



Young Bird National 2015

The qualities of the true fancier reveal themselves from the moment he decides to start the racing pigeons sport. He focuses his entire attention on breeding. Racing should be secondary importance and only serves as a test that shows the breeder whether he has chosen the right way or not when he selected his breeding pair's breeding should always be of great importance in a fancier career for it is the key to success in this sport.

When pairing a cock and a hen we bring together two birds of the same species that have certain similarities, I say certain because there are differences in between them and they are quite a few. The offspring of this pair differ both from their parents and each other. If we are breeding from first class stock we expect the progeny to match their parents, if not surpass them, in flying ability, physique and general racing qualities...so our aim is to produce Top stock and top racers over our Entire Career and not just occasionally. So with the breeding season at hand any when we walk into our breeding lofts and see nest shells on the floor we truly know that a new breeding season has started and we look for those proponent youngsters that are going to do the job for our lofts in the coming young bird season.

So with the above in mind welcome to our first **Newsletter of the Young Bird National 2016**. The purpose of this newsletter is to inform all ARPF members, out of area NZ flyers and our Australian pigeon friends across the ditch that the Young Bird National 2016 will be flown from Raumatī, Saturday 28 May 2016. This is the first newsletter of many more to come.

The Young Bird National Secretary Colin Webster, discussed ideas for the National Race with the ARPF Executive members on Wednesday 5 August 2015. Discussions are continuing we are able to report to you the following details about the race.

The National Race committee consists of Colin Webster, Neale Maxwell and Steve McLuskie and we are looking for further nominations from some more fliers willing to assist us in making this race a total success. We require people to help us with sponsorship, Basking and Race night (results, Guest Speakers etc) and promotion at Club level.

Race date May 28 Raumatī – Basking venue (Thursday night) to be announced later

Function night we are considering a number of possibilities – Venues we are considering are: A Bowling Club, Papakura Club a Restaurant plus your ideas are welcomed, let's do something's differently – it is all about sponsorship and your participation

Entry fees: \$50 to pre book your race entry (this will pay for 3 birds) – before 1 December 2015 thereafter multiple of 3 birds \$50; there will be provision to buy extra birds at \$20 each

Late fee to apply if you do not pre book your first 3 birds - \$75

Last day for entries 1 May 2016

There will be a loft auction and pools of \$20,\$10 and \$5. There will be \$10 for a team of three (clock two)
If a local flyers would like to handle out of area birds. Please talk to a committee member if you would like to do so.

We will be discussing the Sectional boundaries for this race. The big question is what is fair for Auckland considering our SW prevailing winds. Thoughts to consider would be, do we have sectional races in multiples of 10 lofts. To make it fair; do we have a North / South divide or East / West or all in it together 1 section. Your thoughts are valued email or telephone one of the committee members.

Prize money to be discussed later; we will have a sectional prize list (certain percentage) and an overall longer prize list

We will be following ARPF Rules – we are having a check on the ARPF Rules and which ones specifically apply to the Young Bird National Race

Nomination Forms etc will be out in the next few weeks.

If you do need any information or would like to make any suggestions or put your hand up and contribute please feel free to email us the National Committee at c_webster@xtra.co.nz

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