

# How I Preserved The Harrison Strain

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## STRAINS WILL BE STRAINS WHEN CHAMPIONS ARE LONG FORGOTTEN

In an endeavour to comply with the Editor's request to write an article on my "Harrisons", I could think of nothing better than quote the above slogan which I have worked to, over my many years of association with Homing Pigeons.

My first acquaintance of the above strain goes back to the year 1919, when a good many of this fine strain of birds were brought over to our lofts from Mr. E. C. Bartle of Inverell, New South Wales, who I think realised their value as much as any then racing pigeon fancier. Included in the consignments were progeny of Cyclone, the old Bourke Cock or Bathbrick II (either name he carried well), J. Ling's Federation winner, also the Federation hen's sister, together with a full sister to "Cockburn King", 620 mile



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founder of the famous Knoblauch-Harrison strain.*

winner, and that champion old sire, G. Sire, etc., the imported "Harrison" Blue Cock 3860 NURP 11 T.

When Mr. M. J. Foy imported the whole of Harrison's loft of birds from England in 1911 he later informed me that he decided to keep the strain as a strain and not let it **wilt** away and to do this he introduced a few of the best birds money or influence could obtain. Mr Foy's immediate success proved his method and ideas were correct.

I found that Mr. Bartle had continued along the same sound lines, and had introduced a few splendid birds among the Harrisons and then put them back as Foy says "to more and more Harrisons".

After having acquired much of the **CREAM** of this famous Harrison strain, I considered it contained enough out crosses and apart from a bird here and there at the start I went about keeping it dominant and from then on introduced only birds of the Harrison strain that I was very sure of. My first introduction was a pair of birds from that well known Melbourne fancier, Mr. A. S. Balfe, who obtained some of the best Mr. Foy had when the latter's birds were disposed of. This first introduction immediately bore fruit and many winners came from this blend.

A few years later it was my pleasure and privilege to make the acquaintance of Mr. J. E. O'Brien, one of New South Wales best fliers who's activities with the Harrison strain was very pronounced. Several of Mr. O'Brien's best Harrison birds soon found their way to my lofts, as did many of mine in return, and the result for us both were very pleasing.

The early birds being the progeny of "Sao", his champion North Road hen who was a daughter of Cockburn Prince, 2nd 620 miles to Cockburn King (both bred and flown by Mr. Bartle) and full of the Harrison strain Dam the "Cunnamulla Hen", 2nd bird into Sydney for Mr. Foy, being a daughter of the old Bourke Cock x Cyclone.

Some time later I acquired progeny from the three pair of Mr. O'Brien's imported Harrisons which were imported direct from Geo. Harrison of Oakamore North Staffs, England. These birds again being crossed in with my own to a certain extent but always leaving the **original** combination dominant.

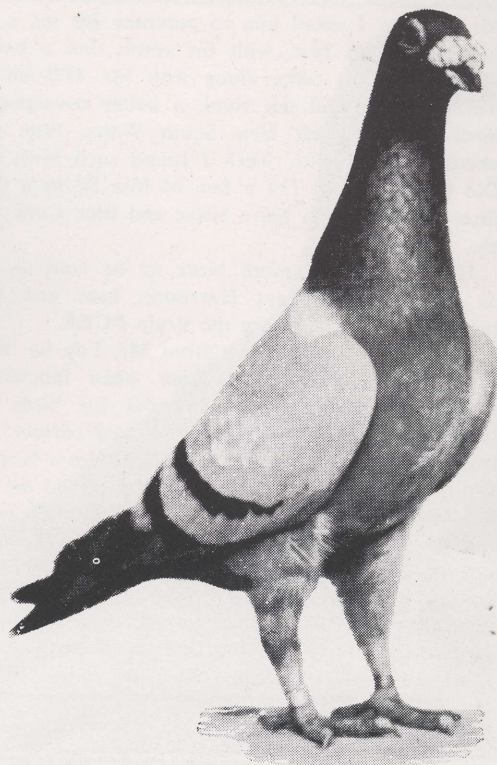
Harrisons were also introduced from birds imported from Grocott of England who flew the Harrison strain with great success.

As time went on, the entire loft of Mr. S. Ling was up for disposal. Mr. Sam Ling being a brother to Jack Ling, who was Mr. Foy's loft manager, and here was

*Imported Harrison Blue Cock 3860. NURP.11.T*

3860 NURP.11.T and 1548 NU.11.NSF. Bred by Geo. Harrison, Oakamore, England, and an original importation by Max Foy. Sire Goodwin's Blue Frill especially selected by Geo. Harrison to mate to a daughter of his famous stock pair. Dam of 3860 is a daughter of the famous stock pair, and therefore full sister to many champions, such as Lloyd George, bred and raced by Geo. Harrison, who in Federation races only, he won the following: 1st Federation against 3517 birds; 2nd Federation against 4500 birds; 6th Federation, 4200 birds; 6th Federation, over 5000 birds; 3rd Federation, 3320 birds; 7th Federation, 3490 birds, 10th Federation, 4028 birds; 5th Federation from Nantes in a bad smash; 11th Federation 3000 birds; and flew Marennes, 500 miles five times and only once outside of prize-money. Another Sudden Death who won the following in two seasons only in Federation races: 1st Federation, 4205 birds; 1st Federation, 4500 birds; 1st Federation, 4100 birds; 1st Federation, 3491 birds; 2nd Federation, 4387 birds; and won eighth and 9th Federation from Nantes; and other champions in Sensational. Oakamore, Earthenware

*(winner of five firsts).*



*Harrison Cock 1063. QHS.23 (No. 1)*

No. 1. Black Ck. Cock 1063. QHS.23. Flown all stages to Charleville, 428 miles as a young bird and all stages to Quilpie, 546 miles, as an old bird, winning 3rd prize 1063 is sire of Victory, winner of Quilpie 546m., in disastrous weather by 2½ hours. Sire: Silver King, 1st 360m. and 2nd 480m. Sire of Silver King is 186, bred by E. C. Bartle from his best pair of stock birds, 21 and 25 Harrisons. Dam of Silver King is 179. Her sire 3860 NURP.11, imp. Harrison. Sire, Goodwin's Old Frill and a daughter of Harrison's famous stock pair. Dam of 179 is Cyclone, Foy Harrison. Dam of 1063 is 18.ARP.1919, full sister to Cockburn King, the 620m. champion winner of Cockburn for Bartle and claimed by "A.P.K." to be best performed pigeon in season 1922. Sire of 18 is 117. Sire 3860 NURP.11, imp. Harrison. Dam of 117, Grooter, imported. Dam of 18 is 633, sister to No. 2 cock, also half-sister to Cockburn Prince, nearly pure Harrison.



housed many old champions. Getting in touch with Mr. O'Brien I asked him to purchase for me a couple of pairs of his best, with the result that a basket of about five pairs came along with Mr. O'Brien's comments that he did not think a better consignment of birds had ever left New South Wales, little wonder about his comments, when I found such birds as The Old Bourke Cock, 214 a Son of Bile Beans x Cyclone three of his Sons x Sao's Sister and Blue Cock Poitrel, etc.

Here again was more birds to be used as crosses as desired and always Harrisons, bred and blended in other localities to keep the strain **PURE**.

Among my many letters from Mr. Foy he informed me that the day would come when fanciers from England would come to Australia for birds of the Harrison strain. This prophecy proved correct, for towards the latter part of 1938 a letter from Norman S. Rhead of England arrived being forwarded on to Mr. Potter, a fancier in Victoria. Mr. Rhead was convoyer for the Federation which Mr. Harrison raced with, and he realised the quality of Harrison's birds when he saw them win against the best, and was fortunate in getting well stocked before Mr. Foy brought them to Australia.



*Black Ck. Hen, 163.QHS.23, Morven Queen.*

*Flown as young bird 91m., equal 5th 113m., equal 5th 161m., equal 6th, 210m., 273m., 5th 320m., and won Morven, 380m. by over half-an-hour. A hard race no birds home on day, 163 on loft at day-break next morning, too dark to trap, lost 20 min. and then won by half an hour. Charleville Derby, 428m., was with the bird I clocked in 4th. As old bird she flew very consistently to Quilpie, 546m., and clocked in 7th. 163 is sister to 1063. Sire of Victory. Sire, Silver King, pure Harrison. Dam, 18.ARP.1919 No. 11A full sister to Cockburn King, Harrison.*

Mr. Rhead was interested in the exchange of Harrisons, realising that my birds carried the old blood which he had seen win in England so often. This exchange was arranged and in February 1939 I landed birds by the "Jarvis Bay", returning the same number of my Harrisons on the boats' return voyage. Here again was another introduction of Harrisons as a direct cross, and the result as in all previous cases was winners.

From the above I have tried to set out my method of the way I preserved the Harrison strain, and in all cases used Harrisons to do it, never allowing the introductions to take command and thereby retaining my original blood of over 40 years ago. As an experiment I have crossed the Harrisons with the Thoroughgoods, also a strain I possess called the Miracles, and the result has been very satisfactory, but I have found and I think proved that my Harrison strain can now be termed **pure** and the results achieved over the years of racing to the bitter end each year will justify the methods adopted.

A few of my birds' performances to substantiate the Harrison strain to keep racing may not be out of place.

In the year 1922 I went to Toowoomba, being ordered away after a heavy operation which nearly cost me my life, to convalesce. It was in this town that I really found out for myself the quality of the Harrison strain. I took a small number of birds with me and raced a season there, in this team was a young black Ck Pied Cock, who later was to be known as Silver King. He won Charleville, 360 miles by six minutes and was second pigeon home from Quilpie, 480 miles smash, which was flown in heavy rain. After flying this race he was then only 5½ months old Silver King was a grandson of the imported Blue Cock 3860 who was a son of a daughter of Harrison's famous stock pair.

After this season's flying in Toowoomba, I returned to Brisbane and there mated Silver King to Black Ck Hen A.R.P. 1919, who was a sister to Mr. Bartle's Cockburn King of Cockburn, 620 miles by one hour, they produced 1063 Q.H.|S. 23. Cock of No. 1 pair of Harrisons, also Morven Queen 163 Q.H.S.. 23. Morven Queen flew as a young bird all stages to Morven, 374 miles, homing at night but not trapped until next morning, and still winning the race by over half an hour, the birds had a very strong head wind, she then flew in the Charleville 428 mile Derby, homing with my clocked pigeon in 4th position. In the following year she flew successfully to Quilpie, 546 miles, being my second pigeon and winning 7th place, her brother 1063 won 3rd in this race. It was a smash and the birds struck rain most of the way.

In December 1925 I got married and left home to restart at my present address, Greenslopes, bringing with me practically all the Harrisons which I mated

into pairs from No. 1 to No. 13. I am still at this address in 1967 so I have had 40 years with the Harrison in Greenslopes. During this time I consider they have been very successful for both myself and many fanciers in Australia and New Zealand.

My first big winner from the new location was in 1926 from Quilpie, 546 miles by Victory, he won by 2½ hours in the rain, only three birds home on the second day, a son of my No. 1 pair 1063 x 563. Victory was later sold to a Melbourne fancier, and today there is not a better known pigeon in Victoria. He and his progeny are responsible for winners at all distances than can be put into print. He was sire, among many others, of L. Savory's 1707 who won 1st Club, 1st National, 1st Federation and all pools from 520 miles, winning by 17 yards a minute. The previous year she was the only bird home in the Hawthorne Club in race time, winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions, also 3rd National, 9th Federation at 520 miles with a velocity of 949 yds. per min. Victory was mated to 2150 of mine to produce 1707.

In 1928 a sister to Victory, hen of my No. 9 pair, produced 351 who won the dust storm Quilpie, 546 miles, by 49 minutes, only five birds home on the second day. In 1929 a Harrison hen of mine flew second from Quilpie, 546 miles, being beaten by one yard per minute from a Harrison hen off my No. 7 pair. In 1930 a Harrison cock from No. 3 pair won 3rd Quilpie, 546 miles. In 1931 a cock from No. 5 pair won 3rd Quilpie. In the 1932 Quilpie race two birds

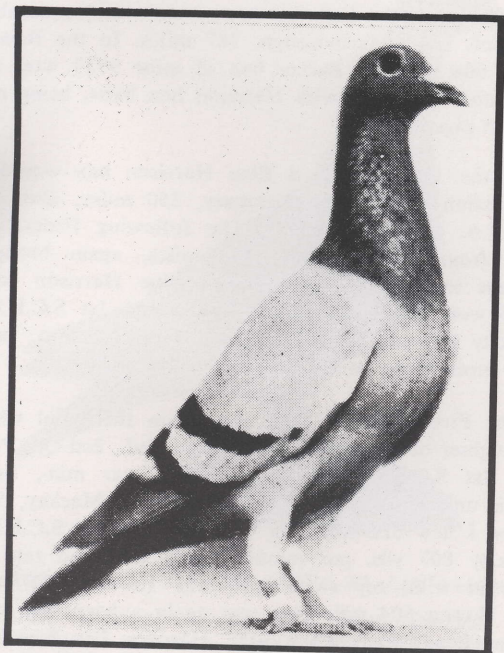


No. 1A. Blue Ck. Frill Hen, 563 ARP.21.

Flown 111 miles. 563 is dam of Victory, the 1926 Quilpie 546m. winner mentioned in No. 1. Sire, 7.ARP.20. His sire 1182, bred by Sandiford, practically all Foy Harrison Sire of 1182 is 550, flown 360m. Sire of 550 is 846, bred by Foy from Wedgewood, the imported son of Lloyd George and flew the Guernsey smash. Out of Harrison's 4th Miranda winner, 600m. Dam of 550 is LFC.14.11, sister to the Federation hen (Harrison). Dam of ARP.7.20 is 341, bred by R. E. Hunter, Auckland, and is half-sister to Sparkling Plug and Desdona, two of N.Z. champions and first arrivals from Christchurch 505m., by over a week. Sire of 341 is Marvel, 2nd 70m., 1st 100m., 10th 246m., 4th 308m., 7th 476m., 1st 662m. Dam of 563 is 183 ARP.20. Sire Bathbrick II, winner of three 1sts, including Bourke, and is bred off the imported mealy cock Bathbrick (imported by Foy from Geo. Harrison; a son of Harrison's famous stock pair. Dam of 183 is 551. Sire, LFC.251; Stud Reg. 207. Dam of Bathbrick is Cyclone, pure Harrison.

were found in the loft at 2.50 a.m., homing through the night. They won second place.

Quilpie was again flown in 1932 when I homed three Harrisons together at 11.25 a.m. second day to take 1st prize. Longreach, 618 miles was also flown on the same day and I won this race at 5.28 p.m. on the second day with a Harrison cross hen. In 1933 a Charleville 428 mile winner and a Quilpie winner again came to my lofts, being pure Harrisons.



Victory — Quilpie, 546 mile winner.

The Second Series of 1933 saw the pioneering of the South Route to Sydney. This saw six of the last seven races won by my Harrisons, also the only bird on the day from Sydney, 460 miles (the race finished in rain) my Harrison 2179 flying the journey in 12 hrs. 2 min., 1076 yds. per min. 2179 was bred from 500, a sister to Victory from No. 1 pair. I homed two more hens the next morning and in all homed the only five birds which homed from this race.

In 1934 Taree, 305 miles, finished at dark a Harrison cock won this race for me. In the Sydney 460 mile race I homed three Harrisons together to take 2nd, 3rd and 4th. In the Second Series in 1934 two Harrisons won 1st and 2nd Charleville, 428 miles, with the same result from Quilpie, 546 miles, my winning pigeon homing at 9.24 p.m. at night, only bird home on the day of liberation, with my 2nd prizewinner coming in very early the next morning. The winning bird was bred from No. 11 cock x No. 5A hen who was sister to the No. 1 cock.

In the 1935 season saw many firsts again to the Harrisons including 1st West Maitland, 374 miles, 1041 winning first, also the Sydney race was won by 1051, a Blue Harrison hen homing at 10.41 a.m. the second morning, velocity 661 yds. per minute, and was the only bird home on the second day. I homed 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th in this race, all Harrisons.

At this stage it may be better to pass a few years by to say 1953, when two Marlborough 387 mile races were won at the same time and Harrisons won 1st and 2nd. In the Federation race from Mackay, 504 miles, a Harrison won 1st Federation and pools, also first in two clubs. The following Federation race from Bowen, 604 miles, was won by a Harrison hen which I purchased from a local fancier by the name of A. Joseph, winning 1st Fed. and Clubs with a velocity of 1263 yds. per min. which is a record for this distance. All pools to £5 were also won by Harrisons in this race.

1954 season two firsts at 287 miles in two clubs, followed with 1st and 2nd at the same point the next week. The following week two firsts were obtained from Marlborough, 387 miles. In the Mackay 504 miles race a first and fourth were recorded.

In the second series of 1954 from Quilpie, 546 miles Second Federation and first and second Clubs were won by 624, a Harrison hen. The following week a Barker hen took the honours from Longreach, 618 miles, winning 1st Fed., 1st in two clubs and all pools to £10, with a velocity of 836 yards per minute.

In 1955 one of my Harrison Miracle hens lowered the record from Longreach, 618 miles, which was flown in the short days of winter time. homing at 7.00 a.m. the second morning after being liberated at 8.00 a.m. the previous morning. She won by two hours with a velocity of 1639 yds. per min. It is believed that this hen flew on at night time to record such a

performance. Two hours ahead of second prize-winner. At Marlborough the same year my birds registered a 1st and a 2nd, the distance being 387 miles. The following week a Harrison cock was first bird into Brisbane, all clubs, from St. Lawrence, 430 miles.

The year 1956 — first in two clubs and 3rd Federation was recorded from 387 miles, and 1st St. Lawrence, 430 miles the following week. In Mackay, 504 miles 4th Fed. and 1st and 2nd clubs went to my Harrisons. The final race of the year was from Bowen, 604 miles, and again success went to the Harrisons, my hen 1189 won 1st Federation, 1st in two clubs, velocity 899 yds. per minute, only seven clocks in the Federation the second day and eight pigeons, two Harrisons to my lofts.

Moving along to 1959 Harrisons won for me 1st and 2nd Gladstone, 287 miles, also 1st Gladstone the following week. The Marlborough 387 mile Federation race was flown the following week, when no birds homed on the day. Fairly early next morning I won 1st Fed, 1st in two clubs with a Blue Frill Harrison hen 670 Q.P.F. 58. St. Lawrence, Club race 430 miles was won by a Harrison cock. The same year two firsts were won at Morven, 374 miles, with Harrisons. In the Longreach 618 mile race 1st and 2nd club and 5th Fed. was won by a Barker hen.

In the First Series of 1960 the long race from Sydney, 460 miles, was won by a Moss hen of mine by 1 hr. 20 min. Later in the Second Series a Blue Harrison hen 9664 won 1st Fed., 1st in two clubs and a number of pools from Marlborough, 387 miles. In the Bowen Fed., 604 miles, a Barker hen of mine 9753 won 1st Fed. and two clubs with Harrison hen 9664, being my second pigeon.

In the 1961 season, a Blue Harrison hen won the Federation Derby from Kempsey, 250 miles, also 1st Q.R.P.A. and 1st S.C.H.C. The following Federation race from Broadmeadow, 387 miles, again brought success to my loft when Pencil Blue Harrison cock 3816 won 2nd Fed., 2nd Q.R.P.A. and 1st S.C.H.C., velocity 930 yds. per min., beaten 1 yd. per min., only four birds home on the day, two to my loft.

The First Series of 1962 was again successful when a daughter of Morning Star won 2nd Fed., 2nd Q.R.P.A. and 1st S.C.H.C., velocity 737 yds. per min., head winds and rain, mostly Barker strain. In Mackay, 504 miles, I flew 3rd Fed., 1st Q.R.P.A. and 1st S.C.H.C., velocity 807 yds. per minute, again bird had rain to contend with, my clock bird was Harrison Miracle. The Bowen 604 mile race was again a hard one with strong head winds when 3112 Harrison hen won 6th Fed., 3rd Q.R.P.A. and 1st S.C.H.C.

The Second Series of 1962 proved to be an eventful season for me as I won 1st Morven, 374 miles with 4545, a Harrison hen 3rd in each of two clubs from Charleville, 428 miles. Fourth Fed., 2nd in two clubs from Quilpie, 546 miles, velocity 734 yds. per min.

It was at this period that I decided I would retire from the sport of breeding and racing pigeons and announced my retirement on the basketing night of the Longreach 618 mile Federation race — this was a bomb shell to the fancy and I decided to distribute my many hundreds of pigeons, comprising a near life-time of concentration and effort to the whole of the fanciers in Queensland, etc., on a gratis basis.

When I thought was my last race coming up from Longreach, 618 miles, and I felt sure the good wishes for my success in this race was well meant by my fellow fanciers. However a very hard one was turned on with only three birds in the Federation home on the third day and although I did not win I got two of the three birds home with velocities of 433 and 393 yds. per min. My first bird winning 2nd Fed., 2nd Q.R.P.A. and 2nd S.C.H.C. My clock bird was Harrison Cross and my second was straight Harrison.

Distribution of the birds was gone into at this stage, which left my lofts practically empty.

My wife did not want me to retire and after much discussion arranged for a small loft of birds to be

kept, which thought would be there if required later, some of these were those homing from the Longreach 618 mile race. Just before the last of the 1962 young birds were distributed I put aside a few pair of these. Had my wife not arranged for a few to be put aside I probably would have been minus all. After six or seven months inactivity, I put a few pair together and bred some youngster which I quickly trained along, a number still squeaking and one of those won 2nd club from 132 miles. I flew them as far as 234 miles.

In April 1964 I spent some time in a hospital, and the doctor advised my wife to get me back into pigeons as quickly as she could. I came out of the hospital on the weekend. The first race on the west was flown from Jondaryan, 91 miles. I started training a team on the Monday and some of these were raced in both clubs that weekend with good returns. Things went along well and at Charleville, 428 miles, I clocked 4th Federation and 1st Section, this being the Ring Race, £1 a bird. My next success was in the long race from Windorah, 670 miles, my bird won 1st Fed., 1st Q.R.P.A. and 1st S.C.H.C. by 30 minutes, my second bird home could have won 4th Fed., and was by the Harrison hen which flew Longreach 618 miles which was home in time to win 2nd Fed. Longreach mentioned earlier.

I was a little more prepared for the Second Series of that year 1964, and flew very well, winning 3rd Federation from Kempsey, 250 miles, 1st Q.R.P.A. and 2nd S.C.H.C. from Tuncurry, 325 miles, 10th Fed. Broadmeadow, 387 miles, and ended up winning the double by taking the last long race from Stanwell Park, 480 miles (which is South of Sydney) in a very bad smash, velocity 556 yds. per min., only five birds home on the third day out of over 500 pigeons. My Harrison hen clocked in at 5.20 a.m. third morning. This bird won 1st Fed. and 1st in two clubs, also a number of pools. This hen is pure Harrison and is the last big winner for me in a long line of Harrisons back to my No. 1 cock 1063 Q.H.S. 23 which is over forty years ago.

The following is the way I preserved this line of my Harrisons. 1063 produced 631 at 17 years of age, when mated to 265 my 2nd prize-winner from West Maitland, 374 miles, only two birds home on the day, she was from Imp. N. S. Rhead Mosaic Harrison Cock 267 when mated to Champion 500, dam of many winners to 545 miles, who was daughter of 1063. 1063 bred his last young one at 19 years old, a Blue Cock 1058, this bird proved a champion for Mr. F. Williams of Melbourne. 1063 lived until he was 23 years old. 631 mated to 3420 pure Harrison and sired 504 who flew a very early pigeon from Eromanga, 604 miles. 504 mated to 2291 a grand-daughter of 2179 the first bird



*Sm. Blue Ch. Hen 351 QRPA 27, Little Gem.*

*Winner of dust storm race from Quilpie, 546 miles, by 51 minutes, flying time 19 hrs. 12 min. 17 sec. Velocity 861 yards per minute. Bred from 9 x 9A pair. No. 9A sister to Victory.*

to blaze the trail from Sydney to Brisbane in 1933 only bird on the day. 504 was bred in 1950. This mating produced 8611 Q.P.F. 59 flown a hard Mackay, 504 mile race, 8611 mated to 4324 an early bird from Longreach, 618 mile smash, produced 2505 Q.P.F. 63 my last Federation winner from Stanwell Park, 480 mile smash mentioned above. To carry this line on it is my intention to mate 504 Q.R.P.A. 50 and 2505 Q.P.F. 63 next season 1966, this will make 504 sixteen years old, he looks and handles many years younger. 2505 is his grand-daughter. This is one of the ways I preserved the Harrison strain in its purity and winning vein back to the years of the champion Harrison stock pair which no doubt was one of the greatest stock pairs in the world.

My success in 1964 in the two long Federation races on two different routes were certainly a pleasant come-back for me after my perhaps short retirement.

This No. 1 line of mine that is my No. 1 pair of Harrisons, mated to Mr. J. E. O'Brien of Drummoyn, Sydney, Imported Harrisons, produced that great pair 50 x 544 which Mr. O'Brien stated was the best pair of stock birds in Australia.

An article by a noted New Zealand fancier in Squills Diary 1953, has the following to say about Knoblauch's Harrisons. "Another crack flier of the Northern Club is Les. Cooper who flew birds in the Hamilton Club some years ago, winning 1st, 2nd and 3rd from Timaru, 550 mile same race. Another time he clocked the only arrival in race time from Invercargill, 700 miles. During the last war he sold out to Glover and Son. Three years ago he moved to Auckland, got birds off his old family from Glover and Son and joined the crack Northern Club, the strongest club in the country and by far the most progressive. In the past young bird season, Les won 1st Club 100 miles, 1st 140 miles (Interval), 1st 200 miles, 1st 260 miles, 1st 285 miles and 2nd, 4th and 5th Fed. He flies nothing but Harrisons, which he imported from H. Knoblauch, Australia, whose stock were direct from Max Foy who purchased the entire "Oakmoor" loft in England and sent it to Australia. Only recently Les imported birds from this source to strengthen those he already has."

During the last season 1965 I only raced as far as 200 miles and was going along nicely for a first and several good places when I had to stop and ended

up in hospital where I was for four weeks, after coming out I had to content myself with watching the progeny of my gift birds and others successfully negotiate the 285, 374, 428, two 504, 604 and 700 mile races. The reports back to me from a number of fanciers was very pleasing.

All being well I hope to contest a full season's racing in 1967; although I will be competing heavily against the progeny of a lot of my own gift birds.

Although the above sets out a number of the Harrison's wins for me over a number of years, especially in the long and hard races, I have but touched the fringe of this strain's many successes for me. Hundreds of firsts and early places in races have been recorded since the 1920 when we came in possession of them.

Among many which come to mind is one from Morven, 374 miles, in which the birds were liberated at 7.00 a.m. in the middle of winter when the Derby was being contested in the Q.R.P.A. and an open race in the B.H.P.C. No birds were reported in either club up to darkness hours taking over. I kept watch until 11.5 p.m. and retired to again check at 12.20 a.m. and found a bird in for each club. These both won their respective clubs. These were both pure Harrisons. A further bird homed at 1.30 a.m.

The Harrisons could also race to win in the shorter races as the following results indicate:— Racing in the Q.R.P.A. they won as follows — 1st Nambour, 65 miles; 1st Yandina, 69 miles; 1st Mungar Junction, 137 miles; 1st again the following week, 1st Isis Junction, 165 miles; 1st again the following week, then 2nd Miriam Vale, 243 miles. Harrison hen 998 also won 2nd Bowen, 604 mile Federation; 2nd Q.R.P.A. and 1st B.H.P.C. the same series, 1949.

No doubt it will be interesting to many to know the breeding of Geo. Harrison's famous stock pair and some of their outstanding sons and daughters, but before doing so I will quote a statement from this outstanding pigeon fancier which is as follows:— "My birds are not barndoor fowls, but real racing machines, treat them as such and they will amply repay you for your trouble."

I can certainly vouch for the above statement.

