

vel 1504, St Malo 2021 31st Sect E & 91st Open NIPA vel 487.

Bronze Diploma for 2 times in the OB Nat prizes – D Carroll, Millvale Blue w/f (h) GB15S91256. St Malo 2021 14th Sect G & 112th Open NIPA vel 1496, St Malo 2021 12th Sect G & 79th Open NIPA vel 518. John Doey, Laurelvale Dark Cheq (c) GB18L12909. St Malo 2020 50th Sect E & 81st Open NIPA vel 1522, St Malo 2021 20th Sect E & 54th Open NIPA vel 564. H T & J Larkin, Wilton Cross Blue (c) GB19P17525. St Malo 2020 40th Sect E & 67th Open NIPA vel 1533, St Malo 2021 40th Sect E & 123rd Open NIPA vel 378. Larkin Bros, Portadown & Drumcree Cheq (h) GB18P13161. St Malo 2021 8th Sect E & 12th Open NIPA vel 1608, St Malo 2021 11th Sect E & 32nd Open NIPA vel 598. A Taylor & Son, Ligoniel Blue (c) GB19L30061. St Malo 2021 7th Sect C & 39th Open NIPA vel 1573, St Malo 2021 14th

Sect C & 46th Open NIPA vel 576. McCartan & Woodsides, Crossgar Blue (h) IHU15N13081. St Malo 2019 2nd Sect F & 40th Open NIPA vel 588, St Malo 2021 2nd Sect F & 66th Open NIPA vel 541. Cormac O'Hare & Daughter, Ballyholland Blue (h) GB18B24092. St Malo 2020 7th Sect G & 55th Open NIPA vel 1547, St Malo 2021 2nd Sect G & 13th Open NIPA vel 704. Cormac O'Hare & Daughter, Ballyholland Blue Pied (h) GB19B32031. St Malo 2020 4th Sect G & 29th Open NIPA vel 1583, St Malo 2021 6th Sect G & 35th Open NIPA vel 594. Philip Boyd, Annaghmore Blue (h) 'The Big Hen' GB18A32397. St Malo 2020 100th Sect E & 241st Open NIPA vel 1405, St Malo 2021 10th Sect E & 30th Open NIPA vel 606. J Geary & Son, Portadown & Drumcree Blue Ch (H) 'Eileen' GB17P06856. St Malo 2020 48th Sect E & 78th Open NIPA vel 1526, St Malo 2021 23rd Sect E & 67th Open NIPA vel

541. Spence Bros, Lisburn & District Black Cheq (c) IHU17N05046. St Malo 2021 7th Sect D & 134th Open NIPA vel 1482, St Malo 2021 1st Sect D & 2nd Open NIPA vel 772. Davy McElhone, Eastway Pencil Blue (c) GB19E07675. St Malo 2020 18th Sect C & 171st Open NIPA vel m1455, St Malo 2021 19th Sect C & 59th Open NIPA vel 551. John Connolly, Ballymoney HPS Blue Ch Pied (h) GB18V88056. St Malo 2020 24th Sect B & 223rd Open NIPA vel 1419, St Malo 2021 1st Sect B & 3rd Open NIPA vel 762. Nelson Weir, Loughgall Blue w/f (c) GB17L05519. St Malo 2020 13th Sect E & 23rd Open NIPA vel 1589, St Malo 2021 41st Sect E & 126th Open NIPA vel 369. G & C Topley, Laurelvale Blue Cheq (h) GB18L13121. St Malo 2020 64th Sect E & 111th Open NIPA vel 1496, St Malo 2021 5th Sect E & 19th Open NIPA vel 686. Paul Dunlop, Edgarstown Blue (c) GB19E26511. St Malo 2020 103rd Sect E &

249th Open NIPA vel 1395, St Malo 2021 33rd Sect E & 98th Open NIPA vel 429. Paul Hope, Edgarstown Blue Ch Pied (h) GB16E20204. G & C Simmons, Edgarstown Blue Cheq (c) GB19E20559. St Malo 2020 70th Sect E & 147th Open NIPA vel 1471, St Malo 2021 37th Sect E & 117th Open NIPA vel 389. G Hughes & Son, Newry & District Blue (c) GB16D15863. St Malo 2020 35th Sect G & 224th Open NIPA vel 1419, St Malo 2021 15th Sect G & 90th Open NIPA vel 491.

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Van Gent

Champion Midday releases 2021 of Marathon Noord introduced to readers of the Racing Pigeon

Marathon Noord is a competition in the Netherlands for fanciers with a distance further than 1030 kilometer from St. Vincent. Only the first two pigeons from the entry list (assigned pigeons) count for this competition. For the midday release championship, the races St Vincent, Dax and Bergerac count. For the Morning release championship Barcelona, Marseille and Perpignan count.

Marathon Noord is a fair competition. Every fancier competes with two pigeons. Further you have to register in advance. So only members can compete. In 2021 we had over 50000€ worth of prizes.

Wim Peer, Millingen, 1st Champion Midday release Marathon Noord 2021

Champions of Marathon Noord are the best of the best. These Champions are competing and are able to clock one of their first two birds on the entry list on three national races, St Vincent, Dax and Bergerac. In 2021 St Vincent was a hard race with speeds under 1000 mpm, Dax was less hard, but still...first pigeons arrive just before 10 in the morning. Bergerac was a windy race with arrivals during the night. So three different races. Try to assign the right pigeons for each race with the first two on the entry list.

Wim Peer was able to finish on St Vincent and Dax in the top of the National result lists and Bergerac he also timed early.

The Fancier

Wim Peer, 74 years old, his profession was building green houses. Nowadays he is the newspaper distributor for his region. This work is done in the early morning hours. When he returns home he takes care of his pigeons.

He started when he was 10 years old together with his brother. In some periods in the 64 years he did not had pigeons because he was not able to.

At present his pigeon loft is 50 meters from his house in the garden of a fancier who was not able to continue with the pigeons due to health issues. He always raced the extreme long distance races.

The Wim Peer strain

All the pigeons are descendants of the old



Wim Peer with 02

Jan Aarden strain. His brother had a hen that flew a 3rd National on Bergerac. This hen is the base hen of the Wim Peer strain. Wim had to stop with the pigeons for a while and sold all his birds to another fancier with one condition: When he was going to start again, he wanted one couple youngsters from this hen. He restarted on his current address and he got the couple of youngsters. One of these is a hen and all the top birds are children or grandchildren of this hen.

A tiny loft

Wim only has 7 meters or 21 feet of loft. In 2021 he had 12 couples of racers and one breeding couple. He has 28 boxes for the racers but only uses less than half of these. In 2022 the number of breeding couples will be doubled, one of the top racers is promoted to breeder. In another section of the loft is room for 20 youngsters.

The start of 2021 was not very good. Two of his best racers were victim of a bird of prey. His motivation got a big blow, but his daughter motivated him to continue. Wim did continue and how...



In front of the loft with the friends.

The two birds who did it

The Championship was won by two birds. The '418' and the '02', a granddaughter and a son of the base hen.

St Vincent was the first race which Wim won with Marathon Noord, 13th National on the whole of the Netherlands, 3rd NPO and

other years.

On Dax the '02' was the first bird of Wim. The '02' was the 3rd in Marathon Noord and the 3rd NPO. So also a top result.

The hardest race in 2021 for Wim was Bergerac. The '02' returned at 05:27 in the morning after a night of arrivals at a lot of other lofts, 39th in Marathon Noord was enough to win the Marathon Noord title.



Wim Peer with the 418.

1st Marathon Noord. The '418' did it. The '02' was the 88th with Marathon Noord. The '418' is a grandson of the base hen and her father was an extreme good racer which he lost to the hawk earlier in 2021.

Prior to St Vincent Wim noticed that his birds were training harder and longer than in

rules.

Winning a 3rd and a 4th National, winning Marathon Noord makes 2021 a great season.

So you see, a small loft can also win great titles.

Jaco van Nieuwamerongen