

Secretaries Message

Elliot Yeske

Hi everyone, We had a good show In Des Moines, with lots of members renewing their dues and ordering bands. Thanks to all of those members that made donations this really helps with the room for the judge. For members that are not current with the band orders they are 25 cents each and \$3 for postage and the mailer. We have almost sold out of the clean leg bands as we made a trial this year and ordered 500, by the time this news letter comes out I expect them to be sold out. We ordered 2000 muffed bands and they are going fast as well. This year the NPA had to get the bands from another source as the old band distributor went out of business. The new bands are hard plastic like the German bands are in Europe. For this year they are white with black lettering. Hope to see many of you at the National in Hartford. It sounds like it will be a big show. I look forward to it as I have all the nationals I have been to. Take care I hope you all have a good breeding season this year and raise many good swallows. Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year to you all.



Perry Mueller (above) wins Champion Swallow at the USC Central Distirict Meet in Des Moines with Blue Barless Silesian Swallow Old Cock # 144 (Rated E) (right)

Presidents Message

Gloria Weisgram

Holiday greetings to everyone. Goodwill is alive and well within the United Swallow Club. I was fortunate enough to attend the Louisville and Des Moines shows and experience the good company and fine birds of many members. Congratulations to all Canadian and US swallow breeders who had successes or received honors the past six weeks. Hartford is now on the horizon and we can focus our attention to the annual meet. Perry Mueller of St Louis will be judging. Eastern director Merle Starr has organized a loft tour on Thursday, January 16. We will visit the loft of past USC director Howard Angevine and get a glimpse of many varieties of muffed and clean legged swallows and color pigeons. Our annual meeting will be held in Hartford. I hope to be able to present the new Thuringer standard to our members. In addition we will be making a decision on our judging program and compiling a list of active qualified judges for 2003. Other concerns of club business will be addressed. Dick Baker will be presented the NPA outstanding service award for his project of bringing the swallow back to the Rochester area. Note your membership list and check out the growing number of New Yorkers and you will see how our club has grown thanks to Dick.

I will be recognizing four members with a president's award for personal contributions to the well being of the USC this past year. These awards will be presented as a finale to the meeting. At this time I would like to thank all of our club officers and tell you I appreciate the effort you gave the club this past year, Special thanks to Gary Romig for the fine artwork in both our bulletins and awards and to Dick Baker for publicizing our swallows through articles in both magazines and our bulletins. Thanks to all members who made auction donations, showed birds or supported our club in any small way. I hope we can continue to grow together as a club and improve our swallows through new memberships and continued good friendship. Best of luck to all at your remaining shows.

See you in Hartford,
Gloria



USC at Des Moines

December 6,7, 2002

Fullhead Swallows (5)

Elliot Yeske	YC-black barless	30	G	
Elliot Yeske	YC-black barless	6	G	
Elliot Yeske	OC-red barless	782	G	
Elliot Yeske	OC-black white bar	265	S	
Bob Jakubowski	OC-black barless	765	HS	Best Fullhead

Fairy Swallows (21)

Jana Peter	YH-black spangle	959	G	
Gloria Weisgram	YH-black barless	514	G	
Gloria Weisgram	YH-black barless	507	G	
Gloria Weisgram	YH-black barless	525	HS2	
Bob Benson	YH-blue spangle	811	HS1	
Gloria Weisgram	YC-black barless	538	S	
Jana Peters	YC-red spangle	450	S	
Gloria Weisgram	YC-red barless	537	G	
Jana Peters	YC-black white bar	954	S	
Jana Peters	OH-yellow spangle	110	G	
Norm House	OH-black white bar	730	G	
Norm House	OH-black white bar	313	G	
Gloria Weisgram	OH black barless	844	HS	
Norm House	OH black white bar	1414	G	
Jana Peters	OH-black white bar	65	G	
Jana Peters	OH-yellow spangle	545	G	
Norm House	OH-red white bar	326	G	
Jana Peters	OC-black spangle	620	S	
Norm House	OC-red white bar	15	G	
Gloria Weisgram	OC-black barless	825	HS	Best Fairy
Jana Peters	OC-red spangle	5660	S	

Silseian Swallows (23)

Gloria Weisgram	YH-yellow barless	521	G	
Gloria Weisgram	YH-yellow barless	522	S	
Gloria Weisgram	YH-blue barless	517	HS1	
Perry Mueller	YH-blue barless	1705	HS2	
Gloria Weisgram	YH-silver barless	528	HS3	
Gloria Weisgram	YH-silver barless	515	HS4	
Perry Mueller	YH-silver barless	1706	HS5	
Perry Mueller	YH-silver barless	1717	HS2	

Perry Mueller	YH-silver barless	1710	HS	
Bob Benson	YH-silver check	822	HS1	Best Young Bird
Bob Benson	YH-silver check	805	HS2	
Perry Mueller	YC-blue barless	1715	HS1	
Dale Jett	YC-blue check	74	S	
Joelle Volzke	YC-blue black bar	1047	S	
Bob Benson	YC-blue check	836	HS2	
Gloria Weisgram	YC-black barless	532	S	
Bob Benson	YC-blue check	830	S	
Perry Mueller	OH-blue barless	1305	HS4	
Perry Mueller	OH-blue barless	1600	E2	Reserve Champion
Gloria Weisgram	OC-silver barless	820	HS1	
Gloria Weisgram	OC-blue barless	900	HS2	
Perry Mueller	OC-blue barless	144	E1	Champion of Show
Perry Mueller	OC-blue barless	865	HS3	

Thuringer Fullhead (4)

Elliot Yeske	YC-blue black bar	300	S	
Elliot Yeske	YH-blue black bar	327	S	
Elliot Yeske	OH-black barless	559	S	
Elliot Yeske	OC-black barless	56	S	Best Thuringer FH

Thuringer Spot (17)

Perry Mueller	YH-yellow barless	877	S	
Jerry Kress	YH-red barless	268	G	
Jerry Kress	YH-red barless	262	G	
Dave Holloway	YH-cream bar	743	G	
Dave Holloway	YH-cream check	730	S	
Dave Holloway	YH-silver spangle	741	S	
Dave Holloway	YH-silver black bar	740	HS	Best Thuringer spot
Dave Holloway	YH-blue black bar	757	G	
Dave Holloway	YH-ash red check	782	G	
Perry Mueller	YC-yellow barless	859	S	Best Red or Yellow
Elliot Yeske	YC-blue white bar	309	S	
Dave Holloway	YC-blue spangle	772	G	
Dave Holloway	YC-cream bar	794	G	
Dave Holloway	YC-ash red ccheck	758	G	
Jerry Kress	OH-red barless	653	S	
Jerry Kress	OC-red barless	377	S	
Dave Holloway	OC-blue barless	835	S	

Gary Romig
giving finishing
comments on the
top Fairy
Swallows at the
Central District
Meet in Des
Moines IA.





(Left)
Elliot Yeske's
OC-black barless
56 Rated (S)
Best
Thuringer FH



(Right)
Gloria Weisgram's
OC-black barless
825 Rated (HS)
Best Fairy



(Left)
Bob Benson's
YH-silver check
822 Rated (HS)
Best Young Bird



(Right)
Perry Mueller's
YC-yellow barless
859 Rated (S) **Best**
Red or Yellow



(Left)
Dave Halloway
with his winning
Thuringer Spot
Swallow YH-silver
black bar 740
Rated (HS)
also pictured on the
right.



(Right)
Bob Benson's
YH-blue spangle
811 rated (HS)



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Please look the questionnaire over and send to The Swallow Special Coordinator, or use it as a checklist.

I am pleased to report that the Front Cover, Inside Front Cover & Back cover, have been sold. This is a big deduction to our goal of \$2500.00 in Advertising.

All Swallow Special material MUST be into the PIGEON DEBUT by MAY 1, 2003. Please take some time and plan on participating in this very SPECIAL event. Send all advertising, articles, & funds payable to THE PIGEON DEBUT.

Thank You Dave Harris, Coordinator

"My First Year Breeding Swallows"

by: Bob Fragoman

I have had pigeons since the early fifties and like many fanciers, my first birds were commies and I still love to see a flock of common pigeons flying in the wild.

The first fancy pigeons I had were English Long Faced Tumblers. I started with Clean Leg Tumblers and Saddle Muffs, but as time progressed, I started to breed just the muffed variety. I like pigeons with feathers on their legs.

I live in Central New York and I began to show my Tumblers at the Rochester Pigeon Shows in the mid-sixties. I think that most of the Swallow breeders know that Rochester was once a hot bed for Swallows, with the late Joe Reulback leading the way, but I resisted the urge to add them to my loft at that time. Compared to my Tumblers, they were wild and they would leave their nests with the slightest movement.

My long time friend Dick Baker started to breed Swallows a few years ago and the more I saw of them, the more I wanted to try them. After a visit to Dick's house and looking over all the various colors, I was hooked and I went home with a pair of Silver Bars and a pair of Silver Check Silesian Swallows. I was still concerned with them being flighty, but the Swallows I received from Dick seemed to be much better than the ones I remember from the past and after placing them with some of my Tumblers, they seemed to calm down that much more.

I placed the two pair of Swallows in a small loft by themselves and after several e-mail and a few phone calls to Dick asking if he was sure that I had two pair, the birds settled down and both pair laid eggs within a few days of each other. I raised twelve young from the two pair this past breeding season. I am amazed at how well they feed their young and they will continue feeding the older youngsters long after another pair of eggs is laid. On two different occasions, I put a youngster from the barred birds into the nest of the checkers and they fed all three youngsters equally well even though they were of different sizes.

I explained to Dick that due to lack of room, I would like to concentrate on just the Silver Bars and that I was going to be very selective in what I kept. I have to admit though that I am already having second thoughts about just breeding the Silver Bars and after attending a show in Rochester, I am considering adding Silver Barless to my stud.

I am looking forward to next year with high hopes of breeding & showing my Swallows at a major meet and I look forward to meeting many of you along the way.

The Swallow Club is very lucky to have someone as dedicated as Dick Baker. Make Dick's job of publicity director easier by sending him plenty of information to write about for the bulletin and his column in the Debut.

NEWS FROM NEW YORK

BY Dick Baker

It is time again to write something for the Club Bulletin. I finally have some real progress to report. As far as I can figure, I raised 117 young Swallows this year. I made progress in some colors but I was disappointed in my yellows. Not one of them came out with good muffs which surprised me as some of my breeders are not that bad for yellows. I think this probably happened because I really wanted to raise yellows as I only have a few of them. I also have several people who are waiting to get a pair or two from me. Maybe I will have better luck next year.

I have good news for those who have been following my project to get Swallows back in Rochester New York. The Rochester Pigeon Fanciers Association had their all breed show on November 17th and for the first time in a long time there were 19 Swallows shown. There were five breeders who entered birds, unfortunately one could not make it because of the weather. I would like to recognize those breeders who helped to make my project a success by showing their Swallows. They were Robert Fragoman, Stanley Wood, myself, Herb Baker and Alan Bitters. Joe Albrecht, who also has Swallows, was there to support us although he did not show any birds.

While I was at the show I talked to people and showed them the Swallows. I was able to sign up four new members to the United Swallow Club. I also gave them at least two pair of birds to get started with. I noticed that people who started out with only one pair, didn't raise any young and lost interest. I surely do not want that to happen, so now all new breeders will get at least two pair to get started. I am convinced that the way to get Swallows to be more popular in this area is to have the birds and the help available. The larger shows will come as the population of Swallows grows. I would like to see someone start a similar project in some other area where the Swallow population is small. I would be willing to help in any way. I would like to hear any ideas that anyone has on how to promote Swallows. I am having a good time with mine and hope everyone else is also.

Swallow Club Treasurer's Report

Elliot Yeske

Fourth Quarter 2002

<u>Previous Balance</u>	1,181.23
<u>Income:</u>	
Louisville rebate	78.00
Des Moines Auction	350.00
Dues	300.00
Postage (bands)	33.00
Bands	212.50
Donations	120.00
<u>Expenses</u>	
NPA Club dues	20.00
NPA (2 nd half 2003 bands)	262.50
Gary Romig (room and plane ticket)	403.00
Checking (monthly service charge)	12.00
<u>Current checking balance</u>	1,582.23

Swallows at the Rochester Show

By Dick Baker

This was a very nice show, there had to be close to 1000 birds. There were 70 exhibitors showing over 30 different breeds. There were seven Specialty Clubs holding meets there. It was held in a very well lighted large area and all the birds were single caged. Everyone was very helpful and very pleased and encouraging to see Swallows once again in Rochester.

One of the very special parts of this show for me was that there were 15 junior breeders showing. This sure was an excited bunch as they had a special judging for them. Champion went to an Indian Fantail and Reserve Champion went to a Utility King and our junior, Herb Baker placed third with a Red Spangle Swallow. All of them received a certificate of participation.

Results of the judging of the Swallows was as follows:

Silesian Swallow

Herb Baker	OC	Red Spangle	first	
Herb Baker	OC	Red WB	second	
Old hens none shown				
Dick Baker	YC	Silver bar	first	Reserve Champion
Dick Baker	YC	Black barless	second	
Stan Wood	YC	Silver check	third	
Dick Baker	YH	Black barless	first	Champion
Bob Fragoman	YH	Silver bar	second	
Bob Fragoman	YH	Silver bar	third	

All the colors competed in each class and they were judged by Terry Fick from Pennsylvania.



The picture of the Swallow exhibitors are from left to right - Bob Fragoman, Dick Baker, Herb Baker, Stan Wood and Joe Albrecht.

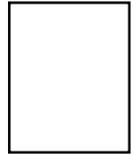


The picture of the new members are left to right Scott Coapman, s wife Ann, Penny Smith and Scott Coapman.

The other two new members left the show before we took photos because of the bad weather. They are Robert Fish and Mahlou Cook.



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National Young Bird Show

Louisville, KY

Judge: Merle Starr, assisted by Gloria Weisgram

Fullhead Swallows (6)

Andy Kimmel	YC303	G
Howard Angevine	YC1162	S
Howard Angevine	YC1198	S Best Fullhead
Andy Kimmel	YH302	G
Howard Angevine	YH508	S
Howard Angevine	YH526	S

Saxon Fairy Swallows (14)

Krystina George	YC326	S
Krystina George	YC341	ABS
Howard Angevine	YC1223	S
Norm House	YH703	ABS
Krystina George	YH311	ABS
Krystina George	YH323	G
Krystina George	YH312	S Best Saxon Fairy
Krystina George	YH307	S
Krystina George	YH306	S
Krystina George	YH327	S
Bob Benson	YH815	S
Howard Angevine	YH1181	S
Howard Angevine	YH1200	S
Howard Angevine	YH1270	S

Silesian Swallows (21)

Bob benson	YC839	ABS
Bob Benson	YC818	S
Bob Benson	YC830	S
Bob Benson	YC806	ABS
Dale Jett	YC207	S

Dale Jett	YC204	HS1
Perry Mueller	YC1711	ABS
Perry Mueller	YC1712	HS2
Bob Benson	YH822	HS1 Best Silesian and Champion
Bob Benson	YH820	G
Bob Benson	YH805	HS2 Reserve Champion
Bob Benson	YH826	S
Dale Jett	YH201	G
Howard Angevine	YH1233	ABS
Jerry Sindelar	YH439	G
Perry Mueller	YH1719	HS3
Perry Mueller	YH1702	S
Perry Mueller	YH1704	HS2
Perry Mueller	YH1701	HS1
Bob Benson	YH	S

Thuringer Fullead (4)

Howard Angevine	YC523	HS2
Howard Angevine	YC535	S
Howard Angevine	YC572	HS1 Best Thuringer Fullhead
Howard Angevine	YC521	ABS

Thuringer Spot (6)

Howard Angevine	YC566	S Best Thuringer Spot
Perry Mueller	YC859	S
Howard Angevine	YC555	ABS
Perry Mueller	YC877	S
Gerald Kress	YC262	G
Gerald Kress	YC268	G