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Redakteur/Editor
Christo Munnik

So kom dit dat hierdie die laaste gedrukte twee maandelikse uitgawe van “Die Sierduif” sal wees. Dit is vir my nogal hartseer maar dink tog dat dit wel die beste uitweg was om te verseker dat ons ledegeld verminder kon word.

Die jaar 2017 was op ‘n paar gebiede vir my ‘n nagmerrie gewees maar ek dank my Hemelse Vader dat ek daardeur kon kom sonder te veel letsels.

The cancellation of the SA Championship show in Pietermaritzburg was a knock between the legs for the members of KZN in Pietermaritzburg, believe me. They were ready to receive the pigeons and exhibitors when I phoned them and gave them the bad news.

I am still blamed by one or two of them that it was my fault for the cancellation. Thank you for the other members in the country for accepting what had happened. In this issue is a article from Neil Raw about the show that was cancelled.

Ek wil namens myself en Cora vir al die lede van die SASV ‘n baie geseënde Christusfees en voorspoed in die nuwe jaar 2018 toewens. Ek hoop regtig julle sal net tot groot hoogtes gaan in die stokperdjie.

Editor’s column

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Kersfees en Nuwejaars wense van ons lede

Kan julle glo, hier staan ons alweer aan die einde van nog `n jaar en dis weer Desembertyd, vakansietyd, Kerstyd … 2017 het behoorlik in 'n oogwink onder ons uitgehardloop.

Wat `n jaar was dit nie. Die SASV het weereens groot lede verloor en ook familie van lede. Kom ons dink aan hulle wat geliefdes verloor het gedurende die jaar en wat hul eerste Kersfees sonder hulle moet vier. Kom ons hou ons hand in die Here se hand en stap die pad wat vir ons uitgelê is.

Die SA's moes ook noodgedwonge afgestel word as gevolg van die voëlgriep wat nogsteeds wyd in ons land voort woed. Dit was vir niemand lekker nie en redeneer die manne nog steeds of dit die regte besluit was aldan nie.

Ongeag wat 2017 ookal opgelewer het, wil ek elke persoon bedank vir sy/haar ondersteuning. Mense verskil en ons kan nooit almal tevrede stel nie. Ongeag dit alles is daar nog steeds baie om voor dankbaar te wees.

Laat ons al die onaangename dinge agter ons sit en met nuwe positiwiteit die leisels vat en 2018 `n beter jaar maak. Mag die nuwe jaar vir almal net mooi en opwindende dinge inhou. Onthou jou familie en vriende is kosbaar.

Hiemee wil ek en Theresa almal 'n wonderlike Geseënde en rustige Kerstyd en voorspoedige 2018 toewens. **Chris en Theresa de Bruin**

DIE TYD WAG NIE
Die dae het verbygesnel die somer, winter, beurt vir beurt die koue op die hitte vel, en weer die somerdrag, gekleurd. So pas het ons die Kersfees gevier, geskenke, wense oorgedra, of loer die feestyd al weer hier en kom die Kerstyd aangeja.

Dis byna hier, die wonder dag, en dink ons ooit vanwaar dit kom, die fees wat ons elk jaar verwag of het ons dit al klaar verkrom.

Gedenk ons nog God se mensword daad en al wat daarby het gebeur of het ons lank reeds dit versmaad vir ons plesier dis te betreur!

Want Hy die Heer het neergedaal om hier as offer te kom sterf, ons las te dra, ons skuld betaal vir ons die hemel te verwerf! Geseënde Christusfees en mooi nuwejaar **Simon en Susann van die Laeveld**

Mag hierdie Kersfees vir elke duiweboer en sy gesin 'n besonder fees wees. Mag julle Sy vrede en vreugde ervaar. Gesondheid en vrede vir 2018 word elkeen toegebid. **Noordkaap duiweboere.**

To all the Fancy Pigeon Members, On behalf of Carol and myself, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy 2018. **Lionel Phillips**

Randgold Lofts wens al die SASV lede en hul geliefdes 'n wonderlike Christusfees toe, mag julle die Grootheid van ons Hemelse Vader ervaar en 'n mooi Nuwejaar vir almal. **Lourens en Magda Muller**

To all my dearest friends in the fancy pigeon world. May the grace of God be your portion at this Christmas time. May all of you gather together as family and remind each other of what the Christ did for us. May you share love and togetherness around each

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meal and each day during the holiday season. Thinking of you all and much love to each other and to every one of you.
Rodney Stevens

Ons wens is dat alle lede en hul gesinne 'n besonder Geseënde Kersfees sal beleef. Mag die nuwe jaar vir u vrede, voorspoed en geluk bring.

Dankie aan al die duiwe vriende veral Oostelike Streek vir julle ondersteuning en liefde wat ons deur 'n moeilike tyd van siekwees gehelp het.
At en Riana van Jaarsveld

Die einde alweer hier. So het nog 'n jaar verby gevlieg waar almal aan verskeie duiwe skoue deelgeneem het en soms met 'n glimlag en soms 'n "toemaar volgende keer is dit my beurt" uitdrukking op die gesigte weggestap. Van Wes-Transvaal se kant af wil ons graag die hele duiwefamilie 'n geseënde Kersfees en 'n voorspoedige nuwe jaar toewens. Mag elkeen van julle met 'n goeie broeiseisoen die jaar uitstap en die nuwe instap reg vir die verveertyd wat kort daarna opgevolg word met die begin van die skou tyd.
Wes-Transvaal

Dit is weer die tyd wat ons 'n keuse moet maak. Dis daai tyd van die jaar. Gaan ons dit in krismis maak of gaan ons dit 'n ware CHRISTUS fees maak? Ek wil net vir een en almal wat my ken 'n ware en vredevolle CHRISTUS FEES toewens. Geniet die tyd saam met jou familie en vriende maar moet nooit die vader wat nie in vlees daar is nie maar wel in gees vergeet nie.
Al die van der Walts van die plakkerskamp wens u hiermee ook voorspoed toe vir 2018. "mag dit tog reën daar waar jou bokke wei"

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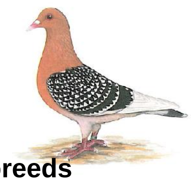

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Oorsig van my eerste jaar as Nasionale President

Chris de Bruin

My eerste jaar as Nasionale President is verstreke en daar was hoogtepunte sowel as laagtepunte vir die Vereniging gewees.

Ons het verskeie lede, oud lede en lede se familie aan die dood afgestaan en hierdie jaar was dit vir my of ons meer lede verloor het as vorige jare.

Ons ledetal aan die einde van Desember 2016 was 213 wat redelik dieselfde is as 2015 se 215 lede. Dit is egter baie laag en die Uitvoerende Komitee is besig om na maniere, reklame geleenthede en materiaal te kyk om meer lede vir die SASV te kan werf. Huidiglik staan ons ledetal op 174.

Ek het vir Dawie van den Heever en wyle Danie Visser gevra om ‘n SASV/SAFPA Facebook Blad te skep vir vinnige kommunikasie met die lede, asook om ‘n middel aan ons lede daar te stel waarop hulle sake van belang en klagtes onder die Uitvoerende Komitee se aandag te kan bring. Die blad is tans in gebruik maar al die lede maak nog nie ten volle daarvan gebruik nie. Ek het opgemerk dat van ons lede eerder inligting en gebeure op twee ander Facebook groepe, te wete "Die Duiwe Hoekie" en "Sierduiwe" pos, vermoedelik omdat daar publiek as lede op die groepe is en hulle dus meer blootstelling kry. Ek wil ons lede versoek om van die SASV /SAFPA Facebook blad gebruik te maak.

Daar was ook tydens die Januarie 2017 Uitvoerende Komitee vergadering besluit dat die Sierduif van volgende jaar af elektronies uitgegee gaan word. Die UK besef egter dat daar `n paar groei pyne sal wees en ons versoek die lede om geduldig te wees totdat alles uitgeklaar is. Daar was besluit dat die elektroniese Sierduif net toeganklik sal wees vir lede, maar is dit werklik wat ons wil hê? Die Sierduif is die SASV se amptelike mondstuk en kan geweldig baie bydra tot reklame vir ons, indien dit vir alle moontlike belangstellendes beskikbaar is. Tans word Die Sierduif tog gratis beskikbaar gestel in verskeie Dierewinkels. Die besluit het daartoe bygedra dat ons die ledegeld en ring gelde kon verlaag om ons lede tegemoet te kan kom.

Gedurende die jaar het

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ek vier Streekskoue, te wete Oostelike Streek, Noord-van-die-Vaal, Vrystaat en Wes-Transvaal bygewoon waar ek op drie as Hoof Beoordelaar opgetree het. Oor die algemeen was ons skoue kleiner as vorige jare, deels oor die knypende ekonomie wat tot gevolg het dat lede minder duiwe aanhou en ook minder duiwe skou of minder skoue bywoon.

Daar was dan ook hierdie jaar 1896 minder duiwe vertoon, 6008 (sluit SA`s se inskrywings in) teenoor verlede jaar se 7904. Willie van Zyl het grapperderwys die spyker op die kop geslaan toe hy vir my gesê het dat sekere van die rasse hierdie jaar rommel status bereik het, bedoelende dat daar geen enkele duif in die rasse geskou was nie. Uit die 164 rasse in ons Skouskedule en Standaardeboek was daar in 2017, 59 rasse waarin daar geen enkele duif vertoon was nie en gedurende die 2016 skouseisoen was dit 46 rasse wat glad nie geskou was nie.

Op die SA's sou daar hierdie jaar 1451 duiwe geskou gewees het, wat 92 rasse in die senior afdeling en 33 rasse in die junior afdeling verteenwoordig het teenoor verlede jaar se 1814 duiwe in Upington en daar is 55 vertoners wat die SA's sou bygewoon het.

Vanweë die swak diens en wisselvalligheid van die Poskantoor moes die Uitvoerende Komitee met innoverende denke vorendag kom om die stembriewe vir die pos van Nasionale Vise-President en die 2016 Algemene Jaarvergadering se notule by ons lede uit te kry. Hierin was die Streeksverteenwoordigers se samewerking van kardinale belang om dit suksesvol te kon doen en ek wil hulle persoonlik bedank vir hul samewerking.

Deur die jaar was ek ook betrokke by die volgende aktiwiteite wat verband hou met ons stokperdjie: Jeugskou beoordeling by die Hoërskool Wagpos in Brits, Duiwe-uitstalling te Walkerville Skougronde en beoordeling by die Mutual & Federal Agri Nasionale Jeugskou Kampioenskappe by Morgenzon Landbou Akademie.

Die UK is ook tans besig met die beplanning van `n Beoordelaars Seminaar waar alle aspekte van beoordeling hanteer sal word ten einde te probeer om eenvormigheid te verseker tydens beoordeling en tussen verskillende Beoordelaars.

Die UK is verder ook besig om te kyk na die bestaansreg van Streke en Spesklubs en die funksionering van Spesklubs. Meer inligting in verband met hierdie twee sake sal

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deur die loop van volgende jaar aan Streek - en Spesklub Besture deurgegee word. Ek gaan nie doekies omdraai nie, een van die Spesklubs wat my bekommerd maak is die Waaierstertklub en dit wil vir my voorkom of die Waaierstertklub manne se Prestigeskou vir hulle belangriker as die SA's geword het. As ons na die afgelope paar jaar se SA statistieke kyk is dit opmerklik dat daar elke jaar minder Waaiersterte geskou was en hierdie jaar was daar geen enkele Waaierstert vir die Kampioenskapskou ingeskryf nie. Dit is nog meer betreurenswaardig as ons in ag neem die ekstra mannekrag en fondse wat die SASV gespandeer het om hul skouskedule basies vir hulle oor te moes doen. Dit was op `n stadium een van die SASV se grootste en sterkste Spesklubs gewees.

Die Kampioenskapskou moes hierdie jaar ongelukkig afgestel word weens die uitbreek van voëlgriep, wat tans nog steeds wyd in ons land voort woed. Dit was een van die moeilikste besluite wat die UK nog moes neem in die 20 jaar wat ek op die Uitvoerende Komitee dien. Daar was baie kritiek van sommige lede teenoor die UK oor die besluit en hulle het ons duidelik laat verstaan dat hulle nie met die besluit saamstem nie. Die lede word egter verseker dat hierdie besluit nie ligtelik geneem was nie en dat alle tersaaklike inligting bekom was en alle moontlike opsies oorweeg en oordink was voor die besluit geneem was en dat die besluit in die beste belang van ons stokperdjie geneem is.

Daar was dan ook baie administratiewe prosesse wat aandag moes kry en afgehandel moes word. Hier wil ek die UK lede bedank wat dit help moontlik maak het dat ons op die 26ste Augustus 2017 `n UK vergadering in Bloemfontein kon hou om alle sake wat in die lug gehang het te kon afhandel. Indien ons dit nie kon gedoen het nie sou die SASV basies vir `n jaar lam gelê gewees het. My boodskap aan die UK was dat ons moet onthou dat ons `n Kampioenskapskou afgestel het en nie die SASV toegemaak het nie.

Uit die pen van ….
Chris de Bruin
Nasionale President

Wanneer ons daardie tye van swakheid, oomblikke van struikeling en vertwyfeling onthou, weet ons die Here was by ons.

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Netta Prince: A Gem of the South African Fancy Pigeon Association

Chris de Bruin

Netta was an icon in the South African Fancy Pigeon Association (SAFPA) and her place will not be filled easily.

She joined SAFPA during 1994 and was elected as Secretary of the Eastern Province Executive Committee for 1996 and 1997.

During 1998 she became a member of the Northern Free State Region and in 1999 she was elected as President of the Eastern Province Region and she held the position until 2012. If I am correct she was the first female Regional President in the history of SAFPA.

I met Netta and Robin during 1995 in Welkom at the Northern Free State Regional Show and we became very good friends, who talked to each other almost on a weekly basis.

She further hosted two successful and unique National Championship Shows during 2004 and 2008 in Port Elizabeth as President of the Region.

In an attempt to overcome the problem of available and affordable show halls she also hosted the first and only "Out of the Box" Regional show in the history of SAFPA on the 13th August 2011, where Chris van der Walt and I were the judges.

Her favourite breeds were Dutch Capuchines and Ice Pigeons. She also had a flock of Schöneberger Streifige that she never showed.

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Due to health reasons she had to part with her birds but that did not stop her to serve SAFPA and our members and she also continue to judge on shows.

Netta was also a member of the Rare Breeds Speciality Club and served the club in various positions. Here she was a busy body and allways looking for things to do that could take the club forward and make it worthwhile for the members.

Netta was a strict but fair person who never deviated from the rules and she could not stand any unfair treatment or favouritism. There were a few members who disagreed with her but she stuck to the things that she knew were right and she believed in.

She served on the National Executive Committee of SAFPA, first as Regional Representative from 1999 and was appointed as National Ring Master during 2008 and held the position until her passing on the 13th September 2017.

I know that Netta will look down from Heaven to check if we are doing things right. She was a sparkling bundle of energy and she will truly be missed for years to come.

Rest in Peace my Friend.

in die 2017 skou uitgawe het daar 'n fout ingekom met die uitslae van die Mookees tydens die Noord vd Vaal streekskou. Die Kampioen Mookee was deur Ruben Kitching vertoon tydens die skou? Jammer vir die ongerief.
Willie J van Rensburg

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“Beste wat ek ooit gebruik het. Nou ‘n jaar in gebruik. Duiwe in top kondisie. Puik verveer en ken nie meer siek duiwe nie. Het ook puik veerkwaliteit”

Lourens Muller. Die Duiwehoekie. 29/01/2017

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BoxBeak

Newsletter October 2017

Christo Britz

From the editor

With the majority of September spent on Safari, I am only typing this newsletter in October. Spending with some breeders from different countries once again filled me with new ideas and insights into our hobby. What became evident from discussions on the trip is that breeding English Longfaces has changed to a degree that went beyond anything anticipated by South African breeders.

In short, there are the top breeders that spent enormous time and effort to breed top tumblers. Most of these do this either fulltime or nearly full time. A few, Like Felice Esposito in Australia still have a fulltime day job, but most work either night shift, or not at all or are home from early in the afternoon to look after their tumblers.

Secondly the number of birds kept are far more than we are used to. There are breeders that breed with more than 100 pairs at a time. Most of the breeders keep around 100 longface tumblers in their stock loft. This ensure a viable genepool as well as favorable variances in type to create the changes they would like to see in the modern tumbler.

The final fact that dawned upon me is that the Eastern Countries still fuel a demand for top quality tumblers, far greater than anything the breeders can produce. Prices for top tumblers are still on the rise and currently the UK is especially popular for purchasing birds. So much so that they UK import birds to supplement their breeding stock. As an example, in the UK we can expect to pay between R9 000 to R22 000 per bird, excluding import costs, if we would like to obtain new breeding -stock. A good pair could set you back as much as R50 000 or more if you add the import-cost.

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In stark contrast to this, the breeder that keeps a few pairs for his enjoyment seems to fall further and further behind. I reluctantly have to ask the question if there is still space for the "casual" tumbler breeder in the larger picture of the breeds' future.

I do believe that the statistics we gained with the census points to a real threat that the English Longface tumbler could within a few years disappear from our show circuit if we are not going to make a concerted effort to breed larger numbers and breed them of higher quality.

I would recommend that we take the time at the nationals in Bloemfontein and re-evaluate where we are with tumblers and where we are heading. I honestly believe that without an action plan we will be slowly slipping in numbers until the genepool is irreparably damaged/depleted.

The big talking point around the country is still the H5N8 virus that might have mutated and become a threat to our hobby. With the dangers of this virus now more evident than previously, I got to give kudos to the SAFPA National Execs that had the foresight to play it safe. When I listen to the extent that other countries have been affected by the different viruses, we can just hope that there will soon be a vaccine available.

My plan of action is not to allow any birds or pigeons to enter my lofts in the short term. I plan to add netting to the windows in the breeder rooms to ensure biose-curity. In the end, the stronger the immune system of any organism, the better chance it has to survive any foreign virus it might experience. Take care and enjoy the reading.

The 2017 annual census

One breeder did not submit his info and from a second breeder I could only add the numbers that he bought from me, as the rest is unknown.

I would like to thank the rest of the breeders for the effort they made to get the information to me. It is really appreciated. Before I discuss it, let me put the table up for you:

Colour	Type	Brders	Birds
Black	Clean	3	12
Andalusian	Clean	1	6
Strawberry	Clean	2	2
Mealy bar	Clean	4	10
Cream bar	Clean	5	7
Blue bar	Clean	5	10
Silver Bar	Clean	3	5
Brown Bar	Clean	5	13
Khaki bar	Clean	3	6
All Splashes	Clean	7	11
All baldhead	Clean	2	12
Misc. pied	Clean	4	5
Splash	Muff	6	8
Black	Muff	5	21
White	Muff	1	3
Rec Red & yellow	Muff	3	8
Totals		11	139

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In short, it seems we can presently only account for 40 muffed tumblers and 99 cleanlegs.

Besides the total, the average number that a breeder in South Africa keeps per colour amounts to 2.3 birds. The scary part is that some colours (like cream-bar) is kept by 5 breeders, but there are only 7 birds reported to be in the country. Most of the breeders does therefore not even have a pair to breed from.

If we look at the total number of 139 birds reported, I would like to point out the following. On the 2010 Boxbeak we exhibited 142 birds. Since then I've imported the following:

a. 16 from Felice Esposito
b. 1 from Gary Zentner
c. 8 from Ron Teixeira
d. 10 from Fred Ciampa
e. 84 arrived from Don Copeland
f. Other breeders made imports as well.

If we include birds bred locally, around 300 birds left my lofts since 2010. If these are added to a gene-pool that exhibited 142 birds 7 years ago and we can currently only pinpoint 139 birds in total, something is seriously wrong. I am fully aware that fertility and health with the Copeland import was a challe-nge, BUT what happened to the birds we had, the local bred birds the breeders made available and the offspring of it?

Unless somebody volunteer to spend an enormous amount to increase the size of the genepool by importing (and it has in the past not prove to be successfull), we could at this rate have a depleted genepool within 5 years.

Colours I did not get feedback on and could be lost are:

Self Cleanleg:
" White
" Dun
" Rec. Red
" Rec. Yellow
" Kite

Patterned Cleanleg:
" Grizzle (we had blue, silver, mealy and creams)
" Indigo bar
" Red T pattern
" Yellow T Pattern
" Red, blue and silver check

Marked Cleanleg:
" Black baldhead
" Bluebar baldhead
" Silver baldhead
" Mealy baldhead'
" Cream baldhead
" Kite baldhead
" Opal baldhead
" Indigo baldhead

Marked muffed:
" Black baldhead
" Dun baldhead
" Indigo baldhead
" Blue baldhead
" Red baldhead
" Mealy baldhead

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" Yellow and red whiteside
" Yellow and red mottle

Other muffed:

" Kite muffed
" Almond muffed
" Barred muffed

Genetics corner

I will shortly, using the book breeding and inheritance in pigeons by Axel Sell, try to explain the following concepts in a simplified version. My explanations may not be perfect, but it is just me attempting to explain the terminology:

• Dominance

A gene is dominant to one of the allele if it expresses itself in the phenotype even when heterozygous.

• Sex Linkage

Certain genes are located on the Z chromosome. With the male having a ZZ and the female a ZY chromosome, the cock will receive certain traits from both the Z chromosome of the father and the Z chromosome of the mother. Daughters will receive the traits from the Z chromosome of the father only, with the mother having no influence on the daughter.

• Crossover

This is the break of the linkage of genes located in the same chromosome during meiosis (cell division). The only practical example I am aware of that I've bred was a mealy par where the cock split for both dilute and blue. The pair bred 2 young: a silver and a cream in one round. The colour coupled with the dilute was originally cream, but the dilute "broke off" from the cream and "attached" to the blue gene to form a silver baby in the nest.

• Alleles

Alternative genes located on the same locus of the chromosomes.

• Homozygosity

The same allele is present in the mother and the father, it is therefore producing "pure" offspring.

• Heterozygosity

Different alleles are present, making the bird "impure" for the trait. As an example can a cock bird carry the dilute gene and therefor be heterozygous for dilute.

July 2018
Judge: Felice Esposito
Venue: Bloemfontein

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Muffed Tumblers around the world: fotos taken from the International EnglishLongface

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Tumbler group:
Editor: See photos on back page

Standard discussion:

It seems that we have difficulty getting away from discussions around the beak, but then again it such an integral part of the tumbler that I do not mind mincing about the beak. This edition, the discussion was written by Ron Teixeira, a mas-terbreeder and part of the commit-tee that not only re-evaluated the standard, but also visited South Africa to explain the thoughts behind this on a boxbeak challenge in 2012.

BEAK - CLOSE- FITTING MANDIBLES OF MEDIUM LENGTH AND EQUAL THICK-NESS, WIDE AT BASE AND THICK IN PROFILE GIVING A BLUNT, BOXED EFFECT AND NOT COMING TO A SHARP POINT. BEAK LENGTH FROM BIRD'S FRONTAL TO ITS TIP TO BE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME AS ITS WIDTH AT ITS BASE WHEN VIEWED FROM THE TOP. THE BEAK SHOULD BE STRAIGHT SET SO THAT IF A LINE BETWEEN THE MANDIBLES WERE EXTEN-DED, IT WOULD PASS THROUGH THE EYE CERE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE EYE.

BEAK - 7½ POINTS.
BEAK SETTING - 7½ POINTS
TOTAL POINTS: 15

Distilled down to its basic elements, the beak is comprised of two important features:
1) structure/shape - full, blunt, close-fitting and "boxed". i.e. equal width, length and thickness and
2) setting/"outlook" - straight, horizontally held with the imaginary line between upper and lower mandibles extended back and through the bottom of the eye cere.

Of the two features, structure is the most obvious to the observer. Beak setting, on the other hand, is far more difficult to "see", especially for the beginner. Given its importance, the ability to evaluate beak setting is critical if one is to successfully breed and exhibit tumblers. As old-timers like Joe Curran would say "if you don't know beak set….you don't know tumblers !"
3) Along with eye placement, structure and setting are critical components of what we refer to as "expression". What constitutes proper expression? Well, that's difficult to define and differs among fanciers. …..it's difficult to define but you know it when you see it!

In terms of structure, the following are the common faults (and slang descriptions) seen in marked tumblers:

1) thin, narrow beaks - "spindle beak".
2) beaks that form a point - " finch beak".
3) unequal mandibles where the

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upper mandible is much thicker than the lower - "parrot beak".
4) stained beaks.
5) twisted beaks.
6) beaks where the line between mandibles is not straight but curved - "the bird smiles".

Relative to settings, major faults to avoid include:
1) down-faced - imaginary line extends back through or above the eye.
2) up-faced - imaginary line angles down below the eye.
3) low set beak - imaginary line extends below the eye. In my opinion, the lack of specificity regarding beak setting (i.e. how low is low?) is the reason we see more and more low set birds winning at our major shows.

It is interesting to note that the first disqualification specified by the standard relates to the beak and concerns major faults like artificially altered beaks, crooked or deformed mandibles, and of course, down-faced beaks.

As both the beginner and experienced breeder understand, all birds have faults. With this as a given, the real challenge is deciding which faults to tolerate in our breeders and which to not.

At the end of the day it boils down to personal preference. However, in my opinion, while it is possible to offset or correct most faults, the most dominant of the faults are those dealing with setting. If you need proof of this, you only should consider what has happened in recent years to the beak setting of some of the winning birds at our major shows. Once again, comments, suggestions, or contributions to future standard discussions are encouraged

Current Breeders
Active breeders I am aware of are:
At van Jaarsveld
Muffed in splash and self.
Bertie Wessels
Black,Splash and Andalusian in cleanlegged.
Charl Naudé
Muffed in self & splash. Cleanlegged in barred and baldhead.
Christo Britz
Barred cleanlegged.
Danté Pelser
Cleanleg in bared, black & splash.
Gideon Mouton
Cleanleg in Barred and white. Muffed in self.
Jannie Swanepoel
Cleanleg in barred and baldhead. Muffed in self, splash and baldhead.
Jas v Niekerk
Cleanleg in black, splash and barred.
Johann de Beer
Barred cleanleg.
Johan du Plessis
Muffed in black and splash

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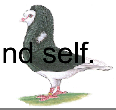
Koot Serfontein
Cleanleg in barred, self, white and baldhead. Muffed in baldhead & self.

Rodney Stevens
Cleanleg in self, splash, barred and baldhead. Muffed in black and baldhead.

Wayne Nicholson
Muffed in Black, Splash and self.



Die Norwich Kropper

Renier Lee

Hi Christo

Ek verstaan jy is in die moeilikheid en kort artikels vir die Sierduif. Dit is en sal altyd die Redakteur se probleem bly want ons mense wil lees maar om iets te skryf is net vir ons te veel. Ek dink jy kan 'n boek skryf oor verskonings wat telers aanvoer om nie te skryf nie. Kritiek is natuurlik baie maklik.!!!!

NORWICH KROPPER NUUS

Baie jare gelede het ek 'n hele reeks artikels geskryf oor ons geliefde Norwich Kroppers. Wat het verander van daardie tyd tot nou en is dit belangrik om daarvan kennis te neem? Eerstens het die getalle van Norwich Kroppertelers drasties gedaal en so ook ons getalle op skoue.

Ek was sekretaris van die Norwich Kropper klub vir baie jare en ons het by tye meer as twintig aktiewe telers gehad. Dit was geen vreemde verskynsel om meer as twintig duiwe in 'n klas te sien wat teen mekaar meeding nie.

Die kompetisie was geweldig en telers het mekaar by elke skou opgedreun. Tog was daar altyd 'n goeie verhouding tussen telers en het ons mekaar baie goed geken en baie by mekaar gekuier. Jaarliks was daar Norwich Kropper Duiwedae wat skitterend ondersteun is en het telers geen moeite ontsien om sulke dae te ondersteun nie. Elke kleur was vertoon en groot getalle van skaars kleure soos Geel was op skoue verteenwoordig. Dit was vreemd as 'n Norwich Kropper nie onder die top pryswenners was nie en baie keer was dit juis 'n Norwich Kropper wat beste duif op skou was. So het ek self in die jare tagtig ses jaar na mekaar beste duif op die destydse Transvaal skou gehad waarvan vyf keer met 'n Norwich Kropper en een keer met 'n Brunner. Die Brunner was egter uitstaande en was later daardie jaar aangewys as Beste Duif op die SA Kampioenskappe.

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Op een van die grootste Kampioenskap skoue in 1983 het 'n Norwich Kropper die toekenning van Beste Duif op skou behaal. Met die duif het ek baie skoue gewen. Wat het verander? Eerstens het ek genoem dat ons getalle van telers en duiwe op skoue drasties gedaal het. Die aantal skou geleenthede het drasties gedaal. Die Norwich Kropperklub het nou deel van die Blaasduifklub geword. Ek wonder of ons tans meer as ses aktiewe Norwich Kropper telers is. Norwich Kropper duiwedae is feitlik van die baan en telers kuier nie meer bymekaar nie. Ons ken mekaar nie en help mekaar ook nie meer nie. Dit is een of twee ander kleure as swart wat nog op skoue te sien is.

Wat sê dit vir ons? Hierdie antwoord is belangrik en ek nooi telers uit om met my te praat en om hul antwoorde in die Sierduif te plaas.

Kom ons begin by onsself en bring die verandering aan wat ons graag in ons duiwe familie wil sien. Anders kan ons dalk eendag op fotos moet kyk hoe Norwich Kroppers gelyk het.

Ek wag vir jou!!

Kruisteling by duiwe

Seppie Esterhuysen

Hierdie woord lok baie reaksie uit. Dit kan 'n magtige instrument wees, maar ook 'n vernietiger van iets goeds. Alles hang af wat jou doel hiermee is.

Per definiese beteken dit om twee rasse met mekaar te kruis, maar dit stop nie daar nie. Wat is jou doel met die kruisteling?

Ek het drie redes geïdentifiseer waarom jy kruisteling met duiwe wil toepas:

A: Teel van 'n nuwe ras
B: Die opgradering van 'n spesifieke ras om eienskappe by 'n ander ras te gaan "leen" om bestaande eienskappe te versterk of te verbeter.
C: Om 'n nuwe kleur in jou ras te vestig.

Bogenoemde kan baie interessant wees en glo my jy kan nie wag vir daai nuwe kleintjies nie. Jy kyk hulle elke dag deur van hoek tot kant om te sien of die gewenste eienskappe al sigbaar is !!!!!

Meer omtrent die redes vir kruisteling.

A: Teel van 'n nuwe ras.

Ten spyte van die feit dat daar alreeds soveel duifrasse is, wil die mens nog meer teel.

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Aan kreatiwiteit ontbreek dit nie by die mens nie!! Een van die algemene metodes is kruisteling. Ons Suid Afrikaners het alreeds drie rasse geteel naamlik die Magnum, SA Botternek Tumbler en die African Toy. Verskillende rasse is hiervoor gebruik om by die gewenste ras uit te kom. Hierdie telers verdien 'n klop op die rug vir die poging. Sodra so 'n idee posvat by 'n teler is een van die belangrikste dinge om mense rondom jou te hê wat hierdie ideal wil deel, want jy het meer telers nodig om die genepoel te verbreed en so vinniger vordering moontlik temaak. Na elke jaar se oes word streng seleksie toegepas en net die duiwe met die mees gewenste eienskappe word gehou en weer verdeel tussen die lede. Evaluering van die nageslag is nodig om te bepaal of ons op die regte pad is. Verder moet daar 'n geskrewe ras standaard opgestel word waarna geteel moet word. Ek was nog nooit by so 'n projek betrokke nie, maar dit kan baie opwindend wees.

Wyle Danie Visser was besig om die American Giant Homer te teel of op te gradeer. Verskeie rasse is gebruik asook suiwer duiwe wat hy in die hande gekry het. Die standard was egter nie na wense nie. Ek het die voorreg gehad om die projek te volg. Ek en Dawie vd Heever was bevoorreg om vir Elbie te help om van die beste nageslag te selekteer vir verdere teling asook van die ouer duiwe wat na aan die standard was. Baie opvallend was die mooi kleure en interessante tipes onder die uitklas groep. Iemand wat net 'n klompie mooi duiwe soek om aan te hou is daar te kies en te keur. Ek hoop iemand gaan Elbie nader om die geselekteerde groep, American Giant Homers, oor te neem om die ideaal van Danie te verwesenlik.

B: Die opgradering van 'n spesifike ras om eienskappe by 'n ander ras te gaan "leen" om bestaande eienskappe te versterk of te verbeter.

Isolasie as gevolg van sekere invoer regulasies noop baie duiweboere om bo genoemde toe te pas asook invoerkoste. Onthou hierdie is geen "sonde" nie, maar 'n baie handige manier om iets te doen aan 'n kwynende ras. (Die bogenoemde projek van Danie kan ook hier- onder resorteer.) Ek is bewus van twee rasse waar dit al gedoen is naamlik die Runt en die Dutch Highflyer. Daar mag dalk baie meer rasse wees, ek is net nie daarvan bewus nie. Die American Giant Runt is gebruik by die Runts en die English CL LF Tumbler by die Dutch Highflyers. Weereens is streng seleksie nodig, want die "nuwe"

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ras bring ander eienskappe saam wat nie noodwendig jou ras se alle eienskappe komplimenteer nie. Hierdie metode is 'n baie ou gebruik in diere teling, waarom nie ook in duiwe nie.

C: Om 'n nuwe kleur in jou ras te vestig. Hier gaan baie manne nou saam praat, want ek glo hierdie metode het baie telers al gebruik om nuwe kleure tevestig in 'n spesifieke ras.

Die ideaal sal wees om die kleur oor te dra vanaf 'n ras wat itv tipe na aan jou ras is. Hierdie is nie altyd moontlik nie, so strenger seleksie en meer tyd is nodig om by die gewenste tipe en kleur weer uit te kom.

So is Opal en Barless deur Dr Koot Serfontein oorgedra na die Modenas. Van daardie Opal afstammelinge sit in my hok. Uit die Opal duiwe het ek goeie Asrooi Opals geteel, 'n mooi kleur wat die ryke verskeidenheid van kleure by die Modena net verder komplimenteer.

Die person wat seker die grootste bydrae gelewer het tot die vestiging van 'n aantal nuwe kleure in 'n ras naamlik die vliegduif was Wyle Danie Visser. Ek wens julle kan sy vliegduiwe sien, ongelooflik. Opal, Reduce, Faded, Indigo, Qualmond, Almond, Milky en kombinasies daar van. (Jou mond hang letterlik oop.) Hy was ook besig met die teling van swart Indigo Brunners. Ek hoop die nuwe eienaars van die Brunners bou net voort hierop.

Ek was betrokke by die oordra van Opal en Almond na German Beauty Homers en is tans besig om Qualmond oor te dra na German Beauty Homers. Gelukkig het ek vir Danie gehad om te help met die projek. Van die Opals en Almonds is alreeds in ander telers se hokke.

Met die SA's van 2016 was die beste German Beauty Homer 'n Blou Opal van Raymond Hohls. Met die Almond by die German Beauty Homers het ek weg beweeg van Almond op Blou gebalk en geruit

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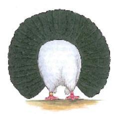

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en oorgedra na swart. Baie mooi op swart.

Met die oordra van Almond na die German Beauty Homers het ek dit vanaf die Modenas gedoen en met die Opal vanaf vliegduiwe. Die pad deur die vliegduif na die German Beauty Homer is defnitief korter as met die Modena. Daarom probeer om die eienskap oor te dra vanaf 'n ras wat itv tipe nader aan jou ras is, dit vergemaklik jou projek.

Dawie vd Heever is weer betrokke by die teling van gitswart vliegduiwe, hulle is baie mooi, hy moet nou net hul radar ook regkry. Dawie is ook besig om verdunning vanaf die Strasser oor te dra na sy Gros Mondains. Jy sal verbaas wees om te sien hoe na die F2 kuikens aan die ware Gros Mondain is.

Soos julle weet kan 'n Runt maar 'n baie slordige duif wees. Die stert is breed, die vlerke wil nie op die stert bly nie en die rug bly oop. Laasjaar het 'n Runt mannetjie met 'n bruin vliegduif wyfie in die los duiwehok gepaar en glo my ten spyte van die grootte verskil was albei eiers bevrug. Beide was mannetjies en die is weer terug gepaar na die Runts. Vier F2 kuikens is uitgebroei, almal bruin gebalk of bar. Twee is alreeds op die grond. Opvallend by die F2 kuikens die smaller stert, vlerke wat mooi op die stert lê en die toe rug. Ja, grootte is 'n probleem. My gedagte is om te teel tot F3 en dan te evalueer hoe vergelyk die kuikens met die ware Runts ten opsigte van grootte. Verder is daar reeds F1 Indigo op swart en Qualmond kuikens. Die F1 Qualmond is reeds opgepaar met 'n Blou Runt wyfie. Hierdie projek het ten doel om die tipe van die Runt te probeer verbeter asook om nuwe kleure naamlik Indigo en Qualmond oor te dra. André Bruwer het reeds ingekoop in die Qualmond projek.

As ek na die mooi ryk kleur kwaliteit van Danie se Resessiewe Rooi vliegduiwe kyk dan jeuk my hande om

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van hulle te gebruik om die Resessiewe Rooi Runts se kleur en tipe te probeer verbeter.

Ek hoop die artikel noop duiweboere om bietjie uit jou gemak sone te kom en te help om sekere eienskappe in jou ras te verbeter met eienskappe geleen by ander rasse of om nuwe kleure te vestig in jou ras.

Geniet die stokperdjie.

Cornerstones of Pigeon Performance
Complied by: Hennie Kriel

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For racing and fancy pigeons to perform optimally they require quality and well balanced nutrition, optimally functioning digestive systems, healthy and resilient immune systems and quality feathers. These are the four cornerstones of pigeon performance.

1. Nutrition

All living creatures, including racing and fancy pigeons, require a balanced diet consisting of quality food in order to perform at their peak.

Balanced Diet

A balanced diet consists out of food offering adequate levels of protein, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals. The combination and ratio of these will vary depending on the type of activity, eg. racing, breeding, moulting, etc.

- **Protein**

- The average protein requirement varies depending on the pigeons' activity. For racing they require between 12% and 14% and for breeding and moulting between 18% and 20%.

- Proteins are made up of 22 amino acids, the building blocks of a pigeon's body and feathers.

- A pigeon cannot manufacture 10 of these amino acids. These are refered to as essential amino acids. Of these ten, three are particularly deficient in seed diets and they are called limiting amino acids, namely lysine, methionine and tryptophane.

- In order to achieve a complete amino acid profile the supplementation with bioworx AVIANPRO (brewer's yeast) is recommended.

- **Carbohydrates**

- Carbohydrates (yellow maize, barley, etc) are required for energy during racing, breeding

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and moulting.

- These carbohydrate sources can be supplemented with bioworx BIOFUEL.

• **Fats**

- Fats (flax seeds/oil, sunflower seeds, bioworx **ENERGYOIL**) are needed for immunity, healthy joints and energy for racing, breeding and moulting.

• **Vitamins**

- Vitamins are divided into two groups, namely oil-soluble and water-soluble vitamins.

- Oil-soluble vitamins:

Vitamin A (yellow maize and dark green leafy vegetables such as spinach), Vitamin D (sunlight), Vitamin E (sunflower seeds) and Vitamin K (produced by bacteria in the digestive tract) are dissolved by body fat and can be stored in the liver as reserves.

- Water-soluble vitamins: Vitamins B1, B2, B3, B5, B6, B7, B9, B12 and Vitamin C are dissolved by body moisture and cannot be stored. It must therefore be available in the diet each day except for vitamins C. Vitamin C is produced in a pigeon's liver and there is also plenty of it in grains and supplementation is therefore not needed.

- Grains supplemented with bioworx **AVIANPRO** (brewer's yeast) offer all the B vitamins.

• **Minerals**

- A mix of grains (yellow maize, sunflower seeds, peas, etc.) plus grit and supplementation with bioworx **AVIANPRO** (brewer's yeast) offer all the necessary minerals needed.

Quality Food

High quality clean and toxin-free grains are a prerequisite for performing pigeons.

2. Optimally Functioning Digestive System

The functioning of the digestive system is built around a healthy population of intestinal bacteria.

Purpose of the Intestinal Bacteria in the Digestive System

• Produce bacteriocins and acids (eg. lactic acid) that can inhibit pathogenic bacteria.

• Compete with pathogenic bacteria for available nutrients.

• Competitive exclusion by preventing the colonization of the gut wall by bacterial pathogens.

• Stimulate the immune system of the digestive system. (eg. IgA - an antibody).

• Supports the effective digestion of food into bio-available nutrients and the optimal absorption thereof.

• Produce Vitamins B and K for absorption.

Protection of Intestinal Bacteria in the Digestive System

Intestinal bacteria play such an important role in the performance of a pigeon that they should be protected at all

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costs through:

• Dechlorination of drinking water (bioworx **DECHLOR**).

• No unnecessary/ preventative use of antibiotics.

• No administration of chemicals such as Jik, etc. through the drinking water.

3. Health and Immunity

The ideal is to have healthy pigeons with strong immune systems. The unfortunate reality is that the fear of disease leads to the unnecessary preventative administration of antibiotics that not only kill the bad bacteria but also the good. By killing the good bacteria the immune system's first line of defense is removed and the pigeon could become unnecessarily dependent on antibiotics. The risk of losing pigeons increases dramatically if the bad bacteria manage to build up a resistance against antibiotics.

As mentioned above, the good bacteria play a pivotal role in the digestion of food and the absorption of nutrients. With fewer good bacteria the pigeons could become malnourished. This will negatively impact feather quality, performance and could hamper the immune system even further.

The best strategy to follow is to boost a pigeon's immunity through a quality and well balanced diet supplemented with bioworx **ANIPRO** Aqua, bioworx **AVIANPRO** and bioworx **ENERGY-OIL**.

4. Quality Feathers

Nutrition plays a significant role in moulting simply because the proteins used to make feathers is very different in amino acid composition from the proteins used in the rest of the body. In fact 70% of the sulphur containing amino acids in a bird is incorporated in its feathers. These sulphur amino acids are unfortunately in very short supply in all plant foods whether it is seeds, nuts, fruits or vegetables. Supplementing with correctly selected amino acids does have a dramatic effect on both the quality of feathers produced and the speed with which they are replaced. A beneficial supplement offering these sulphur containing amino acids is bioworx **AVIANPRO**.

Requirements for successful moulting

• Healthy pigeons.

• Well balanced diet made up of quality food offering:

- Proteins. Source: peas, lentils, peanuts, bioworx **AVIANPRO** etc.
- Fats. Source: sunflower seeds, linseed, rape seeds, bioworx **ENERGYOIL**, etc.
- Minerals such as calcium, phosphorus, silicon, etc. Source: A well balanced diet supplemented with bioworx **AVIANPRO**.
- Vitamin A. Perhaps

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the single most important vitamin for maintaining and developing quality feathers. Source: yellow maize and dark green leafy vegetables such as spinach.

- Vitamin D. Source: adequate exposure to direct sunlight.
- All B-Vitamins. Most seed-based diets are deficient in B-Vitamins. If a pigeon is deficient in any of the B-vitamins it may exhibit poor feather quality. Source: a well balanced diet supplemented with bioworx **AVIANPRO**.

Kry en broei van duiwe

Willie van Zyl

Ek lees 'n paar baie interessante artikels in die Purebred Pigeon. Terloops in die een waar die American Show Racer die ras van die uitgawe was is daar 'n hele paar huldeblyke oor Mnr Richard Brooks deur ander telers in Amerika en dit terwyl die man nog leef. Merkwaardig.

In een van die artikels skryf die persoon toe hy 'n aantal jaar gelede besluit om met American Show Racers te begin het dit finansieël nie met hom goed gegaan nie. Hy gaan toe na een van die ras telers van daardie tyd en vra of die man hom kan help met duiwe. Hy stel toe dat hy nie veel geld het nie. Die man sê toe dit is geen probleem, as hy sy hokke skoonmaak sal hy hom help. Na die hokke skoongemaak is, is hy daar weg met drie paar. Die begin van sy American Show Racer stoet. Vandag een van die beste hokke in Amerika.

Wie van ons sal gaan werk vir 'n paar broeiduiwe?

Die ander artikel waarna ek wil verwys is waar die skrywer sê ons is almal kunstenaars.

Ons lees 'n klomp woorde - die standaard - en dan word daar begin met die skildery. Die uitsoek van die broeipaar, die prent in jou geheue wat jy wil bereik, alles die begin van die skildery. Al teel ons met dieselfde ras gaan twee telers se skilderye, die kuikens, nie dieselfde lyk nie want ons begin anders met ons broeipare ons lees en verstaan die standaard verskillend ens. Al kry ek goeie teel materiaal uit 'n ander hok gaan my produk anders lyk as die van die hok waarvandaan ek die broei duiwe gekry het.

So moet elkeen van ons maar elke jaar voor begin met ons skilde-

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rye. Party slaag die toets, ander nie.

Tog so jammer dat so baie lede nuut en langer in die bedryf nie onder wil begin en sy/haar eie stoet op te bou nie.

As ons nie goeie duiwe kan kry nie, wat natuurlik ook nie duur moet wees volgens jou oordeel nie, is ons ongelukkig. 'n Paar vrae; is jy waarlik ingeloop met die gehalte? Het jy al die standaard van die ras gelees en verstaan jy dit?

Beoefen geduld, dit gaan jou 'n paar jaar neem om die ras te verstaan dan eers sal jou skildery jou goedkeuring wegdra en kan jy jou naam op jou duiwe sit. Niemand verkoop sy meesterstuk nie, nie maklik nie.

Jy hou dit en probeer verbeter op die vorige jaar se misoes.

Voorspoed met die teelseisoen. In Pretoria begin die bevrugte eiers en kleintjies nou, 18 Augustus 2017, in die neste kom.

Groete

Besluite geneem tydens die Augustus 2017 UK vergadering

Chris de Bruin

Die Uitvoerende Komitee het op Saterdag 26 Augustus 2017 in Bloemfontein vergader en ek wil hiermee terugvoer gee aan die lede oor van die belangrikste besluite wat daar geneem was.

Verandering/vernuwing van die SASV wapen

Dit was weereens bevestig dat die SASV se amptelike embleem onveranderd bly. Christo Britz het egter toestemming gekry om die embleem wat gedurende 2014 se SA's te Bloemfontein gebruik was op die webblad te gebruik omrede die nuwe ontwerp meer doeltreffend is vir gebruik op elektroniese media.

Koste van Streekverteenwoordigers om die Januarie UK Vergadering by te woon

Daar was besluit dat die SASV verantwoordelik moet wees vir die Streekverteenwoordigers se uitgawes om die Januarie UK Vergadering by te woon en Bertie sal daarna kyk met die opstel van sy toekomstige begrotings.

Spesiale 75 jaar Sierduif uitgawe

Gedurende 2018 is dit die SASV se 75ste bestaansjaar en ons wil dit vier met `n spesiale gedenkuitgawe. Christo Munnik is reeds be-

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sig daarmee en hy versoek lede om bydraes aan hom te stuur. Daar word beplan dat die spesiale uitgawe vroeg in 2019 sal uitkom.

Beoordelaars Simposium/Seminaar

Die UK is besig met die beplanning van `n Beoordelaars Seminaar waar alle aspekte van beoordeling hanteer sal word ten einde te probeer om eenvormigheid te verseker tydens beoordeling en tussen verskillende Beoordelaars.

Uitbreiding van die toekenning van Nasionale Kleure

Daar is goedgekeur dat daar nog twee addisionele toekennings gemaak sal word na die verwerwing van Nasionale Kleure, te wete:

• Dubbel die vereistes vir normale Nasionale Kleure: Dan mag 'n goue omboorsel om die groen baadjie se moue en op die ondersakke aangebring word.

• Trippel die vereistes vir normale Nasionale Kleure: Dan mag die baadjie se kraag en lapelle ook met die goue omboorsel versier word.

Onthou asseblief dat die bewyslas vir verwerwing by die aansoeker lê, soos nog altyd van toepassing was. Die UK ondersoek egter die moontlikheid dat al die nodige inligting met die webblad geintigreer kan word sodat lede in die toekoms geïdentifiseer kan word en nie meer hoef aansoek te doen en bewyse voor te lê nie.

Die vereiste van 10 jaar lidmaatskap voor Nasioale Kleure verwerf kan word val weg. Ons het vergeet van die 5 jaar vereiste by Juniors, maar ek glo dit sal ook dan moet wegval en die UK sal daarna kyk.

Die Sierduif in elektroniese formaat

Die Sierduif gaan vanaf Januarie 2018 elektronies verskyn met `n saamgestelde jaar uitgawe aan die einde van elke jaar vir die lede wat daarin sou belangstel.

SASV Webblad

Christo Britz is in samewerking met `n ek-

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sterne diensverskaffer besig met die opgradering van ons webblad. Ons sien uit daarna om binnekort die finale produk te sien.

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Toekenning van Nasionale Kleure
Nasionale Kleure in die kategorie Beoordeling is aan Willie van Zyl toegeken.

Junior van die Jaar
Die Junior van die Jaar toekenning is aan Dèan Dreyer toegeken.

Skild en Trofee Wenners
Die Skild en Trofee wenners ten opsigte van 2017 is as volg en ons wens al die wenners geluk:

- **BANKOVS**
Noord van die Vaal
- **Manie Fourie**
NoordKaap
- **Bertie Wessels**
KwaZulu-Natal & SWD deel die skild.
- **Willie de Bruin**
Noord Vrystaat
- **Warren Klopper**
Noord van die Vaal
- **Noord Vrystaat Wisseltrofee vir SA Puntebeker**
Jannie Swanepoel

Verkiesing/aanstelling van Ampsdraers

Nasionale Visie President:
Christo Britz is met `n meerderheid van stemme verkies.

Nasionale Ringmeester:
Netta Prince was deur die UK aangestel, maar met haar afsterwe het die UK Robin Prince gekoöpteer tot en met die 2018 Kampioenskapskou. Streke kan weer `n kandidaat op hul AJV`s nomineer wat aangestel sal word vir die oorblywende termyn van twee jaar.

Nasionale Webmeester:
Daniel Bierman het bedank as Nasionale Webmeester en die UK het besluit om van `n eksterne diensverskaffer gebruik te maak onder toesig van die Nasionale Visie President. Die eksterne diensverskaffer sal volgens die Grondwet nie op die Uitvoerende Komitee dien nie.

UK poste wat in 2018 verstryk
Die Nasionale Sekretaris en Nasionale Redakteurs poste raak in 2018 vakant en Streke kan kandidate op hul AJV`s nomineer vir verkiesing en of aan-

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stelling.

Beoordelaars Forum Dagbestuursvergadering

Daar sal vanaf die 2018 SA`s weer `n BF Dagbestuursvergadering plaasvind waar die Streek-Beoordelaar Beamptes ook deel van sal wees.

Toets van voornemende Beoordelaars

Die tarief vir die toetsing van Beoordelaars is verlaag na R20.00 per ras en lede sal in die toekoms slegs vir 'n maksimum van 4 rasse op 'n keer per SA's getoets kan word.

2018 Nasionale Kampioenskapskou

Die 2018 Nasionale Kampioenskapskou sal in Bloemfontein vanaf 3 tot 7 Julie plaasvind.

Hoof Beoordelaar vir die 2018 SA`s

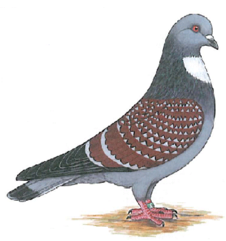
Pierre le Roux sal optree as Hoof Beoordelaar met Renier Lee as alternatief.

Die 2018 skou datums is as volg:

- Sponsduifklub Prestigeskou - 20 Januarie
- Jongduifskou Wes-Kaap - 21 April
- KZN Streekskou - 28 April
- Noord-Vrystaat Streekskou - 5 Mei
- OP Streekskou - 12 Mei
- Oostelike Streek Streekskou - 12 Mei
- Wes-Kaap Streekskou - 19 Mei
- Noord van die Vaal Streekskou - 19 Mei
- Vrystaat Streekskou Geen, bied SA's aan
- Noord-Kaap - Streekskou - 26 Mei
- SWD Streekskou - 2 Junie
- Wes-Transvaal Streekskou - 2 Junie
- American Showracerklub Jongduifskou 8 tot 10 Junie
- SA Kampioenskapskou (Bloemfontein) 3 tot 7 Julie

Langdiensknopies

Daar is `n lys by die Streekverteenwoordigers beskikbaar,van al die kwalifiserende lede, vir navrae en Netta het reeds die knopies aan die ontvangers per geregistreerde pos gestuur.



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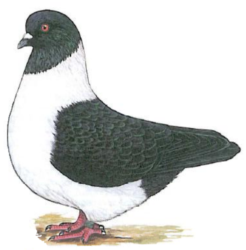

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2017 SA Championship Show

Neil Raw

This show has come and gone.

The really sad part is that the pigeons that bred, cared for and carefully prepared were not able to be shown.

The organizers consisting of Jan & Wilma Oelofse were in charge of the hall preparations.

Bruce Sandison all the finances and Neil Raw General labour and their organization, feeding, transportation etc.

As far as the organizer's were concern we had everything under control. The Pigeon Hall had 860 odd bird cages. The Poultry Hall would handle the rest.

Many cages in the Poultry Hall are large so the heavy breeds would have had a really enjoyable week.

Christo Munnik was sent photo's of the hall setup and any thing else anyone would like to see.

This is the Program that we had set up for the Show week.

The Royal Agric Society has given us a double storey Restaurant and Bar for a reduced price for the 3 evening events.

Monday night was a sponsored Wors Roll supper with a cash bar. Tuesday night was free drinks and a venison potjie sponsored by Rovic & Leer. I'm sure this would have been quite a night for all the exhibitors, families & friends.

Wednesday - Mr Moon Sammy Padyache was going to put on his famous Mutton Currie & Rice. Any one who has shown at the KZN young bird show would know how good and HOT this evening would have been sponsored by Agriline Spares and Wallace & Necomb Engineering.

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Thurdsay Prize Giving Dinner - Mark de Wet was doing the sit down dinner at the Bishopstowe Polocrosse Hall looking out over Table Mountain, my old Table Mountain & not the Cape one.

Unfortunately the whole show and weeks events were all cancelled due to an outbreak of suspected/ confirmed birdflu in some parts of South Africa.

Maybe all the exhibitors should have been given the opportunity to vote yes or no for the show to go on. By doing this everyone would have had a say in cancel/not cancel.

To all those who said the show was cancelled because of KZN not being able to cope with running this Show - THANK YOU, a bitter pill to swallow.

At no stage did any of SAFPA committee members communicate with Jan, Bruce or Neil or were they given a chance to give their own ideas.

On the Tuesday, a week before the Show was due to start, Jan & Neil were in the poultry hall when they were informed that the show had been cancelled.

They should just start dismantiling and packing all the cages away.

KZN is Thankful to those entrants who handed over their entry fees to help us cover the losses incurred. However it is noted that SAFPA have not paid the balance of the short fall.

A huge thanks must go to Hennie Hattingh for all the work he put in and the encouragement he gave us with our plans in the build up to the Show.

Thanks go to Bruce and Jan for all their work. To Wilma a big thanks for assisting in the office doing the running around and admin work.

A WHOLE DIFFERENT SUBJECT

I would like to suggest that SAFPA appoint 2 younger fancy pigeon breeders/fanciers, pay for them and send them to go to one of the biggest Fancy Pigeon Shows overseas. When they return they would then be paid to go round to each province to talk and give visual feedback on what they saw.

In that we would be able to question them and find out more about the rest of the pigeon world and the many breeds.

The money in the bank looks good but does nothing for informing up and coming inthusiastic fanciers about what is happening all over the word - not just South Africa!

Ed: See cover for pictures that were send to me.

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Willie van Zyl

Andermaal weer die voorreg gehad om die skoustatistiek in boek vorm saam te stel. Kry dit by jou streekverteenwoordiger en lees dit.

Vandag wil ek aandag gee aan die aantal rasse in die skouskedule, daar is 163. In die 2016 skouseisoen was daar in 51 rasse geen duif ingeskryf nie, met 'n verdere 25 rasse met minder as 10 op al die skoue. Vir 2017 was daar 59 rasse met geen duif ingeskryf nie, en 'n verdere 28 rasse met minder as 10 inskrywings. Algeheel het die inskrywings ook afgeneem van 7,904 in 2016 na 6,008 in 2017. Die SA's van 2017 wat nie plaasgevind het nie se getalle is ingereken.

Hier het ons as SASV duidelik 'n taak om streng na die aantal rasse in die skouskedule te gaan kyk wanneer dit weer hersien moet word. My mening is dat die rasse met geen of enkel syfer inskrywings uit die skouskedule gehaal moet word. Indien daar inskrywings vir daardie rasse opduik kan dit onder enige ander sierduif, met aanduiding van die naam, geskou word.

Nou weet ek dat ek op 'n sensitiewe terrein beweeg en dat die Skaarsrasklub vir my gaan sê ek wil dat meer rasse verdwyn, as wat tans die geval is. Mense ek teel sedert 1986 met SA Botternek Tuimelaars, daar is deurgaans min telers van die ras en dus ook min duiwe op skoue. Ook maar 'n skaarsras.

Die mening dat 'n duif uit 'n skaarsras nie in die top sewe kan kom nie is nie waar nie en ook nie moeiliker as vir gewilder rasse nie. Indien die duif se gehalte reg is sal die Hoofbeoordelaar die duif raak sien. Die SA Botternek Tuimelaar was al 'n paar keer in die top sewe ook op 'n SA's. In Upington was dit onder die eerste tien maar het nie bo gekom nie.

Wat my egter pla is as daar net een duif in 'n ras geskou word. My vriend jy gaan nie jou ras bevorder/adverteer met net een voorbeeld nie. Ek weet waarvan ek praat die genepoel is klein in 'n skaarsras, maar maak die beste van die saak met dit wat jy het. Verlede jaar het ek 'n paar streng doelwitte vir die SA Botternekke gestel. Dit het gewerk en het ek heelwat positiewe kommentaar ontvang,

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en weer die top sewe op 'n streekskou gehaal. Vir die 2017 teelseisoen konsentreer ek meer op die aantal stertvere. Die standaard vra 14 ek mik na 17/18. Dit moet gehaal word met net drie broeipare op hok.

So almal van ons met skaarsrasse, kyk wat is die kwaliteit in jou hok en bou daarop. Wat die resultaat gaan wees weet ons nie, dit is net so met die gewilder rasse.

Groete en sterkte.

Health tips for Racing and Fancy Pigeons

From www,pigeonmad.com
Submitted by Simon Jordaan

Just like any other animal, racing pigeons or fancy pigeons deserve to be properly treated in order to stay healthy. If you own and racing pigeons or fancy pigeons, you must be aware that pigeons should not only appear good on the outside. They must feel healthy on the inside as well.

It is a common fact on pigeons that they are good in hiding their true conditions. It is very hard to distinguish healthy pigeons from the sickly ones just by merely looking at them. This is because of the birds natural instinct to look healthy even if they are not.

The only way to find out that a racing pigeon or fancy pigeon is already weak is by holding it with your hands. You will notice right away that the pigeon is now as light as a feather. This is caused by bio-organisms and bacteria that gradually stress out the pigeon, making them lose their appetite when eating.

If you really want your racing pigeons to deliver a top performance during competitions, then you must start taking care of their health. Here are the things that you must consider to give your pigeons a stressfree life.

1. Get Rid of Moisture

Moisture is the number one drawer of viruses and parasites in your pigeon’s loft. You have to make sure that water is not entering the loft’s roof whenever it is raining, and theres no part of the loft that is prone to leaks. Keeping the pigeons dry will prevent them from being irritated and they will not be bothered by parasites that can cling on to their bodies.

2. Have Proper Ventilation

Keeping the loft well

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ventilated greatly improves the health of the pigeons. A regular breathing habit is essential for the pigeon's longevity in the sky when racing. Anything that the pigeon breathes in is reactive to his performance, therefore you should avoid dust and other unnecessary particles from entering the loft that could make the pigeon breathe heavily.

Also, for the loft to be properly ventilated, avoid overcrowding among the pigeons. The temperature will be more favorable if there are only a few pigeons that occupy a loft. Also, if in case one pigeon catches a disease, there is a lesser chance for the other pigeons to get infected.

3. Provide Clean Food And Water

This factor is already self explanatory. Just like human beings, your racing pigeons must be fed with fresh and clean food and water. Leftover foods that are often times soiled already can greatly affect the birds digestive system, bringing forth diseases that could slow down the pigeons. Make sure that the foods that you give your pigeons are of the highest quality, and that the containers are thoroughly cleaned and disin-fected.

4. Regularly Scraping off the Droppings

Organisms such as coccidia and worms are sometimes present in pigeons, and these are normally passed off in the droppings. If another pigeon eats a dropping, then the bacteria have been transferred already to the pigeon that ate the dropping. In order to prevent the disease from spreading, scrape the loft daily.

These are the things that are oftentimes overlooked by pigeon fanciers. Just make your racing pigeons health your number one priority, and watch them soar to greater heights during competitions!

As jy God vandag nooi om in jou hart te woon, sal daar ook vrede in jou binneste wees.

Skatte van 'n mens se hart, kan nie gesteel word nie

Daar is geen kroon draers in die hemel wat nie kruis draers op aarde was nie.

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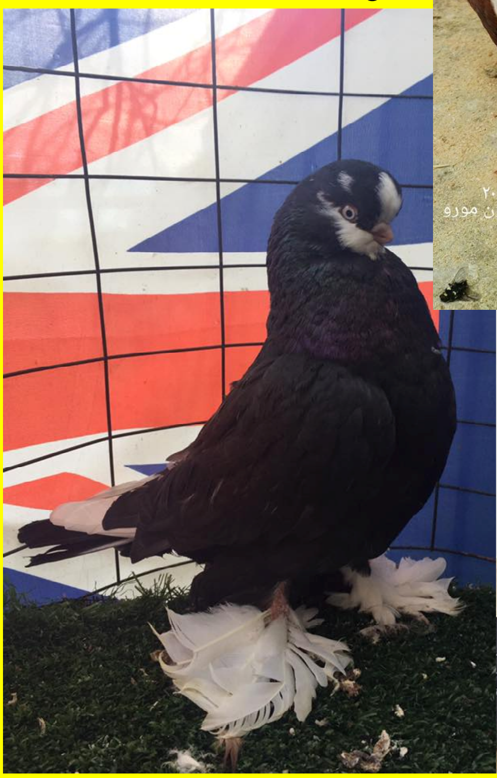

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