

# Philip & Joe Boal, Dromore, Northern Ireland

With many more 1sts, top NIPA Section and Open Positions plus 4 x RPRA Awards since my last visit back in 2009, I thought it about time to repay a visit to the lofts of Philip & Joe Boal in Dromore, Northern Ireland. Philip Boal is a fancier I have covered before, following outstanding levels of success over the years. I rate him as one of the best fanciers in Northern Ireland for consistency, knowledge and good stockmanship which have resulted in many other fanciers at every level of competition winning big with his pigeons. More importantly he is a performance fancier who, year in, year out is mixing it not just with the top fanciers at Club, or NIPA Section D Level but overall in the mighty NIPA, particularly with the loft's old bird performances. Having scribed now for a number of years covering many top lofts, I will give particular prominence to a loft that can produce outstanding old bird performances. Personally I consider the old birds harder to motivate to success in comparison to young bird racing.

Following a number of failed attempts on my part to catch up with Philip, we finally agreed an early morning call, which saw me on the road to Dromore at 6.45am. With my new arrival, Miss Chloe McCormick, proving harder work than my previous two children, that hour of the morning worked out perfect. On arriving at Philip's house on the Circular Road it was evident to see that a few changes where in progress, with the immediate stock loft and aviary that normally greeted me no longer there. I was eager to find out what was happening or in fact, was yet another fancier leaving the sport? Philip dismissed my fears from the word go going on to tell me that he is in the process of building a 3,000 square foot new property not very far from where he is at the minute, with a very sizeable site allowing Philip to have the complete loft built the way he has always wanted and as he put it, a custom made all-in-one, taking into consideration all his experience over the years (I suppose every fancier's dream come true).

Philip, a construction manager, flies in partnership with his brother, Joe, a self-employed electrician (handy professions for the construction of a new house and loft). Joe sadly suffers from advanced pigeon lung and cannot enter the lofts at all, but never misses a race day, nor involvement in the day-to-day running of the loft and the

purchasing of new stock; a point that Philip has mentioned on a number of occasions over the years is how much he appreciates his brother's support.

The partners have been members of the Dromore HPS since 1988 but have been in and around pigeons in some form since childhood. Racing within Section D of the mighty NIPA each week can see them compete against up to 600 pigeons at Club level with upwards of 3,000 pigeons at Section Level looking always to score at NIPA Open level with upwards of 30,000 pigeons competing. Stiff and very much tough competition in achieving success at any level, never mind all three. Since commencing racing with the Dromore HPS the brothers have achieved phenomenal success scoring in the region of 150 x 1st Clubs and no fewer than 35 x 1st NIPA Section D Diplomas (incredible racing competing against some of the best fanciers within Northern Ireland in Section D of the NIPA). With continued success year in year out, I have admiration for any fancier. As a good fancier told me some time ago, it takes a lifetime to get to the top of your game and once there it's a constant battle to stay at the top. You can never stand high on your laurels; as pigeon racing has become a very competitive game nothing can let you down quicker and be rest assured the fanciers below you in the results each week won't stand still. They are looking to be where you are. With all this in mind, doing an interview with Philip Boal gave me the opportunity to find out exactly how you do stay at the top of your game especially winning year in year out with old birds.

I started by finding out a bit about the new loft. Constructed of wood with a pantiled roof, in total it measures 64ft in length by 10ft wide, of which 3ft is a corridor. State-of-the-art ETS traps are fitted along the front with aviaries for both young birds and stock pigeons. The layout of the loft is 8 x 8ft sections as follows: 2 x young birds, 2 x stock, 2 x widowhood cocks, 1 x store and 1 x widowhood hens. Polycarbonate tiles are installed along the complete frontage of the roof to allow in maximum sunlight; there are gridded floors throughout including walkway; purpose-built widowhood boxes, including custom-made perches are fitted through the complete loft, and as you would imagine the plans are finalised to the highest

specification. Certainly and perhaps one of the predominant factors of not standing still when at the top is continually seeking improvement, as this new loft has proved.

The transition will take time, Philip admits. Even though the new loft is less than 100 metres from the old, new beginnings mean the opportunity to maybe do something different. Certainly the plans for the new loft would indicate a far bigger and much more elaborate set-up, which will in my opinion, go hand in hand with what the Philip-and-Joe Boal team are all about – perfection.

The new loft will house 36 stock pairs, 30 widowhood cocks, 40 widowhood hens and around 100 youngsters. Many will know that Philip and Joe have always been regarded as having the most expansive family of Willy van Hercks outside of Belgium, to the point that Philip has had to breed birds in his loft to go back to Belgium. Simply, he has the crème de la crème and for sure they have not failed when the transporters have emptied, proving not just their worth for the brothers but fanciers the length of Ireland and a chosen few in the UK. Currently at stock the Boal team have many proven breeders of the Van Hercks, including no fewer than 18 x 1st NIPA Section D Winners up to 4,000 pigeons competing and many of these with top ten NIPA Open positions to their name, with some multiple winners.

Added to the award-winning stock lofts this year are the introduction of the Hereman-Ceusters from Leo Heremans himself. Included in this (following three visits to Leo's loft) are 11 grandchildren of the famous Olympiad, 3 direct from Samson, 2 direct from Di Caprio and three from the wonder hen Las Vegas, including performance pigeons. These have been brought in to complement the current winning team at the Boal lofts, as have other families over the years, going right back to the start with Verheye and Janssen pigeons via Colin Gibson/Louella, then Philip introduced the direct Grondelaers then the Frans van Tilbourghs and a few others. However, the bottom line is, nothing has compared to the Van Hercks, which are awesome. Year in, year out they are producing winners. For instance in the stock loft you had the famous Noah 96 – what a racer on the road for Philip. I was present at the Boal lofts many times, well before ETS, when Noah 96 should have won far more that it did but for bad



From (l) Philip Boal, Willy van Herck and Billy Harris (Dublin).



Youngsters getting used to the new loft.





Philip Boal holding his latest introduction, direct son of Las Vegas.

traps, even though its racing CV as it sits would command a high price in Belgium. It is now in the stock loft. Philip and Joe now have a son of this ace pigeon which is a NIPA Section D Winner, a granddaughter which is a NIPA Section D Winner and a great granddaughter also a NIPA Section D winner. Truly magnificent. But these two aren't resting on their laurels. With Philip and Joe, good pigeons are purchased regardless of cost, witness the Heremans-Ceusters. Something about Philip must be taken into consideration. He will never buy a pigeon without seeing it first; anything he looks at will have come highly recommended and should it not pass the handling aspect on arriving at the lofts, it will be moved on.

An ardent reader of De Duif now for many years, Philip has followed the Continental scene for some time, including Holland, Belgium and Germany which often points the way to fellow fanciers for change and new stock. He took this tack long before the internet/chat sites took hold. As a consequence many friendships for Philip have been cemented as a consequence both here and abroad.

As a friend now for a number of years and more recently starting to take the pigeon photographs, I have had the honour of handling and photographing all the best of the Van Hercks and the new H-C imports, if the handling is anything to go by we will be reading more about the lofts of Philip & Joe Boal in the near future. I give the set-up two or three seasons to be back to true prominence at the new location.

The racing of the old birds has been the backbone of racing/success for the partnership of P. & J. Boal over the last number of years, right up to Penzance, a distance of 300 miles to the loft, winning no fewer than 7 x 1st Section from that particular racepoint and for me it was interesting to hear from Philip what was involved in achieving such excellence with them. He explained that he has his own system in place for old birds based simply on widowhood with a sense of jealousy. Only experience of your own pigeons will teach you which ones this system can work on which is why Phil has more widowhood hens than cocks, as at times he can have two hens mated to the one cock. This won't work for every pigeon and for the vast majority of the time it is a case of trial and error. For instance, Champion Baard, an RPRA Award winner for Philip & Joe, raced better when she saw her cock with another hen. On the flip side of the coin, Champion Young Bobby, when he saw his hen, he was always well down the result and simply got over-excited. Young Bobby went on to win 3 x 1st Section D NIPA, proving that no one system works for two pigeons. (I recall a conversation I had with the 6 x 1st National winner Alan Darragh, a fancier Philip has very high admiration for, about excitement in pigeons some time ago. Alan told me there was a fine line between getting a pigeon ready for a race regarding excitement. Put it over the limit and you've blown it.) Philip admits that it is

all about knowing your team of pigeons as individuals and knowing what makes them tick and what sends them over the edge.

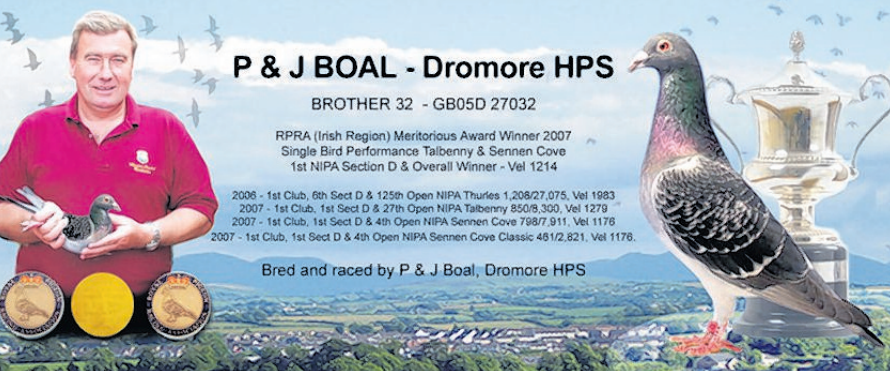
I went on to ask him about detailing his winning system for old bird racing. Again he stressed that there is no overall winning system that can be put into print, for if that were the case everybody would be 1st each week. Through time you develop your own and only through time will you know what your pigeons need to excel at different distances. Then, of course, experience will teach you about forward thinking for the week ahead including considering wind condition, difficult/easy race ahead. Philip, to give credit where it's due, elaborated further with his weekly formula which starts on a Saturday on return from any given race. On Saturday as the birds return from racing they will be fed little amounts of Energy Mix up to three times. Before Philip goes to the Club they are then fed a little Sport Mixture and in the water will be Belgasol. On return from the Club on Saturday evening they will get as much depurative as they want; Zell Oxygen or Optimix will be added to the depurative, which will be tipped out before dark. All cocks are fed in their boxes and the hens are fed on the floor. Sunday morning will see all the pigeons enjoy ¼ rations, no exercise and allowed to rest with Belgasol in the water. Sunday evening, if the previous days race wasn't a tough one, they will exercise, around the house. They will receive just depurative on Sunday evening and this is measured. In the water will be Nifuramycin. Philip also stressed that if the previous day's racing has been difficult and he can tell that the pigeons are down somewhat, they will get a product on Sunday named Traumeel will clean them up and give them a good start to the week ahead. Monday starts the new working week. As a construction manager, Philip often has over an hour's drive to his workplace, depending on where the company has him positioned, so that means very early starts in the morning with many late nights spent in the lofts preparing feeding etc for the next day. That is simply, in my opinion, 100% dedication. Monday morning with the pigeons will mean firstly exercise, for one hour cocks only. They are not forced, as Philip says pigeons in tip-top condition shouldn't need to be forced to fly, especially old birds. While they are out, the widowhood sections are cleaned from top to bottom; on re-entering the loft the widowers will have a measured amount of feed which will be a breakdown of 50/50 depurative and Vanrobaeys No 12 Sport. The water will be as it was on Sunday evening.

On return from work, for Philip it's pigeons first. It simply has to be, he admitted, based on the level of work that's required doing, as both cocks and hens are out in the evening, although not together, so for this to happen already we have spent two hours in the loft and as Philip says, when the youngsters then come along, especially the early days, evening is the only time that they can be let out to facilitate the mucking about that they generally do. So the evening can be very demanding. Philip is considering flying only the widowhood cocks this year in the morning and dropping the evening flight to see if it makes any difference. Monday night



Philip Boal (l) with Di Caprio montage and Dirk van Dyke.

feeding with be exactly the same as Monday morning 50/50 Depurative and Sport Mix, only difference being that the corn will be coated in Sedochol. As for the water, that gets's a measure of Naturaline Tea. Tuesday morning will be as Monday morning. The cocks are all fed in their respective boxes and the hens together on the floor. Tuesday morning the water will be as it was Monday night (pigeon tea). Tuesday evening will see the feeding changed. With the aim of building them up for the race ahead they will receive 100% No 12 which will have been coated the night before in Sheep Fat Oil; as for the water, that has Blitzform added. On Wednesday morning the 100% No 12 continues, as does the Blitzform, which will remain in the water for all of Wednesday. Wednesday evening feeding is cranked up a gear yet again as the build-up continue. Firstly the races will have 100% Vanrobaeys No 12 which will have been coated the night before with Omega Plus as well as Gervit W or Alvitgl on the corn. Around one hour after feeding, the section doors are reopened to allow the widowhood cocks onto the corridor of the loft where they will be hand fed a small amount of Elite 47 to enhance their energy levels. The amount very much depends on the wind direction facing the pigeons in the fourthcoming race. Thursday morning they will receive slightly more sport mixture than normal with plain water. Thursday evening the pigeons will exercise around the lofts for the last time prior to basketing on the Friday for the race ahead and feeding will be widowhood mixture soaked in Sheep Fat Oil from the previous evening. Blitzform will be added to the water on Thursday evening. Once again (as on Wednesday evening) the cocks will be let into the corridor around one hour after feeding is finished to be hand fed more Elite 47 although this time they will get as much as they want. Friday morning which, as every day of the week, starts around 5.30am, with the widowhood cocks, they will have in their boxes, as per normal, a feed of 50% widowhood and 50%



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RPRA (Irish Region) Meritorious Award Winner 2007  
Single Bird Performance Talbenny & Sennen Cove  
1st NIPA Section D & Overall Winner - Vel 1214

2006 - 1st Club, 6th Sect D & 125th Open NIPA Thurles 1,208/27.075, Vel 1983  
2007 - 1st Club, 1st Sect D & 27th Open NIPA Talbenny 850/8,300, Vel 1279  
2007 - 1st Club, 1st Sect D & 4th Open NIPA Sennen Cove 798/7,911, Vel 1176  
2007 - 1st Club, 1st Sect D & 4th Open NIPA Sennen Cove Classic 481/2,821, Vel 1178

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Brother 32.





Philip Boal (I) with Leo Heremans in Belgium.



The fantastic new loft of P. & J. Boal in Dromore.

energy. If all has gone to plan during the week, this feed will tell Philip how the pigeons are, because if they are ready for the task ahead they will eat every little bit of what is put in front of them. All feeding is removed after 15 mins. In the water on Friday will be a basis of TS6+ with a little of Renfrew Mumm added. Philip went on to tell me that if the weather forecast is disadvantageous for the week, eg cold, high winds etc., with a difficult race forecast for the end of the week, extra protein will be added to the feed from Sunday onwards in the form of G10 Pellets, and accordingly, if a fast race is expected the feed on a Thursday night will be cut back to facilitate for same.

At the end of a season getting the pigeons through a successful moult is one of the biggest objectives of the year for Philip and as he put it, 'it will ensure a good start to the imminent breeding season and subsequent O/Bird racing season'. Once again Vanrobaeys is the preferred choice for around three to four weeks for Philip as the company offers the best of the moulting mixture. On top of this a product Philip has never been without in all the years I have known him, Naturaline Tea. His pigeons will have this every day in the water; then twice a week they will avail themselves of Zell Oxygen, and Energy Oil over the corn, topped up with at least a couple of baths.

Breeding is probably the most important part of the year for most successful fanciers as it is when the potential champions are produced! Everything within the Boal lofts, racers and stock, are paired over the Christmas period, preferably Boxing Day. The widowhood pairs will be separated after the first youngsters are 14 days old with the cocks left to rear a single youngster each. Once 21 days are

up the nest bowls are out for the widowers and the discipline will be applied throughout the widowhood sections at times very demanding, especially with new yearling cocks added to the existing widowhood team. A calm widowhood loft is a must for Philip, and one that he endeavours to achieve each year. With regards breeding he tries to mate large to small and never to eyes the same.

The training of the old birds at the start of each season will see them firstly exercise around the lofts twice per day until he sees that they are ready for the road. Simply he says they will let you know when they are fit. Once ready for tossing the cocks will have six tosses by car prior to the first season, a couple of times from 12 miles, followed by 2 from 25 miles and the final two from 50 miles. Philip's three training locations are the same each year. The pigeons are cleaned daily from top to bottom with gridded floors the preferred choice, although through observations Philip thinks that the pigeons are more satisfied on a solid floor within the nest box rather than a gridded one, similar to us in a way, standing on a solid foundation or gridded floor all day. As Philip says, when you have hand-made nest boxes with a gridded floor finished at the frontage with a solid board, where will the pigeons be resting at night when closing up the lofts and first thing in the morning? On the solid board, that's where!

The old birds will be vaccinated prior to racing commencing at the same time each year. It has been shown that it gives them a lift for the first race. They will also be on a three-week cycle of medication covering canker and respiratory treatments, include Flagyl liquid for the canker and Soludox or Saunovil for treatment and prevention of respiratory, then the third week will be a clear one. On top of this other general treatments given

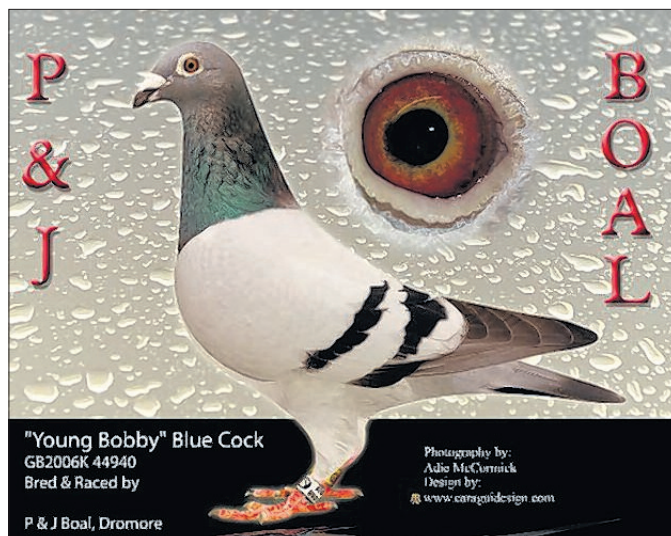
include Moxidectin for worms and Baycox for coxi administered before breeding and racing. Before breeding they will always get a dosing of Amoxycillin and after the moult a treatment of Cosimix or Trimizim 30% for paratyphoid. Finally, just something to add to the overall health on a weekly basis: all pigeons get Biumos, an excellent probiotic for the stomach and gut.

Young bird racing is considered a time of education by the Boal team, so very little emphasis is put on achieving big performances, hence the complete team remaining on the natural system. Philip concedes that you must now race darkness for there to be any chance of young bird success/dominance, although he is of the opinion that natural babies do turn out to be better yearlings. Around 100 youngsters will be reared by the lofts and they will be put on Vanrobaeys breeding mix for the first 12 - 14 weeks of their lives. They will then have a diet basis of Gerry Plus. When training commences they will have 50% Gerry and 50% Breeding, as when the exercise increases they will require a certain amount of protein and the quantity will vary based on workload expected of them. Once in full flight and training daily the diet will change to 50% Gerry and 50% No12 of Vanrobaeys. Once racing has started the breakdown will change once again with Gerry Plus fed to them Sunday, Monday and Tuesday followed by Vanrobaeys No 12 Wed and Thurs with added energy mix given in the evening. Additives on the corn and in the water would be similar to the old birds but just not to the same extent - no need for it as they are not competing or expected to perform at the same level of competition as their older counter parts.

Training of the youngsters can be a testing time



Young Bobby.



Baard.



as many will know. If patience were to be sold in jars it would be a sell-out! Philip has to be happy with their effort around home before they are summoned to the basket and all tossing is carried out by him for the majority of the time. The only time they will see other youngsters is perhaps one toss prior to racing when they will be tested when mixed with other youngsters. Training will be carried out from the exact same three points as the widowhood racers at 12-, 25- and 50-mile locations. Firstly they will have 10 tosses from the 12-mile point followed by as many as necessary from the 25-mile location and when they have homed back to the lofts on a number of consecutive occasions before Philip, he will then move them to 50 miles where they will have around four tosses with the last two being when the youngsters are tested in batches of 10 at a time, simply drumming the education into them, rather than follow-the-leader. Philip will then bring them back to 25 miles and keep them there releasing them no more than four at a time. This will continue daily until the aforementioned one big toss prior to the first race. When racing has commenced they will remain at the 25-mile release point daily, only they will be released two at a time. It's very time-consuming but as Phil says, that system sorts them out and ultimately reduces the workload and of course the corn bill as the weeks go on. After two weeks of this they will be trained only around the lofts morning and night.

Vaccinating of the youngsters will occur when they leave the nest as Philip says a young bird's immunity is established within the first 40 days of hatching. They will also receive a second dose prior to racing. Young birds will also receive cider vinegar once a week at a dosage of 10ml to 1 litre, but this will cease when racing commences as they simply don't like it. As like the widowhood racers they will have Beneflora on the corn once per week.

Philip & Joe have had many ups and more downs, I have been present at the lofts on a number of Saturdays watching the Boal pigeons return and can assure the fancy that 1st Opens where lost due to bad trapping. Asking Philip what was the highlight of his career to date, he was quick to answer, winning the Tony Cornwall RPRA Trophy with Baard awarded to the National UK Any Distance Champion, a top honour to win. On the biggest disappointment? There where simply too many to select and out-and-out winner!

With all my info for this report absorbed I hope you agree he has gone into great detail. He surprised me by asking if I wanted to see the new loft, so out we went and down the road to what can only be described as a building site with scaffolding surrounding the new foundations of the proposed new family home. What an impressive property it will be when it's complete, set within a very spacious amount of land. But what about the loft? It's already built and ready to go and as I'm sure you can imagine when you see the attention to

detail in Philip's racing system you can just imagine what the new loft looks like. Nothing has been forgotten and it is perhaps one of the best I have seen in recent years. Simply superb. I will close this report by listing the results of P. & J. Boal since my last visit in 2009 and wish the brothers every success both with their new family at stock and of course the new location. I have absolutely no doubt whatsoever that you will be reading about more success for the lofts of P. & J. Boal, Dromore, Northern Ireland.

**2010 Old Birds:** 1st, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Club 422 birds finishing 5th, 6th and 35th NIPA Section D 2,093 birds Tullamore; 1st, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th and 13th Club 488 birds, 1st, 14th, 15th, 40th, 41st and 42nd NIPA Section D 3,106 birds finishing 2nd, 54th, 57th, 150th and 165th Open NIPA Tullamore (2) 24,776 birds; 2nd, 13th and 14th Club 625 birds, 2nd, 32nd and 33rd NIPA Section D 3,512 birds finishing 113th Open Roscrea with 28,018 birds; 4th Club 496 birds, 5th, 28th and 32nd NIPA Section D 3,353 birds finishing 17th Open NIPA Clonmel with 25,998 birds; 5th, 7th and 8th Club 462 birds, 5th, 7th, 8th and 21st NIPA Section D 3,344 birds finishing 197th, 110th and 111th Open NIPA Clonmel (2) 26,551 birds; 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 13th Club 521 birds, 11th, 12th, 14th, 21st and 35th NIPA Section D 3,622 birds finishing 62nd, 65th, 68th and 113th Open Fermoy 26,159 birds; 2nd, 3rd, 8th, 9th and 13th Club 218 birds, 2nd, 3rd, 10th, 11th and 20th NIPA Section D 1,334 birds finishing 62nd and 63rd Open NIPA Clonmel with 10,409 birds; 3rd, 4th, 5th and 10th Club 150 birds, 3rd, 5th, 8th, 27th, 29th and 31st NIPA Section D 1,334 birds finishing 43rd, 51st, 91st and 153rd Rosscarbery National 6,691 birds; 1st Club, 1st North Section 2,998 birds finishing 7th and 135th INFC Skibbereen National 3,754 birds; 2nd, 6th and 7th Club 168 birds, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 15th NIPA Section D 950 birds finishing 4th, 20th, 21st and 61st Open NIPA Fermoy 6,301 birds; 2nd and 9th Club 176 birds, 5th and 18th NIPA Section D finishing 65th and 163rd Open Talbenny with 12,331 birds; 3rd Club, 3rd NIPA Section D 272 birds finishing 13th Open NIPA Fermoy 5 Bird 2,366 birds; 1st, 6th and 11th Club 137 birds, 1st, 15th and 42nd NIPA Section D 1,175 birds; 7th and 121st Open NIPA Penzance 7,913 birds; 1st, 6th and 11th Club 120 birds, 1st and 9th NIPA Section D finishing 5th, 80th and 180th NIPA Penzance Classic 2,951 birds; 1st, 4th and 6th Club, 2nd and 10th NIPA Section D finishing 29th Rosscarbery O/Hens National 988 birds.

**2010 Young Birds:** 1st, 2nd, 4th, 7th, 10th and 12th Club 467 birds, 3rd, 7th, 12th, 16th, 25th and 43rd NIPA Section D finishing 12th, 24th, 43rd, 64th, 85th and 132nd NIPA Open Roscrea 24,436 birds; 2nd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th Club 475 birds, 6th 12th, 19th and 29th NIPA Section D 3,200 birds finishing 19th, 37th, 54th and 83rd NIPA Open

Roscrea (2) with 27,087 birds; 5th and 7th Club 481 birds, 29th and 31st NIPA Section D 2,777 birds finishing 132nd and 147th Open NIPA with 23,692 birds; 9th Club 318 birds, 37th NIPA Section D 2,507 birds finishing 146th Open NIPA Fermoy 19,604 birds competing and finally prior to the birds falling apart 2nd Club Talbenny.

**2011 Old Birds:** 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th Club 347 birds finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 12th, 15th and 41st NIPA Section D Tullamore with 2,838 birds; 2nd Club 355 birds, 4th NIPA Section D 3,216 birds finishing 35th Open NIPA Tullamore (2) with some 24,873 birds; 6th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th Club 515 birds, 35th NIPA Section D 3,725 birds finishing 141st Open Roscrea with 30,000 birds; 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Club 462 birds finishing 10th, 11th, 37th, 39th, 43rd and 44th NIPA Section D Clonmel 3,718 birds; 8th and 11th Club 300 pigeons, 27th and 31st NIPA Section D 1,482 birds finishing 112th and 121st Open NIPA Roscrea (2) with some 12,355 birds competing; 6th, 7th and 10th Club, 19th, 20th, 25th and 31st NIPA Section D 702 birds finishing 52nd, 54th, 92nd, 124th and 241st NIPA Rosscarbery Old Bird National 6,172 birds competing; 1st, 7th and 8th Club, 9th, 72nd and 73rd INFC Skibbereen North Section 3,467 birds finishing 133rd National overall; 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th Club, 1st, 2nd, 6th and 11th NIPA Section D finishing 2nd, 4th, 19th and 41st Open NIPA Rosscarbery O/Hens National 1,699 birds competing; 9th and 10th Club, 16th and 17th NIPA Section D finishing 53rd, 54th and 85th Open Rosscarbery O/Cocks National 1,937 birds competing; 4th, 5th, 8th and 12th Club, 3rd and 8th NIPA Section D finishing 7th, 26th, 65th and 119th NIPA Open Fermoy 5 Bird 2,488 birds competing; 7th Club, 15th Section D 1,086 birds finishing 100th Open NIPA Penzance 6,988 birds competing; 5th Club, 7th Section D NIPA finishing 60th Open Penzance Classic with 2,852 birds competing.

With a move of house and a new loft on the horizon it was decided not to race young birds in 2011. The above results over two years resulted in the lofts of P. & J. Boal winning four RPRA Awards. Here are some other stats. In that period the widowhood hens clocked up a staggering 4 x 1st NIPA Section D Diplomas in the overall 6 x 1st Section Diplomas won by the loft. On top of that the hens also showed well in the loft recording 6 x 2nd Section and 6 x 3rd Section in the same period. Are they the more jealous of the two? In the same time, talking about consistency, the P. & J. Boal loft was 3 x 2nd Open NIPA and other top 20 finishes included, in no particular order: 7th, 17th, 4th, 20th, 9th, 4th, 19th, 7th, 13th, 7th, 5th, 12th and 19th with upwards of 28,000 pigeons competing. Simply Outstanding!

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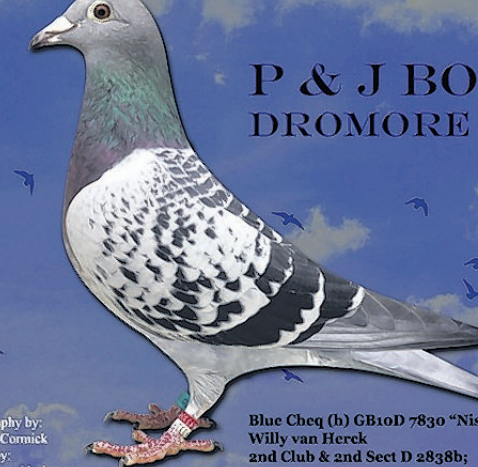


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Willy van Herck  
RPRA Award Winner.  
3 x 1sts, 1 x 1st NIPA Sect D etc

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1st Club, 1st Sect D & 2nd National 1699b;  
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