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1 of 2 of Dr. Hummel's M. Frank Cook paintings that were recently purchased by Perry Mueller from the Hummel family. See the other one on page 3

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2018

By USC President Dave Averbeck

Hello from the Midwest. It is finally warming up here and hopefully the birds are finally going to get active. I hope that you are all raising good birds out there. The main reason for this bulletin is to get the nominations that were given for the Annual meet as well as the judge for the annual meet out to vote. The selections for the judge and the annual meet will be further down in the bulletin. Let's try to have all of the votes to Rachel Stuckey on or before Friday June 8th. This will give us five weeks to get our votes in.

Now on to another matter that I feel needs to be addressed and I hope that you all can hear me out on this. First of all let me start off by saying that I think that Social Media is a great way to not only promote our club but to also a great way to stay connected with other breeders from around the world. As an organization, we should take great pride that birds rank right up there with the best in the world and we should be able to use this platform to promote those birds and our hobby. That being

said lets please try to watch what we are saying on social media platforms. It does not matter if it is Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Etc; the point with social media is that everyone can see it in one way or another. Please let us not be putting others down, airing out "dirty laundry", let's keep it positive and upbeat. Some of the stuff that I have seen actually made me ashamed of our club and made me wonder what other clubs and other people must think about us. If we are using Social Media, can we all please try and use it for the good that it needs to be and make our club look great instead of a bunch of people that don't agree and can't get along? This will not bring other members in and it will turn new members as well as some old members away. Please remember that when you hit that send button that the whole world can see what you just said and let's try to think twice about what we are about to send. Thank you for letting me rant about this as this is important to us all.

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Official United Swallow Club Ballot

Vote for 2018 Annual Meet location and Judge

Annual Meet/Judge: check the box next to the show site you are voting for

- Des Moines, Iowa State Pigeon Show December 7 & 8, 2018**
- Judge: Perry Mueller
- Judge: Leon Stephens
- Write in vote – must be from Certified Judge list below
- _____

- St Louis, MO January 4 & 5, 2019**
- Judge Leon Stephens
- Write in vote – must be from Certified Judge list below
- _____

Below is a list of the USC Certified judges:

Steve Ball	Ron Declément	Bill Griebel	Dave Harris
Perry Mueller	Steve Ripper	Gary Romig	Leon Stephens
Mike Swanson	Nate Wayne	*Gloria Weisgram	European Judges

* Not available this year

Send, Phone or email your Choices to Election Commissioner:

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Voting will close on June 8 2018

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Hummel Cook Paintings

Perry mueller

I got a call the other morning from Paul Cash, Lynn Hummel's son-in-law. He said he was finally willing to part with those two Cook paintings he had hanging on his wall. When Lynn passed away they had them framed and enjoyed them all these years.

Lynn had a title for the black fullhead swallow. It was called eclipse the ideal swallow. I have some pictures from the

late 60s of Lynn displaying swallows at the national shows and what's interesting is that he would take that Cook painting and put it behind some of the cages with the swallows in it and he would also have little swallow figurines and 6 x 6 plates with pigeons painted on them on display. For a swallow guy these paintings are treasures.

Central district news

Perry mueller

By now everyone should be off to a good start with their breeding. I'm starting to band the second round now, before you know it the season will be over. At this time we will be having two meets in our district, one at Louisville in October and one in Des Moines in December. I will give further details in the next bulletin on dates and times. I understand that Des Moines might possibly be our annual meeting. Good luck to everyone this year.

The Judges Corner

Bill Griebel

Several things to think about: One, you trainee judges need to get your judging info to me as soon as you can. I know there are a few of you out there, Dave, George, Mike and others who need to do this to get credit for your efforts.

Second, I want to emphasize how important the walk-around process is to our judging program. I've seen several judges get themselves in a corner by not doing a walk-around. Many times, we start our judging with the weaker classes and if the judge starts the ratings on the high side then the rest of the ratings at times will tend to be higher. This makes for a show with most of the ratings top heavy on the high side. Or a judge may start with low ratings and may stay low. What we should strive for is a range in the ratings from top to bottom. Some judges put a mark on the coop card that is turned around top note the birds he or she thinks might be the higher rated birds and asks the scribe to alert them to those marks. Use whatever system works for you but remember, when the coop card is brought up front with the bird, the judge should never look at it.

Third, when a certified judge is ready to assign an "E" and is not quite sure about the procedure (there are three options by the way) there is information in our certified judges program on line outlining these procedures. The Certified Judge and the "person in charge" should have a copy of this at the show for reference.

Select a second judge that is void of as many conflicts as possible. Sometimes some conflicts are unavoidable or if there are too many conflicts the judge can choose not to award an "E". Remember, at no time can a USC Certified Judge at an USC Annual Meet award an "E" without a second judge's approval.

Just a few thoughts to help our new prospective judges proceed in the judging training process.

Now it's Question and Survey time.

Question: Can a lesser quality bird (a bird from a color/marking group, say red or yellow) beat a better quality bird? My answer is that the lesser quality bird should not. A judge has the option to award a lesser quality bird (a bird with a higher "degree of difficulty" in breeding) a higher rating. This is why a walk-around is so important, the judge will be able to see the overall quality of the show and NOT get themselves in a corner that they can't get out. Caution, going too high on a lesser bird can get them into other problems when awarding Res. Champ, BOS or Best Young.

Survey: If you have a non USC Certified Judge judging a USC meet and they feel a bird should get the "E" rating can two USC Certified Judges who are at the show with little or no conflicts be called in to award an "E"?

Email or call me with your opinions on the Question and Survey issues.

Western District News

Bill Griebel

Not much happening in the far west, we are all so busy with other things in life that we are having trouble scheduling a meeting to set up a schedule for the year. Unofficially we have decided not to put in a bid for USC Annual Meet with the Pageant of Pigeons this year. Rumor has it that the NPA National will be here in town for the 2019 show season, some time in January 2020. Our plans for that one is to bring in a European judge again so we will be saving up our money for the next two years. Possibly the judging for the Pageant will be done in-house by our local breeders.

George de la Nuez is having a good start again this year with 20 plus babies our so far. I've mated my birds late this year but have a couple good ones soooo look out George! Leon Stephens is breeding a few as is Steve Ball and Arnold Chaney.

Traditionally, we have a silent auction associated with our shows and this year is no exception. Always good things available, like pairs of birds, books, art and other pigeon related items. Get ready to donate, Griebel is going to bug you!

Hope all USC members are having a great breeding season and good luck at the shows.



Blue White Bar Fairy Swallow at the NPA National in Amarillo TX, bred and owned by Mike Swanson

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