



## President's Message

*Gloria Weisgram*

Hello fellow club members,

The focus of this bulletin is to provide you with show information and tips for getting your birds ready. First of all, Des Moines was voted to be the site of the Annual swallow club meet and Mike Swanson was your choice for judge. The Date for this show is December 12 & 13. Typically some birds are usually judged Friday evening so that we finish early on Saturday. Plan to have your birds in place by Friday at 6 PM. If you have not gotten your room the host hotel is The Adventureland Hotel, located 10 minutes from the fairgrounds. There are still available rooms at this time (Sept, 1) and the phone number is 515-265- 7321. Please state that you are with the pigeon show to receive the reduced rate.

Additional information on all district shows is listed elsewhere in this bulletin. Please contact your district director or myself for more information.

We will elect officers and vote for the new Thuringer Standard at this time. You will notice a voting card has been included or you may send your vote online. There are some new faces in the lineup for officers and I think that is a positive element for 2004! Please make your choices and try to send your ballot to Tim by October 15. The new officers will be announced in the final bulletin of 2003.

After many conversations with directors and members we will hold off from doing a Special with the Pigeon Debut at this time or in February. Most of the members I have spoken with feel we need to be more organized to do a good job. This does not mean that we cannot do a special in the future. A discussion on this topic will take place at our annual meeting in Des Moines and possibly a future

## Secretary's Message

*Elliot Yeske*

Hi everyone,

I hope you all had a good breeding season. Things are still slow as far as hearing from many members. I am looking forward to the show season this year it will be interesting to see what is out there this year.

Nate Wayne had a great time at Perry Mueller's this summer got to see many good birds. And we had a nice time visiting some of the sites of St Louis. Our good friend Merle Starr was there with us and enjoyed the sites as well. Nate and I want to thank Perry his wife Susan and the kids for making us feel welcome on our trip. It is always a fun thing to do when we can visit someone loft. Hope to see many of you at the shows this year.

## Vice President's Message

*Bill Griebel Jr.*

Fellow members, within this bulletin you will find the Proposed Thuringer Standard. In addition to the general officer's election, you will have the opportunity to accept the proposed standard. It is very important that all eligible member's vote. The adoption of a new standard in a Constitutional vote (Article IX), thus for approval the proposal must garner at least 51% of the votes cast, provided at least one over half (50%) of the membership votes. Please vote, as many members have worked very hard to make this standard a realization.

I would like to thank a number of members for their invaluable help. Hans Schipper, Bernie Licht, Elliot Yeske, Tim Starr, Merle Starr, Perry Mueller, John Taupert, Bill Griebel Sr. and Gary Romig have all made contributions to this standard and I appreciate their efforts on behalf of the United Swallow Club.

date and new contact person for this can be established. Hang on to your articles and photos. We will keep you informed of any new developments. If you want to help reorganize this give me a call.

Take a look at our new Thuringer standard. A lot of discussion and hard work went into making this user friendly. Thank you to all members who had a hand in it. A special thanks to Gary and Bernie for the fine drawings! In order to add this new standard to the constitution and by laws we need everyone to vote. Please do your part to make this happen.

Lastly, Leon Stephens, our Western Director, just recently sent a list of Europeans he spoke to personally who would be willing to judge our annual meet. It is time to start thinking about bringing in a special judge. This will be a topic at our annual meeting but I thought it would be a good idea to share it here so that some thought can be given to it ahead of time. We like to bring in a foreign judge every few years to give us fresh perspective on the direction we are headed with our many varieties of swallows. The process to bring in a judge is a complex undertaking and the preparation for it usually starts a year in advance. Perhaps, in addition to the increase in Thuringers and along with the new standard we might look to bring in someone who is particularly qualified in this area? Please be thinking and ready to give your opinion.

Lastly, we have a lot of newer members who have not shown before. If you know of someone you helped out with birds or you sold birds to, please encourage them to show. You will learn more by entering a show than you will on your own. Experienced members please help and encourage our recent club members in this regard! Best of luck at the shows I hope to see you in Des Moines!

## Word from the West

*Leon Stephens*

Well there is not much action out here due to the Newcastle disease. We are hoping that the quarantine will be lifted this month or early next month(Oct.). In the meantime the L.A.P.C. is making plans for this years Pageant of Pigeons. The dates and place are yet to be determined.

I had a visit last week from Steve Ball and Bill Griebel. Steve has had a problem with the pigeon dust but with the help of his doctor is getting better, not 100% ,but better. This has rekindled his desire to breed more pigeons. He has not bred a lot this year but is excited about the coming breeding season. Glad to see your getting the old fire back again. Bill has had a fairly good breeding season.

I visited his loft recently and saw some very nice looking young. Wait for the moult, Bill. Ha! Ha!

This has been an o.k. season for me also. I haven't raised a great number of young but some of the ones I did raise are quite nice. Wait for the moult, I know.

Enough for now. I'll let you know when the Quarantine ends and the Pageant dates etc. That is if you don't hear it before I do. By the way some areas of So. Calif. have already been realised from the quarantine. The remaining areas include most of the populated areas of Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.



## Show schedule for the fall and winter months in the east .

The Swallow Club will hold two shows in the east this fall and winter . The first one will be held in Rochester, New York Nov.16th, This will be a first for us, as a club to have a show in Rochester. To most swallow breeders who have been around for a long time know that this area used to be a hot bed for swallows. with many breeders. With the efforts made by Dick Baker in the last several years joining the club and promoting swallows as he has done . He has boosted the membership by at least 10 members and has given all these members their first swallows in most cases . Dick will be the co-ordinator along with Alan Smith show secretary. Any inquiries can be made to Dick. I will do the judging. I understand that the Rochester pigeon club does not allow sections for sale birds thus we cannot have an auction either.

The second show will be held in conjunction with the Reading Pigeon Assoc as we normally do. This will be Jan.8th -11th. 2004 The show this year will be held at the Lancaster Host Resort and Conference center. For accomadations go to [www.lancasterhost.com](http://www.lancasterhost.com) <<http://www.lancasterhost.com>> .As I understand all future Reading pigeon shows will be held here along with the Lancaster pigeon club. .As of this date we have not made arrangements who will be judging. All entries should be mailed to Terry Fick 630 Rock Rd. Pine Grove, Pa.17963. The checks should be made out to The Reading Pigeon Assoc. This is also the site for the 2005 NPA National



### PROPOSED UNITED SWALLOW CLUB STANDARD FOR THURINGIAN WING PIGEONS (CRESTED AND NON- CRESTED SPOT SWALLOWS) AND SWALLOWS (FULLHEADS)

#### Homeland:

Thuringia

#### Appearance:

Powerful, stretched, elegant field pigeon type, station almost horizontal, shell crested or smooth headed. All parts must be in balance.

#### Note on appearance:

the stretched appearance does not mean "long", the stretched impression is affected by the narrow wing, a result of a broad heart and not by extremely long flights nor tail.

#### Characteristics of the Breed

Head: Longish, curved, with forehead reasonably high, smooth headed or crested. 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. In crested birds, the shell is round, thick and ending on both sides in well defined rosettes.

#### Eyes:

Dark (bull), eye cere small, red in color, fine in texture.

#### Beak:

Moderately long. Beak markings on reds and yellows are flesh color, on blacks and blues the upper beak is black, on silver the beak is light horn colored (found mostly toward the front of the beak), on ash red dark horn colored, ash yellow light horn colored, lower beak flesh color for all feather colors. Wattle small, smooth, and white powdered.

#### Neck:

Medium in length, full where the neck joins the body, with the throat well cut out (No gullet).

#### Breast:

Broad, well rounded in appearance from the front, somewhat protruding and covering the wing butts.

## SWALLOW CLUB TREASURE'S REPORT

*Elliot Yeske*

THIRD QUARTER 2003

<u>Previous Balance</u>	1,804.64
<u>Income:</u>	
Dues	10.00
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Checking Service Charge (July and August)	6.00
<u>Current Checking Balance</u>	1,808.64

## Back:

Long, broad, and slightly sloping (Approximately a 15 degree slope).

## Wings:

Long, closed, properly covering the back.

## Tail:

Proportionally long, well closed (1 \_" feather width and approximately 1 tail feather width beyond flights in length) and approximately 1/2" off the floor.

## Legs and feet:

medium length, clean legged, toenail color not important.

## Feathers:

Long feathers, well developed, grease quills allowed on red, yellow, and blacks.

## Color Patterns

black, red, yellow, blue, silver barless blue with black bars, silver with dark dun bars, blue and silver checkered black, red, yellow, blue, silver white barred and spangled ash red and ash yellow barless, bar, and checkered (see Reisserflugel description below) blue bronze spangled, silver sulphur spangled black, red, yellow, blue, silver tigered

Black, red, and yellow pure and glossy and to have solid colored underwings, single white feathers permitted. Underwing color of other colors is unimportant. Blues and silvers even colored and with closed wings, flights as dark as possible. Ash red and ash yellow even colored and have light flights when wings are closed.

## Markings

The Spot Marking on the wing pigeon should be symmetrical, preferably pear shaped and ideally reach its highest point on the top of the head at a point between the center of the eyes. The color of the spot should not extend to the eye cere. The spot should be narrower at the base and should not extend to the corner of the mouth.

The Cap Marking on the Swallow (Fullhead) should cover the top of the head starting between the upper and lower mandible and extend in a straight line to 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.

All bars should be clean, narrow, long, and separated (approximately one finger width) on the back. White barred Swallows in blue and silver must have a clear, distinct narrow dark edging. Spangles and checkers, ground color on wing shield to be approximately one to one ratio with the spangling or checking. The spangle or checker is to appear as distinct triangles with an even distribution over the wing shield. The blue and silver spangles are to have a narrow, dark edge between the spangle marking and the ground color. The barring on spangles and checks is jagged, rather than even and wider than the barred varieties. Blue, silver, red and yellow spangles are to have clear colored flights (no evidence of grizzling should appear when the wings are closed). Black spangles must have finch markings (white spots) on the tips of each primary flight. White spots are not to touch each other. Young birds are not to be penalized if not completely finch marked.

Bohemian Wing Pigeons/Tiger Swallows: The Tiger Swallow is a Spot Swallow, either crested or non crested, with alternating colored and white feathers in

the wings. Every other feather in the primaries, secondaries, coverts must be white with the exception of the first two outer primary flight feathers, which must be colored. There should be an alternating pattern of white and colored feathers on the wing. The Tiger Swallow colors are black, red, yellow, silver and blue.

Reisserflugel: Reisserflugels are red and yellow checks. The checkers are to be very large, with a small light colored tip (T-Pattern). The checkers are to be intense in color. Some color is permitted on the inner portion of the flights, but the flights are to appear light in color when the wing is closed. The upper mandible is to be horn on reds and light horn on yellows.

## Major Faults

Head and Neck: Lack of rosettes, stained lower beak, lack of color on upper beak of black, blue or silver, broken or cracked eyes, beetle brow, stained eye cere, gullet, color of cap in Fullhead not reaching crest, base of spot extending to the mouth in spot swallow, color of spot extending to eye.

Body, Wings, and Tail: Weak body, body too long, body too short, multiple white colored feathers on underwing of blacks, reds, and yellows, wing butts not well covered, white thumbfeathers, side boards, too broad or broken bars, bar touching at top of wing, missing edging on blue and silver white barred and blue and silver spangled, laced pattern in spangles, evidence of barring on barless varieties, rusty flights on bronze and sulphur spangled only in closed position, less than twelve (12) tail feathers, soft or loose feathering, roached back.

Legs and Feet: Station too low or too high, feathers on legs or toes, colored thighs visible.

## Faults by Degree

Head and Neck: Too narrow or low set capping crest, flat head, poorly shaped spot, spot too large or small, streaked upper beak in blacks and blues, stain on beak of red or yellow, beak too short or long, neck too thick or thin.

Body, Wings, and Tail: Out of condition, wide or flared tail, tail too long or too short, visible evidence of third bar, dull or unclear color, bronzing or peppering in white bars and spangles, bronzing in dark bars or checkers, grizzling in flights of bar or barless, lack of finch marks in black spangles, wing tips crossing, chest weak or narrow, heart too small, heart too short, open back, rag feather.

## Fault Category Explanation

Provided are two fault categories. The major fault category is one that allows very little leeway. They are faults which should be eliminated completely from the Swallow (Fullhead) and Wing Pigeon (Crested and non-Crested Spot Swallow) Groups. The faults by degree category is provided because these problems may or may not detract from a quality overall impression of an exhibit. It is the judges discretion, depending of the severity of the fault, as to the degree of penalty assessed.

## Disqualifications

Any outward physical deformity (i.e. crooked beak, crippled legs, drooping wings, etc.), over trimmed (trimmed to where the skin shows) or obvious faking. Obvious cross breeding.

## Order of Evaluation

Overall impression, body/type, color, markings, wing pattern, crest, beak and eye color.



**OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM FOR THE  
BIRMINGHAM, AL GRAND NATIONAL SHOW  
JANUARY 15, 16, 17, 2004**

Sponsored by the National Pigeon Association  
*Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex*

**ENTRIES ACCEPTED Oct. 1 through Dec. 15th, 2003**

*Late entries accepted up to Dec. 31, 2003 (additional \$1.00 charge for each additional bird.)*

	Breed	Color/Markings	OC	OII	Yrlg. Cock	Yrlg. Hen	YC	YH	Band NO.
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**ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 N.P.A. MEMBERS - \$5.50 NON MEMBERS (EXCEPT KINGS \$5.50 AND \$6.00)  
MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL 2004  
SEND ALL ENTRIES TO: Show Treas. Pat Avery, Box 439, Newalla, OK 74857 (405)386-6884  
QUESTIONS OR INQUIRES CONTACT SHOW SUPERINTENDENT - Phil Harper (334)269-2039**

Exhibitor \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**AIRLINE INFORMATION**

Airline \_\_\_\_\_  
Flight # \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Arrival Time \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure Flight # \_\_\_\_\_  
Departure Time \_\_\_\_\_

Planning on attending Show: circle one yes or no.  
Please fill out mailing labels where your birds are coming from  
using the National United States Postal Service  
Please circle one if you are mailing birds yes or no

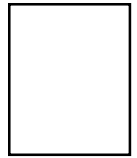
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take advantage of the \$5.00 entry and \$10.00  
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Family \$25.00:  
Dues enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
Entry Fee: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Birds each \_\_\_\_\_  
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\$10.00 NPA member \$15.00 non \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed**





**United Swallow Club**  
**P.O. Box 644**  
**Jerome, AZ 86331**



**Ballot form below can be used if the enclosed card is lost or as a guide if you vote by email.**  
**Please Vote.**

### **Voting for Club Officers**

*Send Your Choices to: Tim Starr, 8804 Ft. Loudon Rd., Mercersburg, PA 17236,  
Phone: 717-328-9751, Email: [timstarr@comcast.net](mailto:timstarr@comcast.net)*

**YOUR CHOICES MUST ARRIVE TO TIM BY OCT. 15, 2003**

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#### **Club Officer Ballot**

**Please vote for one candidate in each category.**

##### **President:**

- Gloria Weisgram,             Merle Starr

##### **Vice President:**

- Perry Mueller

##### **Secretary:**

- Elliot Yeske

##### **Canadian District Director:**

- John Taupert                     Berndt Licht

##### **Western District Director:**

- Dave Holloway

##### **Central District Director:**

- Bob Benson

##### **Eastern District Director:**

No nominee accepted

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#### **Vote to adopt the Clean Leg (Thuringer) Standard**

**Please vote for one Yes or No**

- Yes, adopt the the Thuringer Standard as written
- No, do not adopt the Thuringer Standard

## **Show Tips**

- Showbirds must be PMV Vaccinated.
- Prepare your showbirds by separating them if possible. If not, make sure your loft and perches are clean throughout the fall season.
- Pull muff feathers 6 weeks prior to the show or provide clean perches and loft arrea throughout the fall molt to retain foot feathers.
- Wash birds that are dirty two weeks prior to the show.
- Trim birds a week before the show using a fine-tipped nail scissors. You can purchase this at a drug store.
- Trim out feathers by snipping the base of the feather. This must be done after the molt.

- Clean out the heart area of the heart of any colored feathers.
- Check the colored feathers breast and in the leg area and trim out colored feathers to create a separation from leg to colored hock/muff.
- Trim the spot by cutting from the top first. Cut out any white feathers in the spot, trim feathers that create rough edges. Check your standard to be sure you do not create a spot that is too small.
- Check your bird in the show coop for any feathers that need trimming that you may have missed the first time and trim again.
- A tiny amount of oil of any kind rubbed on the beak gives a nice impression.
- Make sure your entry for the show is accurate once you have placed your birds in the show coop.