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Message from the Secretary

Elliot Yeske

Hello Everyone, I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. The USC had a nice show in Des Monies this year. Bill Griebel did the judging, it had been some time since I had seen him judge. He did a great job, he told us that he had never judged a

show with such a high number of quality birds. We had a good variety of colors and types at the show. We had a good auction that brought in a nice amount of money for the club. Thank you to everyone that donated birds for the auction.

It is that time of year again to get your dues paid and your band orders in so you don't get left out if we run out. Dues are still \$10 and bands are 35 cents again this year with \$2 postage and for the mailer.

Take care.

USC Annual Meet Des Moines 2008

By Bill Griebel

When I arrived at the Des Moines Show on Friday afternoon I was impressed with the size of the new show hall. I drove up from St. Louis with Perry Mueller and as we walked into the show hall we saw the swallow section where Nate and Elliot were setting up the judging area. An engineer would have been impressed with the thought that went into the understructure of the judges' platform. It was almost too bad that the frame had to be covered up with skirting. We talked about the number of swallows in the show and guessed about 65 to 75. Elliot decided to get the judging sheets and we then found out that there were 104 birds entered. My first question to the guys was, "should we start judging on Friday afternoon." It was decided that we would start at 9 a.m. Saturday morning and I was a little nervous.

Saturday morning around 8:30 we all got together to discuss the judging procedures. I did a walk-through to get a feel for the overall quality of the show and I realized at that time that I was headed for a workout! We started with the fullhead cleanleg classes where I rated a red barless of Elliot Yeske's HS. This bird had good type and wonderful color. I also rated Perry Mueller's blue barless fullhead (no crest) HS

President's Report

Perry Mueller

Its been a busy show season this year. The NYB show, the Pageant and now Des Moines are over. Soon the NPA Nationals will be here and gone. Our members have shown a lot of birds this season and this is good considering the state of the economy.

If your planning on attending the Nationals, Merle Starr will be handling the show details. We are planing to have a District meet there. Its time to start thinking about next years annual meet. In our next bulletin we will have nominations for that location. Also in the next bulletin I will give details about our breed of the issue in the 2010 Purebred magazine. Its time to start working on articles for it. Again I will give you the details for ads and articles next time.



Champion Swallow at the USC Annual Meet. Bred and owned by Bob Benson Photo: Perry Mueller



Champion Swallow at the Pageant of Pigeons. Bred and Owned by Bill Griebel Sr. Photo: Layne Gardner. More Pageant results inside

with Elliot's red winning best fullhead. Next I judged clean leg spot classes with Gerald Kress' red barless rated HS taking top honors, a really nice bird.

The Saxon Fullhead classes were next. Chris Lindbon won the fullheads with a very nice Black Barless YC. It is good to see the black barless family making a comeback. Nice bird Chris. I just want to note here that Elliot entered a black spangle fullhead that was a knockout. Even though the muffs were not in good shape I want to thank Elliot for sharing this bird with us.

The Saxon Fairy classes were very competitive. Nate Wayne showed a red and a yellow white bar that were very nice, good color and type. Perry Mueller showed a black spangle that received a deserving HS. The top bird in the fairys came out of the blue white bar class. Mike Swanson is the owner of this bird, an old cock, with a rating of E and winning

Reserve Champion Swallow. Good job Mike.

The Silesians were next with 3 É's coming out of this group. First, congratulation to Kaylee Skistimas for her Best Junior win. Nice bird Kaylee. Mike Swanson received an E rating on

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a silver barless OC. Perry Mueller also received an E rating on a blue barless which also took the Best Young Swallow honors. Champion honors with an E rating went to a silver checker OC owned by Big Bad Bob Benson. This bird had a very nice checker pattern, a perfect shape to the muff and a wonderful closed back. The most impressive thing about our winner was that it went to the middle of the show cage, no matter what show cage it was put in, and posed for us. Great win Bob.

Thanks everyone for the opportunity to judge this show. This was no doubt the best quality and the toughest judging assignment I've ever attempted. Thank you Perry and Susie for putting me up Thursday night before the show and driving me to the show from St. Louis to Des Moines. And thank you Nate and Elliot for getting the judging area ready for us. Last of all, I enjoyed meeting Chris Lindbom, Kerry Hendricks, Gerald Kress and Kim Bartz; I enjoyed the time we spent together.

Show Results From Annual Meet in Des Moines Dec. 08

Saxon Fairy Swallows				Silesian Swallows (Continued)						
YC	Black Spangle	100-08	Perry Mueller	S-95	ΥH	Silver Check	316		S-94	
YC	Black Spangle	130-08	Perry Mueller	HS-96	YC	Blue Barless	183-08	Perry Mueller	S-95	
ОН	Black Spangle	374	Perry Mueller	S-94	YC	Blue Barless	150-08	Perry Mueller		Best Young Swallow
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YH	Blue White Bar	0-08	Mike Swanson		YC	Blue Check	335	Robert Benson		
YH	Blue White Bar	104-08	Mike Swanson	S-93	YC	Silver Barless	27-08	Mike Swanson	S-95	•
YH	Blue White Bar	191-08	Mike Swanson		YC	Silver Barless	108-08		HS-96	
YH	Blue White Bar	161-08	Mike Swanson	S-93	ОН	Blue Check	229	Kim Bartz	S-94	•
YC	Blue White Bar	3-08	Mike Swanson	S-94	OH	Blue Check	1514	Robert Benson		
YC	Blue White Bar	16-08	Mike Swanson	S-95	OH	Silver Barless	41	Mike Swanson	HS-96	
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OH	Blue White Bar	2240	John Navant	S-93	OH	Silver Barless	513	Nate Wayne	S-93	
OH	Blue White Bar	635	John Navant	S-94	OH	Silver Barless	260	Nate Wayne	S-94	
OH	Blue White Bar	100	Mike Swanson	S-94	OC	Blue Black Bar	386	Kaylee Skistimas		
OH	Blue White Bar	165	Mike Swanson	S-95	OC	Blue Check	213	Kim Bartz	S-93	
OC	Blue White Bar	813	John Navant	S-93	OC	Silver Check	1537	Kim Bartz	S-93	
OC	Blue White Bar	875	John Navant	S-93	OC	Blue Check	726	Robert Benson	S-95	
OC	Blue White Bar	159	Mike Swanson	S-94	OC	Silver Barless	120	Mike Swanson	S-93	
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OC	Blue White Bar	75	Mike Swanson	S-94	OC	Silver Barless	44	Mike Swanson	S-95	
OC	Red Spangle	540	Nate Wayne	S-95	OC	Silver Barless	175	Mike Swanson	S-94	
OH	Red White Bar	207	Nate Wayne	S-95	OC	Silver Check	1508	Robert Benson	E-97	Champion Swallow
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Bob Benson, Bill Griebel, Mike Swanson



Elliot Yeske receives award for bestThuringer Swallow



Gerald Kress receives award for best Thuringer Wing Pigeon



Mike Swanson's Best Fairy Swallow.; Blue White Bar rated E-97





Mike Swanson's Best Silesian Swallow; Silver Barless rated E-97



Perry Mueller's Best Young Swallow; Blue Barless rated E-97

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Gerald Kress' Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon rated HS-96



Chris Lindbaom's Best Fullhead Swallow; Black Barless rated S-95



Elliot Yeske's Best Thuringer Swallow rated HS-96



Perry Mueller receives award for Best Young Swallow



Perry Mueller's Black Spangle Fairy Swallow rated HS-96

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Chris Lindbom receives award for Best Fullhead Swallow



Nate Wayne's Yellow White Bar Fairy Swallow rated S-95





Elliot Yeske's Blue Spangle Thuringer Wing Pigeon rated S-94

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Chris Lindom's Blue Spangle Fairy Swallow rated S-94



Nate Wayne's Red White Bar Fairy Swallow rated S-95



Elliot Yeske's Black White Bar Thuringer Wing Pigeon rated S-94

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Champion Young Swallow at the NYBS. Bred by Perry Mueller



Reserve champion Swallow at the NYBS. Bred by Bob Benson



Best Thuringer Wing at the NYBS. Bred by Perry Mueller



Best Thuringer Swallow at the NYBS. Bred by Perry Mueller

Results from the NYBS 2008

Judge: Tim Starr

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	Silver check	316	HS2	Bob Benson			
	Silver check	318	HS4	Bob Benson			
	Silver check	326	HS1	Bob Benson	Res. Champion		
	Silver check	300	S	Bob Benson	-		
	Silver check	301	S	Bob Benson			
	Blue check	330	S	Bob Benson			
	Blue barless	143	HS3	Perry Mueller			
	Blue barless	159		Perry Mueller			
	Blue barless	150	HS1	Perry Mueller	Champion		
	Silver check	136	S	Perry Mueller	-		
	Silver check	103	HS3	Perry Mueller			
	Blue black bar	741	S	Ron Smith			
	Blue black bar	742	S	Ron Smith			
	Blk barless	2200	G	Ray Kolinski			
S	Silesian Young Young Cocks						
	Silver check	307	S	Bob Benson			
	Silver check	335	S	Bob Benson			
	Blue barless	148	HS	Perry Mueller	Best cock		
	Blue barless	2203	G	Ray Kolinski			
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	Black W/Bar		HS	Perry Mueller	Best Fairy		
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Fairy Swallow Young Cocks

Black Spangle 100 Perry Mueller Black Spangle 130 Perry Mueller Black W/Bar 147 Perry Mueller

Fullhead Swallow Young Cocks

Heavenly Wings Loft Blue Spangle 690

Blue W/Bar 125 Perry Mueller **Best Fullhead**

Fullhead Swallow Young Hens

147 Kerry Hendricks

Thuringer Wing Young hens

Yellow barless 155 Gerald Kress Yellow barless 167 Gerald Kress G Red spangle 173 Gerald Kress S

Silver barless 113 HS1 Perry Mueller Best Thuringer Spot

Blue black bar 1603 HS2 Ron Smith Blue barless 1604 S J. R. Miller

Thuringer Wing Young Cocks

Gerald Kress Red barless 151 Gerald Kress Red barless 164 G Red barless 161 G Gerald Kress Red W/Bar 30 Perry Mueller Yellow W/Bar 25 S Perry Mueller Blue black bar 1608 HS Ron Smith

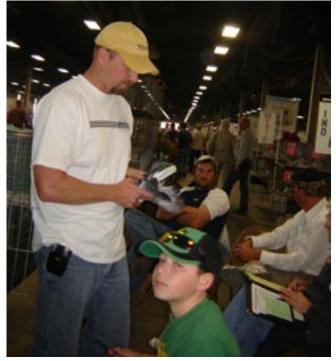
Thuringer Fullhead Swallow Young Cocks (plain headed)

Blue barless 118 HS Perry Mueller Best

Thuringer Fullhead Swallow Young Hens

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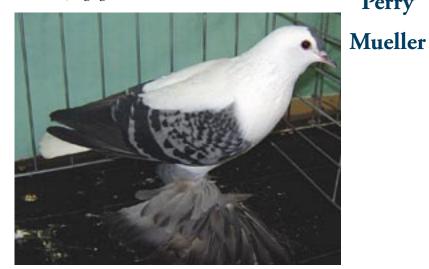
Blue barless 109 Perry Mueller



Tim Starr Judging Swallows at the NYBS



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Blue Cheek By Bob Benson rated S at the NYBS



Black Spangle Fairy Swallows bred by Perry Mueller



by:

Perry





Blue black bar by Ron Smith rated HS at the NYBS

Results from the Pageant of Pigeons 2008

Judge: Mike Swanson
Best of Color Class = *

Silver Barless OC

S-94 300

Leon Stephens

Saxon Fairy Swallows	Fullhead Swallows	Blue White Bar OC
Red White Bar OC	Black Barless YH	S-94 601 Leon Stephens
S-93 1323 Gary Romig.	S-94 494 Bill Griebel Sr.	Red White Bar OH
G-92 1468 Gary Romig	Black Barless YC	S-95 612 Leon Stephens
HS-96 10 Leon Stephens*	S-94 452 Bill Griebel Sr.	Red Spangle OH
Red Spangle OC	Black Barless OH	S-94 931 Leon Stephens
S-95 1746 Leon Stephens	S-95 424 Bill Griebel Sr.	5 71 751 Leon Stephens
Yellow Spangle OH	S-94 749 Leon Stephens	Thuringer Wing Pigeons
S-94 487 Leon Stephens	G-92 509 Dave Harris	(Clean Leg Spot Swallows)
Yellow White Bar OC	Black Barless OC	Black Barless YH
S-93 297 Leon Stephens	S-94 1852 Bill Griebel Sr.	S-94 922 Carl Rodegerdts
Black White Bar YH	S-93 621 Dave Harris	E-97 530 Jay Beals
S-94 1412 Leon Stephens	Black White Bar YH	Black Barless YC
Black White Bar YC	S-93 471 Bill Griebel Sr.	HS-96 531 Jay Beals
S-93 596 Bill Griebel Sr.	Black White Bar YC	HS-96 529 Jay Beals
Black White Bar OH	S-95 428 Bill Griebel Sr.	S-95 925 Carl Rodegerdts
S-94 128 Bill Griebel Sr.	S-93 427 Bill Griebel Sr.	Black Barless OH
HS-96 948 Leon Stephens	Black White Bar OH	S-95 1181 Jay Beals
Black White Bar OC	S-93 485 Bill Griebel Sr.	Blue Black Bar YC
HS-96 182 Bill Griebel Sr. *	S-93 160 Bill Griebel Sr.	S-94 946 Carl Rodegerdts
S-95 596 Leon Stephens	Blue White Bar OC	Blue Black Bar OH
S-94 743 Leon Stephens	S-93 3 Leon Stephens	S-93 272 Carl Rodegerdts
Black Spangle OH		Blue Black Bar OC
S-94 966 Leon Stephens	Silesian Swallows	S-94 283 Carl Rodegerdts
S-95 830 Leon Stephens	Blue Black Bar YH	Blue Barless YC
Black Spangle OC	HS-96 531 Bill Griebel Sr.	S-94 927 Carl Rodegerdts
S-95 703 Leon Stephens	S-93 509 Bill Griebel Sr.	S-95 939 Carl Rodegerdts
Blue White Bar YH	Blue Black Bar YC	Silver Black Bar YH
S-94 587 George De La Nuez	S-94 442 Bill Griebel Sr.	G-92 943 Carl Rodegerdts
S-93 1437 Leon Stephens	S-94 444 Bill Griebel Sr.	Red Barless OH
Blue White Bar YC	Blue Black Bar OH	G-92 471 Tony Brancato
HS-96 436 George De La Nuez	S-95 468 Bill Griebel Sr.	G-92 866 Tony Brancato
Blue White Bar OH	HS-96 432 Bill Griebel Sr.	Ash Red Bar OC
S-95 132 George De La Nuez	S-94 106 Dave Harris	S-94 576 Dave Holloway
HS-96 302 George De La Nuez*	Blue Black Bar OC	Ash Red Barless OC
HS-96 753 Leon Stephens	HS-96 410 Bill Griebel Sr.	S-93 519 Dave Holloway
S-94 332 Leon Stephens	E-97 475 Bill Griebel Sr.	S-95 1551 Dave Holloway
S-94 1585 Leon Stephens	S-94 665 Dave Harris	Ash Red Check OC
S-93 612 Leon Stephens	Blue Check OC	S-95 589 Dave Holloway
S-93 258 Leon Stephens	S-93 1759 Leon Stephens	Blue Barless YH
Blue White Bar OC	Blue Barless OH	S-94 1541 Dave Holloway
S-94 257 Leon Stephens	S-93 304 Leon Stephens	G-92 1519 Dave Holloway
Silver White Bar OH	Blue Barless OC	Blue Spangle YH
S-94 465 George De La Nuez	S-94 379 Leon Stephens	G-92 1530 Dave Holloway
N. C. LOY	Silver Black Bar OC	Cream Yellow Bar OH
Blue Spangle OH	S-95 985 Leon Stephens	G-92 549 Dave Holloway
S-93 817 Leon Stephens	Silver Barless OH	Cream Yellow Check OH
Blue Black Bar OC	S-93 114 Leon Stephens	S-93 1708 Dave Holloway
S-95 1499 Leon Stephens	Black Barless OH	Silver Spangle OH
Blue Barless YH	S-93 219 Leon Stephens	S-93 578 Dave Holloway
S-93 1506 Leon Stephens	Black Barless OC	Silver Spangle OC
Blue Barless OH	S-95 852 Leon Stephens	S-93 1531 Dave Holloway
S-94 772 Leon Stephens	Black White Bar OH	
Blue Barless OC	S-93 467 Leon Stephens	
HS-96 478 Leon Stephens	Black White Bar OC	
Silver Barless OC	C 02 /01 I can Stanhama	

S-93 481 Leon Stephens

Comments by Mike Swanson, Judge at the Pageant of Pigeons 2008

It is always a great honor to be able to judge Swallows at the Pageant. It's been quite a few years since I had the opportunity to judge the Pageant, and it was great as always. Every year the breeders put on a quality show with outstanding competition and lots of quality color pigeons in addition to Swallows.

The entry included 80+ Swallows alone and well over 200 color pigeons! As usual, all of the breeders pitched in to do everything for the judge to make the show enjoyable and fun. So thanks to all of you! Typically, after the show, it takes a few days to recover from all the long hours of judging, talking about birds and catching up on friendships.

The years seem to slip away faster and faster. At Bill Griebel's place, I perused through old Pageant of Pigeon show catalogs from 1970's and discovered a picture of myself and Bill tearing down the pageant, and it seems just like yesterday instead of over thirty years ago! It is interesting how the friendships endure through different paths because of raising families, changing jobs and moving, etc. Hopefully, I'll see all of these friends a little more often in the next few years. In fact by the time you read this I'll have travelled to the United Swallow Club's Annual Show in Des Moines, Iowa! Again there will be lots of friends from all over the United States.

At the Pageant, the quality of birds was outstanding. Bill Griebel took champion with a blue black bar Silesian which rated E. The bird had excellent color and station with long even sweeping black bars. Reserve Champion was a black barless clean leg shown by Jay Beal and also rated E Jay's bird had excellent black color and a very nice rounded head. Steve Ball served as the second judge to rate the bird E. Dave Holloway gave Jay lots of competition with his clean legs. Dave had some very nice silver spangles and other clean legs. Tony Broncato also entered some quality red clean legs.

The fullhead Swallows also were very nice with some exceptional black whitebars shown by Bill Griebel Sr. and other fullheads shown by Dave Harris that had excellent color. Leon Stephens had several outstanding red and yellows in white bars and spangled Fairy and Silesians. Incidentally this was by far the best showing of these colors I have seen for quite some time. Their color and markings were excellent as was their muffs! Leon also had a couple of black white bar Fairy Swallows. I was very impressed with their excellent color and bars. Unfortunately, I haven't had access to the show results, so if I left out someone's birds, it wasn't intentional.

Looking ahead I encourage all of you to participate in the Swallow Special Edition of the Purbred Pigeon magazine. The March/April 2010 edition is dedicated as a special for Swallows. What an opportunity to promote our breed of pigeons and nurture new breeders and fanciers. For more details contact them at 615-851-9674 or their site is staff@purebredpigeon.com or:www.purebredpigeon.com/ breedoftheissue.

With the new year just around the corner, I wish all of you another great year breeding your birds and look forward to renewing friendships in the 2009 show season!



Wing Pigeon. Photo Mike Swanson



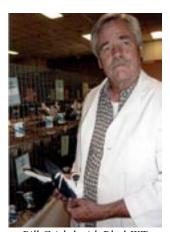
Gary Romig with Saxon Field Pigeon. Photo Mike Swanson



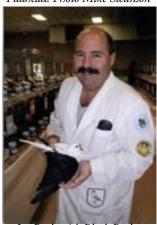
Dave Harris with Black Fullhead. Photo Mike Swanson



Dave Holloway with Spangled Thuringer. Photo Mike Swanson



Bill Griebel with Black WB Fullhead. Photo Mike Swanson



Jay Beals with Black Barless Thuringer. Photo Mike Swanson



Dave Holloway Tom McCaig at Griebel's. Photo Gary Romig



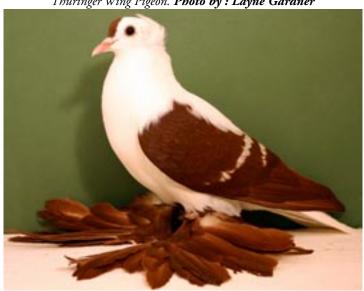
Leon Stephens with Yellow Spangle. Photo Mike Swanson



Color Pigeon and Swallow Fanciers at the Pageant Back Row left to right; Lenny Medford, Drew Lobenstein, Dave Harris, Steve St. Clair, Leon Stephens, Jay Beals, Mike Cobb, Mike Swanson, Steve Brice, Bob Salwey Front Row, Steve Ball, Tom McCaig, Mike Lerp, Bill Griebel Sr. Gary Romig, Joey Salwey. **Photo by: Layne Gardner**



Black Barless Thuringer Wing Pigeon by Jay Beals rated "E" and Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon. **Photo by: Layne Gardner**



Red White Bar Fairy Swallow bred by Leon Stephens rated HS-96 **Photo by: Layne Gardner**



Ash Red Barless bred by Dave Holloway rated S-95. **Photo by: Layne Gardner**



BlueWhite Bar Fairy Swallow bred by George De La Nuez Best Fairy Swallow rated HS-96 **Photo by: Layne Gardner**



Black Barless Fullhead rated S-95 Bred by Bill Griebel Sr. **Photo by: Layne Gardner**



Black White-bar Spot Fairy rated HS-96 Bred by Bill Griebel Sr. **Photo by: Layne Gardner**





Black White-bar Fullhead rated S-95 Bred by Bill Griebel Sr. **Photo by: Layne Gardner**



Leon Stephens presents Jay Beals with awards at the Pageant **Photo by: Gary Romig**

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Red Check Thuringer Wing Pigeon bred by Dave Holloway rated S-95 **Photo by: Layne Gardner**



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