

Motivation for the “Hall of Fame” Award: Chris de Bruin

Criteria	Motivation	Points Allocation
<p>Section 1 (15 points) The applicant, or each applicant of a partnership, must be a member(s) of good standing with a clean record in the National body, at region level and at specialist club level.</p> <p>Any member or any member of a partnership who, during their years as member(s) was found guilty of any misdemeanors, including expulsions, within the SAFPA framework, irrespective of the magnitude, shall not be considered in any way to achieve the allocated points and shall also immediately be disqualified from this award program.</p>	<p>Chris is a second-generation fancier who grew up with pigeons and joined the South African Fancy Pigeon Association (SAFPA) in 1994. He has a clean record in SAFPA. Currently he is serving the hobby on National, Regional and Specialist Club level, in various positions. During 2001 he was elected National Treasurer and during 2016 he was elected as National President of the South African Fancy Pigeon Association (SAFPA).</p> <p>Although he joined SAFPA during 1994, he enrolled as a life time member during 2003.</p> <p>During 2007 Chris imported Cauchois, American Giant Runts, Old German Owls, Dutch High Flyers and saddle Chinese Owls to try and better the standard of our local pigeons, especially the American Giant Runts and Dutch High Flyers.</p> <p>His main breeds are utility breeds, namely Cauchois, Strassers, American Giant Runts and Kings. He also keeps Modenas, Old German Owls, Dutch Highfliers, Italian Owls and Portuguese Tumblers.</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>Section 2 (25 points) The member must have served at least 10 (ten) years on the Executive Committee and/or 15 (fifteen) years at regional level, concurrently or separately. This makes up a total of a 25 (twenty-five) year term. Every year longer than 10 (ten) years at the Executive level will be accredited as 2 (two) years at the regional level. In the case of a partnership, the total years served by all the members within the partnership should be at least 1½ times that of the above.</p> <p>Calculation of Points Regional representatives</p>	<p>Chris is serving on the National Executive Committee of SAFPA from 2000, first only as Regional Representative and President of Northern Transvaal (North of the Vaal from 17 November 2012) Region. From 2001 he was elected as National Treasurer and in 2016 as National President of SAFPA. Currently he is still the National President of SAFPA. He is a member of the National Executive Committee for an uninterrupted period of 23 years up to date.</p> <p>On the 30th Augustus 1995 Chris was elected as Show Secretary of Northern Transvaal Region. He is on the Regional Committee of North of the Vaal Region (previously known as Northern Transvaal) uninterrupted for a period of 28 years from 1995 to date, in the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Show Secretary 1995 to 1999 ✓ President 2000 to 2006 ✓ Regional Representative 2000 to 2001 ✓ Additional Member 2007 to 2008 	<p>25</p>

<p>serving on the Executive will receive the same credits as a National Executive member. Regional representative posts which qualify, are the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Judges Official, Show Manager or Show Secretary and Regional Representative</p> <p>Allocation of points will occur under the following sections:</p> <p>1. National Executive Committee posts: 1 (one) point for each year served - maximum 10 points.</p> <p>2. Regional Committee posts: 1/2 (half) a point for each year served - maximum 15 points.</p> <p>3. Bonus points can only be allocated on the National Executive level, where 1 (one) year served on the National Executive is equivalent to 2 (two) years served at Regional level, for each year longer than 10 (ten) years at National Executive level. 2 bonus points earned x number of years ____ = _____</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ President 2009 to 2015 ✓ Regional Representative 2011 to 2015 ✓ Youth Representative 2015 to date ✓ Judges Officer 2016 to 2022 ✓ Vice-President 2023 to date 	
<p>Section 3 (50 points) Adequate proof of events and motivation must be supplied in the following fields where achievements have occurred:</p> <p>1. Administration - this pertains to a person's dedication and willingness to help within their specialist club, region or the executive; this applies also to each individual member of a partnership. This point refers to, but is not limited to the following in the pigeon hobby: organizing shows, pigeon days,</p>	<p>1. Administration Chris is serving on the National Executive Committee of SAFPA from 2000, first only as Regional Representative and President of Northern Transvaal Region. From 2001 he was elected as National Treasurer and in 2016 as National President of SAFPA. He is a member of the National Executive Committee for an uninterrupted period of 23 years up to date.</p> <p>On the 30th August 1995 Chris was elected as Show Secretary of Northern Transvaal Region.</p>	<p>10</p>

<p>serving on committees, etc. In case of a partnership at least one member should excel under this criteria - 11 points</p>	<p>He is on the Regional Committee of North of the Vaal Region (previously known as Northern-Transvaal) uninterrupted from 1995 to date and served in the positions of Show Secretary, President, Regional Representative, Judges Officer, Youth Representative and Vice-President, for a period of 28 years up to date.</p> <p>Chris is also involved in several specialist breed clubs, e.g. Member of the former SA Botternek Club and Tumbler Club. Currently he is involved in the Rear Breeds Club, Heavy Breeds Club, Strasser Club, Old German Owl Club and Owl & Frill Club. He served in the below mentioned positions in the respective specialist breed clubs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Secretary of the former SA Botternek Club. ✓ Treasurer and President of the Rear Breeds Club. ✓ President and Secretary & Treasurer, as well as a founding member of the Strasser Club. ✓ President of the Old German Owl Club. ✓ Secretary & Treasurer of the Heavy Breeds Club. ✓ Vice-President of the Owl & Frill Club. <p>He was part of the team (President of Northern Transvaal) that negotiated and implemented the amalgamation of Gauteng Region and Northern Transvaal Region during 2012. On the 17th November 2012 the founding meeting of the new Region, North of the Vaal took place and Chris was elected as the first President of the new Region.</p> <p>During Chris term as, National Treasurer of SAFPA he registered the Organization for the exemption of tax, as a Non-Profit Organization and as an Importer, in order to import rings from Germany.</p> <p>He also assisted with updating and comparison of the SAFPA Constitution, Bay Laws and Judges Officers Manual. During 2013 and 2014 he assisted Kobus Snyman with compiling of the new Book of Fancy Pigeon Standards.</p> <p>On two occasions Chris was appointed to address problems in other Regions. During 2010 he was the Chairperson in a disciplinary hearing of four members in the Western Cape and also Chair their Special Annual General Meeting. During 2015 he assists with an Special Annual General Meeting in the Free State Region to</p>	
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<p>2. Judging on shows in a variety of breeds, and managing pigeon standards, i.e., writing, reviewing and translating. In the case of a partnership, at least one member of the partnership should excel under this criteria - 7 points</p>	<p>elect a new Committee for the Region, after the previous committee resigned.</p> <p>2. Judging From the beginning of his membership of SAFPA Chris assisted with stewarding during judging at shows and during 2000 he was awarded with the Steward of the Year award.</p> <p>He qualified as a judge in 1998, with his first two breed tickets for Cauchois and Old Dutch Capuchines.</p> <p>He is judging annually on several Regional Shows, Young Bird Shows, National Championship Shows and Specially Breed Shows, as well Pigeon Days, in the following Regions, Northern Transvaal (North of the Vaal), Eastern Transvaal (Eastern Region), North Free State, KwaZulu Natal, Western Transvaal, Eastern Cape, Northern Cape, South Western Districts, Western Cape and the previous Eastern Free State and Gauteng.</p> <p>He judged on all the National Championship Shows from 2001 to 2022, a number of nineteen (19) Championship Shows up to date. The National Championship Shows for 2017, 2020 and 2021 was cancelled due to Bird Flu and Covid-19.</p> <p>During 2010 Chris was appointed as a Senior Judge.</p> <p>During the National Championship Show of 2016 in Upington, Chris was the Senior Judge.</p> <p>He also judged twice on the Namibian National Championship Show during 25 to 28 April 2012 and 16 to 18 June 2016, as breed Judge as well as Senior Judge.</p> <p>He is also judging regularly on several Agriculture Shows, Pigeon Exhibitions, Pigeon Days and Regional and National Youth Shows.</p> <p>During 2013 and 2014 Chris was part of the team that worked on and published the new Book of Standards under the leadership of the late Kobus Snyman.</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>3. Attendance of a broad spectrum of specialist, region & national shows,</p>	<p>3. Attendance Chris is attending five to six Regional Shows and Young Bird Shows per year and he is</p>	<p>6</p>

<p>and not just local regional shows. In the case of a partnership, each member will be judged on attendance in the above criteria. - 6 points</p> <p>4. Achievements on shows as a breeder and exhibitor, be it on individual basis or in a partnership. (These must be specified). This also refers to names and examples of assistance given to other breeders (be it by way of quality birds provided to the breeder), educational articles in the national pigeon magazine or any other outside magazine or a specialist club magazine, etc. Further points of consideration are providing help to other fanciers by classing their pigeons for show or breeding purposes for the betterment of various breeds. - 10 points</p>	<p>judging on all of this shows. He attended his first National Championship Show during 1996 and have attended all the National Championship Shows up to 2022.</p> <p>He has also attended several Specialty Breed Shows and Pigeon Days, e.g. the Fantail, Wattle Breeds and Modena Prestige Shows, Rear Breed, Strasser and Old Dutch Capuchine Days/Shows. He also arranged and/or attending several pigeon exhibitions e.g. Hobby Exhibition at John Vorster High School, Regional and National Youth Shows and a Northern Transvaal Pigeon Exhibition at Old Mutual Square in the West Rand.</p> <p>Also see the motivation under Judging for proof of attendance of Regional and National Shows.</p> <p>4. Achievements</p> <p>During the 2004 National Championship Show Chris exhibited the Champion Bird, as well as the Champion Young Bird on Show with a Cauchois. During the 2010 National Championship Show he again had the privilege to exhibit the fourth Reserve Champion Bird on Show, again with a Cauchois.</p> <p>During 2005 Chris received full National Colours in the categories for Breeding, Judging and Administration.</p> <p>During 2007 Chris imported some Cauchois, American Giant Runts, saddle Chinese Owls, Old German Owls and Dutch Highfliers from America. These birds all had an immense influence in improving the quality of the local birds, especially the American Giant Runts and Dutch Highfliers.</p> <p>In 2010 he was appointed as a Senior Judge.</p> <p>During 2019 Chris received Gold National Colours in the categories for Judging and Administration.</p> <p>A trophy for “Member of the Year Award” was donated by Chris to be awarded to members who performed unselfish service/duties for and to the North of the Vaal Region. He himself also won the trophy on several occasions, e.g. 1999, 2010 and 2011.</p> <p>North of the Vaal Region also have a trophy for</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>
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<p>5. Marketing - the extent to which the individual member or each member of a partnership advertised the Fancy Pigeon hobby by way of marketing and gaining new members - 6 points</p>	<p>“Exhibitor of the Year, to acknowledge members who promoted the hobby to the public and for their performance on shows during the year. Chris won the trophy on several occasions, e.g. 2000, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.</p> <p>5. Marketing Chris and the other winners of the 2004 Championship Show in Port Elizabeth sponsored the first colour cover page, (July to September 2004 Show Edition) of the Fancy Pigeon Magazine.</p> <p>The year 2002 was a good year for SAFPA and Northern Transvaal in particular. Just before the show season was about to start Northern Transvaal received an invitation from the Model Train Association to participate in a hobby show. The show was held at the John Vorster High School from the Friday afternoon until the Sunday afternoon. The pigeons were not judged but only displayed for advertisement and introduction of our hobby to the public. All arrangements were done by Willie van Zyl and Chris and they worked at the exhibition for the whole period.</p> <p>On the 24th of August 2002 a TV program was made of the pigeon exhibition at the Pretoria Agricultural Show that was broadcasted on the 22nd of September 2002 on Kyknet’s “Wenakker”. In the March & April 2003 issue of the Fancy Pigeon an article appears with the heading, “Fancy Pigeons parade on KykNet”. Chris was also interviewed for the program.</p> <p>During 2004 Chris helped “Bart” and the film crew of 7de Laan on SABC2 with the do and don’ts of the breeding and showing of pigeons. Two Polish Lynx, namely Breëbors and Bekkie, appeared on the set of 7de Laan, for several months. Articles about the two pigeons appeared in the July to September 2004 edition of the Fancy Pigeon as well as in the Rapport newspaper of 12 September 2004 with the heading, “Bart and his Deli receive wings”. An article about this achievement also appeared in the summer 2005 edition of The Australasian Pigeon Fanciers Gazette.</p> <p>During 2003 and 2004 Chris arranged for several articles about fancy pigeons that appeared in the Wing Nut Magazine. All the photos were taken at the lofts of Northern</p>	<p>6</p>
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<p>6. General leadership and organization in the hobby - this includes organization of shows, pigeon days be it within the region, specialist club or on national level within the framework of SAFPA. Specifics in this area for each member in question are creativity, leadership skills and the ability to pull fellow members together as a unit which SAFPA can be proud of - 10 points</p>	<p>Transvaal members and they also supplied the information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2003: Mookees by Ruben Kitching • April 2003: SA Botternek Tumblers by Willie van Zyl • August 2003: Cauchois by Chris de Bruin • October 2003: Carneaux by Chris de Bruin • January 2004: Polish Lynx by Chris de Bruin • February 2004: SA Toys by Freddie Theron <p>The Modena Club brought Jim Vines in, from America, to judge the Modenas during the Northern Transvaal Regional Show of 15 May 2004, (as well as the Western Province Regional Show earlier the year). An article about the Regional Show was written by Chris and appeared in the Wing Nut Magazine of July 2004.</p> <p>On the 24th July 2010, Willie van Zyl and Chris held a pigeon exhibition of fancy pigeons at Generaal Hendrik Schoeman High School in Hartbeespoort.</p> <p>On Wednesday 14 August 2013 the film crew from KYKNET made a short film on the keeping of fancy pigeons and had an interview with Chris at his home that was broadcasted on 30 October 2013 in "Woef & Kie" on Kyknet.</p> <p>6. General leadership and organization in the hobby</p> <p>Under the leadership of Chris, the following honorary awards was implemented in the North of the Vaal (Northern Transvaal) Region to give members acknowledgement for what they have done for the region over the years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honorary Vice-Presidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wolfgang Dombrowsky (Was a founding member of the Northern Transvaal Region), ✓ Jan van Der Walt (Postuum), ✓ David Sadie and ✓ Flip de Bruin (Was a founding member of the Pretoria Show Committee, Pretoria Show Pigeon Club as well as the Northern Transvaal Region). • Member of the Year Award <p>The trophy was donated by Chris for unselfish duties performed for and to the Region and is awarded annually during the Region's Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p>
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• **Exhibitor of the Year Award**

The trophy was donated by Jan Hepburn, to acknowledge members who promoted the hobby to the public and for their performance on shows during the year.

On the 3rd of October 2005 it was the 35th anniversary of the Northern Transvaal Region and it was celebrated by hosting the 59th South African Championship Show from the 6th to 10th of July 2005 in Pretoria, at the Pretoria Show Grounds in Hall C. This was the first South African Championship Show where all the pens were arranged in single layers and Pierre le Roux, the National President of the time, words were, "this is how a Championship Show is supposed to look like". A CD was made of the Championship Show and includes photos of all the winning pigeons. The certificates that were issued were unique in the sense that photos of the winning pigeons were printed on each certificate. This Championship Show took place with Chris as President of the Region.

Chris researched the history of South African Breeds and wrote articles about them. Some of the articles were also submitted to Kobus Snyman to be placed on the SAFPA Web Page.

- ✓ The first part on the SA Botternek Tumbler was published in the May & June 2008 Fancy Pigeon Magazine.
- ✓ The second part on the Magnum was published in the September & October 2009 Fancy Pigeon Magazine.
- ✓ The SA Distance Roller, SA Show Racer and Sans Souci was also researched but not published.

During 2003 a ring competition was introduced during Northern Transvaal Regional Shows and it was so popular that it was also introduced at the South African Championship Show during 2006.

Chris was also part of the Regional Committee that hosted the 2011 and 2019 Championship Shows in Pretoria.

He also compiled a Constitution and By Laws for Northern Transvaal Region.

From 1996 Chris was responsible for the layout and printing of the certificates and pen cards for the Northern Transvaal and North of the Vaal

	<p>Regional Shows.</p> <p>Chris researched the history of Northern Transvaal Region (North of the Vaal) from 1970 and during 2009 it was published on the SAFPA Webpage. It was also published as separate articles in the Fancy Pigeon Magazine. He is further responsible to keep the history up to date.</p> <p>Under the leadership of Chris, North of the Vaal (Northern Transvaal) Region has won the following national floating trophies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Willie de Bruyn floating trophy: 2001, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2019. ✓ BANKOV'S floating trophy: 2005, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 ✓ Manie Fourie floating trophy: 2008 ✓ Warren Klopper Memorial floating trophy: 2014 and 2015. <p>On the 21st Mei 2011 the Region under the leadership of Chris assisted Gauteng Region to host their Regional Show at the Pretoria Show Grounds.</p> <p>On the 21st March 2013 Chris was part of the Committee that founded the Strasser Specialty Club and he was elected the first President of the Club.</p>	
<p>Section 4 (10 points) Obtaining national colours are important. An individual member, or two members of a partnership, should at least have 1 (one) scroll in national colours in either Administration, Breeding or Judging before any application can be considered for the Hall of Fame Award. NOTE – The following allocation must be followed under this criteria: 10 points All three colours for the individual member or at least 5 colours for the partnership as a group. 6 points Two colours for</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ During 2005 Chris received full National Colours in the categories for Breeding, Judging and Administration. ✓ In 2010 he was appointed as a Senior Judge. ✓ During 2019 he received Gold National Colours in the categories for Judging and Administration. 	<p>10</p>

<p>2 points</p> <p>0 points</p>	<p>the individual member or at least 4 colours for the partnership as a group.</p> <p>One colour for the individual member or at least 2 colours for the partnership as a group.</p> <p>Zero national colours for the individual or zero colours for the partnership as a group.</p>		
<p>GRAND TOTAL - 100 points. Qualification total - 80%, i.e. 80 points</p>			<p>97</p>

Recommended and accepted on the Annual General Meeting of North of the Vaal Region held on 5 November 2022 at Northvilla Benoni.

President
Shaun Smeda

Secretary
Nollie Oosthuizen