Internet auction Ludo Claessens, Putte (NL) Pulverises all records!

The end counter stopped at an average of $11,451 USD for 105 pigeons!
Top sale the ‘Jonge SuperCrack’ with $146,000 USD was the most expensive pigeon ever auctioned!

A never seen before ‘Total Amount’!

Everyone agreed in advance that the total auction of Ludo Claessens would be the best auction that Pipa had ever had. Many predicted that this could be the ‘cash result’ of the century... and rightly so, because Ludo Claessens wasn’t exalted the ‘best middle distance racer in the world’... for nothing, his pigeons were just ‘hot’... But you can’t sell the skin till you’ve caught the bear... even though the ‘Jonge SuperCrack’ was one of the best breeding pigeons ever on the auction table... he formed, together with the ‘Vedetje’ one of the top couples in our current pigeon sport... and came with his direct children under the auctioneer’s hammer as, amongst other things, the 1st, 2nd and 3rd National NPO Orleans! In addition, Ludo had never made Putte a pilgrimage for pigeons, the demand for Claessens pigeons was immense... it exceeded the supply! That’s why a storm broke worldwide... a deluge of bids... because this really was the very last and ultimate chance of a real life original Ludo Claessens pigeon! Yet it was like reading tea leaves to see what the final amount the counter would give at the end of the auction. Even through you could have guessed from the first day that the auction was put on the internet that records could be broken and/or a few new records were hanging in the air... it was still a question of waiting for the end signal on Sunday the 29th of March before the end balance could be calculated and the conclusions could be made.

Now, the end balance exceeds the wildest predictions, even the sky-high expectations... this total auction of Ludo Claessens was an unprecedented success and referred all the existing records to the ‘waste bin’! With a total turnover of $1,202,360 USD, the highest end total that has ever been counted at a public auction (public auction and internet auction together)... with which the current record of roughly $1,135,000 USD from Kees Bosua (although he had double the amount of pigeons in the auction) was pulverised! The average that Ludo obtained is also food for the ‘Guinness Book of Records’ with no less than $11,451 USD per pigeon! And more records perished... because with his ‘Jonge Super-Crack’ that was sold for $146,000 USD to Dr Guo in China, Ludo Claessens had at that moment the ‘most expensive pigeon ever’ that was auctioned... with 2 streets lead on the ‘Fienkje 5000’ from Flor Verwoert and the ‘Reza’ from Marijke Vink. An overwhelming success... although this is in stride with the great loss that the pigeon sport has to suffer, in the form of ‘super champion’ Ludo Claessens. The majority of the pigeons have now moved to the ‘far east’, with China in particular being the greatest customer, in front of Taiwan. Another striking fact is that on the European continent the ‘Royal Collection’ of Roger Deusschere contained 22 unique Claessens pigeons... with this Roger is the owner of the greatest ‘treasure chamber’ of direct Claessens pigeons in Europe... the best kept ‘testament’ Ludo Claessens on the West-European hemisphere (including 3 out the ‘Jonge SuperCrack’, 3 out ‘Kleintje 22’, 2 out ‘Favoriet 65’, 2 out ‘Mr Tours’, 2 out ‘Kirsty’, 3 out ‘Nestzus Kirsty’, 1 out the Old Super crack from 94, etc...)

With this auction, Ludo Claessens has proved to Pipa that within a period of hardly 5 years... since the start in 2004... he has grown to be one of the strongest races on the international pigeon market. They have that largely to thank in Knesselare on a combination of a few ‘specific factors’. Firstly there is the ‘exclusivity’ of certain auctions, pigeons out the ‘greatest’... say the absolute ‘very best’ of the international pigeon sport... which was now being offered for sale ‘exclusively’ via Pipa and which are not available anywhere else! A second trump card is without doubt the ‘correctness’ and ‘service’ by the settlement of the auction, both towards the seller as the buyer! A worldwide cooperation and mutual trust between Pipa (as agent) on the one side and buyer and seller on the other side... an auction on which the entire ‘team’ works every day... and which was supported by the necessary ‘marketing’, form the basis to the current success formula!

Unique auctions like the one of Ludo Claessens, on which many sports friends were ‘focused’ worldwide... get talked about. Some then remain in ‘dreamland’, others ‘hallucinate’. Because, it is well enough known... important people receive a lot of criticism... but in contrast to what some vicious tongues tried to claim... the high amounts and often staggering sums from the Ludo Claessens-auction are already safe in the bank accounts! As it should be... internet auctions are auctions with an ‘open accountancy’... everything ‘in the open’! The Pipa-logo guarantees ‘honesty’, ‘quality’ and ‘service’! Deals that implement high priority to far abroad and that enjoy there the necessary appreciation... that was more than proved yet again with this Ludo Claessens auction!

The success of pigeon auctions via internet... it seems can’t be stopped!