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A Mike Swanson Silver Checker Silesian Swallow from last years Annual Meet in Oklahoma City Rated E

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE DECEMBER 2014

Mike Swanson

Activities and shows are going fast! Hopefully, all of you have had a good breeding season and have shown in some shows! The USC's Annual Meet in conjunction with the NPA National in Ontario, California is fast approaching. The entry deadline is JANUARY 5, 2015. The show is January 29-31, 2015. As you know, Hans Schipper is the judge for the USC meet. Bill Griebel is the member in charge of the meet and has been working tirelessly putting everything together. It sounds like there are numerous members attending along with numerous European breeders. If you can attend or show birds it promises to be a great time!

Also, Bill Griebel has been working on the auction for the Annual Meet and has numerous birds and items donated. If you have color pigeons or items to donate please contact Bill Griebel. The auction is the main

money-maker for the United Swallow Club. The auction money is used at future shows to pay for bringing in U.S. and European judges and awards. Also, the auction provides breeders access to quality birds. If you know of people wanting quality Swallows let them know about the auction! Even though they might be unable to attend the show, you or someone at the show could bid on the birds for them! I would be glad to do this and I know a lot of USC members that would also like to help and do this. So I am encouraging all of you to please help in some way at the show and support the United Swallow Club!

At the annual show we will be conducting a USC Annual Meeting. The annual meeting will have numerous items on the agenda to discuss and make decisions about. Last year, at the Oklahoma National, the annual meeting resulted in a productive and lively discussion resulting in

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positive outcomes that impacted the USC! The meeting resulted in many great ideas I acted on. To remind all of you, I have some short and long-range goals for the next year to work on.

This past year, was a great year for the USC and together we accomplished a lot of great things due to the hard work of club members. Our members are "doers" and their hard work, energy and commitment sustain the club! Everyone I have asked to do something, willingly assumed the task, didn't complain and did an excellent job, THANK YOU!! Our collective energy, focus and willingness to do whatever it takes, results in positive outcomes for the United Swallow Club!

Life is always complicated and things come up and you can't always do all that you want to or intended to do. However that's life. In the United Swallow Club I have seen so many times people step-up and "just do it"! These individuals never ask for anything. Their energy, commitment and sacrifice is appreciated and we benefit as a result!

If there is anything you want on the agenda for the USC Annual meeting please let me know and I will present it on your behalf if you are unable to attend the meeting or should you feel uncomfortable presenting the topic. I already have numerous items on the agenda, including next year's meets and officers.

Just a reminder to renew your dues and order bands for 2015. Again as I previously stated, most of the money made for the USC is the auction at the meets. The auction structure allows our dues to remain the same as they have previously been for quite some time. I have approved the sale of USC bands at 50 cents per band, an increase from 45 cents. Dues and bands remain extremely reasonable thanks to the unending efforts of Gary Romig and Elliot Yeske. Their tireless efforts sustain the club and help it run smoothly.

I'm eager for what awaits all of us at the National in Ontario and the next year in breeding our birds! Enjoy the holidays, your family and I wish all of you a prosperous, positive and productive New Year!

**AWARDS FOR COLORADO STATE
PIGEON ASSOCIATION
UNITED SWALLOW CLUB
WESTERN DISTRICT MEET
Denver, CO**

Adams County Fairgrounds January 17,2015
NPA MASTER JUDGE: PHIL GONZALES
CONTACT: MIKE SWANSON 303-857-0985

Champion Swallow	\$100.00	Mike Swanson
Champion Swallow by a Junior	\$20.00	Mike Swanson
Champion Fairy Swallow	\$25.00	Mike Swanson
Champion Silesian Swallow	\$25.00	Mike Swanson
Champion Fullhead Swallow	\$25.00	Mike Swanson
Champion Clean Leg Swallow	\$25.00	Mike Swanson
Best Most Difficult Color	\$20.00	Bill Griebel
Best Checkered Swallow	Traveling Cup	Mike Swanson & John Navant

Hello everyone, it is that time of the year again when we must ask you to check the membership list to see if your dues are expiring. Remember, the United Swallow Club dues are still only \$10 per year. There are not many clubs out there for that cost.

Also I should be getting the USC band order anytime now from the NPA. Once again we will have bands in the 8mm for the clean leg birds and 11mm for the muffed birds. Bands are now 50 cents each and please include \$3.00 for postage and the mailer that I use. Bands are sold on a first come, first served basis, So, get your order to me soon and be sure to let me know what size you want.

The Grand National in California should be a great show. I know I plan on attending. If you have never been to a National before this would be the one to go to. There will be many Color Pigeons at this show. Some are from the top breeders in the US. And, Hans Shipper will once again be here to judge the birds. He always does a good job and is very good about explaining what he sees in the birds.

Hope to see you all at the National and once again please check your membership dues.

United Swallow Club Financial Report June 2014 to December 2014	
Beginning balance:	\$2671.15
Income from Bands and dues:	198.00
Expenses:	
Monthly checking service fees	15.00
Dave Averbeck NYBS ad	50.00
Canadian deposit fee	5.00
Current checking balance	\$2799.15



Ron Smith's Best Blue Barless Clean Leg Swallow at last Years Annual Meet in OK City. Rated HS-96

The USC Western District Meet in conjunction with the Colorado State Pigeon Association is coming up on January 17, 2015. I will be sending a \$20 bill for the bird that the judge deems worthy of the most progress in a difficult or under developed Color/breed. Hopefully the local breeders will support this show. Mike Swanson is the contact person.

There is great excitement about the upcoming 2014 USC Annual Meet in conjunction with the NPA at the Ontario Convention Center on January 29, 30 and 31, 2015.

It is anticipated that there will be 7,000 to 9,000 pigeons entered at this show. Swallow fanciers from all over the U.S. and from Europe are planning to be at this show. Bill Griebel is the member in charge for this show.

The show schedule is as follows:

Thursday - all Color Pigeons need to be in their coops starting at noon (the NPA requires that birds be in their cages by 4:00 pm but we are asking all color pigeon exhibitors to coop theirs by noon Thursday!

Friday - 9 am sharp Swallow judging starts. After 5 pm we go to the Banquet. The annual USC meeting will be held at the show in a special room at noon. Lunch will be served for a small fee.

Saturday - Archangels, Frillbacks and Trumpeters will be judged and any judging not finished on Thursday and Friday. Please help us with our schedule as we expect a large entry.

In order to help pay for our judge's travel expenses, we will hold a silent auction with the winners announced at noon Saturday. I am in charge of this auction so call me with your donations (especially you out-of-area members). Donations do not have to be birds, any pigeon item will be greatly appreciated.



Judge: Hans Schipper

So far the Donors are:

- Jay Beals Thuringer wing pigeons (1 pair)
Thuringer Monks (1 pair)
- Dave Holloway Wing Pigeons (1 pair)
- Mike Cobb German Magazines
- Leon Stephens Swallows (1 pair)
Color Pigeons (1 pair)
- Tony Brancato Suabians (1 pair)
Starlings (1 pair)
- Arnold Chaney Swallows (1 pair)
Color pigeons- Shields (1 pair)
- Mike Swanson Hummel Swallow Book,
L. Frindel Swallow painting
- Gary Romig Pigeon art
Color Pigeon Standard Book
- George de la Nuez Swallows (1 pair)
- Bill Griebel Swallows (1 pair)
Color Pigeons (1 pair)

An entry blank can be found in this bulletin - looking forward to your support at this show – Entries close January 5th. This will be a good one! Hope to see you there. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

There has been quite a lot of time passed by since I've been in contact with the USC Annual Meet Judges. We are working on modifying/simplifying our criteria for accepting new judges. The original system set up by Mike Swanson worked well but it was a bit cumbersome. I asked the judges to come up with some suggestions to streamline the process and I now have some suggestions to work with. I will be sending out a re-work of this process in early February after the National Show in Ontario, CA is over.

In the meantime we have several new perspective judges who have stepped forward to take on this process, but they need our help. We need to make shows available for our new prospects to judge so they can start their judging process in 2015 or at least work with the judge of meet they are attending. We want to make some of our existing Annual West Judges available as mentors for these new judges. We should be a phone call away or a short drive to answer any questions these new judges might have. So look over the list below and let's help these new judges make progress with this program. If you are having one of these new judges attend and judge your show, make gas money available and a place for an overnight stay to help them in the process. Gloria Weisgram went through our original process, it was difficult, but she did it.

If you should be on this list and your name is not there or your name is there and you don't want to be on the list please let me know.

Prospective Judges

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| Dave Averback | Nate Wayne |
| George de la Nuez | Judine Nelson |
| Chris Auer | John Navant |
| Mike Cobb | Phil Gonzales |



Gloria Weisgram, judging at last year's Annual Meet. She is looking over some of the finalists.



Send Entries to:
 Los Angeles Pigeon Club
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 Gilroy, CA 95020

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2015 NPA Grand National January 29-31, 2015

Ontario Convention Center
 2000 E. Convention Center Way, Ontario, CA 91764

SENIORS NPA Members \$5.50 PER BIRD
 Non-NPA Members \$6.50 PER BIRD
 JUNIORS (17 and under) \$3.50 PER BIRD

ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 5TH, 2015 LATE ENTRIES WILL BE RETURNED

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E-mail _____

Signature _____

Entries NPA Member for _____ Birds @ \$ 5.50 ca. = _____
Entries Non-NPA Member for _____ Birds @ \$ 6.50 ca. = _____
Entries Junior for _____ Birds @ \$ 3.50 ca. = _____
NPA Membership - \$25 Family; \$20 Sr; \$5 Jr - _____
LAPC Membership - \$25 Family; \$20 Sr; \$5 Jr = _____
NPA Show Report (Non-member) _____ @ \$25.00 ea. = _____
Banquet Tickets _____ @ \$35.00 ea. = _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

⇒ **SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS – The LAPC Needs To Know
 If, and How, Birds Are Going to be Shipped and Returned**

Bill Griebel

In January of 2016 there will be a World Swallow and Color Pigeon Championship held in conjunction with the Zwönitz show in Saxony, Germany. I am wondering if there is any of you Swallow and Color pigeon breeders out there that would be interested in showing at this show.

The cost to get them there is around \$200 per bird. That includes vet fees here in the U.S., USDA fees, a dog carrier to ship the birds, shipping to Europe, vet fees in Europe, loft fees where the birds will be held, and show entry fees. We can ship up to 19 birds without additional fees. Any number over 19 we would be considered a business.

If you decide to do this, really good stock needs to be sent! The downside: there is always a possibility of losing the birds in transportation, in quarantine in Europe or while they are held in a loft prior to the show. I lost one bird when I shipped to Europe several years ago. After the show there are two ways to handle the birds. Either you can sell them at the show or give them to someone as a gift or they can be brought back to the U.S. through the importation process as I did with one bird when I showed in Zwönitz. Cost for their return



to the U.S. is approximately \$170 per bird.

Timeline: The birds need to be shipped anytime between March and May 2015. They need to acclimate to the German weather especially in the fall when it gets very cold. So, in 2015 we need to ship!

Are you in? Call me at 626-290-0038 or email me at: griebel@att.net

World Champion Show 2016 in Zwönitz. Günter Kühnert donated the flag. Günter is in the middle of the photo. The other men are Reiner Wolf, Prof. Dr. Hans-Joachim Schille, Christoph Günzel (president of the German Pigeon and poultry association) and Gotthard Einhorn.

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