

## **The Fab Four Create SAHPA History in 2009**

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History was created in the SAHPA last year on 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2009 in the event from Wilcannia 580 km North East of Adelaide.

Not in anyones recollection had a fancier gained the first 4 placings in the history of an SAHPA race by landing 4 pigeons together with a winning velocity of 1175 mpm and a flying time just a tick under 8 hrs. This superb effort gained Angle Vale fancier Greg Hamilton a slice of history and also the prestigious **Brian Healy Memorial Trophy** for the most outstanding performance of the season in a SAHPA event. The effort was also remarkable given the high degree of West in the wind this day which probably given Gregs' position should not have seen him amongst the early placegetters.

Greg aptly named the quartet the Fab Four, not quite the hysteria of the other 60s quartet that landed in Adelaide many years ago with the same name but a damn fine collection of 4 magnificent hens which in their own right are all equal SAHPA winners.

I thought I would step you through the details of each bird to give a better idea of why they are all of equal "champion" status.

### **Photo of the Fab Four**



### **First Place-SA 08 27483 BBPH-Pryor x Goodger Bloodlines**

27483 was definitely bred to be a race winner, her parents were bred by the author Tim Fawcett and became the property of his dear friend Geoff Johnson of Ballarat upon Tims time out of the sport, they were in turn loaned to Greg Hamilton last year to introduce into his own famous Pryor x Goodger winning family and contain close relatives to some of Gregs own foundation birds. The sire is SA 02 01868 BBC is a grandson of Grant Patersons famous PTL cock and has Tims No 1 stock hen as the granddam 13873 who is now the granddam of 3 x 1<sup>st</sup> in SAHPA races, 01868 is also from a granddaughter of John Pryors 1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA Morundah. The dam is SA 99 11072 BBPH "The Pretty Hen" placed 10<sup>th</sup> SAHPA Kulgera in 2001 for Fretter & Fawcett, this champion hen has bred countless top pigeons including 6<sup>th</sup> SAHPA Alice Springs, 27<sup>th</sup> SAHPA Hay, 2<sup>nd</sup> Horsham Breeders plate etc, her brother was also 2<sup>nd</sup> SAHPA Marree Sires Produce, he in turn bred Fred Dimellas 3<sup>rd</sup> SAHPA Alice Springs of 2008. The parents of 11072 were Tims top pair a BCC Son of John Pryors 1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA Coleambally (Lot 100) bred by Wayne Myers when John loaned him the Coleambally hen and the champion producer 13873 BBPH daughter of the Port Lincoln cock which was kindly given to Tim from his friend Grant Paterson some time ago. The old apple doesn't fall far from the tree here and im certain 27483 will go onto big things in the stock house.

### **Second Place-SA 08 27381 DCH-Pryor x Goodger Bloodlines**

27381 is one of those **out of the box** pigeons a champion young race hen. The 2<sup>nd</sup> place from Wilcannia was followed up a fortnight later with a 15<sup>th</sup> SAHPA Cobar 1162 b which was a real tough one (a smash). This hen had also previously scored from Little Topar with a 39<sup>th</sup> place open in the SAHPA.

Again breeding tells a story here. Here sire is one of Gregs champion producing cocks SA 03 33125 BCC- this top Pryor/Goodger cock has bred 6 x SAHPA places including Gregs top race hen the 3<sup>rd</sup> SAHPA Nyngan hen he calls "Majestic" who also won the Para club Bird of the year with two first Prizes. Incidentally, Majestic was Gregs fifth bird just two minutes behind the Fab Four but due to a timing system failure one week earlier Greg had used a clock and she was not timed in, Majestic also went onto fly the hard Nyngan race a fortnight later. 33125 is a son of Gregs top cock The Wilcannia Cock who descends from the Pryor Bluebloods..he is literally loaded with the Pryor Reference pigeons and is a nephew to the Champion Goldmine Cock. The dam of 27381 is a hen acquired from Max Taylors sell out SA 02 00667 BBH who was 1<sup>st</sup> club Ouyen for Max and had already produced for him, this hen is a direct daughter of the champion 1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA Alice Springs for Max Taylor and a Goodger cock Max got from Peng Lam another Adelaide Flyer who carries a high degree of Goodger birds.

### **Third Place- SA 08 36380 DCH-Pryor x Goodger Bloodlines**

36380 is the full sister to the second placegetter 27381 but from the later round. 36380 again contains all the winning genes of the Pryor Reference Birds by being a daughter of the top producer SA 03 33125 BCC and has the influence of the top distance hen Max Taylors 1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA Alice Springs hen also. 33125 also had an influence in Gregs friend Gary Lillingstons' 5<sup>th</sup> place in the event with the sire being from a half sister.

### **Fourth Place- SA 08 36389 RCPH- Pape/Webber Bloodlines**

36389 RCPH is an interesting hen being from a relatively new introduction to Gregs loft the Pape/Webber Blood from Roy Smith of Gawler. 36389 was a most brilliant race hen this year being ultra consistent in all of her races. She was the only Pape/Webber bird Greg raced but definitely demonstrated the outstanding ability these birds have in tough races. The sire of 36389 is WPF 01 2763 RCC he is a direct son of the original foundation Pape cock 48444 which sired 1<sup>st</sup> club Alice Springs and Canberra both distances in excess of 1000 km to Adelaide. The dam is SA 05 32483 RCPH a great granddaughter of the foundation Pape cock 48444.

I hope this has given the journal readers some insight on these four fantastic hens who landed together to create history in Adelaide. I will endeavour to do an article on the resurgence of distance racing in South Australia in an upcoming journal. A Happy New year to everyone. Cheers Tim Fawcett.