

## DIE PAINTERS - SANPO MEDAL COLLECTION

Winning a Sanpo Medal is the highest achievement that a pigeon can compete for in Club/Union/Combine level in South Africa.

Annually more than 400000 rings are sold through the South African National Pigeon Organisation (SANPO) and as such it may be estimated that a minimum of 300000 pigeons (after losses before racing season are accounted for) take part in races annually in South Africa.

The Sanpo Merit system is the only method where the best pigeons in SA are determined based on the internationally accepted coefficient system, where the position flown is multiplied by the number of pigeons flown against and divided by 1000.

Pigeons that qualify for these awards have to beat thousands of pigeons over a minimum of 6 races for the Overall classification and a minimum of 4 races for the Short, Middle and Long Distance classifications.

We are very proud to have produced 5 individual Sanpo Medal winners since 2018. Between these 5 pigeons they have won a total of 10 Sanpo Medals including 4 X Gold Medals, 3 X Silver Medals and 3 X Bronze Medals across all classification types.

These achievements represents the crown on a vast array of other top-class performances since 2018 including the following:

- 3 X Gauteng West Overall Champion (130 Members)
- 3 X WRRPA Overall Union Champion (85 Members)
- 5 X KPU Overall Club Champion
- 3 X Gauteng West Combine Open Champion
- 3 X WRRPA All Bird Union Champion
- 3 X WRRPA Open Union Champion
- 2 X 1st Ace Pigeon Overall WRRPA Union
- 2 X 1st Ace Pigeon Sprint Series WRRPA Union
- 2 X 1st Ace Pigeon Short Distance WRRPA Union
- 2 X 1st Ace Pigeon Middle Distance WRRPA Union
- 1 X 1st Ace Pigeon YB Series
- 30 X 1st Union Positions (WRRPA & PSWU)
- 150 x 1st Club Positions (KPU)

We have also started to compete at several One Loft Races since 2019 and have enjoyed some great successes there as well. These include:

- 1st Knockout Pigeon Dinokeng 2021 (this pigeon was also 3rd Overall Ace Pigeon and was in the 1st drop on the Final and last Hotspot)
- 2 X 1st for Juster Syndicate at Diaz OLR on their 10-race series (2021 & 2022)
- 1 X 1st at the Pattaya International OLR In Thailand on official Training Flight (2019)
- 4th Ace Pigeon for Juster Syndicate at Cape Town International 2021
- 5th Overall Best Fancier at AfrikaPro 2022 for Silonque
- 6th YB Ace Pigeon Central Provincial Loft 2022
- 8th Final AfrikaPro 2022 for Silonque
- 9th Final Cape Town International 2021 for Juster Syndicate

These achievements have been built on our "FOUR PILLARS" foundation stock birds - these being:

- "KONING KAAS"
- "THE 17 X WINNER"
- "THE FAMOUS SK HEN"
- MIRACLE BREEDER "BLUE WHIP"

Most of our Sanpo Medal Winners (4 out of 5) and all of the other listed performances are direct or 2nd generation offspring of these four GREAT PIGEONS! The pigeons offered on this Sanpo Medal Collection Auction on Toppigeon are either direct offspring of the "FOUR PILLARS" or are direct offspring of our Sanpo Medal Winners. They represent the genetics of a loft that can perform against the world's best at Union and OLR level irrespective distance or velocity.