



Secretaries Message

Elliot Yeske

Things are going well so far with the club. We have had a lot of members renew and also picked up a few new members. The show season went well for the club with many people donating money for the our judges rooms and other expenses we had. We received auction money from 3 shows this year Des Moines, Reading and the National at Tacoma. All of this made for a good bank account at this time. We have paid for 2 judges to fly in and their rooms and still are good shape. Thanks to everyone that helped out in all of this from the auctions to the donations and other ways you helped at the shows. We have paid for the first half of our band order for 2003. There has been some interest in clean leg bands so we ordered 500 for next year. As for this years bands at this time I only have 10 left.

At the tacoma show we had club stickers made up, they have a blue checked fullhead on them and we still have some of them to sell the come in 3 inch size for \$1.75 and 4 inch size for \$2.50 if you would like some of these please send your orders to me. Also please send a little extra for postage.

Hope everyone is off to a nice start on the breeding season and may every-one breed a champion.



USC Sec., Elliot Yeske, at the Des Moines Show

Presidents Message

Gloria Weisgram

Greetings, from Minnesota. Thank you for electing me president. I will try to do the best job that I can for the club over the next two years. I plan to work very closely with Elliot Yeske, our new Secretary, Bill Griebel Jr., the new vice president and Bob Benson, Leon Stephens, John Taupert and Merle Star the new district directors. I have chosen Dick Baker to be our new publicity director and I believe he will quickly help us become a more visible club.

I will touch on some of the issues we will try and address to help our club move forward and become more efficient. First of all, we are in the process of looking at improving our club standard for Thuringer pigeons. Bill Griebel Jr. is in charge of this program. As a club, we met during the Tacoma National and discussed adopting the European Standard as our own. There was a great amount of support for this due to the large number of recent importations of Thuringers from Europe and also the use of European judges at our annual meets. District directors are currently polling their respective Thuringer breeders to see if this will be acceptable to the majority of our membership. If we reach an agreement we will be voting on this as a club fairly soon.

Another issue of concern is the annual judge selection process. We currently have a small number of qualified judges on the official list. We need to work at increasing that number. If you are interested in becoming a judge there is now a process that you can go through to do this. On another note, sometimes a European or special judge is needed to help encourage the growth of the club, to improve the quality of our birds and help with direction we take as a group. This was a topic of concern at Tacoma and is currently being discussed within individual districts. The majority of members would like nominations for this special judge to be unlimited. Leon Stephens offered to oversee the contacting of willing European candidates to be placed on an official list that members may select from. In years where a special judge is desired any number maybe nominated and one candidate will then be chosen by a majority vote. The airfare, roam and meals will be provided to the chosen judge by the club. We hope that there is an interest from our European friends to be included on this list and we feel that it is an honor to be listed.

Publicity will be improved upon immediately. Dick Baker has been writing articles for the Pigeon Debut and they will be published as often as will be allowed. He will need any support you care to give him in the way of ideas, photographs, or suggestions. Please contact him if you have any thoughts or information that might be helpful. We will be placing a quarter page ad in the Debut to promote new membership. Gary Romig and I are working on a new website that will include photos of winning birds, our new standard, show results and all club officers. We will be updating this website periodically throughout the season. Ideas and information are always welcome.

District Directors will be more active over the next two years in taking responsibility for their show awards, events and reports. They need your help in order to keep the entire club informed of what is taking place in your district. If you want to help with any of these topics please visit with them.

I have contacted the NPA about special awards that can be given to club members. I want to try and present some of these as they are warranted. I will talk more about the criteria for these awards in the next bulletin. There are

club members who should be recognized for their efforts and there is no time like the present.

We will be putting out 4 good quality bulletins this year in a timely fashion. Gary Romig, swallow breeder and foremost pigeon/bird artist is our bulletin editor. At Tacoma we voted as a group to compensate him and he will receive \$50.00 per bulletin for his expertise in this area beginning with this bulletin.

Elliot Yeske is in the process of trying to order Thuringer bands. If you are interested in ordering these please contact him immediately to be included. All of our regular bands except 10 have been purchased. We will be reevaluating our band order for next year to see if we need to increase it.

Lastly, show awards need to be reevaluated. Perhaps due to the number of Thuringers being shown it is time to give awards for both Fullhead Thuringers and Spots. You will be surprised at what our constitution and by-laws recommends for awards. Please take time to read this and be ready to let your director know your opinions. As a club we will be looking at what we would like to do for the upcoming season. I will be asking club directors what your opinions are. Once we decide upon the awards to be used we will need to look at the terminology we use when filling out our show entries. Bill Griebel wrote an article a few years ago that addresses this issue quite well. I am as guilty as anyone of using the wrong words for the different types of swallows but it is important that we use the correct terms especially when filing out our entries. I will discuss the correct way to list your birds on the entry sheets in the bulletin just before the show season approaches. If we all make an effort to correctly list our entries shows will run much smoother. It is a small matter but one that will make a huge difference in the accuracy of judging and recording.

These are the items we discussed at Tacoma and the ones we, as a club, will be looking at this first year. I hope we make good progress as a group and have a lot of fun enjoying each others company while we continue to raise good quality swallows. If you are a new member please don't hesitate to call a fellow member if you would like help or advice. Thank you for all your efforts and good luck with your birds.

Birds For Sale

3 Silesian Swallows hens. Show Birds which have been in recent shows. Silvers: two are black checkers one is black barred.

Contact Bob Benson 5 Fareway Dr., Northfield MN 55057
507-645-7230.

Below Left: Blue black bar Silesian Old Hen #351 Bred and owned by Taupert & Tayler Rated "E" Below Right Yellow White bar Fairy Swallow Old Cock #232 Bred and owned by Leon Stephens Rated "HS"



Hans Schipper of Holland, Judge for the National show in Tacoma with Bob Benson. Bob is holding his Champion Bird. The winning bird is seen below: Silver Checker Old Hen # 357 rated "E". Also, Bob receiving his award from Gloria Weisgram, USC President.



Tacoma National Show Report

80th NPA Grand National
Tacoma, Washington,
Judge Hans Schipper
94 entries

Champion & Best Silesian: Silver Check OH 357 Bob Benson
Best Fairy and Champion Young Bird: Black Barless YH 844 Gloria Weisgram
Best Fullhead: Black Barless OH 566 Dave Harris
Best Thuringer: Blue barless spot YC 808 Berndt Licht
Best Red/Yellow: Yellow W/B Fairy OC 232 Leon Stephens

SILESIA SWALLOWS

Black Barless Young Hen

106 Nollans ABS

Black Barless Old Hen

1016 Weisgram 95S

Black Barless OC

1068 Nollans ABS

Blue Barless Old Hen

945 Weisgram 95S

Blue Barless Old Cock

900 Weisgram 96HS

Blue Black Bar Young Hen

343 Taupert&Taylor 93S

Blue Black Bar Young Cock

350 Taupert&Taylor 93S

Blue Black Bar Old Hen

1366 Harris 94S

351 Taupert&Taylor 97E

Blue Black Bar Old Cock

1800 Harris 96HS

243 Taupert&Taylor 93S

Silver Barless Young Hen

13 Harris ABS

613 Benson 94S

Silver Barless Old Hen

120 Harris 95S

166 Harris 96HS1

916 Weisgram 94S

270 Wayne 96HS2

298 Stephens 93S

Silver Barless Old Cock

277 Wayne 94S

230 Wayne 96HS2

282 Wayne 96HS1

142 Harris 94S

Blue Check Silesian Old Hen

4 Stephens 95S

Silver Check Silesian Young Hen

616 Benson 94S

631 Benson 95S

Silver Check Young Cock

614 Benson 94S

Silver Check Old Hen

357 Benson 97E

389 Benson 96HS

Silver Black Bar Old Hen

543 Stephens ABS

Blue White Bar Old Hen

5 Stephens ABS

FULLHEAD SWALLOWS

Black Barless Old Hen

566 Harris 94S

185 Harris 93S

Black Barless Old Cock

417 Yeske 91G

3 Harris 92G

Black White Bar Old Hen

93 Bailey 92G

1918 Bailey I 0

1927 Bailey 91G

Black White Bar Old Cock

N/B Griebel Disqualified

Red White Bar Young Hen

1911 Morman 91G

1902 Morman 91G

SAXON FAIRY SWALLOW

Black Barless Young Hen

844 Weisgram 96HS

Black Barless Young Cock

825 Weisgram 94S

Black White Bar Young Hen

304 Taupert&Taylor 93S

257 Stephens 94S

Black White Bar Old Hen

277 Stephens ABS

Black White Bar Old Cock

537 Owen/Morrison 91G

2 Stephens 94S

Yellow White Bar Old Cock

232 Stephens 96HS

419 Stephens 95S

Blue White Bar Young Hen

884 Stephens 93S

Blue White Bar Young Cock

886 Holloway 92G

Blue White Bar Old Hen

1805 Harris 96HS

1830 Harris 94S

Blue White Bar Old Cock

708 Harris 94S

Silver White Bar Young Hen

212 Stephens 93S

Silver Spangle Old Hen

2300 Holloway 94S

2322 Holloway 93S

THURINGER SPOT SWALLOW

Blue Barless Young Hen

868 Holloway 91G

809 Licht 94S

Blue Barless Young Cock

20 Taupert&Taylor 93S

835 Holloway 94S

808 Licht 96HS

Blue Barless Old Hen

538 Taupert&Taylor 93S

640 Holloway 92S

Blue Barless Old Cock

392 Taupert&Taylor 93S

639 Holloway 92

154 Licht 94S

Blue Black Bar Young Cock

873 Licht 96HS

831 Licht 93S

Blue Check Young Hen

839 Holloway 95S

Blue Check Old Hen

265 Harris ABS

Blue Spangle Young Hen

591 Yeske 94S

Blue Spangle Young Cock

845 Holloway 92G

Blue White Bar Young Cock

587 Yeske 95S

Silver Barless Young Hen

17 Taupert&Taylor 93S

Silver Barless Young Cock

860 Licht 94S

Silver Barless Old Cock

152 Licht 92G

Silver Dun Bar Young Hen

872 Holloway 92G

Yellow Barless Old Cock

30 Taupert&Taylor 96HS

Red Barless Young Hen

10 Taupert&Taylor 93S

Ash Red Bar Young Cock

872 Holloway 93S

Cream Yellow Bar Young Hen

879 Holloway 91G

Cream Yellow Bar Young Cock

848 Holloway 92G

THURINGIAN FULLHEAD SWALLOWS

Black Barless Young Hen

354 Harris 92G

Black Barless Young Cock

359 Harris 92G

559 Yeske 93S

Black Barless Old Hen

235 Harris ABS

450 Bailey 92G

1912 Bailey 93S

449 Bailey 92G

Black Barless Old Cock

1907 Bailey 93S

17 Harris 92G

56 Yeske 94S

Blue Black Bar Young Cock

798 Yeske 93S

Western Canadian National Show

Results are shown again because of previous mistakes

Edmonton, Alberta

November, 2, 3, 4

Judge: Leon Stephens, El Monte, CA

13 Exhibitors

Champion Swallow and Best Silesian: Blue Bar Silesian OH 171- John Taupert

Reserve Champion and Best Thuringer: Yellow Thuringer YH 9- Taylor and Taupert

Champion Young Bird: Yellow Thuringer YH 9 - Taylor and Taupert

Best Fairy: Black White Bar OC 211-John Taupert

No Fullheads shown

THURINGER WING PIGEONS

Black Barless Old Hen

156 B.Heck S

124 Driscoll and Leskiw G

Old Cock

167 B.Heck G

Blue Check Old Hen

38 W.Greenfield G

Blue Spangled Young Hens

914 Taylor and Tauper S

904 Taylor and Taupert G

338 L.Newcombe G

Young Cocks

907 Taylor and Taupert G

911 Taylor and Taupert G

Old Hens

603 Taylor and Taupert S

564 Taylor and Taupert G

Old Cocks

0937 Taylor and Taupert S1

607 Taylor and Taupert S2

809 Taylor and Taupert G

Red Barless Young Hens

10 Taylor and Taupert S

4 Taylor and Taupert G

105 B. Heck G

12 Driscoll and Leskiw G

Young Cocks

11 Driscoll And Leskiw S

901 Driscoll and Leskiw G

18 Driscoll and Leskiw G

Old Hen

41 Taylor and Taupert S

5 Taylor and Taupert G

166 B. Heck G

Old Cocks

160 B. Heck HS

21 Taylor and Taupert S1

10 Taylor and Taupert S2

15 Taylor and Taupert G

143 Larry Driscoll G

Blue Barless Young Hens

21 Taylor and Taupert S1

903 Driscoll and Leskiw S2

27 Taylor and Taupert S3

14 Taylor and Taupert G

418 Driscoll and Leskiw G

902 W.Greenfield G

906 Driscoll and Leskiw G

Young Cocks

20 Taylor and Taupert HS

2 Taylor and Taupert S

Old Cocks

392 Taylor and Taupert S

Silver Barless Young Hens

17 Taylor and Taupert S1

31 Taylor and Taupert S2

Young Cocks

32 Taylor and Taupert G

Old Hens

153 Taylor and Taupert G

Yellow Barless Young Hen

3 Taylor and Taupert S1

1 Taylor and Taupert S2

22 Taylor and Taupert S3

Young Hens

9 Taylor and Taupert E

18 Taylor and Taupert S

300 Driscoll and Leskiw G

977 Driscoll and Leskiw G

Old Hens

19 Taylor and Taupert S

Old Cocks

30 Taylor and Taupert S1

24 Taylor and Taupert S2

13 Taylor and Taupert G

SILEASIAN SWALLOWS

Blue Black Bar Young Hens

343 Taupert S1

349 Taupert S2

337 Taupert S3

318 J. Masnyk S4

335 T.Toews S5

300 Taupert G

324 T.Toews G

351 R.Fyn G

1319 R.Fyn G

305 W.Greenfields G

353 ABS

Young Cocks

308 Taupert S1

311 Taupert S2

323 Greenfield S3

326 Taupert S4

313 Taupert S5

302 Taupert S6

321 Taupert G

247 T.Toews G

355 R.Fyn G

325 T.Toews G

377 R.Coslovich G

374 R.Fyn G

301 ABS

340 ABS

Old Hens

171 Taupert E

351 Taupert S1

235 Taupert S2

348 Coslovich S3

246 Taupert S4

Old Cocks

243 Taupert HS

224 Taupert S1

227 Taupert S2

135 Taupert G

192 Driscoll G

276 Yahus G

217 ABS

Silver Black Bar Young Hens

348 Taupert S1

376 R.Coslovich S2

358 R.Fyn G

336 R.Fyn G

Young Cocks

361 L.Driscoll G

378 R.Coslovich G

Old Hens

1343 R.Fyn G

239 Taupert G

225 G.Yuhus G

Silver Black Bar Old Cocks

0 R.Coslovich G

240 Taupert G

Silver Barless Old Hen

951 R. Fyn G

Barless Blue Old Cocks

1547 R. Fyn S

245 R.Fyn

Black Barless Old Hen

354 L.Driscoll G

Old Cocks

358 L.Driscoll G

Silver Checker Old Hen

1319 R.Fyn G

Blue Check Young Hen

329 R.Fyn S

Young Cock

312 R.Fyn S

358 R.Fyn G

Old Hen

0 L.Driscoll G

Old Cock

128 R.Fyn G

FAIRY SWALLOWS

Red White Bar Young Cock

129 B.Heck G

Yellow White Bar Young Hen

766 L.Newcombe G

Blue White Bar Old Hens

222 W.Greenfield G

334 W.Greenfield G

Old Cocks

640 W.Greenfield S

303 W.Greenfield G

Black White Bar Young Hens

304 Taupert S1

317 Taupert S2

329 R.Fyn S3

124 B.Heck G

Black White Bar Young Cocks

316 Taupert S

Black White Bar Old Hens

537 G&T Owens S

351 Taupert G

46 B.Heck G

Black White Bar Old Cocks

211 Taupert S1

181 G&T Owens S2

101 Taupert S3

210 R.Fyn G

10 B.Heck G

232 L.Driscoll G

Swallow Breeders In Western Canada

By John Taupert Canadian Director.

Brian Heck: Sherwood Park, Alberta is breeding from 20 pairs of Swallows and Wing Pigeons. Brian has Thuringers in black & red barless and Fairies in black, red & yellow white barred. He also breeds English Magpies & Fantails in several colors

Bernd Licht of Fort Saskatchewan Alberta. Bernd is the fancier most responsible for bringing Thuringer Wing Pigeons into Canada from some of the top lofts in East Germany. In 1997 Bernd imported 15 pair in red, yellow, black blue & silver barless. Since that time he has been active in spreading good stock birds around and has about 12 new breeders going strong. At present he is breeding them in blue & silver barless as well as a few pair of blue black bar.

Dick Taylor. Swift Current, Saskatchewan. Along with his partner, John Taupert, "TNT" Lofts, are breeders from some 20 pair of Thuringer Wing Pigeons in red, yellow blue & silver barless. These two fanciers have had good success on both sides of the border these last couple of years and are looking forward to the next season.

Robbie Fyn of Linden, Alberta added Swallow & Wing Pigeons to his loft. Last fall purchasing some 20 pair of birds from John Taupert. He has blue, silver, red & yellow Wing Pigeons and Silesians in bars, checkers & barless in blue and silver. Along with 2 pairs of black white bar Fairies. Rob & his family also have many other breeds of Pigeons along with several varieties of fancy chickens.

Thien Lam: Calgary, Alberta breeds Thuringers in red, yellow & black barless and is hoping to add a few pairs of blue & silver barless in the fall. Thien is also one of Canada's top Show Racer breeders. He will be a top competitor in a year or two.

Ron Hornby of Calgary: has bred Swallows for over twenty years. at present Ron is breeding black white barred Fairies and black barless Silesians. Ron also breeds several varieties of Color Pigeons.

Joe Masnyk of Leth Bridge, Alberta: is breeding Swallows for the first time this year. He has three pairs of blue black bar Silesians. Joe tells me he is really enjoying the Swallows and has plans to expand his stud in the near future. In Canada, Joe, is well known for his Fantails & Jacobins.

Guido Pfiffner, Panoka, Alberta: Just bought three pair of blue & silver barred Silesians from John Taupert and is planning on showing this fall. Guido also has Jacobins, Show Racers, baldhead Rollers and English Trumpeters.

Bob Pilcharof, Brandon Manitoba: is that provinces only Swallow breeder. Bob has a few pair of barred Silesian to go along with his twenty other breeds.

Larry Driscoll, Medicine Hat, Alberta is breeding Swallows in Fairies, Silesians & Thuringers. He has blue & silver barred Silesian, blue white bar Fairies and Thuringers in red, yellow & blue barless.

Rocky Coslovich, Medicine Hat, Alberta: has a few pair of blue & silver barred Silesians. He also breeds Fantails in many colors along with blue &

silver Saxon Priests.

Glyn Yuhas, Medicine Hat, Alberta: has Silesian Swallows in blue and silver barred and also raises several varieties of Pouters along with Komorner tumblers.

Todd Toews, Medicine Hat, Alberta: is using Swallows for feeders for his Jacobins and plans to breed form 3 or 4 pair of Silesian bars for the show season.

Bill Leskiw, Medicine Hat, Alberta: has several pairs of Thuringers in red, yellow, blue & black barless as well as 3 or 4 pairs of checkers. Bill is also a prominent breeder of Komorners.

Lastly there is myself, John Taupert, at this time I have been breeding Swallows for about 10 years. My blue & silver barred Silesian I imported from Bill Griebel Jr. My black white barred Fairies are from Bill Sr. And, I have red & yellow barless Thuringers as well as blue & silver barless which come off of German import stock from Bernd Licht.

This will give you a brief outline of some of the Swallow breeders in Western Canada and what type of birds we have up here. Until next time. May all of you raise at least one champion and we'll see you at the show.

Swallow Club Treasurer's Report

Elliot Yeske

Spring 2002

Income:

Donations	477.00
National Young Bird Show Rebate	46.50
Des Moines Auction	360.00
Bands	483.50
Des Moines Rebate	86.00
Funds forwarded from Sec/Tres. Harris	406.65
Dues	563.00
Tacoma Rebate	72.00
Tacoma Auction	255.00
Reading Auction	100.00
Reading Rebate	82.50
Stickers	10.00
NPA 2nd place prize	100.00
Color Pigeon Club Donation for Judge	226.00

Expenses:

Bill Jr. Ticket	169.50
Mailers and Postage for Bands	7.47
Gloria Award Holders	50.23
Hans' Plane Ticket	650.00
Dave Harris Misc. Expenses	40.88
First Half 2003 Bands	262.59
Gary Romig 2001 Awards	250.00
Nate Wayne Judges Room	326.88
Pigeon Debut NPA Ad.	55.00
Fee for Checks	19.00
Monthly Service Charge for Checking (Dec., Jan., Feb.)	9.00

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*Right Column*Top: Gloria awarding Bernd Licht the award for Best Clean Leg Swallow at the Tacoma National. Middle: Leon Stephens receiving award for Best Red or Yellow at the Tacoma National. Bottom: Touring the Boeing Plant Tacoma/Seattle.

Middle Column:

Top Birds From the Des Moines Show

Top: Best Clean Leg Swallow, black Barless Fullhead, at Des Moines, Owned by Elliot Yeske. Next: Best Silesian Swallow, Silver Barless OH # 916 at Des Moines, Owned by Gloria Weisgram. Next: Blue Barless Silesian Old Cock rated H.S. at Des Moines Owned by Gloria Weisgram. Bottom: Champion Swallow at Des Moines, Black Barless Fairy Swallow Young Cock # 825 Owned by Gloria Weisgram.

Left Column:

Pictures from the Des Moines Show

Top: The Show room and Swallow Fanciers. Next: Norm House and Bob Jakubowski. Next: Would you take their order? Bill Lawson and Bob Benson. Bottom: Bob Jakubowski receives award for Best Fullhead from Bill Griebel Jr. and Elliot Yeske.



PIGEON DEBUT SWALLOW SPECIAL AUGUST 2003

Yes its true, we are going to have a Swallow Special in the Pigeon Debut August 2003. I have been in contact with the Pigeon Debut, our president who polled the club officers and others. The response was great and in favor of the special. We have over a year to get it together and need your support to make this a great Swallow Special. Advertising rates and all other information will be available in the next bulletin or you can contact me later for the information.

Due to the time factor this notice needed to be in

the bulletin prior to 100% of the information being received from the Debut.

I coordinated the 1985 APJ Swallow Special and Bob Austin coordinated the 1976 APJ Special. After 17 yrs past I felt it was time for another go at it. I'm excited and sure hope all of you will be to. Please support the effort and we will have a special that we can be proud of for years to come. Dave Harris, 2301 Stottlemeyer Rd NE, Poulsbo, Wa. 98370 E-Mail DHarris39@Worldnet.Att.Net Ph# (360)779-7860 or Fax @ (360) 779-0814

Nominations Ballot for USC

Write in preference

Return to Gary Romig Box 644 Jerome AZ 86331

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USC annual meet Location and or Show Affiliation

Judge for USC annual meet

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President: Gloria Weisgram

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Eastern Director: Merle Starr

Central District Director: Bob Benson

Western District Director: Leon Stephens

Publicity Director: Dick Baker

Election Commissioner: Gary Romig

Birds from the USC

Eastern District Meet

in Reading PA. Top:

Andy's Blue

White Bar Fairy. Next:

Best Black Fullhead.

Next: Tim's black barless

Silesian Next: Howards

Blue Fullhead.

Bottom:

Champion Award.



A Visit From the USC Eastern Director

By Dick Baker

I am so pleased to have had our District Director, Merle Starr come to visit us. The trip took him five and one half hours one way. We have been communicating ever since I got started on my Swallow Project. He had offered to help in any way, but when he retired in November it didn't take long before he said "I think we better get together and talk". He also said "I want to see what kind of a set up you have and the birds you are breeding from". After he got here and saw the quality and number of Swallows I have and the number of people I have given birds to get started, he said "we have a great start already and let's try to get something going so we could have a get together sometime in the summer or fall of 2002". He would like to meet all of these new swallow breeders in our area. It is hard for me to believe that things are happening this fast.

Without the help from the USC it never could have happened. We sure had a lot of things to talk about. He gave me a lot of advice and suggestions and some tips on trimming that made it look so simple. You can read about it or talk about it but there is nothing like seeing it done.

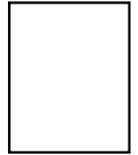
A couple of times after seeing what I was doing here he said, "I would not do it that way and explained why". I am glad he felt free enough to give me his opinion. One can learn a lot from someone who has raised swallows as long as he has and has had so much success. One of our conversations was about how the swallows, the Saxon spots, the Shields, the Monks and so on are all so close and are all in the Field Pigeon family or what they call German Toys. I didn't realize they were the same bird but only with different coats on. When he came, he also brought me some birds, one was a yellow barless Silesian out of one of his best pair. It should help me a lot if I could just pick the right mate. Another highlight of the visit was that he brought his wife, Linda. She was so easy to get acquainted with, after only ten minutes we felt that we had known them forever.

After we went out for supper, we followed them to their motel. The ladies and my son played cards and talked. Merle and I talked pigeons until the wee hours. The next morning Merle came back to check everything out once more. We were sorry to have the visit come to an end.

Now the morale of this article is "If you have someone new to Swallows in your area, and you have some experience, you don't know how much a call, visit or some good advice may mean to them". So let's as a club do all we can to promote this beautiful breed.



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Dutch Color Pigeon Club Awards Plate

A decorative pigeon plate was awarded to this year's top breeder of swallows at the Tacoma National Pigeon Show. Each breeder showing swallows was allowed to calculate the top four birds of his entry. Listed below are some of the top contenders. Hans Schipper presented the plate to Dave Harris as the top breeder of the show. As you can see point totals were very close. Congratulations, Dave and Thank you to the Dutch Color Pigeon Club.

- Elliot Yeske (376)
- Bernd Licht (380)
- Leon Stephens (380)
- Gloria Weisgram (382)
- John Taupert & John Taylor (382)
- Nate Wayne (382)
- Bob Benson (382)
- Dave Harris (383)



USC Annual Meet Thank's To All

My many thanks to all of the members that participated with our recent annual meet in Tacoma, Wa. last month. It was a shot of great fun, Swallows, competition and once again seeing and visiting with all of you. To top it off, Hans Schipper traveled from the Netherlands to do the honors for competition. This was my first meeting with this fine gentleman and judge. The experience will not be forgotten for a long time.

This was my first annual meet to attend in 5 or more years. Too long. I am back, and plan on competing with my Swallows in the future. Let the good times roll. This show wasn't just another Swallow meet to me. It was a learning experience that will be used to enhance the quality of the Swallows in my lofts.

It was a bit sad not to have any JR. members in competition this year. This task is ALL of our responsibility to get JR. fanciers into the breeding and showing of Swallows. I will do my part up here in Washington. Next month an advertisement will be shown with the Puget Sound Pigeon Fanciers monthly bulletin. I will give SPECIAL consideration to JR's to acquire Swallows. FREE to any serious prospect. In conclusion my friends, have a good season, be safe and these past 10+ years as Sec./Treas for the USC was great. Thank you all for the support.

With the new team in place now, I can assure you the USC is in very good hands. Remember, Show the best and leave the rest!!

Dave Harris