



2008 ROOKIE of the Year

Al Kasharian



Hello, my name is Al Kasharian and I am the proud owner of the Whitehall Loft. This is my rookie season.

I grew up on our family farm with my father (Kash's Farm Loft) having homing pigeons since 1969 and I was three years old at the time. I actually became more interested in the birds in 1981 and often went to the club and clocked birds for my father while he was at work.

In 1992 I met my lovely future wife, Alesandra. As time passed, my dad was getting older and not doing well in the race results department.

So my brother, Tim and I went to the Alves/Ganus auction and bought five good breeders (all cocks). I went to more auctions; 3-D Loft's and bought four more great ones. Then to the Chris Peeman/Oak Haven Farms Memorial Auction, bought one bird – my foundation cock- 07-OHF6691BB a grandson of American Dream. I bought my foundation hen –AU 07 Fast Lane 55 BB a daughter of “Peemans Dream” and “Miss Dream” from my now great friend, Steve King. These two produced unbelievable birds including IF 08 NWJ 2 who was 7X's in the top 100 birds in CJC Races that helped me win this Rookie of the Year 2008.

I got the itch to start flying pigeons in January/ February of 2008 and on March 21, 2008 my dream was realized to fulfill the itch. Thus, my little 8x12 shed became a homing pigeon loft. I worked very hard and my results pleased my dad the most as I was definitely following in his foot steps.

To sum this story up, I helped my Dad sixteen years ago, but this is the first time I have flown on my own. I love this sport! I would like to thank many people for helping me most all my wife and son, Kyle. Even my lil girl Jackie who woke me every morning at 4:30 AM. After I walked her and her brother, Daxter and

they did their business. I got myself a huge glass of ice water crated my birds and then scraped the loft. I did the obvious after that. After their evening meal I'd scrape that loft again. I scraped that loft so many times – I had to laugh when that mid November morning came and everything was frozen. Finally over a month after the season had ended I took a break.

I am applying for Champion Loft and have more than a few Hall of Fame bird candidates.

Thank you,
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P.S. Some of my accomplishments:

1st Place Overall Avg. Speed of the CJC
1st, 6th, 17th, 43rd, 50th, 54th, 89th and 95th
Champion Birds of the CJC
1st Champion Loft North Section of the CJC - and
2ndOverall
1st and 2nd in 200 mile CJC race vs. 3,449 birds 229
Lofts on 9/21/08
1st and 6th in the North Penn Memorial Auction Race
1st Place I.F. Rookie of the year 2008

Thank You all at the IF I am proud to accept this honor.

Sincerely,
AL Kasharian

P.S.S. Whitehall is one word it is the area of the town I live in and the road I live on. It is also the name of the town right near my favorite training spot. •