

# UNITED Swallow Club



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Photo: George de la Nuez

George de la Nuez wins Grand Champion of the Pageant and Champion Swallow at the USC Annual Meet with blue white bar young cock Fairy Swallow #2487.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Winter 2016

Mike Swanson

It is a new year and time to start planning for the breeding of your birds, club activities and planning for shows you want to attend! I'm sure everyone is gearing up for the new breeding season. Hopefully, the Avian flu does not affect our shows this year.

Cathy and I traveled to Zwonitz, Germany the first part of January 2016. In fact, we just returned a week ago. We were there for ten days and had a fantastic time. We enjoyed looking at a lot of excellent birds, meeting old friends and meeting a lot of new ones! We appreciated how welcoming all of the European people were, and they definitely spoiled us with their hospitality. My intention is to write several articles over the course of this year about our trip to submit to our USC bulletin. Again thanks to all who made our trip so fun!

Congratulations to George de la Nuez for his win with a blue white bar young cock Fairy Swallow at this year's Pageant of Pigeons in November. Additionally,

congratulations are extended to Bill Griebel for the E rating on his blue black bar old cock Silesian Swallow. A thank you is extended to Bill Griebel, the member in charge, for taking minutes of the annual meeting, overseeing the auction and for supporting everyone's collaborative work in making the USC Annual Show a success. Also, thank you to all United Swallow Club members for showing at our USC Annual Show! Also, a thank you is in order to Nate Wayne for his judging of our USC Annual show, thanks Nate!

Elliot Yeske, USC Secretary-Treasurer has sent an email to all USC members reminding them to renew their USC membership and to order their bands. Postage for bands is \$4.00, bands for 50 cents each and USC dues are still at the bargain price of \$10.00 per year.

As we reflect on the past year a thank you is extended to Jesse Espinoza for his work as USC Eastern District Director. Jesse is always full of energy, loves the swallows and has always helped me when I need his help. Ron DeClement

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Mike Swanson

is our new Eastern District Director and as all of you know an excellent breeder of swallows. Ron is also on the USC certified-judging list and loves to share his knowledge about swallows! One good way to help Ron and all of our USC District Directors is to set-up a USC district meet! You can do this by contacting your district director and now is the time to start planning! Don't forget there can be more than one district meet per year. District meets are a pathway for promoting swallows and encouraging participation in local shows!

As I stated earlier, now is the time to start planning for our upcoming shows, so be sure to submit your nomination for our USC Annual Meet and judge. You can do this by contacting any of the USC Executive Board. USC Executive Board members include myself, USC Vice-President Gary Romig, Secretary-Treasurer Elliot Yeske and District Directors: Bill Griebel, Dave Averbek, Ron DeClement and Bernie Licht. If you nominate a judge it would be a good idea to make sure he or she is willing and available to judge. As election commissioner, Chris Auer has done a good job of ensuring nominated judges are willing and available prior the voting. Don't forget nominations for our USC Annual Meet and judge close thirty days after this bulletin is sent out to our membership.

As you know, at the end of last summer the Certified Judging Program was updated and Nate Wayne was voted into the Certified Judging list. Thanks to Bill Griebel, judging program chairman, and to program members for their efforts and hard work. Updating the Certified Judging Program was one of my long-term goals to get accomplished. Initially, the program was set-up to be reviewed each year with input from members for refinement. So please submit your suggestions you have for this upcoming year. Bill stated he has already received feedback from members.

At the USC Annual Meeting, Merle Starr was voted to be a lifetime member. Congratulations Merle! Merle is a long time breeder of Swallows and supporter of the United Swallow Club. Merle has held numerous offices, promoted our club and swallows for many, many years and in many ways.

USC Constitution and By-Laws committee chairman, Chris Auer, along with committee members Leon Stephens, Ron DeClement and Dave Averbek and other USC members have worked hard to update and revise our USC Constitution and By-Laws. They have contributed a tremendous amount of time and work and now is time for all of you to read through this draft and see any problems

or to add your perspective. There have been numerous revisions of this draft over the past months and now thanks to the committee and other USC members' contributions it is now time to refine any last details and for the USC membership to vote on it. The best way to honor all of this hard work is to read the Constitution and By-Laws carefully and get any comments to the committee.

In serving as USC President one part of this office I especially enjoy is the many opportunities I get to talk to USC members throughout the United States. In a recent conversation with USC member, Gloria Weisgram, she had a spectacular idea and solution she implemented last year with babies in the nest. I'm sure all of you have experienced parents that start to push to lay again and their babies get cold if the weather should turn cold. Gloria's epiphany is putting a 12-hour chemical hand warmer in the nest with the babies with a piece of cloth between the warmer and the babies. Gloria indicated doing this provided a solution to a pesky problem. I'm definitely going to implement this practice. It is so disheartening to have a pair of young in the nest I am excited about, only to have cold weather and negligent parents cause their demise. For more details, contact Gloria!!

Lastly, I have had several goals to accomplish while President of the United Swallow Club and thanks to the hard work of the USC membership; many of those goals have been accomplished or are about to be! One long-term goal I would like to look at and make sure it is all up-to-date is the USC Swallow Standard. In the past, the standard's committee put a lot of effort and work into the refinement of the standard, along with the efforts of Gary Romig in creating the supporting illustrations to further clarify the standard. I'm not suggesting any major changes however, it would be beneficial to review the standard and assure ourselves it mirrors our current vision and perspective of our breed.

I haven't appointed anyone to serve as chairman of this committee as I have the belief suggestions from the membership are best. One suggestion I have is having the past standards committee review it as they have already put a lot of work into it and have a firm handle on its contents and why. So over the next month or two, please get suggestions on our committee members and a chairperson along with ideas for the standard (if any).

Thankfully, winter will soon be a distant memory and the warm weather will be upon us and all of us will have our loft filled with next year's champions! Cathy and I wish all of you a prosperous 2016 with your birds and all those people you care deeply about!

**View and Read the Draft Constitution and By Laws and the old Constitution and By Laws on the Swallow Club Website. Click on the documents tab then select the Draft Constitution and by Laws. Or click this direct link .**

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## 2015 United Swallow Club Annual Meeting Minutes

**People present:** Mike Cobb, George de la Nuez, Arnold Chaney, Gary Romig, Jay Beals, Bill Griebel, Leon Stephens, Nate Wayne, Frank Bailey, Steve Ball, Dustin & Jana Nell, Steve Dreitz

The United Swallow Club's annual meeting was called to order by Vice-President Gary Romig at 12 noon on Friday, November 20, 2015. Gary asked Bill Griebel if he would take the minutes of the meeting and Bill agreed.

Gary then read the treasurer's report supplied to him by our Secretary/Treasurer Elliot Yeske. The treasury had \$4132.28 in it at the time.

Gary then read the minutes from the previous meeting taken at the NPA National in January, 2015. The minutes were accepted as read.

Gary asked Bill Griebel to give a report on the status of the Certified Judging Program. Bill reported the program had just been updated by the members of the program and Nate Wayne had just been voted in as our newest Certified Judge. We all congratulated Nate.

Gary then talked about the USC banners to be displayed at our district meets and our annual shows. Banners will be sent to the district directors of each district.

At this point, Gary asked Bill to talk about the silent auction. Bill discussed how the silent auction operates and all monies collected for the sale of Swallows would be split 50/50 between USC and SCCPC. All the monies

for the Color Pigeons would go to the SCCPC. Bill went on to say for the sale of Judine Nelson birds, all monies would go to the United Swallow Club.

It was then brought up that we might consider making Merle Starr a lifetime USC member. Leon Stephens made a motion to make Merle a lifetime member. The motion was seconded by Nate Wayne. The motion passed unanimously.

The subject was brought up about nominations for the 2016 USC Annual meet show and judge. Vancouver, Washington was nominated for our 2016 USC Annual Meet by Frank Bailey. Frank indicated he was still working on a judge.

Gary Romig then asked Nate Wayne to talk about the possibility of having a USC futurity. Nate then discussed the highlights of the program. A long discussion resulted by members present. The members agreed there needs to be more suggestions. Steve Ball made a motion that we accept the futurity concept but more refinement would be necessary. The motion passed. Steve Ball then made a motion the USC Executive Board define the rules for the futurity and then put these rules in print for the membership to review and possibly make further suggestions and then vote on it. The motion passed.

The USC Annual meeting was adjourned to more Swallow judging by Nate Wayne.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Griebel.

### Sec./Treas. Message *Elliot Yeske*

It is that time of year again. We need to renew our membership drive. Continued strong numbers in our membership is essential to the club's existence. I try to facilitate this with reminders via emails and postcards also check the membership list in this to see if your dues are expired. Our club sends out a very good quality news letter thanks to Gary Romig for a minimal fee of just \$10 per year. We hope each of you will stay with us now and many years to come.

We still have 2016 bands to sell at this writing I have 460 11 mm bands for the muffed birds and 120 8 mm bands for the clean leg birds. They are priced at 50 cents each and \$4.00 for postage and the mailer we use. Please buy your bands from us if you can as the club can not afford to eat the cost of too many bands left over.

I had the opportunity to attend the show in Zwontiz Germany this past January with my friend Nate Wayne. What a great show it was, with, many USC members attending including first time Germany visitors Mike and Cathy Swanson. There was a wonderful number of fine quality color pigeons at the show and this year they also had the ice pigeons.

Hope that you have a good breeding season.

**Nominations Requested!**  
**for the Location and Judge**  
**of the next**  
**United Swallow Club**  
**Annual Meet**  
**Please have them to**  
**Chris Auer...**

**2603 Prairie Hollow Rd.,**  
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**...by the end of the**  
**first week in March**





Photo: Gary Romig

**Swallow and Color Pigeon breeders at the Pageant of Pigeons Show**

From the left top: Tom Moss, Terry Gier, George de la Nuez, Hermann Baertschi, Nate Wayne, Arnold Chaney, Steve Ball, Tally Mezzanatto, Bruce Rodegerdts  
Bottom: Aubry Garcia, Gary Romig, Drew Lobenstein, Bill Griebel Sr. Leon Stephens, Jay Beals

**The United Swallow Club Annual Meet Cosponsored by the So. California Color Pigeon Club**

**Judge:** Nate Wayne

Rating System:

I90 = Inferior  
G91 = Good  
G92 = Good  
S93 = Superior  
S94 = Superior  
S95 = Superior  
HS96 = Highly Superior  
E97 = Excellent

\* = Best in Color Class  
\*\* = Best Variety  
\*\*\* = Champion Swallow  
BY = Best Young Swallow

**Swallow Specials**

**Champion Swallow  
& Best Young Swallow  
& Best Fairy Swallow:**

E-97 Blue WB YC #2487 George de la Nuez

**Best Silesian:**

E97 Blue Black bar OC #948 Bill Griebel

**Best Fullhead:**

S94 Black YC #392 Dustin & Jana Nell

**Best Nuremberg:**

S93 Black OH 4069 Steve Ball

**Best Thuringer Wing:**

S95 Blue barless OH #1579 Dave Holloway

**Silesian Swallow**

**(Plainheaded Wing Pigeon) (20)**

**Exhibitors:** Bill Griebel, Arnold Chaney,  
Leon Stephens, Steve Dreitz,

**Black Barless**

S93 OH 4298 Dreitz

**Black White Bar**

S93 YH 719 Chaney  
S94 YH 66 Griebel  
S94 YH 43 Griebel  
S94 YC 1 Griebel  
S94 YC 40 Griebel  
S94 OH 1385 Chaney  
S93 OH 764 Griebel  
S94 OC 738 Griebel

**Blue Black Bar**

S95 OH 205 Griebel  
HS96 OH 227 Griebel  
S95 OC 224 Griebel  
E97 OC 948 Griebel\*

**Blue Checks**

S93 YH 161 Stephens  
S93 OH 4288 Dreitz  
S94 OH 3914 Stephens\*  
S94 OH 1801 Stephens  
S94 OC 2900 Dreitz  
S94 OC 676 Stephens

**Blue White Bar**

S94 OC 3955 Stephens

**Fairy Swallow**

**(Saxon Wing Pigeon) (36)**

**Exhibitors:** Bill Griebel, George de la Nuez,  
Arnold Chaney, Leon Stephens,  
Steve Dreitz, Dustin & Jana Nell

**Blue White Bar**

S93 YH 394 Nell  
S94 YH 2472 de la Nuez  
S95 YH 2480 de la Nuez  
HS96 YH 2481 de la Nuez  
E97 YC 2487 de la Nuez\*\*\* BY  
S94 YC 2475 de la Nuez  
S94 YC 2106 Dreitz  
HS96 YC 2488 de la Nuez  
S95 YC 2473 de la Nuez  
HS96 YC 2492 de la Nuez  
S93 OH 479 Nell  
S95 OH 3059 de la Nuez  
S94 OH 160 Dreitz  
S93 OH 5129 Dreitz  
S95 OC 3072 de la Nuez  
S93 OC 4281 Dreitz

**Silver Barless**

S94 OH 696 Stephens

**Black Barless**

S94 YH 2107 Dreitz\*  
S93 YH 170 Ball  
S93 YH 583 Ball



Photo George de la Nuez

Best Silesian Swallow rated E97 Blue Black bar OC #948 Bill Griebel Sr.



Photo: Thomas Hellmann

Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon rated S95 Blue barless OH #1579 Dave Holloway



Photo: Thomas Hellmann

Best Fullhead rated S94 Black barless YC #392 Dustin & Jana Nell



Photo: Tom Moss

Judging Fairy Swallows; Nate Wayne, Scribe, Gary Romig

**Thuringer Wing Pigeon  
(Clean leg Spot Swallow) (14)**

**Exhibitors:** Jay Beals, Dave Holloway, Leon Stephens

**Black Barless**

S93	YC 403	Beals
S94	OH 690	Beals
S93	OH 695	Beals
S95	OH 685	Beals
S94	OC 689	Beals
S93	OC 683	Beals

**Blue Barless**

S95	OH 1579	Holloway**
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**Silver White bar**

S94	OH 361	Holloway
S94	OH 2319	Holloway
S94	OH 529	Holloway

**Red White bar**

S95	YH 16	Stephens
S95	OH 400	Stephens

**Yellow White bar**

S93	OH 404	Stephens
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**Yellow Check**

S94	OC 500	Holloway
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**Black White Bar**

G92	YH 795	Chaney
S93	YH 772	Chaney
S93	YH 1943	Stephens
S94	YC 762	Chaney
S95	YC 710	Chaney
S94	OH 1366	Chaney
HS96	OH 749	Griebel*
S94	OH 4561	Stephens
S95	OH 684	Stephens
S94	OC 1088	Chaney
G92	OC 829	Chaney
S93	OC 197	Stephens
G92	OC 821	Chaney

**Red White Bar & Spangle**

S94	YH 1616	Romig
S94	YH 1845	Stephens*
S94	OH 1405	Romig

**Fullhead Swallow (4)**

**Exhibitors:** Dustin & Jana Nell

**Black Barless**

S93	YH 391	Nell
S93	YH 390	Nell
S94	YC 392	Nell*
S94	YC 395	Nell

**Nuremberg Swallow (1)**

**Exhibitors:** Steve Ball

**Black Barless**

S93	OH 4069	Ball
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# 2015 National Young Bird Show

Judge: *David Averbek II*

Number of Birds Judged: 34 Number of Entries: 40

## Clean Leg Swallow Hens

1	94	Black White Bar	307	Perry Mueller
2	95	Black White Bar	321	Perry Mueller
3	94	Black White Bar	313	Perry Mueller
4	94	Red White Bar	476	Perry Mueller
5	95*	Red White Bar	412	Perry Mueller Best CL Hen

## Clean Leg Swallow Cocks

1	95	Black White Bar	306	Perry Mueller
2	96	Black White Bar	310	Perry Mueller Best CL Cock & Reserve Champion
3	95	Red White Bar	499	Perry Mueller
4	94	Red White Bar	410	Perry Mueller
5	93	Yellow White Bar	418	Perry Mueller

## Fullhead Swallow Hen

1	94	Black White Bar	856	Chris Auer
2	94	Black White Bar	868	Chris Auer
3	95 *	Blue White Bar	931	Perry Muller Bes Fullhead Hen
4	94	Blue White Bar	949	Perry Muller
5	93	Blue White Bar	3172	Jr Miller

## Fullhead Swallow Cock

1	96 ***	Blue White Bar	969	Perry Muller Champion
2	95	Blue White Bar	930	Perry Muller

## Fairy Swallow Hen

1	95	Black White Bar	855	Chris Auer
2	93	Black White Bar	853	Chris Auer
3	95	Black Spangle	914	Perry Mueller
4	94	Black Spangle	921	Perry Mueller
5	95 **	Black White Bar	955	Perry Mueller Best Fairy
6	93	Black Spangle	1264	Sue Melrose
7	94	Black Spangle	1259	Sue Melrose
8	94	Black White Bar	1543	J & B Lofts
9	93	Black White Bar	1539	J & B Lofts
10	91	Black Spangle	1421	Neil Kentner

## Fairy Swallow Cock

1	95*	Black White Bar	856	Chris Auer Best Fairy Cock
2	95	Black Spangle	939	Perry Mueller
3	94	Black Spangle	1260	Sue Melrose

## Silesian Swallow Hen

1	94	Blue Black Bar	858	Chris Auer
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## Silesian Swallow Cock

1	93	Blue Black Bar	860	Chris Auer
2	94 **	Blue Barless	938	Perry Mueller Best Silesian
3	94	Blue Barless	928	Perry Mueller





*Champ Swallow at the 2015 NYBS Blue White Bar Fullhead YC, Perry Mueller*



*Reserve Champ Swallow at the 2015 NYBS Perry Mueller*



*Best Fairy Swallow Cock at the 2015 NYBS Chris Auer*



*Best Silesian Swallow Cock at the 2015 NYBS Perry Mueller*





World Championship Showroom in Zwönitz January 2016. Photo by Tom Moss



USC members and Color Pigeon Breeders at Zwönitz January 2016  
Back Row: Tom Moss, Lenny Mefferd, Steve Ball, Bill Griebel, Elliot Yeske  
Front Row: Nate Wayne, George de la Nuez, Mike Swanson



Quite a bit has happened since our last USC Bulletin. First of all, thanks to Gary Romig's hard work, the updated USC Certified Judging Program has replaced the old program on the USC website. Now everyone has access to this new program. You can access it by going to the USC website, clicking on "documents" and then clicking on the "United Swallow Club Judging Program".

New candidates can now print out the proper forms and start the process. Again, any questions call or email me and I will walk you through it.

Additionally, since our last bulletin several USC judging candidates have started their programs. Dave Averbeck, USC Central District Director, judged at the 2015 NYBS. Mike Cobb was an observer at the USC Annual Meet at the 2015 Pageant of Pigeons. Both candidates were under the observation of Certified Judge Nate Wayne. Candidate George de la Nuez judged in Germany at the big Zwonitz World Show under certified German judge Andreas Reuter. George co-judged the Bohemian Swallows with Andreas. Guys, get your paperwork together, make a copy for your records and get it sent to me for the USC files.

Upcoming USC shows for the 2016 season will be the Western District meet with the Pageant of Pigeons, the Des Moines show and the NPA National in the state of Washington. One of the last two shows may be our USC Annual Meet. Remember, there must be a USC Certified Judge working with the candidates or at least observing their judging activities. As a candidate, if you think you might attend one of these shows and want to participate in the process let us know. It would help to have the paperwork with you so you and the USC Certified Judge can make out the paperwork when the judging is done.

Lastly, George de la Nuez, Steve Ball and I just returned from the World Color Pigeon Show in Zwonitz, Germany. Also in attendance were USC members Nate Wayne, Elliott Yeske and first time attendees Mike and Cathy Swanson. Other Americans in attendance were Tom Moss and Lennie Mefferd. This is probably the best quality color pigeon show we will have seen in our lifetime. The classes were deep in the number of birds. If you have never attended this show, especially the new candidates, do yourself a favor and make plans. We learn something new each time we attend this great event.



Dave Averbeck Judging Swallows at the National Young Bird Show with Nate Wayne observing. Photo: Chris Auer



Mike Cobb, observer, with Nate Wayne Judging Swallows at the Pageant of Pigeons. Photo: Bill Griebel



George de La Nuez working with Andreas Reuter in Zwönitz co-judging Bohemian Swallows (Tigers) Photo: Tom Moss

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## USC Constitution and By-laws Committee Report

Chairman - Chris Auer

It has been about a year ago that Mike Swanson asked me (Chris Auer) to attempt to update the club Constitution and By-Laws. Of course I said yes and quickly asked Ron DeClement, Leon Stephens and David Averbek to help me with the "project". Although the process started out slow (due to my schedule) the 3 of them and myself went to work in earnest in the fall of 2015 and have come up with a draft that we would like your input on BEFORE a version is submitted for a vote of the membership.

Although there are no real radical changes there are changes throughout the whole document and some of the current modifications are the result of multiple re-writes until we came up with wording that we felt best represented current practices/procedures and also made sense.

I area where I believe help is needed is Article IX - Standards. If anyone knows the dates when the standards

on our website were written and adopted I would appreciate getting that information so that I can formalize and document those dates within the Constitution and By-Laws.

It would also help me and the committee out if you would send any feedback to me (or Ron, Leon or David) within the next couple of weeks so that we could make any necessary changes before the official vote is requested in the next club bulletin (along with the annual show and judge). You will be receiving a copy of the modified Const/By-laws either with this bulletin or in a separate email/mailling shortly thereafter.

My contact information is – Chris Auer 2603 Prairie Hollow Rd., Imperial, MO 63052 Phone – 314-412-0308 or email auercg23@aol.com All feedback is appreciated.

Let me end with saying thank you to Ron, Leon and David for their help, it is was appreciated!!

**For the Draft Constitution and By-Laws click this direct link**



Steve Ball and Bill Griebel with Rudi Kreher in his home. Rudi holds his two World Championship awards that he received at the World Championship Color Pigeon Show in Zwönitz Germany, January 2016. Photo: George de la Nuez



## Western District News

By Bill Griebel

Another Pageant of Pigeons has come and gone. Along with our regular show responsibilities we took on the USC Annual Meet as the Des Moines Show was canceled because of a possible bird flu outbreak.

Congratulations go out to George de la Nuez who again captured champion of this show with a blue W/B young cock. Nate Wayne did a great job of judging, I think this is about the fifth time he has judged for us. Congrats also goes out to Dave Holloway who for the first time I can remember beat the reigning champ in Thuringers, Jay Beals. With a new focus I'm sure Jay will be back big-time this year.

The life-blood of our USC Annual Meets aside from our members' participation is the USC auction. Each year for our Annual meets we draw from our pool of USC Certified Judges and European judges. These judges give great credibility to our program. Monies collected through our auction program goes to pay for judges for the annual

meets. Without these auctions our treasury would go bankrupt and it would be more difficult to bring in quality judges. If you are setting up an annual meet please set up an auction. I can help with any questions you may have in this area.

For the 2016 show season in the Western District right now we are looking at two shows. First, a district meet with the Pageant of Pigeons. Rumor has it that the dates may change this year, I'll keep you posted. Then the NPA National in Vancouver, Washington was nominated by our member up North Frank Bailey. He said he didn't have a judge to nominate yet for this show but he is working on it. I think Des Moines has also been nominated. Both shows would be a wonderful venue to stage our swallow meets.

Good luck with the breeding season and let's get them ready for the show season!



Front row: Barbara Brancato, Bill Griebel, George de la Nuez  
Back Row: Frank Bailey, Leon Stephens, Steve Ball watching Nate Wayne judging the blue W/B fairys as Mike Cobb, USC judging observer and Gary Romig, coop card writer look on. Photo by Tom Moss

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