

Newsletter of the United Swallow Club



Fall 2007

Supporting Swallow Pigeons

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Message from the Editor

Gary Romig

The Results are in for the 2007 NYBS. See below and the next pages.

Our annual meet was held at the Pageant in San Bernardino November 15, 16 and 17. Those results will be published in the next USC bulletin in January 2008. Hans Schipper did a superb job of judging.

We have results of our election of officers. Please see inside this bulletin for the complete slate of USC officers for the term of 2008 to 2010.

Also inside this bulletin you will find one of our first stories about Swallow breeders around the world. Thanks to Frank Bailey for submitting this story along with some wonderful pictures of some fantastic swallows.



2007 NYBS Report

Perry Mueller

The NYBS Show went well this year. Merle Starr judged the show for us. Thanks, again, Merle. You didn't pick my bird to win, but I guess you did good, otherwise.

Bob Benson won the show with a nice blue check Silesian. As usual, Bob had a nice show team of blue and silver check Silesians.

We were pleasantly surprised to have Dave Harris from Washington fly in to show with us. He had a really nice show team and he won best fullhead, best fairy and almost won champion. It came down to Bob's blue check and Dave's silver barless Silesian. Unfortunately, for him, Merle went with the blue check.

A new member, Ron Smith, won best Thuringer with a nice blue black bar.

We had about 40 birds entered and picked up two new members. So considering all the above, I would say the show was a success.



Bob Benson, center receives award for champion swallow from judge Merle Starr left and Perry Mueller our future President on the right.

07 National Young Bird Show Champion Swallow



Bred and owned by Bob Benson

2007 NYBS SHOW RESULTS

40 Swallows Shown • Judge: Merle Starr

Silesian Swallows

Young Hens

David Harris	Blue/Silver bar	229	S1	
David Harris	Silver barless	273	HS	Best Hen
Perry Mueller	Blue/Silver barless	308	S1	
Perry Mueller	Blue/Silver barless	310	S2	
Robert Benson	Blue/Silver Check	1518	S4	
Robert Benson	Blue/Silver Check	1537	S1	
Robert Benson	Blue/Silver Check	1539	S3	
Robert Benson	Blue/Silver Check	224	S1	
Bob Jakubowski	Blue/Silver Check	1625	S2	
Bob Jakubowski	Blue/Silver Check	1643	G	
Ron Smith	Blue/Silver Check	48	S3	

Young Cocks

David Harris	Blue bar	223	S2	
David Harris	Blue bar	224	HS1	
Perry Mueller	Silver check	323	S	
Perry Mueller	Silver check	334	HS	
Robert Benson	Silver Check	1508	HS3	
Robert Benson	Silver Check	1513	S	
Robert Benson	Silver Check	1521	S	
Robert Benson	Blue Check	1514	HS1	Champion
Robert Benson	Silver Check	1511	HS2	
Bob Jakubowski	Blue Check	1626	S	

Fairy Swallows

Young Hens

David Harris	Blue Wh bar	226	S1	Best Fairy
Perry Mueller	Black Spangle	309	S2	
Bob Jakubowski	Blue Spangle	1640	S3	

Young Cocks

David Harris	Blue Wh bar	248	S	
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Saxon Fullhead

Young Hens

David Harris	Black Barless	501	S	Best Fullhead
Perry Mueller	Blue WB	362	S	

Young Cocks

David Harris	Black Barless	279	S	
Perry Mueller	Blue WB	345	S	

Clean Leg Spot Swallow (Thuringer Wing Pigeon)

Young Hens

Terry Hickman	Unknown	27817	G	
Dennis Streeter	Black	332	G	
Perry Mueller	Yellow WB	437	S4	
Perry Mueller	Red WB	428	S2	
Perry Mueller	Red Spangle	433	S3	
Gerald Kress	Yellow	208	S1	
Gerald Kress	Yellow	200	G	

Young Cocks

Terry Hickman	Unknown	27824	G	
Dennis Streeter	Black	308	G	
Dennis Streeter	Black	327	S2	
Perry Mueller	Unknown	418	S3	
*Ron Smith	Blue Blk Bar	1022	S1	Best CL
Gerald Kress	Yellow	201	S4	
Gerald Kress	Yellow	205	G	

**No picture*



David Harris Silesian HS **Best Hen Silesian**



Merle Starr Judging with Bob Jakubowski, seated, Steve Ripper and Bob Benson



David Harris receives his award for Best Fullhead



Perry Mueller; S4 Yellow WB CL



Perry Mueller; S2 Red WB CL



Perry Mueller; S3 Red Spangle CL



Gerald Kress; S1 yellow barless CL



Dennis Streeter; S2 black barless CL



David Harris; Blue WB S1 Best Fairy



Perry Mueller; S2 Black Spangle



Sale birds; Blue Spangle Fairies



Perry Mueller; S Blue WB Fullhead



David Harris; S Best Fullhead



David Harris; HS Blue Black Bar



Perry Mueller; HS Silver Check

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Message from Bob Benson; Central District Director

The countdown is eight days to Louisville, which marks the beginning of our show season. I will show there again with eight birds that may be ready! It's always a fun show, lots of birds and a fair amount of swallows.

The show at Des Moines in December is always great and well attended by you club members; let's show more swallows this year than last, which was a record.

The judge for the Des moines show is Gloria Weisgram, a fine judge and

breeder of the swallow fancy! We are fortunate to have her do the honors.

Now for the bad news-

In August straight line winds whipped through Chris and Ellen Lindbom farm site in western Wisconsin. The barn totaled, much of which was blown onto the house which lost its roof. Three or four of the pigeon buildings were gone. Chris doesn't know how many birds were lost. They picked birds up all over the farmyard, broken legs and

wings, dead or missing.

It gets worse; before the roof of the house could be completely repaired they received two inches of rain, which ruined the ceiling of that unfinished portion of the house. (What a nightmare).

When and if Chris rebuilds, we should save some good birds for him to rebuild his flock.

Chris and Ellen—you are in our thoughts!!

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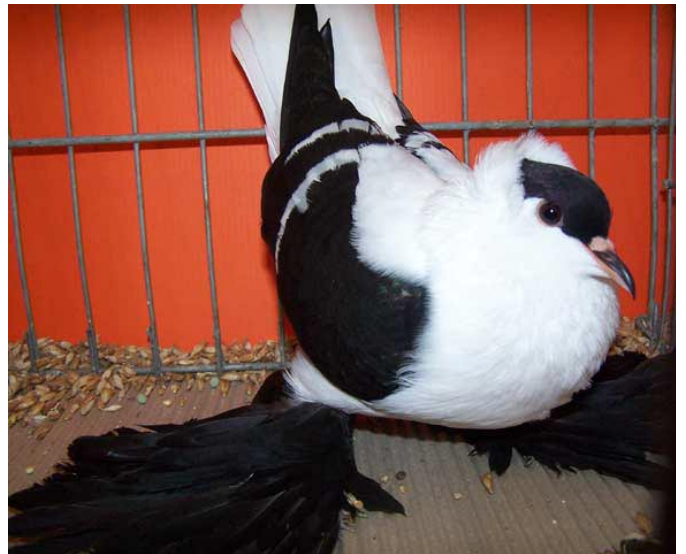
A Visit to the Lofts of Rudi Stephen

Frank Bailey

Right-It is an honor and it gives me great pleasure to introduce my friend Rudi Stephen of Alsbach-Hähnlein, Germany. He is located about 40 minutes from the Frankfurt International Airport. Rudi is a very well respected judge and breeder of over twenty years with Saxon Fullhead Swallows. Rudi's achievements in the show room with his rare and beautiful Blue Black Bars and Blue Check Fullheads have earned him top honors countless times. He along with his birds has been featured in catalogs and magazines all over Europe.



Right-Here is just one of three Black White Barred Saxon Fullhead Swallows owned by Rudi that were rated "E" / 97 points in the same show at Nuremburg.



Left-In this photo we can understand how Rudi Stephen has earned his reputation. I have followed this man since the early 1990's and met him for the first time in Nuremburg in 1995, a very patient and determined breeder that stood all alone in his chosen show class of Blue Black Bars and Blue Checkers. NOTE: the fullness of the body, crest height and the high quality layering of the muffs that completes a full circle. A bird that any breeder would be proud to own!



Top Left-This photo offers us a variety of what Rudi proudly owns: Black Spangles, Black White Bars, Blue White Bars, Blue Checks, Blue Black Bars, Silver White Bars.

With the passing of Josef Roth last year we lost one of the worlds finest breeders and exhibitors of the Saxon Fullhead Swallow. His wish was that his legacy would live on and to insure this he willed his entire stud of Black White Bar and Black Spangle Saxon Fullheads to Rudi Stephen

Below left-In this photo we see an example of the beautiful Black White Barred Saxon Fullhead Swallow. NOTE: the round individual perching with the large "V" perch just below to deflect the droppings.



Right-In this photo we see a specimen of the late Josef Roth now owned by Rudi. Even with the absence of finch marking, lack of rich color and a spangle pattern in need of a better spread and definition, we can see some fine potential here with this rare show class. Super full-cap with clean cut lines, nice full colored upper beak, great crest, drilled in rosettes, very nice body, well balanced and some very nice muffs.



Right-A fine group of excellent Blue Black Barred Thuringers. Rudi's late father left them to him. He has them in both crested and plain head.





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