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Dear sports friends,

What a privilege to wish you all a happy new year 2010 in good health!! Hopefully your dream will come true and we all shall be devoid of misery, in any form.

2009

Just a short review to the racing season 2009. Highlight on our lofts was NPO classic Blois (695 km), when ['Mr. Allennig'](#) won the race against 6,279 birds and 4 birds were in the first 8 of the total NPO-race. From Ablis (586 km) we had 4 pigeons in the first 7 against 10,725 birds

I think that 'Harry' of Jan Hooymans is for sure the most spectacular pigeon of 2009 He bred him from 'Dirkje', a daughter to 'Kleine Dirk' x 'Amor' when she was paired to a Gaby Vandenabeele cock. Remarkable, as the most exceptional racer of 2008 was a grandchild to 'Amor' too ... that was 'Solange' of Gerard and Bas Verkerk.



Mr. Allennig



Choni, daughter  
Golden Lady & mother  
Mr. Allennig



Visit in Kerkdriel, full of  
admiration for Harry

Another pleasant surprise came in August 2009 when ['Eus'](#) won the final racer of the Belgian Masters (one loft race in Nevele, Belgium) and he was crowned as 1. acebird too. From his father's side, 'Eus' descends from 'Golden Energy' x 'Ophir'. His mother 'Miss Future' was bred from 'Mr. Wright' x 'Yi Min'.

The Jewels of the Sky auction on Pipa was a highlight too and my 10 pigeons broke the average record. With our topper 'Gicara', a daughter to 'Gersom' x 'Hebberecht 941', we own the 3. Nat. acebird in the Fondspiegel classification of 2009. In the classification over the years 2007-2008-2009 our 'Albin' is listed third. 'Albin' is bred from 'Gabry', a son to 'Miss Putte'.

Now enough about what's behind us ... let's look forward to 2010!

Breeding

Our breeders were paired by the end of November and youngsters from almost all pairs (52) are now ringed. Every pair has an own breeding box at their disposal and every year again this appears to be really



Eus, the revelation of  
the Belgian Masters  
2009



Wing of Eus



Gicara, 3. Nat. acebird  
Fondspiegel 2009



Fu, new at the lofts in  
Ermerveen



Lei, mother JD Action

effective. The food, minerals, grind and water are at disposal to every pair individually. Last year June I started supplying the breeders with vitamins, approx. once a week in the drinking water. My feeling was they needed it.

If I have new impulses in the breeding loft? Yes, just recently the NL06-1796065 called 'Fu' came to reinforce the colony. He was bred and raced by Evert van der Horst from Harderwijk, where he won a/o:

1. Geel against 14,604 birds
1. Boxtel against 9,562 birds
1. Menen against 4,640 birds
1. Lommel against 2,073 birds

I believe all criteria to purchase a new pigeon are combined in 'Fu'. He is from a fantastic family, for his father is 'Superbelg', 2. Nat. racing cock WHZB, and the pigeon himself performed outstanding. Besides, the fanciers that raced the pigeon is a true champion too!

Two other pigeons I bought, come from Steveninck from Hamme, Belgium. He dominated the provincial middle distance races for years and also won 1. National this year. Another fancier already won 1. National with a 50% Steveninck pigeon. My thought directly went to 1996, when a certain Van Dyck from Zandhoven made world fame with his 'Kannibaal' ... a brother to this icon than won 2. National Bourges. As so other, the wish controls the mind. How these new pigeons will do? Time will tell. That is here the same as at all passionate fanciers that purchase pigeons.

#### Racers

In 2010 we will pair up our racers two or three weeks earlier, probably the third week of January. Like that we are more flexible to start with a team of racers that are in top condition!! I am convinced they need enough training time before the first race, so they will recover from the short races easier and are still full of energy when my main goal – the NPO classics are at stake. We shall train them hard by basketing for many mid-week training races and several tosses by ourselves.

#### Youngsters

Looking back to the 2009 racing season, I am more satisfied than 2008. With 18 pigeons in the top 100 on the Young Bird Derby from Morlincourt I am quite satisfied. However, the real top form first came at the very end of the season, during late tour racing. Winning 1.-2.-3.-4. on the last race from 2009 against 6,378 birds, our thoughts were confirmed. Therefore in 2010 we will darken the youngsters not as long as last year; about 3 months in stead of 4 months in 2009.



Bjarne, father Good Aim

### One Million Dollar Race

Another important event for us is the One Million Dollar Race, held in South Africa, Sun City. In 2008 as well as 2009 we managed to list a pigeon in the top 3. In 2008 that was 'JD Action', bred from 'Lei' x 'Hebberecht 799' grabbing 2. place. A year later 'Good Aim', from 'Bjarne' (son 'Den Dromer') x 'Isabel' (from 'Mighty Man' x 'Gameela') finished in 3. position. At the moment in the overall acebird rankings over 16 races, we are positioned 2. & 4. place. Hopefully our pigeons their keep up the good work until the final racer January 30th.



January 5th 2010

The bird in 2. place is 'Madir' (a son to 'Ermerveen's Hope' x 'AmorÃ©') and number 4 is bred from 'Gersom' (son to 'Noble Blue' x 'Annelies'). In 3 weeks we travel to South Africa to see the live arrival of our pigeons.

### Pipa auction

Next January 12 an auction of 40 summer youngsters stars at Pipa. They are all bred from the very best I can offer!! If you would have asked me some years ago to buy a pigeon via internet, I would not have done it. Why buy a pigeon when I haven't seen it before? In the meanwhile my opinion changed and I already bought several pigeons through internet myself.

### In conclusion

The number if pigeons subscribing for the newsletter grew massively. That is a good indication for the interest in how it all goes in Ermerveen. For those who recently subscribed; when you have special questions, please ask and I will give my opinion.

We wish you a healthy and happy 2010

Gerard Koopman and team

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