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# Swallow Club



## President's Message

by Bill Griebel

There is no doubt in my mind that the 1993 show season was a great success. More shows were staged and more birds were shown across the country than I've seen in a long time. It was fun to see the enthusiasm of the exhibitors, I feel everyone had a good time. If you think about it, the birds bring us together but it's the people who make it special.

Recently, I communicated with all our club officers to get their opinion on two issues. The main issue was to confirm a director for the Canadian District. All areas are important to us when promoting our Swallows and Canada is no exception. I would like to welcome Ron Hornby to the role of Canadian District Director and look forward to working with him promoting our Swallows.

The other issue has to do with bands. We were sold out of 1994 bands by January 1, 1994. David Harris suggested we increase our 1995 band order for muffed Swallows by 300. The entire Board agreed and Secretary Harris has ordered the additional amount.

I just can't say enough about the results of our raffle and bird auction at the Des Moines annual meet. Elliot Yeske, our raffle chairman, was the driving force behind the raffle and hustled the three Swallow figurines to begin the project. Many, many thanks to all the members who additionally donated time and items to make us a slick \$190 profit! Thanks again, everyone.

And when it comes to the bird auction, no one does it better than our ole Secretary, David Harris. He is quite an auctioneer and has earned us a lot of money over the last few years. Thank you, David, and thanks to our auction donors who have been very generous, donating the quality pairs that helped David make the program work. Everyone wins here – new exhibitors get quality stock and the club gets healthy. We collected a cool \$560 in that effort. Super!

On the less positive side, kind of good news-bad news, while attending the Portland National I

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discovered the new Book of Standards was void of our Swallow Standards – completely! I raised quite a stink with the NPA brass and they voted to retrofit all future spiral bound books with the Swallow Standards before any more were sent out – at NPA's expense. This word came from NPA Secretary Jerry McCalmon and my suggestion here is to make sure the upgrading is done before you lay down the bucks. Enough said!

I've communicated with Mike Swanson, our Judging Committee Chairman, and he advised me that he would submit some material by the Spring bulletin. I'm looking forward to this project being completed. As many of us has seen, having a qualified judge at our annual meets has really made the difference. All districts seem to be in tune with the judging program – things are getting better.

At the Des Moines Annual meet, we discussed the possible revision of our standard. All agreed that it was a good idea. I suggested that Nate Wayne would be my choice as committee chairman and that met with full agreement. Nate will have a message in this bulletin discussing what he has done up to this point and who has been appointed to the committee. Also note in this bulletin the current muffed Swallow standard. We are asking the membership to look the standard over and if you have suggested changes, send them to Nate by April 1, 1994. At that time, he will compile the information and refer to the committee for study. We will start with the muffed Standard first and then in the Spring bulletin the CL standard will be published with a new target date set for members to make suggestions. Get involved – these are your standards.

With the addition of our new Canadian director, Ron Hornby, it might be a good time to discuss directors responsibilities. I would like to suggest to everyone, officers and members alike, to read the section in the Constitution and By-Laws regarding district directors. Along with what is stated in that

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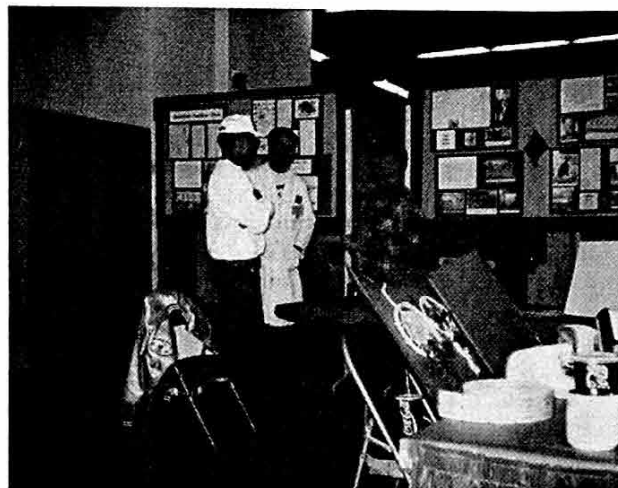
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section, I've suggested to Ron, and this goes for all directors, to call or write various members in your district several times a year, preferably prior to bulletins, and write a little about these members for the bulletin. All officers will be supplied with a schedule of USC events for the 1994 year and should help directors get their material to the bulletin editor in time. A director can appoint an assistant to help organize shows, awards, functions, etc. with districts as large as ours. An assistant can organize one area of a district while the director organizes the other area. This way we increase our activities, exposure to the fancy, and increase the number of shows and numbers of birds at our shows. Now there is nothing keeping members from volunteering to help organize a show in their area. It only helps. Gus Coletti, of New York, is a case in point here. He organized the Eastern meet, calling members, getting commitments, and arranging for awards. Because of his efforts the show went off well – Thanks, Gus! Additionally, if you sell a pair of birds, you might want to dedicate some of the money to pay their dues. Who knows, when these people see our quality bulletin and see us in action at our shows, they probably will stay around. Finally, send your district show sites and dates to David Harris by August 1. We need to advertise these in our publications so this means you need to contact members reasonably soon. The more shows the better.

#### *Things for us to do . . .*

1. Nominate a site and judge for our 1994 Annual Meet
2. Send Nate suggestions for the update of the muffed Swallow standard by April 1st
3. Set up district meets for 1994 by August 1st
4. Communicate in general with your district director
5. Help your district director any way you can
6. Think about a pair of birds to auction off at our annual meet.

And for gosh sakes, take this hobby of our seriously! What I mean is that you spend a lot of time and money on your hobby so don't discount the importance of it. I hear too many people say "Oh, they're only just pigeons!" If one really feels that way, then why spend so much time and money with them? Its time to be proud of them, carry pictures with you, explain them to people whenever possible. We need to do a class program from our breeding program, to our conditioning program, to our show program and then to promote them to the public in general.



Dave Harris, Bill Grlebel, Harold Schroedl

## SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

by David Harris

Hello, Everyone!

Well, the show season has ended and I am looking forward to the upcoming breeding season. I hope to get started mating birds in a few weeks. The weather has been very cold here in Minnesota this winter but only a few more weeks and things will start to thaw out.

The club has had a really good year for membership participation at all the shows this past season. We have a lot of new members who have lots of enthusiasm, ideas, and are willing to go the extra effort to make things work.

As you are aware, we have made some changes in the club that will help all of us in the coming years.

The raising of dues was passed by the membership from \$7.50 to \$10.00 per year. The cost of postage, printing and overall expenses made this necessary.

Last year at the Lancaster National, we voted to increase our 1994 band order by 600 bands. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough. I sold every band I had before the end of December - 2500 muffed and 300 CL. We have again increased our 1995 band order another 300 muffed bands. Hopefully, this will help. I talked to Gary Romig about this and he stated that a few years back, we used to only sell 1000 muffed bands. The interest in Swallows has really grown in a few short years.

I was only able to attend one show this year at our Annual meet in Des Moines, Iowa, this past December. What a great time we all had! One hundred sixteen Swallows exhibited by 13 members. This was one of our biggest shows in recent years and the quality of birds was very nice. It is always a pleasure to see all my friends. Time was precious as we had a lot to do in a short period of time. Everything went smooth, thanks to everyone that attended and helped out. Thank you to everyone that attended.

Our new additions to the club were a success. The raffle, auction and hat sales really helped the club's treasury.

Hopefully, we can start saving a few bucks this year. We spent a lot last season but, it was necessary in order to put the club in lights. By the way, I still have a few hats left at \$10 each postpaid. Next year, I will have something different to generate interest among the members. You would be surprised how many non-members bought a hat and attended the Swallow raffle and auction at Des Moines.

Our President, Bill Griebel, has done an excellent job leading the club the past two years. He has attended many shows out of the California area and always shows his and Bill Griebel, Jr.'s fine Swallows. Someday Bill will get the message that you gotta bring more than a T-shirt to wear at the shows where temps are below 30°. I think he had 56 colds these past two years.

Well, thats about it for now, members. I have really enjoyed these past few years as the Secretary/Treasurer. Thank you for electing me for another two year term. I'll try my best to help the club and the Swallows thrive.

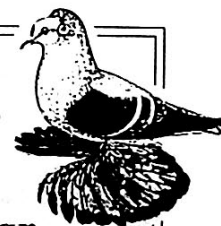
God Bless and have a safe and prosperous 1994.

### YEAR-END FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on October 20, 1993		\$ 53.98
INCOME:		
Dues	\$ 265.00	
Bands	405.00	
Donations	166.00	
NYBS Rebate	26.00	
Des Moines Rebate	116.00	
Reading Rebate	78.75	
Des Moines Raffle	295.00	
Des Moines Auction (11 pr.)	568.00	
Hat & Patch Sales	<u>160.00</u>	
		2079.75
EXPENSE:		
Airfare Balance (Romig)	73.00	
Postage	46.74	
Balance '94 Bands NPA	148.50	
Half '95 Band Order NPA	152.50	
300 Additional '95 bands	33.90	
Phone (Oct, Nov, Dec)	38.55	
Hats and Patch Order	302.50	
NYBS Awards (Romig)	50.00	
National Awards (Romig)	50.00	
Advertising (Pigeon Fancier)	18.25	
Band Mailers	13.30	
Bulletins - printing, postage	<u>108.13</u>	
		(1036.37)
Balance on January 23, 1994		<u>\$ 1097.36</u>

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## MEETING MINUTES

### Annual Meet

December 3, 1993 — Des Moines, Iowa

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Griebel at 9:20 p.m. Friday evening at the Best Western Starlight Village Hotel. Minutes were taken by Dave Harris, Secretary/Treasurer, United Swallow Club. In attendance were Bill Griebel, Dave Harris, Gloria Weisgram, Chuck Ludenia, Cal Breadhoff, Norm House, Lynn Burke, Gus Colleti, Bob Divilbliss, Perry Mueller, Nate Wayne, Elliot Yeske, Gary Romig, Merle Starr, Greg Volske, and guest Ron White.

Meeting was called to order with Bill asking Gary to show everyone the awards for the Swallow Meet.

Discussion on how the raffle would be conducted on Saturday. It was unanimous, the Swallow statues could be selected first by the winning ticket holders then the remainder of the tickets would be placed in one raffle can. Winning ticket holders could pick anything they wished.

Dave Harris gave a financial report. Advising that the treasury was a bit low with \$38.16 but we would be fine after the show with band sales, dues, auction and raffle.

Bill congratulated the members on how well the club was doing with new members, enthusiasm, entries and participation. Bill passed out judging comment cards used in Southern California. Discussion was held on possible implementing this for future USC meets.

Discussion on increasing size of muffed band. Presently .432. It was decided to leave the current size as is. If breeders experience the band being too tight on a vast majority of birds, we would consider increasing the size.

Bill announced that Gloria Weisgram is the recipient of this year's 1993 NPA Outstanding Service Award. Gary Romig was the recipient in 1992.

Discussion on implementing a USC Swallow archives. This will begin with originals or copies of materials, photos, show reports, articles, etc. will be accepted.

Meet Program: Gloria and Mary were congratulated on the fine job they did on the meet's program.

Discussion was held to have this at every Annual Meet. Advertising would be accepted from breeders to defray the cost of printing.

Discussion on cutting down on expenses for advertising. It was decided to advertise our meets in the classified section of the *Pigeon Fancier* and *Pigeon Debut*. Possibly one \$30 ad would be run just prior to show season to announce all upcoming meets.

Bill Griebel presented the President's Award to Dave Harris for his efforts with the Swallow Club.

Bill discussed changing the Swallow Standard. Re-evaluate existing standard as to the correct interpretation of major and minor faults. Bill entertained a motion for a committee to be set up to look into those portions of the Standard that would be considered for change. Motion was passed with Nate Wayne to spearhead the committee. Members for the committee will be selected at a later date.

No further business, Dave Harris motioned to adjourn. Passed and meeting was completed at 10:22 pm.

Dave Harris, Secretary-Treasurer

## CENTRAL DISTRICT

### Perry Mueller, Director

I hope everyone has had a great holiday this year. I think most of us are waiting for winter to end. This time of year is not good for breeding Swallows.

I guess the biggest thing that went on in the Central District was the Annual Meet in Des Moines.

It was a success and a good time was had by all. Gary Romig did a great job of judging. Thanks again, Gary!

As usual, Gloria and Mary did a great job of decorating and handling the show. It was good to see a lot of the members and their wives again. Also we had a meeting Friday night with a lot of good discussion. Hopefully, we will be talking some more about those topics in the upcoming bulletins.

## National Young Bird Show Results

Louisville, KY — October 23, 1993

Judge: Nate Wayne

Exhibitors: Five

### SILESIAN SWALLOWS (10)

YC	Howard Angevine	#1546	S3
YC	Howard Angevine	#1521	S4
YC	Howard Angevine	#1540	S1

#### Best Silesian

YC	Cal Breadhoff	#80	S5
YC	Cal Breadhoff	#604	S2
YC	Cal Breadhoff	#638	G1
YC	Cal Breadhoff	#637	G2
YH	Howard Angevine	#1531	S2
YH	Cal Breadhoff	#630	S1
YH	Cal Breadhoff	#642	G

### FAIRY SWALLOWS (9)

YC	Dave Harris	#200	S1
<i>Best Fairy &amp; Champion</i>			
YC	Howard Angevine	#1543	S3
YC	Howard Angevine	#1541	S5
YC	Howard Angevine	#1542	S4
YC	Norm House	#756	S2
YC	Norm House	#771	S6
YH	Howard Angevine	#1512	S3
YH	Howard Angevine	#1528	S1
YH	Norm House	#757	S2

### FULLHEAD SWALLOWS (3)

YC	Dave Harris	#214	G
YH	Howard Angevine	#1503	G2
YH	Mike Vandersluis	#706	G1

*Best Fullhead*

## United Swallow Club — Annual Meet

Hosted by: The Iowa State Pigeon Association, Inc.  
Des Moines, Iowa — December 3-4, 1993

116 Swallows exhibited

*Judge:* Gary Romig. *Exhibitors:* Cal Breadhoff, Bob Divelbiss, Bill Griebel, Jr., Bill Griebel, Sr., David C. Harris, Norm House, Jessica Knittel (Junior member), Perry Mueller, Harold Schroedl, Merle Starr, Nate Wayne, Gloria Weisgram, Elliot Yeske

*The Iowa State Pigeon Association expresses a BIG THANK YOU to each exhibitor for showing at our 68th Annual Show. We invite you to return next year on December 3, 1994.*

<b>FULLHEAD SWALLOWS (21)</b>		<b>Silver Barless OH</b>		<b>Blue Barless OH</b>	
<b>Black Barless OC</b>		#662 Perry Mueller	HS4	#1 Bill Griebel Jr.	S
#4 Dave Harris	S4	#664 Perry Mueller	S2	#545 Perry Mueller	E
#596 Dave Harris	HS	#697 Perry Mueller	S1	<i>Best &amp; Champion Swallow</i>	
#672 Dave Harris	S2	#449 Nate Wayne	HS1	#918 Nate Wayne	HS
#1129 Merle Starr	S1	<i>Best Silver Barless</i>		<b>Blue Barless YC</b>	
#356 Elliot Yeske	G	#454 Nate Wayne	HS3	#512 Nate Wayne	HS
#1358 Elliot Yeske	S3	#709 Nate Wayne	HS2	#1 Gloria Weisgram	S2
<b>Black Barless OH</b>		<b>Silver Barless YC</b>		#9 Gloria Weisgram	S1
#321 Dave Harris	S1	#252 Bill Griebel Jr.	HS1	<b>Blue Barless YH</b>	
#20 Elliot Yeske	G	#417 Perry Mueller	HS3	#427 Perry Mueller	HS2
#197 Merle Starr	S2	#418 Perry Mueller	S4	#500 Nate Wayne	HS1
<b>Black Barless YC</b>		#449 Perry Mueller	S1	#11 Gloria Weisgram	S
#246 Dave Harris	E	#510 Nate Wayne	S3	#23 Gloria Weisgram	S
<i>Best &amp; Champion Young Swallow</i>		#540 Nate Wayne	S2	<b>Blue Black Bar OC</b>	
#133 Elliot Yeske	G	#3 Gloria Weisgram	S5	#193 Bill Griebel Jr.	S2
<b>Black Barless YH</b>		#506 Nate Wayne	HS2	#801 Bill Griebel Jr.	S1
#170 Elliot Yeske	G	<b>Silver Barless YH</b>		<b>Blue Black Bar OH</b>	
<b>Black White Bar OC</b>		#614 Cal Breadhoff	S3	#73 Bill Griebel Jr.	HS
#802 Cal Breadhoff	S	#920 Bill Griebel Jr.	HS4	<b>Blue Black Bar YC</b>	
<i>Best Black W/B Fullhead</i>		#407 Perry Mueller	S2	#642 Cal Breadhoff	S1
#1361 Elliot Yeske	G	#505 Nate Wayne	HS2	#377 Jessica Knittel	S2
<b>Black White Bar OH</b>		#514 Nate Wayne	HS3	<b>Blue Black Bar YH</b>	
#934 Elliot Yeske	S	#507 Nate Wayne	S1	#266 Bill Griebel Jr.	HS1
<b>Black White Bar YC</b>		#523 Nate Wayne	HS2	<i>Best &amp; Best Young Silesian</i>	
#636 Cal Breadhoff	S	<b>Silver Check OC</b>		#265 Bill Griebel Jr.	HS2
<b>Blue Black Bar OC</b>		#900 Nate Wayne	S1	<b>Blue Check OC</b>	
#530 Dave Harris	G	<b>Silver Check YC</b>		#335 Perry Mueller	HS
<b>Blue Black Bar OH</b>		#637 Cal Breadhoff	G	<b>Blue Check OH</b>	
#502 Dave Harris	G	#343 Nate Wayne	S1	#252 Perry Mueller	S
<b>Blue Barless OC</b>		#348 Nate Wayne	S2	<b>Blue Check YC</b>	
#32 Dave Harris	S	<b>Silver Check YH</b>		#638 Cal Breadhoff	S
<b>Black Spangle OC</b>		#520 Nate Wayne	S2	#263 Bill Griebel Jr.	HS
#170 Dave Harris	G	#508 Nate Wayne	S1	<i>Best Check</i>	
<b>Blue Check OC</b>		<b>Silver Bar YH</b>		<b>Black Barless OH</b>	
#775 Dave Harris	G	#630 Cal Breadhoff	S	#811 Gloria Weisgram	S
<b>SILESIAN SWALLOWS (61)</b>		#378 Jessica Knittel	G	<b>Black Barless YH</b>	
<b>Silver Barless OC</b>		<b>Blue Barless OC</b>		#26 Gloria Weisgram	HS
#1088 Perry Mueller	HS2	#241 Perry Mueller	HS1	<b>Black White Bar OC</b>	
#949 Perry Mueller	HS1	#597 Perry Mueller	HS2	#322 Harold Schroedl	S
		#680 Perry Mueller	S	#340 Harold Schroedl	G
		#146 Nate Wayne	HS3	<b>Black White Bar OH</b>	
				#565 Harold Schroedl	G1
				#6772 Harold Schroedl	G2

ANNUAL MEET RESULTS continued

**FAIRY SWALLOWS (23)**

**Black White Bar OC**

#0	Bill Griebel, Sr.	HS2
#415	Bill Griebel, Sr.	HS1
#44	Dave Harris	S
#630	Dave Harris	HS3
#649	Norm House	HS4
#254	Norm House	G
#252	Norm House	G

**Black White Bar OH**

#17	Bill Griebel, Sr.	HS2
#90	Bill Griebel, Sr.	S1
#62	Dave Harris	S2
#480	Dave Harris	HS1
#893	Norm House	S3

**Black White Bar YC**

#203	Bill Griebel, Sr.	HS2
#242	Bill Griebel, Sr.	HS1
#214	Dave Harris	S1
#757	Norm House	S3
#756	Norm House	S2

**Black White Bar YH**

#200	Bill Griebel, Sr.	HS
	<i>Best Fairy Swallow</i>	
#262	Bill Griebel, Sr.	S

**Blue White Bar OC**

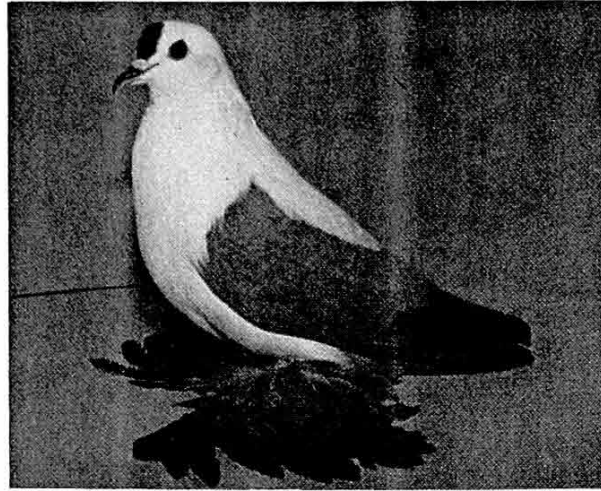
#86	Dave Harris	G
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**Black Spangle OH**

#635	Dave Harris	S
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**Red Spangle YH**

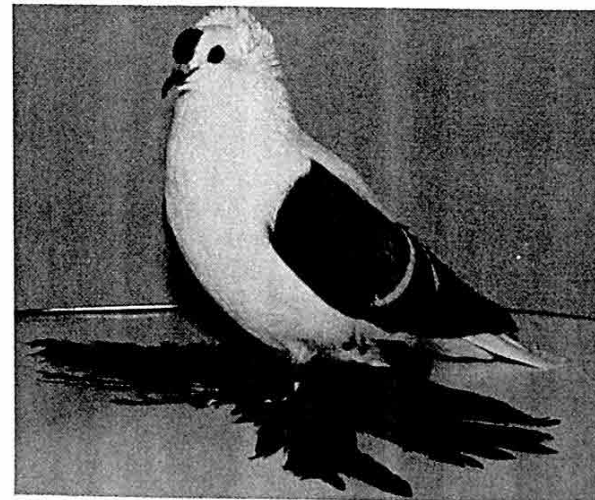
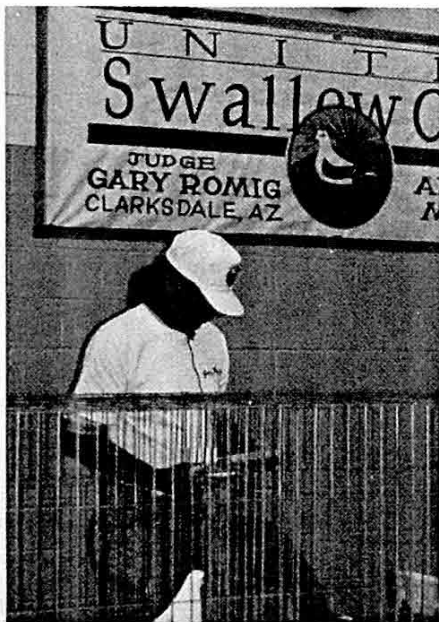
#111	Elliot Yeske	G
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Champlon Swallow and Best Silesian  
Bred and owned by Perry Mueller



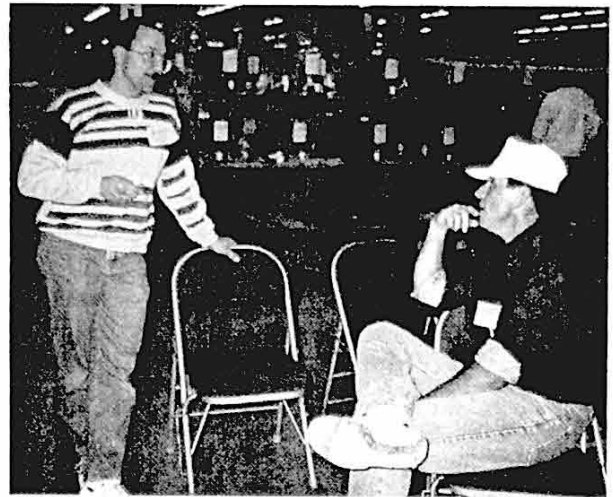
Champlon Young Swallow and Best Fullhead  
Bred and owned by Dave Harris



Best Fairy Swallow  
Bred and owned by Bill Griebel, Sr.



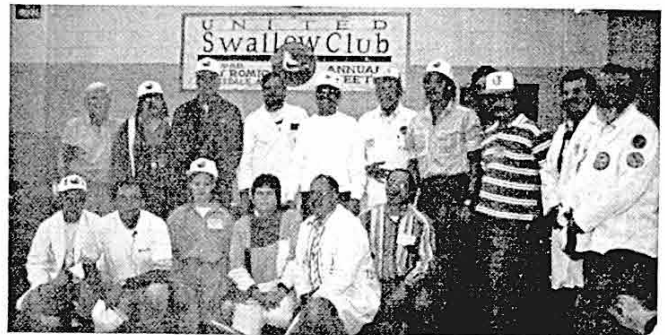
USC Members checking their raffle tickets



Perry Mueller, Gary Romig talk Swallows



Mary Hapala, Gloria Weisgram, Judge Gary Romig



USC Members In attendance at Annual Meet



Gloria Weisgram, Cal Breadhoff

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**Swallow Club**

*1993 Annual Meet*

# EASTERN DISTRICT REPORT

Howard Angevine, Director

The Eastern District Swallow meet was held at Reading, PA, January 8, 1994 and had a total of 62 entries, 10 of which were no shows due to bad weather, snow and freezing rain.

Members present were Gus Coletti, Lothar Beer, Bob Dean, Howard Angevine, and Merle Starr. Merle did the judging and was hard but fair, my thanks to Merle for a good job well done. A special thanks to Gus Coletti for putting this meet together. Thanks, Gus!

There were 25 Fairy Swallows, 17 Silesians, nine Fullheads and one Tiger, for a total of 52 Swallows shown.

### NPA AWARD

Howard Angevine

### FAIRY SWALLOWS

<b>Black White Bar</b>			
OC #128	Beer		G
OC #415	Coletti		S2
OC #538	Coletti		S3
OC #411	Angevine		S1
OH #450	Beer		S1
	<i>Best Old Hen</i>		
OH #154	Beer		S2
YC #200	Coletti		S1
	<i>Best Young Cock</i>		
YC #605	Angevine		S2
YC #1572	Angevine		S3

<b>Blue White Bar</b>			
OC #931	Coletti		G
OC	Angevine		G
OH #182	Angevine		G
YC #1599	Angevine		S
YH #1512	Angevine		S
<b>Black Spangle</b>			
OH #224	Angevine		S
YC #1543	Angevine		S
YH #1528	Angevine		S
	<i>Best Fairy Swallow</i>		

<b>Black Barless</b>			
OC #852	Dean		G
OC #60	Coletti		G
OH #542	Coletti		G
OH #58	Coletti		G
OH #855	Dean		G

<b>Silver White Bar</b>			
YH #1584	Angevine		G
YH #1542	Angevine		G

<b>Yellow Barless</b>			
OC #646	Coletti		G

### SILESIA SWALLOWS

<b>Black White Bar</b>			
OC #351	Beer		G
OC #1287	Dean		G
OH #778	Beer		G
OH #1359	Dean		G
OH #924	Angevine		S
	<i>Best Silesian</i>		

<b>Black Barless</b>			
OC #819	Coletti		G
OH #706	Angevine		S
YC #1540	Angevine		G

<b>Blue Barless</b>			
OC #1045	Coletti		G
OC #869	Coletti		G
OC #424	Colasacco		G
OH #869	Coletti		G
OH #831	Coletti		G

<b>Blue Black Bar</b>			
OH #72	Coletti		G
OH #393	Coletti		G

<b>Blue White Bar</b>			
OH #444	Coletti		G

<b>Silver Black Bar</b>			
OH #1366	Colasacco		G

### SAXON FULLHEADS

<b>Black Barless</b>			
OC #243	Coletti		
OC #380	Angevine		HS
	<i>Best and Champion Swallow</i>		
OC #153	Dean		G
OH #188	Coletti		S2
OH #291	Coletti		S1
OH #364	Angevine		HS
OH #765	Dean		G

<b>Blue Check</b>			
OC #98	Coletti		G
	<i>Best Blue Check</i>		

<b>Red Barless</b>			
OC #289	Coletti		G

### TIGER SWALLOW

<b>Black</b>			
OC #1074	Beer		G



Howard Angevine, Merle Starr



Lothar Beer, Gus Coletti, Howard Angevine, Merle Starr



## WESTERN DISTRICT REPORT

Steve Ball, Director

I am pleased to be the USC Western District Director this year. I have been a member of the club for approximately 25 years, have reaped the benefits but have not participated in the management of the organization. I look forward to working with Bill Griebel, David Harris, Mike Swanson, our wonderful bulletin editor Gloria Weisgram and the other officers.

Bill is an organized, enthusiastic and successful breeder of Swallows who is always willing to help other breeders with advice as well as good birds when possible. He has approached his job as President of the USC with the same enthusiasm and commitment in an effort to promote top quality Swallow breeding, showing and breeder comradeship across the country. Bill's excellent leadership is appreciated.

The two major Western District shows this season were held at the Los Angeles Pigeon Club's Pageant of Pigeons and the NPA National Show in Portland, Oregon. Both Swallow exhibitions (meets) were co-managed by the USC and the Southern California Color Pigeon Club members. Even though the Swallows were not sponsored by the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club, we did enjoy working with Rare Breeds Club members Mike Lerp, Terry Fick, Linda Anderson in managing the color pigeon/rare breeds competition.

There were 36 Swallows exhibited at the Pageant. The birds were panel judged by Tom McCaig and Mike Cobb. Tom is a "seasoned" Swallow judge and Mike is a "Swallow judge in training". The results of the show are listed in this bulletin. Very nice framed and matted photos of color pigeon prints from collectable German books prepared by George DeLa Nuez were presented to the winners.



Salmon Feast



Godfrey Ernst, George DeLa Nuez, Steve Ball

Twenty-eight Swallows were exhibited at the Portland National. I had the privilege of judging the birds. Nate Wayne and Elliot Yeske flew in from Minnesota. It is always a pleasure to visit with these enthusiastic breeders. The Champion was an outstanding blue white bar Saxon Fairy Swallow hen bred and owned by Rudy Sabo. I felt this hen had all the qualities to justify an "E" rating. Tom McCaig, the designated second judge, evaluated the bird and agreed. The fine quality of this hen warrants description: She was presented in excellent show condition. Her body was full and her form exemplified the desired Saxon color pigeon type. Her color was clean and clear, her markings were almost perfect with a nice symmetrical spot; her back (heart) was broad and perfectly closed; her thin bars were of uniform width, clean white with an even dark edging and separated (finger width) at the top as required; the layered wide feathered muffs were full, perfectly curved, well colored with the desired wrap into the hock and crest was well placed upon the head with rosettes at eye level. I was pleased to find out from Bill Griebel after the judging that Werner Zahn rated this bird "HS" as a young bird at the CA National. With age, she developed in body to the "E" rating level. Werner is a licensed German judge considered to be the premier Swallow judge. It is obvious that we Americans value and appreciate the same type of Swallow he does as the consensus at Portland was that this pigeon was indeed exceptional.

Our Northwest members are to be commended for their wonderful hospitality. David Holloway, Frank Bailey and Frillback breeder Darrel Martin outdid themselves helping us enjoy our stay in Portland. The Salmon Feast for color pigeon and frillback breeders at Dave's home was a highpoint of the trip.

I wish all USC members a great breeding season and look forward to communicating with you throughout the year. If West District members have information they would like conveyed to the membership, please write or telephone me at (818) 705-4720.

# 1993 PORTLAND NATIONAL

Judge: Steve Ball

## FAIRY SWALLOW

### Blue Spangle YH

- #951 Dave Holloway S
- #950 Dave Holloway G
- #999 Dave Holloway G

### Silver Spangle YH

- #908 Dave Holloway G

### Blue White Bar YC

- #111 Rudy Sabo HS

### Blue White Bar OH

- #740 Rudy Sabo E
- Champion*

- #3 Rudy Sabo S

### Blue White Bar OC

- #694 Rudy Sabo S
- #4 Rudy Sabo G

### Black White Bar OH

- #844 Bill Griebel S
- #220 Bill Griebel G

### Black White Bar OC

- #5 Bill Griebel G
- #931 Bill Griebel G

## SILESIAN SWALLOW

### Red Barless OC

- #500 Ed Kreutzer G

### Silver Barless YH

- #514 Nate Wayne S
- #505 Nate Wayne G
- #523 Nate Wayne G

### Silver Barless YC

- #506 Nate Wayne HS
- Best Young and Best Silesian*

- #510 Nate Wayne S1
- #540 Nate Wayne S2

### Silver Barless OH

- #449 Nate Wayne S1
- #454 Nate Wayne S2

### Yellow Spangle OH

- #503 Ed Kreutzer G

## FULLHEAD SWALLOW

### Black White Bar OH

- #934 Elliot Yeske S
- Best Fullhead*

### Black Barless OC

- #1358 Elliot Yeske S

## CLEAN LEG SWALLOW

### Red Check OC

- #6587 Dave Holloway G

### Yellow Check OC

- #740 Dave Holloway G

### Silver Dun Bar OH

- #854 Dave Holloway S
- Best Clean Leg*

## The Portland National

by Nate Wayne

I always look forward to an opportunity to attend "The National". I am not sure if it's the show, the friends you don't otherwise see or the fact almost any other place is warmer than Minnesota in January. My father, Elliot Yeske and myself flew from Minneapolis to Portland with our birds for the show. They are both a lot of fun to travel with and Elliot is a low-key, patient, very tolerant guy except when it comes to snoring.

Thanks should go to Darrel Martin, Dave Holloway and Mike Cobb for feeding and transporting us during our visit. Dave's wife was very understanding when she came home at 10:00 p.m. and found her house full of pigeon fanciers eating supper. I also saw Tom McCaig and Frank Bailey again and enjoyed visiting with them.

There were not as many Swallows entered as Des Moines but still somewhere around 30 birds. The champion bird was a blue white-bar Fairy old hen entered by Rudy Sabo. This bird was rated "E" and made a particularly strong impression in the area of muffs, bars, station and crest. Congratulations Rudy! Best wishes in the current breeding season.



Swallow Club members at NPA Banquet



Darrel Martin, Frank Bailey, Mike Cobb



Elliot Yeske, Bill Griebel, Steve Ball

## PAGEANT OF PIGEONS

Judges: Mike Cobb/ Tom McCaig

### FULLEHADS (2)

#### Blue White Bar

YC #390 Leon Stephens S  
*Best Fullhead*

OH #435 Leon Stephens G

### FAIRY (11)

#### Black Spangle

YH #324 Leon Stephens HS  
*Best Fairy and Best Young*

#### Black White Bar

OH #222 Steve Ball S

YC #350 Leon Stephens S1

YC #348 Leon Stephens S2

YC #841 Steve Ball G

YC #90 George DeLa Nuez G

YH #327 Leon Stephens S1

YH #518 Leon Stephens S2

YH #156 George DeLa Nuez G

#### Blue White Bar

YC #1035 George DeLa Nuez S

YH #841 George DeLa Nuez S

### SILESIAN

#### Blue Black Bar

OC #185 Bill Griebel Jr. HS  
*Champion and Best Silesian*

OC #158 Bill Griebel Jr. S

#### Blue Black Bar

YC #287 Bill Griebel Jr. S

#### Silver Barless

YH #920 Bill Griebel Jr. S

#### Silver Dun Bar

OH #77 Bill Griebel Jr. HS

OH #286 Leon Stephens G

#### Blue Check

OC #777 Leon Stephens S

#### Blue Check

OH #225 Leon Stephens S

#### Silver Check

OH #149 Leon Stephens S

### CLEAN LEG THURINGER (7)

#### Blue Black Bar

OC #658 Zee Shalizi S1  
*Best Thuringer*

OC #701 K. Siddigui S2

OC #477 K. Siddigui G

#### Blue Black Bar

OH #100 K. Siddigui G

OH #26 K. Siddigui G

#### Blue Barless

OH #25 K. Siddigui S

#### Ash Red Barless

YH #21 Dave Holloway G

## Reviewing the Standard

by Nate Wayne

The past couple of years, several members have commented about the length of time that has elapsed since the standard was last reviewed. At the recent membership meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, it was decided Bill Griebel and I would work together to form a committee to begin this process. The individuals who have agreed to serve on this committee are: Howard Angevine from the Eastern District; Perry Mueller from the Central District; and Leon Stephens from the Western District. Calvin Breadhoff has agreed to serve the committee in a consulting capacity and Gary Romig will be in charge of artwork. Although I will provide some input as chairman, my main role will be that of a facilitator and coordinator. All of these people have bred Swallows for a number of years and I look forward to working with them.

This process will begin with a period of time for the membership to review the Standard and then to communicate to myself or other committee members their thoughts. This input could include clarifications, suggested revisions or items you felt strongly about that should not be changed.

I encourage all members to study the standard as included in this bulletin. We would like to receive your ideas by April 1st. I realize this time frame is ambitious but it is our desire that the committee be able to bring to the membership recommendations that if accepted, could be voted on by the membership not more than a year from now. It is your club and your standard. Please take the time to assist the committee with your thoughts.

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- Dave Harris

## Muffed Swallow Standard

### OFFICIAL U.S.C. SWALLOW STANDARD FOR SILESIAN, SAXON FAIRY AND FULLHEAD SWALLOWS

**Homeland:** Saxony and Bohemia.

**Appearance:** Blocky, the size of a field pigeon (common pigeon), heavily muffed, squatty in appearance, shell crested or smooth headed.

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BREED

**Head:** Dovelike in those birds without crest (Silesian Swallows). Higher in the frontal and wider at the back of the skull for those birds with shell crest. Size of the head must be in proportion to the size of the body. Not snake headed. In crested birds, the shell is round, thick and ending on both sides in well defined rosettes.

**Eyes:** Dark (bull), eye cere small, with skin color flesh color to red, fine in texture.

**Beak:** Moderately long, by red and yellow flesh color, by black the upper beak is black, by blue blue-black to black, by silver light horn color (found mostly toward the front of the beak), lower beak flesh color for all feather colors.

**Neck:** Moderately short, full where the neck joins the body and having the appearance of a bull neck in crested varieties, neck well rounded.

**Breast:** Broad, full and somewhat protruding.

**Back:** Broad and slightly sloping.

**Wings:** Powerful, well feathered and not crossing at the tail. Top of wing feathers to blend smoothly into the saddle (heart).

**Tail:** Moderately short, well closed and not touching the floor.

**Legs and Feet:** Legs short, feet heavily muffed with three layers of feathers, front feathers of outer layer not protruding straight in front but having a curve-like sickle, fan shaped with no split in the feathers between the front and second toes. Shape of foot feather is more important than length.

**Feathers:** Tight feathered, rich in color in black, red and yellow with good sheen; light sky blue, cream silver, or blue silver preference to be given to blue silver other things being equal.

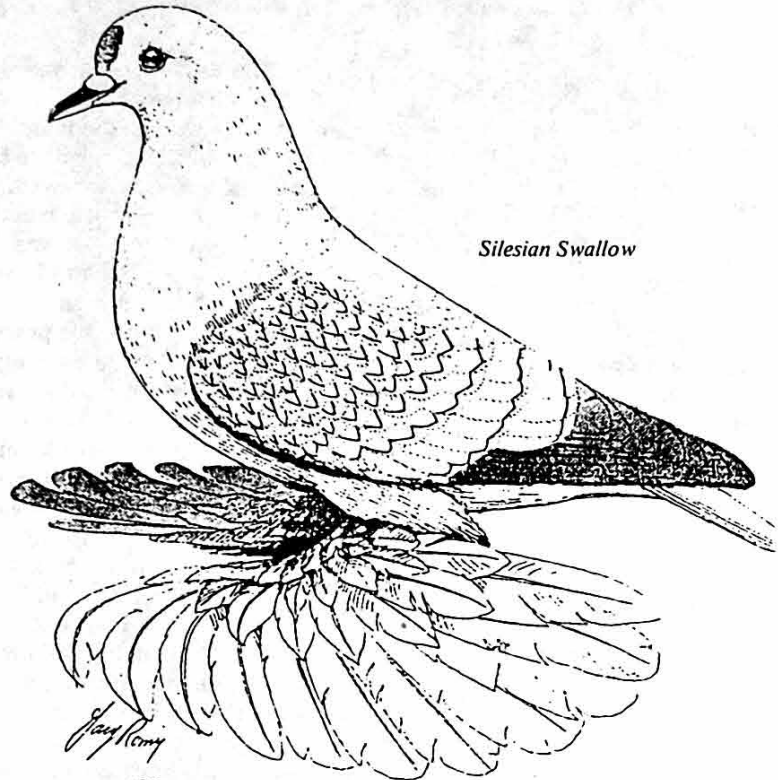
#### COLOR PATTERNS

Black, red, yellow, blue, silver, all without bars, with white bars, or white spangled; blue with black bars, silver with dark dun bars, blue and silver checkered.

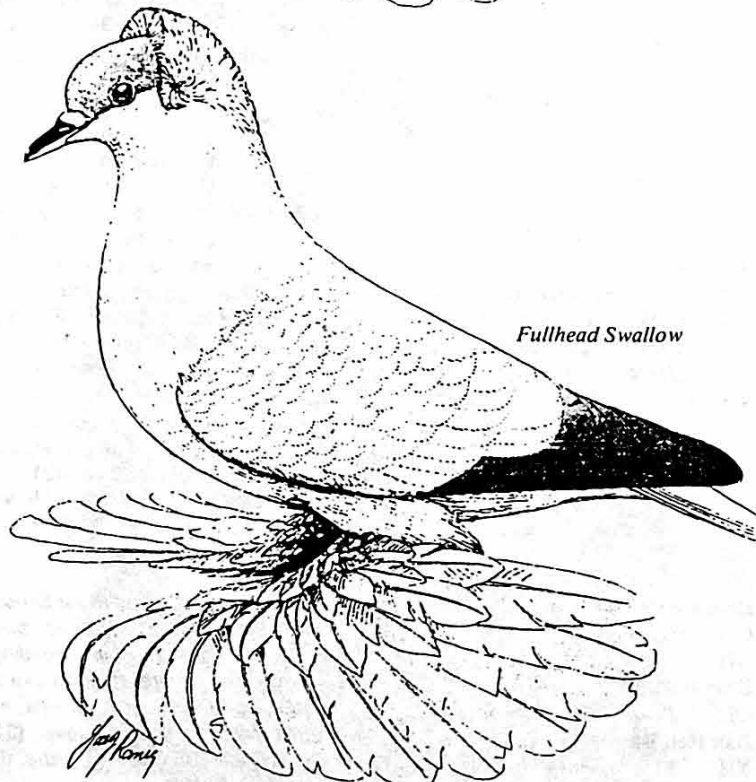
**Tiger Swallows:** The Tiger Swallow is a Spot Swallow either crested or not crested (the latter is preferred) with alternating colored and white feathers in the wings and muffs. Every other feather in the primaries, secondaries and muffs must be white with the exception of the first two primary flight feathers, which should be colored. There should be a sprinkling of white feathers on the shield of the wing.

**Major Faults:** Uneven markings. Two or more white feathers next to each other in the wings or muffs, in addition to faults listed for other Spot Swallows.

**Tiger Swallows Colors:** Black, red, yellow, silver, blue.



*Silesian Swallow*



*Fullhead Swallow*

**Reisserflugel:** Reisserflugel are ash red checks, or cream yellow checks. These also come in ash with red bars, spread ash (barless-lavender color as in the Lahore), cream with yellow bars, and cream barless (which unless carefully examined appear to be a solid white in color). When the flights are closed they should be an even light color-possibly light cream, but not white. This also applies to the color of the muffs.

**COLOR AND MARKINGS**

The feather color in blue and silver light in color, clear and even; in black, red and yellow well saturated with color (deep in color); Spangled Swallows with solid colored flights and muffs (but lacking in the flights and muffs does not disqualify the bird in the shows). Black spangled Swallows must have so-called finch marks (white spots) on the end of the flights (but lack of these dots is not a disqualification). White barred Swallows in blue and silver with clear distinct lacing on the bars the width of a pencil mark, blue-grey or black in color in the blues, and light (or dark) dun in the silvers. In spangled Swallows, the lacing on the white marking is the same as in white barred birds but the front bar is jagged rather than even and both bars are much wider than in the white barred birds. The lacing should not be

so dark that it gives a course effect. The head marking, wings and muffs are colored, the rest of the bird (including the heart marking on the back above the wings) is white. The hocks are white, but some colored feathers in the hocks are not objectionable but the hock feathers should be as short as possible (not vulture hocked). The **Spot Marking** in the spot Swallow should be ideally about the size of the little fingernail, but some variation is permitted either smaller or larger if the effect does not spoil the appearance of the bird. The spot marking should ideally go in height to above the middle of the eye but the color should not run to the cere of the eye. The cap marking on the Fullhead Swallow should cover the top of the head starting at the beak and run in a straight line through the lower part of the eyes, then continuing in a straight line to the rosettes at the ends of the crest (note that this does not say that the cap marking runs in a straight line from the beak to the rosettes). The cap marking should extend to the crest, but not into the crest.

**DISQUALIFICATIONS**

Crooked beak, mismarked, over trimmed (trimmed to the place where the skin shows), out of condition, lack of colored spot in Spot Swallows, or of cap in Fullhead Swallows. Eyes of two different colors.

**MAJOR FAULTS**

Weak body; body too long; muffs poorly formed, weak feathered muffs, lack of good sickle to muffs. Too narrow or capping crest; lack of rosettes; stained lower beak, lack of color on upper beak in blacks and blues; stained lower beak, heart too small; dull or unclear color; bronzing or peppering (grizzling) in the flights and/or bars; spangled on foot feathers in white barred birds; very broad or broken bars; tendency to third bar; broken eyes; legs too long; long hock feathers; too much white in spangle marking of spangles; shell crest too low on the head; crooked beak; flat head; wings carried too low.

**MINOR FAULTS**

Beetle brow; side boards on wing feathers near the end of the saddle; streaked upper beak in blacks and blues; slight stain on upper beak of reds and yellows; darkeye cere; a few colored feathers in the heart if these do not spoil the shape of the heart when they are removed; gullet; spot marking too large or too small; lack of fullness in the colored cap at the back of the head in Fullhead Swallows; beak too long.



*Saxon Fairy Swallow*

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Nominations are now being accepted for Annual meet site and judge. The judge must be nominated from the list below. Although qualified, Gary Romig judged the 1993 Annual and is therefore not eligible for 1994. You may photocopy this ballot.

**RETURN BY APRIL 1, 1994**

**To: Jesse Espinosa  
171 Aster Avenue  
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**JUDGE: (nominate one)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Leon Stephens
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Steve Ball
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mike Swanson
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