



## Message from the President

Merle Starr

First, I would like to apologize for only having three bulletins. I will take full responsibility for not having the four as in the past years. I am certain that this year will get us on track and we'll have our four bulletins.

We have had some very good shows in the past couple of months. Our annual was a huge success with close to 100 swallows from a dozen exhibitors. Hans Schipper did an outstanding job with the judging. I do not know who enjoys this more, Hans or our club members.

The SCCPC is to be commended for their huge showing with Andreas Meyer judging. They had well over 100 birds showed. I have talked with Andreas since he returned to his busy show season. He said that he and his wife had a wonderful time in southern California.

The NPA national in Lancaster, PA should have been bigger, but coming behind the SCCPC show and the Des Moines, show it is very hard to maintain show teams at this level of competition and I think this probably hurt the entries at Lancaster, PA this year.

We have a lot to do this year. First we will have nominations for the annual show site and district show sites in this bulletin. You will have postcards for this in this bulletin and you should also nominate judges. I will get in touch with all our judges for their open dates after the nominations. Between the first and second bulletins all club members will be notified of all the nominated sites for our annual and all the judges that will be available. We will send out emails and post cards for the actual judging for the annual and judge to be voted for. If all goes well we should be able to post the results in our second bulletin

I have had quite a few club members from Canada and from the states asking if it would be possible for the annual to be held in

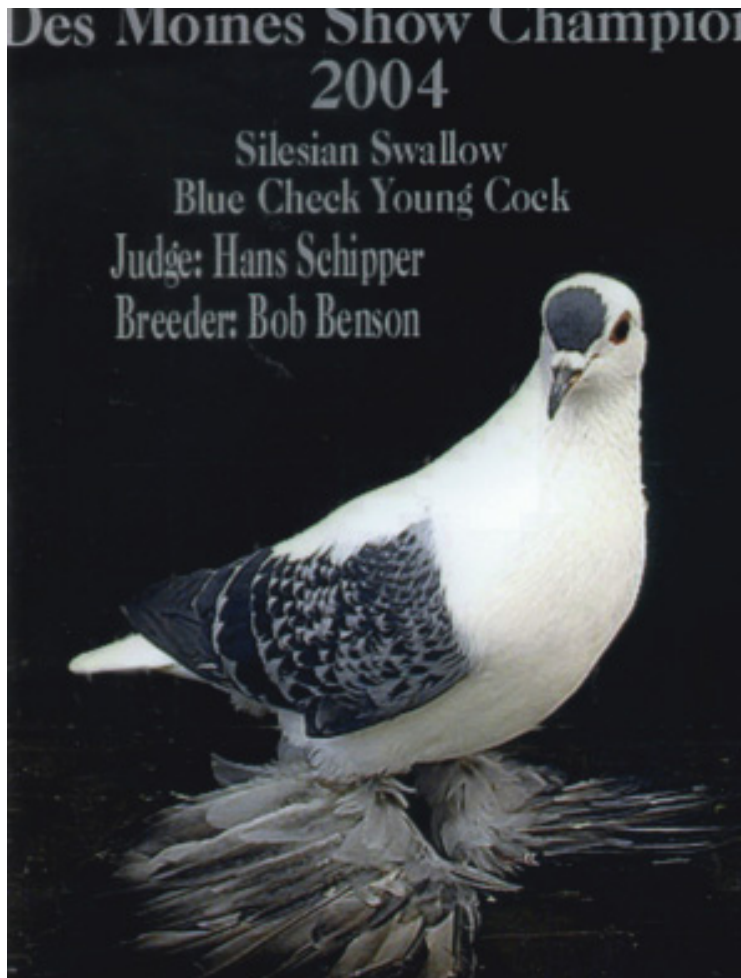
conjunction with the Edmonton, Canada Pigeon Show. The Edmonton Pigeon Club has made all the arrangements to have Hans Schipper to judge this show. **The Edmonton Pigeon Club has agreed to pay for all of Hans expenses I have been told.** If

they do not pay all the cost then we cannot have our annual in Canada. I personally do not have any problems with this, even though our bylaws state that we can only have a foreign judge every two years. This I am told was to keep our treasury from being depleted. If the Edmonton picks up all the cost, it will not affect our treasury. Of course having this annual in Canada will have to be nominated and then voted on by the membership to become a reality.

At the NPA national in Lancaster, PA it was voted to have the next NPA national in San Bernardino, Ca. next year. So we have the possibility of having this as our annual show site. In talking with Leon Stephens recently, the SCCPC had already made plans to have Reiner Wolf, from Germany, judge their SCCPC Pageant next year. Once again we have a club willing to pick up all the expenses of paying for a foreign judge to judge their show that they have yearly. So if San Bernardino is nominated and

voted to be the site for our next annual, I once again will have no problem with having a foreign judge at our annual. I would hope that we as a club will be able to show in conjunction with the SCCPC at the next NPA national. This will also have to be nominated and voted on to be a reality.

In our second bulletin we will ask for nominations for officers for the next year. You might give this some thought. There always seems to be a lot of confusion for secretaries



Champion at the Annual Meet in Des Moines. Bob Benson's young cock Blue Checker Silesian. Rated "E". Photo by Nancy Pinke

# Secretaries Message

Elliot Yeske

Now the show season is over for the USC. There were some very good shows this year. The Pageant in California had a great show with many swallows shown and the Cal. Color pigeon club brought in German judge Andreas Meyer to go over their swallows and color pigeons. I was not able to attend that show but my friend Nate Wayne did and he informed me that it was a treat to watch Andreas judge as he had not been to America before. It is always nice to get a European opinion of our birds here in the states.

Our annual meet was held at Des Moines this year and the club brought in European judge Hans Shipper from the Netherlands once again to judge our birds, this was the fourth time we have had Hans be our judge. It is always enjoyable to watch him judge as he is very good at explaining to the breeders what he sees in their birds. The Iowa state pigeon association had a new show hall at the fair grounds which was a wonderful place to have the show. There was lots of room with good lighting. We had a large number of swallows and many varieties.

The other show I was able to attend with Nate Wayne this year, was the National Pigeon Show in Lancaster PA. It is always a fine time out in PA. There were not many swallows, in the show but there were a few birds of each variety shown. Nate Wayne did the judging. Also while we were there we visited Merle Starr's loft and his son Tim's loft. Another highlight was a trip to Jim Moyer's to see his book and art collection.

We still have a few club bands to sell. They are 35 cents each. At this writing I have 200 clean leg bands and 190 muffed bands to sell. We hope that members will continue to purchase them so that the club can continue to make them available.

A big thank you to everyone that donated birds, carrying cages, and pigeon models, for the auction at Des Moines as well as cash for the judges room.

Also a big thanks to Nate Wayne, Norm House, Bob Jakubowski, and Nancy Pinke for all they did for the swallow display at Des Moines. The club took first place and is supposed to get a cash award for this.



Nate Wayne and Elliot Yeske at the Des Moines Annual Meet.

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when they receive a swallow entry at their respected shows. One would not believe the various descriptions the show secretaries get just for one variety of swallow and then multiply that by the number of varieties of swallows we have, most show secretaries agree that swallow entries are mostly a nightmare for them. Perry and I will be working on simplifying ways to make entries easier for the show secretaries and for swallow club members. Contact either Perry or myself if you have any suggestions. I have had one member stating if we are using the European judging system, we should use the European breed varieties also. I am hoping we can have some good ideas by the next bulletins.

My congratulations to the big show winners with their wins at their shows

Bill Griebel, SCCPC Pageant, Bob Benson Des Moines, and Dave Harris at the NPA national. Great job, guys!

## Call for Nominations of Annual Meet Location and Judge for 2005

Please fill in your nomination for the Site location of the USC Annual meet: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominations will appear in a ballot later this year

Please fill in your nomination for the Annual meet Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Take your judge nomination from the list of qualified USA Judges below. You may nominate a foreign Judge, but a foreign judge will be dependent on the Clubs finances and schedule. Send Your Choices to: Tim Starr, 8804 Ft. Loudon Rd., Mercersburg, PA 17236, Phone: 717-328-9751, Email: [timstarr@comcast.net](mailto:timstarr@comcast.net)

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Bill Griebel  
Dave Harris  
Steve Ripper

Gary Romig  
Leon Stephens  
Mike Swanson  
Gloria Weisgram  
Foreign Judge

### Swallow Club Treasure's Report

*Fourth Quarter February 4th, 2005*

Previous Balance	2,295.23
<b>Income:</b>	
Des Moines Auction	430.00
Dues, Bands, Donations	933.86
<b>Expenses:</b>	
NPA 2nd half of bands	450.00
Des Moines Judge ticket	946.39
Postal fees (for bands)	12.30
Monthly Service Charge	6.00
<b>Current Checking Balance</b>	<b>2,244.40</b>

## From Your Vice-President - Keeping Records

Perry Mueller

There are three things that contribute to successful pigeon breeding: obtaining good stock, keeping records, and luck. I thought I would share some thoughts on how I keep records and what things I find important.

(1) Knowing the parents is important. You can go through your breeding cards quickly and notice what birds are producing good breeders and show birds. This is a must.

(2) I like to write the good and bad faults of both birds. This is probably the most important part of my breeding cards. You don't always have a lot of time to study the birds and writing these points down helps save time. Also later when looking at the young you can see what good and bad qualities are inherited.

(3) For remarks I usually write what I am looking for in the young. If the cock has an open back I may say "Keep only young with closed backs".

(4) I want to know if I mated the pair up this year or bred them the year before. (L.Y.R.) lets me know how many young they raised the year before. You can't tell what a pair will produce until you've raised a few young.

(5) When the young are taken out of the breeding pens I sometimes write some remarks in blue ink. Then in the fall of the year after the birds have gone through their 6 month molt, I'll put them in show cages and write

remarks in red ink. Both good and bad points. This is a must, you have to know what the pairs are producing. If they throw great young I'll keep them together. If poor quality young I might break them up and remate them.

(6) Lastly, in the fall the post season notes will let me know what my plans are for next year.

I made these breeding cards several years ago and they have worked well. I keep a clipboard in every coop with them at-

YEAR _____ COOP _____		POST SEASON NOTES	
		⑥	
COCK +		HEN +	
②			
-		-	
SHOW BIRD		REMARKS	
COCK _____ HEN _____		③	
MATE _____			
L.Y.R. ④			
COCK NO. _____		COLOR _____	SIRE _____ DAM _____
HEN NO. _____		COLOR _____	SIRE ① DAM _____
DATE	BAND	COLOR	REMARKS
1			
2			
3			⑤
4			
5			

tached. One other thing I do is to draw a diagram of the nest boxes on a sheet of 8x10 paper and have it laminated in plastic at the local Kinko's, then I use erasable markers to mark the date the first egg are laid. Then a few days later I can candle the eggs to see if they are fertile. If they are, I mark them. If clear I can easily erase it and wait for the next round of eggs. The laminated diagram lasts for years and is great for record and note keeping in the breeding loft.

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# Full Show Results from the Annual Meet, Des Moines

## Photos & Report on the following pages

### SWALLOW, SILESIAN

YH	BLUE BARLESS	GLORIA WEISGRAM	715	S	94
YH	BLUE BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	47	S	94
YH	BLUE BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	37	S	93
YH	BLUE CHECK	NANCY PINKE	671	S	94
YH	BLUE CHECK	ROBERT BENSON	660	S	95
YC	BLUE CHECK	ROBERT BENSON	657	S	95
YC	BLUE CHECK	NATE WAYNE	202	G	92
YC	CREAM CHECK	MERLE E. STARR	417	S	94
YC	SILVER BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	32	E	97
YC	SILVER BARLESS	NANCY PINKE	649	G	92
YC	BLUE CHECK	ROBERT BENSON	611	E	97 CHAMPION OF SHOW

OH	ASH RED BAR	MERLE E. STARR	1782	G	92
OH	ASH RED BAR	MERLE E. STARR	1472	S	94
OH	BLUE BARLESS	GLORIA WEISGRAM	945	S	94
OH	BLUE BARLESS	GLORIA WEISGRAM	517	S	95
OH	BLUE BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	1600	HS	96
OH	BLUE BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	1726	E	97
OH	BLUE BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	1321	S	94
OH	BLUE CHECK	ROBERT BENSON	702	S	95
OH	BLUE CHECK	NATE WAYNE	56	G	93
OH	CREAM BAR	MERLE E. STARR	1360	A	91
OH	CREAM CHECK	MERLE E. STARR	1785	HS	96
OH	DARK CHECK	FRANK WALSH	718	G	92
OH	DUN BAR	ROBERT BENSON	754	S	95
OH	SILVER	FRANK WALSH	827	S	94
OH	SILVER CHECK	NATE WAYNE	68	S	94
OH	SILVER DUN BAR	NANCY PINKE	954	S	94
OH	YELLOW BARLESS	MERLE E. STARR	569	G	92

OC	BLUE BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	1368	S	94
OC	BLUE BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	1616	HS	96
OC	BLUE CHECK	FRANK WALSH	719	S	94
OC	BLUE CHECK	ROBERT BENSON	710	G	92
OC	BLUE CHECK	ROBERT BENSON	836	HS	96
OC	BLUE CHECK	NATE WAYNE	132	S	95
OC	BLUE CHECK	NATE WAYNE	185	S	94
OC	CREAM CHECK	MERLE E. STARR	1765	G	92
OC	SILVER BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	1728	S	94
OC	SILVER BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	507	HS	96
OC	SILVER CHECK	ROBERT BENSON	706	S	94
OC	SILVER CHECK	ROBERT BENSON	819	HS	96

### SWALLOW, SAXON FAIRY

YH	RED WHITE BAR	NATE WAYNE	211	S	94
YH	RED WHITE BAR	NORM HOUSE	1075	A	90
YH	YELLOW WH/BAR	NATE WAYNE	213	S	93
YH	YELLOW WH/BAR	NATE WAYNE	204	S	93
YC	YELLOW WH/BAR	NATE WAYNE	235	S	94
YC	YELLOW WH/BAR	NATE WAYNE	200	S	95
OH	BLACK BARLESS	GLORIA WEISGRAM	844	S	95 BEST FAIRY
OH	BLACK BARLESS	NANCY PINKE	345	S	93
OH	BLACK WH/BAR	NORM HOUSE	962	A	90
OH	RED WHITE BAR	NATE WAYNE	142	S	93
OH	RED WHITE BAR	NATE WAYNE	191	G	92
OH	BLACK WH/BAR	CHAPMAN	367	A	91

### SWALLOW, SAXON FULLHEAD

YH	BLACK BARLESS	MERLE E. STARR	457	G	92
YC	BLACK BARLESS	ELLIOT YESKE	101	S	94
OH	BLACK BARLESS	ELLIOT YESKE	41	A	91
OH	RED BARLESS	ELLIOT YESKE	157	G	92
OC	BLACK BARLESS	ELLIOT YESKE	6	S	93
OC	RED BARLESS	ELLIOT YESKE	158	S	94

### SWALLOW, THURINGER FULLHEAD

YH	BLACK FH	ELLIOT YESKE	99	S	93
YH	BLUE BARLESS FH	ELLIOT YESKE	18	S	93
YH	BLUE BARLESS FH	ELLIOT YESKE	9	S	94
YC	YELLOW FH	ELLIOT YESKE	27	S	95
YQ	YELLOW FH	ELLIOT YESKE	2	G	92
OH	BLACK FH	ELLIOT YESKE	559	S	95
OH	BLACK FH	ELLIOT YESKE	33	S	94
OC	BLUE BARLESS FH	ELLIOT YESKE	34	S	95
OC	BLUE BARLESS FH	ELLIOT YESKE	36	S	94
OC	BLUE BLK/BAR FH	ELLIOT YESKE	327	HS	96 BEST FULLHEAD
OC	RED FH	ELLIOT YESKE	8	S	94

### SWALLOW, THURINGER WING PIGEON

YH	BLUE BLACK BAR	ELLIOT YESKE	15		92
YH	RED BARLESS	GERALD KRESS	302	G	92
YC	BLUE BLACK BAR	ELLIOT YESKE	17		95
YC	YELLOW BARLESS	GERALD KRESS	308	G	92
OH	RED BARLESS	GERALD KRESS	161	G	92
OH	YELLOW BARLESS	GERALD KRESS	166	G	91
OC	BLUE WHITE BAR	ELLIOT YESKE	309	S	95
YH	RED WHITE BAR	PERRY MUELLER	62	S	94
YH	YELLOW WH/BAR	PERRY MUELLER	115	S	95
YC	RED SPANGLE	PERRY MUELLER	122	S	94
YC	RED WHITE BAR	PERRY MUELLER	63	G	92
YC	YELLOW BARLESS	PERRY MUELLER	101	S	94
OH	RED WHITE BAR	PERRY MUELLER	138	S	93
OC	RED WHITE BAR	PERRY MUELLER	110	S	93
YH	BLUE BARLESS	BERND LICHT	222	S	94
YH	BLUE BARLESS	BERND LICHT	225	E	97 RESERVE CHAMPION
YH	BLUE BLACK BAR	BERND LICHT	218	S	92
YC	BLUE BARLESS	BERND LICHT	234	HS	96
YC	BLUE BARLESS	BERND LICHT	229	S	93
OH	BLUE BLACK BAR	BERND LICHT	861	S	94
OC	BLUE BLACK BAR	BERND LICHT	705	S	95
OH	BLUE BARLESS	BERND LICHT	484	S	93

# Report from the Annual Meet in Des Moines

Bob Benson

The Iowa State Pigeon Association is to be commended for the fine show they put together. There were over 4000 birds exhibited. The show building was large and well lit, and kept clean. There was more than adequate judging space for each club.

With this theme in mind, I'd like to thank all swallow club members who attended—special thanks to the following:

**Bob Jakubowski** and **Norm House** – for trucking and assembling an aviary which housed the auction birds,

**Gloria Weisgram** –for her poster artistry (she has done this every year),

**Nate Wayne** – displaying his Swallow art work,

**Nancy Pinke** – donation of a Beautiful pigeon sculpture and displaying others on the aviary.

The auction was also a great success, with **Elliot Yeske** at the controls. Donations came from the following:

**Chris Lindbom** – two carrying cases, two feeders and twelve perches.

**Perry Mueller** – two pair of Silesians

**Norm House** – one pair of Fairies

**Bob Benson** – two pair of Silesians

**Penny and Allen Smith** – two etched plates (were awarded for best Fairy and best Fullhead)

**From the German Swallow Club** –two Ehrenband to be given to the champion and reserve champion of the show

**Bill Lawson** was in attendance to accept a token of our es-

teem, but more importantly, to be given a life time club membership. Congratulations to this excellent breeder of the pigeon fancy!

Now to the show –

Hans Schipper was show judge. Once again his judging was flawless as well as informative. Each of the 112 birds was examined carefully, with notes listing both strong and weak points.

The winning pigeons were:

**Gloria Weisgram** best Fairy (Black Barless)

**Elliot Yeske** best Fullhead (Black Barless and best Thuringian Fullhead (Black Barless)

**Bernd Licht** Reserve Champion, Thuringian Wing Pigeon (Blue Barless)

**Bob Benson** Champion, (Blue Check Silesian)

**Perry Mueller** had two “E” birds and had top breeders points for the show.

Everyone have a good breeding year, and show the best in Des Moines next December.



Annual Meet Judge, Hans Schipper with a Beautiful Red Spangle Swallow. Photo: Perry Mueller



Perry Mueller Receives a Painted Plate Award from Hans. Photo: Perry Mueller



Display brought by Bob Jakubowski and Norm House and some Artwork from Nate Wayne. Photo: Perry Mueller



Photo: Nancy Pinke



Bob Benson and Merle Starr present USC lifetime membership to Bill Lawson (Center). Photo: Perry Mueller



Photo: Nancy Pinke



Photo: Nancy Pinke



Gloria Weisgram Receives Award for Best Fairy Swallow from Merle Starr  
Photo: Perry Mueller



Bernd Licht Receives Award for Best Clean Leg Swallow from Merle Starr  
Photo: Perry Mueller

# 2004 Edmonton Show

Bill Griebel

The first weekend of November 2004 I had the opportunity to attend the Edmonton Pigeon and Chicken Show in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. I not only had the task of judging swallows but the show staff had me judge many of the other breeds, especially the rare breeds.

The swallows, numbering around 60 were of good quality and type as a rule but the condition this year was not as good as past years. By this I mean flights were missing, back feathers missing and other problems that I believe were due to the early time of the year. As was the case though, there were quite a few birds in condition so we did find some good ones.

I selected a yellow barless clean leg old hen as champion of the show. She was of good size, color and type with very little rag feather that usually accompanies birds of this color. An interesting side note was that at this years USC Eastern District Meet a yellow barless clean leg won champion under Nate Wayne's judging. The reserve champion of the Edmonton Show was a wonderful blue black bar silesian. John Taupert owns both birds.

A lot of credit for organizing the swallows at this show goes to John Taupert. A big thank-you to John and the Edmonton show management for having me up to judge.

## Thuringer Wing Pigeons

Red Old Cock	HS-96	22	T&T Lofts
Red Old Hen	S-93	939	T&T Lofts
Yellow Old Cock	S-94	30	T&T Lofts
Yellow Old Cock	S-93	18	T&T Lofts
Yellow Old Hen	HS-96	530	T&T Lofts <b>Champion</b>
Yellow Old Hen	G-92	571	T&T Lofts
Blue Old Cock	S-95	564	T&T Lofts
Blue Old Cock	S-94	20	T&T Lofts
Blue Old Cock	S-93	548	T&T Lofts
Blue Old Cock	G-92	525	T&T Lofts
Blue Old Cock	G-92	527	T&T Lofts
Blue Old Hen	HS-96	14	T&T Lofts
Blue Old Hen	G-92	7	T&T Lofts
Blue Young Cock	S-93	244	T. Toews
Silver Old Cock	S-95	973	T&T Lofts
Silver Old Cock	G-92	529	T&T Lofts
Silver Old Hen	S-94	526	T&T Lofts
Silver Old Hen	S-93	936	T&T Lofts
Silver Old Hen	G-92	546	T. Toews
Silver Young Hen	S-95	209	T&T Lofts <b>Best Young</b>
Silver Young Hen	S-93	231	T&T Lofts
Silver Young Hen	G-92	252	T. Toews

## Saxon Fairy Swallows

Black W/B Old Cock	S-95	101	J. Taupert
Black W/B Old Cock	S-94	725	J. Taupert
Black W/B Old Cock	S-93	211	J. Taupert
Black W/B Old Cock	S-93	729	R Coslovich
Black W/B Old Hen	S-95	724	J. Taupert <b>Best of Class</b>
Black W/B Old Hen	S-93	728	R Coslovich
Black W/B Old Hen	S-93	76	J. Taupert



John Taupert's Champion at Edmonton; Yellow barless Thuringer



John Taupert's Res.Champion at Edmonton; Blue Black Bar Silesian

## Silesian Swallows

Silver B/B Old Hen	S-95	239	J. Taupert
Silver B/B Old Hen	S-93	224	P. Waldner
Blue B/B Old Cock	HS-96	100	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Cock	HS-96	104	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Cock	S-95	84	R. Coslovich
Blue B/B Old Cock	S-95	32	R. Coslovich
Blue B/B Old Cock	S-95	350	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Cock	S-94	722	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Cock	S-93	130	P. Waldner
Blue B/B Old Cock	S-93	302	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Cock	S-93	243	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Cock	G-92	101	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Cock	G-92	736	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Cock	G-92	29	P. Waldner
Blue B/B Old Cock	G-92	227	R. Coslovich
Blue B/B Old Cock	G-92	149	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Hen	HS-96	366	J. Taupert <b>Best of Class &amp; (Res)</b>
Blue B/B Old Hen	HS-96	737	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Hen	S-95	348	R. Coslovich
Blue B/B Old Hen	S-95	356	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Hen	S-95	357	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Hen	S-94	727	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Hen	S-94	88	R. Coslovich
Blue B/B Old Hen	S-94	730	P. Waldner
Blue B/B Old Hen	S-93	343	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Hen	S-93	337	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Hen	G-92	721	J. Taupert
Blue B/B Old Hen	G-92	75	R. Coslovich
Blue B/B Young Hen	S-93	416	R. Coslovich



## N.P.A. National at Lancaster, Pa.

*Merle Starr*

The club meet this year at the N.P.A. National was not a big one, but was a reasonably good one. Since our annual was held at Des Moines this year. This makes it hard to keep show birds in show condition for this long of a show season. There were several birds that had been in other shows, and consequentially were not in good show condition. .

Dave Harris had a very good entry as usual, all birds in top shape. Dave had the best birds in all varieties that were shown. Dave had the best Swallow with a nice young cock in a yellow Thuringer Wing Pigeon, and reserved champion with a nice blue black bar Silesian cock bird. ..Congratulations Dave.

Nate Wayne did an excellent job with the judging along with Penny Smith of the Rochester N.Y. pigeon club .writing down all comments from Nate on the coop cards

It was announced that the Los Angeles Pigeon Club will host the next N.P.A. show next year.



*Champion at the NPA National. Dave Harris; yellow barless Thuringer Wing Pigeon.*



*Reserve Champion at the NPA National. Dave Harris; Blue black bar Silesian Swallow.*

# Full Show Results from the Pageant

## Swallows

**Judge: Andreas Meyers, Germany**

**Champion and Best Fairy:**

Black W/B OC #14 Bill Griebel Sr.

**Best Young:**

Blue W/B YC #301 George de la Nuez

**Best Silesian:**

Blue Barless OC #379 Leon Stephens

**Best Fullhead:**

Black W/B OC #1907 Frank Bailey

**Best Thuringer:**

Black Barless YC #1504 Jay Beals

## Fairy Swallows

Black W/B Old Cock

E-97 14 Bill Griebel Sr.  
S-94 182 Bill Griebel Sr.  
S-93 206 Bill Lawson  
S-93 409 Bill Lawson  
G-92 815 Bill Griebel Sr.

Old Hen

S-95 573 Leon Stephens  
S-93 148 Bill Lawson  
S-93 552 W & D Dorothy  
S-93 740 W & D Dorothy  
G-92 882 Bill Griebel Sr.  
G-91 82 Bill Griebel Sr.

Young Cock

HS-96 240 Bill Griebel Sr.

Young Hen

S-95 553 W & D Dorothy  
S-93 5 W & D Dorothy  
S-93 6 W & D Dorothy  
G-92 874 W & D Dorothy

Black Spangle Young Hen

G-92 686 Leon Stephens

Red W/B Old Cock

HS-96 303 Leon Stephens  
G-92 348 Leon Stephens

Old Hen

S-95 59 Leon Stephens  
S-93 325 Leon Stephens  
S-93 67 Leon Stephens

Yellow W/B Old Cock

S-94 082 Bill Lawson  
S-93 392 Leon Stephens

Old Hen

S-95 166 Leon Stephens  
S-95 260 Bill Lawson

Young Hen

G-92 482 Leon Stephens

Red Spangle Young Hen

S-93 1712 Leon Stephens

Blue W/B Old Cock

S-95 179 George de la Nuez  
S-94 936 George de la Nuez  
G-92 349 Leon Stephens  
G-91 425 Leon Stephens

Old Hen

HS-96 98 George de la Nuez  
S-94 559 George de la Nuez  
S-93 333 Leon Stephens

Young Cock

E-97 301 George de la Nuez

Young Hen

S-95 302 George de la Nuez  
S-94 296 George de la Nuez

Blue Black Bar Old Hen

S-94 1483 Leon Stephens

Silver W/B Old Hen

G-92 934 George de la Nuez  
G-91 1734 Leon Stephens

Blue Barless Old Cock

S-94 351 Leon Stephens

Silver Barless Old Hen

G-91 340 Leon Stephens

## Silesian Swallow

Black Barless Old Cock

S-94 305 Leon Stephens

Black Barless Old Hen

S-94 329 Leon Stephens  
S-93 328 Leon Stephens  
S-93 346 Leon Stephens

Black Barless Young Hen

S-95 335 Bill Griebel Sr.

Black W/B Old Cock

G-91 1707 Leon Stephens

Old Hen

G-92 385 Leon Stephens  
G-92 380 Leon Stephens

Young Hen

G-92 1902 Frank Bailey  
G-92 1903 Frank Bailey  
I-90 1901 Frank Bailey

Blue Black Bar Old Cock

S-94 939 Bill Griebel Sr.  
S-93 466 Bill Griebel Jr.  
S-93 708 Bill Griebel Jr.  
G-92 938 Bill Griebel Sr.

Old Hen

S-93 356 Bill Griebel Sr.  
G-92 381 Leon Stephens  
G-92 924 Bill Griebel Sr.

Young Cock

G-92 307 Bill Griebel Sr.

Young Hen

S-95 219 Bill Griebel Sr.

Silver Bar Old Hen

S-95 918 Bill Griebel Sr.

Blue Barless Old Cock

HS-96 379 Leon Stephens

Old Hen

S-93 304 Leon Stephens  
I-90 382 Leon Stephens

Silver Barless Old Hen

S-95 298 Leon Stephens

Blue W/B Old Cock

S-95 144 Leon Stephens  
G-92 150 Leon Stephens

Old Hen

G-92 378 Leon Stephens

Red W/B Old Cock

S-93 47 Leon Stephens

## Fullhead Swallows

Black Barless Old Cock

S-95 358 Leon Stephens

Old Hen

G-91 341 Leon Stephens

Young Hen

HS-96 267 Bill Griebel Sr.  
S-94 314 Bill Griebel Sr.  
G-92 247 Bill Griebel Sr.

Black W/B Old Cock

HS-96 1907 Frank Bailey

Old Hen

S-94 1903 Frank Bailey

Young Cock

S-94 1904 Frank Bailey

Young Hen

G-91 1916 Frank Bailey

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# Western District Directors Report

Dave Holloway

Pageant results continued

## Thuringer Wing Pigeons

- Blue Black Bar Old Cock  
 S-95 1433 Jay Beals  
 S-93 840 Bill Griebel Jr.  
 G-92 1402 Jay Beals
- Old Hen  
 S-93 335 Bill Griebel Jr.
- Young Hen  
 S-94 366 Dave Holloway
- Cream Yellow Barless  
 G-91 391 Dave Holloway
- Cream Yellow Bar Young Hen  
 G-91 424 Dave Holloway
- Silver Bar  
 S-94 1419 Jay Beals
- Ash Red Check Young Cock  
 S-93 376 Dave Holloway
- Silver Spangle Young Cock  
 G-92 412 Dave Holloway
- Young Hen  
 S-95 385 Dave Holloway
- Blue Spangle Young Cock  
 S-94 371 Dave Holloway
- Young Hen  
 S-95 388 Dave Holloway
- Blue Barless Young Cock  
 S-94 387 Bill Griebel Jr.
- Young Hen  
 HS-96 1502 Jay Beals  
 S-94 385 Bill Griebel Jr.
- Black Barless Old Cock  
 S-95 1444 Jay Beals
- Young Cock  
 HS-96 1504 Jay Beals  
 S-94 1530 Jay Beals
- Young Hen  
 S-93 1746 Jay Beals
- Silver W/B Young Cock  
 S-95 378 Dave Holloway
- Young Hen  
 S-93 419 Dave Holloway  
 G-92 368 Dave Holloway

I attended the Western Young Bird Show in October. There were 67 Color Pigeons of which 28 were Swallows. The Pageant was next with 4,700 entries, about 350 color Pigeons, approximately 120 Swallows. Hopefully the full results are elsewhere in this issue.

Scale of Points:  
 I hope to see one of these in our standard (in all pigeon standards) someday. Here's a sample one:

- Muffed Swallows  
 Type (Body & Station) 25  
 Symmetry & balance 10  
 Color 25  
 Markings 30  
 Muffs 10
- Clean Leg Swallows  
 Type (Body & Station) 30  
 Symmetry & balance 15  
 Color 25  
 Markings 30

By way of further explanation the American Poultry Association Standard has a general scale of points for all breeds which allows 5 points for comb for example.

Then under Cutting for defects: Breed shape

Comb:	
All breeds	- points
(a) coarse texture & overlage	1/2 to 1
(b) Frozen	1/2
Rose comb breeds	
(a) Rough cell	1/2 to 2
(b) Hollow center	1/2 to 2
Single comb Breeds	
(a) Twisted cell	1/2 to 1
(b) Thumb Mark	1 to 2

Pretty detailed huh! It goes on for each part of the body plus color for all parts and also lists disqualifications. I wish our standards had such a thing to help in knowing exactly where to place emphasis in our breeding programs. It also helps judges to know exactly how much to deduct for each fault and thus make the number score they award more accurate, and meaningful to all. COMMENTS?



Blue Spangle, Blue White Bar Thuringer Wing Pigeons; Bred and Owned by Dave Holloway



Silver Spangle, Silver White Bar Thuringer Wing Pigeons; Bred and Owned by Dave Holloway



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### **BREED OF CHOICE 20 + GOOD REASONS TO CHOOSE SWALLOWS AS YOUR PRIMARY OR ONLY FANCY PIGEON BREED**

Just forget about those short and simple “TOP TEN” lists! Here are over 20 good reasons why people specialize in raising and showing swallow or wing pigeons as their “breed of choice”.

Some time ago I attempted to craft an article in the form of a self-administered quiz or survey, with the goal of surveying swallow pigeon breeders (via the USC Bulletin) on why they selected this particular breed over the many other interesting pigeon breeds available. There are many complex and interconnected factors at work in such a process, including attributes and qualities of the breed and its many varieties, social or people-people factors, and your individual reasons including both emotive (emotional) and cognitive (logical) factors and attributes. Is it simply a matter of chance (randomness) that you choose or chose swallows, or was there some combination of opportunities and situations which maybe even predisposed you to select this specific breed over others?

Here are over 20 such inter-related reasons, listed in no particular order of importance. Check off which ones influenced your choosing swallows, or add to this list if you can (there will be others!).

#### **TOP 22 Reasons**

- Overall breed “elegance”, style, beauty breed color intensity and color types
- The availability of an active Speciality Club (ie U.S.C.) ; support and breed advocacy
- The challenge of breeding an “E” bird , judged to highest quality standards
- The breed’s ability to parent/feed its own young
- Fellowship and support from other swallow fanciers
- The influence of an existing swallow fancier (ie “mentor”)
- Breed “temperament”
- The relative size of the breed (small/medium)
- Availability of recognized (“certified”) swallow judge standards (USC)

- The rareness of this breed (opportunity to support a heritage or old breed gene pool)
- Existence of the Individual Merit Judging System for swallows
- Opportunities to view high quality swallows in lofts or at local shows
- Preferences for variety-specific attributes (ie muffs, fullhead markings, spot markings, etc.)
- Your personal family heritage and association with this old world breed (multi-generational)
- Opportunities and pleasurable experiences in viewing free-flying swallows
- Opportunities to show or display your swallows in all-breed shows
- The quality and usefulness of written breed (and variety) standards, including the excellent illustrations/graphics.
- Having a breed with long genetic lineage; breeds “true” or consistent results
- Availability of high quality breed newsletters/written materials (ie USC Bulletin)
- Wide variety of intricate and distinctive breed markings , colors, and combinations possible
- Geographic proximity of another local/adjacent swallow fancier to exchange birds, support, etc.

Your reasons not captured in the list above:

Conclusion: the above list is only intended to stimulate further thought and discussions (future articles?) in a fun way between members and is not intended to be scientific. There are no right or wrong answers here . This issue can also be described as or compared to a relationship-based process; going through stages such as first exposure/first sight, to a “courtship” phase, dating, marriage, long term/lasting relationships, etc etc. Have fun!

Comments or additional thoughts on this issue are welcomed; if so please share with all USC members through a future Bulletin article.

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