

SAHPA YEAR BOOK 2017



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TROPHY WINNERS 2017

Racepoint

Lyndhurst YBC
Lyndhurst Open
Mt Gambier SAD
Mt Gambier 5 Bird
The Twins Open
The Twins 5 Bird
Coober Pedy Challenge
Allendale East
Mt Gambier 1
Mt Gambier 2
Mt Willoughby 1
Mt. Willoughby 2

Winner

Greg Kakoschke
Fawcett & Jackson
Hamilton Racing
Hamilton Racing
J. Marafioti
Keith Bowen
Snyders & Buxton
Gavin Harris
Cook & Edwards
Ross Chapman
Williams, Ver. Barlow
P. Roumeliotis

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Special Events

Alice Springs
Alice Springs First cock
Marree Sires
Points for both Mt. Willoughby
SAHPA Aggregate Points
Slowest Win Velocity
Bird Of The Year (certificate)
Most Outstanding Performance
SDC Points Winner
North Line Points Winner
East Line Points Winner
Premier Club (certificate)
S A Champ. Long Distance
SAHPA Member of Year
Longest East Line

Andrewartha / March
Williams Ver Barlow
Vasil Curea
Peter Roumeliotis
J. Marafioti
Peter Roumeliotis
Ross Chapman
Hamilton Racing
Cook & Edwards
J. Marafioti
R. Chapman
Metropolitan Club
Peter Roumeliotis
Don Schwarz
Gavin Harris

John Pryor Mem. V Curea
W & C Myers
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Warrnambool
R Horrocks Trophy
G Harris
F. M. Fraser
Healy Markou Myers
Certificate
Certificate
Cup
Andrew Muirhead Shield
Seasue Lofts
Grant Paterson Award
Certificate

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Chairman's Report – 2017 Season

The 2017 season was a challenging year for the SAHPA Committee of Management, mainly due to the outbreak of Rotavirus. I must commend the SAHPA Committee of Management (Tony Perkins our General Secretary, Paul Springett Vice Chair, Tim Fawcett, Phil Squire, David Thalbourne and Peter Burke, plus the outgoing members who were on the committee January through to March, (John Cock, Graeme Goodrich) on steering our Association through the year. I believe at all times we were very professional, we did not over react to each phase of the disease, we always stated we planned to race but would reassess that decision each month. At various times it looked like we would not race but we kept our plans in place and then we went to our members for the final decision.

The season had a later start than normal as we worked our way through the disease outbreak. We started in July and flew through to mid October. In my opinion it was a successful season and we did receive a positive email about an older member near retiring from the sport having the opportunity to enjoy one last season.

The Treasurer's report shows that we also controlled our expenses to reduce the loss to only \$2,627 even though our income was much less than previous seasons.

I would like to thank all the members that still paid up their membership subscriptions last year which helped us meet our financial commitments for running the SAHPA. Many of these members did not race during the year because they wanted to await a vaccine before resuming but they were loyal members and paid up their membership.

I would also like to thank our SAHPA members who have taken on important roles with the Australian National Racing Pigeon Board ANRPB, Greg Kakoschke now Chairman, David Walker Secretary and David Thalbourne State Representative on the Board. We thank Greg for the time he has devoted working for the Board and in particular the difficult negotiations to get the vaccine from University trials to commercial production.

Jim Marafiotte had a great season once again winning the SAHPA Aggregate points. The team of Williams, Verrall and Barlow had a great season finishing 2nd and Cook and Edwards had another great season in 3rd place.

As Chairperson, I have a philosophy that impacts every decision I make, "We should always do our best to leave the organisation in a better position than when we joined it". This means that we need to at least break even every year and where possible make small surpluses, so we can maintain the Hall and our Transporters. Our new transporter is helping us to keep the costs down even through the number of participants is declining, we need to work on refining our training units and program to minimise the subsidy.

I also wish to thank all the people that do various jobs in our clubs and the Chairpersons and Secretaries that do a great job to keep our great sport going. I would like to wish members all the best for the new season and call on your continued support.

Yours in Sport, Gavin Harris. SAHPA - Chairperson

POINTS TABLE FOR 2017

													OVERALL	NORTH		EAST		
Name	YBC	LYN	SAD	MGS	TWI	TWS	MG1	CP1	MG2	MW1	ALD	MW2	TOT.	POS.	TOT.	POS.	TOT.	POS.
MARAFIOTE J	27	15	27	0	30	21	29	28	2	26	11	27	243	1	174	1	69	12
WILLIAMS VERRALL BA	0	0	28	26	17	18	9	27	25	30	27	16	223	2	108	4	115	2
COOK A & EDWARDS D	22	26	0	27	27	17	30	11	17	22	6	6	211	3	131	2	80	8
ABBOTT & SON L	0	13	21	0	1	15	20	13	24	25	22	19	173	4	86	10	87	6
HAMILTON RACING	0	27	30	30	24	23	27	0	0	0	0	0	161	5	74	14	87	7
ADEL RACE LOFTS	0	8	0	0	29	28	26	25	12	15	13	0	156	6	105	5	51	19
TSONIS G	19	0	20	0	20	0	17	0	13	19	7	26	141	7	84	12	57	16
ROUMELIOTIS P	0	0	5	0	18	0	23	20	0	29	14	30	139	8	97	7	42	22
CHAPMAN R & S	0	0	26	28	0	0	28	0	30	0	26	0	138	9	0	78	138	1
HORROCKS & SEIBOTH	24	10	8	15	19	25	2	0	0	20	3	12	138	10	110	3	28	30
HARPER J & C	25	0	7	25	11	9	18	0	8	0	12	17	132	11	62	19	70	11
KAKOSCHKE G	30	21	0	8	0	0	0	18	14	27	0	5	123	12	101	6	22	34
CUREA V	18	20	0	19	21	11	0	2	7	21	0	1	120	13	94	8	26	31
BURTON P	16	25	16	9	0	27	0	16	9	0	1	0	119	14	84	13	35	27
HINKLER LOFTS	11	0	29	0	0	0	25	0	27	0	25	0	117	15	11	65	106	3
MOLCHANOFF M	15	23	0	23	0	10	0	24	3	13	0	0	111	16	85	11	26	32
LENKICE G	0	0	4	17	0	0	19	0	28	6	20	15	109	17	21	52	88	5
MAVC	0	0	24	6	22	0	3	0	11	1	21	18	106	18	41	31	65	13
ELLUL A & SON	0	6	0	12	0	0	21	22	21	0	23	0	105	19	28	43	77	9
MARKOU K & W	0	0	10	13	0	0	22	0	26	0	28	0	99	20	0	79	99	4
TIRRELL T D & J S	0	14	0	21	0	0	6	0	0	10	24	23	98	21	47	26	51	20
KOKOLAKIS J & N	0	0	18	3	12	0	0	0	23	0	10	29	95	22	41	32	54	17
HARRIS G & L	0	0	12	0	0	5	0	17	22	8	30	0	94	23	30	39	64	14
MANUEL S	0	0	0	0	0	8	5	26	16	0	17	21	93	24	55	21	38	26
DeVRIES H	3	4	0	29	0	22	0	0	0	7	0	28	93	25	64	17	29	28
HAMILTON C	14	18	0	0	28	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	89	26	89	9	0	58
RAYMENT G	0	9	0	16	0	19	0	0	0	17	0	25	86	27	70	15	16	45
STENCEL K & H	28	3	6	0	14	0	0	15	0	0	0	10	76	28	70	16	6	52
STOJAKOVIC N	0	22	13	14	0	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	73	29	22	51	51	21
TWOKOWSKI T & W	0	0	0	22	0	0	15	0	20	0	15	0	72	30	0	80	72	10

LDC POINTS 2017

		Alice	Cooper	Mt. W1	Mt. W2		
ROUMELIOTIS P	NOSUB	23	27	29	30	109	1
KAKOSCHKE G	METRO	28	26	28	21	103	2
WILLIAMS, VERRALL & BARLOW	PTADEL	19	29	30	24	102	3
TSONIS G	METRO	21	12	24	29	86	4
CUREA V	SMITH	20	21	25	19	85	5
RAYMENT G	METRO	13	20	23	28	84	6
ANDREWARTHA & MARCH	SDIST	30	19	19	12	80	7
BARBER S,C & T	SDIST	29	10	14	27	80	7
ABBOTT & Son L	SDIST	0	23	27	26	76	9
HARRIS G & L	SVALE	14	25	20	14	73	10

Alice Springs 2017



1 – ANDREWARTHA / MARCH SA15 23963

3 – ANDREWARTHA / MARCH SA14 20589

6 – ANDREWARTHA / MARCH SA14 32408

Bronte Andrewartha timed in three birds on the drop to win the Alice Springs Classic. Whilst his neighbour, Stewart Barber, also timed in the next bird home in the race which was from Bronte's same Metcalf / Goodger family. "I had given Stewart two sons down from my 5th

Alice Springs line. I suggested to him to race both, making sure they had some ability. Both raced on the hard east line one BBC finished 23rd Holbrook (smash) the other clocked (MC) Seymour 10th 2nd day. So both were put into stock. The fourth hen of mine sat on my roof for 45 seconds after having done Alice last year, just saying I have had enough I guess? Out of the five pigeons that came over my roof, the four of them were bred down from my 5th Alice, being mainly Goodger/Metcalf. The foundation sire of my family was a full brother to Jack Metcalf's 1st Alice Springs. Jack was out of the game when I got started but I am told he was very good friends with Allen Goodger. The Elliott hen is in the pedigree. I know the great hen bred by David Cunningham, 'Grange', which was 3rd, 4th, & 19th the Alice Springs was line bred to Jack's 1st Alice Springs.

Preparation: The start of the year I always go through the birds looking for a few pigeons to be able to fly Alice Springs, which is 1357 km to my loft. I had chosen six that I thought had potential, with their breeding (very Important) they could do the job.

I then selected three birds that I was confident that would be able to complete the course. I missed the first four races on our programme and had to change my plan of attack. Deciding on three lead up races, then straight into Alice Springs was my plan. (I follow John Pryor's system. In his video he would give three lead up races before Alice Springs.)

The 1st & 2nd bird through the traps had raced Bookaloo 388 km (approximately 5 hours), then 3 weeks later Lyndhurst Open 552km (approximately 8-9 hours). Then three weeks later they were basketed for the Alice Springs Classic 1357 km. Interestingly, the third bird through the trap only had one race, the Lyndhurst Open 552 km (approximately 10 hours.)

Feeding: My feeding is different every day depending on the weather. My mix is made up of two tins peas, three tins corn, two tins wheat, one and a half tins safflower, one and a half tins sorghum, half a tin of canola, half a tin linseed & one-half tin of vetch. I have tried different feeding methods over the years and I believe this is what suits my system.

The night feed always has something different on it, ACV, cod liver oil, oregano oil, flaxseed oil with protein powder. I make up a mixture of 750 ml ACV, 3 tablespoons of crushed garlic and 3 tablespoons of honey. I especially use this mixture on the feed on hampering night.

Training: The birds go every Sunday and Tuesday to Port Wakefield 125 km (weather permitting). The SAHPA have two training units, one for north flyers and one for south flyers. Birds not going to the Saturday race would also get tossed on Thursday from Semaphore 54km.

Once I started training, the Alice birds would go every Sunday & Tuesday (weather permitting) to Port Wakefield 125 km north from my loft at Aldinga Beach. After their last race in the Lyndhurst Open 552 km, they had one more toss to Port Wakefield 125 km the following Sunday, then just flew around the loft.

Then two weeks before hampering, on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, I took them 23 km north to a place on the coast arriving just before dark. I released them later and later each time. Leaving the lights on in the loft, I would take twelve pigeons always releasing the same three together twelve minutes apart with always the last three which were chosen for Alice Springs. My theory was to teach the birds to fly a bit longer in the night which might help on the 2nd day of the race. If there were any falcons lurking on the way home, they would be worn out from chasing the first three fit groups.

At 1.31 pm after clocking the three birds that came together I walked inside, Vicki turned to ask if I got one, I could not speak and could only hold up my three fingers!

These birds were the three we sent, not knowing any other times. To this day I am still very excited and proud of the efforts of my family of birds. *Acknowledgement: Peter J. Matthews.*

About me: I got started in pigeon racing in 1971 with my father Don Andrewartha and Sons (4 boys). Have raced from present location for last 10 years. My father was the most influential factor. I get help from my wife Vicki. I do value the support & friendship of fellow fanciers and I am pleased when other people do well with my birds. My favorite distance is over 500 km. I don't believe in wing or eye theories. I do send droppings away to be tested. My family of birds are: Goodger/Metcalf, Eitzens and Koopmans. The birds are wormed and I use vitamins and probiotics during the year. Feed consists of: peas, wheat, safflower, milo, rape & linseed. Barley is fed for the moult. I do use pellets.

General: I don't think a retired person does not have an advantage because we all have 24 hours in a day. I clean my loft every day and I think good planning is necessary to win. I think 3 or 5 bird specials would give a small flyer a chance. They need to be released 1 hour after the main bunch. Health of the birds is the most critical aspect in winning races. Beginners need to ask questions but don't get confused.

Breeding: I keep 30 pairs and I pair up winners to winners and also keep bloodlines/families. Koopmans are my stock family. 150 birds I breed for the season and I practice line breeding and inbreeding.

The loft: Best idea for beginners is fresh air. I do not keep sexes separated and there is no particular system to motivate my birds. Training methods are 1 hour per day round loft & 2 tosses per week (long & short). I start the season 150/170 birds 30 old birds, I prefer hens. I prefer head winds. I have practiced single up training and I educate the birds to feed and water in the basket before training and racing.

Ross Chapman - Gabbys



In late 2015 I received a phone call from an acquaintance in Newcastle. Just catching up I was informed. I had met the chap concerned years ago, when my wife and I stayed at the Red Head caravan park, and attended the first or second Newcastle \$10,000 race. That phone call from Allen Limeburner turned into a series of phone calls, resulting in Allen and I becoming friends and me racing six of his birds in the 2016 Sires Produce from Moulamein 500 kms east of Adelaide. It turns out Allen had spent

the best part of the last decade building a colony of birds based around a small number of Gabby Vandenabeele birds bred down from the Little Boy line, purchased from Jack Vanderlinden.

Allen has been following a breeding plan for most of this time, loosely based on the diamond method, concentrating on one BBC 4511. He has patiently tried to explain this to me for some time, but in frustration I think he has finally given up. I figure if he knows what he is doing there is not much point in me having to worry about it as well. I pretty much fell in love with Allen's birds as soon as I got them. Small to medium in size but the thing I liked about them was they were quiet and sensible. They never really showed up in early training but when raced they proved to be better than mine. Not bad considering I only had seven of them. Back to the Sires Produce. Race day turned out to be quite a strong northerly. Not ideal for me living in a northwesterly position but not too bad. Allen and I sent nine birds. I thought we had three reasonably good birds. Eventually three birds homed in four minutes after 9.5 hrs. To cut a long story short they finished 1st 2nd 3rd with a 23 min gap to the next flier. Only thirteen birds made it home on the day and Allen and I had five of them. On the Monday morning while I was patting myself on the back, I realized that the second bird home although I had raced her three times, I had not correctly qualified her. To say I felt sick did not cover it. First I had to ring the Chairman of the SAHPA, and then Allen who really did not know what I was on about at first, but made me feel better by saying "Ah well it could have been the winner" It was still a great result with four in the top 10 but it didn't feel quite the same after that. At this point you may be saying what has this to do with now. The bottom line was I wanted to try some more of Allen's birds as I only had hens, not that I was complaining. Anyway Allen sent me down three young cocks. One of them BBC NH 15 1120 being a inbred grandson of 4511. Here we go again with his breeding plan. These birds crossed well with mine, with one pair being outstanding. Yeah you got it 1120 mated to my BBH SA 13 335.

335 had raced three years on our hard east line being twice placed. But never bred

from. Best described as a good honest hen. Because of the Rota Virus in March I only bred two rounds of youngsters from my 14 pairs, mostly cocks. This pair managed to breed me four hens. This year 2017 we raced along the south east coast line for several reasons, but mainly to try not to spread the virus into Victoria. We did not go as far as normal only up to 400 kms. These four hens raced three times each in SAHPA races & gained eight SAHPA placings six in the top 10. In the club races they raced twice for equal 1st from Coonalpyn 2nd, 3rd, 4th, from Penola. On at least three occasions the four hens were on the landing board together. After the success of this pair I realised the dam of 335 another hen hardly used for breeding had bred me six top positions in SAHPA races. Her half sister (same dam) also double SAHPA placed hen has produced seven SAHPA placed birds. I suppose the chance 335 being a good breeder was not such a long shot after all. Its early days I know, but I think this might just be the best pair I have ever bred. One bird SA 16 08657 BBH is featured. I think her nest mate 08658 was at least her equal being 4th SAHPA in the 5 bird race from Mt Gambier, 1 second behind 57. 2nd open from Penola 3 seconds in front of 57. Equal 1st open from Coonalpyn with a loft mate, and 6th SAHPA Mt Gambier No 1.

Peter Roumeliotis

Mount Willoughby No. 2 as supplied by Lee Abbott



Peter's winning bch SA 16 11251 was clocked at 9:37am on Sunday after being released at 7 am on Saturday with SSE winds which were always going to test the birds. A velocity of 891.954mpm over 855 km is certainly a test of breeding and fitness. Peter also won the SAHPA Trophy for the slowest winning velocity.

His bch is from a mealy cock who is off a brother to the SAHPA Lyndhurst YBC winner of 2006 for Peter The grand dam is a mealy Busschaert Hen (she is also the grand mother of the cock that was 2nd SAHPA in the Mt Willoughby # 1 2017) The winners dam is a Busschaert

hen that was bought at Rod and Judy Billings sale.

Peter has built an impressive new loft since the last time I visited him in 2012. It now faces east and gets the morning sun, it has open door trapping and he uses the Tipes electronic clocking system. The old loft faced south into the southerly winds. Peter tries to keep his system simple, he feeds peas, wheat and maize with some small seed linseed, milo, safflower.

As Peter has his own business he has limited time to train his birds so he works them around the loft and usually likes to see between one hour to one and a quarter hours morning and night. Peter has changed his medication program over the last few years and now uses natural products more. Twice a week in the racing season he uses garlic in the water and grit and FVite in the loft he also puts pink powder on the feed with oil.

To finish a great year Peter also won the SALDC points. These points include SAHPA long races and Alice Springs and other SALDC long distance races.

Tim Fawcett and Geoff Jackson

By Tim Fawcett

"Gorby"

SA 15 24295 BCH

1st SAHPA Lyndhurst Open 2017

Leo Heremans



GETTING STARTED: Tim got started with pigeons with his Grandfather Ross Grivell. Raced them and about at the age of 7 he became interested and teamed up with him. Winning the first race was a thrill it took about 4 yrs of flying and then winning the SAHPA Juniors Champion in 1988 was a thrill for Tim personally.

BLOODLINES: Our early birds were from Dennis Shaw & Seychell sale and then we got birds from Ron Eitzen and Allen Goodger family birds. My current day birds are predominantly imported lines and I have had great success with the birds from top

fancier Leo Heremans over the past 5 years.

THE WINNER: My winner in the Lyndhurst Open in 2017 is SA 15 24295 BCH. She is very well bred being from my direct imported cock "Angus" who is a grandson of the world famous Nieuwe Olympiade owned by H & E J Eijerkamp. Her dam is from Ponderosa Australia bred from top producer Olympus & Kirsty. She is 100% Leo Heremans and was always an honest race hen, the first time I clocked her was when she won.

ON THE ASSOC.: Having spent 3 yrs recently on the SAHPA COM this is a difficult one, a bit of both-I don't think you can drop the ball on junior flyers as they usually have a connection with a flyer and will often take it up later in life. I think we need to target billboard advertising, community groups such as the Chinese community ie: attending fairs/festivals that ethnic groups hold with a display as there is often a connection. It has become more difficult with sizes of yards, peoples lifestyles etc but you have to keep trying to maintain numbers. Retired fanciers can spend more time with birds and being able to take out for training when weather is inclement etc but you don't use that as an excuse if they beat you.

ASSISTANCE: My wife Lindsey is a fantastic support to me with racing and general assistance she is a gem. My son helps a bit with opening and closing doors and my partner Geoff Jackson lives in Melbourne he's an ex Adelaide boy. Greg Hamilton is a very dear friend of mine and has been for a number of years, I always listen to Greg and take his advice and I always listen to top fanciers that beat me regularly flying in Metro club with the likes of Jim Marafioti who has offered support also over the years and Alan Cook, Greg Kakoschke etc creates a good competitive but supportive environment they are a great bunch of guys to race with.

LOFT POSITION: It is important but not the be all and end all, I think you have to have everything in your favour on the day ie: wind strength & direction but if your birds aren't 100% fit and healthy you won't win no matter where you live.

IDEAS: Adding a prize money subsidy onto the prepaid as I think when you win now you get nothing and back when racing was going well you at least got reward for effort, it just helps out guys who are struggling to justify to keep racing to family etc..

POSITIVES: Friendship is what pigeons are about, im a busy person but I still value friendships even though I don't often visit anyone. It gives me a great thrill when I hear of top results with my birds it helps guide me in the right direction for breeding as well.

ADMIRE: Greg Hamilton, Jim Marafioti, Allen Goodger, Ron & Graeme Eitzen, Bob & Bev Seedsman, Brian Fretter.

IN GENERAL: More help could assist new flyers with better with equipment, birds, mentoring.

I think when you have had pigeons all your life like you know a top pigeon when it hits your hand, I like a well balanced bird, silky feathering, good health and good eyes and vents but not essential..

In terms of top form-activity in loft, motivation, pink and clean on breast tissue, clean wattles and feet, bright in the eyes they sort of stand out and say send me. The loft is cleaned daily during race season, weekly in off season.

TIP: Listen to the guys at the top of the sheet not the bottom and only take advice from them - they have the runs on the board..and if they offer you assistance take all of it.

MEDICATION AND FEEDING: Droppings are not tested. Medicates about once a month I would give treatment for canker & respiratory - usually Turbosole & Resfite. I feed by hand and let them eat all they want to, I stop when they've had enough. Worming is twice a year pre season and about mid season. Vitamins are given about three times a week when racing and I give multivitamins in water. I feed a commercial mix and then I add popping corn to this My birds get around 40% corn, 30% peas, 20% wheat and 10% small seeds. Barley during the moult. Sick birds always stand out they are at the bottom of the perches and they lack vigour. I keep About 45 pair currently - too many.. My pairing is on performance high up in the pedigree always. I will stock a young one without racing if it is off proven high performed stock and has what I'm looking for in terms of confirmation.

SA 15 24295 Leo Heremans BLUE CHEQ Gorby. Leo Heremans. Ace hen who was 1st SAHPA Lyndhurst Open 2017 490 km 2050 birds, bred from Angus & Kristel. Half sister to Emma 1st club 2nd SAHPA Open SDC Bookaloo 2666 b 2018 330 km. Dam of 24th Adelaide PC The Twins 2018 610km.	GB 13 04333 Angus Leo Heremans BLUE CHEQ Parents were purchased from Leo Heremans. Sire is full brother to the famous Nieuwe Olympiade purchased by H & EJ Eljerkamp. Dam is a daughter of Nieuwe Olympiade. Sire of 1st club & 1st SAHPA Lyndhurst Open 2050 birds 490 km by 1 second, 2017, 1st Metro club 2nd SAHPA Open	BELG 12 6123908 Brother Nieuwe Olymp Leo Heremans BLUE CHEQ Brother to Nieuwe Olympiade. Bred by Leo Heremans.	BELG 09 6269363 Father Nieuwe Olympi Leo Heremans BELG 08 6372812 Leo Heremans
	CRPC 12 116 Kristel Leo Heremans BB Kristel. Daughter of top producer Olympus & Kirsty. Dam of 1st club & 1st SAHPA Lyndhurst Open 2050 birds 490 km by 1 second, 2017, 2nd club 33rd SAHPA Open Stirling Nth 2474 b 2015.	BELG 12 6123757 Dtr Nieuwe Olympiade Leo Heremans BLUE CHEQ Leo Heremans. Daughter of Nieuwe Olympiade ace	BELG 10 6146101 Nieuwe Olympiade Leo Heremans BELG 07 6371100 Leo Heremans
	BELG 07 6404507 Olympus Leo Heremans BLUE CHEQ Olympus. One of only two direct sons of the famous	BELG 01 6455003 Olympiade Leo Heremans BELG 06 6148404 Sister Nieuwe Olympi Leo Heremans	
	BELG 07 6385072 Kirsty Leo Heremans BBP Kirsty. Neice of Euro, G-Dam 21st Mildura for J & L Share		

Bunn Snyders and Dave Buxton

Coober Pedy 2017 1st Association



BEGINNINGS: Bunn started with pigeons at age 14 in around 1969. He began racing at 16 with the Nairne Racing Club, a club with over 20 members back in 1969. John Smith, Don Andrewartha, Robinson and Clark, Peter Dobvreosky, Fred Elston, Pimlott Bros, John Lange and others. Lots of pigeons would be coming overhead and our birds would pull out. Because of where he lives he wouldn't see that today. Tossing fifty years ago was with Bob Blyth.

HISTORY: When Bunn began work as a shearer, the birds were agisted with

John Lange at Birdwood. John Lange was a very astute line breeder and focussed the breeding to ensure Kalgoorlie Girl was the dominant contributor. John bought the complete loft from Patterson and Grigg at Williamstown. In time the Lange birds passed from John to his brother, Rex, who supplied Bunn with the base pair. These genetics have been carefully nurtured and today's birds are still very strongly Blanden focussed. The base pair were a blue checker pied cock and a red chequer pied hen, and these origins are still obvious. Alan Thede has also contributed generously and his birds have blended in well. Both Bunn and Dave and their families have moved a number of times in the nearly thirty years they have been flying together. Following a year at Sellicks, where he won races with mainly Janssen pigeons, Bunn set up the loft at his present address in Aldinga in 2014. When Dave returned from Sydney the partnership set up two lofts which are approx. twenty kilometres apart. This has enabled extensive testing of the birds. Other European bloodlines like Koopmans, Janssens, Hereman Ceusters have mixed in well with the Blandens. John Doyle has been influential with important advice. The current pedigrees continue to show Kalgoorlie Girl and Vin Blanden's red pair are dominant. Probably it is because of the extensive inbreeding of unrelated families that enable these birds to perform. The 1st SAHPA The Twins 2016 was a Blanden cross bred by Dave, and the 2 cock birds that were clocked on the same second from Coober Pedy in 2017 were Blanden and Blanden cross. 80 pc of Assoc placings are Blanden or Blanden crosses. 2nd Assoc Alice Springs in 2007 was a daughter of the base RCPH, and 2nd Cobar 2009 is a grand-daughter of this base RCPH.

Bunn doesn't keep prisoner stock birds. Over the years Dave and others have bred birds which Bunn flies. The best are allowed to breed before racing on in subsequent years. Like many serious pigeon flyers, Bunn has found a way to have birds in places where he has moved, including the Ord River, Darwin and Gippsland. While in Gippsland he had to drive an hour to get to the Melbourne Pigeon Club. Unfortunately, during the Gippsland year in 1992, there was a heavy storm which blew the loft over and all the old stock birds were lost which has probably contributed to not wanting to keep prisoners.

The sire of the 2017 Coober Pedy winner is a BBC that was 8th Lyndhurst Derby 2014. He is a blend of inbred Hereman Ceuster and inbred Brockamp. The dam of the 2017 winner is bred from a RCC - brother to the 2nd Alice hen and son of the base RCPH – he is the father of the current breeding loft. This dam has flown Marla three times with a best placing of 17th

BREEDING and BLOODLINES: Bunn likes the Blanden's but knows they are old fashioned and slow. The trick is to cross them to get the best of them. The three quarter and half crosses go well.

TRAINING and RACING: This begins with around 70 birds but noting that there are no stock birds. The training starts eight weeks before first race. Go about 7 km and then go 12 km and 20 km and keep going until they come straight back. Then to Outer Harbor. Bunn has chosen to only fly north line because he values the birds too much and doesn't like to lose them. This doesn't mean he avoids the hard and long tests. Credit to those that do go east but not for him. In 2017 he tossed on his own past Pt. Wakefield to avoid the rotavirus. He entered 7 birds in the Derby then got the virus. The birds only managed one race back before the Coober Pedy success. Getting birds to cross the water is probably his best option because of where he lives. When this happens, the birds are often on the top of the sheet. Birds are exercised around 2 or 3 pm and they fly for 10 mins. On a good day they might do 15 or 20 mins. Training is on the road: every Sunday, maybe Tuesday and then to Outer Harbor if needed. 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Parachilna 2016 three minutes ahead with two birds in each loft was the most memorable result.

FORM: Walk in the loft and they sort of shine, the eyes shine and the wattle is pure white and they just look at you and say "send me".

FEEDING during breeding: Mainly peas and wheat, saff, milo. During racing: Dave mixes feed but as the distance increases the carbohydrate goes up.

MEDICATIONS: First time on truck Turbosole goes in the water. Then every 3 to 4 weeks. Respite at the start of year and as needed. Haven't done ACV or garlic for a while. Does use Probac from Colin Walker which is sprinkled on feed.

IN GENERAL: Bunn and Dave acknowledge the very significant contribution of their pigeon 'widows' - Noelene and Janet, and their families. In the day of electronic clocks and computers, there are too many nights away from families and our current structures put pressure on everyone, and especially those with young children. Pre-paid is good for him - it works out cheaper, but not bothered which way. One idea is to have a later release for the Coober Pedy birds when it is likely that the birds may just reach the northern suburbs on dark. This would enable a fairer result and not cause the southern half of the metro area to be disadvantaged. The focus on winning the Association points works against having more flexible programs, and realistic recognition of bird performances, and flyers management. The wind dictates who wins and first drop is the best spot to be.

WHERE IS THE SAHPA GOING: When I was 21 or 22 I was one of the youngest at the AGM I went to – these days I'm still one of the youngest at the AGM! Why can't the Assoc. rent out electronic clocks for those who can't afford them? We need to help everyone get into it. For instance results could be phoned in and then the checking be done the following week which would help people who are busy with children etc? We need to try and cater for everyone.

LOFT: Is six sections 26 feet long 8 foot wide and has a four foot corridor. Has formboard on the floor but no covering. Cleans loft at 5.15 every day with the lights on.

SAHPA JUNIORS 2017

The 2017 SAHPA Junior Competition kicked off on 15th July this year, slightly down on previous years due to our interrupted season from Rotavirus. We still had six members registered five from previous years and newcomer Lucas Yang. Points were awarded for 5 to 1 for each race for the Doug Searle Shield. Congratulations to all Juniors and to Henry Tetley in winning his 3rd consecutive Doug Searle Shield.

Hawker No. 1: 1 - Fawcett Kids. 2. – EJ Smyth. 3 – Hugh Mahney, 4 – Henry Tetley. 5 – Max Smyth.

Bookaloo: 1 – Fawcett Kids. 2 – Henry Tetley. 3 – Hugh Mahney.

Lyndhurst YBC – 1 – Henry Tetley. 2 – Hugh Mahney. 3- Fawcett Kids. 4- Lucas Yang.

Lyndhurst Open: 1- Henry Tetley. 2 – Lucas Yang.

The Twins: 1 – Fawcett Kids. 2 – Hugh Mahney. 3 – Henry Tetley. 4- EJ Smyth. 5 – Lucas Yang.

Points Score: 1. Henry Tetley (19). 2. Fawcett Kids (18). 3. Hugh Mahney (14). 4. Lucas Yang (7). 5. EJ Smyth (6). 6. Max Smyth (1).

Feeding and Watering

– report from Tony Perkins

One day race.

The water trays are filled before the birds are loaded at the Association hall, many birds drink after the trip from their Clubs. The water is emptied just before the transporter departs for the race destination. Arrival is around 1, 2 or 3 am. Water is again added before sunrise race day and removed a half hour before release. No feeding occurs on these races. The fan forced air and climate control air into the baskets is on all the time but only activates when the temperature reaches over 15 degrees.

Two day races.

The water trays are filled before the birds are loaded at the Association hall and emptied just before the transporter departs for the race destination. The transporter generally drives for around 5 hours then stops for rest. Water is added before sunrise allowing about 1 hour for drinking. Depending on the length of the race the birds may receive a light feed. When reaching race point the birds will be fed for two hours then receive water until release the next day. The air and fans are on all the time but only activates when the temperature reaches over 15 degrees. If the temperature is extreme which has only happened once the pop up roof vents are opened.

At the race point the truck is parked facing the east to ensure the direct sunlight does not shine on either side of the transporter. The roller doors are opened just before sunrise and closed just after sunset, except in the case of extreme heat or rain.

Extra food and water is always carried in the event of a hold over.

I treat these birds as if they are my own going to great lengths to get them to eat and drink. I talk and whistle to them often, I use a broom on the outside of the transporter to move the birds closer to the food and water. I roll the doors up and down as some birds rush to the outside thinking they are being released which allows other birds to get closer to the trays. Each time I water them I hold the hose high so they can see and hear the water.

Good luck to all in the coming season.

2017 SAHPA Presentation



1. – John and Christine Harper. 2 – Tony Perkins and Troy Tirrell. 3. – John Kokalakakis. 4. – David Buxton. 5. – Cheryl and Wayne Myers. 6. – Don Schwartz. 7. – Junior winners. 8. – Tim Fawcett.