

## **Shoalhaven Pigeon Federation**

**SPF Wonthaggi #1 - 28th September 2024- 7 Flyers, 79 Birds**

**Jeff Formosa- Nowra District Invitation Pigeon Club**

**SPF 23 0009 BB C- Winning Velocity: 972.179 mpm**

The Shoalhaven Pigeon Federation held it's final races for the 2024 race season on the weekend of the 28th of September, liberating birds alongside the South Coast Pigeon Federatin Birds, from Wonthaggi in Victora, an approximate distance of 600km to Nowra, just south of Wollongong. The Shoalhaven Pigeon Federation have been big supporters of the 2024 SCF race season, transporting their birds within the SCF transporter for the majority of the race season. On multiple occasions this season, SPF have out raced SCF pigeons from a variety of race distances, showing time and time again, their small federation can compete with the larger SCF federation, in a variety of conditions. Most notably, SPF flyers span a wider distance from one-another, compared to the lofts positions seen in the SCF.

The winner of 1st Wonthaggi, the 2nd last race of the SPF race calendar, went to Jeff Formosa and his 23 rung BBC, who fly's from his lofts located in Culburra, north east of the Nowra CBD. Jeff's SPF 23 009 BBC flew the 616km distance on the day, being beaten by Jeff Shepard from the SCF, who also clocked in late on the day of liberation. Jeff was quite willing in providing some information on his winning BBC, who has quite an interesting story.

*"BBC SPF 23 0009 is a son to BBC SPF 21 36, who is a full brother to my Yamba winner from last race season, who was 1st federation across both the SPF and SCF. Dam of 0009 is BBH SPF 20 1562, bred for me by Greg Barker of the SPF. SPF 1562 won 3rd Sawtell last year, gaining 1st Federation across both the SPF and SCF. 1562 was raced back to a pair of eggs she laid before the race, and later hatching them. Those eggs she hatched later bred SPF 23 0008 & 0009, the winner from the weekend". Jeff indicated his bloodline of birds stem back to lines from Greg Barker, Luke Brincat CCF, Jamie Buckley, and Dan Curry from Rockhampton.*

**Jeff's other race wins for the 2024 SPF season were;**

**- 1st Bermagui- 176km**

**- 1st Eden- 247km**

**- 1st Bairnsdale- 425km**

**Jeff's notable Nth Wins 2023**

**- 1st Yamba- 655km**

**- 1st Sawtell- 552km**

*Jeff's BBC, and Jeff holding his winner.*



