

A NEW ADVENTURE IN THE SERVICE OF PASSION AND PERFORMANCE

The 2025 season marked the end of an exceptional chapter in our pigeon racing history.

After many years at the top of Belgian pigeon racing, first in Saint-Léger and then in Russeignies, crowned by several national victories, numerous titles, and notably the prestigious Barcelona International Hens victory achieved together with my son Hugo, we decided to turn the page.

This decision was not driven by fatigue, but by a desire to embrace new professional and personal challenges.

Hugo joined a farming operation specializing in the production and marketing of dairy products. As for myself, I had the opportunity to join a regional real estate company, a profession that now allows me to meet many people every day and discover a world completely different from competitive pigeon racing.

On a personal level, my life also took a new direction when I met Clotilde. Settling near Arras in northern France, I found a new balance. But when pigeons are in your blood, the passion never truly disappears.

After a few months, the decision was made to build a new loft, complemented by several aviaries. The objective was simple: to rediscover the pleasure of racing pigeons with greater peace of mind, less pressure, and fewer constraints than during the final years spent in Belgium.

A number of pigeons from Russeignies naturally became part of this new setup, but this fresh start was above all born from an important meeting with one of today's great Belgian champions: Tom Van Gaver.

Tom immediately believed in the project and showed tremendous confidence in me by entrusting nearly 80 young pigeons to form the foundation of this new colony. It is a gesture I will never forget and one that perfectly illustrates the quality of the human relationships that pigeon racing can still offer.

For as long as I can remember, a phrase from my father has guided my vision of our sport:

"To succeed in pigeon racing, you need three things: the pigeon, the fancier, and the system."

With experience, I have become convinced that this statement perfectly summarizes reality.

The pigeon is the foundation. Without quality birds, it is impossible to achieve great results. The fancier must then observe, understand, and make the right decisions at the right time. Finally, the system is often what transforms a good pigeon into a true competitor.

Throughout my career, I have always sought simple and effective methods. Racing almost every week taught me that the two most important factors are recovery after exertion and the ability to provide the energy required for the next race.

For feeding, Beyers mixtures have formed the basis of my program for many years. As for supplements, the Wonder range has accompanied me successfully through several seasons.

However, our sport is constantly evolving, and it is essential to remain open to new ideas.

In the early 1990s, when my father was enjoying the finest years of his career, notably with the legendary “Invincible Montauban,” 1st National winner, I was still very young. I had the privilege of meeting several personalities who left their mark on our sport, such as Sylvère Toye, Gaby Vandenabeele, and Alfred Berger.

Even back then, Alfred had a highly thoughtful approach to the health and preparation of racing pigeons.

More than thirty years later, our paths crossed again.

During last winter, while preparing for this new beginning, I took a closer look at the project Alfred had developed: Berger Pigeons.

I had known the man for many years, but I wanted to understand in detail his philosophy, his approach, and the solutions he had developed after decades of experience.

Through many discussions, I discovered much more than a simple product range.

I discovered a complete system built around the real needs of the modern racing pigeon.

The objective of Berger Pigeons is straightforward: to support pigeon health, promote rapid recovery, optimize physical condition, and provide the resources necessary for consistent performance throughout the season.

What particularly convinced me was the coherence of the entire concept.

Every product has a specific function. Every stage of the program follows a clear logic. This is far removed from complicated systems where products are multiplied without any real guiding principle.

After more than forty years spent in the lofts and at the highest level of competition, I have learned to recognize what truly adds value. Berger Pigeons is one of those approaches based on observation, practical experience, and sound pigeon-racing common sense.

The first results achieved in Germany since the launch of Berger Pigeons in 2025 have been extremely promising. Many fanciers quickly noticed the benefits of the program, both in terms of recovery and consistency of performance.

Convinced by this philosophy and by the quality of the products developed by Alfred Berger, I decided to personally integrate this system into the management of my new colony.

Very quickly, our discussions led to a shared idea.

Why not put this experience at the service of French-speaking fanciers and the Benelux region?

That is how our partnership was born.

In the coming weeks, we will have the pleasure of developing Berger Pigeons in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg.

As for me, I will be responsible for representing the brand and supporting fanciers throughout these territories.

After more than forty years dedicated to top-level pigeon racing, after the successes, the national victories, the joys, and also the challenges that every competitor experiences, I now feel the desire to pass on my knowledge.

My objective is not simply to offer products.

I want to share my experience, exchange ideas with fanciers, answer their questions, and help them find solutions tailored to their own colonies.

Every loft is unique. Every fancier has their own methods and objectives. That is why we will always prioritize dialogue, listening, and personalized advice.

If you would like to discover Berger Pigeons, better understand our philosophy, or simply discuss the preparation of your pigeons, do not hesitate to contact us.

I will be delighted to share with you the experience gained over more than forty years of practice and to help you implement a simple, modern, and effective system.

Because in the end, behind every great result, you always find the same ingredients: good pigeons, passion, hard work... and a system capable of making the difference.

The adventure continues.

And this new chapter is only just beginning.