

GROUP 1 LOFTS 2014 NEWS & RESULTS

With another season upon us there has been quite an upheaval with our pigeons. After selling my home and relocating in Mid March there has been an uphill battle to re-educate birds and then try and get some form of racing underway, this has occurred and surprisingly we actually made it to the first race of the SAHPA season.

For 2014 in the SAHPA competition we are flying two lofts again-Fawcett & Jackson partnership from our new residence in Gawler East in Adelaide's outer North Eastern suburbs just a stones throw from the lovely Barossa Valley. We are also flying in the Tunbridge & Fawcett partnership in the Central Districts club again this year which is our fourth year as a partnership. In the Sydney CCF competition our friends the Pedavoli Bros and Vince Pedavoli are again racing in the strong CCF competition.

May 24th-Carrieton 1, surprisingly we got to this race in the partnership and I would expect us to be well off the pace for sometime yet and this did prove to be the case in the Fawcett & Jackson partnership we clocked a young BBPH 100% Leo Heremans from Ben x Charlotte, we were way behind in the strong Metro club.

May 31st-Carrieton 2, turned out to be a very "wet" affair again we were off the pace clocking a 2yo hen we retrained being from Night Owl and Little Ru (dtr Uluru). Returns were pretty good again this week.

June 7th-Pinnaroo 1-this race turned out to be very strange it looked prior to sending being a good race to get birds away, the returns ended up poor with many ybs falling by the wayside across the SAHPA. We clocked a 2yo BBH who we also retrained and she was placed in the Holbrook smash last year and is a very good honest hen. Up our end of town our time was ok, but in the overall scheme still not up to the leading birds as yet. Heres hoping things change in a few weeks!

June 9th-Congratulations to the Pedavoli Bros winning 1st Central Cumberland Fed from Gunning 210 km against 6188 birds by a massive 2min 40. Their 2yo hen is regally bred being from the imported Direct Gaby Vandenabeele birds Zeus and Pandora, her full sister gained 2nd CCF last year so they are really demonstrating being a top pair. Well done Carlo and Vince.

June 14th-Hawker 1, the Fawcett & Jackson team didn't race this week, however it was the first race for the Tunbridge and Fawcett birds and a good result gaining 1st club 45th Open SAHPA against 3117 birds. The winning bird is a 2yo hen bred from Crown Prince (Crown Jewels x Goldmine Merlot), when paired to RCH 02971 (Goldmine Shiraz x Dtr Vintage Crop), we lost 02971 from Alice Springs in 2013, since then she has bred two winners with this hen being a brother to St Hugo-1st club 12th SAHPA Warrnambool in 2013, a good pleasing result and the birds homed well with 10/12 on the day.

June 21st-Pinnaroo No 2- A nice result for the Fawcett & Jackson team this week in a very tough race we timed in a young BCC 14099 who is regally bred-His sire being Prince Kadet (White Toes x Blue Kadet) Gaby VB and his dam is "Feel the Rhythm" a lovely Van Loon hen via G Hamilton from Rhythm Stick. This cock did well gaining 34th SAHPA Open against 1870 birds flying 928 mpm.

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June 28th-A good result reported to us from Tony Palin-Coffs Harbour NSW (MidNC Fed) gaining 8th Fed Ballina with a young BCPC bred from our stock. His sire being a son of Lincoln 97 & Pretty 46 when paired back to a good Pryor race hen of ours. Well done to Tony who is flying a really good bird in his first season of racing.

June 28th-Geoff Jackson flies well in the VPO gaining 1st Section 19th Fed against 1115 birds with a young BCPC, sire being BBC Son of J Marafiote 1st SAHPA Marla, his dam being Malbec-The winning daughter of Jaffa & Vintage Crop. Well done to Geoff. The SAHPA and CCF cancelled all events this weekend.

Good Results from Hawker No 2 5th July-303km

The Hawker No 2 race achieved some good results for our birds scoring 4 prizes in the first 50 open prize result against 4344 birds. A pleasing effort given we only moved home in Mid March this year and have had a somewhat interrupted season. Our first bird RCC 19904 gained 17th Open SAHPA is nominated for the Marathon Challenge event, he was bred by our friend Shane Queissner of Burra bred from two birds purchased from us-His sire being from Tusks & Malbec, with his dam being from Goldmine Shiraz & Carlotta, he contains the top hens Diamond, Grange & Vintage Crop in the pedigree, 25th Open was a nice BBC 14121 who is 100% Leo Heremans he was bred from our good pairing Master Luke x Monique who bred 5th & 50th in SAHPA races in 2013, 35th Open was BBH 14036 who is Van Loon bred from Flits 53 x Miss Jasmine (her sister also gained 7th Adelaide PC on this same day from Hawker also), rounding out 48th Open 1166 BBH was bred by Vince Pedavoli our friend from Sydney and is a daughter of his 2nd CCF 2013 hen bred from Gaby imports Zeus and Pandora.

10000 Reasons to Smile for Ross & Vicki Brogan :)

Saturday 19th July saw the SAHPA and Adelaide Pigeon club events from Parachilna 410 km N of Adelaide, in what was a good race with a "tricky" East wind, the leading birds took just over 5 hrs to complete the journey. We received good news from the Adelaide Pigeon club that Caneview Lofts (R&V Brogan) won the first prize and \$10000 with a bird bred by us and placed in the loft as a spare. 14160 BBPH is all Van Loon bred from our top Derby winning hen "Miss Jasmine" when paired to "Flits 53", this pairing has proved to be very good already with 3 daughters winning good prizes in APC and SAHPA competition at this early stage of the season. Our own syndicates gaining 12th place with a BBPH bred from a son of Tusks x Diamond when paired to a Deweerdt hen from Vince x Catherine & 23rd place with BCH 14136 being from Double Dip & Princess Jewel (Gaby/Janssen/Houben).

Our team of Tunbridge & Fawcett also gained a good result being 2nd club & 39th Open in SAHPA against 4768 birds with BCH 14181 bred from DeCastella (Gaby VB) x Desire (Leo Heremans) in her first race start. Our partner in Victoria Geoff Jackson also winning section in VPO and placing 8th Fed against 1419 birds with a young Deweerdt cock from Andy x Catherine from Denilquin 240 km. Well done to Geoff.

Good Results on the YBC Weekend!!

The Weekend of the 9th August proved to be a fairly good one for birds from our lofts. In our own race loft we gained 1st SAHPA 5 Bird Series Lyndhurst YBC with our good young BBC 14121 Leo Heremans from Master Luke x Monique, he gained 25th Open SAHPA Hawker 5 weeks previously. In the Tunbridge & Fawcett partnership a good 1st, 2nd & 3rd Centrals club and 24th SAHPA against 4100 birds. The Adelaide Pigeon club saw another good result with the Caneview Lofts winner from Parachilna (Flits 53 x Miss Jasmine) gaining another top prize in 14th place. In Sydney some good feedback from Grant Daniels who produced 1st Seven Hills Squeaker sale race for Solomons Family and gaining 18th CCF Carrathool against 4232 birds, the sire was bred by Group 1 Lofts being a direct son of Silvero (imported Van Loon cock) when paired to Apollo 81 (dtr Apollo) well done fellas!!

Cooberpedy Cock Special

A fantastic result from our top BCC 14099 "Bulletproof" gaining 2nd SAHPA after a 12 hr fly and being one of only two birds home on the day in the SAHPA. He is bred from our top Gaby cock Prince Kadet, when paired to Van Loon hen "Feel the Rhythm", this is his 2nd SAHPA place for the season.