

MULLIGAN'S PLACE

AN INSIGHT TO FLYING IN AMERICA

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Mulligan's Place Loft of Staten Island, New York flies under the partnership of Peter Wellington, Titus Reinhardt and Bob Prisco.

Peter Wellington acted as spoke's person for the champion loft and gave us the following insight of the loft management.

Mulligan's started flying competitively in 1983 and became serious in 1985 with today's partnership. Mulligan's philosophy is simple! Obtain quality performance stock from top performance lofts flying in America. Do not over crowd, handle a small amount of birds. Be patient and learn how to keep birds in good health. Take advice from an honest successful flyer.

All of their birds were obtained from only top American flyers over the past 10 years. Mulligan's only consideration is winning bloodlines from top performance pigeons, winning in tough competition in America. They have 3 families of birds blended for 100 to 600 mile wins for 4 generations, they are Janssen, Huysken Van Riel and Imbrecht bloodlines. The HVR is based on 6 foundation birds. The Janssen have 10 foundation birds and the Imbrecht have 3 outstanding foundation birds. Mulligan's stock has performance and successful racing bloodlines, small to medium size with good balance along with feather quality. They get those qualities by crossing all 3 families and by inbreeding each family, and then out crossing to each other. They must produce winners and reproduce the same.

The loft has good ventilation, dry-

ness and natural sunlight. The flying loft is 16 feet x 8 feet divided into 2 sections. The box perches are 12 inches x 12 inches. Air enters from the bottom front of the loft and leaves out the top front and top back. The breeding loft has 3 section's 10 feet x 10 feet with 12 inches x 24 inches wooden nest fronts. Each section houses about 9 pairs. The breeding loft is cleaned daily and disinfected before and after the breeding season. The racing loft is cleaned daily and disinfected once a week.

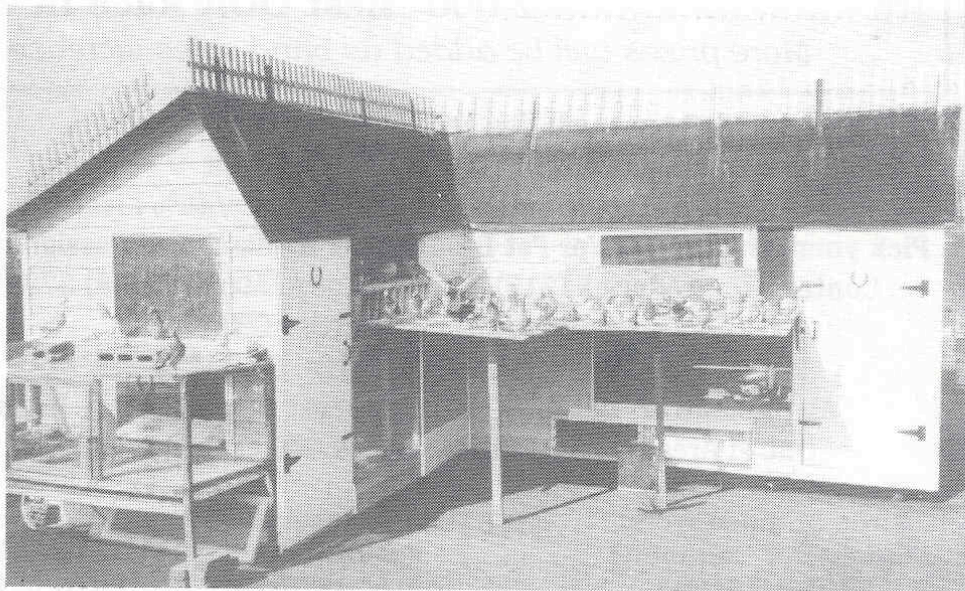
Brown's feed is a good quality commercial feed and is fed to all the birds year around. The birds are vaccinated for PMV and POX. Treatment for canker, coccidiosis, worms and respiratory as needed. A variety of those products are used so the birds don't build a immunity to any one product. The loft doesn't have first hand expe-



Advertising the pigeon sport to the neighborhood.

rience with drugs. They feel there is not a substitute for healthy, well bred pigeons, in good condition.

Top form is recognized as combination of many small things, the action of a bird in the loft, the bird in flight, droppings, white wattle, clear pink



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Mulligan's Place Loft of Staten Island, NY. Home of many national awards, including several All American Grand Nationals. Owned by Peter Wellington, Titus Reinhardt and Bob Prisco

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

1986-1999

Mulligan's Place

- 4 Times Grand All-American (RPB)
- 17 Times All-American (RPB)
- 10 Times President's Cup Winner (AU)
- 37 Times American Champion Loft (AU)
(All Distance & Long Distance)
- 9 Times American Champion Loft (THOR)
- 26 Times American Ace Pigeon (THOR)
- 23 Times Hall of Fame (AU & IF)
- 12 Registered Champions (AU)
- 8 Times Canadian Ace Pigeon (CRPN)
- 2 Times Ace Pigeon (RPD)
- 2 Times Champion Loft (IF)

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS WON IN 1998

- 1ST AU PRESIDENT'S CUP 151-200 LOFTS
(10 RACES = 1998 OB + 1997 YB)
- 1ST AU ALL DISTANCE 81-95 LOFTS
(25 RACES IN 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS)
- 1ST AU LONG DISTANCE 81-95 LOFTS
(10 RACES 375+ MILES IN 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS)
- 1ST AU LONG DISTANCE 41-50 LOFTS
(10 RACES 375+ MILES IN 5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS)
- 1ST AU HALL OF FAME YB 151-200 LOFTS
- 3RD AU HALL OF FAME YB 101-130 LOFTS
- 1ST IF HALL OF FAME YB 100-199 LOFTS
- 2ND IF HALL OF FAME YB 100-199 LOFTS
- 3RD IF HALL OF FAME YB 100-199 LOFTS
- 1ST ACE PIGEON YB 2501-3500 BIRDS (THOROUGHbred MAG.)
- 3RD ACE PIGEON YB 3501-OVER BIRDS (THOROUGHbred MAG.)
- RACING PIGEON DIGEST AWARDS:
 - 3RD ACE PIGEON YB DIV. I 2000-OVER BIRDS (SPRINT)
 - 4TH ACE PIGEON YB DIV. I 2000-OVER BIRDS (OVERALL)

throat and mouth, silky tight feathering, clean feet, bright eyes and most of all our experience. For the loss of form, first, they look for any health problems, checks overnight droppings. If those two are okay, changing the training up or down will help get form back.

They stock a breeding bird only after that bird has reached its full potential in the flying loft. The age of the bird and the age of the parents are also consideration. For the breeding season each pair should produce 4 to 6 young for them to evaluate, however, each year they do change matings around to improve. Proven producers are changed and re-mated to other outstanding breeders. During breeding they feed Brown's breeding mix, plenty of fresh grit, vitamins in the water, pick stones, lemon, honey and garlic regularly. They feed 2 times a day to keep the breeders and young satisfied. After the young are fed we make sure the breeders are satisfied to maintain peak health with minimum stress.

Mulligan's flies very well with both old birds and young birds. They don't really use any special tricks. The young birds are flown to the perch and old birds are flown on the natural system, kept separated until the night of the first race. Mulligan's feel that some birds mature slower than others. That is why, not all young birds have to win a diploma. However, they must be healthy, recuperate quickly from a tough race. These slower maturing birds make outstanding old birds. All this should be coupled with the experience of the family.

The loft has 70 to 100 young birds each year. From that number they will keep 50 to 60 though the winter allowing them to mature.

Along with 30 old birds flying 2 times a day for 5 weeks for

MULLIGAN'S PLACE 1990 - 1994 RECORD

1990 NATIONAL AWARDS

8 times All-American
4 times President's Cup
5 times American Champion Loft
4 times American Ace Pigeon
4 times AU Registered Champion
Hall of Fame

1990 WINS

1st Grand Champion All-American
1st Big All-American Old Birds
4th Big All-American Young Birds
1st Place National President's Cup
1st Place National Champion All-Distance
3rd Place National Champion Long Distance.
3rd American Champion Loft; 101-200 Lofts
2 Pos.-American Ace Pigeon YB; 701-1500 Birds
1st Champion Bird Federation Old Birds
1st Champion Bird NJCA Old Birds and
Champion third NJCA
Young Birds 1st Average Speed NJ Concourse OB;
178 Lofts
1st Average Speed NJ Concourse YB; 168 Lofts
2nd Average Speed Tri-State Federation;
388 Lofts and 11 First Place Race wins

1991 NATIONAL AWARDS

10 times All-American
2 times Grand All-American
5 times President's Cup
10 times American Champion Award
5 times American Champion Loft
4 times American Ace Pigeon
6 AU Registered Champions
Hall of Fame

1991 WINS

1st Grand Champion All - American Runner Up
4th Big All-American Old Birds
4th Big All-American Honorable Mention Young Birds
2nd Place National President's Cup; 96 Lofts and up
1st Place National All-Distance; 31 - 40 Lofts
2nd Place National All-Distance; 21-30 Lofts
1st Place National Long Distance; 81-95 Lofts
3rd Place National Long Distance; 31 - 40 Lofts
2nd Average Speed NJ Concourse OB; 179 Lofts
1st Average Speed NJ Concourse YB; 183 Lofts
13 First Place race wins
1st Place YB 300 Miles Only Day Bird - SE Club
1 of only 5 Day Birds Main Event; 350 Miles

1992 NATIONAL AWARDS

13 Times All-American
3 Times, Grand All-American
6 Times Presidents Cup
13 Times American Championship Award
6 American Champion Loft
5 Times American Ace Pigeon
8 AU Registered Champions
2 Times Hill of Fame

1992 WINS

1st GRAND CHAMPION ALL-AMERICAN RUNNER-UP
1st Place National President's Cup; 126 - 100 Lofts
1st Place Hall of Fame, OB; 126 - 150 Lofts
1st Place National All Distance; 31 - 40 Lofts.
1st Place National Long Distance, 81 - 95 Lofts
1st Place NJ Concourse Average Speed YB, 130 Lofts
1st Place Metropolitan Federation - 100 Miles
1st and 2nd Place Metropolitan Federation - 600 Miles,
(Won 5 of 11 Diplomas in that race)
1st Place National American Champion Loft; 101 - 150 Lofts
2nd Place National All Distance; 21 - 30 Lofts
2nd Place Metropolitan Federation
Average Speed OB, 102 Lofts

2nd Place Main Event - 350 Miles, 109 Lofts
2nd Ace Pigeon Nationally - All Distance
3rd and 4th Place Megathon - 350 Miles; 106 Lofts
5th BIG All-American Old Bird
5th BIG All-American Young Bird

1993 NATIONAL AWARDS

15 Times All American Racing Pigeon Bulletin
3 Times Grand All American Racing Pigeon Bulletin
6 Times Presidents Cup - AU
17 Times American Championship Award - AU
8 Times American Champion Loft - Thoroughbred
10 Times American Ace, Pigeon - Thoroughbred
8 Registered Champion - AU
6 Times Hall of Fame - AU and IF

1993 WINS

1st Place American Champion Loft All Distance - AU
1st Place American Champion Loft Long Distance - AU
1st Place High Point Loft - Interstate YB
1st Place Average Speed Long Distance YB - SI
1st Place Average Speed Long Distance YB - RCC
1st Place American Ace Pigeon YB 701-1500 Birds
1st Place Race Wins - 11 Times
2nd Place Average Speed Overall YB - SI
2nd Place Average Speed Overall OB - NC
2nd Place Average Speed YB BCA Concourse
2nd Place IF Convention Race Breeder
2nd Place American Champion Loft, 66 - 100 Lofts,
2nd Place American Ace Pigeon YB 301 - 700 Birds
2nd, 5th, 7th, 10th Champion Bird Interstate Concourse
3rd Place American Champion Loft 66 - 100 Lofts
3rd Place All American High Mid YB
4 Birds IF Hall of Fame
4th Place American Champion Award
All Distance 21 - 30 Lofts
4th Place American Champion Award Long
Distance 31 - 40 Lofts
4th Place American Ace Pigeon YB, 701 - 1500 Birds
5th Place All-American Big OB

1994 RACE RESULTS

Old Birds

RCC Richmond Country Club - 1st Average. Speed 1382.982
BCA Brooklyn Concourse - 1st Average. Speed 1382.882
SI Staten Island Club - 2nd Average Speed
TRI Tri-State - 1st Average Speed 4 race series 1165.701
HC Hudson County Club - 2nd Average Speed
West Club - Flying with CJC - 2nd Club Average Speed
9 - 1st Place Race Wins (Old Birds)
Boro Park 2 Bird Derby - Only day bird 500 miles
Brooklyn Concourse - 500 miles, Only Day Bird,
same pigeon 2 weeks in a row

Young Birds

RCC Richmond County Club - 1st Average Speed
BCA Brooklyn Concourse - 2nd Average Speed
King's West - 4 race series - 3rd Average Speed
7-1st place race wins (YB)
4th Snowbird Classic
7th AU Convention Race, South Section
4th IF Convention Race
3 times only day bird, 3 different races (2 Old Bird, 500 miles
and 1 Young Bird, 300 miles)

National Awards

2nd Grand All American with .9865, (winner .9866)
1st President's Cup 151 - 200 Lofts
1st All Distance Awards 31 - 40 Lofts
1st All Distance Awards 81 - 95 Lofts
1st Long Distance Award 81 - 95 Lofts
3 AU Registered Champions, Numbers 337 BCH, 0092
BCSPL C and 0325 DCC
2nd Hall of Fame 151 - 200 Lofts
AU-92-TSU-0092 OB IF Hall of Fame



Mulligan's Loft being interviewed by Good Morning America

approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour. Then about 3 weeks before the first race they start training at 10 miles., 8 to 10 times. This increases to 20 miles 8 to 10 times, 30 miles the same. At 30 miles they get a morning toss and a 10 mile evening toss. They start the first week of racing with about 80 pigeons.

The feeding method during racing is Brown's racing mix, safflower, candy treat, peanuts and fresh grit. When birds return from a race they receive light feed, safflower and candy for easy digestion. Gradually going back to regular mix mid-week to prepare for races on the weekend. Birds are hand fed at all times on a regular schedule. A long distance hen in the loft is best with eggs 10 days or older. Flyers returning from a short race 100-200 miles, bathe the same day. Birds racing 300-600 bathe the next day. This seems to relax the birds. Birds will get bath water with potassium or Ivo-Mec in the water. Ivo-Mec is used only as needed for internal parasites.

Young birds must have flying qualities, routing ability, ability to stay with team, love of the loft and handler. Any fault, such as health, body type, inconsistency the bird is eliminated regardless of ancestry or breeding potential. All birds get treated the same, regard-

less if they have a nickel band or a \$100 band. They fly young birds to the perch, and separate birds as they mature.

The quality of the loft has improved each year. With that, they include the major AOO races in America and are committed to sending only birds they will fly at home in local competition. Young birds are weaned at 25-28 days,

placed in flying loft, given open trap with training cage. The birds jump up naturally. The young fly about the loft in 1 to 2 weeks and routing. Road training starts 3 weeks before the racing season. Training starts at 10 miles 8 or 10 times, increases to 20 miles 8 to 10 times, increases to 30 miles 8 to 10 times. To obtain 8 to 10 tosses training is done 2 times a day. At the 30 mile point, training is done 30 miles in the morning and 10 miles in the evening. In 3 weeks the birds are ready for the first race.

Overtime Mulligan's loft has made mistakes like anyone would. But they try not to make them twice. They push the birds to the maximum. There has been many highlights and fun times in the short history of the loft. Winning over 75 national awards, including the Grand All American, 1990. A 500 mile winning day bird 2 weeks in a row, with the same pigeon in 1994. The love of the sport helps them to remember new up coming flyers. Always promoting the sport, that is what Mulligan's is truly made of.

Pete, Bob and Titus, May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on your loft. And the Great Spirit bless all who enter there.



Awaiting the arrival of the birds.

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The 1995 400 Mile Northeast National "Jimmy Randazzo Memorial"

6062 Birds, 5 Combines/Concourse, 42 Clubs, 493 Lofts

RACE STATION: ZANESVILLE, OHIO
LIBERATION TIME: 0715
LIBERATOR: NORTHEAST NATIONAL
DATE: 06-04-95

WEATHER - RELEASE
LT.WEST CLEAR 65

WEATHER - ARRIVAL
E.N.E.10 PCLOUDY 76
AVERAGE SPEED RACE: B
493 LOFTS

6062 BIRDS

#	CLUB	LOFT	B/E	BAND #	CLR	SEX	DISTANCE	ARRIVAL	SPEED
1	1	SKY TRACK	BCA 12 AU 94	BCA 1267	BB	H	415.255	1721:36	1204.828
2	1	MAZZARELLA	SNC 18 IF 93	ISL 2256	BBWFC		465.641	1842:05	1192.764
3	2	FRANK KLEIN MD	BCA 8 IF 94	ME 1087	DCH	C	425.803	1747:34	1184.718
4	2	GUS P.	SNC 14 IF 93	MB 0541	BB	H	440.888	1812:29	1180.202
5	1	QUEEN ANNE	ICW 20 IF 92	MSI 1446	BCH	H	402.725	1723:44	1164.379
6	3	NUGENT	SNC 12 IF 94	LIN 520	DCH	H	457.171	1852:37	1153.385
7	3	MULLIGANS PLACE	BCA22 IF 93	PAOF 2434	BBSPC		415.634	1749:32	1152.841
8	1	INDIAN WINGS	WHC 10 IF 93	WPF 355	BB	H	408.373	1738:36	1152.560
9	1	ROOFER	LIC 18 IF 92	SEF 9109	BB	H	418.423	1754:49	1150.993
10	4	MULLIGANS PLACE	BCA IF 94	FVF 2288	BCH	C	2	1756:08	1140.973

5th place overall went to the very well known loft of Mulligan's Place. This loft's performance was good enough to top the tough Brooklyn Concourse with 4 clubs, 26 lofts and 346 birds. Mulligan's Place has done very well in all 3 N.E.U. events with multiple returns.

First 100 Positions Diploma Winners
Most Birds Clocked in Top 100
Mulligans Place Loft BCA 8 Diplomas
Frank Klein BCA 4 Diplomas
Jim Tzovolos CJC 3 Diplomas
Dom Caruso SNC 3 Diplomas

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The 1996 2nd Annual 400 Mile Northeast Union Old Bird race 4,570 Pigeons from 5 Combines/Concourse, 42 Clubs, 415 Lofts.

RACE STATION: ZANESVILLE, OH
LIBERATION TIME: 0645
LIBERATOR: NORTHEAST UNION 400
DATE: 06-01-96

WEATHER - RELEASE
CALM CLEAR 60

WEATHER - ARRIVAL
VAR.S10+ CLEAR 80

4570 BIRDS

415 LOFTS

#	CLUB	LOFT	B/E	BAND #	CLR	SEX	DISTANCE	ARRIVAL	SPEED
1	1	DENISE	SI 12 IF 93	NJCA 2308	BCSPC		412.096	1542:27	1349.500
2	1	M & B FRONZUTO	WHC15 IF 94	WMR 0744	BB	C	410.469	1551:16	1322.478
3	1	AMOCO	ICW15 IF 94	JPF 3410	BC	H	409.573	1552:03	1317.701
4	1	VINNIE'S	PAT15 IF 94	BCH 0702	BCWFC		412.231	1555:58	1316.825
5	1	MULLIGAN'S PL	RCC 7 IF 95	JPF 6381	GRZ	H	415.634	1600:41	1316.426
6	1	S. SPAGNUOLO	GHC15 IF 94	LCM 0007	BCWFH		413.394	1558:30	1314.496
7	1	C.S.GRZANKOWSKI	OLC10 IF 94	BBF 1207	BB	H	400.013	1540:37	1314.416
8	1	FIGI	LIN 7 IF 94	LIN 1028	BB	C	456.663	1656:47	1313.744
9	1	ROCKY	NJC10 IF 92	MPK 2770	BB	H	414.785	1600:41	1313.737
10	1	YARD BIRD	BP 12 AU 93	BCA 431	CHOC		420.103	1608:35	1311.929