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Pictured: International judge Jan Oksnes from Norway & Annual show breed winners.

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pigeon is a pigeon
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coastal regions
from the Nicobar
Islands, east
through the Malay
Archipelago, to the
Solomons and
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Walter Hitchell, John Hickm and the Sanders Family
at the 2015 Des Sanders Young Bird Memorial Show

PRESIDENTS REPORT

John Hickman

Welcome to our Winter newsletter, most of us have had a busy couple months attending shows around the State.

Thank you to all the exhibitors who made the effort to attend the Des Sanders Memorial Young Bird Show. I believe it was a great success with 600 young birds on show. We were fortunate to have Trevor Bone from Victoria attend and judge the Utility classes, Nuns and Modena's.

We were all very proud that Des Sanders Family travelled from around the State to participate in our Presentations on Sunday.

Thank you to all of you for your efforts to attend and we were very pleased to meet you and spend some time with you. Des Sanders will be missed at our meetings and shows as well as throughout the pigeon hobby as a whole.

Our 99th Annual Eastern Classic has been another success. Thank you again to our hard working and competent Show Secretaries Lisa and Catherine Weekes. It was a great show girls and it is good to see the number and variety of birds being exhibited growing again. We had a strong contingent of Interstate judges that did a very fine job.

Thanks to Terry Stevenson, Frank Hayes and Geoff Nelson from Victoria. Joe Guippa visited from Western Australia and the NSW judges Dennis Murphy, Tony Sienkiewicz, Anthony Duncan and John Hanson. It was great to meet and work with our International judge Jan Oksnes (from Norway), he has a great personality and is very knowledgeable. He also judged in Victoria and the ANPA National.

I hope many of you took the opportunity to visit The ANPA National at Penrith Panthers. The venue was great and the number and variety of exhibits was outstanding. Congratulations to Frank Hayes and his committee for organising a National in Sydney after a 15 year absence, it was a pleasure to attend and an opportunity to exhibit my birds.

Next year we are celebrating a 100 years at our Annual Eastern Classic. We have started now to plan for a great show. We are also going to offer our members an opportunity to buy a Commemorative Jacket, Vest or Hoody. You will hear more about this and the Centenary Show through our Newsletters.

Good luck in the coming breeding season.

John Hickman

PIGEON FANCIERS SOCIETY OF NSW INC - 99th ANNUAL EASTERN CLASSIC SHOW 2015	
Grand Champion Bird Of Show - \$250 – Black Brunner Pouter	Blenhaven Stud
Res Champion Bird Of Show - \$150 – Aust Perf Tumbler – Red	Phillip Dew
Champion Modena Schietti	Darin Hemmings
Champion Jacobin	Anne Henderson
Champion Fantail	Steve Pithers
Champion Australian Performing Tumbler	Phillip Dew
Champion Australian Showpen Homer	Dennis Murphy
Champion Norwich Cropper	Anne Henderson
Champion Brunner Pouter	Blenhaven Stud
Champion King	Jacob Duncan
Champion Polish Barb	Peter Ryan
Champion British Show Racer	Fred Fredo
Champion Racing Pigeon Showtype	Fred Fredo
Champion Damascene	Derek Garland
Champion Chinese Owl	Derek Garland
Champion Vienna Long Faced Tumbler	Derek Garland
Champion Shakaharli Tumbler	Geoff Nelson
Champion Nun	Trevor Joesph
Champion English Dragoon	Tim Fairfax
Champion Race Pigeon Flown	Blenhaven Stud
Champion Archangel	Frank Hayes
Champion Carneau	John Hickman
RESERVE CHAMPION	WINNER
Reserve Champion Racing Pigeon Showtype	Fred Fredo
Reserve Champion Fantail	Steve Pithers
Reserve Champion King	Jacob Duncan
Reserve Champion English Dragoon	Tim Fairfax
Reserve Champion Brunner Pouter	Blenhaven Stud
Reserve Champion Australian Showpen Homer	Dennis Murphy
Reserve Champion British Show Racer	Murray Hayes
JUNIOR CHAMPION OVERALL	WINNER
Best Junior Exhibit – Domestic Showflight	Bryce Bachner
Runner Up Junior Exhibit - Jacobin	Roden Dew
JUNIOR CHAMPIONS	WINNER
Junior Breed Champion Voorburg Shield Cropper	Esk Lofts
Junior Breed Champion Fantail	Roden Dew
Junior Breed Champion Jacobin	Roden Dew
Junior Breed Champion Domestic Show Flight	Bryce Bachner

MEMORIAL & PERPETUAL TROPHY LIST	WINNER
Dave O'Keefe Memorial Trophy - Best Bird of show	Blenhaven Stud
Darcy Cook Memorial Trophy - Best Jacobin	Anne Henderson
Bill Turner Perpetual - Best Lace Fantail	Steve Pithers
Phil Peters Memorial Trophy - Best Gimpel	Frank Hayes
S.C.Hickman Memorial Trophy - Best Utility - King	Jacob Duncan
Jules De Brenni Trophy -Best Pouter/Cropper of Show – Brunner	Blenhaven Stud
Reg Varley Memorial Trophy - Best Exhibition Flying Tippler	Jim Mackay
Don Selth Memorial Trophy - Best Modena	Darnin Hemmings





Pictured: Annual Champion Domestic Showflight – Bryce Bachner



Pictured: Annual Champion British Show Racer – Fred Frendo



Pictured: Annual Champion Genuine Homer – Blenhaven Stud



Pictured: Annual Champion Nun – Trevor Joesph



Pictured: Annual Champion Racing Pigeon – Blenhaven Stud



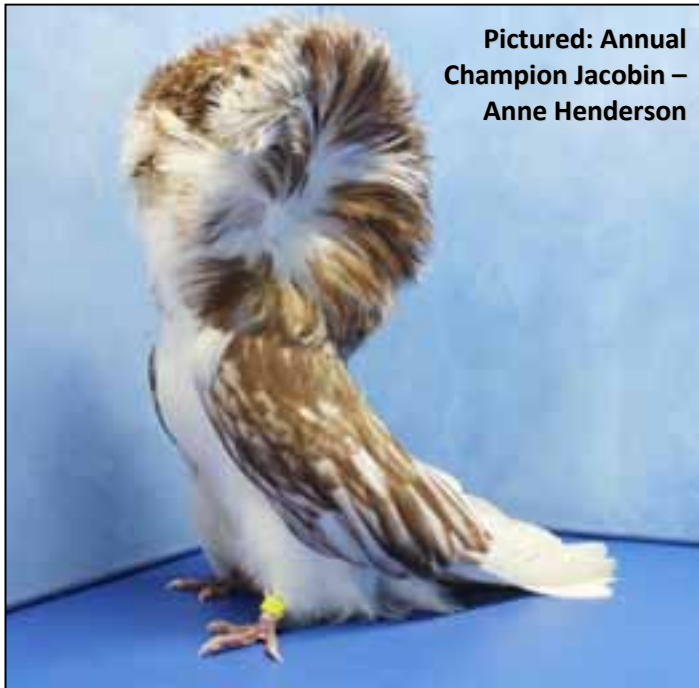
Pictured: Annual Champion Turbit - Blenhaven Stud



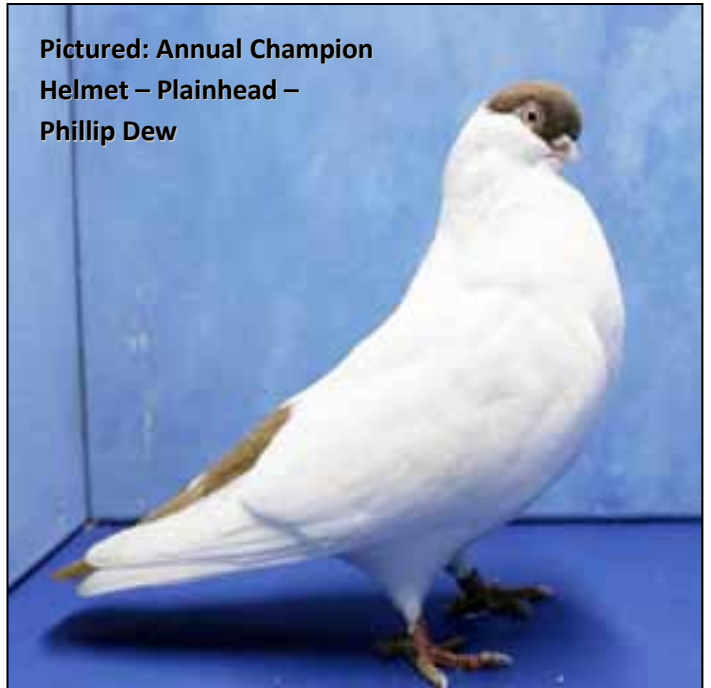
Pictured: Annual Champion Barb - Peter Ryan



Pictured: Annual Champion Shakaharli Tumbler - Geoff Nelson



Pictured: Annual Champion Jacobin - Anne Henderson



Pictured: Annual Champion Helmet - Plainhead - Phillip Dew



Pictured: Annual Champion Chinese Owl - Derek Garland



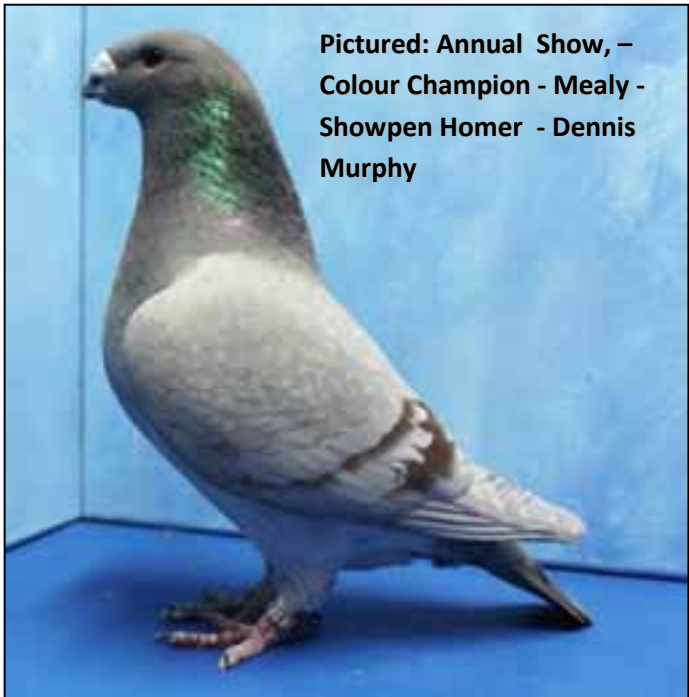
Pictured: Annual Champion Iced Muffed - Glenn Winspear



**Pictured: Annual Show -
Colour Champion - A.O.C –
Showpen Homer - Dennis
Murphy**



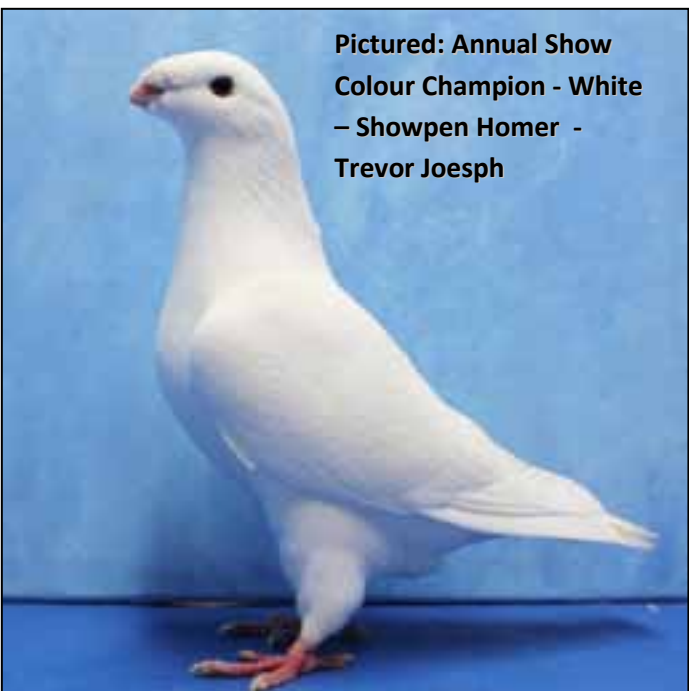
**Pictured: Annual Show
Colour Champion - Blue Bar –
Showpen Homer - Barry
Shoobridge**



**Pictured: Annual Show, –
Colour Champion - Mealy -
Showpen Homer - Dennis
Murphy**



**Pictured: Annual Show -
Colour Champion – Opal -
Showpen Homer – Geoff
Nelson**



**Pictured: Annual Show
Colour Champion - White
– Showpen Homer -
Trevor Joesph**



**Pictured: Annual Show
Colour Champion - Pied –
Showpen Homer - Dennis
Murphy**

**Pictured: Annual Show, Reserve
- Champion Dun – Steve Pithers**



**Pictured: Annual Show Colour – Cream,
Champion Fantail – Steve Pithers**



**Pictured: Annual Show Colour
Champion Fantail – Andalusian
– Glenn Winspear**



**Pictured: Annual Show Colour Champion
Fantail – Black – Steve Pithers**



**Pictured: Annual Show Colour Champion
Fantail – Blue Bar – Steve Pithers**



**Annual Show Colour Champion Fantail
–Any Brown – Steve Pithers**



Young Bird Show Results 2015

Champion Awards for (12) or more exhibits in Breed.

Reserve Champion Awards (30) or more exhibits.

Lace Fantail	Steve Pithers
Saddle Fantail	Steve Pithers
Indian Fantail	Glenn Winspear
Jacobin	Anne Henderson
Gimpel	Martin Keep
Ice Clean Leg	Steve Pithers
Carrier	John Hickman
Damascene	Derek Garland
English Show Homer	Blenhaven Stud
Genuine Homer	Blenhaven Stud
Exhibition Homer	Blenhaven Stud
Modena Gazzi	Darin Hemmings
Holle Cropper	Mark Wilson
Norwich Cropper	Anne Henderson
Pigmy Pouter	Blenhaven Stud
Medium Faced Helmet, Plainhead	Phillip Dew
Vienna Long Faced Tumbler	Derek Garland
Performing Birmingham Roller	Trevor Joseph
Exhibition Flying Tippler	Jim MacKay
West of England Tumbler	Steve Pithers
Polish Lynx	Neville Jenkins
Turbit	John Veljanovski
Donek	John Veljanovski
Szegediner Tumbler	John Veljanovski
Konigsberg Moorhead	John Veljanovski
Fantail : Champion (33)	Steve Pithers
Fantail : Reserve Champion	Steve Pithers
Chinese Owl : Champion (12)	Derek Garland
English Dragoon : Champion (17)	Tim Faifax
Show Racing Pigeon: Champion (44)	Fred Frendo
Show Racer : Reserve Champion	Fred Frendo
British Show Racer : Champion (118)	Fred Frendo
British Show Racer : Reserve Champion	Fred Frendo
Australian Showpen Homer : Champion	Barry Shoobridge
Aust. Showpen Homer : Res. Champ (111)	Geoff Nelson
Modena Schetti: Champion (12)	Darin Hemmings
Brunner Pouter: Champion (29)	Blenhaven Stud
Nun: Champion (16)	Trevor Joseph
Australian Performing Tumbler: Champ (40)	Phillip Dew
Aust. Performing Tumbler: Res Champ	Mark Wilson
Carneau: Champion (19)	John Hickman
King: Champion (64)	Neville Jenkins
King: Reserve Champion	Wayne Parnell
Racing Pigeon, Flown: Champion (12)	Blenhaven Stud

RESERVE CHAMPION OF SHOW

Breed: Brunner Pouter, Black

Blenhaven Stud

CHAMPION BIRD OF SHOW :

Breed: Jacobin, Red

Anne Henderson

**Pictured: YB Show
Champion King –
Neville Jenkins**



**Pictured: YB Show Champion Holle Cropper –
Mark Wilson**



**Pictured: YB Show
Champion Fantail -
Steve Pithers**



**Pictured: YB Show
Champion Saddle Fantail –
Steve Pithers**



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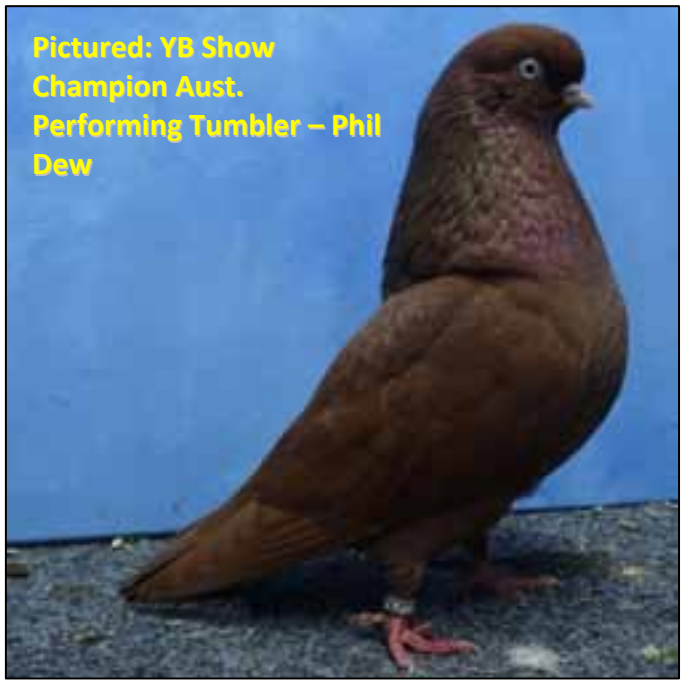
Pictured: YB Show Champion Showpen Homer – Barry Shoobridge



Pictured: YB Show Champion Damascene – Derek Garland



Pictured: YB Show Champion Medium Faced Helmet – Phil Dew



Pictured: YB Show Champion Aust. Performing Tumbler – Phil Dew



Pictured: YB Show Champion Medium Faced Helmet Crested – Phil Dew



Pictured: YB Show Champion Racing Pigeon – Blenhaven Stud



**Pictured: YB Show Champion
Chinese Owl – Derek Garland**



**Pictured: YB Show
Champion Carrier –
John Hickman**



**Pictured: YB Show
Champion British
Show Racer – Fred
Frendo**



**Pictured: YB Show
Champion English Dragoon –
Tim Fairfax**



**Pictured: YB Show
Champion Exhibition
Flying Tippler – Jim
Mackay**



**Pictured: YB Show
Champion Showracer -
Fred Frendo**

QUEEN PLANNING A PALATIAL NEW HOME FOR HER PIGEONS

By Elizabeth Roberts,

09 Aug 2015

Queen Elizabeth II as Princess Elizabeth with sister Princess Margaret and a pigeon

Photo: Rex Features



The new loft is designed to maximise the amount of natural light so the birds can sunbathe

The current loft is said to have rotting timbers and poor flooring. Now, plans for a new one, measuring 75ft by 12ft, have been approved by West Norfolk Council.

The structure features 48 nesting boxes and according to a planning officer's report: "The new loft will provide the estate with a modern, well-ventilated, easy-to-clean and spacious environment for both the loft manager and pigeons."

The Queen has 200 birds and is patron of the Royal Racing Pigeon Association. She visits the loft when she is at Sandringham and is said to be extremely knowledgeable about pigeon rearing and racing. Her birds have won national and regional competitions.

The monarch's pedigree racing birds will soon have a luxurious new home as she reportedly plans to spend £40,000 on a brand new loft

The dilapidated pigeon loft on the Sandringham estate in Norfolk will be replaced with a new one complete with sliding doors, ceilings and windows so the Queen's racing birds get plenty of sunshine.

Stewart Wardrop, manager of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association, estimated the cost of the luxurious new loft to be around £40,000, in an interview with the Mail on Sunday.

The news comes after reports that the Queen might have to move out of her London residence, Buckingham Palace, so £150 million of urgently-needed repair work can be carried out.



PIGEON CAUGHT WITH DRUGS IN COSTA RICA

A pigeon smuggling cocaine and cannabis into a prison in Costa Rica has been caught by guards. The bird was seen landing in the central concourse of the medium security La Reforma jail, in San Rafael de Alajuela, where it was taken into custody.

The drugs were contained in a small zipped up pouch strapped to the animal's chest.

About 14g of cocaine and at least the same amount of cannabis were inside wrapped in plastic.

Costa Rica's Ministry of Justice and Peace released the animal's mugshot under the headline caption "narcopaloma", meaning "drugs dove", and listing the date of the animal's detention.

Realidad7 reported the drugs had a street value of around \$A382 (180).

Prison officials said they believe the drugs were destined for use by an inmate who may have trained the pigeon to act as a courier.

Director of the Penitentiary Police, Paul Bertozzi, told Spanish news agency Efe that it showed the need to be vigilant.

"Drug traffickers are using unimaginable ways to achieve their macabre atrocities," he said.

"This (use of a pigeon) is nothing new. In the past (the traffickers) have used cats and dogs to pass drugs to prisoners. Now it seems they are using pigeons to carry in their wares from the outside."

Although it is the first time the Costa Rican authorities said they had come across the practice, it has previously been reported in Argentina in 2013 and Colombia in 2011.

The pigeon was later taken to a zoo where it was expected to remain behind the bars of a cage.

Biologist Oscar Ramirez told Realidad7 that pigeons can be trained to travel several miles with small loads.

During the Second World War, more than 250,000 homing pigeons were used to transport messages between front line Allied troops and top brass, according to the Royal Pigeon Racing Association.

*Our 2015 Annual Judges & Stewards,
Judging the Best of the Best*



Pictured: Fred Frendo & Frank Hayes



Pictured: Joe Giuppa and Lindsay Bagster



Pictured: Terry Stevenson



Pictured: Geoff Nelson



Pictured: Joe Giuppa and Jan Oksnes



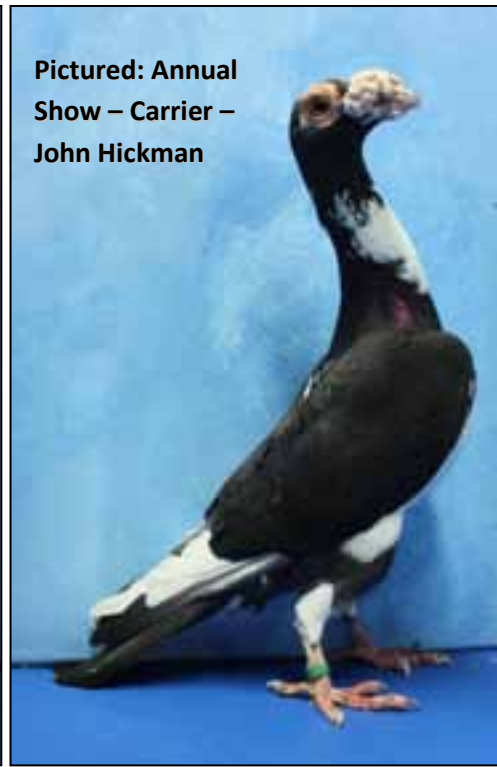
**Pictured: Annual Show – King
– Jacob Duncan**



**Pictured: Annual Show – Pigmy Pouter
– Blenhaven Stud**



**Pictured: Annual Show – Carrier –
John Hickman**



**Pictured: Annual Show
– Grand Champion Bird of Show – Brunner
Pouter – Blenhaven Stud**



**Pictured: Annual Show
– Reserve Grand
Champion Bird of Show
– Australian Performing
Tumbler – Phillip Dew**

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ENGLISH SHORT-FACED TUMBLERS AT THE ONTARIO NATIONAL

January 29, 30 & 31, 2015 - California

NPA Grand National Pigeon Show - The Los Angeles Pigeon Club to host the January 2015 Grand National Show. Location is Ontario Convention Center, Ontario, California.

By: **Scott L. Sharp, Dundee, Scotland**

An entry of 172 English Short Faced Tumblers at the Ontario National was truly remarkable, helped with Kenny Davis's entry of over 100 birds. Although Kenny entered a large number of birds, he very sportingly entered them with the original owners' names and forwarded any awards they won to the breeders. I was very impressed with the overall quality and condition of the birds.

The Almonds were won by an old cock which had good ground colour, good beak and setting and excellent type, owned by Mike Gardner. This was Mike's first National/major show for ESFT, so well done.

The Agate classes had some excellent birds amongst them.

I found a Dun old hen which was absolutely outstanding in every respect. She had perfect size, gorgeous beak and setting and in A1 condition. This hen was always going to be the benchmark as the bird to beat. This bird belonged to Hencken/Davis.



*Left and below: Champion English Short-Faced Tumbler, dun agate hen.
Owner: Hencken/Davis*



There were a number of Yellow Agates which were excellent, all with good beaks and settings We had a discussion the next day about the Agates which had white feathers in their tails and it will be

interesting during the coming months to hear everyone's input about showing these birds.



We tentatively have agreed that if two birds were equal in quality, one with white feathers in the tail, the bird without white tail feathers will be put in front. This is to encourage breeders to breed (and show) Agates without white tail feathers.

The Kites were won by a very typy young cock belonging to Wayne Conta. A few of the Kites were a bit long in the beak and down-faced, but the winning birds were very straight faced.

The Baldhead classes were a very pleasant surprise. Only a couple with bull eyes, the rest having good clear eyes. Unfortunately, most of them needed their beaks trimmed.

Above and Right:
1st Reserve Champion.
English Short-Face Tumbler,
Almond, old cock.
Owner: Mike Gardner.

Below: Best Kite.
English Short-Face Tumbler,
Kite, young cock.
Owner: Wayne Conta.



I picked a young Silver hen as best Baldhead. This hen had lovely colour with good clear bars and very nicely marked. A Bald that would compete with the best I've seen anywhere in the world. Bob Thorpe from Australia, who breeds Bald and Beard ESF, attended the show and said he'd have liked to take it back with him. This hen was bred by Ken Davis.

Right:
Winner in Baldhead.
English Short-Faced Tumbler, silver
baldhead, young hen.
Owner: Ken Davis.



Below Left:
Winner in Young.
English Short-Faced Tumbler,
Deroy, young cock.
Owner: Danny Revolinsky.

Below Right:
Winner in red.
English Short-Faced Tumbler,
Red, young cock.
Owner: Danny Revolinsky.



There were not too many Deroy's entered, but I did like the young cock of Danny Revolinsky's which had a nice beak and setting and will be a very useful bird to breed from.

Once again in the Reds Danny won with a young cock. I really liked this bird, lovely beak setting and lovely style and with good colour.

The Yellows were big classes. In the old hens there were 14, but a number of them were a bit long in the beak and a few were down-faced. The first three were super hens and I went for another Hencken/Davis bird as best. This was a gorgeous hen, lovely head and perfect beak and setting. The Yellow old cocks had 3 entries which were all excellent birds.



The winning bird was a super cock belonging to Danny Revolinsky. This bird had outstanding type and it was a close decision for best Yellow.

Left:
2st Reserve Champion.
English Short-Face Tumbler,
yellow, old cock.
Owner: Hencken/Davis.

The AOC classes had a few birds that were obviously 2nd or 3rd generations from colour projects. I gave best to an Ash Red belonging to Rupert Casey/Davis. A nice enough bird, but not the refinement of the above mentioned birds.

The Dun classes once again had some good birds. I gave best to another young hen belonging to that man Hencken/Davis!!! This hen had the usual characteristics of the Hencken birds, lovely beak setting with good straight outlook.

Right:
Best dun.
English Short-Face Tumbler,
dun, young hen.
Owner: Hencken/Davis.

When it came to the final line-up to pick the major winners I had an extremely fine bunch of birds to pick from. I would have been happy to take any one of them home! The birds that had first taken my eye earlier was the Dun Agate hen belonging to the Henckens and I couldn't see anything that could beat it, so she became the Champion ESF Tumbler.



The 1st Reserve Champion was a close decision between the Yellow hen and the Almond cock. When two such birds are so close I always favour the Almonds as they are harder to perfect and have a shorter show life due to becoming darker with each moult. So 1st Reserve Champion went to the old Almond cock belonging to Mike Gardner, a great result for Mike as this was his first major show.

2nd Reserve Champion went to the old Yellow hen from the Henckens. At this point I must mention the winning old Yellow cock of Danny's. It was a very close call between the two old birds for best Yellow. In the end I thought the hen was a better hen than the cock was a cock! If I'd gone for the cock, it would have been getting this award.

Best Young Bird went to the Deroy cock belonging to Danny Revolinsky, a bird which will undoubtedly turn into an excellent old bird. BOS young was the Dun hen of the Henckens. Best Baldhead went to the young Silver hen of Ken Davis. Anyone breeding Balds would be happy to have this bird in their stud.

Finally, I'd like to thank Kenny Davis, who, incidentally, is the finest ambassador of ESF Tumblers I have ever had the pleasure to meet, for ensuring the judging ran smoothly and efficiently. Also thanks to everyone who entered birds for me to judge. It was truly a very enjoyable assignment and I am very honoured to have been asked to judge at such a momentous show. Thank you all.



Photo Above:

Left to right; Kenny Davis, Scott Sharp (Judge UK), Mike Gardner and Danny Revolinsky.

Cropper and Pouter Lofts Visited On My Trip to Australia for the 2014 National

By: Scott L. Sharp, Scotland

I travelled out from the UK with my friend Colin Jones to judge the Clean Leg Tumblers and a few Cropper breeds at the 2014 ANPA National show held in Ipswich. Damon Pownell was good enough to meet us at the airport when we arrived at 2 am on the Wednesday morning and was our host until taking us to the showgrounds on the Thursday afternoon.

After a few hours' sleep, Damon drove us to the Gold Coast as I'd never been there before, seeing where all the holiday people hang out in the many blocks of apartments.

We called into Ian Walsh and family briefly to look at his new loft full of high-quality Frills and had cake and coffee before heading back home via a brief stop at Phil Regan's place. Phil has a magnificent collection of parrots and doves and also is getting back into Pigmies. I really liked a couple of his Blues and especially an Opal, which had very nice type and good legs.

On the Thursday morning as Damon was getting his birds ready to take to the show, I took the opportunity to photograph some of his excellent stud of Pigmies, mainly in Blue.



At the show itself, it was nice to meet up with the many friends I have made over the years of coming to Australia for Nationals. John Hanson had a magnificent entry of Brunners. His birds had lovely slim bodies and great legs and were full of action - a really top-class show team. John also won best Pigmy with a Blue and Damon won best opposite sex, also with a Blue. I judged the Holles and was very impressed with them. Most were Whites and the winning bird was a White cock belonging to Ian Austin. This cock rolled up very nicely and was full of action.

**Left: Pigmy, blue blackbar pied.
Owner: Damon Pownell, winner: "Best Dwarf Pouter in Show, opposite sex".**

The Norwich Croppers were next for me. There were not too many, but what was there was nice. Really not much between them. I liked a Black hen, but the winning

bird was a young Mealy cock belong to Eddie Kloprogge, who seems to be the guy to beat with Norwich in Australia these days. This bird had a nice round globe, good legs and was in control of its globe at all times. There was also a Red and a White that were very nice.

I also judged the Pomeranians. Unfortunately, there were only 5 present. I judged them in the large pens individually as they do in Europe. All belonged to Paul Bondini. I would have preferred to see them standing a bit taller and having more muffs.

**Right: Norwich Cropper, mealy.
Owner: Eddie Kloprogge.**

After the show, Colin and I went back to Jeff Krahenbring's place for a couple of days to look over his large stud of Clean Leg and Muffed Tumblers. On the Monday, we were out in the penning room at 8.30 and we didn't come in until 5.30, with only a half-hour stop for lunch sitting outside in the Queensland winter sun!



On Tuesday, Jeff drove us to the airport and we were off on the second part of our trip - down to Melbourne, where we were the guests of Eddie and Deborah Kloprogge for a week. Eddie couldn't wait to show me his Norwich. He has enlarged his cage since my last visit. And no wonder! He has loads of Norwich, mainly in Mealy, Cream, Red and Black. As you would expect from Eddie's loft, the quality was very even and very high.

We tried to cut the young Mealy cocks down to 10 and every time we looked at one we threw out, it started to blow and we said, "We'll have to keep that one as well!" We did manage to segregate around 30 to go, but every time Eddie went up to his cage, I'm sure he put another one back in the keep section!

One visit was to Darren Favaloro, who has some really nice Holles. Darren keeps his birds in a loft under his house which is in immaculate condition. Once again his stud of Holles were very uniform. To be super critical, I'd like to see the colour of the Reds a bit deeper, but the overall type of his Holles is really good.



Another day we made the trip to Ian Austin's place to see his birds. Ian has some very good Frills, Pigmies and Holles. I liked an Opal Pigmy and some of his Blues and Mealies were excellent. Ian has quite a few pairs of White Holles which were stunning. They were always on the move, just like a balloon on a string! Before we knew it, Eddie was taking us to the airport for the last leg of our trip, a week with Ken and Julie Allcock in the Adelaide area.

**Left: Holle Cropper, red.
Owner: Darren Favaloro.**

**Right:
Couple white Holle Croppers,
At the loft of Ian Austin.**

The first morning saw us out at their lofts looking over their very impressive stud of English Pouters and Pigmy Pouters. Their English consisted mainly of Reds and Yellows. I really liked these, a very uniform stud of birds, good long legs and slim bodies. A Yellow hen was exceptionally nice.



Their Pigmys were in most colours. Unfortunately, on numerous occasions when I went to photograph them, they decided not to perform to their best. We took them into Ken's new penning room (Ken's man cave!), a very nice building where Ken has pens for his birds up the sides with a round training pen in the middle. I did manage to get some pics. A very young Red looked to be a great prospect, plus others in Black, Blue, Cream and Mealy. A very nice set-up indeed.



**Left and middle:
Red and yellow pied English
Pouter.
Below right: Young and promising
red pied English Pouter.
All pigeons at the loft of
Ken and Julie Allcock.**

We made a long trip one day up to visit Mark Moores. Mark doesn't have many Blowers, but he had some very interesting

Brunners in different patterns of Opal. And he does have English Short Faced Tumblers, which are my favourite breed, but what was most impressive was his large collection of parrots, absolutely beautiful.

A short visit one morning to David Lewis to see his new Pigmy imports from Germany. He already had 4 youngsters from them and they looked really impressive, even better than the imported birds,



so it looks like he has got some very good breeding stock.

**Left: Pigmy, yellow.
Owner: David Lewis.**



**Right: Pigmy blue pied.
Owner: Phil Regan.**



Left: Brunner Pouter, yellow.



On our last day, we made a visit to Terry Burdon. He has mainly Racing Homers, but has a small stud of Pigmies and they looked quite nice. Terry is very talented and has started carving pigeons from wood once again. Years ago, Eddie Kloprogge gave me a carving of a Norwich Cropper and I was delighted to find out that it was one that Terry had done.

As in everything good, it has to come to an end and it was soon time to fly back home to the UK.

Right:
Pigmy Pouter, opal pied.
Owner: Phil Regan.

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Below:
English Pouters, red- and yellow pied.
In the special round training facility at Ken and Julie Allcock's.

