

The Australian Gold Cup



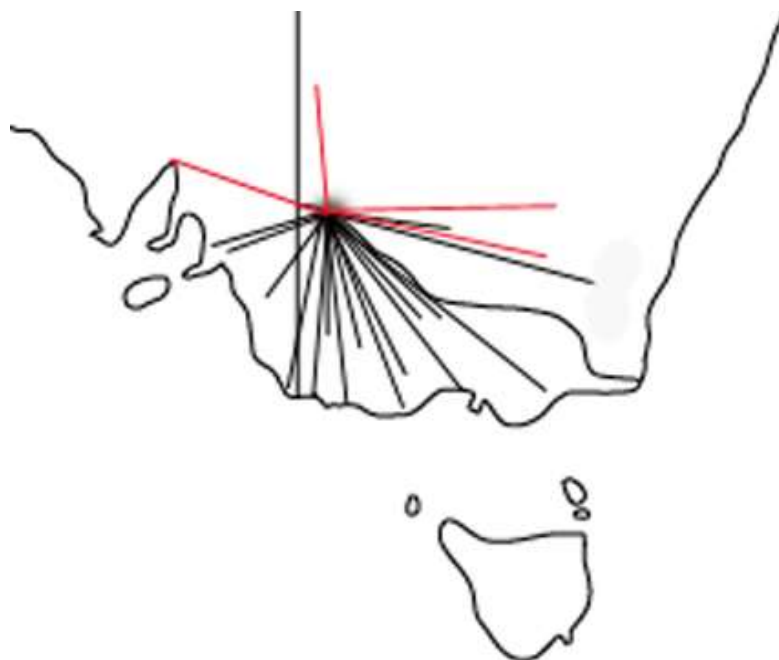
Ian Rowland (Ballarat) - previous Gold Cup Winner

Special Ring Race

Breeders Plate

***** *Multiple Events in the 1* *****

Raced From Mildura



Open to any loft over 200 Km from race point.

(Lofts from VIC, SA & NSW Competing)

Section Prizes

Electronic Clocks Welcome!

Gold Cup Rings: \$6.00 each

5 Area Breeders Plate Sales:

(\$50 Prepay Option Available)

Last Sale: Feb 2006

Full Details on the Website

Area Co-Ordinators required!!

Barry Trewin	Ballarat	03 53 448184
Nigel Jarvis	Ballarat	0402 415611
Trevor Barker	Hunter Valley NSW	02 49981188
Tom Lett	Gippsland	03 51 498381
Bernard Seymour	Bendigo	03 54 461094
Mark Stafford	Shepparton	03 58 655054
Peter Virgona	Colac	03 52 314706
Craig Warton	Geelong	03 52 651378
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Extravaganza of Multiple Events in the One!

Due to growing interest in main event racing, we are developing new competitions for the fancier, to enable those who are interested to compete in a series of events each year. We are encouraging those people who wish to race their pigeons in the biggest competition possible against the strongest competition.

We intend to develop more Championship Events each year and intend to have a Championship Series in the next few years, which could see 4 – 5 major races from set race points each year, open to young and old birds. The first of the stages involves **The Australian Gold Cup!** The Australian Gold Cup is a Young Bird Event, which is open to any Loft over 200 Km's from the release point (but keep in mind, birds must be delivered/basketed at Ballarat or 1 of the Allocated Basketing Centres), and is also open to every breeder in Australia.

We are also looking for keen fanciers in different areas to help promote and coordinate this event and assist with the arranging and overseeing (security) birds to be delivered for basketing.

The Australian Gold Cup

1. Race from Mildura, Victoria Approx. 2nd or 3rd Weekend (Saturday Release – All up Together!) in October.
2. There will be a Gold Coloured Cup Trophy for each of the overall winners as follows.

	Large Cup	Small Cup
\$6 Ring Race	Purchaser	Flyer & Breeder
Breeders Plate	Breeder	Purchaser & Flyer

3. (If the Breeder, Purchaser and/or flyer are one in the same person only one trophy will be presented).
4. Open to any loft over 200 km's from the race point, (Other Lofts may nominate on a special circumstance if required).
5. Prize money paid for the first 10 positions i.e. 1st to 10th in both the Breeders Plate and Special Ring Race.
6. Standard Race Rules for Breeders Plates and Special Ring Races.
7. Open Clocking
8. Clocks must be set at approved Clock Centres.
9. Basketing will take place on **Thursday night**, with the birds **delivered to Ballarat**. They will be watered and fed the following morning and then proceed to **Mildura for a Saturday Release**.
10. The Committee of Management reserve the right to refuse entry into the Event!

Special Ring Details

1. Approximately \$10,000 prize money, dependent upon number of rings sold.
2. Rings \$6 each.
3. No limit to number of rings per flyer.
4. Limited number of rings sold.
5. Any Special Rings sold in Breeders Plate Auction Sale are also eligible to compete for the Breeders Plate Prize Money.
6. Prize Money split: 50% for the Flyer – 50% for the Ring Purchaser.
7. Clubs and Syndicate Leaders to order rings in bulk and supply fliers names, ring numbers and distances to Barry Trewin by the 1st June 2004. Individuals also welcomed to purchase rings, you don't need to be a member of a club to compete in this event.
8. Individual Club or Syndicate ring buyers - winners receive \$1 per ring sold through their club or syndicate towards section prize money, e.g. If a Club/Syndicate in NSW purchases 100 rings, first in their section wins \$100. If an Individual purchases rings and does not wish to be part of a Club/Syndicate they will be allocated to the out of area section for the \$1 section prize.
9. 10% from sale of rings will be held for costs and expenses.
10. Ring orders and further details: Barry Trewin Phone: 03 53 448184 or Nigel Jarvis Mob: 0402 415611

Proposed Prize Break down

E.G. 1000 Rings = \$6,000 i.e. \$5,000 overall and \$1,000 for Sections (\$1 per ring for Club - Syndicate Prizes), if 2000 rings are sold, then double the prizes!

\$5,000 overall less 10% expenses = \$4,500

1st	\$2,700	60%	6th	\$45	1%
2nd	\$900	20%	7th	\$45	1%
3rd	\$450	10%	8th	\$45	1%
4th	\$180	4%	9th	\$45	1%
5th	\$45	1%	10th	\$45	1%

The breakdown percentage will be against the total available prize money. In the event more money is raised the prize money will be paid in accordance with the percentage breakdown.

Breeders Plate Details

11. Approximately \$5,000 prize money, dependent upon birds sold at auction.
12. Prize Money split: 40% for the Breeder - Flyer 30% - Purchaser 30%.
13. Any breeder can pay an up-front entry fee of \$50 per bird (No Limit), to make the bird eligible for entry into the event, this is to allow people to enter birds into the event without having the fear of being run up \$\$\$ in the sales. All prepaid (\$50 entries) Breeders Plate entries are to have full bird life ring details, lodged to Barry Trewin before the 1st March 2004. (Please call for further explanation in need).
14. 10 bird limit per breeder per sale. Exception: - If Gold Cup Rings are used by a breeder on all **their birds** in the Breeders Plate Sale, then the 10 bird limit will not apply to that Breeder. The 10-bird limit will only apply to normal Club/Private rung birds.

15. Sale Dates, the first sale date 23rd November 2003, the second on the 14th December and 3rd on the 18th January 2004.
16. 10% from sale of birds in the Breeders Plate will be held for costs and expenses.
17. Clubs which conduct the Breeders Plate sale will be given 20% of the Sale proceeds to cover expenses and as a fund-raiser for that club.
18. 20% of each sale proceeds will be retained for the local section prize, therefore if Ballarat has a sale birds in that Sale which are flown in the area, they will be eligible for the Section prize, this applies for the Gippsland and Shepparton area Sales.
19. 50% of the sales proceeds will be held for the Overall Prize pool.

Proposed Prize Break down

E.G. Ballarat Sale No. 1 - \$5,500 less \$500 for Red Ribbon and then 30% (20% Club & 10% for Expenses from overall funds from Breeders Plate Auction) = \$3,500 for prizes.

20% for **Section Prize** = \$700 (broken up into 3 Prizes – 1st 50%, 2nd 30% & 3rd 20%)

Overall Prize Pool.

1st	\$1,680	60%	6th	\$28	1%
2nd	\$560	20%	7th	\$28	1%
3rd	\$280	10%	8th	\$28	1%
4th	\$112	4%	9th	\$28	1%
5th	\$28	1%	10th	\$28	1%

If you have 3 sales, then the total pool will be increased and the section prizes worked on the individual sale totals.

The breakdown percentage will be against the total available prize money. In the event more money is raised the prize money will be paid in accordance with the percentage breakdown.

Old Bird Championship

1. An Old bird Championship will also be conducted for those fanciers interested. A \$5 per bird entry fee will be required.
2. Prize money and costs will be calculated as per Gold Cup/Breeders Plate breakdowns.
3. Birds will be required to be rung with Gold Cup rings (Official Rings ordered by the Goldfields Pigeon Federation) to be eligible.
4. 10% of entry fees will be held to cover expenses.

RACE DETAILS

1. The race will take place on Saturday the in October 2005. If the first ten places are not filled on Saturday, the race will close midnight the second day.
2. Basketing will be advised at a later date closer to the event and will take place in Ballarat. Basketing Centres maybe be Kyabram (Shepparton), Gippsland, Cranbourne (VHA), Dandenong (Greater Melb) and Ballarat (Mallee Classic Lofts).
3. All race birds will be rubber rung with a race rubber at the Basket Centres, by the event committee co-ordinators. All welcome to attend.
4. **Entry Forms** are required **for each individual flier**. Please place hens and cocks in separate baskets or boxes prior to arriving at the Centres.
5. Only current year special ring birds and birds sold in the Breeders Plate sales will be accepted and only these birds will be released at the race point with no others. They will be released at the same time.
6. **Club Ring Representatives/Secretaries or Syndicate Leaders** are required to provide a **complete list** of fliers, including address, phone number and ring numbers (full details) purchased and loft GPS Coordinates. The club/syndicate leader can also provide distances on file for each flyer from Mildura, to be only used as a guide

with velocities, but all distances will be calculated using GPS. A single computer program will be used to verify correct distances (GPS) for all lofts, thus ensuring a standard calculation for distances for all competitors.

7. Any change of ownership in relation to the flyer a bird, must immediately be notified to Barry Trewin in writing. No transfer will be accepted in the final 7 days before the basketing night. Failure to do so means disqualification of that ring number.
8. The Race and Basketing Committee reserves the right to disqualify a bird if apparently affected by disease.
9. The winning pigeons will be tossed within a reasonable distance of their home loft to ascertain homing to the correct loft.
10. The onus is on each individual flyer to arrange registration of their rings for their own Club or Federation race program.

CLOCK SETTING

11. Thimble, Thimbleless and Electronic clocks may be used.
12. No competitor to set and or seal his own clock, electronic clocks must have manufacturers security seals in place. Individuals, who are not a member of a club, are to arrange for their clock to be set with a competing club or at the basketing centre.
13. **All Clocks** (manual and electronic clocks) will be set, and string tied, then by master clock **at 8pm E.S.T. provided** the master clock is set with Telstra Time signal pips.
14. **Day Setting** to be day 6 (Thursday night). In the event of a competitor not timing in on the day and the tape being removed, reset the clock at **8pm Saturday** using the club seals, leave the day setting on day 1.
15. **Clubs are to use their own seals.** It is expected that all clocks are to be sealed in accordance with normal club procedures.
16. Upon pullover of the clocks **at 8pm E.S.T. race day** the clock seal with string attached is to be cellotaped to the clock tape and rubber ring (or rings) to be cellotaped against, but clear of the clocked time stamp impression the rubber ring represents. Please place the race rubber number facing the top for ease of reading.
17. **Please take care with all written instruction, names etc. on clock tapes.**
18. The clock tape with race rubber stapled marked with the *flyers name* shown is to be signed by the President and Secretary, which implies to their knowledge all clock activities have been carried out correctly. **Clearly mark** if the time print relates to a **\$ Pool nominated** bird.

19. Place all clock tapes in a padded envelope and post to **Barry Trewin, 7 Chisholmes Road, Cardigan Vic 3352** This is to be done so *that clock tapes reach Ballarat before the Thursday following the Race, so that Race results can be finalised as quickly as possible.*
20. Any tapes not notified/received to Barry Trewin by the Thursday following the event will not be accepted and will not be eligible for recognition or prizes.
21. In case of a two day race, hours of darkness will be calculated as half an hour after sunset on the first day (or clocking time of the last bird up to midnight on the first day) and commence half an hour before sunrise next day. The time of sunset and sunrise by the "AGE Newspaper" Melbourne.
22. From clock start to clock strike off, no clock will be read if it gains an average of more than 9 seconds per hour. A stopped clock's tape will not be read. A competitor may clock into another competitor's clock provided he has the owner's permission.
23. The winner will be notified by phone as soon as possible. Full race results will be posted on the Internet and mailed to all coordinators for viewing at Centres.
24. All payments will be made by cheque, 7 days after **confirmation of winners.**
25. The flier with the fastest velocity in each participating club/syndicate section receives \$1 for each ring sold to that club/syndicate section
26. In the event of no member clocking on the day in any one club/syndicate section, the race remains open till darkness on the second day for the \$1 ring prize.

POOLS

27. **\$2 Pool denomination will be available for the event.** Nominated bird/s ring numbers/s are to be clearly marked on the **individual flier's race entry sheet.** Write your name on an envelope and include the correct money. Hand in at the Basketball Centre.
28. Information regarding release time for the "The Australian Gold Cup" can be obtained from the Race Coordinators and the internet after 10.00 am on the day of the race. **Bird Arrival Updates will be placed on the internet** during the day of the event, to keep people informed of the event progress and the areas clocking birds. **All competitors** must advise either a coordinator or event managers **within 1 hour of clocking birds** to enable updates to be placed on the internet, and also to help with confirming/verifying race positions.
29. All decisions regarding the event are made by the management committee and are to be abided by all competitors and the outcomes are binding on all competitors.