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President's Report



Well, 2013 has been a very eventful year in the life and times of the AFTU: there was the visit of Mike Beat to Sydney from New York. Mike has always been a very good friend to the AFTU over many years and it was a thrill to actually meet him in person and also give him the opportunity to meet many of our AFTU members as well as taking him around the city of Sydney loft hopping, where he had the pleasure of checking out not only some of the AFTU lofts, but also the lofts of many other Roller and Homer fanciers around the traps.

Phillip Chin, one of our members set a new AFTU record with his tipplers in Melbourne. A great effort by Philip and his birds considering the Falcon problem the boys in Melbourne are having. Great stuff Phillip. Well done, a super effort. A report on his fly and pictures are included in this issue.

There was also an unofficial friendly fly attempted by Lucky, also an AFTU member. Pictures and details are included in this issue.

The AFTU has grown stronger over the years, with growth in memberships and financially. It is the constant striving by our members to improve the union with regular participation in both Official and Honour flies, and the will to help one another with advice on training, feeding and the sharing of our birds, that has jelled the union together into one big happy family. This, in turn, has given us strength to move forward in the sport and keep the AFTU moving into the future.

Keep up the good work one and all: it is only with the joint efforts of each and every AFTU member that this union will proceed into the future and be an even more successful Tippler Union than it is currently.

Danny McCarthy
President AFTU

Secretary's Report



Hope all you guys had a good breeding season this year. If our flying season is any indication of what is to come i.e. the Falcons, we are going to need a bucket load of young ones to see us through the coming flying season. We have all been trying desperately to home and train our young ones without much luck: the falcon seems to be having a field day with our birds here in Melbourne. I have a few young ones that I am in the process of homing and a few yet to be weaned. As I paired my birds up a bit too late due to my new loft and breeding boxes not being ready in time to start my breeding programme, I was only able to breed one round from the four pairs that I paired up. However, the birds are now on their second round of young ones and hopefully, I will have a few ready to fly in the International Tippler Fly in April this year.

For those of you interested in flying the ITF Fly, it will be held on 20th & 21st April, this will also be an AFTU fly date. To register for the ITF fly, you just have to log on to the ITF website, register yourself with your email ID and password then go to ITF events and it will tell you where to click to register. I can still recall the first ITF fly on the 18th of April 2010 a few of us flew our birds on that day, the ringing around to find out what was happening with each other's fly created a real buzz. A few of our members who took part in the fly were able to clock some times with their birds, however most of us were DQ by the BOP. It was also the day that Abdul Hai created the first AFTU record with his birds. He flew 9 hours and 16 minutes. What a day to remember that was.

Last fly season Philip Ching competed in 3 AFTU Official fly's. In his first fly he clocked in at 4 hours and 30 minutes due to the fact that his kit was chased down by the falcon, so he called time. During the second AFTU fly two of his birds were chased to the point of dropping when he called time and clocked in at 6 hours and 30 minutes. On the 27th January 2013 he competed in his third AFTU Official fly. His birds flew most of the day without any

major attacks from the falcon. He clocked in at 11 hours and 30 minutes, thus creating a new AFTU record. Congratulations to Philip on his new record, his sincere efforts and time that he put into breeding and training his birds have finally paid off.

Aman Sidhu (Lucky) also an AFTU member participated in an exhibition fly on the 17th of February. He invited a few of the AFTU members over to his home to witness the fly. He flew a kit of three birds which he released at 7am: the birds flew in a nice tight kit for over 4 hours when the Falcon decided to attack and chased one of the birds down into a tree. The other 2 kept flying and 20 minutes later the 3rd one took off from the trees and joined them. At 11.55 am Lucky decided to drop them. The AFTU members present had a good time watching the kit fly, talking tipplers and digging into the good food supplied by Lucky's lovely wife, Neetu.

In January Michael Beat, the owner of the Flying Tippler Forum and the North American Tippler flying record holder visited Sydney on a holiday. It was great to know that he would be visiting Australia and that we would, at last, get to meet the man who has done so much for the sport of tipplers via the FT forum. Mike Beat has been a great friend to the AFTU over many years; thank you Mike for all your help and friendship over the years we have known you. We hope you had a real good time on your trip down to Sydney. We sure did enjoy meeting you.

Moving on to AFTU matters:

Currently we have 36 paid members and 1 life member making a total of 37 members. The club has a credit balance of \$ 2,338.00.

As you can see the AFTU is fine and well, both in membership and financially and it is all due to our loyal and hard working members. Needless to say, it is still expanding with members from nearly all of the States. Keep up the good work guys, as you are the AFTU's main asset.

List of members

Wayne Biggs	VIC	
Fred Barany	VIC	
Rupert Braganza	VIC	Secretary - Treasurer
Philip Ching	VIC	
John Cox	VIC	Ring Secretary
Shahed Hossain	VIC	
Con Leonidas	VIC	
Jim Lero	VIC	
Darryl Sinclair	VIC	
Gurpreet Singh	VIC	
Aman Sidhu	VIC	
Tarandeep Singh	VIC	
Bogdan Vasil	VIC	
Joseph Venturina	VIC	
Gary Williams	VIC	
Rakesh Trehan	VIC	
Karim Cooper	WA	Life Member
Nathan Browne	WA	
John Gasper	WA	
Danny McCarthy	WA	President /Editor
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Jeff Schofield	WA	
Brian Ashworth	WA	
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Len Dowman	WA	
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Chris Francis	NSW	Vice President
Abdul Hai	NSW	Fly Secretary/Central Timer
Micheal Hoskins	NSW	
Pece Mihailov	NSW	
Mendo Traikovski	NSW	
Stiv Kamnaroski	NSW	
Aidan Mcilhatton	QLD	
Raj Sandhar	QLD	
Luke Biggs	QLD	
Jim Craig	QLD	

On the 23rd of April our President Danny and his lovely wife Pat celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary. I wish them all the very best and may the Good Lord Bless them with 40 more and happier ones to come.

Rupert Braganza
AFTU Secretary

Mike Beat's Visit to Australia

In January 2013 Michael Beat the USA Tippler flying record holder and the founder of the Flying Tippler forum, took a trip down-under to Sydney from New York. I flew to Sydney from Perth to meet him, as did Rupert, Bonny, Ricky, Con and Shahed who also flew from Melbourne to Sydney to meet with him. I have



spoken to Mike on the phone, and by email over the many years I

have
known
him,
and it
was a
great



pleasure to actually meet him in person. Mike has been a very good friend to the AFTU and it's members for a good many years, and his visit gave us the opportunity to get to know him better. I must also make mention here that the AFTU Sydney boys put on a great show for all of us. Mick Hoskins and Abdul Hai planned, coordinated and executed things such as transportation, loft visits and all the venues where we dined. Everything ran like clockwork. Well done guys - your professional handling of the visit was fantastic.



Mike's visit was a very short one due to the fact that he had other appointments and family commitments that he had to fulfill. Nevertheless, we crammed as much as we could into the time that was available.

We visited a few AFTU lofts and some non AFTU lofts as well, which included Frank's, Peter's and Mick's, where we checked out the

birds and noted the various loft designs. We also visited a Racing Homer loft {whose name escapes me at present}, and a couple of Roller lofts as well.

There were a lot of pictures taken and I will try and make them available in this report. The lunch and dinner venues that we visited were fantastic and everyone present really enjoyed themselves - the food was great. The day ended with all of us visiting Mick Hoskins' home where Michael Beat presented the AFTU with a copy of John T. Curley's Book on "The Time Flying Tippler Pigeon Sport".



I would like to end my report on Mike's visit, by thanking each and every AFTU member who took time out of their busy lives to visit Sydney to meet Mike Beat; I am sure Mike would have truly enjoyed meeting up with each of us, and finally being able to put names to the faces of people with whom he has corresponded over the years. On behalf of the AFTU, I would like to take this opportunity to thank

Mike's lovely wife for allowing us to spend a complete day with Mike, considering the tight schedule that they both had.

Thank you Michael for the visit: it was great fun having you in Sydney with us.

Here are some more pictures of Mike's visit.



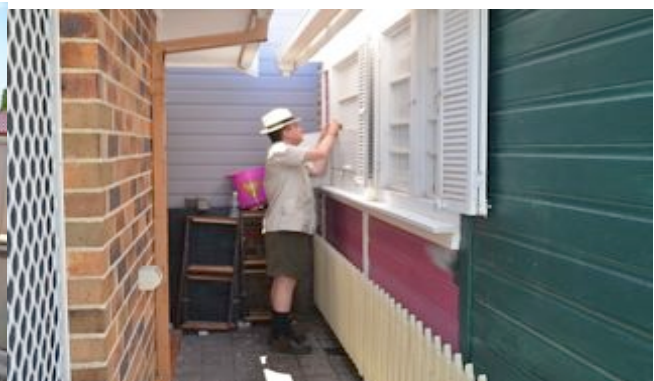
Hai in Nick's Roller loft.



Hai, Rupert, Mike Beat, Shahed and Mick In front of Mike's hotel in Sydney.



Hai, Nick, Danny and Rupert in front Of Nick's loft.



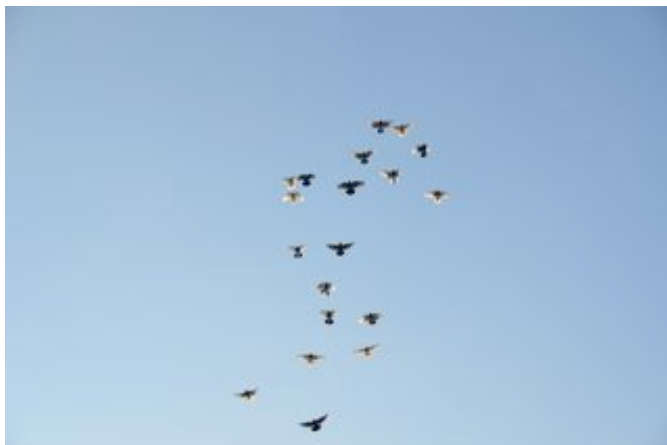
Mike Beat making notes on Mick Hoskins' loft.



The gang at lunch at the Sydney Fish Markets.



Mike Beat and the boys watching Frank's kit of three in the air.



Nick's Rollers in the air.



Frank's Kit of three blacks in the air.



A Relaxed Mike Beat at dinner.



Everyone tucking in at dinner.



Shahed, Nick, Danny, Rupert and Mick Hoskins in front of Nick's roller loft.



Con, Mike and Mick checking out John's roller loft.



Some of John's Rollers.



Shahed and Con in front of Mick Hoskins' loft.



Rupert and Shahed arriving in Sydney to meet Mike Beat.



Peter's Doneks and Tipplers in front of his loft.



Some of the AFTU boys at the Casino the evening before meeting Mike Beat.



Mike Beat and the AFTU Boys in front of Frank's loft.



Mike Beat and the boys inspecting John's roller loft.



Mike Beat and John in front of John's loft with Shahed on the side lines.

A new AFTU Tippler Flying Record!

Phillip Ching, an AFTU member living in Melbourne Australia, set a new AFTU record on 27 Jan 2013 flying his kit of three blue bars for 11 hours and 30 minutes. What a wonderful achievement that was, considering the BOP problems he has in his neck of the woods. Phillip you are an inspiration to all of us in the sport. Keep up the good work.

Rupert has covered most of Phillips fly in his report. So here are some pictures of Phillip and his record-breaking kit.



Tom, Phillip and Ricky with Phillip's kit.



Phillip's kit in the air.



Phillip with his record breaking kit.



Phillip's kit of three blue bars.

CONGRATULATIONS PHILLIP - A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT !!

A New CNTU Tippler Flying Record

Details provided by Harpreet Bal Singh from the CNTU

It is a great pleasure to announce a New North American Continent Record of 18hrs & 19mins, which was set on the weekend of June 8, 2013 by my good friend Sikandar Bal. I was there to witness and drop, along with a few other tippler friends.

Attached is picture of the kit. Below is some detail of the event. It is great achievement for the sport.

New N.A Record of 18:19!!

Kit of the three cocks (CNTU 12-2304, 12-2305 and 12-2319) was released at 4:38 am yesterday (June 8, 2013) morning. A CNTU member, Ujjal Grewal was there to release & time the kit, then Mandeep Dhaliwal at 11:00 am and then Amangeet from 12:00 noon till the end. The kit flew amazing throughout the day. Oskar came around 8 pm to see the birds flying and they were still flying strong and went into dark. They split few times, but no more than a minute or two: Harpreet, Mandeep and Rajesh Sharma had also come to witness this event. So they passed the 18 hour mark and then 18.05, I tell you those minutes were LONG. Sikandar was targeting for 18 hrs & 10 mins, but the birds were flying very strong, so we decided to go for 18:18hrs, as Sikandar was about to turn on the lights at 10:56 pm. Oskar asked him to hold off for few seconds and I turned on the lights at 10:57 pm and released the droppers. The first bird (12-2304) landed at 11.19 pm, 2nd (12-2319) at 11.32 pm and 3rd one (12-2305) at 11.38 pm. Sikandar grabbed all three birds, one by one as they landed from the loft roof and handed them to his timer to verify band numbers, last bird was handed at 11.41 pm. All rest of us could not wait to handle the kit.

Below is the picture of Sikandar's record breaking Kit



CONGRATULATIONS SIKANDAR GREAT ACHIEVEMENT !!

I must also make mention here that Sikandar had previously also flown the same kit of birds on May 11th and set a new Canadian Record of 16:40. He then flew the same three birds again on the 25th of May 2013 and set another new record of 17:42. No mean feat by any standards. What a great achievement this is by this fine young man, every one in the Sport of Tipplers must be so proud of this achievement. Not satisfied with his previous achievements he then went on to create a new North American Tippler flying Record on the 8th of June 2013, flying his kit of three birds for 18 hours and 19 minutes - beating Mike Beat's record of 18 hours and 5 minutes.

AN EXHIBITION FLY BY AMAN SIDHU IN MELBOURNE

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Lucky's Kit of three in the air.



The AFTU boys at Lucky's home to witness the fly.



AFTU boys at Lucky's home on fly day.



Lucky's birds landing.



Lucky's birds just about to land.

Well done Lucky, nice to see you guys having fun and enjoying yourselves.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

An application of a person for membership must be lodged with the Secretary in writing on the approved application form.

As soon as possible after the receipt of an application the Secretary must refer the application to the committee.

The committee will determine whether to approve or reject the application.

The committee reserves the right to reject an application without giving a reason

If the committee rejects the application, the Secretary will advise the applicant in writing as soon as possible.

If the committee has approved the application, the Secretary will as soon as possible request payment of the \$35 annual subscription.

- a) Payment can be made at any Commonwealth Bank
Australian Flying Tippler Union Inc BSB: 062519 Acc: 10121297
Please attach your Postcode as an Agent Nr when making a direct deposit
- b) Cheques to be made payable to;- The Australian Flying Tippler Union Inc

Send application form to;- A.F.T.U. Secretary/Treasurer:
Rupert Braganza, 181 Elder Street South Clarinda Victoria 3169
E-mail: rupertoos@yahoo.com

APPLICANT'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

STRAINS OF PIGEONS KEPT:

**ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY OTHER
PIGEON CLUB?**

If Yes please list which club/s

Yes ☐ No ☐

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

**PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
(if applicant is under 18yrs)**

NOMINATED BY:

AFTU Secretary - Rupert Braganza



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