

Gino Clique of Belgium

'Where consistency is key'



Gino Clique

**A fancier for 45 years and still as motivated as ever
Winning in 2025 another
2 x 1st National victories**

'A truly elite National loft'

The performances displayed by Gino Clique this year add a whole new dimension again to pigeon racing in Belgium.

The 2025 Racing Season

During an excellency year, Gino has won: 2 x 1st National Golden Medard and Golden Aimee; 60 x 1st prizes; 8 x 1st Provincial; 8 x top 10 National; 36 x top 100 National; 6th Nat Ace KBDB Long Distance, Silver Souillac; 15th Nat Ace KBDB Long Distance, Small Devil.

Week after week the results came flying in, starting in May with 2 x 1st Provincial victories in one day with 1st, 2nd and 3rd Provincial Vierzon, 6,480 birds and 1st and 2nd Provincial, 4,609 birds. Then came Gino's first National victory of 2025 with 1st National Cahors, 5,226 birds, followed four weeks later with 1st and 2nd National Souillac, 4,577 birds. In August the team was still going strong, with another double Provincial victory on the same day, 1st Provincial Perpignan, 721 birds and 1st Provincial Tulle, 769 birds, followed the next week with 1st Provincial Chateauroux, 3,023 birds.

I always plan a visit to Gino's loft to watch the National racing in the summer, and just missed their two National victories from Cahors and Souillac. I did say it would be nice to see a third 1st National, but I suppose it was a bit of a tall ask. The day I was there, the old birds, yearlings and youngsters were on top form as usual, arriving like bullets and scoring well - in the top 10 on every race!

Double National 2022 and 2025

Of course this is not Gino's first double National victory in one year. In 2022 he won from Libourne and Agen (1st International). He won Libourne with Golden Leonie, 1st National Libourne, 3,317 birds and fastest of 6,309 birds. Leonie is a granddaughter of Golden Prince, 1st National Ace KBDB Long Distance, a champion in Gino's loft, breeding winner after winner. She is a medium sized pigeon with a nice body and has already won many top prizes.

Turbo Cyriel won 1st National Agen from 7,331 birds and 1st International, 16,932 birds. He is a grandson of Turbo Piraat, 12th National Ace KBDB Great Middle Long Distance and grandson to Caesar, 10th International Barcelona 25,381 birds.

The National winners in 2022 were named after Gino's son Jasper's children, Leonie and Cyriel, and since then Gino's daughter Eva has also had two babies, Medard and Aimee, whose names have been given to the 2025 National winners. For the moment there are no more grandchildren, hopefully this won't affect the next 1st Nationals!

Selection and the foundations

Gino's unique gift of selection, pairing and racing has led him to develop a colony

based around few bloodlines with phenomenal results year after year. The current colony consists of a rock-solid foundation with illustrious ancestors such as Golden Prince, Prince Rudy, Red Filip, Mario, Devil Prince, Super Prince, and Piraat. Their descendants appear in nearly every pedigree of Clique pigeons. Numerous top performers have emerged from Super Prince and Piraat, including Golden Prince, Golden King, Golden Princess, First Lady, Devil Prince, Prince Rudy, and many others - all National Ace Pigeons or 1st National winners!

Gino is always respectful of those in the sport who helped him most, with pigeons and with advice. These include his father Germain, Andre de Smet, Lucien Stallens, Robert Dobbelaere, Patrick Delrue, Gaby Vandenabeele, Eric Vermander, etc.

Good selection is a valuable skill for a pigeon fancier. Gino says, In 2012 I was focusing more on National racing, and was convinced my family needed just one more quality boost, so I went to Gaby Vandenabeele. I knew Gaby very well and when I told him I was interested, he offered me the choice from a group of 30. I picked six grandchildren of Bliksem, and a golden choice it was, among the six were Super Gaby (sire Devil Prince 1st National Montlucon 19,298 b in 2014) and Gaby 892 (sire Gabriella 1st National Agen 2,932 b in 2016).

Two years later I chose from a larger group at Gaby's loft. Among those which I selected, seven came from the same sire - a son of Bliksem who was still unknown at the time. The ones I like best are the ones I take', said Gino. That same sire later appeared to be Rudy, the number one breeder during Gaby Vandenabeele's last era in pigeon racing. One of them is the dam of Prince Rudy, 1st National Limoges 14,575 b in 2015.

The steady stream of top results coming out of Wevelgem clearly shows that this colony will remain firmly at the top of the pigeon racing world for quite some time. It's not just Gino who's flying well though, it's also other fanciers with his pigeons.

Clique pigeons in other lofts

For many years, this bloodline has been producing successes at satellite lofts, both Nationally and Internationally, with super pigeons who perform at the highest level, from sprints to races as far as 530 miles. The most recent examples of success with pigeons sourced from Gino are: 2nd National Ace Pigeon Heavy Half Distance KBDB in 2024 with Denis Sapin, Lola, Belg22-3046286 from Gino's Piraat lines; 1st Provincial Ace Pigeon Heavy Half Distance and 1st Provincial Ace Pigeon All-Round Yearling with Rogier Ingels Blue Star, Belg23-4121721, a double gold medal for this exceptional pigeon!

Every year brings another season of truly top prizes for the loft of Gino Clique in West Flanders, Belgium, but it's taken years to perfect. All down to serious hard work, motivation, concentration, and determination to become a professional sportsman. Some people are lucky in life, some people have to work to make it happen, and Gino is one of those people. Having lived just 10km away from him in Belgium, I know the work he has put into raising a family, running a business, and becoming one of the most successful and respected fanciers in the world.

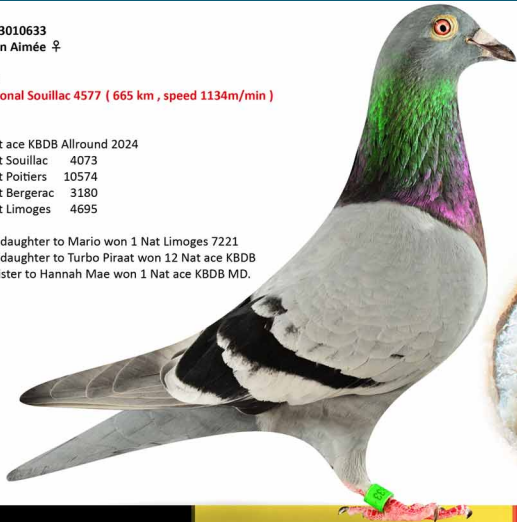
Belg23-3010633, Golden Aimee, 1st National Souillac 4,577 birds in 2025.

BE23-3010633
Golden Aimee ♀

Won :
1 National Souillac 4577 (665 km , speed 1134m/min)

Also;
13 Nat ace KBDB Allround 2024
32 Nat Souillac 4073
34 Nat Polliers 10574
45 Nat Bergerac 3180
57 Nat Limoges 4695

Granddaughter to Mario won 1 Nat Limoges 7221
Granddaughter to Turbo Piraat won 12 Nat ace KBDB
Half Sister to Hannah Mae won 1 Nat ace KBDB MD.



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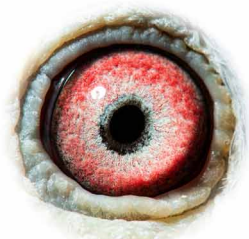
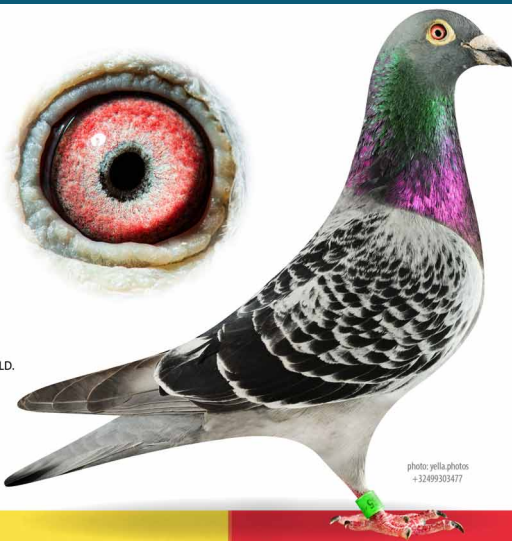
Belg23- 3010465, Golden Medard, 1st National Cahors 5,226 birds in 2025.

BE23-3010465
Golden Médard ♂

Won ;
1 National Cahors 5226 (713 km , speed 1144m/min)

Also;
4 Nat Brive 3491
39 Nat Bergerac 3180
23 Club Arras 616
24 Prov Bourges 3256
29 Prov Vierzon 6216
50 Prov Montoire 4105
114 Prov Troy 7756
168 Nat Limoges 6838
241 Nat Chateauroux 13852
334 Prov Orleans 9231

28 Nat ace KBDB Long Distance '24
Father is brother to Corina won 1 Nat ace KBDB GMLD
Grandson to Golden King won 1 Nat ace KBDB Long D.
Father is son to 1 Nat ace Long D. X 1 Nat ace KBDB extreme LD.



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BE20-3015043
GOLDEN LEONIE ♀

1 NATIONAL LIBOURNE 3317 (1018 m/min)
1 FASTEST NATIONAL ALL BIRDS 6309

20 NAT SOUILLAC 4476
59 NAT BOURGES 25096
89 NAT ARGENTON 9851
157 NAT PERIGUEUX 4779
63 PROV BOURGES 5780
139 PROV CHATEAUROUX 4336
142 PROV CHATEAUROUX 7547
10 CLUB ARRAS 673
41 CLUB FONTENAY 900

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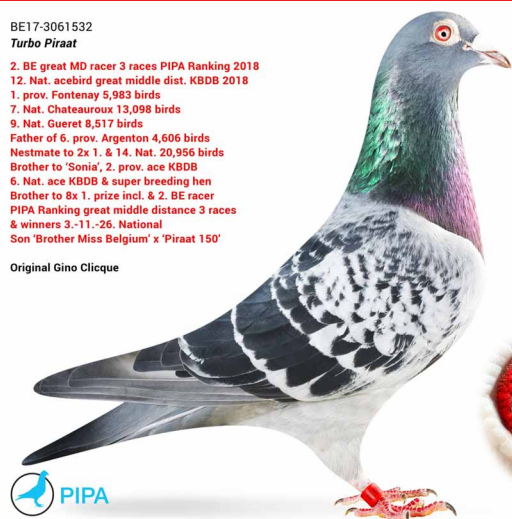
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BE17-3061532
Turbo Piraat

2. BE great MD racer 3 races PIPA Ranking 2018
12. Nat. acebird great middle dist. KBDB 2018
1. prov. Fontenay 5,983 birds
7. Nat. Chateauroux 13,098 birds
9. Nat. Gueret 8,517 birds
Father of 6. prov. Argenton 4,606 birds
Nestmate to 2x 1. & 14. Nat. 20,956 birds
Brother to 'Sonia', 2. prov. ace KBDB
6. Nat. ace KBDB & super breeding hen
Brother to 8x 1. prize incl. & 2. BE racer
PIPA Ranking great middle distance 3 races
& winners 3.-11.-26. National
Son 'Brother Miss Belgium' x 'Piraat 150'

Original Gino Clicque

PIGEON
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A Family Loft

It's a real family affair at Gino's loft, with his son and daughter, Jasper and Laura, helping every day. His wife Kristien is always watching on race day and provides a great support with the administration and telephone calls. Gino is very proud that every one of his family has contributed to their success story.

We had a bit of sad news last year, in fact just the day before Gino came to the UK for the Blackpool Show, their beloved Jack Russell, Monkey, who I bred in 2005 when I lived in Belgium, sadly passed away. I know how it is when you lose a pet, you feel they're irreplaceable, but happily the loft is once again protected by another feisty Jack called Collette! While I was there, she was already well settled into the pigeon routine, busy around the loft, and sunning herself on the lawn, what a life!

For as long as I've known Gino, his ability to remember facts and figures is remarkable. He can recite many people's birthdays, telephone numbers, car registration plates, and this skill means he has the advantage of knowing ring numbers, prizes and race history. It's a real gift, and very helpful in racing pigeons.

Sharing the Knowledge

What's great about Gino is that he's always happy to help fanciers, and is never afraid to be open when asked about his systems. He travels the world for his pigeons, always listening, asking, learning about different racing systems and ideas.

There are no automated cleaning systems in the loft, every box and perch is scraped by hand, with grids or straw on the floor. All the lofts are in the front, with a big open apex and tiles - the old fashioned way,

many years, so it's easier, without that, it takes more time. It all depends on good management, keeping the team healthy, fit and motivated. That goes for the fancier too! I need every year to have exceptional results every year, not to win 1st Club or Provincial, it's a 1st National or 1st Ace Pigeon, every year we hope to have something like that. Then you know the hard work has paid off.'

Racing Systems

Gino has tried different racing systems, but likes mostly classic widowhood where all partners stay home. Of course the youngsters are an exception, he breeds two or three rounds to race, and uses the double widowhood system. When they are tested as youngsters and prove themselves, then they are moved to classic widowhood where he has more time with them.

He likes to let the racers have eggs in spring, he prefers each bird is over breeding, they sit on false eggs, normally 19 days. He keeps them to 24 days so that the hens start producing the milk, he firmly believes it gives a boost for the whole system. It's a natural thing, they instinctively give the milk, but the milk needs to disappear inside - it goes in the body, it's important for that bit extra. A young bird growing every day is doubling every day, the milk is so rich.

Moulting

After racing, Gino believes the moulting period is a very important time for the pigeons. It should be a relaxing time, not let out so often, very good food, a lot of vitamins, grit stones and the birds also eat much more than normal. He uses two systems, where birds separated from their

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where wind and therefore pressure goes through and refreshes the air.

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Every pigeon bred by Gino, from his breeding pairs to his racers, all have special treatment. The story starts in the nest, every youngster is touched by his hand every day, creating that bond between fancier and pigeon. He uses pairings that are not really inbred to each other - he has four main lines which he switches between, and which continue to produce top results.

We know that pigeon racing is not easy, and there are many difficult days. I asked Gino how he finds the motivation every day. He says, 'every day I like to see the pigeons because it's a passion. We are already in a great position where we have quality, after

nest position can moult quickly. His racers are kept three months in the nest, twice over breeding, giving a much slower moult, therefore slower loss and recuperation which can be more beneficial for the next year.

Young Birds

The Clicque young bird team is put on darkness quite early, from 14th February from 6pm - 6am, changing in the second week of March to 7pm - 7am. Feeders and drinkers are in the aviary, not the loft. Gino says 14 hours darkness is essential from 14th February until 21st June. He doesn't give the light to get more form though, in his loft, young bird racing is not a priority as long as they have successful training for the next year.

The Future

Gino is always looking to the future, how he can support the longevity of the pigeon sport. He is a keen ambassador, and has set up a number of satellite lofts including two lofts with younger people. They are from families who had pigeons, Gino met



Gino Clicque & Jayne Mitchell.



Gino with his daughter Laura.



Jasper with Leonie & Cyriel.



them at exhibitions and saw the way they looked at the birds, and how they clearly had a love for pigeons, those are the ones he invites to his loft. Then he offers help, build a small loft, help them with their questions, be open to give the right information. When they feel that nobody is helping, they stop.

The future of the sport will be to make it popular and up to date, most youngsters don't have the time and in a lot of places you can't build lofts any more. The solution could be community lofts, a park with lofts where young people can have a part of that loft, this could attract more people to race those pigeons.

Golden Clicque Rule No 1: 'Every 1st National KBDB winner and every 1st National Ace Pigeon KBDB moves to the breeding loft on the day they grab gold'.

Golden Clicque Rule No 2: 'Cross-breed our major winning bloodlines, ie. a son of a 1st National/Ace KBDB winner paired to a daughter of another 1st National/Ace KBDB'.

Future Clicque Ambitions

'Breeding pigeons with nothing but 1st National KBDB or 1st National Ace Pigeon KBDB winners in the fourth generation, the 16 great grandparents are all gold medal winners'.

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What you will find in a Clicque pigeon

A medium-sized pigeon with a closed in the back with a strong skeleton. They should be at their best in hard weather 1100-1200mpm races. On return home they should be full of energy after heavy efforts. They should be tested for the first time as a yearling, as a youngster. Birds must achieve a top National result as young bird/yearling. Top racers are always used for breeding.

President Clicque

Gino is the President of the legendary Club des XX, the most prestigious club of fanciers in Belgium, founded in the late 1950s. The members are the equivalent of A-list Hollywood actors, if Tom Cruise and Julia Roberts raced pigeons they would be in the Club des XX. We should celebrate the successful fanciers, they will be the ambassadors and what attracts the young people to the sport. Look at the accolade Gino's local club made for him, a mural of Golden Prince at the basketball centre, that's how to promote the sport!

Now it's time for a well deserved rest after another fantastic season, and let's see what 2026 brings for the family Clicque. In the meantime we look to references for our stock birds here at my loft in the UK, and in Gino's loft, selecting with the results knowledge, always the best way to ensure continued success.

BE24-3059809
Miss Eri ♀

Won 1 Interprovincial Vierzon old and yearlings 6480 (405 km)
Won 1 Interprovincial Vierzon yearlings 2356

Daughter to Turbo Cyriel won 1 Intern. Agen 16932
Mother is double granddaughter to Golden Prince




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BE20-3015063
SILVER OLYMPIC ♂

2 NAT ACE KBDB EXTREME LONG DISTANCE 2021

28 NAT AGEN	7360 (787 km)
29 NAT NARBONNE	5972 (853 km)

Won also :
14 CLUB PONTOISE 748
107 PROV CHATEAUROUX 4366




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BE11-3172003
Mario

Super winner 1. Nat. Limoges 7,221 birds
Also topbreeder & g.father of 'Corina'

1. Nat. acebird great middle dist. KBDB 2020
Also (grand)father to winners of a/o
5. prov. acebird long distance KBDB 2015
14. Nat. acebird KBDB long distance 2018
2. Nat. Limoges 10,783 birds & winners of 18.-19.-20.-35. National

Original Mario Van Belle






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BE23-3010782
Silver Souillac ♂

Won:
6 Nat ace KBDB Long Distance 2025
2 Nat Souillac 4577 (after loftmate)
42 Nat Tulle 5912
44 Nat Limoges 13016
2 Prov Chateauroux 1870
20 Comb. Clermont 4553
173 Nat Cahors 5226

Son to Silver Olympic won 2 Nat ace KBDB Extreme LD.
Grandson to Golden Devil won 1 Nat Chateauroux 13098

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BE18-3003778 " CORINA "

1 NAT ACEPIGEON KBDB GMLD OLD 2020
(raced by Menten Ronny)

3 NAT ARGENTON	16762
10 NAT GUERET	7175
32 NAT ISSOUDUN	10603
33 NAT CHATEAUROUX	20800
119 NAT LA SOUTERRAINE	9469

1 ACE NAT RANKING GMLD OVER 5 RACES

Granddaughter to Red Filip & Mario




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Superstars of 2025

23-3010465 Golden Medard (Grandson Golden King), 1st National Cahors 5,226 birds; **23-3010633 Golden Aimee** (granddaughter Mario), 1st National Souillac 4,577 birds; **23-3010782 Silver Souillac** (son Silver Olympic), 2nd National Souillac 4,577 birds, 6th Nat Ace KBDB Long Distance; **23-3010853 Gaston**, 1st National Z Perpignan 1,392 birds; **24-3059522 Denise** (granddaughter Turbo Cyriel), 1st Provincial Toury 4,609 birds; **24-3059809 Miss Eri** (daughter Turbo Cyriel), 1st Provincial Vierzon 6,480 birds; **25-3003100 Turbo Leonie** (granddaughter Turbo Cyriel), 1st Provincial Chateauroux 3,023 birds; **24-3059746 Paloma Tulle** (daughter H/S Corina), 1st Provincial Tulle 1,418 birds; **24-3059767 Leona** (granddaughter Turbo Piraat), 2nd Provincial Toury 4,609 birds; **23-3059715 Dtr Silver Olympic 715**, 3rd Provincial Vierzon 6,480 birds; **23-3010545 Kyla** (granddaughter Golden King), 9th National Cahors 5,226 birds; **23-3010668 Son Turbo Cyriel**; **24-3059564 Small Devil**

Top 100 National prizes in 2025

1st, 9th Nat Cahors OB 5,226b; 1st, 2nd, 18th, 20th, 27th Nat Souillac OB 4,577b; 7th, 11th, 14th Nat La Souterraine OB 4,971b; 7th Nat Agen OB 4,839b; 9th, 28th, 66th Nat Cahors OB 5,226b; 9th Nat Brest OB 1,173b; 10th Nat Perpignan OB 3,522b; 11th, 36th, d, 47th, 48th, 49th Nat Limoges Yearlings 4,689b; 15th, 63rd, 71st Nat Libourne Yearlings 3,883b; 23rd, 57th, 93rd Nat Limoges OB 4,695b; 24th, 31st, 89th Nat Souillac Yearlings 4,234b; 40th Nat Libourne OB 3,261b; 42nd, 44th Nat Limoges OB 13,016b; 82nd Nat Tulle Yearlings 4,277b; 94th Nat Dax OB 2,516b.

Racing Season 2024:

36 x 1st prizes; 5 x 1st Provincial; 3 x top 10 National; 50 x top 100 National; 1st Nat Ace KBDB Middle Distance YB, Hannah Mae; 8th National Champion Long Distance Yearlings; 13th Nat Ace KBDB All Round Old & Yearling; 14th Nat Ace KBDB Middle Distance YB

Racing Season 2023:

33 x 1st prizes; 3 x 1st Provincial; 5 x top 5 National; 40 x Top 100 National.

Racing Season 2022:

1 x 1st International; 2 x 1st National; 5 x 1st Provincial; 46 x 1st prizes; 8 x top 5 National; 12 x top 10 National; 51 x top 100 National; 10th Nat Ace KBDB Long Distance, Ace Rudy;

Racing Season 2021:

3 x 2nd National; 3 x 1st National Z; 4 x 1st Provincial; 52 x 1st prizes; 9 x top 5 National; 14 x top 10 National; 89 x top 100 National; 2nd Nat Ace KBDB Long Distance; 2nd Nat Ace KBDB Extreme Long Distance; 8th Nat Ace KBDB Long Distance; 18th Nat Ace KBDB Long Distance; 20th Nat Ace KBDB Long Distance; 1st Best Belgian old bird across four N Nationals; 1st Best Belgian old bird across five Nationals; 1st and 2nd Best Belgian yearling across four Nationals; 6th General Champion of Belgium KBDB; 9th National Champion KBDB Long Distance.

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