

Pigeons Progeny V4

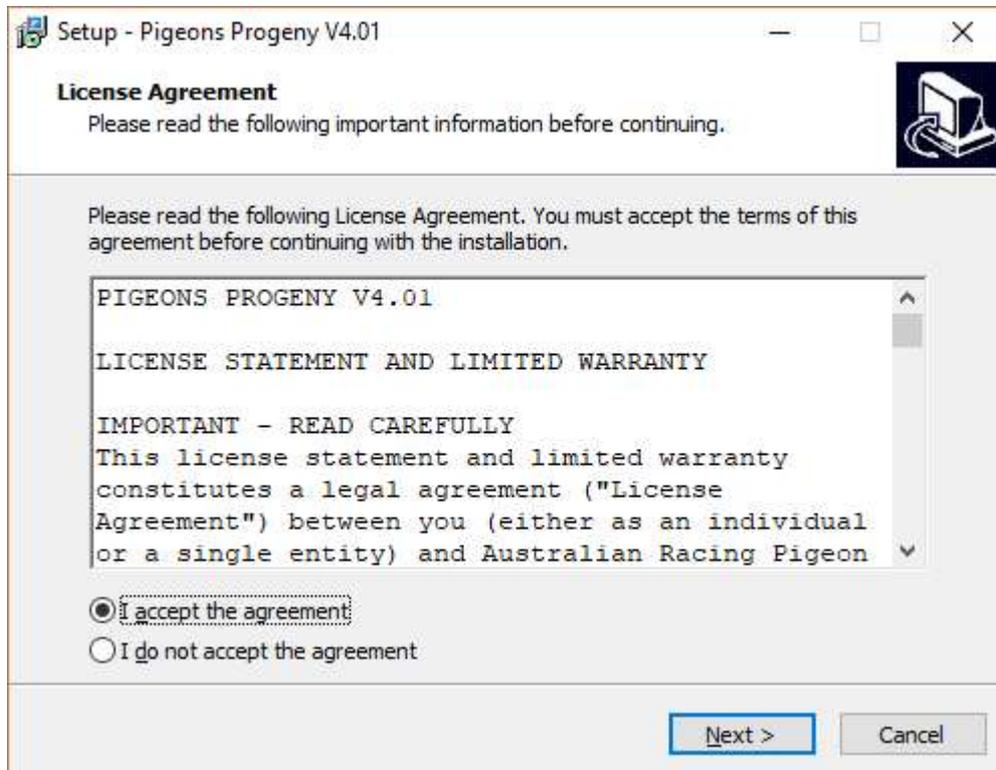
Users Guide

Pigeons Progeny V4 Installation Instructions

Step 1 – Turn on your computer

Step 2 - Insert the CD in to your computer. At this point the installation should start automatically. If it does not start automatically go into “My Computer” or “File Explorer”, click on the CD Drive and then click on Progeny4.exe

Step 3 – When the installation starts, the screen below will be shown.



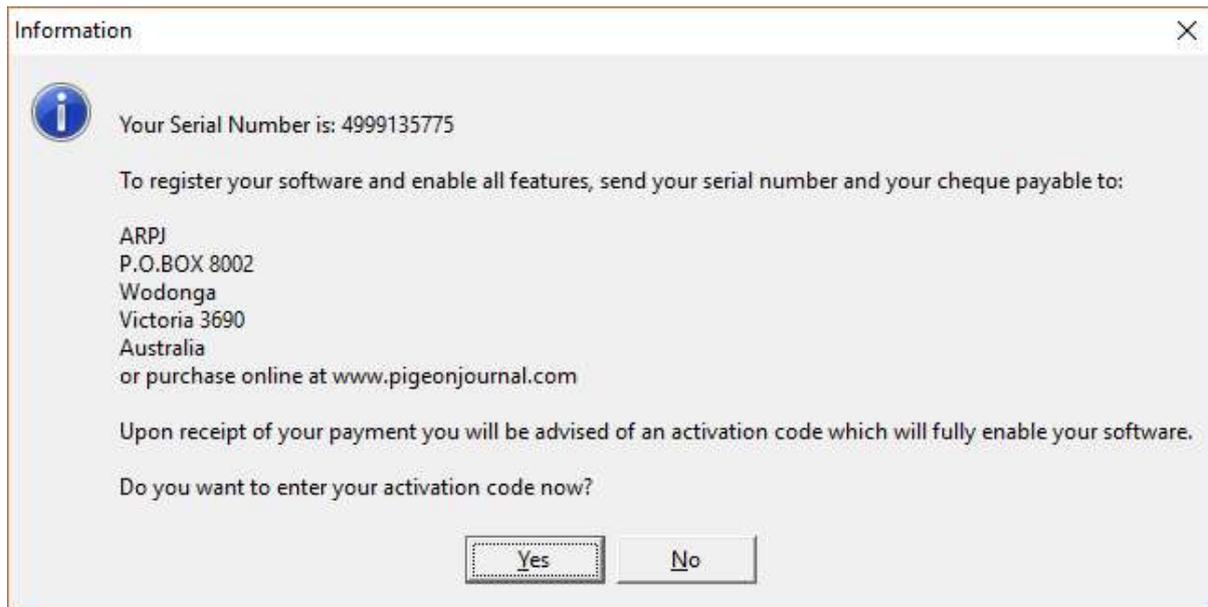
Click “I accept the agreement” and then click on the “Next button to continue.

Follow the simple on screen prompts to complete the installation.

Step 4 - Once installed you can run the software by clicking on the Pigeons Progeny icon on your desktop.

Step 5 – When the software starts it will display a serial number and

prompt you for an activation code.



You need to contact me with your serial number either by phone (0403-369-823) or by email (editor@pigeonjournal.com) to obtain your activation code.

Step 6 – Once you have obtained your activation code click on “Yes” to enter your code.

Step 7 – If you have entered your code correctly the software will display the message “Your software has been successfully activated”. Your software is now ready to use.

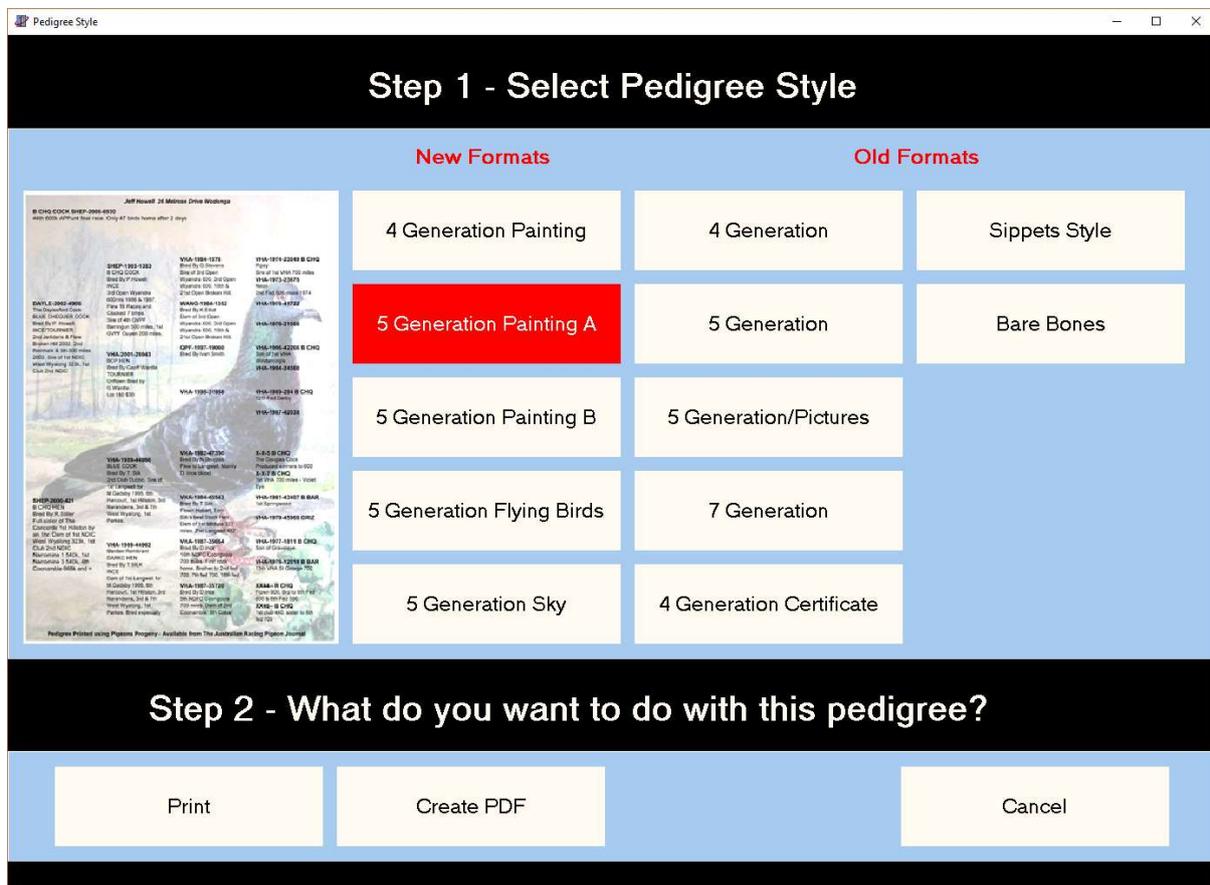
Major Changes from Version 3 to Version 4

Moving Between Fields

On previous versions the TAB key was used to move between fields. Version 4 allows the use of either the TAB key or the ENTER key to move between fields.

Printing of Pedigrees

When you click on print to print a pedigree, it will display the screen below.



Step 1 - Click on the buttons on the top half of the screen to select the pedigree style you would like to use. As you click on each button an example of that pedigree type will be displayed at the left of screen.

Step2 – Once you have decided on the style of pedigree you want to use you have 3 options which are shown on the bottom half of the screen.

“Print” – This will send the pedigree to your printer.

“Create PDF” – This will create a PDF file. When you select this option you will be prompted to give a filename for the file you are creating and you may at this point change the location the file will be in.

The default location is C:\Panache\Pprogeny\ and the default filename is the birds ring number however you may select any filename or location to save the file in that you like. If you do change the filename do not use “ / ” or any other special type characters in the filename. If you do you will likely receive an error message.

Once the PDF file has been created it should open automatically, you can then do what you like with the file.

“Cancel” – This will close this screen and return you to the pedigree screen without printing.

Feed Calculator

The feed calculator allows you to calculate the proportion of Protein, Carbohydrate, and Fat in your feed mixture. This calculator is located in the Utilities section of the program.

	Protein %	Carb %	Fat %	Parts
Yellow Maize	8.9	69.8	4.0	4
Popcorn Maize	9.9	68.4	4.4	0
Wheat	11.4	68.8	1.8	1
Barley	10.3	66.5	1.9	0
Milo	9.5	69.6	3.2	.2
Safflower	14.3	17.5	27.8	1
Sunflower	14.9	17.5	29.8	.2
Linseed	21.5	22.3	34.2	.2
Canola	20	17.8	42.6	.2
Millet	11.1	59.8	3.7	.2
Canary Seed	15.1	56	6.0	.2
Tares	25.9	66.5	1.8	0
Peas	23.5	52.2	1.8	2
Other	0	23.5	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Total %	13.77	56.36	7.95	

Number of Birds to Feed: 75

Amount per Bird: 1.25

Total: 93.75

In the green column, enter the number of parts/tins/grams of each grain in your mixture. For example, if your mix is 3 tins of peas, 2 of wheat and $\frac{1}{2}$ a tin of maize, then you would enter 3 in the parts column for peas, a 2 for wheat and .5 for maize. Then click on the calculate button at the top left of the screen. At the bottom of the screen it will display the total percentage of protein, carbohydrate, and fat contained in your mixture.

On the right of screen you also have the option to enter the number of birds you are feeding, and the amount you want each bird to have (grams or ounces). When you click on calculate it will give you the total amount (in grams or ounces) that you need for that number of birds.

Other Minor Changes

I have made many other minor changes to the software, many of which you probably won't notice. Most of these are to improve the ease of use of the software. As has always been the case, if anyone has any suggestions for improving the software, feel free to send me an email.

Need Help

If you need any help with installing or using this upgrade please let me know. If you phone please bear in mind I have 2 small children and so I am not always able to answer. If I am not able to answer your call please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as is practical. Or alternatively send me an email. Please note the email address to use is editor@pigeonjournal.com. The old panachesolutions.com email addresses are no longer in use.

Adding a pigeon

From the main screen click on the "Birds" button circled in red in Figure 2. The "Bird Details" screen (Figure 2.1) will be displayed.



Figure 2

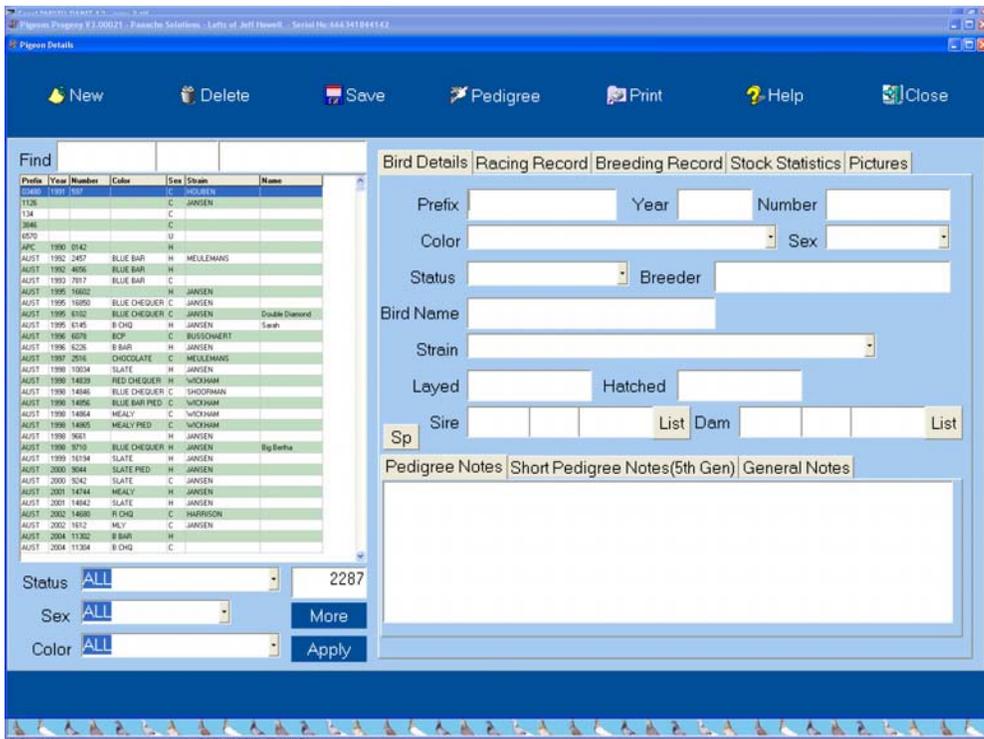


Figure 2.1

The left side of Figure 2.1 shows a list of all birds currently contained in your system. To add a new pigeon fill in the birds details on the right hand half of the screen. The year in the ring number may be either 4 digits or 2, the only difference will be the order they are sorted on the list to the left of screen. The status field can have various settings depending on the pigeon, it can be Lost, Racing, Stock, Sold, N/A etc, you must select one of these for each pigeon you add. The Sire and Dam fields are the pigeons parents. A ring number may only have 3 parts to it hence a foreign ring would be entered as GB in the first box, 2004 in the second box and F1234 in the third box.

You may use the Notes section to record any other details which are relevant to the pigeon, i.e. any notable performances or progeny. Anything entered in the "Pedigree Notes" section will also be included on the birds pedigree should you print it, anything entered in the "General Notes" section will not be included on any pedigree. The 5th Generation Pedigree notes allows for a brief piece of information which will only be shown if the bird appears in the fifth generation of a pedigree. Once you have entered these details you must click on the save button which is circled in red on Figure 2.2. Once a pigeon has been entered you may modify it at any time by clicking on that bird on the list on the left of screen and then click on save once the modifications have been made.

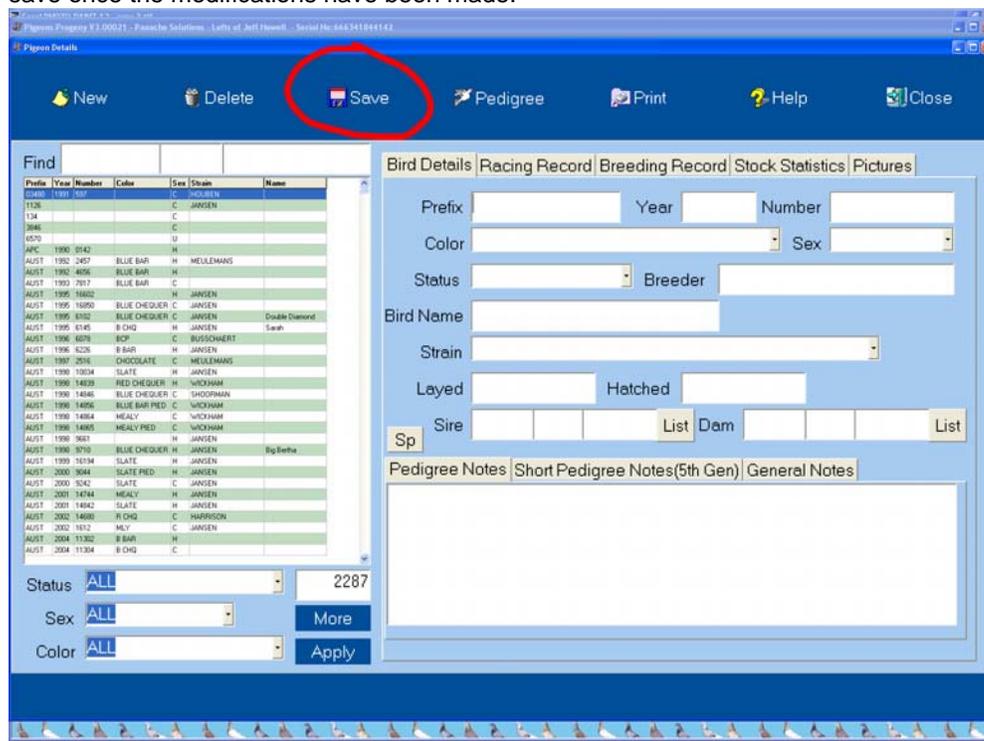


Figure 2.2

The options circled in figure 2.3 allow you to reduce the number of birds showing on the list at left of screen, for example you may only wish to view your stock cocks. To do this you would set the Status to be "Stock", and the Sex to be "Cocks", and then click on the "Apply" button. The field below the apply button shows the current number of pigeons on the list. If you wanted to print a list of pigeons you can also use these settings to determine which pigeons are shown on the list i.e you select just racing hens, or all race birds, or all Blue Bar Stock Hens etc. To print the list click on the "Print" button circled in red on Figure 2.5 below. When printing these lists you will be asked if you wish to print the full details or not. If you select no it will print just a list of ring numbers, if you select "Yes" it will also show the parents of the pigeons their colors, strains etc. Examples of each report are shown over page.

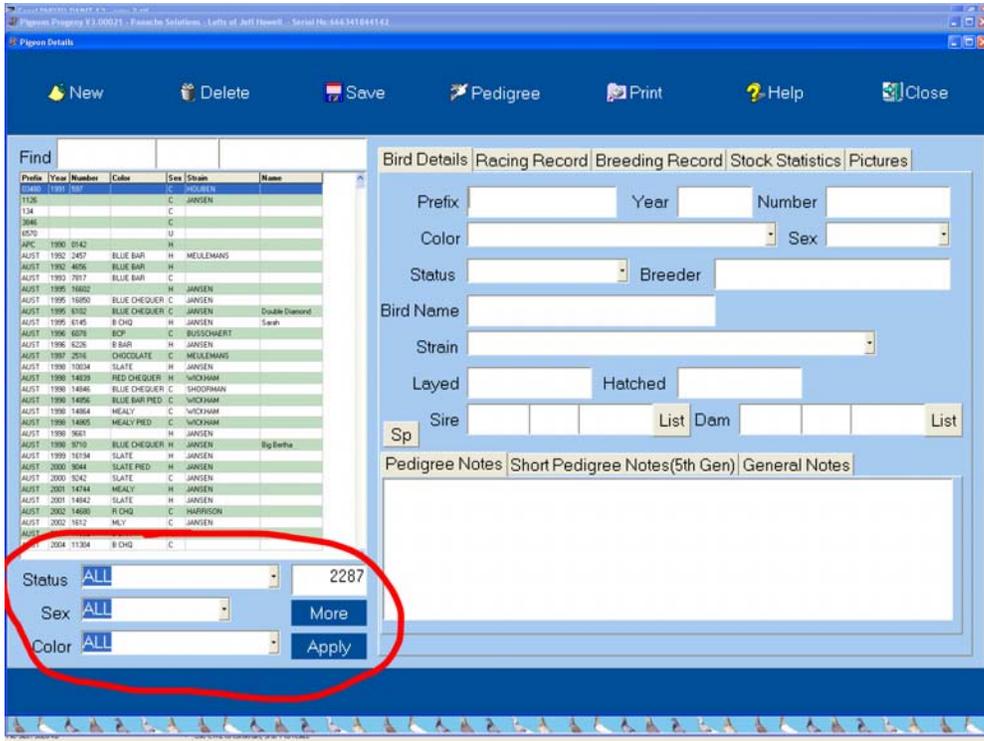
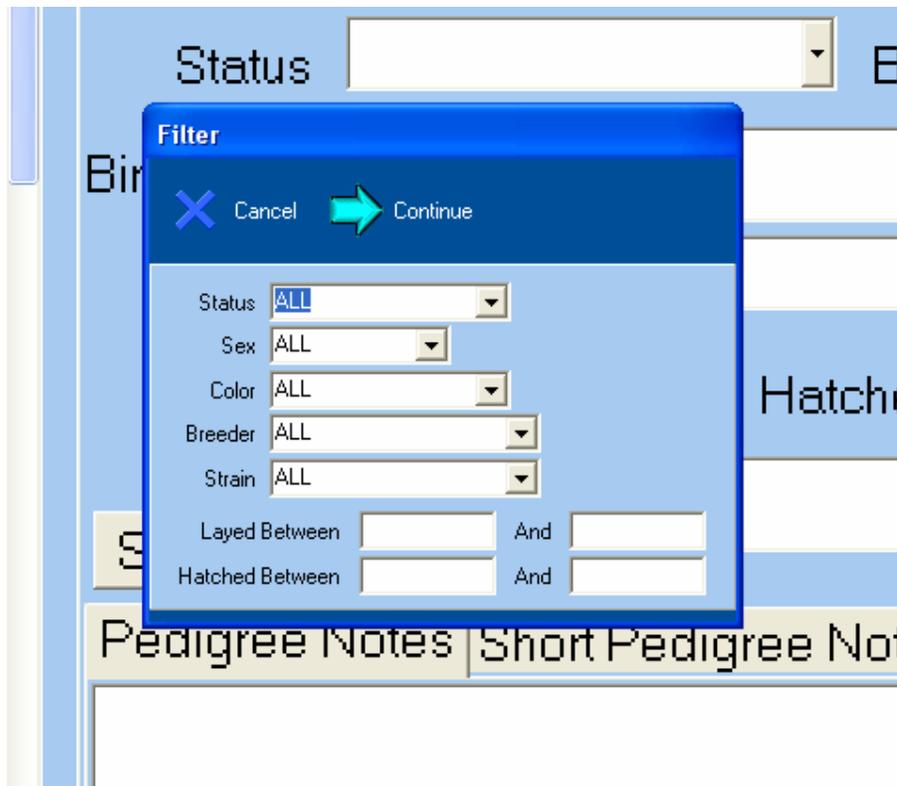


Figure 2.3

By clicking on the “More” button you can restrict the items on the list even further, as shown in Figure 2.4



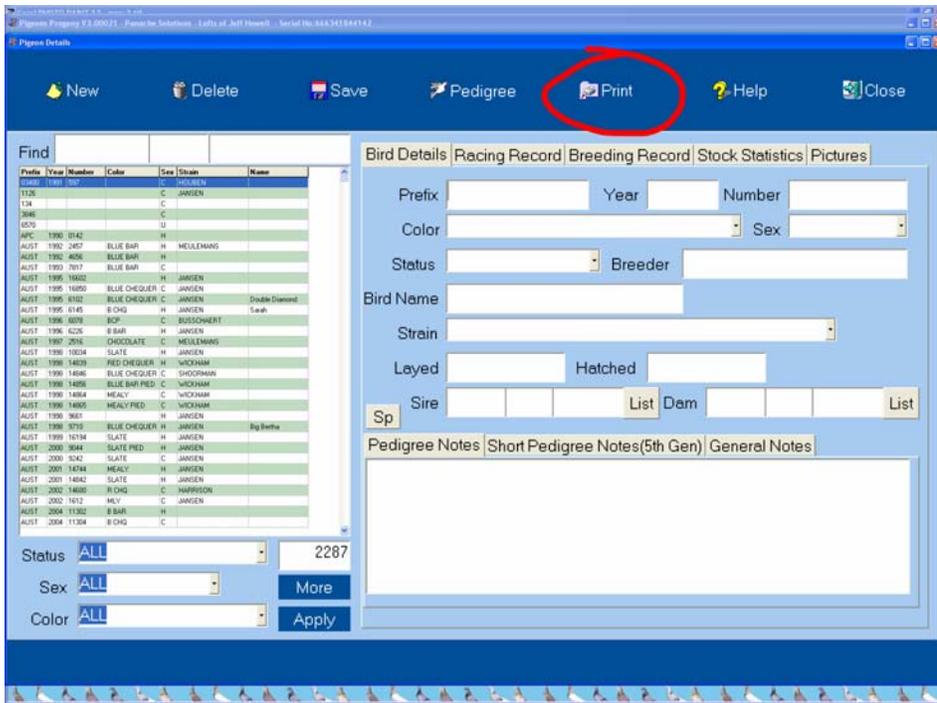


Figure 2.5

Entering a pigeon's pedigree

Once a pigeon has been entered into the system you will want to enter its pedigree. To do this click on the particular pigeon you want on the list at left of screen and then click on the "Pedigree" button circled in red in figure 2.6. This will display the pedigree screen which is shown in Figure 2.7

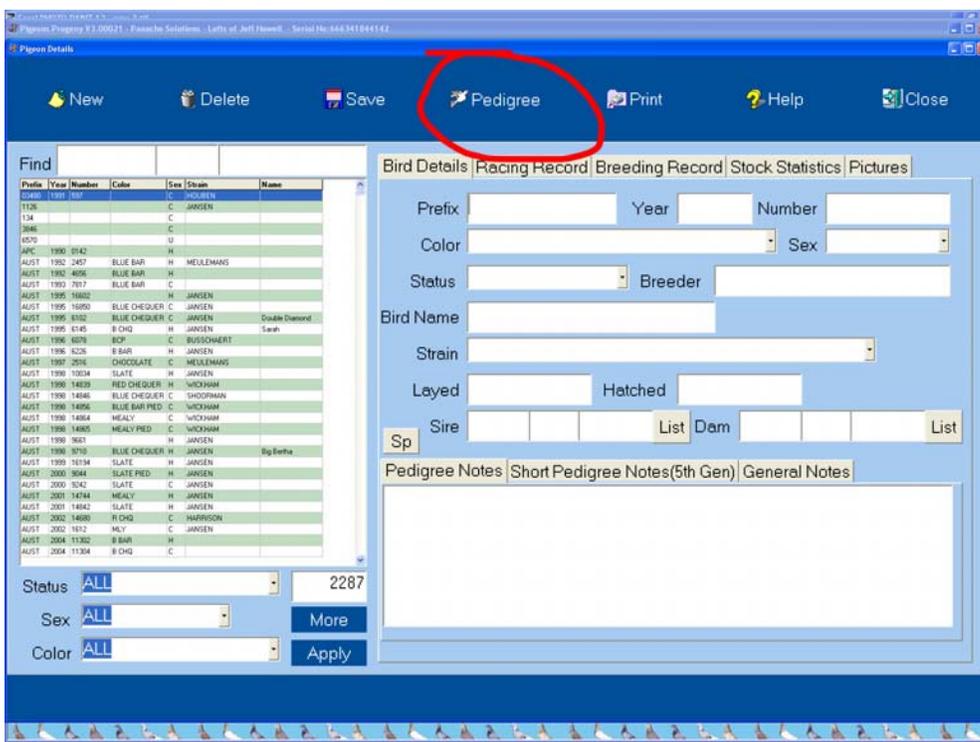


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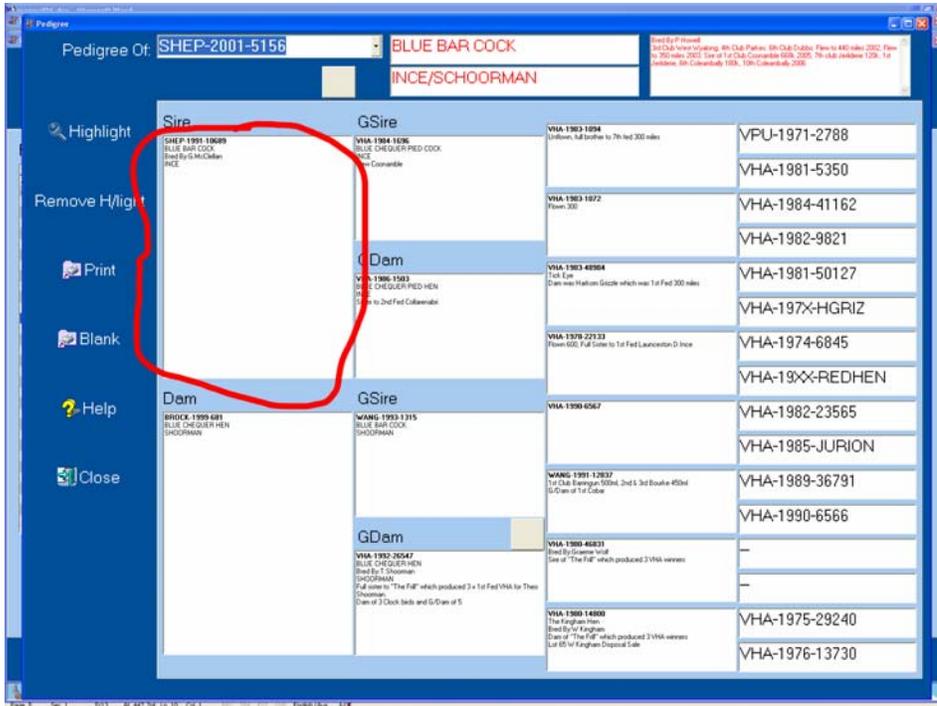


Figure 2.7

The pigeon we have selected will have its details displayed across the top of the screen as you can see in figure 2.7. To enter this pigeon's "Sire" click on the Sire field which is circled in red in figure 2.7. This will prompt you with the screen shown in Figure 2.8. Fill in the details for the father in Figure 2.8 and then click on the "Continue" button which is circled in red in Figure 2.8. Alternatively, to enter the dam you would click on the dam's field on the pedigree screen and so on.

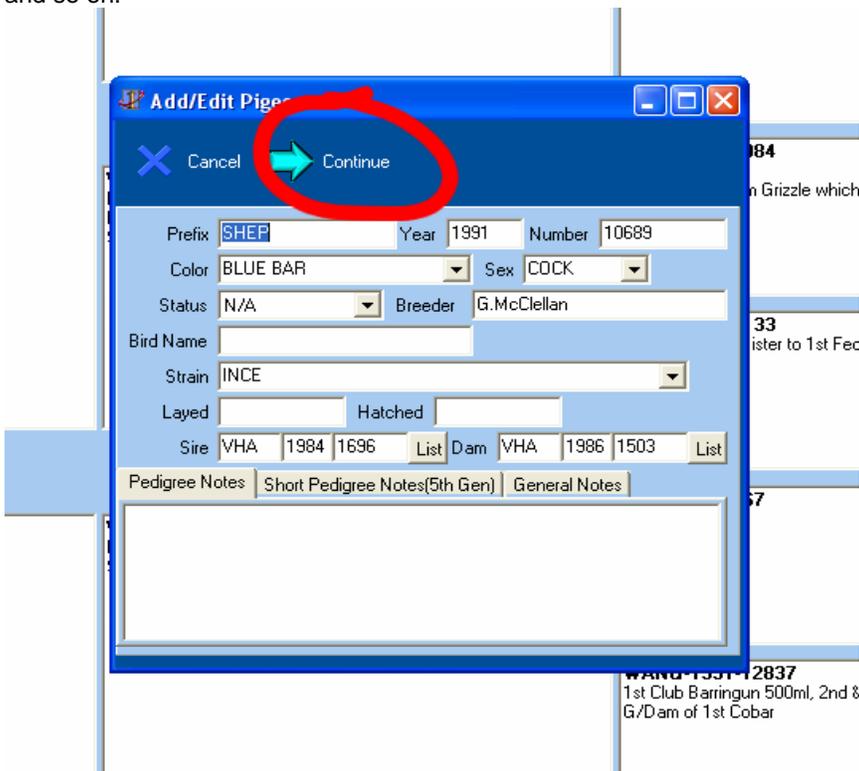


Figure 2.8

Once you have clicked on continue it will return you to the pedigree screen where you will see the details you have just entered added to the pedigree at which point you can add further entries to the pedigree. To enter the pigeons Grand parents you must enter the parents first, you may not have gaps in your pedigrees. If an entry is unknown you should make one up to hold that place in the pedigree. For example I use the ring series x-x-1 to denote unknown pigeons in my pedigrees.

To print a pedigree, click on the Print button circled in red in Figure 2.9 which will allow you to choose from one of 7 pedigree formats which will show between 4 and 7 generations depending on which you select. Examples of the different styles are shown on the following pages.

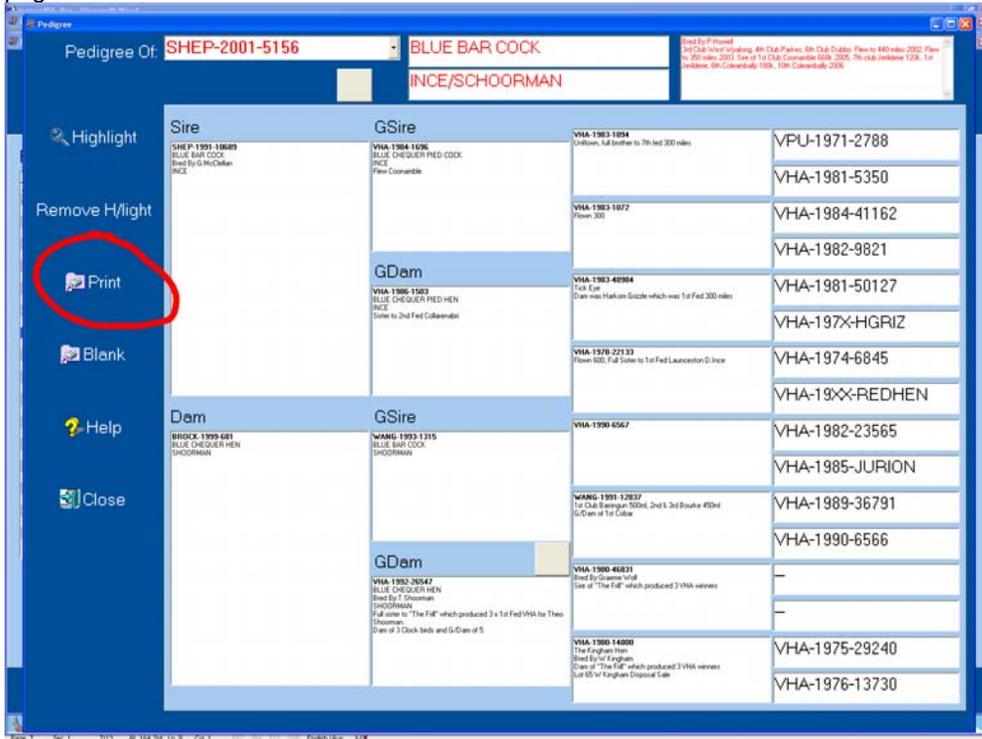


Figure 2.9

It is possible to print a Blank pedigree form to be filled in by hand by clicking on the “Blank” button which is located just beneath the “Print” button in Figure 2.7.

It is also possible to highlight in a different color any key pigeons in a pedigree. To highlight a pigeon click on the “Highlight” button which is just above the Print button in Figure 2.9. The screen shown in figure 2.10 will appear. Select a color and click on OK.

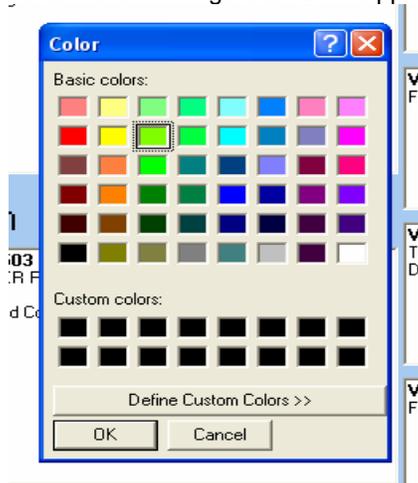


Figure 2.10

You will then be confronted with the screen shown in Figure 2.11.



Figure 2.11

Click on the pigeons you wish to highlight and then click on continue. The result is shown below. The highlight can be removed by clicking on the "Remove Highlight" button shown in Figure 2.12

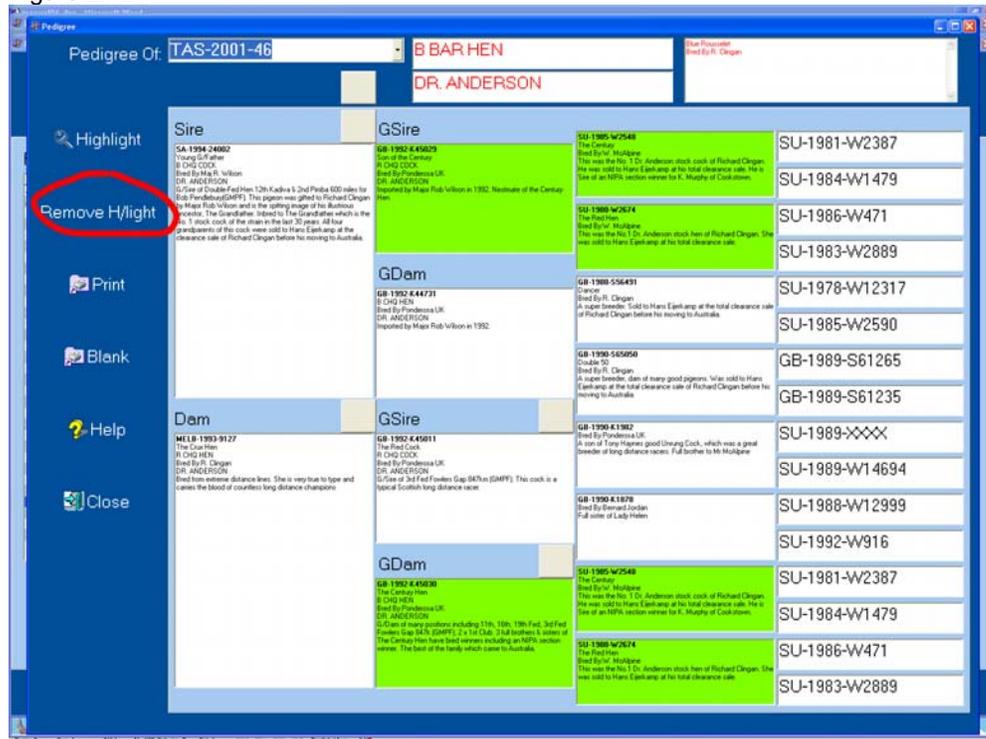


Figure 2.12

Now that we have completed the pedigree we can click on the close button which is underneath the print button shown in figure 2.9 which will return us to the Bird Details screen ready to enter our next pigeon.

The bird details screen also has a number of other functions which can be accessed by clicking on the tabs which are circled in red in figure 2.13. By clicking on the Racing Record Tab you will be able to view all the races a pigeon has flown, the breeding record tab will give you a list of a pigeons progeny and their performances, the stock statistics tab will give you statistics relating to the performance a particular stock pigeons progeny. The details shown in these 3 tabs can not be entered manually at this point but are automatically generated from your racing records which we shall discuss later. The 5th and final tab allows you to insert photographs of a pigeon which can also be included on the pigeons pedigree if printed.

By clicking on the print button (Figure 2.5) you can print different reports depending on which of these tabs is currently showing. If the bird details tab is showing it will print a list of the birds currently showing on the list at left of screen. If the racing record tab is showing it will print the birds racing record. By printing the breeding records tab you can produce up to a 9 generation descendants report. An example of each of these reports is shown overpage.

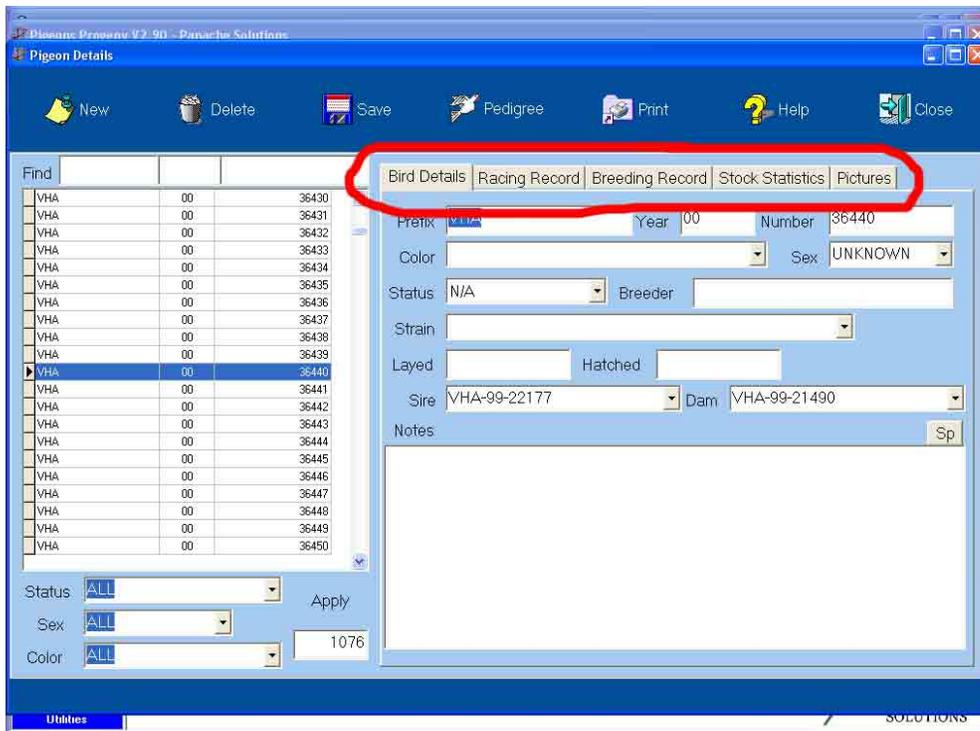


Figure 2.13

To exit the Bird Details screen and return to the main screen, click on the "Close" button which is circled in red in figure 2.14.

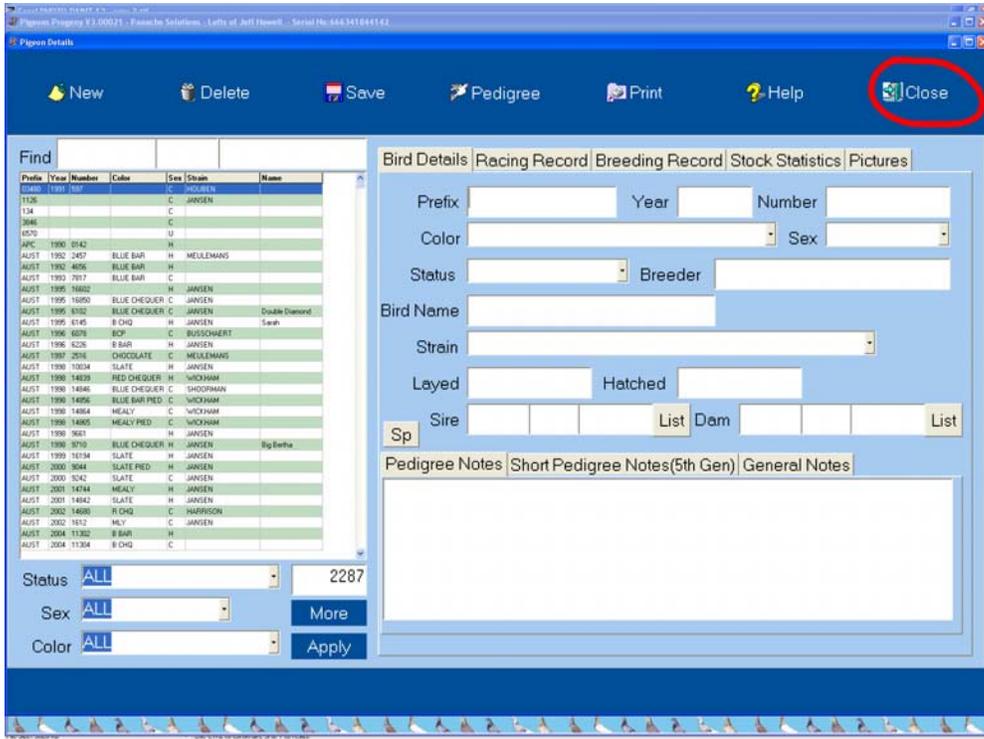


Figure 2.14

Breeding and Entering Youngsters

Whilst it is possible to enter any youngsters bred in the way we have discussed above, it is far more efficient to use the Breeding section of the software. To access this part of the software, from the main screen click on the Breeding button as shown in figure 3. This will take you into the Matings screen shown in Figure 3.1

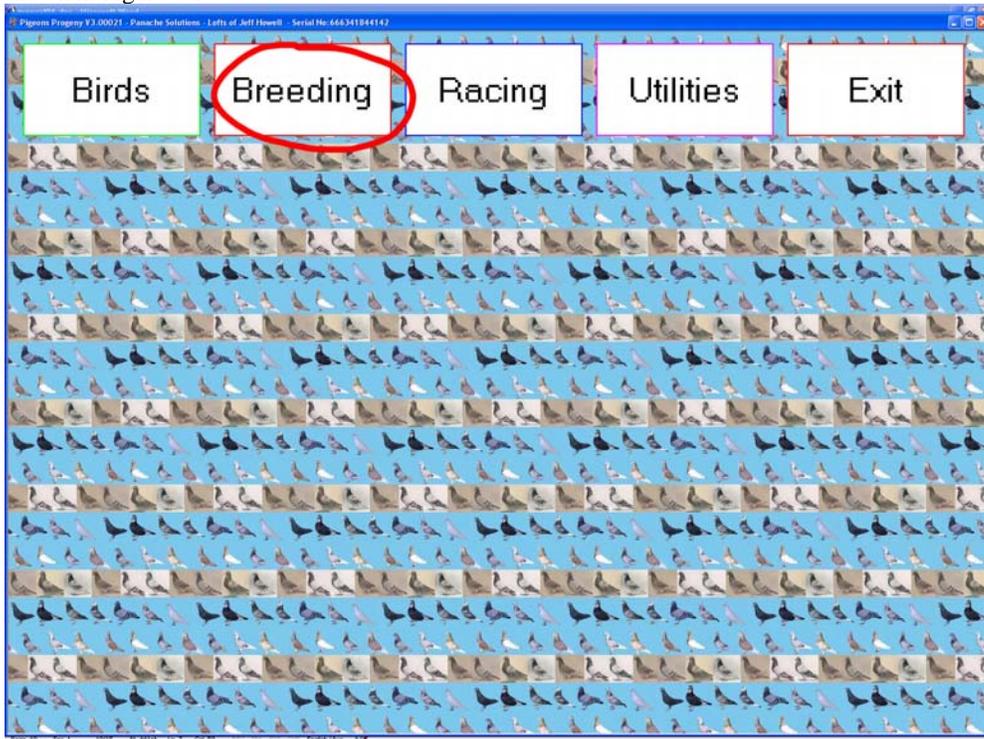


Figure 3

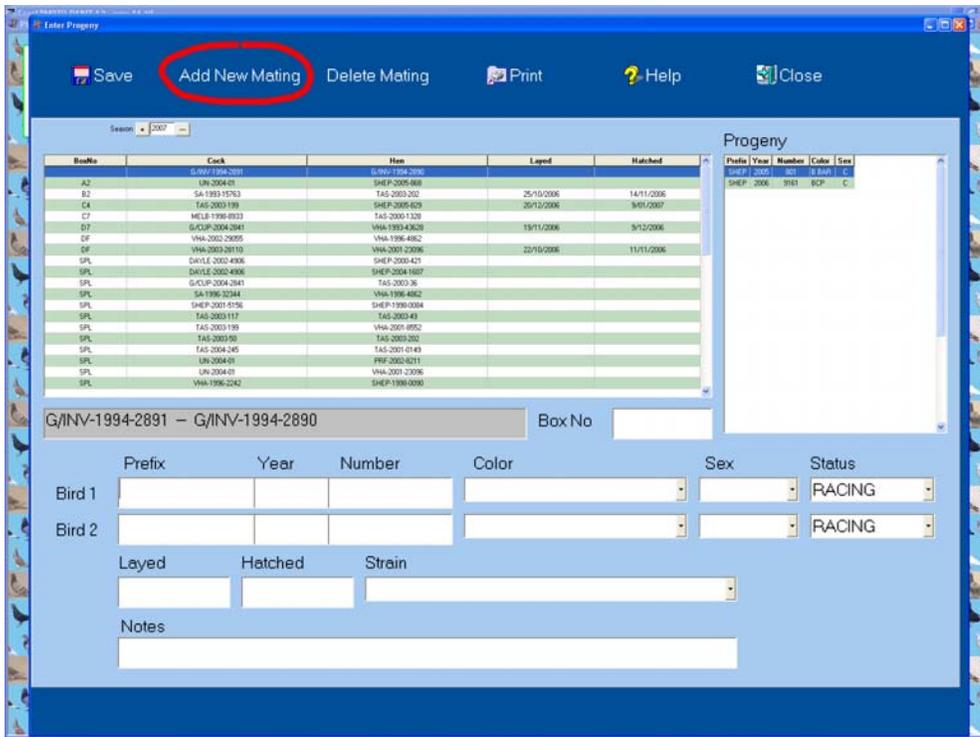


Figure 3.1

To add a new mating click on the "Add New Mating" button shown in Figure 3.1 This will take you to the screen shown in Figure 3.2

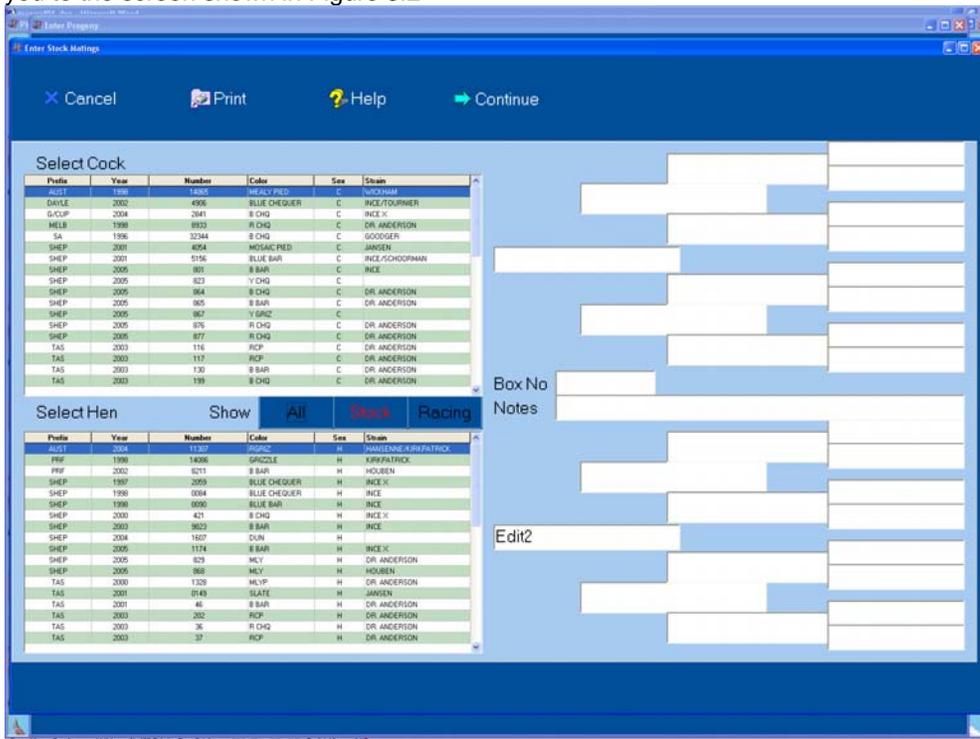


Figure 3.2

The right hand half of the screen shows the pigeons available to be mated together with the cocks at top and hens on the lower list.

Entering a New Mating and Changing an Old One.

To enter a mating enter the season and box number as shown in figure 3.3 The season must be a four digit year and relates to the season the birds will be raced in, not necessarily the year they are bred in. For example any pigeons being bred now with 2006 rings should have their matings entered in the season 2007. To select the cock bird for the mating click on that bird on the list of cocks on the right hand side of the screen, and then select the hen from the hens list by clicking on her. When you click on each bird it's details will be displayed on the left of screen below the season as shown in figure 3.3. At this point it is possible to view and print the pedigree of the prospective pairing by clicking on the pedigree button as shown in Figure 3.4. Once you are happy with the mating you have selected click on the save button which is located to the left of the pedigree button shown in figure 3.4. You may change a mating at any time, do this by clicking on the mating in question on the list at the bottom left of screen, make the appropriate changes and then click on save. You may print a list of all your matings for a particular season by clicking on the print button which is located to the right of the pedigree button shown in figure 3.4. Once all your matings for the season have been added you may click on the close button to return to the main screen.

Entering Progeny

Now that your stock birds have been mated up you will be wanting to enter into the system the magnificent progeny they have produced. This is best done using the progeny screen which is accessed by clicking on the progeny button shown in Figure 3.1.

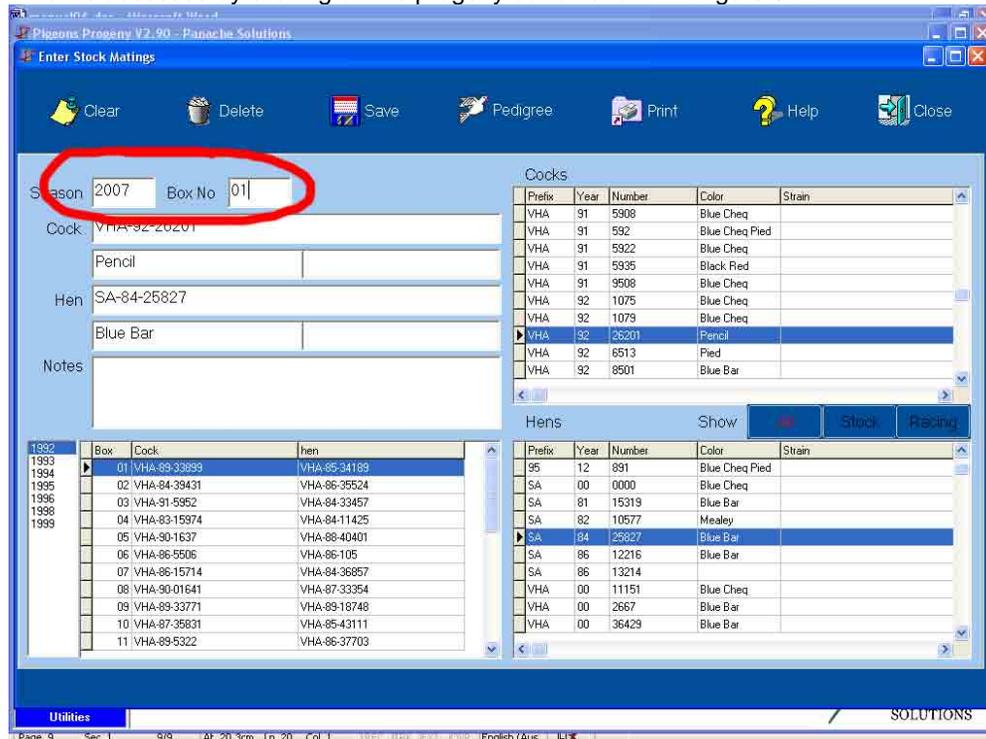


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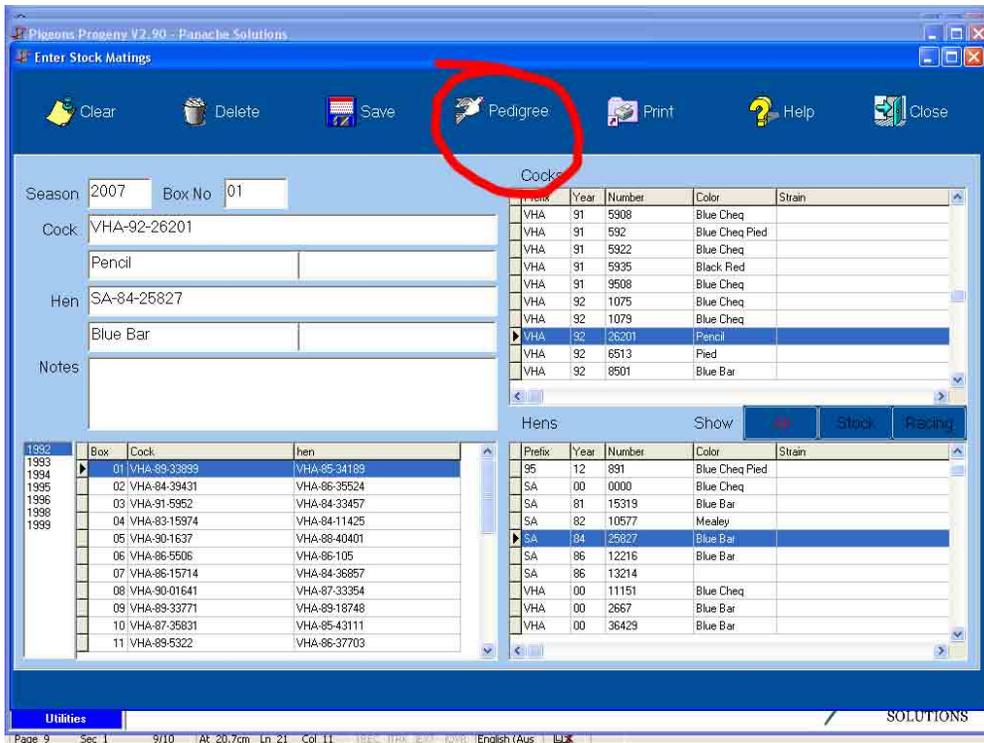


Figure 3.4

Click on the season you are dealing with as shown below in Figure 3.5

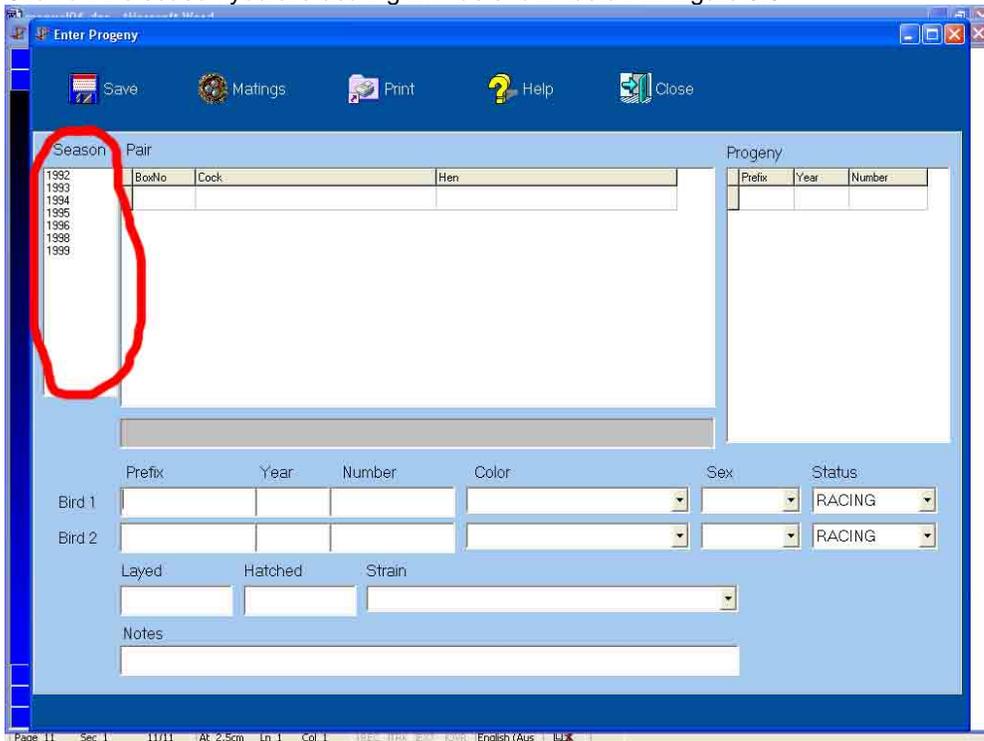


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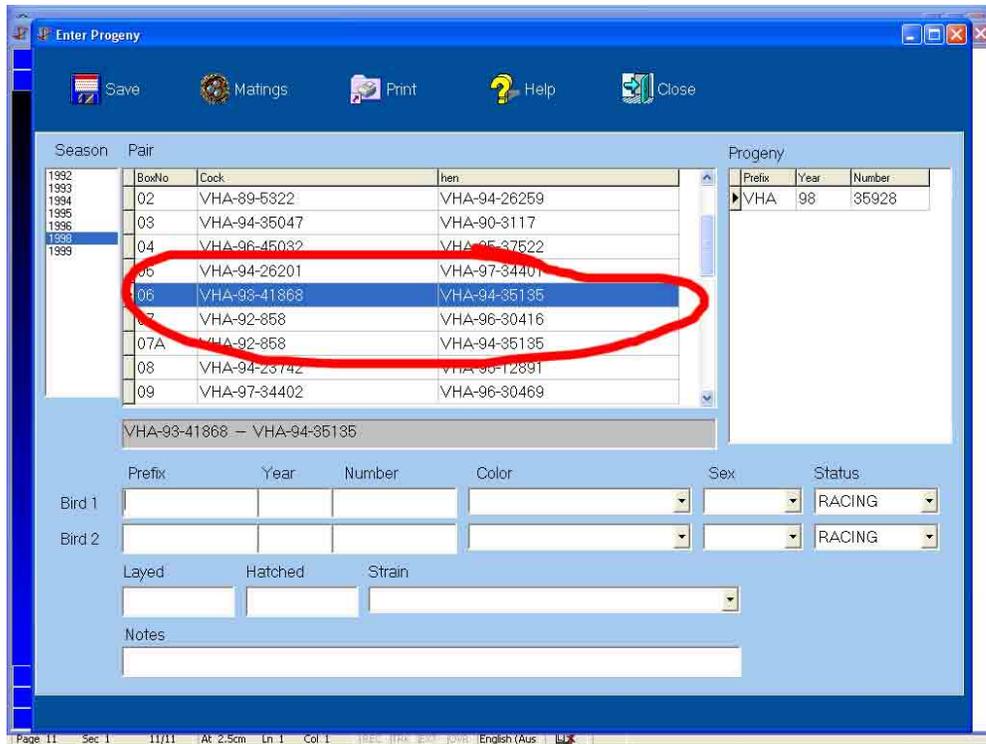


Figure 3.6

Then click on the pair you want by clicking on it as shown in Figure 3.6. The list on the right hand side shows all youngsters that have thus far been bred from that mating. To enter the pair of youngsters, fill in the details on the bottom half of the screen and then click on the "Save" button as shown in Figure 3.7. Entering your youngsters in this way allows you to enter two at a time, however if you have only one youngster from the nest you can just make one entry as is the case in the example shown in Figure 3.7.

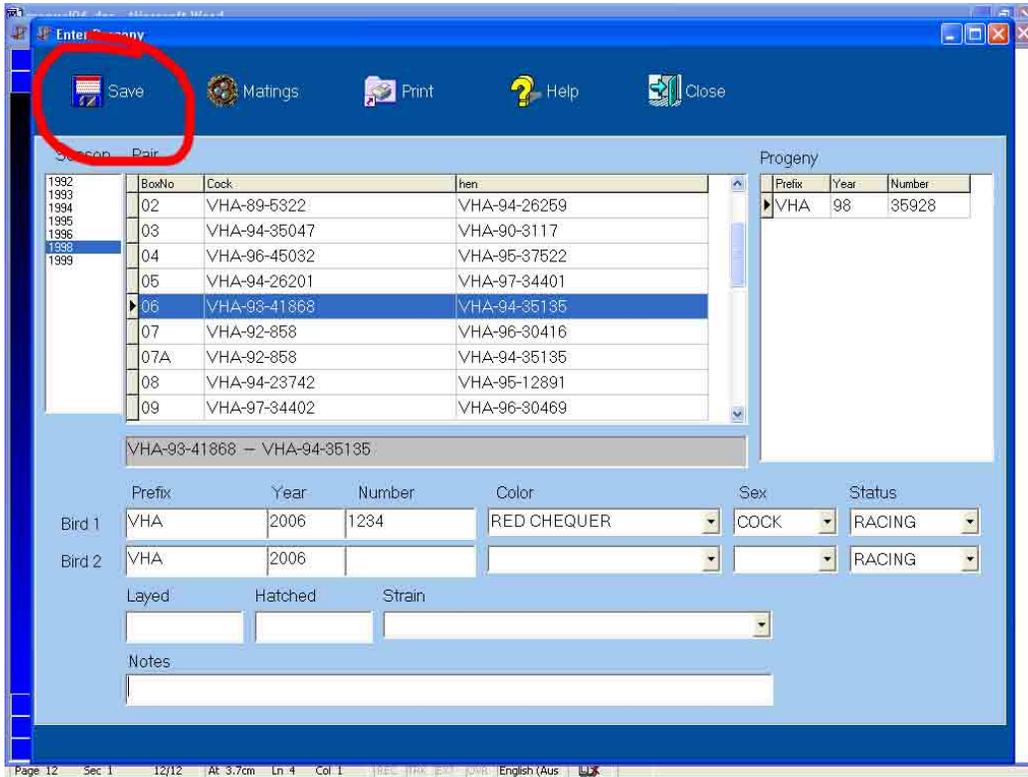


Figure 3.7