

UNITED Swallow Club



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Presidents Message Mike Swanson

I hope all of you had a good year with your birds and had a fun summer. The show season is upon us and there has been a lot of activity in preparation for the shows and related committee work. Before I go into detail about these activities, on a very sad note, as many of you have already heard past USC President Merle Starr has passed away. Merle has worked hard in the fancy and in our club to promote and raise excellent pigeons. I've asked Ron DeClement to write about Merle's life, as Ron has been a very close friend to Merle and his son, Tim for many years. Merle's passing leaves a big hole in our USC club. Since our annual meet is coming up in just a few months I decided it would be timely to honor Merle at our annual show along with Judine Nelson. These two breeders were very important to the growth of the USC and supported our organization for many decades.

Just this week, Tim Starr visited our home and lofts. Tim was able to stay for a couple of days. We stayed up until 2:00 A.M. talking birds and then we were up at 7:00 spending the rest of the day looking at birds. Tim brought his laptop and we were able to see pictures of his excellent Tiger Swallows. They are very impressive to see when they are marked, a testimony to Tim's breeding expertise.

The United Swallow Club will be sponsoring a swallow special in the Purebred Pigeon next year, 2017, in the September/October issue. This gives everyone ample time to write articles and place advertisements in their publication. Although it is a year away time goes fast so start now! Ron DeClement has graciously volunteered to help coordinate the special. Make sure you are a part of the special! The Purebred Pigeon publishes a quality

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We Have Lost Merle Starr! Long Time Swallow Fancier Tim Starr

I am sure some of you have heard by now but I wanted to make sure everyone knows that my father passed away early Saturday (9/17) morning due to complications from his long bout with lung cancer.

We feel very fortunate to have dad for 2 and a half years after being diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer where the average life expectancy is only 6 months. We are also very fortunate that dad had a quality of life for those 2.5 years and when his time came we went quickly and suffered very little.

My father had pigeons for 66 years and they were a very important part of this life that brought him great joy and many friends. He had many different breeds during his lifetime but swallows were his passion, specifically tiger swallows and fullheads in all colors and markings. My father introduced me to pigeons at an very early age and I can remember going on many weekend trips with him visiting pigeon breeders all across the country.

My favorite trip with my father is when we went to Europe in 2006, just the two of us driving through the various countries visiting with swallow breeders for 2 weeks. It was the most relaxing and enjoyable time that I got to spend with my father and one I will cherish for the rest of my life. I was also very fortunate that we never lived more than 10 minutes apart from each other and we spent a lot of time together and he also got to spend a lot of time with his grandkids which he loved more than anything. I miss him terribly.



Merle Starr, Tim Starr & Ron DeClement with Tiger Swallows, 2006

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Presidents Message Continued

Mike Swanson

magazine; in fact it surpasses most periodical publications in its quality. The swallow special will surely be a collector's item in years to come and will be a very important tool for promoting swallows!

Nate Wayne, chairperson for updating the USC Swallow Standard, has been working along with committee members Ron DeClement, Bill Griebel and Gary Romig to update the current version of the standard. Please contribute your perspective to these members. Your input, ideas and perspective is needed and valued. Plan to contact these committee members early with your comments and help the in their time-consuming endeavor. Our collaborative work will result in a quality outcome.

The USC Annual Meet is shaping up to be a tremendous show. As of now we have members coming in from all over the United States. Dave Averbeck and Gloria Weisgram are the members in charge and have been coordinating all of the activities to make sure the show runs smoothly. There are always some bumps in the road. However, like I have always said, when things need to get done all USC members pitch in to get it done! Thanks to everyone's hard work and combined efforts problems get resolved and a quality event is the outcome.

Chris Auer has been working on the USC auction and has at least 12+ pair of birds to be in the auction. Additionally numerous other items will be available for auction as well. I extend a big thank you to all members for their donations. I know Chris has been working hard on the auction to make it a success. Chris has sent numerous emails and made numerous phone calls for donations. In fact he is holding several pairs of birds sent to him by member Brian Goodwin for the auction at the National Young

Bird Show in Louisville. Brian, thank you for your very generous donations to the NYBS and the USC Annual meet auctions. The birds Brian Goodwin has donated are all out of German imports.

As I've been working on my president's message I received a return phone call from Jan Nyhus, co-show secretary for the Iowa State Pigeon Association's annual show. The exact deadline for entries are as follows: Entry deadline postmarked Nov. 7, 2016 and late entries postmarked Nov. 14, 2016. Please be aware this is different from what the NPA Quarterly had this summer in their entry blank for the Iowa's State Pigeon Association's 90th Annual Show. I used the NPA information in my message this summer.

Certified judging chairman, Bill Griebel Sr., has been busy encouraging and organizing activities for members working on their requirements to become certified. So if you are intending on attending one of the USC shows (Annual Meet in Des Moines, NYBS in Louisville or NPA National, Vancouver, WA) let Bill know ahead of time so he can coordinate requirements to assist you in achieving certification.

In talking with USC Secretary Elliot Yeske, he will have a treasurer's report at the annual meet. Remember to order your USC bands now as they are 50 cents each and pay your \$10.00 USC membership dues as well! Also at the annual meeting we will be taking nominations for officers for 2018. Nominations will be taken later to be placed in the bulletin along with nominations for the location for the 2017 Annual meet. *(Up to 30 days after the winter bulletin is sent out).

In closing I'm eager for the show season and look forward to seeing all of you in Des Moines! I wish everyone success in the shows wherever you choose to attend!

From the Central District Director

David Averbeck,

Hello Everyone and Greetings from the Midwest.

The time is getting close for show season. By now we are spending time in our lofts enjoying the views of the young and old birds while we are trying to put together our show teams.

This month is the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, Kentucky. Even if I do not show at this show because the birds are not ready or did not have a good year, I still enjoy attending this show. It is the kick off to the show season for me and I enjoy talking to other breeders at the show. It is great to see new faces as well.

I am looking forward to our Annual meet in Des Moines, IA. For those who have not yet reserved a room, most of our club members are staying at the Best Western Plus Altoona Inn. There phone number is 515-967-2400, be sure to mention the Iowa State Pigeon Association Des Moines Show.

The United Swallow Club annual meeting/pizza dinner will be Friday night following the judging, we are hoping this will be about 6:30, at the Best Western Plus Altoona Inn.

I'll say a big thank you to Gloria, Mike, and Chris for helping put this on. I also wanted to say thank you for all the donations that has already been sent to Chris or have told Chris that they will be bringing it to the show. The auction is going to be a combination of silent auction and live auction. If you still have donations that you are either thinking about sending or bringing to the show please give Chris a call or email him to let him know. Please find in this bulletin the show entry form as well as a tentative show schedule. See you all there.



Cream yellow bar Silesian Wing Pigeon. Bird bred, owned and photo by Stephen Ripper

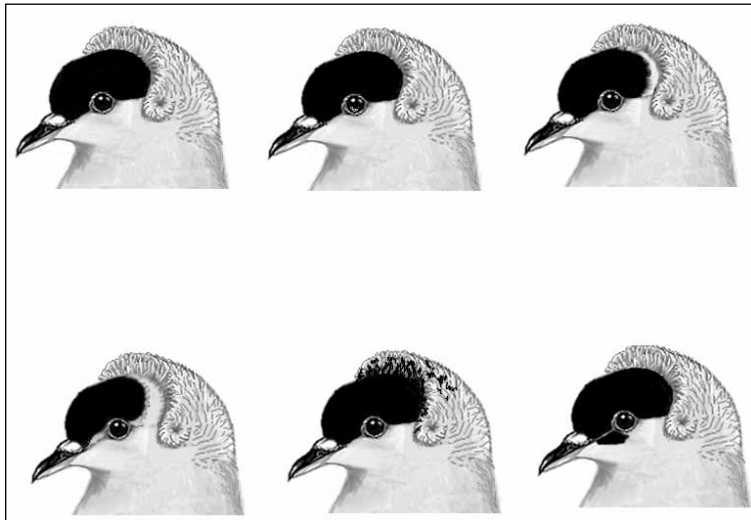
Standard Committee

Nate Wayne

As Chairman I would like to remind members if they have input for changes in the Swallow Standard that they get those to me, if possible in writing, by the end of October. So far I have heard from only two members. Click below to see the standard online

Thanks Nate

<http://www.unitedswallowclub.com/USC%20Standards.html>



Fullhead head faults from old standard drawing by Gary Romig. These drawing were meant to show faults in the head markings. The drawings need to be updated and improved.. I will be working on this in the months to come. Any suggestions are welcome.

Western District News

By Bill Griebel

The Pageant of Pigeons, a Western District Meet, is about 6 weeks away so if you haven't pulled muffs you better get cracking! Hopefully there is an entry blank in this bulletin. The entries close November 1, 2016 and again we will have a large bird and item auction to raise money for the SCCPC club. Our goal is to bring in a Certified German Judge, Leo Kunath.

We had planned to have Steve Ball judge for us as he volunteered to do the job earlier this year but he has now decided not to judge. Gary Romig was asked by our SCCPC President Leon Stephens to judge and he has accepted. This will be a training show, having other members work alongside Gary to learn the different Color Pigeon and Trumpeter breeds.

The other Western District Meet will be held in conjunction with the National Pigeon Assn. on January 12 to 14, 2017. Frank Bailey of Washington State will be the member in charge. Any questions please call or email Frank - this should be a good show!

Click the link below to go online and get the Grand National Entry Form

http://www.npasa.com/downloads/grand_nation-als/2017/2017_NPA_National_Entry_Form.pdf

More USC Officers for 2016-2017

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The Judges Corner

By Bill Griebel

As we go into the 2016 show season we have the opportunity to make available time for our trainee judges to spend with our USC Certified Judges. With the help and cooperation of our USC Certified Judges these trainee judges can continue to reach their goal. Two shows this year will be targeted for this special training, the Pageant of Pigeons, a USC District Meet and the Des Moines, Iowa show, the USC Annual Meet.

For those of you trainee judges who will be working with our certified judges there are a couple of rules they need to keep in mind. First, No talking to the certified judge while the judge is at work. The best time to ask questions of the judge is when the class is over, walk away from the judging area with the judge and ask your questions while the next class is being brought up (take notes if you have to as the judge may be rushed at times). Second, make out the Item B paperwork located in our Judging Program and get the Certified Judges signature while everything is fresh in your minds. This paperwork can be found on the USC website. Make sure you make a copy for your files and send the original to Bill Griebel, the judging chairman.

It's important for the trainee judges who want to participate this year to contact Bill Griebel or Mike Swanson before the start of these shows so we can factor you into the program.

Our current trainee judges are:

Chris Auer
Dave Averbeck
Arnold Chaney
Mike Cobb

George de la Nuez
Jesse Espinosa
Phil Gonzales
Tim Starr



Baby red spangle Saxon Wing Pigeon. Photo by Frank Bailey

USC Annual Auction - Des Moines By Chris Auer

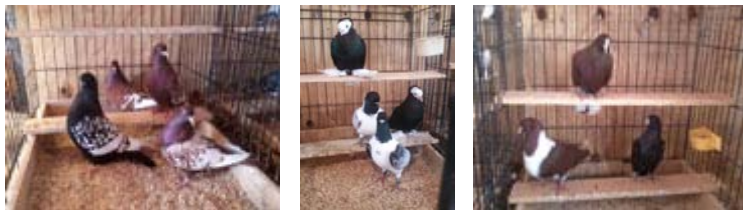
Let me start out by saying THANK YOU to all those that have committed to donating items to the USC Auction that we will have in Des Moines this year.

Below is a list of donated items

Birds:

George De la Nuez - 1 pair
Bill Griebel - 2 pair
Perry Mueller - 2 pair
Ron DeClement --? # of pairs
Mike Swanson - 2 pair
Brian Goodwin - various Thuringer Swallows and color pigeons

Here are a couple of pictures of birds that Brian has donated for the Rare Breeds Auction in Louisville (proceeds are being split with the USC - Thanks Brian)



Miscellaneous:

Mike Swanson - 4 4-hole show coops
Nate Wayne - Either a pair of birds or a mystery item
Gloria Weisgram - mystery item
Elliote Yeske - German Tauben Book
Gary Romig - very nice painting (Below)



We can still use more items for the auction, if you are not attending but want to donate items or bid on items please contact me or someone that is attending and I am sure something can be worked out.

If you receive this bulletin by email I will be send you an updated list of Auction items a week or 2 before the Des Moines. If you do not receive email please feel free to contact me for information.

Thuringer Swallows & Whitetails for Sale

Brian Goodwin

PO Box 5172

Hobbs, NM 88241

bgoodwin1478@gmail.com



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Ice Pigeons, Saxon Whitetails, Blue & Silver Check Silesian Swallows
Silver Barless Silesian Swallows & Blue White Bar Saxon Fairy Swallows

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Bill Griebel Sr.

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George de la Nuez georgedlnuez@att.net

Blue W/B Fairys For Sale

909-224-5449



All birds
Vaccinated for PMV

2016 UNITED SWALLOW CLUB ANNUAL MEET

In conjunction with the ISPA 90th Annual Show
and the 2016 NPA Western Regional Show



IN MEMORIAM

Judine Nelson, Grove, OK • Merle Starr, Greencastle, PA

JUDGE: Ron DeClement, Princess Anne, MD

Preferred hotel for the United Swallow Club Best Western Plus Altoona Inn

(515) 967-2400 • 300 - 34 Avenue NW, Altoona, IA



USC Annual Club meeting / pizza dinner Friday night following judging,
approximately 6:30 p.m. at the hotel.

SHOW AWARDS:

Champion Swallow • Reserve Champion Swallow

Best Young Swallow • Best Silesian Swallow • Best Fairy Swallow

Best Fullhead Swallow • Best Clean Leg FH Swallow • Best Clean Leg Spot Swallow

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Best Fullhead Swallow in memory of Merle Starr \$50.00 by Mike and Cathy Swanson

Best Black White Bar Fairy Swallow in memory of Judine Nelson \$25.00 by Mike and Cathy Swanson

Best Black Spangle Fairy Swallow in memory of Judine Nelson \$25.00 by Mike and Cathy Swanson

Best Check Swallow Traveling Trophy by Mike Swanson and John Navant.

Birds will not be allowed in the show hall Thursday, December 8.

Entries will not be accepted at the show.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

Judging area set up and decorating 3 p.m.

All Swallows must be cooped before 4 p.m. Judging begins promptly at 4 p.m. Friday

SILENT AUCTION beginning Friday and ending Saturday at noon
ANNUAL MEETING/pizza to follow at hotel, approximately 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Judging begins at 8:30 a.m.

(Swallow judging order will be posted)

Lunch Break 11:30 a.m.

Silent Auction and Live Bird Auction at 12 noon

Judging resumes 12:30 p.m.

Award presentation immediately following judging
by Mike Swanson and Ron DeClement

USC Show Contacts: Gloria Weisgram (701) 261-8716 or Dave Averbeck (314) 260-9326

2016 OFFICIAL Entry Form

Iowa State Pigeon Association

90th Annual Show

December 9th and 10th, 2016

Iowa State Fair Grounds

Des Moines Iowa

Entry Deadline Postmarked November 2nd 2016

Entry Fee: \$5.00 per BIRD

Late entries must be postmarked by November 9th, 2016

Late Entry Fee: \$6.00 per BIRD

Make Checks Payable to Iowa State Pigeon Association

CREDIT & DEBIT CARDS NOW ACCEPTED-see bottom of page

Exhibitor # _____
Exhibitor _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Jr. Exhibitor's age _____
Email _____
I make the entries below subject to the rules of this show
Signature _____
Date Received _____
Amount Rec'd _____ Ck/MO# _____

NOTE: Do not use **YEARLY** unless your breed specifies that it be judges **YEARLY** classes.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Send Entries To;</p> <p>Jan Nyhus, Co-Show Secretary 412 East First Street Huxley, IA 50124-9444 Phone; 515-231-1561 Email; grandnanajan@gmail.com Or jjdemro@gmail.com</p>	<table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Quantity</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Show Entries @ \$5.00 per Bird</td> <td>_____ Birds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Genetics Entries @ \$5.00 per bird</td> <td>_____ Birds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Late Entries @ \$6.00 per bird</td> <td>_____ Birds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4-bird for sale holes @ \$10/hole</td> <td>_____ Birds</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gift Card Raffle Tickets @ \$5.00ea</td> <td>_____ Tickets</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Anneversary Show Patch @ \$3.00ea</td> <td>_____ Patches</td> </tr> </table>	Quantity		Show Entries @ \$5.00 per Bird	_____ Birds	Genetics Entries @ \$5.00 per bird	_____ Birds	Late Entries @ \$6.00 per bird	_____ Birds	4-bird for sale holes @ \$10/hole	_____ Birds	Gift Card Raffle Tickets @ \$5.00ea	_____ Tickets	Anneversary Show Patch @ \$3.00ea	_____ Patches
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LOS ANGELES PIGEON CLUB

PAGEANT OF PIGEONS

December 1 - 3, 2016

Ontario Convention Center

2000 Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764



SEND ENTRIES TO

John DeCarlo Jr.
1625 Jennifer Lane
Gilroy, CA 95020

ENTRY DEADLINE

Postmark by November 1, 2016*
*Late entries will only be admitted if space is available. Late entry fee \$1/bird more will apply.

CONTACT

Fred Maenpa, Show Secretary
fjmaenpa@sbcglobal.net
714-538-7408

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I hereby certify that my pigeons have been vaccinated for Paramyxovirus (PMV), and I free the Los Angeles Pigeon Club from any responsibility other than reasonable care of the entries during the show.

