

# Bertus & Albert Roording – their story!

One of the top fanciers in Eastern parts of Holland is the father and son partnership Bertus (66) & Albert (30) Roording. Their supreme **'Grey Empire'** is probably one of the most complete inbred colonies to **'Silver Shadow'**, the Van Loon superstar. With 8 grandchildren and more inbreds to this top ace in a breeding loft of 10 pairs, a supreme family of winners!!



In the last two decades of pigeon racing Bertus & Albert Roording won many supreme championships, with a/o:

- 1st National champion short distance**
- 2nd, 4th, 8th and 9th National acebird**
- Acebirds in Fed, combine and Amalgamation**

After a switch to overnight racing, the modern one day colony **'Grey Empire'** was formed from 2002 and in the last 3 years Bertus & Albert Roording were amongst the top 5 champions in Long Distance Specialists Club (800 members).

The founding fathers of the **'Grey Empire'** are **'Slim Shady' 1st acebird short distance in combine** and **'Dante's Eye' 4x 1st**, both grandchildren **'Silver Shadow'**. Other fanciers won up to 1st National with descendants to pigeons of Bertus & Albert Roording



## The Grey Empire

One of the biggest legends in modern pigeon racing is the Van Loon icon '**Silver Shadow**'. This fabulous winner of 6x 1st is not only famous for his performances; maybe even more he is famous for the many supreme descendants he bred. '**Silver Shadow**' is a grandson to the Van Loon wonder pair '**Louis**' x '**Suzanne**', a silver line of top racing cocks.

In the middle Nineties '**Silver Shadow**' grabbed great fame winning a/o **6x 1st** and in big competition a/o:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Etampes 6,337 b.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Peronne 2,646 b.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Etampes 918 b.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sens 2,305 b.

Some of the best direct children to him are:

- '**Anaïs**'; 1st from 4,670 b. and 7th Nat. NPO Orleans 18,184 b.
- '**Sylvana**'; 44 prize cards in 3 years time
- '**Spice Girl**'; 1st from 6,574 b., 10th Nat. NPO PS Maxence 25,987 b., 1st from 3,378 b., 10th Nat. Orleans 14,395 b.
- '**Armstrong**'; 1st yearling in combine 2000 winning 1st from 8,498 b., 1st from 496 b., 10th Nat. NPO Vierzon 8,015 b.

Some of his most famous grandchildren are:

- **'Miss Antonia'**; 1st Nat. NPO Bourges 10,040 b., 33 prize cards in 3 years, 1st from 2,218 b., 2nd from 2,173 b., 5th from 5,825 b.
- **'Rosa Mota'**; Olympiad pigeon Lievin 2003, 2nd from 5,825 b., 17th semi Nat. 11,725 b., 3rd from 2,599 b., 6th semi Nat. 3,353 b., 42nd semi Nat. 8,440 b.
- **'Lion King'**; 1st from 1,648 b., also 2nd from 7,979 b.
- 1st Nat. middle distance racer of Italy 2000
- etc.

In 2002 Bertus & Albert Roording purchased their first **'Silver Shadow'** offspring and amongst them were two grandchildren to this icon, **'Slim Shady'** and **'Dante's Eye'**. They grew out to become fabulous racers, **'Slim Shady' was crowned 1st acebird short distance in combine 2004 (750 members)** and **'Dante's Eye' won 4x 1st prize**. Both champions also bred 1st prize winners already and are founding fathers of Roording **'Grey Empire'**.

By now the Roording breeding loft – with 10 pairs – is one of the best and most inbred colonies of champion **'Silver Shadow'**. They have now in the breeding loft:

- 8 grandchildren to **'Silver Shadow'**
- 7 inbred great grandchildren to **'Silver Shadow'**

They are crossed to a/o the supreme Van Loon lines of **'Chicago'**, super breeder and father, grandfather and great grandfather up to National winners.

To cross them, Roording still uses some of their old Janssen 05 based pigeons, their top racer **'Costa'** (Zoontjens, 1st acebird short and long distance) and a/o granddaughter **'Kleine Dirk'** (Koopman, 2x 1st National), sister **'Lion King'** (Bob de Leeuw, 3x National top 10) and daughter **'Troyes'** (Gerard Boesveld, 1st Nat. Troyes 1995)

## Results

- **23-8-2008**: we win 1st NPO North Breuil le Vert against 5.800 birds with a youngster from **'Costa' x 'Jenneke'**
- **23-8-2008**: on the late tour race Duffel we won 1st and 3rd from 238 birds. That is the 10x 1st prize in 2008.
- **16-8-2008**: we win now 1st prize in club with youngsters now two weeks in row.
- **28-7-2008**: **'Shady Record'** is proclaimed 4. acebird one day long distance in Amalgamation - 4500 members.
- **21-7-2008**: 2nd young birds race 2008 - we won 1 (**Contador x Luna**)-2-3-4 from 188 birds and 12 pigeons in the top 25.
- **14-7-2008**: 1st young birds race 2008 - Roording 14 pigeons in top 20 from 444 birds
- **21-6-2008**: National Blois (618 km) again a success. We won 1-4-5-6-8-etc. in club (6 prizes from 10 entrees) and 46. National. 1st pigeon 'Shady Record'. Now 3x 1st and son **Slim Shady**.
- **8-6-2008**. NPO Gien (559 km). 2-3-4 in club and 7 prizes from 10 pigeons.

- **31-5-2008.** '**Moonlight Shadow**' wins again 1st prize. Now on Pommerooul (258 km). Also 3rd pigeon from 14,403 birds. Now 5x top 10 position in only 6 races.
- **24-5-2008.** NPO Ablis (511 km). The first National of 2008. We won 1st in club and won 11 prizes from 13 pigeons. Also 14th NPO North approx. 5,000 birds.
- **3-5-2008.** Duffel (169 km) from 2,244 birds we won 1st prize in Fed. With '**Moonlight Shadow**', a late bred son to '**Slim Shady**'.

### **Highlights:**

1st National champion short distance NPO  
 2nd National acebird  
 4th National acebird  
 5th National best fancier of Holland  
 8th National cock WHZB  
 9th National one day long distance racer WHZB

Amalgamation = 4,500 members  
 Long distance specialist club = 800 members  
 Combine = 750 members  
 Fed. = 175 members

1st not nominated long distance (one day) in amalgamation 1996  
 1st nominated champion short distance in combine 2004 (750 members)  
 1st nominated short distance champion in Fed. 2003 (185 members)  
 1st acebird short distance in Fed. 2001  
 1st overall one day long distance champion in Fed 1995  
 1st overall speed champion in Fed 1996  
 1st overall short distance champion in Fed 1996  
 1st overall middle distance champion in Fed 1996  
 1st overall late season champion in Fed 1996  
 2nd nominated champion one day long distance Fed. 2004  
 2nd nominated champion short distance Fed. 2005  
 3rd overall champion one day long distance Fed. 2004  
 3rd acebird short distance in Fed. 2003  
 4th not nominated champion oneday long distance in Fed. 2005  
 4th not nominated champion oneday long distance in combine 2005  
 5th not nominated one day long distance champion in specialist club 2005  
 10th acebird one day long distance Amal. 2001  
 10th one day long distance champion in Amalgamation 2005

### **National top 100 positions:**

Top 100 National NPO won by the Roording partnership

### **1993 - 2002**

3rd Nat. NPO (1+2) Peronne y.b. (339 km)	11,474 b.
3rd Nat. NPO Etampes 1996 (625 km)	8,937 b.
5th Nat. NPO Reims y.b. 1993 (360 km)	15,813 b.
5th Nat. NPO Bourges 2004 (633 km)	10,040 b.

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10th Nat. NPO Vierzon 2002 (627 km)	8,631 b.
14th Nat. NPO Vierzon 2000 (627 km)	8,015 b.
15th Nat. NPO Bourges 2005 (632 km)	3,389 b.
16th Nat. NPO Orleans 1993 (564 km)	16,006 b.
16th Nat. NPO Reims y.b. 1993 (360 km)	15,813 b.
17th Nat. NPO Chateauroux 2000 (679 km)	6,410 b.
26th Nat. Orleans y.b. 1993 (564 km)	19,909 b.
28th Nat. NPO Etampes 1993 (507 km)	19,068 b.
29th Nat. NPO LF Bernard 2000 (596 km)	9,889 b.
30th Nat. Orleans y.b. 1998 (564 km)	13,053 b.
30th Nat. NPO Orleans 2004 (564 km)	8,440 b.
31st Nat. NPO Bourges 1998 (625 km)	14,170 b.
31st Nat. NPO Bourges 2004 (633 km)	4,656 b.
34th Nat. Provins y.b. 1994 (453 km)	11,429 b.
37th Nat. NPO Chantilly y.b. 2004 (423 km)	4,014 b.
38th Nat. NPO Bourges 2000 (625 km)	9,106 b.
42nd Nat. NPO Brive 2002 (856 km)	9,344 b.
43rd Nat. NPO PS Maxence y.b. 1998 (410 km)	25,987 b.
47th Nat. NPO Ruffec 2002 (812 km)	8,240 b.
50th Nat. Troyes y.b. 1996 (455 km)	14,184 b.
52nd Nat. NPO LF Bernard 2000 (596 km)	9,889 b.
54th Nat. NPO Montargis 1995 (527 km)	18,481 b.
55th Nat. NPO Chantilly y.b. 2004 (423 km)	4,014 b.
56th Nat. NPO Bourges 2005 (632 km)	6,775 b.
57th Nat. NPO Blois 2006 (635 km)	3,619 b.
60th Nat. NPO Bourges 2005 (632 km)	3,389 b.
63rd Nat. NPO (1+2) Peronne y.b. 2001 (339 km)	11,474 b.
64th Nat. NPO Etampes 1995 (506 km)	20,657 b.
69th Nat. NPO Orleans 1996 (564 km)	16,910 b.
72nd Nat. NPO (1+2) Peronne y.b. 2002 (339 km)	9,545 b.
74th Nat. NPO Montargis 1995 (527 km)	18,481 b.
78th Nat. NPO Bourges 2005 (632 km)	3,389 b.
79th Nat. NPO Bourges 2001 (632 km)	10,221 b.
79th Nat. NPO Chantilly y.b. 2004 (423 km)	4,014 b.
84th Nat. Orleans y.b. 1993 (564 km)	19,909 b.
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89th Nat. NPO PS Maxence y.b. 1998 (410 km)	25,987 b.
90th Nat. NPO Blois 2006 (635 km)	3,619 b.
93rd Nat. NPO LF Bernard 2000 (596 km)	9,889 b.

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95th Nat. NPO Blois 2006 (635 km)	7,354 b.

**From 1993 - 2004 86 x 1st (no doubles)**

The best ones:

1st Roye (366 km)	10,042 b.
1st Minderhout (134 km)	6,077 b.
1st Lommel (121 km)	3,632 b.
1st Chantilly (424 km)	2,833 b.
1st Duffel (169 km)	2,747 b.
1st Arras (318 km)	1,534 b.
1st Montargis (527 km)	1,401 b.
1st Troyes y.b. (455 km)	1,253 b.
1st Houdeng y.b. (235 km)	1,076 b.
1st Bourges (624 km)	900 b.
1st St. Ghislain (255 km)	836 b.
1st Provins (453 km)	834 b.
1st Lommel (121 km)	718 b.
1st Roye (366 km)	697 b.
1st St. Ghislain (255 km)	686 b.
1st St. Ghislain y.b. (255 km)	626 b.
1st Vierzon (627 km)	624 b.
1st Houdeng y.b. (235 km)	601 b.
1st Reims y.b. (360 km)	574 b.
1st Houdeng (235 km)	551 b.
1st Heverlee (179 km)	544 b.
1st Bapaume (330 km)	518 b.
1st Minderhout (134 km)	509 b.
1st Duffel (169 km)	502 b.

**In Club - best 3 races of all years 1994 - 2002**

**1994:**

1-6-7-8-etc. Heverlee (179 km)	544 b.
1-4-etc. St. Ghislain (255 km)	836 b.
1-2-8-13-etc. Roye (366 km)	697 b.

**1995:**

1-2-3-7-8-etc. Quievrain (264 km)	220 b.
1-2-4-5-6-7-9-10-etc. Quievrain (264 km)	190 b.
1-2-3-5-6-etc. Troyes (455 km)	139 b.

<b>1996:</b>	
1-2-3-8-etc. Bapaume (330 km)	518 b.
1-3-6-7-8-10-etc. Troyes (455 km)	209 b.
1-2-3-5-11-etc. Duffel (169 km)	513 b.
<b>1997:</b>	
3-4-6-7-etc. Strombeek (192 km)	568 b.
2-4-8-9-13-etc. Minderhout (134 km)	578 b.
1-3-7-8-9-10-13-etc. Duffel (169 km)	413 b.
<b>1998:</b>	
1-3-6-8-9 Houdeng j.d. (235 km)	601 b.
1-2-3-4 PS Maxence j.d. (410 km)	360 b.
1-2-3 Minderhout (134 km)	336 b.
<b>1999:</b>	
1-3 Minderhout (134 km)	509 b.
1-2-3 Zaltbommel (78 km)	499 b.
1-2-7-9-Chantilly (424 km)	198 b.
<b>2000:</b>	
3-5-6-7-8 Maaseik (123 km)	517 b.
1-2-3-4 LF Bernard (596 km)	125 b.
1-2-4 Vierzon (627 km)	77 b.
<b>2002:</b>	
3-4-5-8-etc. PS Maxence (410 km)	367 b.
1-2-4-etc. Brive (856 km)	69 b.
1-2 Heverlee (179 km)	454 b.
<b>2003:</b>	
1-3-4-etc. St. Ghislain (255 km)	388 b.
3-5-6-8-etc. Maaseik (123 km)	594 b.
4-7-8-etc. Hensies (262 km)	321 b.
<b>2004:</b>	
1-3-5-etc. Chantilly (424 km)	141 b.
1-2-3-8-etc. Bourges (633 km)	57 b.
1-2-5-7-etc. Vierzon (627 km)	39 b.
<b>2005 :</b>	
1-2-9-10-12-etc. Chantilly (424 km)	166 b.
1-3-4-5-7-9-etc. Bourges (633 km)	44 b.
1-3-7-8-etc. Vierzon (627 km)	37 b.
<b>2006 :</b>	
2-3-4-etc. Duffel (169 km)	216 b.
1-3-4-7-8-Bourges (632 km)	78 b.
1-2-3-4-6-8-9-10-11-12-etc. (619 km)	54 b.



National Champions!