



PLEASE RETURN TO:

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PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO MR JOHN TYERMAN

I confirm that I have read the rules and regulations and fully understand the terms and conditions to this event. I have included a pedigree and signed transfer for each pigeon and enclosed full payment with this form less any deposits already paid. Any unforeseen eventualities arising not covered by these rules will be resolved by the organising committee the decision of which will be final.

Signed: Date:

McGee/Tyerman International Lofts

Barcelona Challenge-Terms & Conditions

- 1) All competitors agree to transfer ownership of their pigeons to McGee/Tyerman in France to allow birds to legally compete in French racing. All birds will be flown to the race loft that is situated in Hemicourt France, the loft will be open to receive entries from 15th January through to 15th May shipping dates to follow, youngsters need to be between 25-40 days old when delivered to the loft to make it easier to settle them (yb's accepted annually)
- 2) A transfer document and breeding details or pedigree to accompany pigeons entered
- 3) The £165.00/235€ fee will include keeping the pigeons for 2 years and will cover all costs involved (until Barcelona 2010)
- 4) Original owners agree to allow their entry to be bred from and any YB'S offered for sale - the proceeds less 30% to be flown for in Barcelona 2010, prize money will be proportionally allocated to all birds timed from Barcelona. The birds will then be bred from again after racing as yearlings and the monies raised will be allocated as prize money for Barcelona
- 5) Competitors may visit the lofts by arrangement with the owners and this includes race days.
- 6) All Competitors will be kept informed of their pigeons progress by e-mail or letter our website is www.thebarcelonachallenge.com.PBO Solutions web site will also show detail www.pbosolutions.com along with Ian Gill's website www.pigeonportal.com
- 7) 2008 YB'S will be accepted until May 2008 and will be raced to 200 km's and then be entered into 4 or 5 French races as yearlings. (races chosen at lofts discretion) we will notify you when we have our race programme
- 8) Any bird lost off loft or through training can be replaced free of charge either that year if time permits, if not then the following year
- 9) Should any competitors wish to pool their entry pigeon in races this can be done with arrangement with McGee/Tyerman any monies won will be less 10% for expenses incurred.
- 10) The Bricon timing system will be used at the lofts.
- 11) Pigeons will be fed Beyers top quality corn and supplements sponsored courtesy of Beyers
- 12) All birds will be trained using a quality purpose built Geraldty Trailer courtesy of Geraldty Transport in Germany.
- 13) Dr Henk De Weerd has agreed to act as Loft Vet
- 14) Competitors agree that all training and preparatory races will be decided by McGee Tyerman Lofts.
- 15) A 25% deposit reserves a place with full payment required with shipping of bird.
- 16) Any pigeon that successfully flies Barcelona in 2009 may be paid for and raced again in 2010 from Barcelona on payment of a further £75.00, if not reactivated the Barcelona birds will be offered back to the breeder or sold by arrangement on a 70% to the breeder and 30% to the loft (obviously this date will change each year as the birds will not go to Barcelona until 2 year olds)
- 17) Owners will be contacted either by letter fax or e-mail with results
- 18) As space is limited to 500 birds we will run on a first come first served basis

If you wish to ring we'd love to hear from you there is a 1p a minute phone line you can use from the UK it is 0844 8612121 it will say welcome to the 1p a minute phone line and will talk you through the process. Our e-mail address is john.mcgee320@orange.fr Thank you all for your support

McGee/Tyerman Barcelona International Lofts; were established in the spring of 2007 at HERNICOURT, near St Pol sur Ternoise, in northern France. This location is some 60 miles inland from Calais, not far from Arras, and about a one hour drive from the port of Calais. Considerable research was done before John and Lou McGee purchased the property which is in a rural location and best described as a smallholding with several acres of land. The first forty foot loft was erected in a field above the farmhouse and has superb views across the Ternoise valley. A second loft for 2008 entries has now been built and is being erected in January 2008. The 2008 yb,s will be raced in our local club which is affiliated to the Nord Pas de Calais Colombophile (Combine) and this large organisation often sends ten thousand plus birds each week to some races. The ultimate aim is to ensure that all entries gain as much experience as possible, both as youngsters and yearlings in preparation for the Barcelona International in 2 years time. (as 2yo,s) The original 2007 entries from top fanciers in UK and Ireland will be raced this year against our French counterparts and this has sparked great interest and speculation amongst fanciers in this regional 'Hotbed' where racing is very competitive. John McGee has already shown his capabilities when he took first prize from over 900 birds in his first race in France, and both John and Lou are

determined to make a success of the Barcelona venture .

BACKGROUND INFORMATION John McGee has been a very successful fancier in the UK and has won numerous prizes in top competition including 1st . NFC Pau National. John Tyerman is also well known for his distance performances and as a member of the British International Championship Club has won many positions from Pau, Perpignan, Dax and Barcelona. The English Channel is a formidable barrier for tired international pigeons returning to the UK and it makes it very difficult to compete against our European counterparts. This is one of the reasons why the lofts were established in France and it now gives every UK and Irish Fancier the opportunity to test their pigeons against the very best in Europe, flying to a location in northern France some 25 miles south of the Belgian border. We cannot guarantee that you will win thousands of pounds in prize money but the prestige of seeing A Scottish, Irish, Welsh or English pigeon in the Barcelona International result will undoubtedly bring immense pride to the owner, and the country of origin. This result is studied worldwide and if your pigeon does well you may receive an offer you can't refuse or you may wish to continue racing the pigeon ; as often four, five and six year olds do well continuing to race Barcelona. Although the distance to our lofts is 620 miles we believe that any good 500 mile pigeon will perform well to our location, as past French results show, depending on the wind and weather conditions. We will be competing in a number of French races from 100 miles to 400 miles with the Barcelona pigeons so your entry will have the opportunity to do well in these earlier events, in the build up to Barcelona when the birds reach 2 years of age. You will also be given the opportunity to pool your pigeons in any of these events and this is covered in the terms and conditions. The entry fee is a very reasonable £165 (235 euros) and this covers all costs and race fees over the two year period. Young birds can be sent to John Tyerman by arrangement between January and May 2008, or if you wish you may visit the lofts and take your entries with you. Special arrangements are available for Irish pigeons through Ian Gill, who can be contacted on 0285 89276. (See our website, www.thebarcelonachallenge.com [alsowww.pigeonportal.com](http://www.pigeonportal.com) or www.pbosolutions.co.uk) Terry Peart the much respected R.P. scribe visited the lofts with his entries and did a superb article in issue 449 of the Racing Pigeon Pictorial magazine.

SPONSORS Beyers feeds have kindly agreed to sponsor specialist feeding for the Barcelona pigeons, and Gerald Transport of Germany have agreed the loan of one of their top range trailers for training purposes. Bricon have also fitted their timing system to the lofts and this will be linked to the McGee computer allowing us to update the website as the events occur. Brian Wall of Gem Products has also agreed to provide a selection of his famous Gem supplements to ensure top health of all our pigeons. Dr Henk de Weerd has agreed to be the official loft Vet, so all in all we have tremendous professional support for this new venture. **PRIZE FUND.** The plan is to breed a number of youngsters from the yearlings already at the loft and offer these for sale by auction - any monies less expenses will go to the Barcelona prize Fund. A superb trophy will be presented to the winning owner and it will be interesting to see which country has the best team performance. Rest assured we are committed to the success of this new venture and with John and Lou McGee's dedication your pigeons are in good hands. Where else would you get an opportunity to race your pigeons in the world's most prestigious race, and for only £165.(Please note that we will accept four post dated cheques if this is more convenient to the entrant)

Send a deposit cheque of £25 per pigeon or full amount of £165 to John Tyerman, 'Barsac' Farm Road, Bracklesham Bay, West Sussex PO20 8JT Phone 01243670351 or email barcelonachallenge@yahoo.co.uk for further info.

John and Lou McGee can be contacted at 30 Rue De Belval, 62130 HERNICOURT, France.

Phone 0033 321 04098 51 or email john.mcgee320@orange.fr they will be pleased to talk to you on a personal basis.

Ian Gill is our man in Ireland and he can be contacted on www.pigeonportal.com (phone 0285 89276)

Top Barcelona flyer, John Wills, says "This is a great opportunity to compete against the best fanciers in Europe."