

## WHO'S ON FIRST...WATT'S ON SECOND

You may ask what this heading has to do with the price of fish!!! Well, in truth, probably nothing, but I did like the old Abbott & Costello routine that was based around it and seeing us how I've used it I'd better try and justify the heading.

With regards to Who's on first... most visitors to the site will know Barry has been a busy as a one-armed paperhanger. The financial side to his business is going great guns and has necessitated that he not only be on first but second and third as well.

The trip to Thailand was a tremendous success, in both the business sense, as well as allowing time for meetings with the many enthusiastic Thai pigeon fanciers that follow the Best Western Mallee Classic from afar.

On the subject of the Thai fanciers I have been asked to thank ALL the Australian breeders who bred and put Thai rings on birds thus enabling them, the Thai fanciers, the opportunity to again participate in the Classic. The Friendship Cup will be a tremendous success and imagine if an Oz bred Thai bird wins the Classic, the breeder is off to Thailand at the expense of his/her Thai partner... **WOW**.

Watt's on second, well, the introduction of the St Clair birds to the Mallee Classic lofts has generated a great deal of interest with many Victorians availing themselves of the opportunity to view and purchase these quality birds, virtually in their own back yard. We still have numbers of Janssens, Busschaerts, and some Verheyes available, as well as the famous Australian Black Diamonds. The Eyes alone, on these Black Diamonds are enough to get anyone excited.

Nick, is fast approaching his open day is N.S.W and he has asked that we make all efforts to sell the birds in Victoria... A.S.A.P. Subsequently the birds will now be available for sale at prices ranging from,

.....\$50.00 to \$150.00.....

All birds have full pedigrees

The birds are now available both from the Classic lofts in Ballarat as well as my loft in Melbourne, so if you are thinking about purchasing any of these excellent birds don't hesitate because, we are both flat out like a lizards drinking and don't know if we can devote the time to further shipments out of N.S.W.

Barry can be contacted at the Mallee Classic lofts or contact myself, Duncan.

Hopefully that covers the WHO & WATT side of things, so that only leaves two recent queries that I've received to address.

Firstly to the critics of the classic I've got this simple message...GET A LIFE!!! It's come to my attention that some people, instead of congratulating Barry on his continuing business success, are spreading rumours that the 2006 race entries are being neglected as a result of this success.

The health, safety and security of birds in the loft are paramount and Barry has in place an infrastructure that will ensure that the birds are correctly and adequately maintained leading up to this year's race. Barry is extremely grateful for the assistance that he continually receives from good friends such as Nigel, Theo, and Barry Leonard, their, friendship, help and never ending support is what the Classic is all about..."Pigeon flyers helping other pigeon flyers to race their birds". The Best Western Mallee Classic has continually provided the highest number of returns for birds entered in any one-loft race and will continue to do so. The 2006 birds have and will continue to receive the same high level of attention as those of previous years.

Secondly, a couple of people have remarked that it's difficult to visit the loft. Well apart from the fact that it's one and a half hours from Melbourne there is nothing difficult about it.

However, you **MUST RING PRIOR TO VISITING BALLARAT**, it's no good lobbing on the doorstep and expecting Barry to have the time to drop everything for YOU. It just won't happen!!!

Visitors are always **WELCOME** at the lofts, but please contact Barry sometime prior to your planned visit to ensure that you are not disappointed. He might even shout you one of my beers, he's good at that!!!

Duncan MacGregor  
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