

THE 24th SOUTH AFRICAN MILLION DOLLAR PIGEON RACE

to be held at

Heron Banks Golf & River Estate

on

Saturday 1st February 2020.



“SECOND INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASE”.

ON

THE 24th SOUTH AFRICAN MILLION DOLLAR PIGEON RACE
(THE BIGGEST & GREATEST PIGEON RACE IN THE WORLD!)

(THE RACE WITH THE PROVEN TRACK RECORD)

(THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN THE PIGEON WORLD)

DUE TO BE HELD AT

HERON BANKS GOLF & RIVER ESTATE,

SOUTH AFRICA

ON

SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2020.

A NEW SEASON STARTS IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN SUNSHINE.

OVERALL PRIZE MONEY IS US\$1.60 MILLION US DOLLARS
(£1.33 MILLION POUNDS).

1st PRIZE IS A STAGGERING US\$300,000 (£250,000).

THE 5 x HOT SPOT RACES IN THE 2019/20 RACE SERIES
WILL PAY OUT US\$247,500 (£206,250) IN PRIZE MONEY.

36 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ENTER 3,632 PIGEONS.

RACE RESULTS FOR TRAINING RACES 4, 5 & 6.

This is my Second International Press Release and it follows my earlier First International Press Release which contained all the race results for Training Races 1, 2 & 3. All of these races were from 45km (28 miles) and the pigeons gained great experience from this early road work.

LIVESTREAM was up and running for TRAINING RACE 4, which took place on Saturday 9th November 2019 and the 2,950 pigeons were liberated all together at 07.00 from 45km (28 miles) in fine and warm conditions with a strong wind, with a temperature of 17c (62f) and a good steady race was anticipated. This total was made up by 2,508 International pigeons, which included 219 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 61 pigeons from Ireland, plus 442 pigeons from the host country South Africa. The Hold-Back List showed 5 pigeons were held back and this included none from the United Kingdom and none from Ireland.

I logged on bright and early to watch the pigeons return to the race loft and it was a beautiful morning in South Africa and all of a sudden a big gang of pigeons approached the loft at 07.40 swung round the loft and were then immediately joined by another similar sized group, they all landed and then started to trap and as usual it was the first through the traps was the winner. Within a few minutes literally hundreds had returned home and all looked good for excellent race and good returns.

CONGRATULATIONS for winning 1st OPEN goes to RMG RACING TEAM ZA from SOUTH AFRICA with pigeon named Mnr G bred by RHODA + NEWMAN, which was officially clocked at 07.40.35.32 to record a winning velocity of 1202ypm (1108.68m/m), (18.478m/s) or 41 mph, 2nd Bill Ensign from United States of America, 3rd WAR Syndicate from South Africa, 4th Triple J Lofts from South Africa, 5th Juergen Stefaniszyn from Germany, 6th Yuosaif Al-Slaili from Kuwait, 7th Karl Heinz & Timo Wagner from Germany, past winners of the SAMDPR, 8th Team Rien van Oss en zn from Netherlands, 9th Nabeel Albaker from Kuwait, 10th Salem Al Othainah from Kuwait, 11th Abdullah Alkhulaif from Saudi Arabia, 12th another for Abdullah Alkhulaif from Saudi Arabia, 13th Sami Alfadhli from Kuwait, 14th Team Taubenmarkt Sinkingen from Germany, 15th Team Ede from United Kingdom, 16th Paul Smith Syndicate from United Kingdom, 17th Rolf Berger from Germany, 18th Team W-E-B-S from Italy, 19th another for Paul Smith Syndicate from United Kingdom and 20th another for Paul Smith Syndicate from United Kingdom. The top twenty in this result were separated by just 15.95 seconds and had a total of 7 different countries represented and a total of 9 different countries in the top 50, with 50th being just 37.74 seconds away from the actual race winner. A total of 2,875 pigeons were officially clocked by 16.26, which included 209 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 58 from Ireland leaving just 75 pigeons to return to the race loft. More were homed the next day. The Monday Loft List showed 2,938 pigeons were in the race loft with 213 United Kingdom pigeons and 59 Irish pigeons in this total.

GLOBAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 4 amounted to US\$4,170.95c (approx. £3,369) and had a total of 263 pigeons entered which included 5 from the United Kingdom and none from Ireland and there were a total of 730 Nominations. There were no United Kingdom or Irish winners. WELL DONE TO ALL THE WINNERS.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 15th OPEN went to the TEAM EDE, with pigeon named GINGER LACEY which was bred by DARREN EDE from SOUTHAMPTON, which was officially clocked at 07.40.48.19, just 12.87 seconds after the actual race winner. Taking 2nd UK, 16th Open Paul Smith Syndicate with pigeon bred by Glynn Stone from Belper, 3rd UK, 19th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 4th UK, 20th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a second pigeon bred by Glynn Stone from Belper, 5th UK, 22nd Open Millys Loft with a second pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 6th UK, 30th Open Syndicate Lofts UK with pigeon bred by Peter Fox from Bangor, 7th UK, 38th Open Bet-Right Lofts entered by Jerry Wright from Lutterworth with pigeon bred by Mick Betts from Doncaster, 8th UK, 48th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with pigeon bred by Matt Parker from Burton-on-Trent, 9th UK, 49th Open another for Millys Loft with a second pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 10th UK, 50th Open Zandys Dream Team with pigeon bred by Hein Beneke from South Africa, 11th UK, 51st Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a second pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 12th UK, 52nd Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a third pigeon bred by Kenin Hibbert from Rotherham, 13th UK, 67th Open Murray & Mills with pigeon bred by this partnership from Leeds, 14th UK, 69th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a pigeon bred by Paul Smith & Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 15th UK, 79th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a fourth pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 16th UK, 89th Open Berkshire Boys with pigeon bred by Maurice O'Donnell from Dungarvan, 17th UK, 103rd Open

another for Zandys Dream Team with pigeon bred by Paul Smith & Hein Beneke from South Africa, 18th UK, 111th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a fifth pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 19th UK, 116th Open William Donachie with pigeon bred by William Donachie from Dundee and then 20th UK, 149th Open another for Team Ede with a second pigeon bred by Darren Ede from Southampton. A fantastic race for the United Kingdom Team with a total of 213 pigeons being officially clocked by 16.26, leaving just 6 pigeons to return to the race loft. The United Kingdom Team had 20 pigeons clocked in the top 149 in the Open, which in itself was a remarkable performance.

UNITED KINGDOM COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 4. There were no entries.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st IRELAND, 28th OPEN went to ANDY QUIRKE with pigeon named SKY QUEEN, bred by ANDY QUIRKE which was officially clocked at 07.40.58.50, just 23.18 seconds after the actual race winner. Taking 2nd Ireland, 32nd Open Joe Kennedy & Son with pigeon bred by Joe Kennedy & Son, 3rd Ireland, 132nd Open Moran, Bowden, Lopez, Vergara with a pigeon bred by Andy Moran, 4th Ireland, 244th Open Jackpot Lofts with pigeon bred by Karl Donnelly, 5th Ireland, 276th Open Peter Lucas with pigeon bred by Peter Lucas and then 6th Ireland, 403rd Open Sean Hunt & Family with pigeon bred by Sean Hunt & Family. A good result for the Irish Team with 58 pigeons being officially clocked by 16.26, leaving just 3 pigeons missing.

IRISH COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS in TRAINING RACE 4. There were no entries.

THE OVERALL AVERAGES are now up and running and after four races stands as follows:- 1st OPEN goes to YOUSEF AL-MUTAIRI from KUWAIT with pigeon named NUCHSKA bred by YOUSEF AL-MUTAIRI, with a combined flying time of 02.40.31.78 up 1 place from the last race. 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 20th OPEN goes to PAUL SMITH SYNDICATE with pigeon named ZANDYS INSPIRATION bred by PAUL SMITH & HEIN BENEKE in SOUTH AFRICA, with a combined flying time of 02.45.28.98 up 8 places from the last race. 1st IRELAND, 148th OPEN goes to PETER LUCAS with pigeon named ULYSES bred by PETER LUCAS with a combined flying time of 02.52.02.72 up 130 places from the last race. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE FANCIERS.

LIVESTREAM was up and running for TRAINING RACE 5, which took place on Tuesday 12th November 2019 and the 2,927 pigeons were liberated all together at 07.00 from 45km (28 miles) in fine and cool conditions with a moderate head wind, with a temperature of 17c (62f) and a good steady race was anticipated. This total was made up of 2,489 International pigeons, which included 216 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 60 pigeons from Ireland, plus 438 pigeons from the host country South Africa. The Hold-Back List showed 9 pigeons and this included none from the United Kingdom and none from Ireland.

Once again I was up bright and early to watch the pigeons return to the race loft and it was a beautiful morning in South Africa and an ideal racing day and at 07.41 a gang of about 70 pigeons approached the race loft bang on line, swung round a couple of times and then they hit the trapping area and within a few minutes literally hundreds of pigeons had been officially recorded.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st OPEN goes to TOM SCHILLING from UNITED STATES OF AMERICA with pigeon named LITTLE MISS NIKKI 2 bred by TOM SCHILLING, a past winner of the SAMDPR, which was officially clocked at 07.41.29.97 to record a winning velocity of 1202ypm (1084.38m/m), (18.073m/s) or 42mph. Taking 2nd Karl-Heinz Wichart from Germany, 3rd Freddy De Jaeger from Belgium, 4th Salah Qathban from Kuwait, 5th Salam Al Othainah from Kuwait, 6th Sami Alfadhli from Kuwait, 7th Salam al Hamshi from Kuwait, 8th Loft Einkamerer from South Africa, with a pigeon that is performing very well, 9th Al Khaleej Loft from Kuwait, 10th Yuosaif Al-Slaili from Kuwait, 11th Karl Heinz & Timo Wagner from Germany, these guys are also past winners of the SAMDPR and with a pigeon that has already scored a few times, 12th Yousef Al-Aebani from Kuwait, 13th Millys Loft from United Kingdom, 14th Flying D Lofts from United States of America, 15th Juergen Stefaniszyn from Germany, 16th Triple J Lofts from South Africa, 17th Hans-Paul Esser from Germany, 18th Esch + SG Urfey-Menzel from Germany, 19th another for Millys Loft from United Kingdom and 20th Team Gibb-Bruin-Gilbert from South Africa. The top twenty in this result were separated by just 31.30 seconds and had a total of 6 different countries represented and a total of 10 different countries represented in the top 50, with 50th being just 49.63 seconds away from the actual race winner. A total of 2,858 pigeons were officially clocked by 17.23, which

included 215 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 58 from Ireland leaving just 69 pigeons to return to the race loft.

GLOBAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 5 amounted to US\$3,235.95c (approx. £2,589) and had a total of 202 pigeons entered which included 3 from the United Kingdom and none from Ireland and there were 548 Nominations. There was no United Kingdom or Irish winners. **WELL DONE TO ALL THE WINNERS.**

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 13th OPEN went to MILYS LOFT with pigeon named DUNDEES IN TOWN which was bred by MICHAEL MELLOR from CREWE, which was officially clocked at 07.41.46.19 just 16.22 seconds after the actual race winner. Taking 2nd UK, 19th Open another pigeon for Millys Loft with a second pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 3rd UK, 21st Open Scotlands Own Syndicate with pigeon entered by Barry Kinnear from Edinburgh and bred by Mr/Mrs Trodden from Edinburgh, 4th UK, 68th Open Paul Smith Syndicate with pigeon bred by Glynn Stone from Belper, 5th UK, 91st Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a second pigeon bred by Glynn Stone from Belper, 6th UK, 94th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 7th UK, 122nd Open Team Lincs with pigeon bred by Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 8th UK, 124th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with pigeon bred by Matt Parker from Burton-on-Trent, 9th UK, 125th Open Team Islwyn with a pigeon bred by Robert Jones from Port Talbot, 10th UK, 137th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a second pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 11th UK, 158th Open Essex Superstars with pigeon bred by Paul Smith & Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 12th UK, 174th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a third pigeon bred by Glynn Stone from Belper, 13th UK, 208th Open R Davies & Son with pigeon bred by R Davies & Son from Manchester, 14th UK, 212th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a third pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 15th UK, 216th Open another for Millys Loft with a third pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 16th UK, 218th Open Foster Sons & Daughter with pigeon bred by this partnership from Liss, 17th UK, 221st Open C+L Williams with pigeon bred by this partnership from Cleobury Mortimer, 18th UK, 223rd Open another for Essex Superstars with a second pigeon bred by Paul Smith & Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 19th UK, 228th Open another for Millys Loft with a fourth pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe and 20th UK, 242nd Open another for Millys Loft with a fifth pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe. A total of 215 United Kingdom pigeons were officially clocked by 17.23, leaving just 1 to return to the race loft.

UNITED KINGDOM COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 5. There were no entries.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st IRELAND, 90th OPEN went to JOE KENNEDY & SON with pigeon named NO MORE BEEP BEEP bred by JOE KENNEDY & SON, which was officially clocked at 07.42.36.72, just 1 minutes 06.75 seconds behind the actual race winner. Taking 2nd Ireland, 182nd Open Thorpe Zeballos with pigeon bred by Herbie Thorpe, 3rd Ireland, 217th Open Jackpot Lofts with pigeon bred by Karl Donnelly, 4th Ireland, 220th Open Peter Lucas with pigeon bred by Peter Lucas, 5th Ireland, 229th Open Maurice O'Donnell with pigeon bred by Maurice O'Donnell and 6th Ireland, 277th Open another for Maurice O'Donnell with a second pigeon bred by Maurice O'Donnell. A total of 58 Ireland pigeons were officially clocked by 17.23, leaving just 2 to return to the race loft

IRISH COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 5 had no pigeons entered.

THE OVERALL AVERAGES are now up and running and after five races stands as follows:- 1st OPEN goes to YOUSEF AL-MUTAIRI from KUWAIT with pigeon named NUCHSKA bred by YOUSEF AL-MUTAIRI, with a combined flying time of 03.22.38.36 holding same place from the last race. 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 14th OPEN goes to PAUL SMITH SYNDICATE with pigeon named PAULS HERO bred by KEVIN HIBBERT from ROTHERHAM, with a combined flying time of 03.29.07.28 up 17 places from the last race. 1st IRELAND, 88th OPEN goes to PETER LUCAS with pigeon named ULYSES bred by PETER LUCAS with a combined flying time of 03.36.17.32 up 60 places from the last race. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE FANCIERS.**

LIVESTREAM was up and running for **TRAINING RACE 6**, which took place on Thursday 14th November 2019 and the 2,877 pigeons were liberated all together at 07.00 from 45km (28 miles) in fine and clear conditions with a light head wind, with a temperature of 18c (64f) and a good steady race was anticipated. This total was made up of 2,436 International pigeons, which included 211 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 58 pigeons from Ireland, plus 441 pigeons from the host country South Africa. The Hold-Back List showed 8 pigeons and this included none from the United Kingdom and none from Ireland.

Once again I was up bright and early to watch the pigeons return to the race loft and it was a beautiful morning in South Africa and yet another ideal racing day and at 07.41 a gang of about 60 pigeons approached the race loft bang on line, swung round a couple of times and then they hit the trapping area and within a few minutes literally hundreds of pigeons had been officially recorded.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st OPEN goes to **WOLFRAM COESFELD** from **GERMANY** with pigeon named **ISIS** bred by **WOLFRAM COESFELD**, which was officially clocked at 07.42.10.41 to record a winning velocity of 1173ypm (1067.04m/m), (17.784m/s) or 40mph. Taking 2nd Aldahoum Team Loft from Kuwait, 3rd Yousaif Al-Slaili from Kuwait, 4th Abdullah Alkhulaif from Saudi Arabia, 5th Hassan Alwatari from Kuwait, 6th Abdullah Al-Bakhit from Saudi Arabia, 7th Buchloh - Kossow from Germany, 8th Tom Schilling from United States of America, same pigeon that won 1st Open in TR5, 9th another for Abdullah Alkhulaif from Saudi Arabia, 10th Guido Barth from Germany, 11th WAR Syndicate from South Africa, 12th Johannes Rimmele from Germany, 13th Mohamed Asad from Kuwait, 14th Dave Tichbourne from Canada, 15th Team Gebr Vieberink from Netherlands, 16th Si Se Puede Farm from United States of America, 17th Kolvenbag & Son from United States of America, 18th Reinhold Schueler from Germany, 19th Yousef Al-Mutairi from Kuwait, this is pigeon named Nuchska and is leading the Overall Averages after 6 races with positions 100th, 13th, 1st, 23rd, 28th and now 19th Open and 20th Mighty Mike Schilling from United States of America. The top twenty in this result were separated by just 18.73 seconds and had a total of 7 different countries represented and a total of 15 different countries represented in the top 50, with 50th being just 41.64 seconds away from the actual race winner. A total of 2,864 pigeons were officially clocked by 16.04, which included 211 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 58 from Ireland leaving just 13 pigeons to return to the race loft.

GLOBAL NOMINATIONS for **TRAINING RACE 6** amounted to US\$1,873.40c (approx. £1,500) and had a total of 159 pigeons entered which included 2 from the United Kingdom and none from Ireland and there were 423 Nominations. There was no United Kingdom or Irish winners. **WELL DONE TO ALL THE WINNERS.**

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 44th OPEN went to TADT with pigeon named **BLUE SILVER** which was bred by TAD TRUSZKOWSKI from MELTON MOWBRAY, which was officially clocked at 07.42.46.82 just 36.41 seconds after the actual race winner. Taking 2nd UK, 51st Open Guys Lofts with pigeon bred by Tony Guy from Wolverhampton, 3rd UK, 125th Open Rutland Lofts with pigeon bred by Tony Whitehouse from West Bromwich, 4th UK, 131st Open Millys Loft with pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 5th UK, 133rd Open Gerry Francis (Past England Football Captain) with pigeon bred by Gerry Francis from Bracknell, 6th UK, 138th Open Team Islwyn with pigeon bred by Robert Jones from Port Talbot, 7th UK, 145th Open another for Millys Loft with a second pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 8th UK, 163rd Open Team Lincs with pigeon bred by Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 9th UK, 181st Open Bet-Right Lofts with pigeon bred by Jerry Wright from Lutterworth, 10th UK, 182nd Open Paul Smith Syndicate with pigeon bred by Glynn Stone from Belper, 11th UK, 185th Open another for Millys Loft with a third pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 12th UK, 194th Open Syndicate Lofts UK with pigeon bred by Peter Fox from Bangor, 13th UK, 199th Open Essex Superstars with a third pigeon bred by Paul Smith & Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 14th UK, 202nd Open Murray & Mills with pigeon bred by Murray & Mills from Leeds, 15th UK, 206th Open another for Millys Loft with a fourth pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 16th UK, 222nd Open another for Millys Loft with a fifth pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 17th UK, 226th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate with a second pigeon for the Glynn Stone from Belper, 18th UK, 233rd Open another for Millys Loft with a sixth pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 19th UK, 243rd Open another for Rutland Lofts with a second pigeon bred by Tony Whitehouse from West Bromwich and 20th UK, 244th Open Team Ede with pigeon bred by Darren Ede from Southampton. A total of all 211 United Kingdom pigeons were officially clocked by 08.45.

UNITED KINGDOM COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 6. There were no entries.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st IRELAND, 144th OPEN went to JACKPOT LOFTS with pigeon named IRISH PRIDE bred by KARL DONNELLY, which was officially clocked at 07.43. 27.80, just 1 minute 17.39 seconds behind the actual race winner. Taking 2nd Ireland, 238th Open Joe Kennedy & Son with pigeon bred by Joe Kennedy & Son, 3rd Ireland, 283rd Open Sean Hunt & Family with pigeon bred by Sean Hunt & Family, 4th Ireland, 304th Open another for Jackpot Lofts with a second pigeon bred by Karl Donnelly, 5th Ireland, 309th Open Thorpe Zeballos with pigeon bred by Herbie Thorpe and 6th Ireland, 357th Open another for Joe Kennedy & Son with a second pigeon bred by Joe Kennedy & Son. A total of all 58 Ireland pigeons were officially clocked by 07.59.

IRISH COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 6 had no pigeons entered.

THE OVERALL AVERAGES are now up and running and after six races stands as follows:- 1st OPEN goes to YOUSEF AL-MUTAIRI from KUWAIT with pigeon named NUCHSKA bred by YOUSEF AL-MUTAIRI, with a combined flying time of 04.05.07.12 holding same place from the last race. This great pigeon has so far taken 100th, 13th, 1st, 23rd, 28th and now 19th in the first 6 official races. 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 18th OPEN goes to PAUL SMITH SYNDICATE with pigeon named PAULS HERO bred by KEVIN HIBBERT from ROTHERHAM, with a combined flying time of 04.14.46.98 down 4 places from the last race. 1st IRELAND, 266th OPEN goes to PETER LUCAS with pigeon named ULYSES bred by PETER LUCAS with a combined flying time of 04.31.07.42 down 178 places from the last race. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE FANCIERS.

Now we move on to TRAINING RACES 7, 8 & 9 with a new liberation point a bit further down the road.

*******PLEASE NOTE:- This 2019/20 race programme below can be altered at any time, if the weather is not suitable another day will be selected. Also some of the race distances may alter slightly depending on the previous race or how the pigeons are coping with the earlier tosses and races. It should also be noted that there are more races in a week now, hopefully three a week and there are races now taking place on Sunday's, Monday's, Tuesday's, Wednesday's, Thursday's and Saturday's.**

Official Training Race 7 on Saturday 16th November 2019 from 115km (71 miles), followed by Training Race 8 on Tuesday 19th November 2019 from 60km (37 miles), followed by Training Race 9 on Thursday 21st November 2019 from 60 km (37 miles), followed by Training Race 10 on Saturday 23rd November 2019 from 115km (71 miles), followed by Training Race 11 on Wednesday 27th November 2019 from 60km (37 miles). Then HOT SPOT 1 will take place on Saturday 30th January 2019 from 165km (103 miles), followed by Training Race 11 on Tuesday 15th January 2019 from 62km (39 miles), followed by Training Race 12 on Wednesday 4th December 2019 from 62km (39 miles). Then HOT SPOT 2 will take place on Saturday 7th December 2019 from 210km (131 miles), followed by Training Race 13 on Tuesday 10th December 2019 from 60km (37 miles), followed by Training Race 14 on Thursday 12th December 2019 from 60km (37 miles), followed by Training Race 15 on Saturday 14th December 2019 from 115km (71 miles), followed by Training Race 16 on Wednesday 18th December 2019 from 60km (37 miles). Then HOT SPOT 3 will take place on Saturday 21st December 2019 from 265km (165 miles), followed by Training Race 17 on Tuesday 24th December 2019 from 60km (37 miles), followed by Training Race 18 on Saturday 28th December 2019 from 115km (71 miles). We then move into the New Year and start with Training Race 19 on Wednesday 1st January 2020 from 62km (39 miles), followed by HOT SPOT 4 on Saturday 4th January 2020 from 300km (186 miles), followed by Training Race 20 on Tuesday 7th January 2020 from 62km (39 miles), followed by Training Race 21 on Thursday 9th January 2020 from 60km (37 miles), followed by Training Race 22 on Saturday 11th January 2020 from 115km (71 miles), followed by Training Race 23 on Wednesday 15th January 2020 from 60km (37 miles), followed by HOT SPOT 5 on Saturday 18th January 2020 from 350km (217 miles), followed by Training Race 24 on Tuesday 21st January 2020 from 60km (37 miles), followed by Training Race 25 on Thursday 23rd January 2020 from 60km (37 miles), followed by Training Race 26 on Saturday 25th January 2020 from 60km (37 miles). A few more short training tosses will take place

over the next few days with basketing taking place on Thursday 30th January 2020. Then the FINAL RACE takes place on Saturday 1st February 2020 from 525km (326 miles).

The Race Organisers (Air Sport Internationale) and all the Official Loft Staff in South Africa wish all fanciers/entrants/syndicates and competitors from literally all over the world the best of luck during the forthcoming 2019/20 race series.

The team of pigeons will not be rushed and the vastly experienced loft staff are very confident that within a few weeks these athletes of the skies will be back on track and ready for the big task in front of them. You can of course follow all the progress of what is happening on the SAMDPR Website www.samdpr.com

Of course, one of the main reasons for the success of this great race is the extremely professional way it has been run from the start and that they have always paid out all of their projected prize money every year since the race first started way back in 1997 and that is why it is now known the world over "AS THE BIGGEST AND GREATEST PIGEON RACE IN THE WORLD" and has been now been tagged as "THE RACE WITH THE PROVEN TRACK RECORD" and "THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN THE PIGEON WORLD".

Numerous "Loft Reports", "Updates", "Photographs" and "Videos" have been placed on the informative SAMDPR website for all to see and these are all available now on the dedicated website www.samdpr.com You can also follow the SAMDPR on Facebook, with constant updates and short videos to view.

Although the race is now named THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILLION DOLLAR PIGEON RACE, the total to be paid out in cash and prizes in the 2019/20 race series exceeds US\$1.55 Million American Dollars or approximately £1.29 Million Pounds Sterling. No other one-loft race in the world today can boast of such massive pay outs and this race is now in its twenty-fourth year and has for the last twenty-three years paid out all of its projected prize money, that is why its reputation of this great race has increased, plus it has already paid out in the last twenty-three races, prize money in excess of US\$43 Million American Dollars (£30 Million Pounds Sterling), which is a remarkable achievement in itself in one loft racing and one that the race organisers are very proud of. It should also be mentioned that the Prize Money and Awards in THE 24th SOUTH AFRICAN MILLION DOLLAR PIGEON RACE will be the slightly more than paid out for THE 23rd SAMDPR. The FINAL RACE PRIZE MONEY in The 24th SAMDPR now exceeds US\$1.20 Million American Dollars or around £1 Million Pounds Sterling.

*****SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT***** I am sorry that I can't add all the information about who bred all the pigeons or where they live because I do not have access to all this information so I can only publish details which I am in possession of at the time. If there are no details besides your winning pigeon/s then please contact me on reglofts@aol.com with your details and I will include these in my later International Press Reports. I personally do my best to give all the fanciers, entrants and breeders all the credit they and their pigeons deserve when they manage to get in the results so your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

For the first few races numerous pigeons of course will not trap, so do not worry if yours is clocked late. The main thing to consider over the first few shorter races is that all the pigeons will not trap quickly but if they have made it back to the race loft on Heron Banks Golf & River Estate they are there to fight another day. With each race the pigeons will learn a bit more, giving them more experience to tackle all the tasks that they are going to have in front of them during the testing 2019/20 training and race series.

All Training Races, Hot Spot Races and The Final Race will now count towards The 24th South African Million Dollar Overall ACE PIGEON Averages, which has a total of three superb cash prizes of US\$25,500 (approx. £21,250), US\$15,000 (approx. £12,500) and US\$10,000 (approx. £8,333) for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in this category after The Final Race has been completed. This actually is a massive increase on the pay out over previous SAMDP Races.

NOMINATION RACES will be held and officially start on TRAINING RACE 1, plus the HOT SPOT 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 and of course the FINAL RACE. See the SAMDPR Website for full details. All these races

will have US\$1, US\$2, US\$5, US\$10, US\$20, US\$50 & US\$100 COUNTRY/REGIONAL and US\$1, US\$2, US\$5, US\$10, US\$20, US\$50 & US\$100 GLOBAL NOMINATIONS which can be placed on THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILLION DOLLAR Web Site. If you wish to enter any of these NOMINATIONS, you will have to have credit in your ASI Master Account. If you do not have any credit in your own personal Air Sport Account then please forward funds to your Country Race Co-ordinator/Shipper so that this can then be transferred to your Master Account in time to get your NOMINATIONS placed. Please do not leave it to the last minute to transfer funds as the transfer may not go through in time and this could result in your pigeon or pigeons not winning what they should be rewarded with.

It should be mentioned that GLOBAL & COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS during the 2015/16 race series actually paid out a staggering total of US\$546,280 (£437,000). This sum also increased during the 2017/18 race series. Once again during the 2018/19 race series the sum paid out exceeded the previous year, which again just goes to show that fanciers just love to have a gamble on the race.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL CONCERNED AND REGULAR “INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASES”, “NEWSLETTERS” AND “UPDATES” WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL COMPETITORS/ENTRANTS AND SYNDICATE SHAREHOLDERS ON A WEEKLY BASIS BY EMAIL OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. ALSO WEEKLY “PRESS RELEASES” WILL BE SENT OUT TO BOTH OUR TWO PIGEON PUBLICATIONS NAMELY THE “BRITISH HOMING WORLD” AND “THE RACING PIGEON” PLUS IT WILL ALSO BE ON MY REGENCY LOFTS WEB SITE www.regencylofts.com FOR ALL TO VIEW.

This is the “TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR” since this great International One Loft Race started and every year since day one the Organising Committee have created new competitions and I assume that this year will be no exception, more on this subject will be published as details come through from the race organisers.

“TRIP OF A LIFETIME” Deirdre Kallmeyer who owns and runs African Olive Travel Concepts in South Africa (www.aotc.co.za) is now acting as the official travel company for the SAMDPR and all booking must be done through her and her company. So if you want to be part of the vibe and thrill of The South African Million Dollar Pigeon Race, then why not join us at our new home at Heron Banks Golf & River Estate and the Emerald Resort, Casino & Hotel and experience the race weekend schedule and events. African Olive Travel Concepts have put together accommodation packages catering for all tastes and budgets and a variety of pre and post touring options to explore the region. The venue and location will be the Emerald Resort, Casino & Hotel which is situated on the lush banks of the Vaal River in Gautang, South Africa a mere hour’s drive from O.R Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. The extensive property, along 7km’s of river frontage, is the ideal location for a fun-filled family getaway. The Resort offers an array of accommodation options, restaurants, entertainment like the all-year-round Water Park - Aquadrome, to Animal World Zoo and game drive, ten pin bowling, outdoor activities such as walking, fishing, water skiing as well as the famous Emerald African Spa. Just across the Vaal River you can enjoy a round of golf on the outstanding Heron Banks Golf & River Estate, which is where the pigeon loft is situated. There are 3 accommodation options available at the Emerald Resort, Casino & Hotel catering for and style and budget. **Option 1**, you could book to stay in the 4-star Emerald Hotel where you will instantly notice the luxurious North-East African inspired décor. A sanctuary set far from the bustling bog city, the 4-star hotel’s 75 twin/double rooms and two superb suites offer you spacious comfort and all of the amenities you could need. All rooms have Air-conditioning, Digital Safe, Telephone, Hairdryer, TV selected channels, internet access and tea and coffee making facilities. **Option 2**, hidden away in a natural setting, the secure, luxurious Bush Lodges offer guests two-bedroom units styled to resemble the safari lodges of the Serengeti, adventure awaits just outside of these semi self-catering lodges, built for ultimate comfort and in luxurious style. **Option 3**, step into adventure and book one of the comfortable, self-catering River Resort Chalets that provides two, four and six sleeper units, ideal for a weekend getaway or longer stays. These are situated just a quick walk from the banks of the Vaal River, the chalets offer guests easy access to a range of adventures including boating facilities for the water sport enthusiasts.

For anybody intending to travel out for the race weekend or longer, please log onto www.samdpr.com and hit the Accommodation button at the bottom of the home page, there you find a **“SPECIAL 3 & 4 NIGHTS PACKAGE”**, which includes all the official functions and dates. Both these packages represent great value for money. Road Transfers to and from Emerald Resort can also be arranged by African Olive Travel Concepts. If you or any friends wish to do pre or post travel

bookings, Deirdre will be only too pleased to give you prices, just tell her what and where you would like to go. All bookings must be done directly through the sole agent Deirdre Kallmeyer at African Olive Travel Concepts (www.aotc.co.za) or email deirdre@aotc.co.za

*****SPECIAL NOTIFICATION***** One point that should be pointed out to all competitors and entrants is that only your NUMBER 1 pigeons is "ACTIVATED" (FULLY PAID UP ENTRY). If of course you entered a "TEAM OF 4" and you lost your first 3 pigeons, your fourth pigeon would then be your "ACTIVATED PIGEON". If you were unlucky enough to lose all your 4 pigeons in any of your "TEAMS" and they had won no "Special Prize Money" in the new HOT SPOT 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 then you are entitled to a "FREE ENTRY" into the 25th SAMDPR and all you have to pay is the official shipping and export costs to your Country Co-ordinator/Shipper. This offer can only be actioned once, for example if you lost your team in your first year, you would get a "Free Entry" the following year but then if you lost all your pigeons in that year, the "Free Entry" offer then does not count. This of course represents great value for your money. All the pigeons go to every training toss, Mid-Week and Saturday races providing they are fit enough but can only compete for any of the allocated PRIZE MONEY or SPECIAL AWARDS in the 5 x HOT SPOT RACES if they are "ACTIVATED" and that means that these must be paid for prior to the HOT SPOT 1, which is due to take place on SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2019 from 165km (approx. 103 miles). The cost to "ACTIVATE" these "RESERVES or BACK-UP PIGEONS" is US\$1,100 (approx. £916) (THIS OF COURSE MAY CHANGE SLIGHTLY DEPENDING ON CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE AT THE TIME OF ACTIVATION) but that will then entitle all these fully paid up pigeons (ACTIVATED) to compete and be eligible to fly for all the extra cash prizes and special awards that amounts to over US\$318,000 (approx. £265,000). The one thing to remember is that once your reserve pigeon or pigeons are fully paid for, if then they get lost and have won no Prize Money or Special Awards in the Special Money Races, then you will get US\$1,000 paid back into your ASI Account, which can then be used to purchase another pigeon at a later date and be entered into The Final Race under your name or syndicate or even under another name of your choice. So as you can see it is **"BETTER TO BE SAFE THAN SORRY"** and pay for them early, after all you have nothing to lose.

HOW MANY OTHER ONE LOFT PIGEON RACES IN THE WORLD OFFER THIS SORT OF OPTION TO COMPETITORS AND ENTRANTS?

*****WHAT CAN BE WON DURING THIS 2019/20 RACE SERIES***** Prizes and Special Awards now add up to a staggering US\$1.55 Million American Dollars £1.29 Million Pounds Sterling). This total includes US\$247,500 (£206,250) in 100 Hot Spot Cash Prizes over the 5 x Hot Spot Races as follows:- In each Hot Spot Race 1st US\$17,500 (£14,583), 2nd US\$10,000 (£8,333), 3rd US\$5,000 (£4,167), 4th US\$2,500 (£2,083), 5th US\$2,000 (£1,667), 6th to 10th US\$1,250 (£1,042) each, 11th to 15th US\$750 (£625) each and 16th to 20th US\$500 (£417) each. ONLY ACTIVATED PIGEONS CAN WIN ANY OTHER THESE CASH PRIZES. THESE 20 CASH PRIZES WILL GO TO THE FIRST 20 ACTIVATED PIGEONS IN EACH OF THE 5 x HOT SPOT RACES. Then a US\$10,000 (£8,333) Hot Spot Ace Pigeon Award for the best pigeon in these 5 races, A Two-Bird Average Competition and a US\$2,000 (£1,667) Cash Prize in each of the 5 x Hot Spot Races & The Final Race, A Three-Bird Average Competition and a US\$3,000 (£2,500) Cash Prize in each of the 5 x Hot Spot Races & The Final Race, The South African Million Dollar Ace Pigeon Award carries US\$50,500 in Prize Money, split into three cash prizes with 1st US\$25,500 (£21,250), 2nd US\$15,000 (£12,500) and 3rd US\$10,000 (£8,333) Cash Prizes for the 3 pigeons with the best overall average in all the Official Training Races and 5 x Hot Spot Races and The Final Race. There will also be an overall Knockout Winner Competition and US\$25,000 (£20,833) Prize Money, which starts on the Hot Spot 2 and the winner is the first one to be clocked in the "FINAL RACE" (over the past few years there has been around 40/60 pigeons still left in this competition). There will also be 3 x Country Cash Prizes of US\$125 (£104), US\$75 (£63) and US\$50 (£42) in each of the first 4 x Hot Spot Races (1 to 4). In the 5th Hot Spot Race US\$70 (£58) from every entry will be added to the starting Prize Money of US\$250 (£208) for the Country Challenge. All the Prize Money will be paid out to the first three Country Challenge entered pigeons in a ratio of 50%, 30% & 20%. The SAMDPR website will have an up to the date listing of which pigeons are entered and how much Prize Money will be flown for, plus and an ACE Pigeon Country Challenge which will be won on the FINAL RACE. There is an Entry Fee of US\$120 (£100) per pigeon to enter these Country Challenge Competitions and this has to be paid for before the basketing for the 3rd Hot Spot Car Race. The COUNTRY CHALLENGE ACE PIGEON, all countries participating will be given a US\$200 (£167) starting Prize Money and US\$40 (£33) from each Country Challenge entry fee goes to the "WINNER TAKES ALL" cash prize, which will be awarded to the first Country Challenge pigeon which is clocked in THE SOUTH AFRICAN

MILLION DOLLAR PIGEON FINAL RACE. The pigeon that wins this award will be named the **COUNTRY CHALLENGE ACE PIGEON**. It should also be mentioned that during the 2016/17 race series the **UNITED KINGDOM COUNTRY CHALLENGE** paid out £14,777 in **PRIZE MONEY**. Then in the **“FINAL RACE”** on the 1st February 2020 there are also 10 magnificent gold pendants to be won worth well over US\$1,000 (£833) each and now over US\$1.20 Million American Dollars in Prize Money (£1 Million Pounds) and 300 cash prizes being on offer. These estimations are done at US\$1.20 to the Pound Sterling. This could of course change on the Final Race.

THE ZANDY MEYER MEMORIAL RACE & US\$1,000 (approx. £833) NOMINATION will also take place on the **“FINAL RACE”** and the winning will be **A BRAND NEW MERCEDES BENZ SLK 555 MOTOR CAR**, worth a staggering US\$85,000 (approx. £70,833). (**ONLY “ACTIVATED” PIGEONS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR ANY OF THESE SPECIAL CASH PRIZES OR AWARDS**). This new competition was very well supported in its first year and had over 160 entries and was so successful that it also paid out a staggering 2nd prize of US\$54,000 cash. Do not miss this fantastic opportunity to win a fabulous new car. The 19th **SAMDPR** attracted about 140 entries and two staggering prizes were once again won by two worthy winners. The 20th **SAMDPR** attracted over 100 entries and the US\$85,000 (£68,000) was won by **Lloyd & Kelly** from the UK, who actually won 37th **OPEN** in the **FINAL RACE**. It was the first **Activated** pigeons and walked away with the top award. In The 21st **SAMDPR** **Michael Mellor** from **Crewe** was the runner-up for this prestigious award, with over 100 entries, which once again just goes to show that the UK pigeons will hold their own against the best pigeons in the world. In The 22nd **SAMDPR**, **Karl Donnelly** from **Ireland** won this fantastic prize, when his pigeon won 5th **OPEN**.

PRIZE MONEY ALLOCATED TO THE 24th SOUTH AFRICAN MILLION DOLLAR FINAL RACE, WILL NOW BE AS FOLLOWS:- 1st US\$300,000 (approx. £250,000), 2nd US\$150,000 (approx. £125,000), 3rd US\$100,000 (approx. £83,333), 4th US\$75,000 (approx. £62,500), 5th US\$50,000 (approx. £41,667), 6th US\$25,000 (£20,833), 7th US\$20,000 (£16,667), 8th US\$15,000 (£12,500), 9th US\$12,500 (£10,417), 10th US\$10,000 (approx. £8,333), 11th/15th US\$7,500 (approx. £6,250) each, 16th/20th US\$5,000 (approx. £4,167) each, 21st/25th US\$4,000 (approx. £3,333) each, 26th/30th US\$3,500 (approx. £2,917) each, 31st/40th US\$3,000 (approx. £2,500) each, 41st/50th US\$2,500 (£2,083) each, 51st/75th US\$2,000 (£1,667) each, 76th/100th US\$1,500 (£1,250) each, 101st/125th US\$1,250 (£1,042) each, 126th/150th US\$1,100 (£917) each, 151st/200th US\$1,000 (£833) each, 201st/250th US\$750 (£625) each, then 251st/300th US\$500 (£417) each. (Subject to terms and conditions of entry). The actual cash prizes stated above represent exchange rates (US\$1.20 to the Pound Sterling) at the current time and may of course change at the time of each race depending what the currency exchange rate is on the actual race day. A total of US\$1.30 Million American Dollars (£1.08 Million Pounds Sterling) Prize Money will be paid out in this **FINAL RACE**.

Something else worth mentioning that seven brand new motor cars have been won by fanciers representing the United Kingdom Team in the last seven years, **Richard Elliott/Robbie Prettejohn** and **Chris Gordon** both won new motor cars during the 2005/6 race series and **Paul & Dave McCarthy** won one a new motor car during the 2006/7 series. During the 2011/12 race series fanciers from the UK won a staggering 3 x brand new motor cars and these were won by **Nev & Angi Evans & Steve Cuthbert**, **Robert & Peter Montila** and then **Phil Bond**. **Alistair Hogg** also won a brand new motor car during the 2017/18 race series. This in itself was an outstanding team performance. No other country has ever won three cars on the trot. Also an Irish fancier named **John Nash** also won a brand new motor car in the 2008/9 race series. I am very hopeful that somebody from the United Kingdom or Ireland will also win some of this newly allocated Prize Money in the 2019/20 race series. **GOOD LUCK TO ALL COMPETITORS.**

I would also just like to notify fanciers that my weekly **“INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASE”**, **“NEWSLETTERS”** and **“UPDATES”** can now also be seen on the following pigeon web sites:-
www.regencylofts.com www.iprr.co.uk www.elimarpigeons.com www.pigeonportal.com
www.pigeonglobe.co.uk www.cyberpigeon.co.uk www.pigeonbasics.com www.starpigeons.com
www.pigeonpixels.co.uk www.theloftreport.com www.oneloftracing.com
www.ukpigeonracing.co.uk www.AvianExportServices.com www.pigeonnetwork.com plus of course they will also be published in the **“BRITISH HOMING WORLD”** and **“THE RACING PIGEON”** weeklies and many other international world pigeon publications for all to see, read and enjoy.

The race date for **THE 25th SOUTH AFRICAN MILLION DOLLAR PIGEON RACE** has already been provisionally agreed and confirmed by the race organisers as **SATURDAY 30th FEBRUARY 2021**.

(However, this date is still awaiting final confirmation). This will be the 25th anniversary of this great race and it is sure to be a very special occasion with lots of interesting things going on to celebrate this outstanding achievement.

If you are interested in participating, helping us or acting a Country Race Team Co-ordinator or Shipper, then please telephone me as soon as possible on [01279-812005](tel:01279-812005) or my mobile [07860-568216](tel:07860-568216) or SMS or email on reglofts@aol.com and I will give you all the information you require. My two proposed shipping dates for THE 25th SAMDPR will take about the middle of MAY 2020 and then the second one should be around the middle of JUNE 2020. Of course these two dates will be confirmed nearer the time. I strongly recommend that you try to ship your race entries on the 1st shipping date as this then gives these pigeons much more time to settle into the race loft.

If you have any questions about any aspect of THE SOUTH AFRICAN MILLION DOLLAR PIGEON RACE, then please contact me as soon as possible on [01279-812005](tel:01279-812005) or my mobile [07860-568216](tel:07860-568216) or by SMS or email at reglofts@aol.com and I will do my best to answer any of your questions or queries about this great race.

These "INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASES" do take a lot of my time to prepare and I try to get as much into them as possible as I know fanciers and entrants like to know what is happening, unfortunately some time, some information will not be to hand when the print deadline is reached so can't be included in that report. I can only apologise if I leave something or somebody out but I can assure everybody that I do my best to get as much information as possible to put into each of these international reports and give as much credit to those that deserve it.

IF ANY PIGEON FANCIER IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR IN FACT ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE MY WEEKLY "INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASES", "NEWSLETTERS" AND "UPDATES" BY EMAIL, THEN ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS EMAIL ME THEIR ACTUAL EMAIL ADDRESS I WILL PUT THEM ON MY EMAIL DATABASE AND I WILL THEN FORWARD THEM ALL THE INFORMATION BY EMAIL ON A REGULAR BASIS.

BEST OF LUCK TO ALL THE PIGEON FANCIERS/ENTRANTS AND SYNDICATES WORLDWIDE DURING THE 2019/20 RACE SERIES.

If you wish to know any more information on this prestigious international pigeon race please contact me ASAP:-

Paul Smith, United Kingdom Race Team Co-ordinator/Shipper and International Race Co-ordinator for The 24th South African Million Dollar Pigeon Race, which is due to be held at Heron Banks Golf & River Estate and Emerald Resort, Casino & Hotel, South Africa on Saturday 1st February 2020. Regency Lofts Limited, 2, Highmead, off Coltsfield, Stansted Mountfitchet, Essex. CM24 8LJ. England. Tel/Fax:- 01279-812005. (Int. Code:- +44-1279-812005). Mobile:- 07860-568216. Email Address:- reglofts@aol.com Regency Lofts Website:- www.regencylofts.com Skype Address:- talbot7944 Twitter Address:- PaulSmith@SmithReglofts The South African Million Dollar Pigeon Race Website:- www.samdpr.com