

I started racing pigeons when I was 13 years old in a small town called Ottosdal, raced in another small town in Delareyville for a few years and are currently racing in Potchefstroom in South Africa in the WPU.

My love for racing pigeons started in 1993. In that year I got 6 pigeons from Robert Scott. One of those pigeons was a 3 time winner in my club in that same year and I believe that champion pigeon got me hooked on racing pigeons for life. Out of the family of the 9 time winner of Robert Scott.

I am now 40 years old and still racing pigeons. Only stopped for about 5 years when I studied at University.

My pigeons I have now consists mostly out of pigeons from the following three pigeon fanciers in South Africa. Butch Einkamerer, Robert Scott and Jaco Graham. They all are a great blessing to me and I even received top pigeons from them with top pedigrees as GIFTS from time to time. I also bought a few 😊👍. They give me many racing tips and I am thankful for their knowledge that I have learned so much from, through the years.

About 60% of my loft consists out of the original Houbens imported by Butch Einkamerer and Clausings that he bought later on. I kept them pure up unto this day. Butch Einkamerer really became a mentor to me and I can say most of my methods of racing and knowledge of pigeons I gained from him. He is a true legend of the sport in my eyes.

So with these pigeons I have done well in the past few years of racing in my club and union and recently at the SA Million dollar pigeon race.

This year I have received a tremendous boost I believe in my stock loft. First of all, I received 5 pigeons from Butch Einkamerer. A direct grandson of brother Harry and daughter Harry and great grandson of the famous Harry, from Hooymans loft in the Netherlands. The other 4 are out of pigeons from the best Houben/ Clausing/Einkamerer/Hooymans pigeons mixed together. I also have a partnership with a friend in a pigeon that are a cross between an inbred Euro Diamond pigeon and top Ganus blood out of Laura is a big winner, Wolverine, said in spun silver since this year.

The most recent addition to my stock is 6 top pigeons that I received out of the lofts of Mark Kitchenbrand out of all their top pigeons as a GIFT. What a great Champion and what a generous act from him. The pigeons I have received from Mark and also from the other three fanciers that I mentioned I can not even closely afford. I can honestly say in this year 2020, I have literally received pigeons from the best of the best bloodlines in the world.

My loft consists of three groups of pigeons. All my Houben/Clausing/Einkamerer pigeons that I have kept pure and only brought top blood in from time to time. Like the Hooymans pigeon I am bringing in now. Then I have a group where I put all my pigeons that win in tougher races with headwinds and heat together. Those who have done well in the tougher summer one loft races and the tougher late season, long distance races in our South African season (mixing all the above lines, best with the best and sometimes inbreeding the true champions). These are all medium size, full but light in weight and strong muscled pigeons. They all performed well under the same tougher, longer distance races. (speeds 800 meter/m to 1200 meter/m and inbetween).

Then I have all my pigeons that performed in faster side wind and tail wind races (1200 m/m and upwards) together. A lot of our races in the winter months in South Africa is fast high speed races. These pigeons will be generally bigger pigeons, also light in weight and with longer wings.

For me this is a testimony of the grace of God in my life. We will reach new heights in the years to come. Look out for Marnes Nel racing pigeons. 😊
