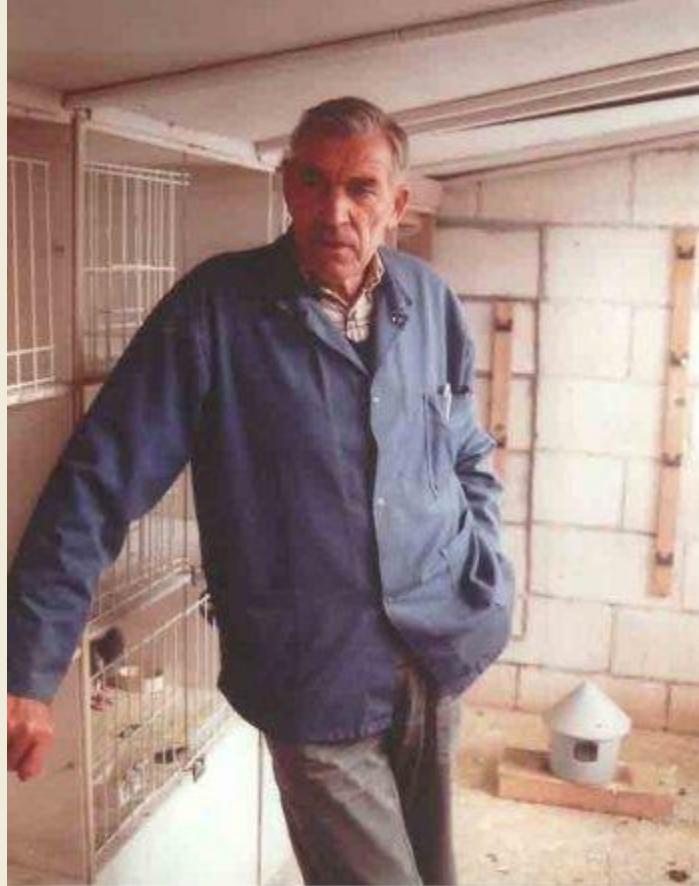


Meulemans-Damen Karel, "6de National Champion KBDB long distance 2007. 6de National Champion KBDB Very long distance 2007."



**Loft of the famous Karel Meulemans:
Meulemans-Damen from Arendonk**

Who does not know Karel Meulemans? Karel Meulemans from the famous town Arendonk is a living legend in international pigeon racing. A strain of birds spread all over the world. Known over the world as Janssen with this difference that Karel has won many 1st prizes and championships by himself, beginning in the fifties and still winning races and big championships in 2007. Most pigeon fanciers think about the strain

Meulemans as middle distance birds. This is not true anymore. Karel switched to fond races (700-850 km) in the beginning of the 90's. He won his first national race on Dax in 1995 and became Champion of Belgium KBDB in 2001 on these distance. He wanted more—he wanted the very long distance also. He managed to get on top of this races also. He became soon famous on this distance in province Antwerp and in the area that he lives. But he is famous in Belgium now in 2007. He is on the top of long distance (6th national KBDB champion) and very long distance (6th national KBDB champion).

Strains and history

Karel Meulemans now 73 years old, retired in 1990; he used to work on his own farm. Just after World War 2 he started with pigeon racing. He found a partner and raced in partnership with **Adriaan Wouters**. They had a world famous breeding pair "Oude Van Den Bosch x Janssen" a few years later Karel had a partnership with **Frans Marien**. Marien & Meulemans became successful on middle distance. They had success on racing and breeding and many fanciers won 1st prizes with these middle distance pigeons.

In 1980 Frans Marien died and all pigeons were sold in a public sale. Karel bought most of his best racers himself, Kadet, Prins, Het Schoon, Donker, Bonte Duif were crossed with the best of the Hofkens pigeons. In 1986 many famous birds like Kadet were stolen, Karel was lucky to have many youngsters and started breeding with these birds. In 1990 the partnership Meulemans & Damen started. Damen is the name of the husband of Linda Meulemans. **Linda and Walter** live in a house next to Karel. They have a nice loft in their garden; use the same birds for racing and almost the same method.

patience! Karel did not breed with the birds in 1998 but let them get accustomed to the new loft and the new boss. He started breeding with these birds in 1999, cross breeding but also Florizoone x Florizoone. The strain Florizoone crossed with strain Frans and Paul van Gils, some long distance blood from The Netherlands but mixed with old strain Karel Meulemans proved to be the best racing pigeons!

