

Southern Racing Pigeon Federation

I thought it was time to give a brief report on how the early part of the season has gone with 6 SDC races complete with four to go before Fed and Assoc racing commences.

The first few races went well, generally with good returns but from my observations these races had a large percentage of old birds entered so returns should hold up but it would appear as young birds were introduced the returns seemed a little bit more inconsistent.

A few things contributed to this with some inclement weather hindering training and some east in the winds possibly playing a part in the young birds first starts off limited preparation.

The season to date has seen some very good results and as we near the beginning of the Fed and Assoc events I thought a few warranted a mention.

Stirling Nth: Andrew Scerri had the best in a good result (15 th owner overall) and I thought Gary & Ivana Cummings had a very good bird at Sellicks being 4 th owner in Southern Fed and 29 th owner overall.

Carrieton: Nel Family showed that they are in for a good Season finishing 10th owner overall and Grant Sheehan having a good one 19th owner overall.

Peterborough: The Southern boys shone in this one with G & B Clare 1st Southern Fed and 1st overall, Gary and Ivana Cummings 2nd and 2nd overall, Mark Coates had a very good bird being 3rd Southern Fed and 4th owner overall.

Bookaloo: Tom Tirrell gave an exhibition in this one having top 6 in Southern Fed and being 22nd owner overall against the trend of the day and I thought Geoff & Bridget Clare had a ripper bird on the day being 2nd Southern Fed and 41st overall.

Hawker: Glenelg showed the way in this one with good birds, John Luter topping the list 4th owner overall and the champ Mark Bruggemann kicking off his season with 5th owner overall.

Yunta: One of the Sports gentlemen in Arthur Ellul & Son getting up this week showing that there is some magic still there and getting 12th owner overall was a great result. The Armed forces led by the General, Bronte had a cracker in this one as well 19th owner overall.

Well done to all the winners to date and good luck to all as the Federation and Assoc races are just around the corner in what looks like being a very competitive year.

Yours in the Sport Paul Gardiner