

G.W.P Macaloney

Coatbridge Scotland

2016 UK & R.O.I Golden Duif Winners



For the first time in 2016 we extended the Golden Duif to include the UK & Republic of Ireland. We wanted our competition to reflect the values and traditions of the De Duif, we had to design a competition that gave every fancier, both small and large an equal chance of success, it's always been a core value of the Duif to reward the fanciers who can show skill through selection. We applied a simple co-efficient that took into account the prize/number of birds participating and the number of birds entered by the fancier. (Prize Divided by the number of birds in the race Multiplied by the number of birds entered by the fancier). E.G. 4th Combine Arras, 2400birds when Mr Smith entered 7 birds would be $4/2400 = 0.0016 \times 7 = 0.116$, all number were then times by 100 so we were dealing with real numbers so score would be 1.167.

For the first year we have decided to make in a general championship across multiple distances.

So the basic structure is that the fancier needs to submit 5 results, these are 4 Old Bird results and one Young Bird Result. Competitors must submit one result in each of the following five categories, comprising of 4 Old Bird Results and a single Young Bird Result.

The categories are 1. Old Birds between 75 and 150 miles, 2. Old bird between 150 to 300 miles, 3. Old bird between 300 to 450 miles 4. Old Bird Result Greater than 450 miles and 5. Young bird result from a distance greater than 75 miles. The score from each category was added together to give a final score.

1st UK & Republic of Ireland Golden Duif.

How fitting it is that we finally get to recognise one of the truly great UK lofts on a European Stage. The partnership of George, son William & grandson Paul Macaloney from Coatbridge in Lanarkshire, Scotland have been one of the most successful in Scottish history. They have become household names with years of success in the Lanarkshire Federation, one of the largest organisations in the UK. Willie Macaloney is especially pleased to win the Golden Duif as he believes its testimony to the ability and dedication of his father George.

The 2016 qualifying results for GWP Macaloney were;

Results for Golden Duif 2016			
08.05 Sedgefield (227K)	7428 d	4e	(40 entered)
28.05 Melton (435K)	4250 d	1e	(32 entered)
18.06 Billericay (605K)	1142 d	3e	(15 entered)
02.07 Ypres (785K)	715 d	12e	(5 entered)
13.08 Sedgefield (227K)	4381 d	1e	(30 entered)

These results gave the Macaloney's the winning score of 15.92pts

The Macaloney lofts have been achieving record breaking results for years, some highlights in there impressive career have been 1st Open National Sartilly 508 miles (3 birds entered) 1st Open Scottish Central Combine Averanches 504 miles (3 birds entered), 1st Open Lanarkshire Fed Faliase 514 miles (6 birds entered), 1st Open Lanarkshire Fed Ypres 450 miles (18 birds entered), 1st West Section National Nantes 610 miles (2 birds entered), 1st West Section National Sartilly 508 miles (3 birds entered), 1st West Section National Ypres 450 miles (18 birds entered), 1st West Section Appleton 400 mlies (4 birds entered) 1st Open Strathclyde Amal Huntingdon 275 miles (18 birds entered), 2 Scottish National Flying Club Gold Awards 3 Scottish Homing union National Ace Bird Awards, they have been federation Champions an incredible 14 times over the years. I think we can all agree that the winning of the Golden Duif is the Icing on the cake in what has been a phenomenal racing career.

2016 was very much business as usual for the Flying Scotsmen from Coatbridge, located in the North of the British Isles. These performances in truth have been put on for many years with outstanding consistency.

2016 Some Highlights

16.04.16	Kelso (113K)	1172 d 3004 d	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 20
23.04.16	Kelso (113K)	2078 d 5617 d	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, 25
08.05.16	Sedgefield (227K)	2538 d 7428 d	1, 5 4, 29
14.05.16	Thirsk (226K)	2231 d 6498 d	1, 2 2, 3
22.05.16	Wetherby (294K)	1955 d 5917 d	1, 7, 12, 14 2, 12, 18, 22
28.05.16	Melton (435K)	1563 d 4250 d	1, 7, 11, 12 1, 9, 15, 16
28.05.16	Melton (435K)	938 j 2550 j	1, 6, 12, 23, 30 1, 7, 27, 48, 64
30.07.16	Kelso (113K)	1832 d 5485 d	11, 12, 13 14, 15, 16
13.08.16	Sedgefield (227K)	1643 d 4381 d	1, 15 1, 27
21.08.16	Thirsk (266K)	830 d 2368 d	4, 11, 12 6, 14, 15

Bloodlines.

There are a number of families at the Macaloney Lofts and over the years they have never been shy in bringing in new stock to try and maintain their position at the top. The present day family is built around birds originating from 3 UK sources, Wall, Lunt & Green, the Manchester Mystrios, through there successful Camphuis Janssen family and there outstanding Merlin Pair, Gaby Van Den Abeeles, from the Yorkshire Partnership of Mark and Dickie Evans, mainly through their original 1995 imports from Gaby, especially through Shadow and line of Kleinen and Wittenbuik. Much success have also been obtained through pigeons from Syndicate Loft, these through such pigeons as Drum, Dutch Master, Gerrie and Cleopatra and more recently Brave and Aspen, who came direct from the lofts of Leo Heremans. Hardy Kruger's are another family being trialled at present along with some longer distance lines.

Behind every great loft are of course some outstanding pigeons and the Macaloney loft has plenty of individual stars, however we wanted to focus on 3 of their outstanding performer's from 2016.

Blue Hen "356" SU16-356 (young bird for category 5)

1e Sedgefield (227K)	4381 d
1e Section	1643 d
1e L.S.C.	838 d
1e Club	364 d



SU13L14374 'Nijinsky'
G.W.5P Macaloney
Sire of 'Blue 356'

GB13A10820 'Kardashian'
Syndicate Lofts
Outstanding producer and
Dam of 'Blue 356'

GB06T13175 'Shadow 75'
M & D Evans
Son of super breeder 'Shadow'
100% Vandenabeele bloodline

GB06T13182 'Lady Jester'
M & D Evans
Daughter 'Jester'
100% Vandenabeele
granddaughter 'Kleinen'

BE11-6333559 'Brave'
Leo Heremans
Direct: 'Nieuwe Ross' x 'Eenoogse'
'The New Dream Couple'

BE10-6345168 'Aspen'
Leo Heremans
Daughter 'Power' (Son Olympiade 03)
and 'Zuster Nathalia'
Full sister to 'Ambassadeur' and
'Nest Broer Ambassadeur'

Another top performer in 2016 was the Super 57

"Super 57" SU15L 15757

(1st bird in category 2)

1e Melton (435K)	4250 d
(1e Section)	1563 d)
(1eL.S.C.)	891 d)
(1e Club)	327 d)
1e Melton (435K)	2550 j
(1e Section)	923 j)
2e Thirsk (266K)	6498d
(2e Section)	2231 d)
(2e L.S.C.)	1090 d)
(1e Club)	430 d)
12e Otterburn (174K)	1766d
(9e Section)	626 d)
(7e Club)	116 d)

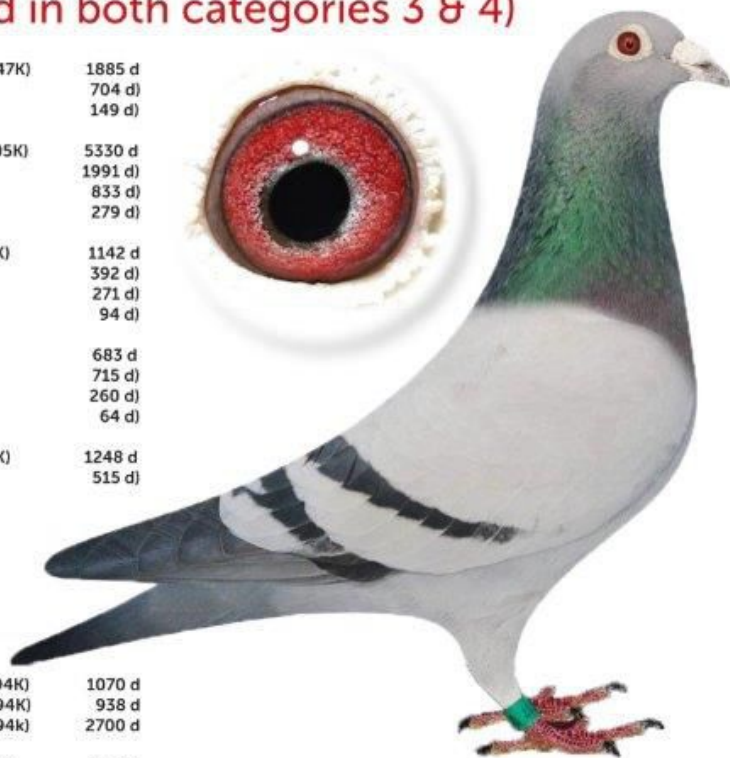


The final example of the outstanding pigeons housed at the lofts of G W P Macaloney is Secretariat, he secured top results in both Categories 3 and 4, he has been an all-round super bird for the lads.

"Secretariat" SU14L 12117

(1st bird in both categories 3 & 4)

1e Otterburn (147K)	1885 d
(1e Section)	704 d)
(1e Club)	149 d)
23e Stainmore (205K)	5330 d
(8e Section)	1991 d)
(3e L.S.C.)	833 d)
(1e Club)	279 d)
3e Billericay (605K)	1142 d
(2e Section)	392 d)
(2e L.S.C.)	271 d)
(1e Club)	94 d)
14e Ypres (783K)	683 d
(12e Section)	715 d)
(5e L.S.C.)	260 d)
(1e Club)	64 d)
15e Hexham (168K)	1248 d
(3e Section)	515 d)



11e Wetherby (294K)	1070 d
14e Wetherby (294K)	938 d
18e Wetherby (294k)	2700 d
10e Melton (435K)	891 d
12e Melton (435K)	1563 d
16e Melton (435K)	4250 d

GB12F45651 'Prince of Magic'
Wall,Lunt & Green
Half Brother to
'The Promise' (Peter v/d Merwel)
1e Peronne 44,240 d
1e Creil 25,745 d

SU12L14351 'Hycilia'
G.W.&P Macaloney
Dam of 'Secretariat'

NL01-1894056 'Adonis'
C.v/d Poel
Sire of 'The Promise' (Peter v/d Merwel)
1e Peronne 44,240 d
1e Creil 25,745 d
Son of 'Prima Vera'

GB10K25573 'Young Princess'
Wall,Lunt & Green
Inbred 'Merlin Pair'
100% G & S Verkerk bloodline
Granddaughter 'Alexander' &
'Olympic Survivor'

GB06T13189 'Alones Legacy'
M & D Evans
100% Vandenabeele bloodline
Inbred 'Wittenbulk'

BE06-3008303 'Gaby's Choice'
Gaby Vandenabeele
From 'Brother Bilksem' x 'Inge'

I think its fitting that such an iconic loft has won the first ever UK & R.O.I Golden Duif, a very popular win and im sure one the entire Scottish fancy will take much pride in.

Methods

We asked G W P Macaloney about their methods and they replied

We race total widowhood consisting of 36 cocks and 36 hens. The hens remain on the "V" perches all week and are only introduced to the cocks on a Friday night.

Our feeding program is based upon 1. Heavy protein on return from the race on a Saturday and Sunday to repair muscle tissue. 2. From Monday morning a high carbohydrate mix is fed.

3. Thursday night and Friday morning saturated fats are fed after their normal feed. All mixtures are compiled by us from various Versa laga and Vanrobies mixtures.

Our weekly routine in the drinker consists as follows: 1. On return from the race recovery salts and a protein formula is administered to accelerate the recovery period. 2. On a Tuesday all birds receive 12 in 1 multi vitamins. 3. On a Wednesday the birds receive a concentrated iron tonic. All other days the birds receive fresh water.

Treatments throughout the year consists of 4 in 1 tablet prior to racing, respiratory course before and once during the racing season, one spot and oral wormer administered periodically throughout the season, all young birds are vaccinated for pmv and salmonella at 6/7 days old using Columbopolivac-S obtained from Merca Systems.

Our birds are exercised twice per day for 1 hour long period from Monday to Thursday, no exercise given at the weekend, again to accelerate the recovery. All cocks receive their hens on a Friday night even if they are not racing to create a weekly habit which helps to install the widowhood system in both sexes. All our old birds receive only 1 training flight prior to the first race and thereafter no more training takes part. Our young birds are trained in steps out to 30 miles and are basket trained Monday to Thursday during racing at various distances depending on the weather.

When introducing new stock we try to purchase birds direct from outstanding producing pairs irrespective of families to enable us to cram as much potent winning genes into our stock loft.