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2017 Grand Champion Swallow

At the USC Annual Meet YH Blue Check #443 rated E97, from Mike Swanson



Photo: Layne Gardner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE SPRING 2018

By USC President Dave Averbeck

Well the show season is a wrap and I hope that we are all looking forward to this year's breeding season and show season this coming fall. We here in the Midwest had a great show season that started with the National Young Bird Show in which we had over 40 entries. Then a Central District meet at Des Moines, Iowa where we had over 20 entries, and finally the Annual Meet in Amarillo, TX with the NPA Grand National where we had over 90 entries. I would like to thank everyone who helped put on those show as well as other shows across the United States. It takes a lot to put on shows and to make sure that our Swallow club is well represented.

The Annual Show in Amarillo was a lot of fun for those that

came. Gloria Weisgram did a nice job judging a lot of birds with a decent amount of variety. I want to take time to thank her for her work judging all of those birds. I want to Congratulate Mike Swanson on not only the Champion Swallow, but also Reserve Champion Swallow as well. He did a really nice job putting together a great representation of his loft and show birds. Mike had a really nice young hen checker bird that won grand champion swallow. I believe he also won Champion and Reserve Champion Color Pigeon as well. So he kind of swept up on the awards. The results will be posted further down in the bulletin. We had a decent amount of breeders there including Brad and Rachel Stuckey from Louisiana, Brian Goodwin from

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President's Message Continued

New Mexico, Steve Drietz from Colorado, Gary Romig from Arizona, Ron Smith from Oklahoma, Freddie Moore, and Chris Auer and myself from Missouri. We also picked up two new members and I want to welcome them; Pedro Carillo and Jenny Noble from Texas. They are a really nice couple and picked up some checker birds to start off with. I want to also say thank you and awesome job on the auction. Thank you to all those that donated items for the auction and thank you to all those that purchased items and thank you to those that put the auction together. Chris Auer and the Stuckeys did a fantastic job putting it all together and I know that Chris is putting something together further down in this bulletin.

I want to thank Brad, Rachel, and all of those that helped set-up the show hall for the Annual meet. They put in a lot of hard work as I also know that helped out quite a bit for the rest of the show as well.

We had our annual meeting Thursday night at our wonderful hotel that was right across the road from the convention center. A couple of highlights from the meeting was that I wanted to announce the appointment of our new publicity Director in Brad Stuckey. As many of you know, Brad has dived head first into the swallow club and has done well with trying to set up his own club in Louisiana as well as try to bring the Archangel club back to life. Brad does a great job connecting with other members. Also, along that same lines Rachel Stuckey had been appointed our new election commissioner. She will do a great job as she like Brad does a great job of communication and getting involved in the clubs. Thank you to the Stuckeys for helping out for those two positions.

Speaking of elections we are now accepting nomination for next year's Annual meet and judges. At the meeting

Thursday night of the annual, Des Moines Show and St. Louis Show was nominated. Please send your nominations for site as well as judges to Rachel Stuckey either by email, call, or mail. Emailed or calling the preferred way.

Rachel Stuckey
rachellasyone@yahoo.com
318.792.8693

Please get your nominations in. Also please be thinking of other District Meets to have as well, you do not have to have just one district meet per district. Also it was announced the NPA Grand National will be in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina next year and probably California the following year.

I hope that you all have a wonderful breeding season and if you need anything my contact information is in the bulletin further down.

Thank you
David Averbeck

United Swallow Club Annual Meeting Minutes NPA Amarillo National January 19, 2018

Outgoing United Swallow Club President, Mike Swanson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mike welcomed everyone present. Mike suggested we introduce ourselves and share the breeds we raise just as we did last year at our annual meeting in Des Moines. Everyone present agreed this is a great tradition to continue at our annual meeting. So we introduced ourselves and shared with everyone the birds we raise. As a result we further cemented our bonds through pigeons and our support for the United Swallow Club. The meeting began with lots of laughter and Mike indicated our birds are important however, the people are equally important! Everyone thanked Gloria's generosity in bringing a HUGE platter of incredible treats of caramel, pecan clusters, chocolate covered potato chips, almond bark, toffee etc. (Everyone present did notice the platter frequently lingered by Brad Stuckey.)

People present included Brad and Rachel Stuckey, Chris Auer, Dave Averbeck, Mike Cobb, Gary Romig, Gloria Weisgram, Pete Carillo and Jenny Noble, Michael Baldwin and Cathy and Mike Swanson. The minutes of the previous annual meeting were distributed for approval. Gary Romig made a motion to accept the minutes and Chris Auer seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Outgoing USC President, Mike Swanson, thanked everyone present for their support and collective energy. Mike reiterated the importance of our collective leadership and its power to

sustain our breed and the mission of the United Swallow Club. Mike summarized the recent accomplishments of the USC beginning with Chris Auer, Dave Averbeck, Rachel and Brad Stuckey's hard work with the current auction and show. Mike also thanked Gloria for her willingness to travel so far to judge in Amarillo.. Additionally, Mike thanked everyone present for their contributions to the success of our Purebred Swallow Special. Gary Romig thanked everyone present for the honor of having the special dedicated to him. Mike also expressed his appreciation to those members that donate and purchase items at our USC auctions. Mike indicated the revenue generated from our auctions has been a crucial resource for the sustainability of our club. Mike inquired about everyone's understanding of tomorrow's judging process and times. Everyone present indicated they understood!

Nominations were taken for our next annual meet and judge. Gloria Weisgram nominated Des Moines as the site and Mike Swanson as judge. Mike Swanson declined. Then Gloria nominated Perry Mueller and indicated she would contact him to see if he would accept. The discussion on the floor progressed to other possible locations including St. Louis. Dave Averbeck shared the St. Louis show is approximately 900-1100 birds and the facility is great. The St. Louis show is held the first weekend in January. However, Dave indicated one caution could be the weather as the

Purina facility has control over the facility and makes the determination to cancel dependent on weather conditions and accessibility to the facility. Dave did indicate this has only occurred once. Brad Stuckey did inquire about other potential locations and wondered did the annual meet need to be in Des Moines, California or in conjunction with the NPA National. Chris Auer did indicate the USC Constitution recommends, but does not require, the annual meet to be rotated among districts. Brad Stuckey nominated St. Louis as the location for our next USC Annual Meet. Mike reminded everyone present nominations stay open until 30 days after our USC Winter bulletin.

The discussion then progressed to the E patches. Mike recognized the combined collaboration of Gloria and Gary in making the E patches become a reality. Everyone agreed the E-bird patches recognize an important milestone in a breeder's efforts to refine their breed. There are 100 left and everyone present agreed the tradition should continue! Rachel Stuckey indicated they've been part of numerous pigeon clubs but she appreciates the "vibe" of the United Swallow Club!

At that point, Mike welcomed incoming United Swallow Club President Dave Averbeck and handed the leadership of the USC as well as the current meeting over to Dave! Incoming USC President, Dave Averbeck, thanked Mike for his hard work and leadership the past four years. Dave indicated he is ready for the challenge to continue Mike's

legacy and even exceed his success! Dave clarified to those in attendance the new USC officers included: President, Dave Averbeck; Vice-President, Gary Romig; Secretary Treasurer, Elliot Yeske; Central Director, Perry Mueller; Eastern Director- vacant (Steve Ripper is apparently willing to serve); Western District, Bill Griebel; Canadian District- vacant. Dave indicated the USC executive committee could collaborate and initiate more participation by breeders in the Eastern District.

The discussion migrated to the potential of advertisements in the bulletin generating revenue. Gary Romig shared currently ads in the bulletin do not require payment. After a lively discussion, Mike Swanson shared his ambivalence and indicated our members support our club through their generosity by donating and buying auction items and why should we be asking for more money. Brad Stuckey inquired about the USC history with the National Young Bird Show. The discussion included our affiliation fee with the NPA. Further discussion included our expenses for ads in the Purebred Pigeon and the NPA Quarterly. Mike Swanson shared although the ads are expensive we have to be mindful they publish our articles and show results for free. Therefore, Mike suggested looking at the expense from that perspective it becomes money well spent. Rachel Stuckey inquired if there was a need to initiate another revenue source.

Incoming USC President, Dave Averbeck, shared his current areas of focus and some ideas he is considering.

Dave indicated he has thought about increasing the cost of the USC membership dues. Other areas of focus would be streamlining the USC nomination process. The USC judging program could include a menu of shows each certified judge would consider judging. Dave indicated this possible menu would provide focus and guidance to those wanting to nominate potential judges. Additionally, Dave indicated the menu could maximize each USC member's vote. The discussion from the floor migrated to the importance of being cognizant of expenses for judges, travel and showrooms. Rachel Stuckey asked, "Does the club need to initiate other revenue sources?" Dave clarified the auction serves a dual purpose: revenue and access to great birds. Everyone present agreed the unique power of our USC auctions. Dave summarized he is not advocating dues for all to be increased however, those not having email, their dues could be increased to supplant the cost of mail. Gary Romig indicated it is \$2.00 per bulletin to mail. Other members present inquired could the membership list be reorganized in the bulletin to give priority to paying members and then listing guest members.

Chris Auer indicated our USC auction history has been great in generating important revenue. However, Chris indicated this year's auction does have some unusual circumstances with sick birds from those members who initially donated birds. USC President Dave

Averbeck indicated he will focus on increasing his communication skills by reaching out to members by calling them. Dave did share texting is his strength. Brad wondered if the USC could have a Facebook page: one for members only or one hosted by the USC. President Averbeck indicated the USC needs a publicity director, an appointed position. Dave appointed Brad Stuckey as USC publicity director. USC President, Dave Averbeck, appointed Rachel Stuckey as election commissioner.

USC President, Dave Averbeck indicated Bill Griebel is the USC chairperson for the USC judging program. Nate Wayne is the chairperson for the USC standards committee. Dave clarified members should be prompt in sending their USC membership renewals to Elliot Yeske and that Chris Auer is collecting money for USC renewals at the National. However, Chris Auer clarified Elliot preferred not to have Chris collect band money as it would be more efficient to renew them through Elliot. Mike Swanson encouraged members present to get their band orders in promptly as bands can run out quickly!

USC President, Dave Averbeck inquired if anyone had any other new business to bring up. No one present did so Mike Swanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded by Chris Auer and the meeting was adjourned by 9:00 P.M.

*Minutes submitted by Cathy Swanson
January 23, 2019.*



USC Annual Meet attended by: Brad and Rachel Stuckey, Mike and Cathy Swanson, Gloria Weisgram, Chris Auer, Mike Cobb, Dave Averbeck. Not shown: Gary Romig, Jenny Noble, Pete Carillo, and Mike Baldwin



Photo: Layne Gardner

Reserve Champion Swallow & Best Fairy Swallow
Blue White Bar Fairy Old Cock #57 Rated "E": Mike Swanson



Photo: Layne Gardner

Blue Black Bar Young Hen (E97) 363 Mike Swanson



Photo: Layne Gardner

Silver Barless Old Cock (E97) OC 94 Mike Swanson



Photo: Layne Gardner

**Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon*
Blue Barless Old Cock # 649 Rated "E": Ron Smith



Photo: Layne Gardner

**Best Fullhead Swallow
Black White Bar Young Cock #1115 Rated "S93": Chris Auer*



Photo: Brad Stuckey

**Best Thuringer Swallow
Silver Dun Bar Young Cock #1539 Rated "S94": Brian Goodwin*



Photo: Cathy Swanson

Dave Averbeck, Chris Auer, Brad & Rachel Stuckey, Steve Dreitz, Ron Smith, Jose Luis Peredo Villalobos and his friend and color pigeon breeder from Guadalajara, Mexico, Mike Swanson, Gary Romig, Freddie Moore, Gloria Weisgram, Jenny Noble, Pete Carillo,



Photo: Gary Romig

Judges Show Report from Amarillo

Amarillo Observations
By Gloria Weisgram, USC Certified Judge

Our USC Annual Meet was held in conjunction with the NPA Grand National in Amarillo, January 18-20, 2018. Initially, total of 97 birds were entered, followed by a few substitutions and absentees.

I am honored to have been chosen by the membership as this year's annual meet judge. Whenever I judge, I strive to do my best, to judge according to the USC standard, to be consistent and to be fair in rating Swallows! This show was no exception.

Thank you to Cathy Swanson who handled all of the recording and to Mary Hapala who scribed for all the entries. We were able to easily work together for an accurate account of the show results!

The most competitive groups of birds were the Silesian and Fairy Swallows. Silesian Checkers had the largest numbers followed by the Blue White Bar Fairys. Mike Swanson dominated these two categories with a total of four E97 ratings and many HS96 scores as well. Every bird Mike showed was trimmed and

in top show condition. A dynamite Blue White Bar OC (E97) was the Best Fairy and Show Reserve Champion. A Silver Barless OC and a (surprise) Young Blue Black Bar were exceptional Silesians that also rated E97... second only to the show winner, a Blue Check YH. This bird was outstanding in type, color and markings and stayed in show form throughout! She was not only the Best Young bird but also the Top Silesian and Grand Champion Swallow. Congratulations, Mike!

Ron Smith showed a well rounded, large group of Thuringer Wing Pigeons. Ron achieved his first E rating with a Blue Barless OC. Congrats on your first E bird, Ron!

Some very noteworthy Black Barless Silesians and Fairys were shown by Steve Dreitz. Steve had very nice Silver and Blue Checkers in both Fairy and Silesian. He also had the top Blue White Bar Fairy OH.

Chris Auer and Dave Averbeck showed some nice bodied, great colored Black White Bar Fairys. Chris took home the award for top Fullhead also in this color pattern.

Brian Goodwin had the Best Thuringer Fullhead Swallow with a Silver Bar YC. Newcomer Brad Stuckey was respectable with a nice Blue White Bar Fairy YH and Freddy Moore showed a good group of Blue Black Bar Silesians.

Thank you to Dave, Chris, Brad and Rachel for setting up the show ... the judging area was perfect! This was a show that had good lighting, great birds, fine auction donations, a well executed club meeting, and plenty of time to socialize. We welcomed a couple new members, Pete Carrillo and Jenny Noble.

Gary Romig hosted a party in his suite Friday night that was terrific! And speaking of Gary... thank you for the beautiful awards and for your time as the associate judge for the birds achieving E97 ratings.

Good luck to everyone with their 2018 breeding season!

USC Annual Auction - Amarillo National

Well the auction is over and it was successful!!! WE raised over \$850 for the USC treasury.

I would like to thank those that donated items for the auction - Gary, Mike, Gloria, Brian, Ron, Nate and Foy's Pigeon Supply. Many fine birds went home with new and seasoned breeders to help jump start their breeding programs. This can ONLY help out the competition in the future USC shows. Also Artwork and books are now gracing the walls and libraries of both USC and non USC members.

Thanks to all your support, until next time

Chris, Rachel and Brad



Chris Auer was the man to see for the USC Auction

Results of the United Swallow Club Annual Meet 2017

At the NPA Grand National Amarillo TX, Jan 18-20, 2018

Rating System:

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

***Champion Swallow, Best Young Swallow & Best Silesian Swallow:

Blue Check Young Hen #443 Rated "E": Mike Swanson

**Reserve Champion Swallow & Best Fairy Swallow

Blue White Bar Fairy Old Cock #57 Rated "E": Mike Swanson

*Best Fullhead Swallow

Black White Bar Young Cock #1115 Rated "S93": Chris Auer

*Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon

Blue Barless Old Cock # 649 Rated "E": Ron Smith

*Best Thuringer Swallow

Silver Dun Bar Young Cock #1539 Rated "S94": Brian Goodwin

Silesian Swallow

(Plainhead Saxon Wing Pigeon) (38)

Black Barless Old Cock

1 (S95 ¹)	OC 2272	Steve Dreitz
2 (S95 ²)	OC 2108	Steve Dreitz
3 (S94)	OC 341	Steve Dreitz
4 (S93)	OC 4298	Steve Dreitz

Blue Black Bar Young Hen

1 (E97)	YH 363	Mike Swanson
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Blue Black Bar Old Hen

1 (S93)	OH 204	Freddy Moore
2 (G92)	OH 890	Freddy Moore
3 (G91)	OH 197	Freddy Moore

Blue Black Bar Old Cock

1 (S93)	OC 258	Freddy Moore
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Blue Check Young Hen

1 (E97)	YH 443	Mike Swanson***
2 (HS 96)	YH 346	Mike Swanson
3 (S95)	YH 324	Mike Swanson
4 (S94)	YH 384	Mike Swanson

Blue Check Old Hen

1 (HS 96)	OH 216	Mike Swanson
2 (S95 ¹)	OH 307	Mike Swanson
3 (S95 ²)	OH 1548	Steve Dreitz
4 (S94)	OH 2277	Steve Dreitz

Blue Check Old Cock

1 (HS96 ¹)	OC 234	Mike Swanson
2 (HS96 ²)	OC 180	Mike Swanson
3 (S95 ¹)	OC 1191	Steve Dreitz
4 (S95 ²)	OC 2274	Steve Dreitz

Silver Barless Young Hen

1 (HS96 ¹)	YH 336	Mike Swanson
2 (HS96 ²)	YH 338	Mike Swanson
3 (HS96 ³)	YH 464	Mike Swanson
4 (S95)	YH 414	Mike Swanson

Silver Barless Old Hen

1 (HS96 ¹)	OH 39	Mike Swanson
2 (HS96 ²)	OH 64	Mike Swanson
3 (S95)	OH 85	Mike Swanson

Silver Barless Old Cock

1 (E97)	OC 94	Mike Swanson
2 (S95)	OC 130	Mike Swanson

Silver Check Young Hen

1 (HS96)	YH 471	Mike Swanson
2 (S95 ¹)	YH 313	Mike Swanson
3 (S95 ²)	YH 412	Mike Swanson
4 (S93)	YH 456	Mike Swanson

Silver Check Young Cock

1 (S94)	YC 425	Mike Swanson
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Silver Check Old Hen

1 (HS96)	OH 33	Mike Swanson
2 (S95)	OH 174	Mike Swanson

Silver Check Old Cock

1 (S95)	OC 108	Mike Swanson
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Fullhead Swallow

(Saxon Swallow) (2)

Black White Bar Young Hen

1 (G92)	YH 1121	Chris Auer
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Black White Bar Young Cock

1 (S93)	YC 1115	Chris Auer*
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Fairy Swallow

(Crested Saxon Wing Pigeon) (30)

Black White Bar Young Hen

1 (G92)	YH 1131	Chris Auer
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Black White Bar Young Cock

1 (S93)	YC 1117	Chris Auer
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Black White Bar Old Hen

1 (S94)	OH 874	Chris Auer
2 (S93)	OH 2981	David Averbeck II
3 (G92)	OH 1455	David Averbeck II

Black White Bar Old Cock

1 (S94 ¹)	OC 760	Chris Auer
2 (S94 ²)	OC 1673	David Averbeck II

Blue Check Young Hen

1 (S94)	YH 2424	Steve Dreitz
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Blue Check Old Cock

1 (S95)	OC 1196	Steve Dreitz
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Silver Check Young Cock

1 (S93)	YC 2407	Steve Dreitz
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Silver Check Old Hen

1 (S93)	OH 2109	Steve Dreitz
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Blue Spangle Young Hen

1 (S93)	YH 2436	Steve Dreitz
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Blue White Bar Young Hen

1 (S95 ¹)	YH 450	Mike Swanson
2 (S95 ²)	YH 304	Mike Swanson
3 (S95 ³)	YH 1343	Brad Stuckey
4 (S94)	YH 2421	Steve Dreitz
5 (S93 ¹)	YH 3510	Steve Dreitz
6 (S93 ²)	YH 2240	Paul Tapia

Blue White Bar Young Cock

1 (HS96)	YC 303	Mike Swanson
2 (S95 ¹)	YC 302	Mike Swanson
3 (S95 ²)	YC 316	Mike Swanson
4 (S94 ¹)	YC 320	Mike Swanson
5 (S94 ²)	YC 457	Mike Swanson

Blue White Bar Old Hen

1 (HS96)	OH 4290	Steve Dreitz
2 (S95 ¹)	OH 11	Mike Swanson
3 (S95 ²)	OH 152	Mike Swanson

Blue White Bar Old Cock

1 (E97)	OC 57	Mike Swanson**
2 (HS96 ¹)	OC 305	Mike Swanson
3 (HS96 ²)	OC 124	Mike Swanson
4 (S93)	OC 1189	Steve Dreitz

Clean Leg Spot Swallow

(Thuringer Wing Pigeon) (12)

Blue Barless Young Hen

1 (S95 ¹)	YH 1167	Ron Smith
2 (S95 ²)	YH 1168	Ron Smith
3 (S94)	YH 1155	Ron Smith

Blue Barless Old Hen

1 (S95)	OH 688	Ron Smith
2 (S94)	OH 559	Ron Smith
3 (G92)	OH 1802	Ron Smith

Blue Barless Old Cock

1 (E97)	OC 649	Ron Smith*
2 (HS 96)	OC 668	Ron Smith
3 (S95)	OC 557	Ron Smith

Blue Black Bar Old Hen

1 (S94)	OH 604	Ron Smith
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Blue Black Bar Old Cock

1 (G92)	OC 227	Ron Smith
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Silver Dun Bar Old Hen

1 (G92)	OH 551	Ron Smith
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Thuringer Fullhead

(Thuringer Swallow) (5)

Silver Dun Bar Young Hen

1 (S93)	YH 167	Brian Goodwin
2 (G91)	YH 1537	Brian Goodwin

Silver Dun Bar Young Cock

1 (S94)	YC 1539	Brian Goodwin*
2 (S93)	YC 166	Brian Goodwin
3 (G92)	YC 843	Brian Goodwin

More annual meet photos



Photo: Cathy Swanson

Ron Smith and his "E" patch



Photo: Cathy Swanson

Mike Swanson receives his "E" patches from President Dave Averbeck



Photo: Dave Averbeck

Brad & Rachel Stuckey were very helpful everywhere in the showroom and instrumental in making the NPA National and USC Show a great success



Photo: Cathy Swanson

Gloria Weisgram Judges black fairy swallow and Mary Hapala is scribe



Photo: Cathy Swanson

Mike Cobb, a candidate for USC certified judge, observed Gloria's judging. Mike is gaining credits and soon will be a USC certified judge



Photo: Cathy Swanson

Chris Auer and Dave Averbeck, the new USC President for 2018-19



Photo: Cathy Swanson

Mary and Gloria show off the USC judging area and Gloria's award for judging.



Photo: Cathy Swanson

Is it an "E" bird? Mike, Gloria, Dave, a candidate for Judge, gaze at a Silver Barless Silesian that Gary Romig concurred was worthy of the "E" Rating.

The Judges Corner

by Bill Griebel

We've had a lively discussion after the Amarillo National over the issue of checkers and the amount of color that should be allowed in the muff area. This issue was a carry-over from the Des Moines show the previous USC Annual Meet. On the positive side discussing issues like this gets information to everyone but on the negative side some things were said that possibly hurt feelings of some members and possibly did some damage to our organization.

We have a process in place that addresses standard issues such as this and a standard committee under the direction of Chairman Nate Wayne is the process for the USC standard. I called Nate and we discussed the issue and we decided that before we deal with it as "standard" issue we should pole the Certified Judges Committee to see what they felt about the wording in the standard regarding the color in the muff of our checker birds. But before I address that Nate forwarded me a message to pass on to the USC membership about the standard update process:

"The written portion of the standard update is pretty much complete. There will be additional work by the committee on the drawings before it is finished. There are two areas that if I have commented on before are worth repeating. I believe our standard is too long and possibly too detailed (complex) related to other breeds. I did my best to suggest to committee members not to add verbiage, detail and ultimately more confusion to The Standard. Secondly, The Club needs some venue or process to be able to address concerns about our standard that arise from time to time. Finally, and for the last time if you have concerns about the current Standard, please do not hesitate to email them to me. Be sure to use my new email address nwayne1947@gmail.com Thank you for your patience with my timing."

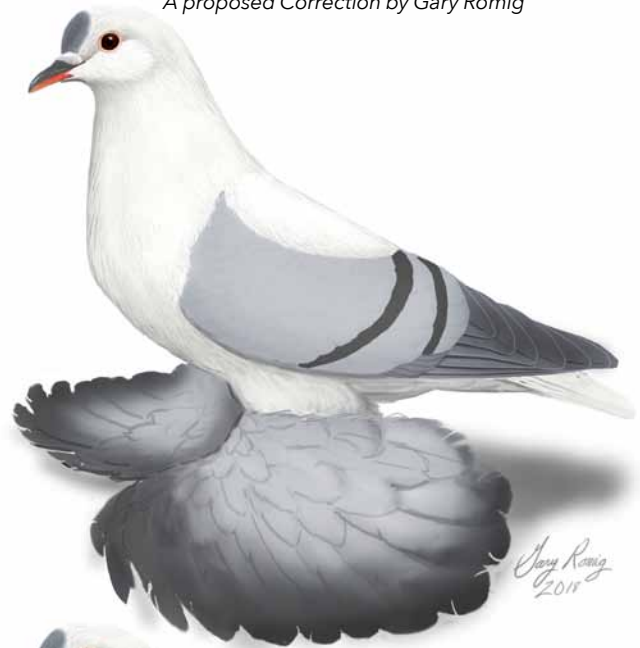
So, as the Certified Judges Committee Chairman, I proceeded to phone all the judges on our list. I had really good conversations, they varied somewhat and got everyone's opinions on the wording in the standard for our checkers. Some had already read the standard after following the checker discussion and some had to go back and read what the standard said. The advice that was given to me was that they, the Certified Judges Committee, want the wording in the standard to stay "as is" and most all requested drawings, especially to show how much is allowable and how much is too much.

Gary Romig has agreed to revisit our checker drawings which I also think should be updated. George de la Nuez said to me, Bill as a trainee judge, I need to know how much is too much? This I agree. First, being an understudy of a Certified Judge at a show a trainee will usually be told that information. Second, if there are no checkers in that show, the standard descriptions and drawings will serve that purpose. It is also advisable for the trainee judges to choose a "mentor" with whom they can discuss these issues. That being said, there is nothing better than seeing and handling a bird up close and talking to a certified judge about your concerns. Answers a lot of questions doesn't it.

Time to get the birds into the breeding lofts and get that new batch of babies for this years shows. Time to enjoy what we do!

Muff Patterns; Bar & Check

A proposed Correction by Gary Romig



USC Vice-President Gary Romig enjoyed the opportunity to "ketch-up" with members at the Amarillo National. (Note Gary's hat: A mishap at dinner during the USC Annual Meeting)

From the outgoing Election Commissioner

If you have not heard I have given up my position as USC Election Commissioner and David Averbek has asked Rachel Stuckey to take over those duties. Rachel is now taking nominations for the 2018 Annual Meet site and Annual Meet judge. Nominations will be closed on 4/30/18. Rachel would like to be contacted by either email: rachellasyone@yahoo.com or snail mail. Her Address is: Rachel Stuckey; 13550 Hwy 28 E. , Deville, LA 71328 I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation over the past 4 years, it has been a pleasure and for sure interesting.

Chris Auer

**Be Sure to Send
Your Nominations:**

For Annual Meet Location

And

Choice of Judge

To:

Election Commissioner

Rachel Stuckey

Send by Mail

or Email only

Nominations Close 4/30/18



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