

# SMALL CLUBS ACCOMPLISHING GREAT THINGS

Greetings fellow fanciers,

I often refer to a quote from a famous pigeon fancier named Joe Rotondo, for inspiration. I get inspired because it reminds me of why pigeon fanciers are a dedicated breed and master many things to advance the art of pigeon breeding and racing. If you are like me, you will be inspired when you read and comprehend Mr. Rotondo's powerful and truthful words.

*“In all the world, there is no hobby that will change one's life like that of breeding, racing and developing superior pigeons. No other hobby or sport will develop skills and demand efforts in so many different fields.*

*A race horse owner has a trainer, an exercise boy, a stable hand, a groom and usually someone else to breed his horses. In our hobby, we do all this ourselves, plus more.”*  
(Limited Edition of Joe Rontondo on Racing Pigeons, Chapter 2, page 11)

Joe Rotondo's words help to keep me going. It lets me know that we are unique for being competent in so many different fields. *It makes me want to read more, learn more and do more.* When hard work and effort pay off and your birds do well during races and possibly win a combine or futurity race, you feel a strong sense of accomplishment. During the full 2019 racing seasons, two small clubs accomplished great accolades within the largest combine in the USA, the Central Jersey Combine (CJC). A combine wherein a giving race, you are competing against hundreds of lofts and thousands of birds.

The **Atlantic City Seashore Racing Pigeon Club** and its brother club, **South Jersey Invitational Club**, are 2 small clubs who accomplished great things in the 2019 racing season. I reviewed the CJC's MyPigeon database, which is a database of all 2019 Old and Young Bird season races, and took notes on both seasons. These 2 small clubs had impressive performances over both seasons.

For example, between the **Atlantic City Seashore Club** and the **South Jersey Invitational Club** in young birds, they achieved 6 first place combine wins out of 10 races. This is an impressive achievement: [SMALL CLUBS ACCOMPLISHING GREAT THINGS](#).

**Additionally, of the 28 POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE 2019 CENTRAL JERSEY COMBINE SOUTH, SECTION CHAMPION YOUNG BIRD AWARDS, ACSC & SJI MEMBERS RECEIVED 21.**

## 2019 CENTRAL JERSEY COMBINE [OLD BIRD](#) ACHIEVEMENTS

- # of times birds placed in Top 10 Positions = 8
- # of times birds placed in Top 50 Positions = 16

## 2019 CENTRAL JERSEY COMBINE [YOUNG BIRD](#) ACHIEVEMENTS

- # of 1st place positions = 6 out of 10 races**
- # of birds that placed in Top 10 Positions = 30**
- # of birds that placed in Top 50 Positions = 98**

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Never forget that *“in all the world, there is no hobby that will change one’s life like that of breeding, racing and developing superior pigeons. No other hobby or sport will develop skills and demand efforts in so many different fields.”* With some good stock, build a breeding program around them and have a sound loft management system and you will be on solid footing to make others in your club and combine start to take notice of you and your birds.

Having a stock of quality birds is a major requirement, but equally important is having a solid loft management program. Fanciers who do well invest time in their hobby and make more good decisions than bad ones. Simple things like cleaning your water containers regularly, having a sound feeding and training program all play a role in mastering different aspects of the hobby. Decide to improve on what you may already know is wrong with how you manage things. Develop a plan and then execute it.

Congratulation to members of both clubs and stay tuned for information about upcoming auctions ([www.acspigeons.com](http://www.acspigeons.com)). Club members will offer up birds that will help make a difference in your performance to raise money for our small club that is accomplishing noteworthy things.

Thanks for your time and if you belong to a small club, continue to master your hobby and collectively, your club can also achieve similar accolades.

Regards,

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