



## KwaZulu Natal Racing Pigeon Combine

### Sale Rules

Sale Date: **Sunday 6th October 2013**

Venue: PRPC Clubhouse. (Pinetown)

Penning from **10 am and the Auction starts at 12.00 noon**

**AUCTIONEER IS HENRY ROBERTZE.**

Lunch and refreshments will be supplied to all Combine and Fed members participating in the sale and in possession of a bidding card which will be supplied to the individual fancier after he has placed his pigeon on the auction.

Rules of Sale:

- 1) All Combine and guest club members who flew pigeons in 2013 on the Combine race programme are expected to place one pigeon on the sale. A member bidding for a fellow club member who due to circumstances cannot attend needs to bring a written, signed proxy to say he can bid on behalf of the fellow member.
- 2) Pigeons placed on the sale must be fully feathered not much older than 28 days and may not have dropped a flight. Once a pigeon is placed in the pen it becomes the property of the Combine and only transfers once the bid is knocked down to a fancier and signed for immediately by said fancier.
- 3) The race points for the sale birds have not as yet been confirmed but will be liberation points on the North route and the North West route approximately 600 to 650 km from Durban. These liberation points will in all likelihood be confirmed before the date of the sale.
- 4) The distribution of revenue after paying for bar and catering costs will be 70% to prize money and 30% to the Transport fund
- 5) Prizes will be split evenly between the two races on the North and North West route with a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize being paid split between the Trainer and Breeder in the proportion of 75% to the Trainer and 25% to the Breeder. An amount will be allocated as prize money for the Nomination race for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes per route. Last year the allocated amount was R 30,000.
- 6) Only Flying members may place birds on the sale and as the Combine will be permitting the flying of two teams per loft in 2012, each team will count as a Flying member and will be entitled to place a bird on the sale. Please note the two team rule requires that the flyer must fill his first team to the maximum allowed (at this time this is 25 birds) and thereafter may fly a second team. This therefore precludes the flying of 2 x 5 bird or 2 x10 bird or 2 x15 bird schemes whereas it will be permitted to fly team one with 25 birds and team two with 5, 10, 15 or 20 bird schemes.
- 7) Each fancier putting a pigeon on the sale will be entitled to buy two sale rings at a cost of R 500 for the two rings. The rings with odd numbers will be specifically for the North route and the even number rings will be for the North West route. This is a voluntary arrangement and the birds with these rings will compete for the Grand prizes. These rings are not transferable. The special feature of these rings is that the purchase of the R 500 rings will guarantee the fancier a substitute pigeon should he lose the pigeon with the original sale ring. Replacement pigeons can be nominated from any yearling in the loft right up until the basketing night of the race. **Nominated birds** will not compete for the Grand prizes but will compete for a secondary albeit a substantial monetary prize. Please note that any pigeon nominated to replace a R 500 ring bird must be entered on the race sheet with its identity details as well as the **ring details of the R500 ring bird it replaced**. Failure to do so will disqualify the entrant from prize winning.
- 8) Should a member indicate that he will be flying two teams in 2014 he will be entitled to purchase two sets of R 500 rings. One for each team. This arrangement will be taken as a commitment to flying two teams in 2014 and the member is advised that he will be debited for two teams at the start of the 2014 racing season.

- 9) In addition to the Auction birds the Combine will auction 12 packets of rings with the following breakdown: 2 pkts x 6 rings 2 pkts x 5 rings 4 pkts x 4 rings and 4 pkts x 3 rings. These rings are transferable and could well suit syndicates in the bidding process.
- 10) Prize money: Last year total prize money was R 120,000 and whilst we cannot guarantee the final prize money until after the sale the Combine management is confident given the increased numbers that the total prize money will substantially exceed this amount. Total prize money will be evenly split between North and North West races and will accommodate the nominated bird prizes of 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize as well as the Grand prizes for Trainers and Breeders.
- 11) As with last year we will have special lucky draws during the auction for those members with bidding card numbers. Lucky draw prizes will range from bags of pigeon food or liquor.
- 12) All amounts owing to the Combine in respect of birds and rings purchased on the sale must be paid for before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 with no exceptions. No fancier will be permitted to compete in the Combine Sale races or the Combine race series for 2014 without having been paid up. A 5% discount on total purchases can be taken for cash payments or if the amount is settled by electronic transfer or by cheque payment within 7 days of the date of the sale. No discounts will be accepted after Saturday 12th October 2013.
- 13) Other than the information recorded in the Combine Sale register denoting the original owner and purchaser, where the owner/trainer of the bird is not the breeder of the pigeon then the Combine Treasurer needs to be advised of the respective parties and their interest in the pigeon. The member placing the pigeon on the sale will otherwise be deemed to be the owner/breeder of the said pigeon.
- 14) The Combine sale race rules will require that a fancier phones in the clocking time and details of his sale bird or nom bird to the Combine Secretary or Combine chairman or a designated official of the Combine within one hour of clocking the bird on both races. Failure to report the arrival of the sale bird would likely result in the disqualification of the bird from the sale bird/nom results.
- 15) The Combine reserves the right to change the date of the Sale races and /or the liberation points should circumstances demand such changes. The Combine designates the Chairman/Vice Chairman/ Combine Secretary and Combine Treasurer as responsible persons to convene and run the sale races, make amendments to the rules where necessary, interpret the rules and settle any objection/dispute arising from these rules and/or the flying of the Sale races.

Please support YOUR Combine sale which provides you with an avenue to reap the rewards of your pigeon's ability and provides FUNDS for the TRUCK replacement and helps us keep down the flying costs to Combine members.

We look forward to seeing you at the Combine sale on Sunday 6th October 2013. It should be a great and memorable occasion

Reg Zammit  
Combine Chairman.  
25th September 2013