

## "EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL PRESS RELEASE".

 $\mathbf{ON}$ 

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 HOT SPOT RACE 4, TRAINING RACE 19 & TRAINING RACE 21.

This is my eighth International Press Release and it follows all my earlier seven International Press Releases which contained all the race results for Training Races 1 to 18 and also Hot Spot Races 1, 2 & 3.

LIVESTREAM was up and running for HOT SPOT RACE 4, which took place on Saturday 4th January 2020 and the 1,947 pigeons were liberated all together from GLEN at 05.30 from 288km (179 miles) in fine and warm conditions with a head wind, with a temperature of 20c (68f) and a tough race was anticipated. The temperature was due to rise through the day and at 09.40 it was already 28c (84f) and by later in the it had risen to 31c (68f). Temperatures would rise to around 26c (80f) as the day progressed. This total was made up of 1,610 International pigeons, which included 135 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 40 pigeons from Ireland, plus 337 pigeons from the host country South Africa. The Hold-Back List showed just 1 pigeon 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 09.48 a gang of about 17 pigeons approached the race loft bang on line, swung round the race loft and then finally they hit the trapping area, as they hit the landing platform another small group of about 20 pigeons arrived and within 7 minutes the top 50 had been officially recorded.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st OPEN goes to BUCHLOH - KOSSOW from GERMANY with pigeon named FRIEDA bred by W BUCHLOH, which was officially clocked at 09.48.16.00 to record a winning velocity of 1221ypm (1115.10m/m), (18.585m/s) or 41mph. Taking 2nd Christof Kussyk from Germany, 3rd Triple J Lofts from South Africa, these guys Jurie Erwee & Son are having a fantastic race series, 4th Team Germany - Altmiks - Soudy from Germany, 5th Gavin Lamprecht from South Africa, 6th Al Khaleej Loft from Kuwait, 7th Triple J Lofts & Towerflyers Loft from South Africa, another bred by Jurie Erwee & Son from Triple Lofts, 8th Dagmar und Edwin Voll from Germany, 9th Club Kransfontein Resiesduif Klub from South Africa, 10th Team Platte from Germany, 11th Gys en Formyn from South Africa, 12th Klaus Stieneker from Germany, 13th 3S Loft from United States of America, 14th Abdullwhahab Aldahoum from Kuwait, 15th Team Hooymans from Netherlands, 16th Team Valya + Rosen Dobrevi from Bulgaria, 17th Familie Sosnik from Germany, 18th Club Villieria Specialits Club from South Africa, 19th Team Schnellin from Germany and 20th Alhamli Team from United Arab Emirates. The top twenty in this result were separated by 3 minutes 35.17 seconds and had a total of 7 different countries represented and a total of 12 different countries represented in the top 50, with 50th being 6 minutes 56.88 seconds away from the actual race winner. It was great race for Germany who had 8 pigeons in the top 20 and South Africa who had 6 pigeons in the top 20, fabulous results to both these teams. A total of 1,489 pigeons were officially clocked by 19.14, which included 97 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 31 from Ireland leaving 458 pigeons to return to the race loft. The Benzing Clocking System was left on and the missing pigeons started to roll in from 05.33 and by 18.18 a total of 1,732 pigeons had been officially recorded, leaving just 215 to return to the race loft. A further 5 were clocked before 08.43 on Monday morning.

HOT SPOT RACE 4 US\$49,500 (£39,600) TWENTY CASH PRIZES WINNERS were won as follows:-1st US\$17,500 (£14,000) went to 1st Open, 2nd US\$10,000 (£8,000) went to 2nd Open, 3rd US\$5,000 (£4,000) went to 3rd Open, 4th US\$2,500 (£2,000) went to 4th Open, 5th US\$2,000 (£1,600) went to 5th Open, 6th-10th US\$1,250 (£1,000) EACH went to 6th, 7th, 8th, 10th & 11th Open, 11th-15th US\$750 (£600) EACH went to 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th Open, 16th-20th US\$500 (£400) EACH went to 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th & 21st Open. This result showed that just 1 pigeon that won 9th Open were NOT-ACTIVATED so was not eligible to compete for any of this Prize Money. That meant that the pigeon that took 21st Open won the last Cash Prize.

THE HOT SPOT RACE ACE PIGEON AWARD offers a 1st PRIZE of US\$10,000 (£8,000) and the leader after the first four races is as follows:- 1st SOUTH AFRICA, 1st OPEN goes to CLUB VILLIERIA SPECIALITS CLUB from SOUTH AFRICA with pigeon named QUEEN OF THE SKY bred by MOUNTAIN LOFTS with a combined flying time of 12.50.20.09 up 5 places from Hot Spot Race 3. 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 6th OPEN goes to TAD TRUSZKOWSKI from MELTON MOWBRAY with pigeon named TIME IS TICKING bred by TAD TRUSZKOWSKI with a combined flying time of 12.59.58.11 up 19 places from the last race. 1st IRELAND, 24th OPEN goes to PETER LUCAS with pigeon named

ULYSES bred by PETER LUCAS with a combined flying time of 13.14.36.16 up 53 places from the last race. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE FANCIERS.

2-BIRD AVERAGE WINNER & US\$2,000 (£1,600) for HOT SPOT RACE 4 were as follows:Winning pigeons have to be ACTIVATED and they must be entered in the same Team. 1st SOUTH
AFRICA, 1st OVERALL was TRIPLE J & TOWERFLYERS LOFT (Team 1) from SOUTH AFRICA with a
winning velocity of 35.541 m/s with both pigeons being bred by JURIE ERWEE & SON (TRIPLE J
LOFTS). 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 3rd Overall went to Tad Truszkowski (Team 3) from Melton
Mowbray with a winning velocity of 36.332 m/s and both pigeons bred by Tad Truszkowski from
Melton Mowbray. 1st IRELAND, 60th Overall went to Joe Kennedy & Son (Team 1) with a winning of
34.602 m/s and both pigeons bred by Joe Kennedy & Son from Belfast. WELL DONE TO ALL THESE
WINNING COMPETITORS.

3-BIRD AVERAGE WINNER & US\$3,000 (£2,400) for HOT SPOT RACE 4 were as follows:Winning pigeons have to be ACTIVATED and they must be entered in the same Team. 1st
GERMANY, 1st OVERALL was TEAM LEHRTE (Team 1) with a winning velocity of 53.274 m/s with
all 3 pigeons bred by HEINRICH BAXMAN. 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 4th Overall went to Obelisk
Syndicate (Team 1) entered by Clive & Sue Barrett from Taunton with winning velocity of 52.054
m/s with all 3 pigeons bred by Derek Nicholls from Barry. 1st IRELAND, 23rd Overall went to
Maurice O'Donnell + E Ferman (Team 1) with winning velocity of 48.949 m/s with all 3 pigeons
bred by Maurice O'Donnell from Dungarvan. WELL DONE TO ALL THESE WINNING COMPETITORS.

RECORDS ARE CREATED EVERY YEAR AT THE SAMDPR BUT FOR THE FOURTH HOT SPOT IN A ROW JURIE ERWEE & SON (TRIPLE J LOFTS) FROM SOUTH AFRICA HAVE BRED EVERY PIGEON THAT HAS WON THE 1st OVERALL POSITIONS IN HOT SPOT RACES 1, 2 & 3 IN BOTH THE 2-BIRD & 3-BIRD AVERAGES. THIS WILL SURELY BE A RECORD THAT WILL STAND FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THEY VERY NEARLY MADE IT ALL FOUR RACE AS THEY WON THE 2-BIRD AVERAGE FOR THE FOURTH RACE IN A ROW BUT JUST GOT BEAT BY DECIMAL ONE IN THE 3-BIRD AVERAGE. THIS REALLY IS A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT FLYING AGAINST SOME OF THE BEST FANCIERS IN THE WORLD TODAY. IT IS GOING TO BE VERY INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN HOT SPOT RACE 5 & THE FINAL RACE.

THE KNOCKOUT COMPETITION WINNER WINS A STAGGERING US\$25,000 (£20,000), only fully ACTIVATED PIGEONS can compete and this competition starts on HOT SPOT RACE 2. Please read the Rules/Regulations on the SAMDPR Website <a href="www.samdpr.com">www.samdpr.com</a> as it is one of the most exciting competitions in the race series, with a percentage of pigeons being knocked out in each round. The winner being the first pigeon that was entered in this competition that is clocked in the FINAL RACE. A total of 1,785 pigeons were officially entered into this exciting competition and this included 1,546 International pigeons, which included 239 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 46 pigeons from Ireland, plus 239 pigeons from South Africa. A total of 1,161 pigeons (65%) of the entered pigeons will go through to the next round which will be held on HOT SPOT RACE 3 and this total includes 86 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 31 pigeons from Ireland. So now for HOT SPOT RACE 4 there will now be 639 pigeons (35%) competing and this total includes 42 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 20 pigeons from Ireland. Now that HOT SPOT RACE 4 has been completed there are now just 224 pigeons that will go forward into Round 4 which will take place on HOT SPOT RACE 5 and this total includes just 13 pigeons from the United Kingdom and just 7 pigeons from Ireland. See full list of pigeons still left in by logging onto <a href="www.samdpr.com">www.samdpr.com</a>

GLOBAL NOMINATIONS for HOT SPOT RACE 4 amounted to US\$12,112.50c (approx. £9,690) and had a total of 346 pigeons entered which included 9 from the United Kingdom and 1 from Ireland and there were 1,251 Nominations. There was 1 United Kingdom and no Irish winners. Taking 33rd OPEN went to TAD TRUSZKOWSKI from MELTON MOWBRAY with his pigeon named TIME IS TICKING and this pigeon won US\$272 (£218) for its efforts. WELL DONE TO ALL THE WINNERS.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 23rd OPEN went to PAUL SMITH SYNDICATE from STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET with pigeon named PAULS HERO which was bred by KEVIN HIBBERT from ROTHERHAM, which was officially clocked at 09.51.55. just 3 minutes 39.39 seconds after the actual race winner. This pigeon has been performing well and has already won 50th, 196th, 111th, 94th, 120th, 32nd, 30th, and now 23rd Open and is currently holding 3rd UK, 18th Open Overall Averages after 22 races 86th Open Hot Spot Race Averages after 4 races. Taking

2nd UK, 33rd Open TadT with pigeon named Time is Ticking bred by Tad Truszkowski from Melton Mowbray, this pigeon is currently holding 1st UK, 4th Open Overall Averages after 22 races and also 1st UK, 6th Open Hot Spot Races Averages after 4 races, top flying Tad, 3rd UK, 60th Open Alistair Hogg with pigeon bred by Alistair Hogg from Winchburg, 4th UK, 70th Open another for Tad Truszkowski with a second pigeon bred by Tad Truszkowski from Melton Mowbray, this pigeon won 3 x 1st UK earlier in this race series, 5th UK, 71st Open Team Ede with pigeon bred by Darren Ede from Southampton, 6th UK, 77th Open another for TadT with a third pigeon bred by Tad Truszkowski from Melton Mowbray, 7th UK, 96thth Open Foster Sons & Daughter with pigeon bred by this partnership from Liss, 8th UK, 140th Open another for Team Ede with a second pigeon bred by Darren Ede from Southampton, 9th UK, 147th Open Obelisk Syndicate entered by Clive & Sue Barrett from Taunton with pigeon bred by Derek Nicholls from Barry, 10th UK, 149th Open Syndicate Lofts UK with pigeon bred by Peter Fox from Bangor, 11th UK, 174th Open Berkshire Boys with pigeon bred by Maurice O'Donnell from Dungarvan, 12th UK, 199th Open Millys Loft with pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 13th UK, 208th Open another for Obelisk Syndicate entered by Clive & Sue Barrett from Taunton with a second pigeon bred by Derek Nicholls from Barry, 14th UK, 210th Open Team Islwyn with pigeon bred by Robert Jones from Port Talbot, 15th UK, 222nd Open Zandys Dream Team from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon bred by Paul Smith & Hein Beneke from South Africa, 16th UK, 235th Open another for Millys Loft with a second pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 17th UK, 244th Open R Davies & Son with pigeon bred by this partnership from Manchester, 18th UK, 245th Open Brian Clayburn with pigeon bred by Brian Clayburn from Ackworth, a past winner of the SAMDPR, 19th UK, 246th Open another for Berkshire Boys with pigeon bred by John & Lou McGee from France and 20th UK, 249th Open Wearn Brothers + Neilson from Ramsdean with pigeon bred by Gerry Francis from Bagshot, who of course was the Past England Football Captain. A good result for the UK Team which had 7 pigeons in the top 96 in the Open. A total of 97 United Kingdom pigeons were officially clocked by 19.14, leaving 38 to return to the race loft. More returned on the Sunday and by 18.18 a total of 116 had been officially recorded, leaving just 19 still to return to the race loft. 2 more returned to the race loft early on Monday morning, which still left 17 to return to the race loft.

THE UNITED KINGDOM COUNTRY CHALLENGE WINNERS for HOT SPOT RACE 4 were as follows:-1st UNITED KINGDOM & US\$125 (£100), 23rd Open Paul Smith Syndicate from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon named Pauls Hero bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 2nd UNITED KINGDOM & US\$75 (£60), 33rd Open TadT with pigeon named Time is Ticking bred by Tad Truszkowski from Melton Mowbray, 3rd UNITED KINGDOM & US\$50 (£40), 70th Open another for TadT with pigeon named Blue Silver Tad Truszkowski from Melton Mowbray. UNITED KINGDOM now has a total of 115 entries in this category and HOT SPOT RACE 5 offers three great Cash Prizes:- 1st US\$4,125 (£3,300), 2nd US\$2,475 (£1,980), 3rd US\$1,650 (£1,320). The FINAL RACE now offers a 1st Prize of US\$4,800 (£3,840) to the winner. The total amount of Prize Money to be flown for in this exclusive UNITED KINGDOM competition will be US\$14,050 (£11,240). CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE WINNERS.

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

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st IRELAND, 22nd OPEN went to PETER LUCAS with pigeon named ULYSES bred by PETER LUCAS, which was officially clocked at 09.51.54.64, just 3 minutes 38.64 seconds behind the actual race winner. This pigeon is flying exceptionally well and is currently holding 1st Ireland, 8th Open in the Overall Averages. Taking 2nd Ireland, 172nd Open Jackpot Lofts with pigeon bred by Karl Donnelly, 3rd Ireland, 183rd Open another for Jackpot Lofts with a second pigeon bred by Karl Donnelly, 4th Ireland, 187th Open Moran, Bowden, Lopez, Vergara with pigeon bred by Andrew Moran, 5th Ireland, 253rd Open Joe Kennedy & Son with pigeon bred by Joe Kennedy & Son and 6th Ireland, 282nd Open Maurice O'Donnell + E Ferman with pigeon bred by Maurice O'Donnell. A total of 31 Ireland pigeons were officially clocked by 19.14, leaving just 9 to return to the race loft. By 18.18 on Sunday a total of 38 Irish pigeons had returned to the race loft, leaving just 2 to return.

THE IRISH COUNTRY CHALLENGE WINNERS for HOT SPOT RACE 4 were as follows:- 1st IRELAND & US\$125 (£100), 172nd Open Jackpot Lofts with pigeon named Flying For Ireland bred by Karl Donnelly, 2nd IRELAND & US\$75 (£60), 183rd Open another for Jackpot Lofts with a pigeon named Record Breaker bred by Karl Donnelly, 3rd IRELAND US\$50 (£40), 187th Open Moran, Bowden,

Lopez, Vergara with pigeon named Tequila bred by Andrew Moran. IRELAND now has a total of 14 entries in this category and HOT SPOT RACE 5 now offers 3 great Cash Prizes:- 1st US\$590 (£472), 2nd US\$354 (£283), 3rd US\$236 (£189). The FINAL RACE now offers a 1st Prize of US\$760 (£608) to the winner. The total amount of Prize Money to be flown for in this exclusive IRISH competition will be US\$2,940 (£2,352). CONGRATULATUIONS TO ALL THESE WINNERS.

IRISH COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS for HOT SPOT RACE 4. There were no pigeons entered.

THE OVERALL AVERAGES are now up and running and after 22 races stands as follows:1st GERMANY, 1st OPEN goes to KARL HEINZ & TIMO WAGNER from GERMANY with their very
consistent pigeon named HEARTBEAT bred by KARL HEINZ & TIMO WAGNER, with a combined
flying time of 30.39.54.30 up 1 place from the last race. These top fanciers are past winners of the
SAMDPR. 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 4th OPEN goes to TAD TRUSZKOWSKI from MELTON MOWBRAY
with pigeon named TIME IS TICKING bred by TAD TRUSZKOWSKI with a combined flying time of
31.17.01.12 up 6 places from the last race. Taking 2nd UNITED KINGDOM, 5th OPEN goes to
ZANDYS DREAM TEAM from STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET with pigeon named ZANDYS
EXPECTATION bred by PAUL SMITH & HEIN BENEKE from SOUTH AFRICA, with a combined flying
time of 31.22.50.33 up 3 places from the last race. 1st IRELAND, 8th OPEN goes to PETER LUCAS
with pigeon named ULYSES bred by PETER LUCAS with a combined flying time of 31.28.27.69 up 8
places from the last race. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE FANCIERS.

LIVESTREAM was up and running for TRAINING RACE 19, which was supposed to take place on Tuesday 7th January 2020 but because of heavy rain the pigeons were brought back and the race will now take place on Wednesday 8th January 2020 but once again the weather was not good enough to liberate the pigeons because of rain so once again the race was postponed. Finally, on Thursday the 9th January 2020 the 1,779 pigeons were liberated all together from KOPPIES at 07.05 from 62km (39 miles) in fine and warm conditions with a little to no wind wind, with a temperature of 18c (64f) and a good steady race was anticipated. This total was made up by 1,466 International pigeons, which included 121 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 36 pigeons from Ireland, plus 313 pigeons from the host country South Africa. The Hold-Back List showed just 2 pigeons were held back 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 another beautiful morning in South Africa and an ideal racing day and at 07.59 a gang of about 200 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 for winning 1st OPEN goes to CLUB KRANSFONTEIN RESIESDUIF KLUB from SOUTH AFRICA with pigeon named SOUTHFIELD ANDY and bred by ACES RACING PIGEONS, which was officially clocked at 07.59.02.50 to record a winning velocity of 1271ypm (1147.26m/m), (19.121m/s) or 43 mph. This pigeon won 9th OPEN in HOT SPOT RACE 4 a few days before. Taking 2nd Samual Loft from South Africa, 3rd Holts Loft from United States of America, 4th Troskie Hokke from South Africa, 5th Team Ettrick from United Kingdom, 6th Nabeel Albaker from Kuwait, 7th Buchloh - Kossow from Germany, 8th Team Twin Brothers Holland from Netherlands, 9th Sofia One Loft Race from Bulgaria, 10th Mike Chafardon from United States of America, 11th Hermann Niesing from Germany, 12th Koopman Racing Pigeons from Netherlands, 13th Veenstra Pigeons from Netherlands, 14th OLR Europa Master Pigeons from Romania, 15th Lothar Krueger from Germany, 16th Joe Kennedy & Son from Ireland, 17th Team Hotel Landgasthof from Germany, 18th Genesis Syndicate Loft from United States of America, 19th Aclo Racing from South Africa and 20th Engelbrecht J+T from South Africa. The top twenty in this result were separated by just 17.80 seconds and had a total of 9 different countries represented and a total of 11 different countries in the top 50, with 50th being just 24.32 seconds away from the actual race winner. A total of 1,766 pigeons were officially clocked by 15.31, which included 120 pigeons from the United Kingdom and all 36 from Ireland leaving just 13 pigeons to return to the race loft.

GLOBAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 19 amounted to US\$2,130.95c(approx. £1,705) and had a total of 106 pigeons entered which included 5 from the United Kingdom and none from Ireland and there were a total of 318 Nominations. There was one United Kingdom winner and that was the PAUL SMITH SYNDICATE from STANSTED MOUNTIFITCHET won 147th OPEN with pigeon named PAULS HERO bred by KEVIN HIBBERT from ROTHERHAM and won a cool US\$722.50c (£579) for its

efforts. The same pigeon had won 1st UK, 23rd OPEN in the last race which was Hot Spot Race 4. WELL DONE TO ALL THE WINNERS.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 5th OPEN went to TEAM ETTRICK with pigeon named ETTRICK STAR and bred by BOBBY DALZIEL from ETTRICK, which was officially clocked at 07.59.12.25, just 09.75 seconds behind the race winner. Taking 2nd UK, 25th Open Paul Smith Syndicate from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 3rd UK, 32nd Open William Donachie with pigeon bred by William Donachie from Dundee, 4th UK, 59th Open Syndicate Lofts UK with pigeon bred by Peter Fox from Bangor, 5th UK, 65th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon bred by Matt Parker from Burton-on-Trent, 6th UK, 84th Open Alistair Hogg with pigeon bred by Alistair Hogg from Winchburg, 7th UK, 94th Open Millys Loft with pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 8th UK, 106th Open Team Lincs with pigeon bred by Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 9th UK, 119th Open another for Millys Loft with a second pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 10th UK, 130th Open Foster Sons & Daughter with pigeon bred by this partnership from Liss, 11th UK, 135th Open Brian Clayburn with a pigeon bred by Brian Clayburn from Ackworth, a past SAMDPR winner, 12th UK, 142nd Open another for Team Lincs with a second pigeon bred by Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 13th UK, 147th Open Paul Smith Syndicate from Stansted Mountfitchet with a second pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, this pigeon also won US\$722.50c (£579) Nominations for its efforts, 14th UK, 175th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate from Stansted Mountfitchet with a third pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, 15th UK, 176th Open another for Fosters Sons & Daughter with a second pigeon bred by this partnership from Liss, 16th UK, 177th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate from Stansted Mountfitchet with a second pigeon bred by Matt Parker from Burton-on-Trent, 17th UK, 219th Open Scotlands Own Syndicate with pigeon entered by Barry Kinnear from Edinburgh and bred by Mr+Mrs Trodden, 18th UK, 243rd Open Obelisk Syndicate entered by Clive & Sue Barrett from Taunton with pigeon bred by Derek Nicholls from Barry, 19th UK, 247th Open another for Obelisk Syndicate entered by Clive & Sue Barrett from Taunton with a second pigeon bred by Derek Nicholls from Barry and 20th UK, 257th Open Zandys Dream Team from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon bred by Paul Smith & Hein Beneke from South Africa. A good race for the United Kingdom Team with 7 pigeons in the top 94 in the Open and a total of 119 pigeons being officially clocked by 08.20, leaving just 2 pigeons to return to the race loft. One more pigeons returned up to 12.49, leaving just 1 to make it back to the race loft.

<u>UNITED KINGDOM COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 19. There were no entries.</u>

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st IRELAND, 16th OPEN went to JOE KENNEDY & SON with pigeon named STREET FIGHTER, bred by JOE KENNEDY & SON which was officially clocked at 07.59.18.56, just 16.06 seconds after the actual race winner. Taking 2nd Ireland, 248th Open Thorpe Zeballos with pigeon bred by Herbie Thorpe, 3rd Ireland, 280th Open Andy Quirke with pigeon bred by Andy Quirke, 4th Ireland, 286th Open another for Joe Kennedy & Son with a second pigeon bred by Joe Kennedy & Son, 5th Ireland, 357th Open another for Joe Kennedy & Son with a third pigeon bred by Joe Kennedy & Son and then 6th Ireland, 358th Open Jackpot Lofts with pigeon bred by Karl Donnelly. A good result for the Irish Team with all 36 pigeons being officially clocked by 08.22, leaving no pigeons missing.

IRISH COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS in TRAINING RACE 19. There were no entries.

THE OVERALL AVERAGES are now up and running and after 23 races stands as follows:- 1st GERMANY, 1st OPEN goes to KARL HEINZ & TIMO WAGNER from GERMANY with pigeon named HEARTBEAT bred by KARL HEINZ & TIMO WAGNER, with a combined flying time of 31.34.41.59 holding same place from the last race. 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 4th OPEN goes to TADT with his pigeon named TIME IS TICKING bred by TAD TRUSZKOWSKI from MELTON MOWBRAY with a combined flying time of 32.15.46.81 holding same place as the last race. 2nd UNITED KINGDOM, 5th OPEN goes to ZANDYS DREAM TEAM from STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET with pigeon named ZANDYS EXPECTATION bred by PAUL SMITH & HEIN BENEKE from SOUTH AFRICA, with a combined flying time of 32.19.32.89 holding same place from the last race. 1st IRELAND, 8th OPEN goes to PETER LUCAS with pigeon named ULYSES bred by PETER LUCAS with a combined flying time of 32.25.10.28 holding place from the last race. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE FANCIERS.

LIVESTREAM was up and running for TRAINING RACE 21, which was supposed to take place on Saturday 11th January 2020 but once again due to widespread rain in the area it was postponed and now changed to Sunday 12th January 2020 and a total of 1,766 pigeons were liberated all together from KROONSTAD at 06.00 from 114km (71 miles) in fine and warm conditions with a light head wind, with a temperature of 22c (72f) and a good steady race was anticipated. This total was made up by 1,456 International pigeons, which included 120 pigeons from the United Kingdom and 35 pigeons from Ireland, plus 310 pigeons from the host country South Africa. The Hold-Back List showed no pigeons were held back 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 another beautiful morning in South Africa and an ideal racing day and at 07.24 a gang of about 100 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 for winning 1st OPEN goes to WATTLES SYNDICATE from AUSTRALIA with pigeon named BARONGAROOK bred by ACES RACING PIGEONS, which was officially clocked at 07.24.13.54 to record a winning velocity of 1485ypm (1353.48m/m), (22.558m/s) or 50 mph. this pigeon had previously won 104th, 95th, 190th, 151st, 17th, 181st, 50th, 7th, 121st, 152nd and now 1st OPEN. Taking 2nd Hussen Al-Jumaan from Saudi Arabia, 3rd Ganus Family Loft from United States of America, a past winner of the SAMDPR, 4th Saud Al-Nimran from Kuwait, 5th Thomas Breen from South Africa, 6th Si Se Puede Farm from United States of America, 7th Chris Wheeler from South Africa, 8th Fahad Shleya from Kuwait, 9th Alistair Hogg from United Kingdom, 10th ZG Haas-Moese-Menges from Germany, 11th Ali Barrak Albadhani from Kuwait, 12th Team Platte from Germany, 13th Defaulter Pigeon, 14th Rolf Berger from Germany, 15th Team Fraiquin-Steenstra from Netherlands, 16th Frank + August Daelemans from Belgium, 17th Obelisk Syndicate from United Kingdom, 18th Triple J Lofts from South Africa, 19th another for Triple J Lofts from South Africa and 20th Rida Gzouly Kafi from Spain. The top twenty in this result were separated by just 10.24 seconds and had a total of 10 different countries represented and a total of 13 different countries in the top 50, with 50th being just 17.78 seconds away from the actual race winner. A total of 1,744 pigeons were officially clocked by 18.37, which included 118 pigeons from the United Kingdom and all 35 from Ireland leaving just 22 pigeons to return to the race loft.

GLOBAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 21 amounted to US\$2,453.95c (approx. £1,963) and had a total of 104 pigeons entered which included 4 from the United Kingdom and none from Ireland and there were a total of 326 Nominations. There were no United Kingdom or Irish winners. WELL DONE TO ALL THE WINNERS.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 26th OPEN went to the ALISTAIR HOGG, with pigeon named ALIS DREAM which was bred by ALISTAIR HOGG from WINCHBURG, which was officially clocked at 07.24.19.29, just 05.75 seconds after the actual race winner. Alistair won 6th Open Final Race a few years ago and two years ago won a Brand New Motor Car in a Hot Spot Race. This pigeon is on form taking 116th, 26th, 60th, 84th and now 9th OPEN in the last 5 races. Taking 2nd UK, 17th Open Obelisk Syndicate with pigeon entered by Clive & Sue Barrett from Taunton and bred by Derek Nicholls from Barry, this pigeon has been performing well and won 15th, 91st, 172nd, 149th, 138th, and now 17th OPEN, 3rd UK, 41st Open Paul Smith Syndicate from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon bred by Kevin Hibbert from Rotherham, this pigeon has also been winning well and has won 50th, 196th, 111th, 94th, 120th, 32nd, 30th, 23rd, 147th and now 41st OPEN and also won Nominations and UK Country Challenge positions in Hot Spot Races, 4th UK, 49th Open Scotlands Own Syndicate entered by Barry Kinnear from Edinburgh with pigeon bred by Mr & Mrs Trodden, 5th UK, 52nd Open Berkshire Boys with pigeon bred by John & Lou McGee from France, 6th UK, 55th Open Zandys Dream Team from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon bred by Paul Smith & Hein Beneke in South Africa, 7th UK, 57th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon bred by Glynn Stone from Belper, 8th UK, 89th Open Millys Loft with pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 9th UK, 92nd Open Team Ede with pigeon bred by Darren Ede from Southampton, 10th UK, 103rd Open another for Millys Loft with a second pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 11th UK, 112th Open another for Zandys Dream Team from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon bred by Hein Beneke in South Africa, 12th UK, 141st Open another for Obelisk Syndicate with a second pigeon entered by Clive & Sue Barrett from Taunton and bred by Derek Nicholls from Barry, 13th UK, 152nd Open Team Lincs with pigeon bred by Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 14th UK, 174th Open another for Millys Loft with a third pigeon bred

by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 15th UK, 181st Open Essex Superstars with pigeon bred by Paul Smith & Paul Stacey from Rayleigh, 16th UK, 198th Open another for Paul Smith Syndicate from Stansted Mountfitchet with pigeon bred by Matt Parker from Burton-on-Trent, 17th UK, 232nd Open another for Millys Loft with a fourth pigeon bred by Michael Mellor from Crewe, 18th UK, 234th Open Team Islwyn with pigeon bred by Robert Jones from Port Talbot, 19th UK, 409th Open another for Team Lincs with pigeon bred by Paul Stacey from Rayleigh and then 20th UK, 278th Open Syndicate Lofts UK with pigeon bred by Peter Fox from Bangor. The United Kingdom Team had 9 pigeons clocked in the top 92 in the Open, which in itself was a remarkable performance. A reasonable race for the United Kingdom Team with a total of 118 pigeons being officially clocked by 18.37, leaving just 2 pigeons to return to the race loft.

UNITED KINGDOM COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS for TRAINING RACE 21. There were no entries.

CONGRATULATIONS on winning 1st IRELAND, 100th OPEN went to JOE KENNEDY & SON with pigeon named DOUBLE TROUBLE, bred by JOE KENNEDY & SON which was officially clocked at 07.24.43.76, just 30.22 seconds after the actual race winner. This partnership's pigeon have been flying exceedingly well so far in this race series. Taking 2nd Ireland, 148th Open another for Joe Kennedy & Son with a second pigeon bred by Joe Kennedy & Son, 3rd Ireland, 153rd Open Sean Hunt & Family with pigeon bred by this partnership, 4th Ireland, 162nd Open Thorpe Zeballos with pigeon bred by Herbie Thorpe, 5th Ireland, 180th Open another for Joe Kennedy & Son with a third pigeon bred by Joe Kennedy & Son and then 6th Ireland, 196th Open Peter Lucas with pigeon bred by Peter Lucas, this pigeon Ulyses is flying very well and is currently holding 1st Ireland, 7th Open in the Overall Averages after 24 races. A good result for the Irish Team with all 35 pigeons being officially clocked by 18.37, leaving no pigeons missing.

## IRISH COUNTRY/REGIONAL NOMINATIONS in TRAINING RACE 21. There were no entries.

THE OVERALL AVERAGES are now up and running and after 24 races stands as follows:- 1st GERMANY, 1st OPEN goes to KARL HEINZ & TIMO WAGNER from GERMANY with pigeon named HEARTBEAT bred by KARL HEINZ & TIMO WAGNER, with a combined flying time of 32.59.48.12 holding same place from the last race. 1st UNITED KINGDOM, 4th OPEN goes to ZANDYS DREAM TEAM from STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET with pigeon named ZANDYS EXPECTATION bred by PAUL SMITH & HEIN BENEKE from SOUTH AFRICA, with a combined flying time of 33.45.18.32 up 1 place from the last race. 2nd UNITED KINGDOM, 5th OPEN goes to TADT with his pigeon named TIME IS TICKING bred by TAD TRUSZKOWSKI from MELTON MOWBRAY with a combined flying time of 33.47.32.08 down 2 places as the last race. 3rd UNITED KINGDOM, 14th OPEN goes to PAUL SMITH SYNDICATE from STANSTED MOUNTFITCHET with pigeon named PAULS HERO bred by KEVIN HIBBERT from ROTHERHAM, with a combined flying time of 34.07.42.46 up 3 places from the last race. 1st IRELAND, 7th OPEN goes to PETER LUCAS with pigeon named ULYSES bred by PETER LUCAS with a combined flying time of 33.50.17.96 up 1 place from the last race. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE FANCIERS.

Now we move onto TRAINING RACE 20, TRAINING RACE 22 & HOT SPOT RACE 5.

\*\*\*\*\*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. It should also be mentioned that once the pigeons get to the 62km (39 miles) Training Point they go to this spot every day weather permitting for a Training Toss, however results are only published for an Official Training Race which are all listed below.

The remaining revamped Race Programme will be as follows:- Training Race 20 on Tuesday 14th January 2020 from 62km (39 miles), followed by Training Race 22 on Thursday 16th January 2020 from 62km (39 miles), followed by HOT SPOT RACE 5 on Saturday 18th January 2020 from 350km (217 miles), followed by Training Race 23 on Tuesday 21st January 2020 from 62km (39 miles), followed by Training Race 24 on Thursday 23rd January 2020 from 62km (39 miles), followed by Training Race 25 on Saturday 25th January 2020 from 62km (39 miles). A few more short training tosses will take place over the next few days prior to 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 <a href="https://www.samdpr.com">www.samdpr.com</a> 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 <a href="mailto:reglofts@aol.com">reglofts@aol.com</a> 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.

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.

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\$50,000 in Prize Money, split into three cash prizes with 1st US\$25,000 (£20,833), 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 exciting 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 US41,000 (£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.

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.toppigeon.co.za

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 <u>01279-812005</u> or my mobile <u>07860-568216</u> or SMS or email on <u>reglofts@aol.com</u> 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 <u>01279-812005</u> or my mobile <u>07860-568216</u> or by SMS or email at <u>reglofts@aol.com</u> 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