



Peter Arriola

West Suburban flyer Peter Arriola finished 10th in the aggregate points of the SA Homing Pigeon Association last season.

Peter, a 40-year-old motor mechanic, lives at Croydon.

He is clock chairman of his club and has won the club aggregate points four out of the past five years.

Peter is a well known association identity and his past achievements have included the middle distance points and the most points for birds placed in the north and south derbies.

His racing loft is relatively small, but highly successful.

In club events Peter won races from Carrieton, Pimba and Booroorban.

And in the association his pigeons finished 18th in the Booroorban Derby, 4th in Oodnadatta, 10th in Finke and 28th in Temora.

His pigeons have proved themselves over all distances and form a universal strain with stock birds from many Adelaide lofts.

The Arriola loft includes birds from Alf George (Woodville), Dave Williams (former Croydon flyer), Tommy Jackson (West Torrens) and

George Little (Col. Light Gardens).

Birds from the Little loft were of the Clay-Barker-Jurion bloodlines.

Peter spends a good deal of time attending to his champions, aided by an aunt.

He trains the pigeons in his own transport early in the season, along with tosses by rail. Later in the year the birds are sent by rail about twice a week.

His breeding and racing lofts, which are separate, contain about 140 pigeons.

Peter has been racing pigeons for about 20 years.

The pigeons are fed a peas and wheat mixture, with small seed being fed to race birds during the week and when they return from a race.

Their drinking water is changed twice a day.

In the past Peter has had success with hens and cock-birds. He says henbirds are often more reliable in major races late in the year.

Peter has earned respect from his fellow club and association flyers by his easygoing manner and his keen sense for good, hard competition. — GRAHAM BADGER.