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SWALLOW CLUB

Greetings, Cal, Old Friend!

I thought I'd write a few lines and let you know what we've been up to since you've been gone.

This old Swallow Club of yours is still creaking along. We were all quite upset when you left so suddenly last November. You could have at least stayed through the show season! Those were some nice birds you had entered. You did yourself proud, as usual! Old Norm would have surprised you ... he stepped in after you left and took charge. He and Bob hauled all those birds of yours to Des Moines. They made it look so easy and let me tell you, it turned some heads to see those two characters unload crate after crate. I started taking pictures about that time and Griebel - he just shook his head at me and smiled.

A lot of folks got some mighty good birds that day for a decent price. Seems fitting, as you were always selling your best birds too cheap, anyway. We tried to keep the projects together for you and Bill says those fullheads of yours are producing like crazy and not to worry too much about them as he thinks he can get that short cap problem fixed in no time! There's sure a lot of Breadhoff birds around the country now.

We missed you at Milwaukee. Golly, there were some nice looking swallows there along with a lot of your old friends, of course. You'd be glad to know we signed up some new members and a guy from New York is going to bring the Swallow back to Rochester. He's been busy buying birds for himself and other New Yorkers. I remember talking to you about the old days and how good those Eastern birds really were.

Anyway, Schipper gave us an education again and Junior had us all eating dust. I imagine you and Harold were probably sitting with Havemeyer, Hummel, Ruelbach, and Cook and had your own opinions of our top birds. Why, some of them might have even looked familiar!

A lot of the fellas are talking about going to Germany again this year for the big show. I suppose you'll be going too, as that was something I know you would have liked to do if you would have had the time. Your flight accommodations will probably be first class!

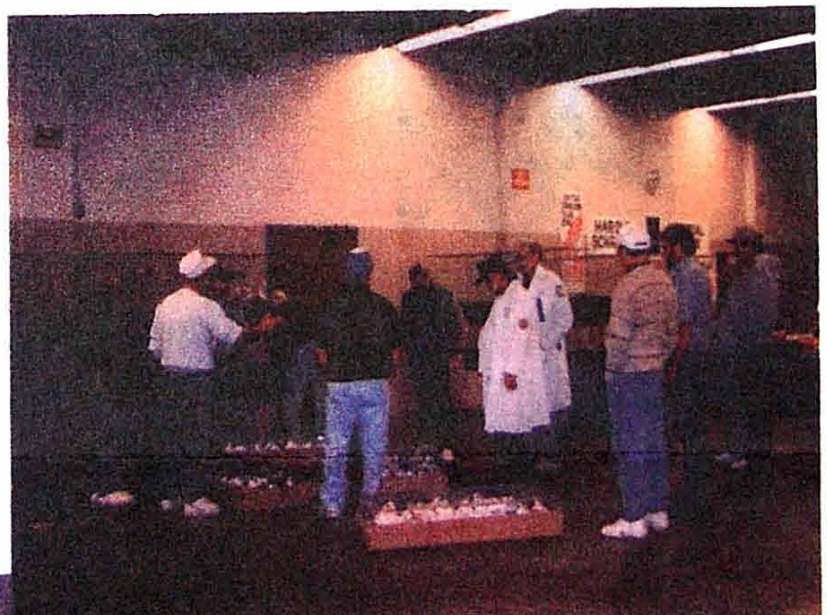
I bet those old Germans will let you in early during the judging. You always said their birds might be better than ours and I remember you nearly falling out of your chair at Griebel's watching that tape of the German loft. Well, now you can see for yourself.

With your permission we will carry on. I almost forgot to tell you that Norm is putting out the bulletin now. I bet you can hardly believe it. His first one was a good one and I finally got around to getting these pictures developed so everyone can take a look at them. It was probably the biggest Swallow sale in pigeon history. Well, Cal, I'll let you get back to your loft. Take it easy up there - don't forget about us.

Gloria and the
Swallow Club

Deadline for voting is AUGUST 20

Here is the deal: Out of the 85 posted cards for nominations that the club paid for, I received 19 of them back. We are going to do something different now. Please respond to me by e-mail, snail mail, or you can call and leave a message for me with your response to the judge and the sight of the annual meet.



The nominations for judge are:
Perry Mueller and Leon Stevens

The nominations for the annual show sight are:
Des Moines, Oklahoma City National,
and the Pagent of Pigeons.

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Western District News

Several USC members from the West are planning to attend the German National Show in Nuremberg this December. The rumor is that there will be 40,000 pigeons on display at this event. I would say by the time the year is over 12 to 15 USC members will have traveled to Germany and Holland to look at swallows.

The 2000 Pageant of Pigeons, November 16-18, should be a good one. We have several awards planned for this show, created by Gary Romig. If you have seen these awards you know how wonderful they are.

As far as the breeding season goes, most report a slow year. Hopefully the last part of the breeding season will be better. Good luck at the shows this year.



--Bill Griebel

Here we go again boys and girls. It's time for another bulletin and there are only 2 articles that have been sent!

Thank you to Bill and Gloria, They seem to be my only sources of news and information! You want a small bulletin, you got it!

A BACK PAGE NOTE

by Norm House

We have all had at one time or another, a bird that needed that special mate that would in our minds give us that ultimate "E" bird that we all look for. Only to find that when we have found that special mate and mated the pair up, we get youngsters that don't quite meet our expectations. They have some flaw, too small of a spot, capped crest, poor color, or any one of many things that we didn't expect. Although it may not be a major flaw, it still is not what we have had in our minds eye. I know that I have anyway (more than once). I guess what really confuses me is that just when you think that you have got this all figured out, you don't! I think that GOD does this to us just to add some frustration to our lives. Keeps us humble! We have a particular vision in our minds that we want to be able to achieve, and are allowed to accomplish this vision from time to time. More often we just have a greater challenge put in place of what we started with. I guess where I'm going with this is, that even though the challenges seem to increase, we need to keep plugging away and striving towards our ultimate goals. Sooner or later we will (with a little help) we will get through this and in the end will achieve what we started out to get! This is not only true with pigeons, but with life in general. We don't have to settle for less than we expected, we just may have to take a step back and reevaluate where we need to go, and get a fresh perspective. So, don't give up a project, perhaps you need to step back and come from a different angle. The solution is there, we just have to find the right direction to get to it.