

# UNITED Swallow Club



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## USC WINNERS!



At the USC Annual/NPA Grand National Pigeon Show Ontario Calif. Jan 29, 2015. Top: Mike Swanson receives award for champion muffed color pigeon from the Swallow and Color Pigeon Judge, Hans Schipper. Bottom: Mike Swanson with Dave Harris, USC's latest life time member.

Top: Leon Stephens receives his NPA Master Breeder for Swallows from NPA President, James Gagny. Bottom: George de la Nuez with his Champion Swallow out of 224 Swallows at the meet.

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### Club Officers for 2014 & 2015 (See more officers on page 6)

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# A Call for Nominations for USC Events and Officers

Nominations are open until 30 days after you receive this bulletin.

That should be around April 15, 2015.

Send nominations to our Election Commissioner:

**Chris Auer, 2603**

**Prairie Hollow Rd., Imperial, MO 63052,**

Click here to email Chris  [auercg23@aol.com](mailto:auercg23@aol.com)

The following nominations are in for location of our next Annual Meet. **Please feel free to add another location**

- Des Moines, Iowa State Pigeon Show
- Pageant of Pigeons in Los Angeles

The following nominations are in for USC Officers  
**Add more to this list.** Restrict your nominee for your district director to someone who resides in your district. And, contact your nominee and insure they agree to the nomination.

- **President:**  
*Mike Swanson*
- **Vice-President:**  
*Gary Romig*
- **Secretary-Treasurer:**  
*Elliot Yeske*
- **Western District Director**  
*Bill Griebel Sr., Frank Bailey*
- **Central District Director:**  
*Dave Averbek*
- **Eastern District Director:**  
*Ron DeClement*
- **Canadian District Director:**  
*Bernie Licht*
- **Publicity director**  
*Frank Bailey*

*Mike Swanson*

Our annual meet held in conjunction with the NPA National in Ontario, California resulted in a successful event! The show included a record 224 entries representing a cross-section of quality entries. Numerous out-of-state entries were part of the show as well as numerous swallow breeders from throughout the United States and Europe. The Van der Post family, Hans Schipper and numerous United Swallow Club members were in attendance. Additionally, all of the United Swallow Club officers and district directors with the exception of our Canadian District Director, Bernie Licht, were present as well. Bernie Licht sent his support through a donation of numerous young bird monetary awards! Thanks Bernie!! Central District Director, Dave Averbeck drove all the way from St. Louis to the show to exhibit his birds and support the show through his hard work. Eastern District Director, Jessie Espinosa travelled from Florida to attend as well!

Congratulations to George DelaNuez for Champion Swallow with a young cock blue white bar Fairy Swallow. I thought George had at least two other young cocks that were equal in quality to the bird chosen as champion. In all classes the quality of swallows ran deep. Jay Beals won Champion Thuringian Wing Pigeon with a black barless and Bill Griebel Sr. won Champion Silesian with a blue black bar. Champion Fullhead was awarded to Frank Bailey with a red white bar.

The USC auction proved to be a success thanks to the generosity of the numerous donors and buyers who donated and purchased birds, books, periodicals, art work etc. Our auction supports USC activities and sustains our organization. Your unending support and generosity is appreciated and impacts the capacity of our organization. Mike Cobb and Elliot Yeske handled the proceeds from the auction and their hard work is appreciated. As a result, through collaborative efforts, both clubs benefitted.

The National Pigeon Association awarded Master Breeder of Swallows to long time USC member, Leon Stephens. Leon received his award at the NPA banquet Friday evening. Leon has contributed to our breed and our organization in numerous ways. Leon has served as an officer, committee member, judge, mentor and as an ambassador through his numerous trips to European shows and friendships with a variety of exhibitors here and abroad. Congratulations to Leon for this prestigious award!

Dave Harris received designation as a lifetime member of the United Swallow Club. Dave has held numerous USC offices, attended and shown at USC meets for decades and most importantly been a steward of our beloved breed. Dave has been a breeder and exhibitor of swallows for over fifty years and has numerous NPA National wins with his swallows. Congratulations Dave!

A huge thank you is extended to our annual meet judge, Hans Schipper for his judging and expertise. Throughout the show, Hans always had the time to talk to exhibitors to support them with his knowledge and perspective. Dr. L.E. Hummel always had great respect for Hans and we can see why. Hans had a lot of work to do judging all of the swallows and the numerous color pigeons!

Additionally, a huge thank you is extended to Gloria Weisgram for writing on coop cards during the judging process. Writing on coop cards illuminates to the breeder what the judge is seeing. If not for the writers, we would not have all of this information to inform our next steps for how to continue to improve our birds. After I return from a show, I use this feedback and find the comments to be very informative and helpful. Then when I'm going through my birds getting them ready for breeding season, I look at the cards and see if I'm seeing is what the judge is seeing.

Throughout the show, members in attendance were eager to support the show in whatever way they could. Every time something needed to get done, or there was a time crunch people stepped up to get the job done. The collaborative effort and commitment of our membership to support the success of the show is a true indicator of the quality of individuals that comprise our organization. I truly appreciated everyone's energy, positive attitude and willingness to support the success of our show. If you look closely at the photo of USC members and color pigeon breeders from the NPA National you will see the collective members that contributed in so many ways to make the show a resounding success. Additionally, Gary Romig contributed his creativity, expertise and energy in making all of the awards for our show. Thank you Gary for your tireless and unending efforts!

Lastly, thanks to Bill Griebel Sr. for being the member in charge of the USC Annual Show. Bill did a tremendous job of making sure the entire multitude of activities and tasks were put into place. This was not easy task and resulted in lots and lots of pressure! I'm not sure if Bill could have any more gray hair, but if I had been in his shoes I would be pulling out a lot!! Along with the numerous tasks to ensure the success of the show, Bill put the arrangements into place for a tasty lunch during our annual meeting. Over 30+ people attended the annual meeting during a break in the judging. If I had to list all of the tasks Bill accomplished it would scare most everyone! I'm sure a short list would be 10-20 at a minimum. Thanks Bill, your leadership, energy and commitment is appreciated!

Nominations for officers are due 30 days after this bulletin is sent to the membership. Please get any additional nominations to Gary Romig. I appointed Chris Auer as the chairperson for updating the USC Constitution and By-Laws. Chris Auer has informed me that he has asked Leon Stephens and Ron DeClement to be part of this committee. Contact Chris, Ron, or Leon with any of your suggestions and ideas. Your input and suggestions will assist them and make the process easier. After all, we all have a say in the USC Constitution and By-Laws. If you see something that needs to be taken care of now is the time. It may seem like an easy process but it's not. Bill Griebel Sr. is the chairperson for updating the USC certified judging program. Please contact Bill with any of your thoughts and ideas. Your input and perspective contribute to making progressive changes. Changes that unite our organization and sustain the work of the membership and past officers throughout the years, honor

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued*

their dedication, commitment and hard work.

Don't forget to nominate show locations and judges for our annual meet and work on district meets as well!

A potentially fun idea that I thought might work for the USC would be to have a series of bands for sale to members at \$5.00-\$10.00 or more for each band with the money from the sale of these bands going to an "award pool" or "champion futurity". Then for example, if I purchased 10 of these bands I would contribute \$100 and then use these 10 bands to band "my potential best pairing offspring". Then at the USC Annual Meet the top rated bird with a band from this "futurity band series" could be awarded fifty percent of the money generated from the sale of these bands. Twenty-five percent would go to the second rated bird and ten percent to any bird entered and drawn from a hat giving everyone who entered an equal chance at the pool of money and fifteen percent would go to the USC treasury. All birds would be judged in the show through the normal judging process and protocol and winners would be determined through our usual judging process. These are just some of my ideas to get the concept rolling and are just potential ideas and structures. The format of the first year could definitely evolve should the concept receive a positive reception and interest was generated to continue this concept. Nate Wayne said he would be willing to be the chairperson for this endeavor and I would help out. Initially, I would pay for the first year's bands at fifty cents per band for clean-leg and muffed birds. If it works out and comes to fruition it would add another dimension to our shows!

Lastly, I recently checked on the cost for a United Swallow Club vinyl banner with grommets for display at our shows. I would recommend having the club compensate Gary for his artwork on this banner if he would agree to do so. The cost is \$7.00 per square foot for a banner approximately 3'X6' totaling \$126 + or -. This banner could be mailed back and forth and used at a variety of shows especially if we are intentional in making the wording generic. Let me know your thoughts and I'm thinking it could be made this summer after I've received your suggestions and available for use in the upcoming show season.

I wish all of you success in your upcoming breeding season and want to express my appreciation to Gary Romig for his continuing efforts to publish our USC bulletins. His commitment and energy continue to contribute and sustain the United Swallow Club. Please support Gary by sending in articles, photos and information. Also Elliot is getting low on muffed bands. Get your band order in early and help Elliot out by renewing your dues! You the membership contribute to the capacity of our organization and the continued growth of our beloved breed! Renew your dues and your contributions to the bulletin provide important communication for a national organization like ours.

## Sec./Treas. Message *Elliot Yeske*

Wow!! What an impressive Grand National pigeon show. I have never seen so many quality swallows and color pigeons in one show in the US. So glad I was able to attend with my friend Nate Wayne, we had great time. Always good to see so many pigeon people in one show. Hans Schipper did a wonderful job judging the birds. He sure had his hands full with so many to do in the time allowed. The show hall was of great size and the local people did a nice job of decorating. Member in charge, Bill Griebel, did a wonderful job of coordinating the show and extending his hospitality to many at his home for good food and networking on Sunday.

Some bands are still available in the following quantities and sizes: 11mm for muffed birds, 105 remaining, 8mm for clean legged birds, 150 remaining. Bands this year are 50 cents each with \$3.00 postage. Canadian members postage would be slightly higher. Please check the membership list to verify if your dues are expired and if so please forward the \$10 per year fee to me.

I sincerely hope that you all have a great breeding season. I am sure for some of you this is already begun. Not so up here in the arctic tundra.

### United Swallow Club Financial Report January 2015 to February 2015

<b>Beginning balance:</b>	<b>\$2799.15</b>
Income from dues/bands/auction:	2864.50
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Monthly checking fee Jan/Feb	5.00
Return of overpayment to member	5.00
2nd half of 2015 bands	540.00
<b>Ending checking balance</b>	<b>\$5113.65</b>

## Memo from your Election Commissioner

*Chris Auer*

After the National Show Mike Swanson asked me if I would undertake the task of updating our Constitution and By-laws and just like last year when he asked me to be the Election Commissioner...I said yes.

So far the only thing I have accomplished is to fill in the committee which includes Ron DeClement, Leon Stephens and David Averbeck. Mike is researching the most recent document that was approved by the club and then the fun will begin.

If you have any ideas or thoughts of changes that need to be made to the document please email or call me. My Email address is [auercg23@aol.com](mailto:auercg23@aol.com), Phone is: 314-412-0308.

I look forward to hearing from you and any ideas that you may have.

# United Swallow Club Annual Meeting Held at the NPA Ontario National Friday January 30, 2015

*Submitted by Cathy Swanson Feb. 18, 2015*

USC President, Mike Swanson called the meeting to order at 11:30 A.M. Copies of last year's minutes were distributed for all to review as a tool to save and maximize time. The USC Annual meeting was held in an adjacent conference room during a lunch break in judging and a delightful lunch was made available for members to purchase through the efforts and arrangements made by Western District Director, Bill Griebel. Over 30+ members and other individuals were in attendance.

USC President, Mike Swanson began the meeting by recognizing the efforts of all of the "behind-the-scene" individuals who made the show a success and recognized the hard work, commitment and sacrifice of everyone's collective effort to sustain the tradition of a quality United Swallow Club Annual Meet! A collective round of applause was given to the "united" effort of the membership to sustain the success of our annual show and our beloved breed. Mike recognized and thanked Hans Schipper for his contribution to our show by serving as our judge. Mike thanked him for his expertise, hard work and efforts in sharing his judging feedback and helpful suggestions.

The first order of business included the approval of the minutes. Gloria Weisgram motioned to accept the minutes and Dave Averbeck seconded the motion. The motion passed. Secretary-Treasurer Elliot Yeske reported on the membership and indicated the membership in the newsletter sometimes isn't a true reflection of the current status of membership. Elliot further elaborated it needs to be reconciled with the paid memberships as they are received. Elliot further elaborated about the pre-show treasury and indicated balances would change as a result of show receipts and expenses. Leon Stephens motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read, Dave Harris seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

President Swanson clarified the silent auction would end at 12 Noon on Saturday. Nate Wayne recommended the public address system would be an ideal way to inform individuals in attendance the auction would be ending in at 12 Noon and further suggested reminding everyone 30 minutes prior to noon, 15 minutes prior etc. to maximize bidding and interest in our auction.

In Old Business, President Mike Swanson thanked Gloria Weisgram and Gary Romig for their hard work in creating the E-patches. Everyone agreed through their efforts the E-patch honors the excellence of those birds receiving this rating and not just the Champion. Furthermore everyone agreed this award begins an important USC tradition. Gloria Weisgram added the collaboration contributed to a successful process in creating the E-patch. Gloria added Hans Schipper, our annual meet judge, will sign the certificates prior to their distribution tomorrow at our awards ceremony, further promoting their status.

Dave Averbeck was recognized for his efforts in setting up the National Young Bird Show. Dave gave a report on the show and indicated in the future you can ship entries to him or to the show and he'll assure they are taken care of.

President Mike Swanson recognized Bill Griebel Sr. for setting up the USC Annual Meet, arranging for the judge, auction, overseeing entries, establishing a show timetable and his endless efforts. Mike elaborated it is the collective effort of many members behind the scene that contribute to the continuing success of our annual meet. Mike also expressed his thanks to the SCCPC and Mike Cobb for their contribution, commitment and efforts. Out-of-state exhibitors were asked to stand and a round of applause was awarded as a thank you for supporting the annual meet. USC Annual meet silent auction donors were thanked for their contributions. President Swanson further elaborated this auction sustains the USC annual meet and the continuing efforts and endeavors of our club as well!

In other old business Bill Griebel Sr. reported on the revision status of the certified judging program. President Swanson added eight new candidates have been suggested for this program and elaborated Gloria Weisgram is the only member that completed the application process since its inception, an indicator the application process needs revision and "lightening up".

President Swanson recognized new members present and European fanciers in attendance. Additionally, he announced the upcoming European show January 9-10, 2016 in Zwonitz and indicated Andreas Reuter had extended an invitation to the USC membership to attend.

Vice-President, Gary Romig, was recognized for his continuing efforts in publishing the USC newsletter. Everyone agreed his commitment to the bulletin has been an important connecting thread toward increasing interest and communication with the outcome of sustaining the United Swallow Club. President Swanson reiterated it is EVERYONE'S energy, commitment and collective efforts that have resulted in the continuing success of our club and growth in the refinement of our beloved breed! President Swanson reflected on the combined effort of officers, committee work, E-patches, certified judging program, district meets, the NPA Show etc. He further elaborated these shared goals are a reflection of the enduring qualities of our club.

In new business, Elliot Yeske, Secretary-Treasurer, encouraged members present to renew their dues and reported on the price increase to \$.50 for bands, previously approved by President Mike Swanson. In other new business nominations for a location for our next USC Annual meet were taken. Gloria Weisgram nominated Des Moines, Iowa and reported the dates are usually the 2nd weekend of December. Dave Harris nominated the Pageant of Pigeons in Los Angeles and indicated the show dates are the end of November. It was discussed if you had a judge to nominate verify their availability prior to nomination. Club officer nominations were also taken. Gloria Weisgram nominated Mike Swanson for President. Mike Swanson nominated Gary Romig for Vice-President. Dave Harris nominated Elliot Yeske for Secretary-Treasurer. Mike Swanson nominated Bill Griebel Sr. for

Western District Director. Gloria Weisgram nominated Dave Averbeck for Central District Director. Leon Stephens nominated Frank Bailey for publicity director. President Swanson clarified and reminded everyone nominations do not close until thirty days after the winter bulletin is published and sent to the membership. Vice-President Gary Romig indicated March 1, 2015 would be his deadline for receiving information and articles for the winter bulletin.

Nate Wayne motioned to make Dave Harris a United Swallow Club lifetime member. Elliot Yeske seconded the motion. The motion passed. Dave Harris expressed his appreciation for this honor and recognition. Dave shared he began with birds in 1958 and got his first National win in 1962. He indicated having pigeons for over 50 years has brought him special experiences and most importantly special friends. Additionally, President

Mike Swanson inquired about the need to appoint a committee to update the official USC Constitution and By-Laws. Mike further indicated since this was a voting year, this might be appropriate timing to undertake this task. Mike Swanson appointed Chris Auer to oversee this task. In other new business, President Mike Swanson inquired about the need to also revisit the standard this year and would revisiting the standard be a goal that needs to be addressed. In discussion from the floor Gloria Weisgram suggested waiting on reviewing and revising the standard and elaborated perhaps it was too much to take on this year. The consensus from the floor was to wait, so the topic was tabled. Mike Swanson also brought up Tim Starr and Ron DeClement have wanted to honor L.E. Hummel in the USC Bulletin or an annual meet. Dave Harris motioned to adjourn the meeting. Dave Averbeck seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 P.M.

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## Western District News

Our first West Meet was held in conjunction with the Colorado State Pigeon Assn. with Mike Swanson in charge. Check out the results in this bulletin. There are quite a few Colorado breeders of swallows and the competition is getting tough.

Here in California we had our USC Annual Meet in conjunction with the Southern Calif. Color Pigeon Club. Hans Schipper of Holland was our judge and he did a great job. He handled a record 224 swallows and George de la Nuez won with a beautiful blue white bar fairy (wing pigeon). Congratulations George. There were also a record number of Muffed and Clean Leg color pigeons, 181 to be exact. Also we had a record amount of monies collected for our auction, all the show expenses were paid and each club went home with a very nice profit for their efforts. This auction put many fine birds in the hands of many current and new color pigeon breeders.

Lastly, my heartfelt thanks to all those who helped write coop cards for the judges, helped keep records of the judges' ratings and to all the runners of the birds. Gloria Weisgram, Nate Wayne and Elliot Yeske flew in from Minnesota to join us! This could not have happened without all of you! Finally I want to thank Steve Drietz of Colorado, Mitch Slagle of Washington and Dave Averbeck Jr. of St. Louis, who drove to this to be part of this record show. Thanks everyone!

*Prospective Judges; Mike Cobb and George de la Nuez attending a meeting with certified judges; Steve Ball, Bill Griebel and Leon Stephens*

## The Judges Corner

As I mentioned in the last USC bulletin it would be a good idea to set up a mentor system for the new prospective judges. We here in the West got together with two prospective judges and did some work. We started with the reading of the standard and went item by item, explaining our interpretation of those items and what they meant to us and answered the questions of the prospective judges. Then we put birds in front of them, each person separately, and had them write on a piece of paper their comments and assigned a rating. Then we discussed the comments with them and gave our comments about those comments and ratings. It was a very productive day.

There should be several of these days. If you prospective judges need help setting up a mentor program please contact me or a certified judge in your area for help.



Submitted by: Mike and Cathy Swanson

Congratulations to longtime USC member, Leon Stephens for being awarded the prestigious NPA Master Breeder Award for Swallows. Leon began raising pigeons in 1948 and "started squabbing white King culls and added various fancy pigeons shortly after that." Leon bought Swallows in 1960 from Sterling Miller of Hamburg, Pennsylvania and to this day still has this family of birds and they have raised many champions. Leon was stationed in Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1967-1968 and had the opportunity to visit Dr. L.E. Hummel several times. As a result Leon developed a long-time relationship with Dr. Hummel and became a life-long friend of Werner Zahn, a leading Swallow expert and judge in West Germany and friend of Dr. Hummel. Leon has had the opportunity to import birds, attend shows in Europe and cultivate many friendships throughout the years both here and abroad. We first met Leon on a trip to Los Angeles, during spring break, while we were in college. We made the thousand-mile trip in our bright orange Volkswagen bug. Leon was welcoming, eager for us to visit his loft and other area breeders including Tom McCaig, Bill Griebel and fantail breeder Cy Harper. This was the beginning of our friendship with Leon and the beginning of deepening our knowledge of swallows!

Leon has a long list of champions at national shows throughout the years beginning in 1975 with Champion Swallow at the Pageant of Pigeons awarded by a team of well respected judges: Tom McCaig and Phil Gonzales. In 1977 Leon had Champion Swallow again at the Pageant of Pigeons again awarded by Tom McCaig and Phil Gonzales beginning a tradition of numerous national wins awarded by a variety of well-respected judges from the United States and European judges as well.

Forty years later Leon is still winning top awards. In 2006 at the NPA National, judge Reiner Wolf chose Leon's bird as Best Fullhead. In 2009 at the Pageant of Pigeons Leon's bird received a rating of E for his Champion from judge Perry Mueller. Then in 2011 his red white bar Silesian was awarded an E and designated Champion Swallow by Hans Schipper. Again in 2013 European judge Werner Zahn awarded Leon's bird an E and was chosen as Best Fairy. In that same year at the NPA National in Vancouver, Washington Leon's bird was chosen Reserve Champion Swallow by judge Gary Romig. A show record like this spanning numerous decades is a clear testament to Leon's knowledge and commitment to swallows.

Definitely, Leon has contributed to the improvement of Swallows in many ways. Leon has served as a judge in many shows in the U.S., in Australia, Germany, Canada and Mexico. Leon is a certified judge for the USC and a founding member of the Southern California German Color Pigeon Club. Leon has been an officer of the USC, president of the SCCPC and is currently president of the Los Angeles Pigeon and serving his 9th term! Leon has contributed his leadership to refining the Swallow standard, overseeing numerous national shows throughout numerous decades and contributed to the development of the USC Certified Judging Program.

Lastly, as a judge and fellow breeder, Leon has shared his knowledge of the swallow with the intention of having other breeders apply this knowledge to the improvement of their birds. Leon's contribution to the swallow has spanned over forty years through his stewardship of the breed and his commitment to supporting and sustaining the United Swallow Club! Congratulations on this well deserved award!!

## Notes from the Central District

Dave Averbeck  
Central District Director

We had a great show of 30 birds. An increase over the past years.

Two new exhibitors were showing with us that we deeply involved in learning more about the breed from the judge, Nate Wayne.

Nate, did an excellent job in judging. Perry Mueller's beautiful young blue barless hen won champion swallow. Perry also took res-champ with a blue white bar fullhead cock.

We hope to have even bigger shows in the future. You may want to show at the National Young Bird show and cannot be there, I will take any birds that are shipped to me and make sure they are show ready and bring them to the show for you.

## Results from the 2014 National Young Bird Show October 25th 2014 Louisville, KY Judge: Nate Wayne

### Silesian Swallows Young Hens

Perry Mueller	211	Blue Barless	HS-96***
Mike Swanson	7		-
Mike Swanson	28		-
David Averbeck	1838	Black White Bar	-
David Averbeck	1836	Black White Bar	S-94

### Silesian Swallows Young Cocks

Perry Muller	212	Blue Barless	S-95*
Mike Swanson	96		
Mike Swanson	12		
David Averbeck	1837	Black White Bar	S-94
David Averbeck	1842	Black White Bar	G-92
David Averbeck	1846	Black White Bar	G-92

### Fairy Swallows Young Hens

Neil Kentner	2747	Black Spangle	G-92
Chris Auer	1152	Black White Bar	S-94*
David Averbeck	1843	Black White Bar	G-93
Sue Melrose	330	Black Spangle	G-93

\*\*\* = Champion Swallow  
\*\* = Reserve Champion  
\* = Best in Class

### Fairy Swallows Young Cocks

Perry Muller	215	Black Spangle	S-95
Perry Muller	229	Black Spangle	S-95*
Neil Kentner	2765	Black Spangle	G-92
Chris Auer	1150	Black White Bar	S-94
David Averbeck	1850	Black White Bar	-
Sue Melrose	340	Black Spangle	G-93
Sue Melrose	329	Black Spangle	G-93

### Fullhead Swallows Young Hens

Perry Mueller	208	Blue White Bar	S-94*
Chris Auer	1157	Black Barless	-

### Fullhead Swallows Young Cock

Perry Muller	207	Blue White Bar	S-95**
Chris Auer	1151	Black Barless	G-93

### Thuringer Swallows Young Hens

Perry Muller	107	Black White Bar	S-94
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### Thuringer Swallows Young Cock

Perry Muller	100	Black White Bar	S-95*
Kerry Hendricks	205	Yellow White Bar	G-93
Kerry Hendricks	207	Yellow White Bar	-

**Results from the United Swallow Club Western District Meet  
Held in conjunction with Colorado State Pigeon Association  
Jan. 17, 2015 • Henderson, Colorado**

**Judge: NPA Master Judge, Phil Gonzales**

**SILESIA SWALLOWS- 14**

Breeder	Marking	BN	Sex	Rating
Cranwell Lofts	Silver Check	4869	YH	95S
Mike Swanson	Silver Check	48	YH	93S
Cranwell Lofts	Silver Check	564	YC	Absent
Cranwell Lofts	Silver Check	352	YC	92G
Cranwell Lofts	Silver Check	1482	OC	91G
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	49	YH	96HS**
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	92	YC	95S
Harry Beach	Blue Check	4135	OC	91G
Cranwell Lofts	Blue Check	1487	OC	Absent
Mike Swanson	Blue Check	339	OC	96HS
Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	93	YH	94S
Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	139	YC	94S
Mike Swanson	Silver Barless	175	OC	95S
Mike Swanson	Silver Bar	111	YC	94S

**FAIRY SWALLOWS - 7**

Breeder	Marking	BN	Sex	Rating
Cranwell Lofts	Blue White Bar	4879	YH	93S
Cranwell Lofts	Blue White Bar	4855	YC	92G
Cranwell Lofts	Blue White Bar	1498	OH	93S
Cranwell Lofts	Blue White Bar	1483	OH	94S
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	16	OH	93S
Cranwell Lofts	Blue White Bar	1499	OC	95S
Mike Swanson	Blue White Bar	601	OC	96HS*

**\*\* CHAMPION SWALLOW and Best Silesian.**  
*Recommended for an E no 2nd USC certified judge  
available remained 96HS*

**\*Best Fairy Swallow**



*Cathy Swanson, Frank Walsh and Judge Phil Gonzales at the USC Western District Meet in Henderson, CO*

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# USC Annual Meet at the NPA National Jan. 2015

## SWALLOWS & WING PIGEONS (224 entries)

Judge: Hans Schipper

Exhibitors: David Averbeck, Frank Bailey, Steve Ball, Jay Beals, Keith Chadd, Arnold Chaney, George de la Nuez, Steve Dreitz, Brian Goodwin, Bill Griebel Sr., Dave Harris, Terry Hester, Dave Holloway, Jim McCann, Dustin Nell, Gary Romig, Leon Stephens and Mike Swanson

### Notables:

\* = Best in Variety or Color  
 \*\* = Champion  
 BY = Best Young  
 NFS = Not for Show

Absent birds are not included (-29)

### Rating System:

I90 = Inferior  
 G91 = Good  
 G92 = Good  
 S93 = Superior  
 S94 = Superior  
 S95 = Superior  
 HS96 = Highly Superior  
 E97 = Excellent

### FAIRY SWALLOW- CRESTED

#### SAXON WING PIGEON (72)

##### Black Barless

G92 YH 4299 Dreitz  
 S93 YH 5191 Dreitz  
 G92 YC 4285 Dreitz  
 S94 OH 41 Ball\*  
 S93 OC 519 Dreitz  
 G92 OC 4130 Dreitz

##### Black White Bar

S93 YH 1075 Chaney  
 S94 YH 749 Griebel  
 S95 YH 837 Griebel  
 G91 YH 1841 Averbeck  
 G91 YH 4289 Dreitz  
 S93 YH 4561 Stephens  
 S93 YH 4560 Stephens  
 S94 YC 1088 Chaney  
 S95 YC 760 Griebel  
 S93 YC 4287 Dreitz  
 NFS OH 576 Chaney  
 NFS OH 1097 Chaney  
 S94 OH 1065 Chaney  
 S93 OH 210 Griebel  
 S95 OH 10 Griebel  
 S93 OH 1437 Stephens  
 NFS OC 1518 Chaney  
 NFS OC 1646 Chaney  
 NFS OC 1087 Chaney  
 S93 OC 1072 Chaney  
 S93 OC 1405 Averbeck  
 S94 OC 182 Stephens

##### Blue White Bar

I90 YH 3058 de la Nuez  
 S94 YH 3059 de la Nuez  
 S93 YH 3073 de la Nuez  
 S95 YH 3052 de la Nuez  
 S94 YH 3066 de la Nuez  
 HS96-2 YH 8 Swanson  
 HS96-1 YH 11 Swanson  
 S93 YH 4290 Dreitz  
 I90 YH 4291 Dreitz  
 S95 YH 5116 Dreitz  
 G92 YH 479 Nell  
 G92 YC 3072 de la Nuez  
 S94 YC 3060 de la Nuez  
 E97 YC 3067 de la Nuez\*\* BY

##### Blue White Bar (continued)

S95 YC 3054 de la Nuez  
 S95 YC 3056 de la Nuez  
 S94 YC 3069 de la Nuez  
 S95 YC 20 Swanson  
 S95 YC 4282 Dreitz  
 HS96 YC 5129 Dreitz  
 G92 YC 4280 Dreitz  
 G92 YC 486 Nell  
 S93 OH 1707 Stephens  
 S95 OH 699 Swanson  
 HS96 OH 103 Swanson  
 S94 OC 301 Swanson  
 S95 OC 181 Swanson  
 S94 OC 4156 Nell

##### Blue Check

S94 YH 4294 Dreitz  
 S95 YH 2271 Dreitz\*

##### Silver Barless

G92 YH 5119 Dreitz  
 HS96 OC 1815 Stephens

##### Red Spangle

S95 YH 1606 Bailey\*  
 G92 OH 641 Stephens  
 S94 OC 1404 Bailey

##### Red White Bar

G91 YH 1511 Bailey  
 S95 YH 2227 Romig\*  
 G92 YH 2329 Romig  
 S94 OH 1417 Bailey  
 S94 OH 1965 Stephens  
 S93 OC 1435 Bailey  
 S94 OC 1456 Bailey  
 S93 OH 87 Stephens

##### Yellow Spangle

S93 OH 482 Stephens

#### SILESIAN SWALLOW - NON-CRESTED SAXON WING PIGEON (78)

##### Black Barless

S93 YH 2272 Dreitz  
 G92 YH 1766 Dreitz  
 G92 YH 5172 Dreitz  
 I90 YC 5127 Dreitz  
 S93 YC 4283 Dreitz  
 S94 YC 4297 Dreitz  
 G92 YC 4298 Dreitz  
 HS96 OH 598 Ball  
 S94 OH 4136 Dreitz  
 S93 OC 3830 Ball  
 S93 OC 164 Dreitz

##### Black White Bar

S94 YH 1116 Chaney  
 S94 YH 1057 Chaney  
 S93 YH 836 Griebel  
 E97 YH 764 Griebel  
 S95 YH 804 Griebel  
 S94 YH 1837 Averbeck  
 S93 YH 5192 Dreitz  
 S93 YC 1022 Chaney

##### Black White Bar (Continued)

G92 YC 820 Griebel  
 S93 OH 1022 Chaney  
 NFS OH 950 Chaney  
 NFS OC 951 Chaney  
 S93 OC 732 Griebel  
 S95 OC 738 Griebel

##### Blue Black Bar

S92 YH 896 Griebel  
 S94 YC 761 Griebel  
 S95 YC 866 Griebel  
 E97 YC 867 Griebel  
 S94 OH 273 Griebel  
 S94 OH 2111 Griebel  
 S94 OH 227 Griebel  
 E97 OC 166 Griebel \*  
 HS96 OC 948 Griebel  
 S94 OC 347 Griebel

##### Black Check

S94 YH 66 Swanson  
 S94 YH 91 Swanson  
 HS96 YH 90 Swanson  
 S95 YH 71 Swanson  
 G92 YH 2274 Dreitz  
 G92 YH 4288 Dreitz  
 E97 YC 96 Swanson  
 S94 YC 49 Swanson  
 S94 OH 1812 Stephens  
 S94 OH 594 Swanson  
 HS96 OH 587 Swanson  
 S93 OC 161 Stephens  
 S95 OC 589 Swanson  
 S94 OC 2900 Dreitz

##### Red Spangle

S93 YH 1510 Bailey  
 S95 OC 1117 Bailey\*  
 S94 OC 1472 Bailey

##### Red White Bar

S93 OC 1424 Bailey  
 S95 OC 1102 Bailey

##### Silver Barless

S94 YH 89 Swanson  
 S95 YH 32 Swanson  
 S95 YC 23 Swanson  
 S94 YC 109 Swanson  
 S94 YC 35 Swanson  
 HS96 YC 94 Swanson  
 E97 OH 131 Swanson  
 S94 OH 421 Swanson  
 S94 OC 175 Swanson  
 HS96 OC 350 Swanson

##### Silver Checks

S95 YH 28 Swanson  
 S94 YH 135 Swanson  
 HS96 YH 66 Swanson  
 HS96 YH 16 Swanson  
 S94 YC 46 Swanson  
 S95 YC 104 Swanson  
 G92 YC 118 Swanson  
 HS96 YC 62 Swanson  
 E97 OH 542 Swanson  
 S94 OH 649 Swanson  
 S95 OC 651 Swanson  
 S94 OC 554 Swanson

##### Silver Dun Bar

S93 YH 4293 Dreitz  
 NJ YC 4296 Dreitz

#### SAXON SWALLOW - FULLHEAD

##### SWALLOW MUFFED (4)

Black  
 G92 YH 802 Griebel  
 S94 YH 920 Griebel  
 S94 YC 453 Ball

##### Blue White Bar

G92 YH 4099 Crawford  
 G92 YH 4093 Crawford

##### Red White Bar

S94 OC 1147 Bailey\*

#### NUREMBERG SWALLOW (2)

##### Black

S94 YC 489 Ball\*  
 S93 OH 4170 Ball

#### THURINGER WING PIGEON -

#### CLEAN LEG SPOT SWALLOWS (32)

##### Red Check

S94 YH 457 Holloway  
 S93 YH 4435 Holloway

##### Black Barless

E97 YH 685 Beals\*  
 S94 YH 690 Beals  
 S94 YH 689 Beals  
 S95 YC 694 Beals  
 HS96 YC 683 Beals  
 G91 YC 4045 McCann  
 I90 OH 4881 McCann  
 G92 OH 4475 McCann

##### Blue Barless

G92 YH 411 Holloway  
 S94 YH 4437 Holloway  
 S94 YH 15 Holloway  
 HS96 YH 499 Holloway  
 S95 YC 472 Holloway  
 S93 OH 2919 Holloway

##### Blue Spangle

S95 OC 3169 Chadd

##### Cream Yellow Bar

G92 OH 1526 Holloway

##### Red Barless

G92 YH 2447 McCann  
 S93 OC 980 McCann

##### Red White Bar

G92 YH 7412 Stephens  
 S93 OC 188 Stephens

##### Silver Barless

UR YH 479 Holloway

##### Silver Spangle

S94 YH 2921 Holloway  
 S94 YH 487 Holloway  
 S94 YH 424 Holloway  
 HS96 OH 527 Holloway

##### Silver White Bar

S94 YH 5136 Chadd

##### Yellow Spangle

S94 YC 402 Stephens

##### Yellow White Bar

S94 OH 404 Stephens  
 HS96 OC 406 Stephens

#### THURINGER SWALLOW - CLEAN LEG FULLHEAD SWALLOWS (7)

##### Blue Barless

S93 YH 151 Bailey  
 G92 OH 716 Bailey  
 I90 OC 353 Bailey  
 S94 OC 310 Bailey\*

##### Blue Black Bar

G92 YH 7374 Goodwin  
 S93 YC 567 Goodwin

##### Red

G91 YC 502 McCann



Photo: George de La Nuez  
*Champion Swallow and Best Young. YC 3067 rated E97 George de la Nuez*



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*Best Silver Check Silesian OH 542 E97 Mike Swanson*



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*Best Silesian Swallow OC 166 E97 Bill Griebel*



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*Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon YH 685 E97 Jay Beals*



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*Best Black WB Silesian Swallow YH 764 E97 Bill Griebel*



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Best Fullhead Swallow Red OC 1147 S94 Frank Bailey



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Best Nuremberg Swallow YC 489 S94 Steve Ball



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Best Red Spangle Silesian OC 1117 S95 Frank Bailey



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Best Blue Barless Thuringer YH 499 HS96 Dave Holloway



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Best Yellow WB Thuringer OC 406 HS96 Leon Stephens



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Best Silver Barless Silesian OH 131 E97 Mike Swanson



THE GROUP Left to right. Top Rows: Terry Gier, Leon Stephens, Elliot Yeske, John Navant, Wout Roelofs from Holland, Arnold Chaney, Cor van der Post from Holland, Mitch Slagle, Owen Kalland, Mike Swanson, Dave Averbek, Brian Goodwin. Middle Rows: Justin Nell, George de la Nuez, Frank Bailey, Jesse Espinosa, Jim McCann, Dave Harris, Steve Ball, Darrell Martin, Gary Romig, Tom Moss. Front Row: Jay Beals, Mike Cobb, Hans Schipper from Holland, Bill Griebel, Gloria Weisgram, Sandy Simpson, Steve Brice and Eddie Ah Chong. Photo by Cathy Swanson using Tom Moss' camera.



Mike Swanson explains the "E" patch awards designed by Gloria Weisgram and Gary Romig. Photo: Tom Moss



Gloria Weisgram writing down the judges comments. This is a lot of work. Thank you Gloria. Photo: Tom Moss



Hans Schipper presents banner award to Frank Bailey for Best Red WB or Spangled Silesian. Photo: Tom Moss



Jay Beals along side of his 2nd Place Volière of black Thuringer wing pigeons. Photo by Gary Romig



The auction in process. Sheets are laid out on the table with the bird's description and a list below where the bids can be placed. The birds are held in the walk in cages behind the tables. Elliot Yeske sits at the table keeping track of things while Gloria Weisgram and Nate Wayne stand behind him.



The judging area and when the presentation of awards is about to start. Most of the exhibitors are present. The show hall is bustling. The auction was a great success and you can see Mike Cobb and Elliot Yeske are tallying up the money from the sale of auction birds. Many thanks go out to the contributors to the auction.



*George de la Nuez is celebrating a good show by dancing the Salsa with girlfriend, Lulu, at Griebel's party. Bill Griebel has been putting on parties on the Sundays after the shows for many years now. Always is fun. Thank You Bill!*



*A view inside of Bill Griebel's pigeon coop*

## Photos from Jud Nelson's flock of Black White Bar and Spangled Fairy Swallows



Here are some pictures of my breeding stock for 2015. I have about, half & half, white bar and spangle (15 pairs). I got my spangles looking half way decent as far as "spangling" pattern is concerned. Now I am concentrating on getting the bars narrower on the barred birds. Some pairs are mated white bar to spangle with 12 pairs mated same pattern to same pattern. Mating bar to spangle doesn't make nice looking offspring but it is necessary occasionally.

I hope you all had a good time at the National and take care.

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