

Porsche 911, the new leading man of the PIPA Elite Center, following his Great-Grandfather New Freddy

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The PIPA Elite Center gained an excellent reputation over the past ten years, with a focus on top quality and with the help of world class breeder New Freddy. His descendant Porsche 911 and his full sister Boxster are a great follow-up to this invaluable breeder.

We like the idea of entering the sport with great ambition but as we all know, one cannot become a great champion overnight. It takes a clear vision, a solid approach and a clever strategy, and that basically summarises the philosophy behind the PIPA Elite Center.

The impressive breeding qualities of breeding bird Kannibaal (Dirk Van Dyck) had not gone unnoticed by Nikolaas Gyselbrecht and his keen eye for talent. Kannibaal is probably the only Belgian 1st National Ace Pigeon Middle Distance KBDB that did not get sold after winning his title, fortunately enough.

It would have meant the loss of an invaluable bloodline, and it makes us wonder: how many renowned Belgian bloodlines did we lose over the years, by selling our national ace pigeons to the far east? We can imagine there are quite a few of them, and Nikolaas wanted to do something about it. He founded his own breeding loft called the PIPA Elite Center (PEC).

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"New Freddy" 1st National Ace Pigeon KBDB 'Great Middle Distance' 2010

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I have over the past year come to learn (and appreciate) a great deal more about a particular Belgian racing pigeon organization (K.B.D.B) that began its operations in 1910 and finally better understand the significance of the KBDB awards that they grant each year.

Most North American pigeon fanciers, as well as many other fanciers worldwide will be unaware of the fact that the KBDB, Royal Belgian Pigeon Federation is celebrating its centenary in 2010 (1910-2010) and to this end 2010 has been officially marked by activities planned by the organization. These activities included, two competitions as well as a large lottery and finally a fireworks display and an exhibition in Ostend on 19, 20 and 21 November 2010 to celebrate this special 100th Birthday anniversary.

The KBDB stands for Koninklijke Belgische Duivenbond, (Royal Belgian Pigeon Federation)and as such it has existed for 100 years and its awards (which are National in nature) are tracked by the most knowledgeable and dedicated racing pigeon enthusiasts (especially professionals) in the world. Why? Well because those few lucky individuals who have the financial wherewithal and disposable resources to purchase such a prize virtually guarantee their future breeding prowess.

All KBDB winners in recent memory have been sold, for huge sums to China and on occasion also to Taiwan. The Far East market for these

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KBDB-RFCB head office in Belgium. A National organization that was founded in 1910.

The KBDB has established certain categories (roughly translated into English as follows) as follows:

- Ace pigeon KBDB Extreme Long Distance 3 races
- Ace pigeon KBDB Extreme Long Distance 2 races
- Ace pigeon KBDB One Day Long Distance*
- Ace pigeon KBDB Great Middle Distance*
- Ace pigeon KBDB Short Middle Distance
- Ace pigeon KBDB Sprint Youngsters
- Ace pigeon KBDB Short Middle Distance Youngsters
- Ace pigeon KBDB Sprint Youngsters

*The awards that I have marked in red are in fact the most coveted and the most important and therefore from a financial point of view they are the most valuable. Without a doubt this is one of the most prestigious titles in the racing pigeon sport.

For all interested fanciers the KBDB championships are officially published in the first half of October on www.kbdb.be. But the criteria for these KBDB championships are known before the season begins. For example for the KBDB Ace Pigeon Championship Great Middle Distance the criteria are as follows:

- 1) You must participate in four races with the same pigeon
- 2) Every race that is to be counted towards the championship requires at least 20 participating fanciers and a minimum of 250 pigeons in the race
- 3) All four races that are to be counted must have been raced between the 8th of May and end of August 2010.
- 4) The minimum distance of all four races must total 1.200 km

When calculating the National Championships the coefficient of these four races is totaled up and then the lowest coefficient of all pigeons

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is the grandfather of Kleine Dirk) was (as far as I can discover) the only 1st National Ace Pigeon KBDB that actually permanently remained in Belgium , for breeding purposes, in the last twenty years. This is significant in that "Kannibaal" was the Grandsire of the incomparable "Kleine Dirk" and the impact of this pigeon on the racing pigeon sport worldwide is very well known.

The international competition to acquire these KBDB "jewels of the sky" is indeed intense and very, very serious business and certainly not for the faint of heart. All potential Far East buyers have their local agents scouring the results in an attempt to identify beforehand a potential KBDB National Ace Pigeon candidate and thereby hopefully walking away with said special pigeon even before the final tallies are done. Certainly risky but it is often done.



"New Freddy" An Incredible Coefficient of 0.4051%

So over the past 20 years virtually all National Ace Pigeons KBDB have been sold to the Far East and their genetic potential has been lost to the European scene s. I for one, believe that it is very, very fitting that in 2010 the 100th birthday of the KBDB and in the 1st decade of the 21st Century a yearling cock (De Bourges) now renamed "New Freddy" was identified (in early June) by the founder of the PIPA Elite Center