

Greg & Sue Friese - Champion 2004
TOP FLYER FOR QUEENSLAND RACING PIGEON FEDERATION FOR THE THIRD TIME

I first met Greg and Sue 25 years ago when I started racing pigeons in Ipswich myself in their house that I rented. Over these years nothing has changed as I could not have met a better couple. Yes, for you people who know Greg he still is not short on a conversation. I have seen both the daughters Belinda and Jodie grow up to be beautiful ladies and now of course Greg and Sue are very proud Grandparents of 4 grandchildren.

Sue is my sister not in blood but we adopted each other and she has seen me go through the highs and lows over the years and has always been there for support all the times when in need. Sue I am the luckiest person in the whole wide world and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Greg you have always been a hard master, not only with your pigeons, but you have been there as well guiding me all the way and of course, keeping me on track with pigeons and also personal things.



Paige, Bec, Caity, and Harrison

Greg and Sue Friese have been well respected pigeon flyers for a very long time and admired by a very lot of people from the Junior to the Senior Sector. A lot of fanciers all know that they can fly a very handy bird and never to be underestimated.

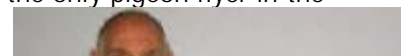


This has been proven again and again and yes, placed on the pedestal again for the third time.

Over the last couple of years Greg has been juggling racing pigeons and his lovely wife who has been diagnosed with cancer which he Paige, Bec, Caity, and Harrison has been able to achieve his goal by becoming Top Flyer for 2004. Sue, I am sure everybody is thinking of you on these trying moments and all our thoughts are with you. The first time that Greg won top flyer of the year in Brisbane Federation was in 1989 but, unfortunately Greg being a coal miner had to move north to work at a place called Middlemount which is west of Rockhampton because of mine closures in Ipswich for a period of 6 years. He kept his same bloodline up in Middlemount. To this he formed a Racing Pigeon Club there.

This has proven to be very hard for any type of race pigeon from the area because of the amount of falcons compared to the small number of birds being released. Greg has the highest respect for anyone in the small towns that race pigeons because it is absolutely very hard. The first year that Greg competed in the Brisbane Federation he was placed in the top ten, and also in the top ten the year after. The next year he won the Top Flyer of his section on the North Line competing against 45 members. Then in 2001 Greg won Top Flyer in the Brisbane Federation again while Sue was having ongoing treatment for Cancer. The following year 2002, Greg could only fly half a dozen racers with this Greg couldn't participate the rest of the year through. Then 2003 came and Greg was only able to fly half the race schedule that year after but was way ahead in the points in his section. Again priority came first with Sue and the pigeons were on hold till 2004.

Finally we come to last years racing where he took out Top Flyer of the Year for the third time 2004 series. Greg was the only pigeon flyer in the federation to get six federations placing in the top ten for the year.





I have sighted Greg's records on his pigeons and I know the bloodline very well which consists of Balf's. With the placing of Federation tickets he has received they have come out of the same bloodline that has been proven over the times that he has been Top Flyer on the 3 occasions and nothing has changed. He has eight generations of very good federation tickets in the pedigree of these birds all being the same bloodline.

One thing Greg always says Genetics never lie and he has the paper work to prove it.



If you ever talk to him just ask how his grinders are going because that is what he calls his Balf's, The Grinders.