



# All England Roller Club Journal 2009



John Hall  
Old Bird Winner



Dean Forster  
Young Bird Winner  
Quality Winner  
Rose Bowl Winner  
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Eddy Baldwin  
Yearling Winner

Kevin McKinney  
Aggregate Winner



Peter Robinson  
Quality Winner



## ROLLING ALL OVER THE WORLD



### Roller Club of Serbia

Serbia is a country of pigeon keepers, a country with a long and rich tradition of pigeon breeding.

One of the most famous Serbian pigeon breeds is the Serbian Highflyer and there are more than 30.000 registrated competitors and breeders of this breed in Serbia who have gathered in specialized clubs and who use over 3.000.000 bands (rings) annually. In addition to this breed, Serbia has got many domestic breeds of tumbler pigeons and rollers which were not organized for competition because they didn't have specialized clubs.

Due to that, in 1999, on December the 15th, the Roller Club of Serbia was founded. It is the club which gathers breeders of tumblers and rollers in Serbia. It was founded by Mr Vukasin



Roller club of Serbia celebrates 10

Pejcic (left), the current president of the club, with a few friends. Today, when the

years of its successful work and existence, this club gathers 50 members and it represents the most reputable and the most successful club of this kind in Serbia, and on The Balkans.

The Roller club of Serbia is a member of all reputable international associations which organize European and world competitions for tumber pigeons and rollers like EFU, Euro Cup Fly (ECF) and World Cup Fly (WCF).

Our competitors achieve top-level results at the international competitions, among which I would note:

Mica Bisevac, quadruple European champion with Kosovski Dunek (below)



Nikola Knezevic, the European champion in 2008 with Birmingham rollers (3 pigeons in a kit), Goran Djukic, the winner of the second place



in Europe in 2006 with Birmingham rollers (3 pigeons in a kit) and Cedomir Luburic, the winner of the 8th place at WCF 2007, the 9th place at ECF 2009 and the 5th place at WCF 2009 with Birmingham rollers.

The breeders of Birmingham Rollers in the Roller Club of Serbia work successfully on the expanding of this kind of breeding of this noble kind of rollers in the whole Balkans for the whole decade.

The Roller Club of Serbia successfully organized the celebration of its jubilee for 10 years since its foundation on October, the 3<sup>rd</sup>, where we welcomed many friends like Mr. Heine Bijker, Mr. Eric Laidler, Mr. Ferid Catak, Mr. Henri Smit, Mrs. Lana and Mr. Norman Howarth and many others. The greatest success we have made as members of Roller Club of Serbia is that we made a lot of friend all over the world, and all that thanks to the pigeon.

### Cedomir Luburic,



I have started dealing with pigeon

breeding since I was 13. As a child I was dreaming about rollers who fly high, roll dozens of metres and again fly up into the heights. During my visit to my friend Mr. Slobodan Djukic in the summer, 2000, I looked at the flock of his pigeons which had just flown from the roof. A few moments later, a pigeon rolled so fast and deep, that I stayed breathless. I asked my friend which breed that pigeon was, and he answered that it was a Birmingham roller. Then I had only one aim, to find these beautiful rollers, and I started inquiring about people who bred Birmingham Rollers in Serbia. A few

days later, I met Mr. Vukasin Pejic who enrolled me into the Roller Club of Serbia, and who provided me with my first rollers. I didn't compete until 2004, although the Roller Club of Serbia had been the member of EFU and the competition was possible for 3 pigeons in a kit according to the rules. My first competition was in 2004 when I was the junior champion of the club. That very year I met Mr. Ferid Catak from Denmark and I took several pairs of his pigeons. In September 2005, Mr. Heine Bijker, judged our first kit competition with Birmingham Rollers. My kit won at that competition and since than my kits have always been the winners at the championships of Serbia.

Soon after the visit of our friends from Denmark and Holland (Mr. Heine Bijker, Mr. Eric Laidler and Mr. Ferid Catak), our members wished to compete according to the rules of WCF in the future, and to become members of this most reputable world association.

In 2006, our club was accepted into WCF, I became the regional director in Serbia and since 2007, we had gained the right to take part at the world cup for Birmingham Rollers. That was a real challenge and a great honour for all fliers of this breed of rollers in Serbia. That year my kit won at the regional qualifications and I was honoured to represent my country at this elite competition. Since then, my dreams have begun to come true because my kit won 8th place at WCF in 2007, which was unbelievable success for me and my country. My friends Mr. Vukasin Pejic, Mr. Heine Bijker, Mr. Ferid Catak and Mr. Eric Laidler helped me a lot in pigeon breeding who are proved giants in Birmingham rollers breeding and I owe everything literally everything I know and I have gained so far to them. Without their unselfish help I would have never scored these results.



Their pieces of advice and help with high quality pigeons are priceless for me and I will always be grateful for everything they have done for me. As a young breeder, I have a lot of things to learn. Competition and breeding of Birmingham Rollers is a real science and I think that I will spend my whole life learning and recognizing of this noble pigeon breed.

Thanks to Birmingham Rollers I have made many friends all over the world. This year I was glad to meet Mrs. Lana and Mr. Norman Howarth who helped me a lot with their advice and from whom I heard a lot about famous Birmingham Roller breeders from England and I want to visit them one day. Thanks to Mrs. Lana and Mr. Norman for the literature about Birmingham Rollers which they gave me as a present and which is not available in Serbia.

Cedomirs Rollers

For me Birmingham Rollers represents a perfection of pigeon breeding and I am grateful to God and the creators of this wonderful pigeon who made me able to enjoy the allurements that rollers give me every day.

For me, my greatest success in pigeon keeping is that I have made so many good friends in this hobby and I am the happiest when we meet enjoying the breaks of our rollers.

Cedomir Luburic



Cedomir with Norman Howarth





## SERBIA

We arrived in Belgrade, the Serbian capital on the 6<sup>th</sup> June, as we stepped off the plane the warm weather greeted us which was welcome after the cold air of Holland. We were greeted by Cedomir Luberic and Marie, who took us to our host for the next few days Vukasin Pejic in the city of Novi Sad, Marie his daughter was translating for us although Ceda speaks good English.

We didn't have any flyers today, we were going to a party with Vulasins family and friends, it was his wedding anniversary and his wife's birthday. We met Vukasin and the family and listened to traditional folk music, lots of singing and dancing. Marie had organized a young folk band made up of five young boys to come and play and sing for her mum as a surprise, our first night it was great. Next morning we had breakfast and took a long look at Vukasins loft, very nice set up. Vukasin is the Serbian Roller Club secretary and the club was formed in 1999, so this year in October they celebrate their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### PETER MARIJANOVIC

Our first flier was a 2 hour drive away to Peter Marijanovic, he was a jolly fellow. A few other flyers joined us and Peter released his birds at 10am, the weather was very hot and sunny 30 degrees. The birds just raced around and round the rooftops one winging. 1 landed on the 12<sup>th</sup> minute and on the 17<sup>th</sup> minute Peter scratched the kit. The guys then took us for lunch which was a lovely Serbian barbecue, Ceda asked Lana to try a sausage looking piece of meat, he started to tell her that it was a cho of which she finished chiwawa with a horrified look on her face. We all fell about in fits of laughter as Ceda told them what Lana had said, she said "I didn't think for

one minute that you ate chiwawa it was the way Ceda had pronounced it". Non the less the food was gorgeous. After lunch the guys took us to an historic monument high up with fantastic views, the sun was scorching.



Peter Marajanivic with Norman & Lana and some of the Serbian fliers.

#### NEDJO VREKIC

Another 2 hour drive to Nedjo, he had about 20 flyers there to watch his birds, again it was a very warm evening. Nedjo turned out his kit, they flew in a nice pattern unfortunately out birds spoilt the kit otherwise the score would have been much higher. There were nice individuals in the kit. Score  $2*5 2*6 2*8 = 38$  depth 1.3/quality 1.2= 59.28

We had another Serbian barbecue and had a chance to chat with some of the Serbian club flyers who we must say are very enthusiastic and want to learn as much as they can, they were a great bunch of people. As darkness fell we headed back to Vulsakins place, it was Saturday night and Ceda wanted to take us into town, but we were worn out from the travelling and the heat so we had a relatively

early night with a nice lie in the morning after. Again we woke to another very hot day, Ceda

and Vulsakin took us to breakfast of Serbian pancakes, then sightseeing round the beautiful city, we went up to the old fortress which had fantastic views over the River Danube and where the exit music festival takes place each year, we had time for a few hours rest before Ceda was due to fly his birds.

#### CEDOMIR LUBERIC

It was time for Ceda to fly his birds and again there was a big turnout of the Serbian fanciers which was great to them supporting each other. Ceda liberated his birds at 8pm, again another warm evening, the kit flew at a nice height and pattern with nice quality and depth but they just didn't produce big breaks. Score  $4*5 5*6 1*7 1*8=65$ /depth 1.3/ quality 1.4= 118.3

Ceda has done well in the World Cup on several occasions finishing in the top ten, and as I write this report he has finished 5<sup>th</sup> this year so well done to you Ceda from Lana and myself.

We sat down to more food and talks with the Serbian fanciers. After saying our goodbyes to them we went for a walk round the city centre with Ceda, Vulsakin and Ceda's girlfriend and stopped off for drinks in the square, perfect for a summer evening thanks for looking after us so well. We have really enjoyed your hospitality, fun and friendship and seeing the birds, we are sure you will be a force to be reckoned with in the near future because of your enthusiasm and dedication to the hobby. Good luck to you all.

We were up and packed the next morning, the guys took us for breakfast again and then for ice creams, we had put on loads of weight on our travels so far. They took us to the airport in Belgrade where we said our goodbyes to our

Serbian friends; they gave us allsorts of present's thank you again. Lana was sad to leave the sun behind, oh well on to the next country we were getting dab hands at this flitting about from one country to the next.



Norman & Cedomir

