Notes

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Finke Race To V. Kirk

Vernon Kirk, of One Tree Hill, easily won the SA Homing Pigeon Association's long-distance race from Finke, 690 miles, on Sunday.

He won by eleven yards a minute—about six miles from S. J. Gregerson (South Suburban), and A. Walford (East Suburban), who finished one yard a minute behind in third place.

Because of the late arrival at Finke, after 10 p.m. Friday, the birds were not liberated early on Saturday, but were permitted to settle down prior to being put into the air at 10 a.m.

An excellent race resulted with about 60 p.c. of the 559 birds home safe and sound by Sunday night. The physical condition of leading birds was a tribute to their owners and to the care given them in transit by the convoyer in charge—in all the result was a fine example of long-distance pigeon racing at its best.

The winner for V. Kirk, timed at about 12.34 p.m. Sunday, is a two-year-old blue bar hen which flew only to Pimba last year. She raced all stages to the 200 Oodnadatta this year.

The sire and dam were bred by F. Delair, the dam being a winner from Dimboola.

S. J. Gregerson almost repeated his feat of last year when he won the equivalent race held from Forrest with a half sister to his second prizewinner in this event.

The second prizewinner is a two-year-old blue check which flew all stages to Tarcoola last year and to the 200 Oodnadatta this year. Her sire is A. P. Whittington, a grand producer which sired the Maryborough Derby winner and Maryborough Open winner. The dam was the winner of 1st S.A.H.P.A. The cock and dam of the Forrest winner, is a daughter of the Pape cock out of Williams Bros. 2nd and 5th S.A.H.P.A. Ballan—a great long-distance family in the Gregerson loft.

The third prizewinner for A. Walford is a late-bred blue bar hen which still holds two nest fights. She raced all stages to the 200 Oodnadatta race when she was first bird to the loft. Her sire is a mixture of D. Green and Blanden and the dam is mostly the old blood raced by the owner at Broken Hill (S. M. Evans and Tregenza 1st and 5th) with outcrosses of L. Lloyd's Stassart, Schumann, and L. Thamm's blood.

G. Forrest (South Suburban) clocked a grand performer to take fourth prize—she won 3rd S.A.H.P.A. Cook last year.

She is a three-year-old blue check hen which was clocked Marree and flew the 200 Oodnadatta this year. Her sire is H. Taylor's Jurion and the dam is a Barker hen bred by H. Schultz.

G. Buckley and Son (Campbelltown) won fifth place with

a three-year-old blue bar pied hen, winner of 24th S.A.H.P.A. Cook last year.

The sire is a B. C. P. C. obtained from J. Pearson and the breeding is unknown. The dam is a Harrison bred by Max Bird.

The Port Adelaide Association raced from Benalla. Leading birds took about eleven hours to complete the 425-430 miles with the event going to Lloyd and Sawford.

NEW TRUSTEES

Two new trustees to the SA Homing Pigeon Association were appointed recently. The appointments were made to fill the vacancies created by Mr. T. W. Horsfall and Mr. D. C. Cudmore, both foundation members of the Association's trustees.

Mr. Horsfall retired recently after almost 40 years continuous service in this office, and the Association owes much to him for its present state of prosperity.

His valuable contribution as past chairman and secretary of the trustees over so many years marks him as one of the greatest workers for the sport in the history of the Association.

Mr. Horsfall's vacancy has been filled by Mr. D. C. Green, Association secretary for the past six years and a former member of the clock committee for more than a decade.

In recognition of his services, Mr. Green was made a life member of the Association last year. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee.

The sport lost one of its grand old men when Mr. Don Cudmore died recently at 86 years. Apart from his dedicated work as a trustee, he served the Association as its president for many years and was always willing and eager to assist in any matters beneficial to the sport in general.

The trustee vacancy created by his death has been filled by Mr. V. Blanden.

CLOSE

With only one race to be held—June on Saturday—the struggle for the SA champion honors appears to be between F. Fraser (81 points) and K. Wickham (73 points).

Both F. Fraser and A. Pearce, who was the main threat to the leader with 60 points, failed to score from Finke. If Fraser falls at June and Wickham repeats his feats from previous races from June, the final result will be close.

RESULTS

Finke.—SAHPA (155, 559)—V. Kirk 1227, S. J. Gregerson 1216, A. Walford 1215, C. Forrest 1213, G. Buckley & Son 1205, S. Ferguson 1203, F. R. Rosser 1199, B. Baulderstone 1193, K. Wickham 1192, S. J. Gregerson 1184.7, R. Wickham 1184, B. Strange 1179, H. Ford 1177, C. DeLaine 1176, R. Dangerfield 1175.97, W. Schumann 1175.96, W. A. Smalcombe 1176.3, G. Buckley & Son 1174, A. Goodger 1173, R. Wickham 1171, Thede and Heuchan 1170.5, T. Butcher 1170.3, Marchant & Son 1169.8, K. Wickham 1169.2, R. Watson 1168—subject to check.

Benalla.—PAA (27,267)—Lloyd and Sawford 1152, R. Drew 1151.47, A. Wear & Son 1151.42, H. Simmons 1150.9, A. Wear and Son 1150.84, L. Thamm 1150.83, P. Matthews 1150.5, C. Lodge 1150.2, D. Burgess 1150.1, D. Burgess 1149.9, D. Burgess 1149.

South Fed. (10, 44)—E. Clark 11.18.3, Rowe & Son 11.50.22, E. Clark 12.9.27.

Woodville (11, 82)—W. Richardson & Son 10.56.23, W. Richardson & Son 10.56.54, N. Richardson 11.3.8.

Angaston (6, 42)—J. Millett 14.24.6, A. Fairley 14.59.10, Stirling (4, 16)—L. Hart 10.41.52, B. Fuller 11.33.48.

COUNTRY 1.10.66

Tailem Bend. From Horsham. 190 miles (4, 28)—B. Moffat 1.04.4, J. Orr 1.03.0, M. Jones 9.2.

Solomontown. From Horsham. Ladies' race (12, 122)—Mrs. N. Argent 1.13.9, Mrs. R. Sykes 1.13.6, Miss E. J. Argent 1.12.3—trophies by A. Barr, B. Argent, Flinders HC, C. Nitz, Whyalla HC, W. Warne, Peterborough HC, O. Pursche, C. Langsford and R. Alchin.

Renmark. From Bordertown. one-bird, 150 miles (11, 11)—R. Lockett 9.08.

Keith. From Parachilna. 368 miles (6, 24)—L. R. Starick 7.42, R. Starick 7.23, C. Sanderson 4.92 (only three owners with birds in race)—trophy by D. F. Williams.

Port Augusta (Flinders). From Horsham. 386 miles (21, 99)—J. Webb 1.12.4, Grantham & Horseman 1.12.4, B. Medwin 1.12.1.

Waikerie. From Wasleys—A. Noack, G. Elliott, L. Searle—trophy by A. Bishop.

Clare. From Benalla. 458 miles (6, 24)—Wilson & Hicks 9.97, J. Lane 9.96, M. Hancock 9.90—trophies by Stanley Wine Co. and Glasenbury & Mahon.

Port Pirie HS. From Horsham. 339 miles (12, 118)—G. L. Bowering 1.13.8, S. Staker & Son 1.13.2, N. L. Doyle 1.12.2—trophy by M. L. Baileu.

AGGREGATES

Whyalla.—L. H. and G. Raymond 316, M. Raymond and Son 310, R. F. Willard and Son 301, A. R. Willard 290, M. H. Clayton 274, J. Virgo and Son 267, Mrs. F. Preuss and Son 258, Mrs. McLaren 256, R. Couzner 253, B. Herbert 213.

Keith.—R. E. Starick 30, C. L. Sanderson 26, L. R. Starick 24. Champion bird of the year award went to C. Sanderson's mealy cock (two firsts and one second).

PRESENTATIONS.—The Whyalla club will hold its presentation social on November 12 and the Flinders HC (Port Augusta) will conduct its fixture in the South football club-room at 7.30 p.m., November 5.

NOTE.—The Flinders HC had a bad return from a Bordertown race. If owners with FHC stay-stays return them to R. McDonald, 61, Conroy street, Port Augusta, the expenses will be paid at Port Augusta end.

7,500 birds at Pimba

About 7,500 birds contested the SAHPA's 270-mile Pimba races on Saturday.

Released at 8 a.m., the participants, mostly youngsters, had to face into a steady headwind throughout.

The flight of about 7½ hours proved too much for some of the less hardy ones and a return of between 50 and 60 p.c. in the day resulted.

Young birds which completed the distance in good times should give a good account of themselves in the 416-mile Marree derby to be held in another four weeks.

The Combine and Union held races from Dimboola, 220 miles, and a good result resulted.

PIMBA

Skyline Continental (13, 187)—J. Kolenberg 7.29.22, H. Strongman 8.2.44, Lind Family 8.4.6, Hampstead (33, 710)—G. Goodger 7.25.55, K. Watts 7.26.34, H. Webber 7.29.17, Elizabeth (24, 286)—E. Brocklebank 7.51.6, D. Hodson 7.5.38, W. Reinhard 7.11.24, Le Fevre (13, 191)—A. Brown and son 7.30.23, R. and M. Woodhead 7.34.14, L. Lloyd 7.35.56, East Suburban (13, 285)—L. Wallace 7.30.33, C. Hawke 7.33.28, G. Buxton and son 7.32.51, Stirling (17, 202)—G. Bout 7.41.23, B. Healey 7.49.42, L. Hart 7.42.42, Port Elliot (7, 120)—G. Stock 8.59.8, D. Hann (two birds) 8.58.49, Port Elliot Jnr. Derby (3, 18)—J. Brittain 9.19.26.

Magill (13, 189)—H. Schultz 7.36.12, K. Brine and son 7.35.10, J. Ferguson 7.33.50, Nairne (9, 148)—C. Harvey 7.47.21, C. Patterson 7.49.12, J. and P. Pfeiler 7.38.24, Vitesse (24, 405)—R. Wear 7.23.10, F. Coppock 7.24.24, R. Hancock and son 7.25.16, Hyde Park (30, 667)—S. Gregerson 7.32.54, C. Copeland 7.33.27, T. Castle and son 7.31.45, North-West (21, 324)—C. Sewer 7.32.16, R. Drew 7.33.17, C. Aplin 7.35.13, Alexandra (4, 38)—Mrs. L. Hains 8.21.33, T. Hains 8.36.28, King Bros. 10.27.21, West Suburban (20, 344)—M. Murphy 7.32.31, D. Dolman 7.34.33, Lear and son 7.35.2, West Sub Jnr. (11, 105)—P. Roumeliotis 7.37.14, D. Isgar 7.39.3, P. McKenzie 7.42.58;

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North Suburban (20, 317)—Mrs. M. Benz 7.24.22, Mrs. H. Sykes 7.23.24, Mrs. B. Canton 7.28.36.

Gawler (10, 148)—J. Bergen 6.56.21, R. Muller 6.58.50, N. Tymms 6.56.47, West Torrens (20, 328)—S. Coad 7.33.57, F. Hill 7.37.32, R. Brinkworth 7.34.58, Torrens Jnr. (6, 34)—D. McKinnon 7.45.0, T. Jones 7.48.5, J. Parfitt 8.0.15, Salisbury (20, 263)—F. Barker 7.10.9, R. Fleming 7.13.9, B. Brown 7.17.51, Salisbury Jnr. (10, 66)—Enthoven Bros. 7.18.20, A. McDonald 7.21.31, Whiting Bros. 7.24.47, Campbelltown (24, 430)—J. Thompson 7.25.58, J. Colligan 7.29.9, D. Agostino 7.29.27, Henley (17, 254)—M. Hatch 7.34.49, R. Horseman 7.36.47, K. Smoker 7.36.34.

DIMBOOLA

South Suburban (19, 329)—S. Nines 5.44.18, J. Prokopen 5.42.30, C. Stanton 5.46.10, Oaklands (20, 309)—E. Mabbarrack 5.44.43, T. Freak 5.47.30, A. McLean 5.49.42, Millswood (19, 333)—W. and K. Moyle 5.46.0, S. Mitton and sons 5.50.40, R. Watson 5.50.12, Woodville (21, 358)—W. Richardson and son 5.45.29, R. Waye 5.46.25, Dempsey Bros. 5.46.28, Riverside (24, 448)—K. and A. Jacquier 5.51.2, Pretty and son 5.49.16, Thamm and son 5.50.39, Riverside Jnr. (11, 47)—Harrington Bros. 5.53.12, D. Bubber 5.55.28, P. Allwood 5.58.47.

South-West (20, 228)—P. Sharland 5.54.3, W. Erlins 5.54.55, R. Hinton 5.56.37, Plympton (17, 215)—C. Alexander 5.46.23, Bannister and son 5.46.33, D. Barclay 5.49.49, Plympton Jnr. (11, 73)—R. Gilbert 5.50.31, M. Marquis 5.53.42, F. Watson 6.0.4, Osborne (18, 312)—T. Underdown (two birds) 5.53.44, I. Craddock 5.54.37, Victor Harbor (11, 163)—J. Shuttleworth 6.2.42, D. Gregory 6.3.11, R. Raggatt 6.7.3, Glenelg (13, 174)—M. Martin 5.47.1, R. Shepard 5.49.42,

B. Freeman 5.49.33; Peterhead (12, 215)—W. Downing, C. Dunstan, J. Todd.

Country, July 4

Mildura from speed, 90 miles (16,80)—R. Warburton 752, P. Bland 751.4, C. Gathercole 751.2.

Angaston from Parachilna (7,100)—M. Fairley 1587, L. Parsih 1582, A. Fairley 1528.

Clare from Keith, 185 miles (7,55)—J. Lane 528, M. Durkay 510, C. Hayes 450—trophies by J. Wright and Gardard and Mitchell.

Port Pirie H. S. from Tailem Bend, 164 miles (15,195)—J. Dormer 943.06, S. Staker and son 943.04, R. and S. Laube 942—trophy by Sir Lyell McEwin.

Solomontown from Pimba (18,227)—J. Manfield 1526, I. Newberry 1509.2, G. Benton 1509.1—trophy by A. Argent.

Keith from Stirling North, 283 miles (13,63)—A. Sanderson 998.2, E. Ricker 998, W. Thiele 969—President's trophy.

Waikerie from Hallett, 83 miles (10,84)—J. Curtis 964, A. McMillan and son 955, A. Noack 931—trophy by R. Curtis.

Strathalbyn from Keith (12,124)—J. Allen and son 855.8, G. Matthews 855.3, R. Morphet 855.

Mount Gambier from Naracoorte (18,290)—A. Wilson 1059.59, J. Roberts 1059.55, R. Mott 1058—trophy by C. Fears.

Loxton from Burra, 100 miles (10,85)—C. Kruger 1140, R. Size 1117, A. Goldney 1090—trophy by Hambours Ltd.

Flinders from William Creek, 262 miles (25,169)—H. Grantham 1216.8, J. Webb 1216.4, D. and L. Martin 1216.3.

Whyalla from Kingoonya, 196 miles (22,210)—L. Raymond and son 1499, A. Willard 1498.4, F. Willard 1498.3 Juniors (10,50)—C. King 1498, B. Marks 1497.4, T. Stephens 1497.2.

Jamestown (two races) from Copley, 187 miles—T. Dickinson 1018, W. Smith 1013, E. Swears 984, from Keith (derby), 222 miles—G. Noulan 784, W. Smith 783.7, L. White 783.6.

Renmark from Bordertown, 146 miles (10,84)—Mrs. Ratcliff 566, M. Carslake 564, R. and S. McGuire 561.

Murray Bridge from Keith (21,242)—Mrs. E. Kuchel 914, R. Kuchel 902, R. Rymer 891, Juniors—L. Ridley, J. Galpin, N. Oud.

CLUB NEWS

Owners will be sorry to learn that Port Adelaide Association stalwart, Cec Dunstan, died on Saturday night.

"Bing" Moyle and son Ken (Millswood) won their second race in a row last Saturday. S.A.H.P.A. president, L. Wallace, has done likewise at East Suburban. K. Watts now has four seconds in the big Hampstead club.

Racing priest

Father G. O'Donnell, the Irish pigeon racing priest and at present in Adelaide, will be interviewed on SAS channel 10 at 8.30 a.m. next Sunday.

Father O'Donnell was owner of the month in the British Racing Pigeon and Gazette, 1968.

RAIN MARRS RACE

Heavy rains on Saturday marred what would have normally been an excellent race from Tarcoola.

The SAHPA event attracted 5,387 pigeons. In all 350 owners were represented.

Liberation took place at 7.30 a.m. and birds met strong north-east winds on the homeward journey.

It was the final Tarcoola event of the SAHPA for the 1973 season.

The event was won by Magill Flyer S. Watts, with a bird timed early Saturday evening at a velocity of 16.327 metres per second.

Shepherd 14.728; D. and H. Foster 14.660; A. Weightman 14.655; M. Orchard 14.635; D. J. Carroll 14.618; J. Garrick 14.585; R. Rosser 14.579, D. and G. Franklin 14.565; A. Weightman 14.536; F. Glaser 14.532; C. Bannister 14.481; W. T. Moyle 14.464; R. Bell 14.419.

P.A. Association. From Tarcoola, 590 km (34, 490)—D. Burgess 14.497; L. Thamm and Son 14.311; A. Shammall 14.239; A. Wear and Son 14.220 and 14.185; T. Andrew 14.153; R. Judd 14.040; A. Wear and Son 13.841; L. Jeffries 13.812; F. Morris 13.786.

Salisbury. From Tarcoola, 600 km (25,286)—M. Thompson and D. Mortimer 15.592; F. Barker