

2011 ROOKIE of the YEAR Stan & Jeff Kurpaska

SKYTALK 2012



By: Rich Underwood
Secretary SOJ/GWC



LUCK !! NO WAY. Members of the South Jersey Pigeon club have had many, many new flyers come on the scene over the years. But what a new flyer we got this year.

Stan and his son, Jeff Kurpaska, joined our club in August. They had never flown on the Club level before. They built a modest coop at their home in Deptford, New Jersey. They trained the bird very hard by themselves. They asked questions and listened to answers from many local flyers. Boy did they ever get it right.

South Jersey club flies with the Greater Western Combine, 8 races over the west course for young birds. This course has mountain ridges all along the course.

Enough about all the set up, here it is. After a visit from Hurricane Irene and a rare East coast earthquake. We started the first week of September with 2 100 miles races.

Stan and Jeff were:

100a	4th and 7th club	11th combine
100b	2nd and 3rd club	9th combine
150	1st and 2nd club	8th and 9th combine
200	1st and 2nd club	3rd and 4th combine
150	1st and 2nd club	6th and 7th combine
150	2nd and 6th club	6th combine (200 brought back)
150	1st and 2nd club	1st and 2nd combine
300	4th and 6th club	19th combine

Year end honors go like this:

- 1st club average speed won by 1 hour and 32 minutes
The club average 7 flyers and 75 birds
- 1st combine average speed by 22 minutes
The combine averaged 55 lofts and 900 birds

Now people, that was a year to begin with. Stan and Jeff woke up a lot of people with their racing this year and put in a lot of excitement. Guys, keep up the great work.

In the photo's are Stan and Jeff, along with Stan's cousin Adam Kurpaska of Pennsylvania and as many of you may have guessed, Sam (this is my last year) Pirrone of Philadelphia, PA. Both were invaluable sources of advice. •

