## The Adelaide Pigeon Club-Australia's most exciting club!

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## **AUGUST 2018 NEWSLETTER**

Our third race this year saw the birds released from Glendambo at 8:00am along with 2674 SAHPA birds. The SAHPA Release Panel changed the race point from Lyndhurst to Glendambo because of the forecast strong north westerly winds in an effort to stop the birds getting behind the Flinders Ranges and finishing up in Victoria. The weather at the release point was fine with clear blue sky and a light northerly wind. Winds on the journey home were NNW increasing in strength to 40 km/h.

The race was won by **David & Barbara Cunningham** with **Phoenix Lofts Australia 2** (**Barry Devine**) second and **Steve Bell** third. The winning velocity was 1889.791 mpm. Congratulations to the winners and all of the other prize winners.

With only 13 birds home 90 minutes after the winner things were not looking good before a steady stream of birds improved the situation. Only a small percentage came on line with the remainder slogging their way back into the wind to the loft.

The winner is off a Raven Van Loon cock bred by Barry Devine that has bred several winners for David and a hen bred by Greg Hamilton off Super 33 and Ermerdream. The dam is a sister of 1<sup>st</sup> SAHPA SDC Underbool.

The sire of second is also a Raven Van Loon that has bred 2<sup>nd</sup> GC50000 for Barry and 6<sup>th</sup> Open National in Victoria for Simon Grech. The dam is a Heremans Ceusters of Euro and Samson Bloodlines.

Third is a Heremans Ceusters by Goodger with the dam from the same family as 1<sup>st</sup> Marla 2016.

Phoenix Lofts Australia 2 is leading the Aggregate Points from Hamilton Racing and Brown & Carter. AUST 140 Phoenix Lofts Australia 2 with three Top 10 finishes has a good lead in the Bird of the Year points.

The fourth race is from The Twins on 1<sup>st</sup>September.

Registrations and deposits for the 2019 season are being received. The entry fee is \$1,540 including GST with the deposit \$540.

For those sending birds for the **2019 season** via **Adelaide Airport** the  $1^{st}$  **October** (eggs  $8^{th} - 11^{th}$  October) is the ideal date to pair up. For local flyers and others delivering their birds to the loft the  $3^{rd}$  **October** (eggs

 $10^{th} - 13^{th}$  October) is the ideal date. Pair up one week later ( $8^{th} - 10^{th}$  October) to have birds ready for the second/final weekend. The birds should be 30-35 days old when delivered. Birds sent via Adelaide Airport must be sent on either Friday the  $30^{th}$  November or Friday the  $7^{th}$  December. Do not send birds on any other days.

Birds for the 2019 season must reach the loft between the 30<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December – no exceptions.

APC Committee Brian, Penny and Rolf