



Presidents Message

Gloria Weisgram

Greetings to all swallow club members and best wishes as you begin your 2003 breeding season. We have just finished a year filled with ups and downs. Many of you attended shows, made improvements with your birds and for the first time in our club history a red swallow received an E rating at an annual USC meet. On the other hand our members in California are still suffering the repercussions of a Newcastle virus outbreak. The Pageant had to be cancelled for the first time in many years and the extent of the area that will be impacted has yet to be determined. We hope 2003 can be better in every respect! Let's all do our best to raise good birds, help out new members, and above all, communicate with each other.

This first bulletin contains quite a bit of information. "Our new Thuringer standard is almost ready. The finishing touches are being put on wording and photographs so that it will be available to the membership in the next bulletin. We will vote on it as a club in the third bulletin of the year and it should be ready to go by the time we judge our Thuringers in the Fall.

We are currently nominating club officers and annual meet site/judge for 2004. You may nominate a member of your choice for President, Vice President, Secretary and a director for your respective district. Nominees will be contacted and a final vote will go out with the next bulletin. Officers will serve a two-year term.

Our first order of business for 2003 is our dedication to the Swallow Special. You can contribute an article or photograph or take out an ad to help make this publication something to be proud of. Dave Harris is our coordinator and will be happy to answer any questions or help you with ad layouts and formatting. Dave handled the last Swallow Special in 1985 and it has become quite a collectors copy. Dave would like to have all material as soon as possible.

Mike Swanson was elected Judging Commissioner by his fellow judges and will be bringing some order to our program. If you are interested in becoming a judge please contact him. As our number of show increase the demand will become greater for qualified judges to help educate members in the refinement and improvement of our swallows.

Lastly, a special thanks to Canadian Director John Taupert and Publicity Director Dick Baker. Both of these guys made personal contributions to promoting swallows in their respective areas. An additional thank you to all members who helped out with club events in any way this past season.

Secretaries Message

Elliot Yeske

Hello All,

It has been a busy January and February lots of dues coming in and many band orders. As of right now we are sold out of the muffed bands and currently have 61 clean leg bands and 30 of those are suppose to be sold as well.

So 31 clean leg band left is all. I want to thank everyone that has supported the club with your band orders. I have sent in the first half of our 2004 order we ordered 2000 muffed bands and 1000 clean leg bands this up from the 500 clean leg bands we ordered this year. I hope as a club we will be able to sell all of the bands next year. The NPA made us order 1000 clean leg bands they would not order only 500. Gloria and I talked about it and we thought that with the growing interest in the clean legs we should be able to sell more next year.

The Hartford National was a great show, a very nice group of birds. Us poor people up in the northern frozen tundra just about were not able to show at Hartford. Gloria and I tried to mail out birds from the Fargo North Dakota post office the day before we were to fly to Hartford only to have them rejected because the Temps in Fargo were below 10 above so I had to take our birds with me to the Airport in Mpls. Minnesota and mail them there luckily it was above ten degrees in Mpls. Another highlight of the Hartford National was that members were treated to be able to visit the loft of Howard Angevine. Howard has a wonderful setup for his lofts and many nice birds. I really enjoyed the visit and was even able to get a couple of birds from Howard. He is really coming on strong in the clean legs and done well the imports he received from Germany.

I have been emailing members who have not renewed there dues. Members that do not have

email take note this will be your last bulletin if you don't get your dues in. Check the current membership to see if you are due. Many members have renewed and few of them for 2 years.

Hope everyone has a good breeding season, here up north I have a few birds in the heated part of my loft and so far have 4 clean fullheads banded. Also clean leg breeders take note that the bands we received from the NPA this year for the clean legs are one mm smaller than they should be I talked to Bill Tietze the Sec. of the Archangel club and it also happened to them so watch your young and band them a little bit early. I did make not eof this problem to Pat Avery the Sec. of the NPA and we are suppose to get the 8mm size for next year.



Elliot Yeske presents Dave Harris with German Club Award for top four birds at Hartford. The German Club presented the USC with the gift of a banner to be given to the breeder of the top four bird entry at Hartford.

For the second year running Dave Harris earned top honors. Congratulations Dave!

NPA Grand National USC Annual Meet Show Results

Champion of show - Blue Barless Silesian OC - Gloria Weisgram
Reserve Champion/Best Young Bird – Blue Black Bar Silesian YC – Dave Harris
Best Fairy – Blue White Bar YH – Dave Harris
Best Fullhead Thuringer – Blue Barless YH – Howard Angevine
Best Thuringer Spot – Red Barless YC – Tim Starr

Fairy Swallows

Andy Kimmel	Blue White Bar	349 YH	G	91
Dave Harris	Blue White Bar	456 YH	HS	96 Best
Bob Benson	Blue Spangle	832 YH	S	93
Dave Harris	Red White Bar	26 YH	G	91
Howard Angevine	Black Spangle	1200 YH	S	92
Andy Kimmel	Blue White Bar	311 YC	G	91
Andy Kimmel	Blue White Bar	312 YC	S	94
Dave Harris	Blue White Bar	1880 OH	G	91
Dave Harris	Blue White Bar	22 OH	HS	95
Nate Wayne	Yellow White Bar	187 OH	S	94
Gloria weisgram	Black Barless	844OH	S	94
Gloria Weisgram	Black Barless	825 OC	HS	95
Andy Kimmel	Blue White Bar	517 OC	G	91

Thuringer Swallows

Merle Starr	Black Barless	453 YH	G	91
Merle Starr	Black Barless	471 YH	S	93
Merle Starr	Yellow Barless	416 YH	S	92
Merle Starr	Yellow Barless	482 YH	G	91
Merle Starr	Yellow Barless	404 YH	G	91
Tim Starr	Yellow Barless	459 YH	HS	95
Merle Starr	Red White Bar	415 YH	G	91
Merle Starr	Yellow White Bar	486 YH	G	91
Merle Starr	Red Barless	413 YC	G	91
Merle Starr	Red Barless	429 YC	S	94
Howard Angevine	Red Barless	566 YC	HS	96
Tim Starr	Red Barless	481 YC	E	97 Best
Dave Harris	Black Barless	2043 OH	G	91

Thuringer Fullhead

Elliot Yeske	Blue Black Bar	301 YH	S	94
Dave Harris	Black Barless	455 YH	HS	95
Howard Angevine	Blue Barless	575 YH	HS	96 Best
Merle Starr	Yellow Barless	440 YH	G	91
Merle Starr	Yellow Barless	410 YH	G	91
Howard Angevine	Blue Black Bar	572 YC	HS	96
Elliot Yeske	Blue Black Bar	327 YC	S	92
Elliot Yeske	Blue Black Bar	300 YC	HS	96
Howard Angevine	Black Barless	554 YC	HS	95
Dave Harris	Black Barless	453 YC	G	91
Merle Starr	Red Barless	437 YC	G	91

Silesian Swallows

Dave Harris	Blue Barless	1233 YH	S	92
Tim Starr	Blue Barless	1509 YH	S	94
Dave Harris	Blue Black Bar	421 YC	E	97 Reserve
Bob Benson	Silver Check	819 YC	HS	96
Bob Benson	Silver Check	822 YC	HS	95
Bob Benson	Silver Check	805 YC	S	93
Nate Wayne	Blue Check	132 YC	HS	96
Bob Benson	Blue Check	830 YC	S	93
Nate Wayne	Silver Check	226 OH	G	91
Howard Angevine	Silver Barless	507 OH	S	92
Dave Harris	Silver Barless	166 OH	HS	95
Dave Harris	Silver Barless	13 OC	G	91
Gloria Weisgram	Silver Barless	820 OC	S	93
Gloria Weisgram	Blue Barless	900 OC	E	97 Champion
Dave Harris	Blue Black Bar	136 OC	HS	96



Champion Swallow OC #900 rated "E" Bred by Gloria Weisgram

By Perry Mueller

I had a great time in Hartford at the NPA National Show! It was a great place to hold our annual meet. The hosts of the show did a great job!

I want to thank our club for the privilege to judge. Every one was very hospitable. As usual the judging took most of Friday. We got a late start but were able to finish. That left Saturday for relaxing and fellowship.

There were about 60 birds entered, half Cleanleg and half muffed. I'm sorry to say that there were no muffed Fullheads entered. It's funny how the popularity of some varieties go up and down. Thirty Cleanlegs was a large entry. Half were Fullheads and half were Spots. I wasn't sure what to expect when handling that many of the Cleanlegs so I decided to warm up on the muffed Fairys. The quality of the birds was very nice. They were mostly blue white bar with at least two of them going HS! The blacks shown were good colored and I even got to look at a nice yellow white bar. I would have liked to rate it a little higher but it was a little small in body type but nice in every other respect.

Next were the Silesians. They were the best as a group over all. I gave two E

ratings and considered two more. One of the birds was a blue barless old cock that ended up champion of the show. It had beautiful color and great feather quality. The young cock class may have been the best. One blue black bar was also rated E. It had it all, bar, color, muffs. It won reserve champion and best young bird. Another young cock was a beautiful blue check. It was a dream of a bird and was rated HS, just missing the E rating. There were also nice silver checkers in this group with a couple of them going HS.

Next I judged the Cleanleg Spots. They were mostly reds and yellows with two black barless and a nice blue white bar. Two of the red barless were outstanding in color. One was rated E, as it had a little more type in body than the one that was rated HS. Both were nice birds in great show condition.

The Cleanleg Fullheads consisted of black barless and blue black bar with best going to a nice blue barless. The overall quality of the birds in the show was good. I don't remember seeing thirty Cleanlegs before. It was fun being able to handle so many nice birds of so many different colors and varieties.



Howard Angevine, Perry Mueller, Elliot Yeske and Merle Starr at the USC Annual Meet.



*Best Thuringer Fullhead- Howard Angevine
Rated "HS"*



Best Saxon Fairy- Dave Harris Rated "HS"



*Reserve Champ Swallow- Dave Harris
Rated "E"*



*Best Thuringer Spot Swallow and Best Red
or Yellow -Tim Starr. Rated "E"*



Tim Starr with one of his Tiger Swallows

FIRST "E" RATED RED SWALLOW

Merle Starr Eastern Director U.S.C.

In 1995 Bill Greibel Sr. initiated the program to bring the red and yellow swallow up to the quality of the blue, silver, and the black swallows.

Well, Bill that day came on Friday Jan. 17th 2003 at the great Hartford N.P.A. national, when Tim Starr entered a red barless Thuringer swallow young cock bird. Judge Perry Mueller gave it an (E) rating. Unfortunately Tim could not be present due to several work related agendas. He was very happy to hear this when I called him later that evening. Congratulations Tim.

This is to my knowledge the first red or yellow swallow to get an E rating in the states. I am not sure if this has happened in Canada, or not. There are however several very good breeders in Canada that have excellent red and yellow swallows. This equates to breaking the four minute mile in the track and field event in the Olympic games. After the four minute mile was eclipsed for the first time, several top athletes ran sub four minutes miles within a short time. I am sure that there will be many more high quality red and yellow swallows in the future of the U.S.C. shows both here in the states and Canada to get E ratings.

We have had quite a few U.S.C. club members since that day in 1995 to start their own programs in red and yellows. Many of these breeders have made great advances with their red and yellows. Most if not all top blue, silver and black breeders have added red and yellow swallows to their breeding programs also. Their expertise will undoubtedly help raise the quality in our future shows. I now wonder how long will it be before a red or yellow will be judged the best in the show. Not long I hope.

The club has decided that this was the last show to have the special award for red and yellows. Is it to soon, I do not know, only time will tell. I am sure that this program has raised the quality of the red and yellow swallows.

At any rate Bill, I want to take this time to personally thank you for your insight in initially starting this program. I am sure the rest of the red and yellow breeders think the same as I do. This has really given the red and yellows a big boost, and I am sure it made this first E rating possible.

Thanks again Bill.



Perry Mueller Judging a class of Fairy Swallow at the Annual Meet. Photo by Dick Baker

Dick Baker Comments on the USC Annual meet

I would like to thank all the Club members who had anything to do with me getting the awards that were presented to me at the annual meet in Hartford. This was an experience I will never forget. Meeting so many people from the Club in person was a real treat. I do have to say that this group knows how to make a new member feel welcome. I guess I should not be surprised with all the help and encouragement I have received already. It seems that improving and

promoting Swallows and having a good time doing it is the goal of everyone. There is a serious side to this group also, when it comes to the judging and interpreting the Standard. It didn't matter how long it took or how tough the competition was, it had to be right before a final decision was made. A couple of times the judge, Perry Mueller called on Howard Angevine, a long time breeder of Swallows, to check a couple of the finer points before he made a final

decision. By the time all the judging was over, there were three birds with an E rating, one being a red Thuringer. It didn't matter who the birds belonged to, everyone was so happy with the efforts and dedication of the USC members to produce birds worthy of this high rating. I would encourage anyone to make every effort possible to attend any event this group is planning. I know I sure had a good time and will not forget it.

CALGARY ALBERTA, 2002

CALGARY ALBERTA, NOVEMBER 29, 30 & DECEMBER 1
JUDGE: BILL GRIEBEL ELMONTE, CALIFORNIA

Champion Swallow	Black W/B Fairy Old Hen 304	John Taupert
Res. Champion	Blue Barless Thuringer YH 510	Bernd Licht
Best Young	Blue Barless Thuringer YH 510	Bernd Licht
Best Fairy	Black W/B Old Hen 304	John Taupert
Best Silesian	Blue B/B Young Cock 100	John Taupert
Best Thuringer	Blue B/L Young Hen 510	Bernd Licht
Best Saxon Full head	Red W/B Old Cock	Ron Hornby
Best Red or Yellow	Red B/L Young Cock 913	TNT Lofts

91 Thuringer Wing Pigeon shown by 7 Exhibitors
 14 Fairy Swallows shown by 4 Exhibitors
 2 Full head Swallows shown by 1 Exhibitors
 55 Silesian Swallows shown by 9 Exhibitors
 162 Birds shown. Shown by 13 Exhibitors
 34 Absentees
 196 Total birds entered

SILESIA SWALLOWS BLUE BLACK BAR

OLD COCKS

1	377	R. Coslovich	HS1	96
2	192	L. Driscoll	HS2	96
3	243	J. Taupert	HS3	96
4	326	J. Taupert	S	95
5	224	J. Taupert	S	94
6	350	J. Taupert	S	94
7	227	J. Taupert	S	94
8	198	T. Toews	S	93
9	127	L. Driscoll	S	93
10	391	L. Driscoll	S	93
11	321	J. Taupert	G	92
12	302	J. Taupert	G	92
13	217	G. Pflfner	G	92
14	340	J. Masnyk	G	92
15	372	G. Pflfner	G	92

OLD HENS

1	366	J. Taupert	HS1	96
2	337	J. Taupert	HS2	96
3	171	J. Taupert	S	95
4	343	J. Taupert	S	95
5	324	T. Toews	S	94
6	348	R. Coslovich	S	94
7	351	J. Taupert	S	94
8	353	G. Pflfner	S	93
9	235	J. Taupert	S	93
10	392	L. Driscoll	G	92
11	318	J. Masnyk	G	92
12	205	B. Pflchar	G	92
13	89	R. Coslovich	G	92

YOUNG COCKS

1	100	J. Taupert	E	97
2	104	J. Taupert	HS2	96
3	101	J. Taupert	HS3	96
4	103	J. Taupert	S	95
5	135	J. Taupert	S	93
6	206	B. Pflchar	S	93
7	88	R. Coslovich	G	92
8	109	J. Taupert	G	92
9	437	J. Masnyk	G	92
10	1393	G. Pflfner	G	92

YOUNG HENS

1	87	R. Coslovich	HS	96
2	123	J. Taupert	S	95
3	130	J. Taupert	S	93
4	142	J. Taupert	S	93
5	132	J. Taupert	S	93
6	114	J. Taupert	S	93
7	108	J. Taupert	G	92
8	436	J. Masnyk	G	92



Best barless Thuringer Wing Pigeon and Reserve Champ - Bernd Licht Rated "E"



Best Red barless Thuringer Wing Pigeon - TNT Lofts Rated "HS"

CALGARY ALBERTA, 2002

SILVER DUN BAR SILESIAN SWALLOW

OLD COCKS

1	360	L. Driscoll	S	94
2	379	R. Coslovich	S	93
3	226	R. Fyn	G	92

OLD HENS

1	239	J. Taupert	S	93
2	915	R. Coslovich	S	93

YOUNG HENS

1	105	J. Taupert	S	95
2	376	R. Coslovich	S	94

BLACK BARLESS SILESIAN SWALLOWS

OLD COCKS

1	354	R. Hornby	G	92
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OLD HENS

1	339	R. Hornby	G	92
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THURINGER WING PIGEONS

BLUE B/L OLD COCKS

1	20	TNT Lofts	HS	96
2	27	TNT Lofts	S	95
3	808	B. Licht	S	95
4	190	L. Driscoll	S	94
5	826	G. Pflfner	S	93
6	392	TNT Lofts	G	92
7	873	B. Licht	G	92
8	164	TNT Lofts	G	92
9	531	L. Driscoll	G	92

BLUE BARLESS OLD HENS

1	811	B. Licht	HS	96
2	538	TNT Lofts	HS	96
3	809	B. Licht	S	95
4	37	TNT Lofts	S	95
5	447	L. Driscoll	S	93
6	21	TNT Lofts	G	92

BLUE BARLESS YOUNG COCKS

1	500	B. Licht	HS	96
2	950	TNT Lofts	S	95
3	505	G. Pflfner	S	95
4	499	B. Licht	S	94
5	901	TNT Lofts	S	94
6	493	B. Licht	S	93
7	511	B. Licht	G	92

BLUE BARLESS YOUNG HENS

1	510	B. Licht	E	97
2	530	B. Licht	HS	96
3	900	TNT Lofts	S	95
4	497	B. Licht	S	95
5	513	B. Licht	S	94
6	925	TNT Lofts	S	94
7	504	B. Licht	S	94
8	509	B. Licht	S	93
9	484	B. Licht	S	93
10	930	TNT Lofts	G	92
11	494	B. Licht	G	92
12	931	TNT Lofts	G	92

SILVER BARLESS OLD COCKS

1	855	TNT Lofts	HS	96
2	860	B. Licht	S	95
3	857	TNT Lofts	S	94

SILVER BARLESS OLD HENS

1	32	TNT Lofts	HS	96
2	0	TNT Lofts	S	95
3	39	TNT Lofts	S	95
4	40	TNT Lofts	S	94
5	31	TNT Lofts	S	93



*Best Silesian Swallow -John Taupert
Rated "E"*

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to begin by wishing all the USC members the best of luck during the upcoming breeding season. This is the time of year I enjoy most in the hobby.

The focus of my message this quarter is promotion. Not just promotion in the sense of putting an ad in a pigeon magazine or encouraging people to join the USC, although we do need to make more of an effort to do both. The kind of promotional effort the United Swallow Club needs is one that will attract attention, gain new members, and most critically – retain members and Swallow breeders.

Two of our members, Dick Baker and John Taupert, should be commended for their efforts to promote, foster, and encourage new Swallow breeders in regions which were relatively quiet a few years ago. Not only have they attracted new breeders (about 10 each over the past couple of years), they have helped them with quality stock, given advice when needed, and created an environment where these members can enjoy Swallows to the fullest. Dick has resurrected a Swallow meet at the Rochester, NY show, a historical birthplace in the United States for our birds. John has been instrumental in rallying support for the Swallow meets at Edmonton and Calgary, Canada. The largest and arguably deepest quality Swallows shows in the United Swallow Club are now held in Canada!

My goal for this year is aligned with the work that Dick and John have already begun in their regions. I will work to promote Swallows in the Southern United States. As you can see from our membership list, we have only a handful of breeders in the Southern United States. We will need to attract new members by showing our birds in this region and by making quality stock and quality advice available. I am going to work with current members in the south to start a "sectional" meet in Texas or Oklahoma. The United Swallow Club should also capitalize on the fact that the National Pigeon Association Annual Show is in the south this year, in Birmingham, Alabama.

I encourage you the members of the USC to select Birmingham as the United Swallow Club Annual Meet when you vote both during the nomination process and in our final ballot this summer. I will step forward to act as the member in charge at the USC Annual Meet in Birmingham and take care of the show arrangements. I believe we have a golden opportunity to shine in an area of the country where relatively few people have or see Swallows on a regular basis.

Yours in hobby, Bill Griebel Jr.

CALGARY ALBERTA, 2002

RED BARLESS OLD COCKS

1	22	TNT Lofts	S	94
2	188	L. Driscoll	S	93
3	144	B. Heck	S	93
4	160	B. Heck	S	93
5	41	R. Hornby	G	92
6	162	R. Hornby	G	92

RED BARLESS OLD HENS

1	34	TNT Lofts	S	93
2	10	TNT Lofts	G	92
3	166	B. Heck	G	92
4	176	R. Hornby	G	92

RED BARLESS YOUNG HENS

1	585	T. Lam	G	92
2	594	T. Lam	G	92

RED BARLESS YOUNG COCKS

1	913	TNT Lofts	HS	96
2	953	TNT Lofts	S	94
3	597	T. Lam	S	93
4	587	T. Lam	G	92
5	200	B. Heck	G	92

BLUE BLACK BAR OLD COCKS

1	873	B. Licht	S	95
2	831	B. Licht	S	94

BLUE BLACK BAR OLD HENS

1	861	B. Licht	HS	96
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BLUE BLACK BAR YOUNG COCKS

1	508	B. Licht	S	95
2	483	B. Licht	S	94
3	532	B. Licht	S	93
4	490	B. Licht	S	93

BLUE BLACK BAR OLD HENS

1	526	B. Licht	HS	96
2	501	B. Licht	S	94
3	502	B. Licht	S	93

YELLOW BARLESS OLD COCKS

1	30	TNT Lofts	S	95
2	24	TNT Lofts	S	94
3	22	TNT Lofts	S	93

YELLOW BARLESS OLD HENS

1	1	TNT Lofts	S	95
2	18	TNT Lofts	S	94
3	977	TNT Lofts	G	92
4	6	TNT Lofts	G	92
5	3	TNT Lofts	G	92
6	918	TNT Lofts	G	92

YELLOW BARLESS YOUNG HENS

1	201	B. Heck	G	92
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BLACK BARLESS OLD HENS

1	UN	B. Heck	G	92
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BLACK BARLESS YOUNG COCKS

1	600	T. Lam	S	94
2	582	T. Lam	S	93
3	599	T. Lam	S	93
4	761	T. Lam	G	92
5	587	T. Lam	G	92

BLACK BARLESS YOUNG HENS

1	607	T. Lam	S	93
2	608	T. Lam	S	93
3	590	T. Lam	G	92
4	591	T. Lam	G	92

Swallow Club Treasurer's Report First Quarter of 2003

Elliot Yeske

<u>Previous Balance</u>	\$1,582.23	<u>Expenses</u>	
<u>Income</u>		Band Postage	\$8.34
Des Moines Rebate	\$81.00	National Judge (airfare)	\$280.00
Hartford Auction		NPA 2004 Band Order 1st half	\$317.50
Birds	\$75.00	Pigeon Debut Ad	\$64.00
Painting	\$275.00	Pigeon Debut (front page of special)	\$325.00
Dues,Bands&Postage	\$836.25	Checking (Monthly service charge)	\$9.00
		<u>Current Balance</u>	<u>\$1,845.64</u>

CALGARY ALBERTA, 2002

SAXON FAIRY SWALLOWS

OLD COCKS ALL COLORS

1	211	J. Taupert	HS	96
2	318	R. Hornby	S	93
3	334	L. Driscoll	G	92
4	0	R. Hornby	G	92
5	207	B. Heck	G	92
6	144	B. Heck	G	92

OLD HEN ALL COLORS

1	304	J. Taupert	E	97
2	937	B. Heck	S	94
3	303	L. Driscoll	S	93
4	813	R. Hornby	S	93
5	222	L. Driscoll	G	92
6	206	B. Heck	G	92

YOUNG COCKS ALL COLORS

1	220	B. Heck	S	93
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YOUNG HENS

1	219	B. Heck	G	92
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SAXON FULLHEAD SWALLOWS

OLD COCKS

1	UN	R. Hornby	G	92
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OLD HENS

1	UN	R. Hornby	G	92
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Black White Bar Fairy Swallow
Champion-John Taupert Rated "E"

Left, left to right:
John Taupert, Glyn Yuhas,
Todd Toews, and
Guido Pfiffner,

Far Right, left to right:
Bernd Licht, Bill Griebel Sr.
(Judge of the Calgary
Show) and John Taupert

Photos by Gary Owen



CALGARY 2002

By Bill Griebel Sr.

Thanks to the invite by the Calgary Stampede people I had the opportunity to fly to Calgary in December 2002 to judge fancy pigeons on the grounds of the Calgary Stampede exhibition facility. The show superintendent picked me up at the airport and we went straight to the show room where I talked with many of the fanciers I met two years earlier when judging in Edmonton. The next day myself along with another judge from Eastern Canada, Mike Carson of Show Racer fame, set out to judge all the fancy pigeons at the 1600 bird show. I cautiously looked forward to the assignment knowing that I had 200 swallows waiting for me.

If you think about it, 200 swallows at one show would be quite a challenge. When you realize that I believe our largest show over the last 20 years was the 1998 San Bernardino National with 160 swallows the Calgary show presented itself as a giant task – and it was. Of the 200 swallows, 120 were clean legs and 46 were blue black bar Silesian swallows. The CL's rivaled the best CL's I saw in Nurnberg in 2000 and the Blue Silesians were tops. The swallows in Western Canada today without a doubt would place at or near the top spots at any of the USC show in the U.S.

To me the most difficult group to judge was the Blue black bar classes. In all there were about 46 birds. As you can see from the results there were a lot of good ones. They were very consistent in quality throughout all four classes and a credit to the breeders.

The clean leg classes were for the most part high in quality. What impressed me most in the CL's was that throughout all the colors, (blue, silver, red, yellow and

black) the type was consistent. No small birds in this color group and large birds in another group. They were all the same style. If there was a disappointment in the CL's, it was the black class – they didn't seem to have the good color that I saw two years earlier.

The winners were:

Champion: Black W/B wing pigeon OH bred by John Taupert. This bird would win tops in its class anywhere it was shown.

Res. Champ: Blue barless Thuringer YH bred by Bernie Licht. This bird was also best young. It is tough for a young bird to beat the old birds but this one was a dandy.

I'd like to thank John Taupert for all the work he did to bring this show together and give me the opportunity to judge this show. John spent many hours on the phone twisting arms to make this 200 bird show a reality. John organized a shipment of swallows and color pigeons several years ago and now they are thriving in Western Canada. There hasn't been this much activity there since the days of Gunter Prusse. If there are any USC awards to be given out for going above and beyond the call of duty, John should receive one.

Finally, I got to renew an old friendship with Ron Hornby who I talked to many times on the phone years ago when he was the Canadian District Director. He helped steward the show while I judged and he kept me organized. Thanks Ron.

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SILESIA SWALLOW

OLD COCKS

1	350	J. Taupert	E	97
2	243	J. Taupert	HS	96
3	224	J. Taupert	S	95
4	192	L. Driscoll	S	95
5	308	J. Taupert	S	94
6	377	R. Coslovich	S	94
7	379	R. Coslovich	S	93
8	227	J. Taupert	G	92

OLD HENS

1	351	J. Taupert	HS	96
2	348	R. Coslovich	S	95
3	337	J. Taupert	S	95
4	235	J. Taupert	S	95
5	366	J. Taupert	S	95
6	171	J. Taupert	S	94
7	357	J. Taupert	S	93
8	239	J. Taupert	S	93
9	376	R. Coslovich	G	92
10	302	L. Driscoll	G	92

YOUNG COCKS

1	104	J. Taupert	HS	96
2	101	J. Taupert	S	95
3	89	R. Coslovich	S	95
4	100	J. Taupert	S	95
5	87	R. Coslovich	S	93
6	437	J. Masnyk	G	92
7	108	J. Taupert	G	92

YOUNG HENS

1	114	J. Taupert	HS	96
2	123	J. Taupert	HS	96
3	83	R. Coslovich	S	95
4	87	R. Coslovich	S	95
5	105	J. Taupert	S	94
6	103	J. Taupert	S	93
7	436	J. Masnyk	G	92
8	109	J. Taupert	G	92

THURINGER WING PIGEONS

BLUE OLD COCKS

1	20	TNT Lofts	HS	96
2	190	L. Driscoll	S	95
3	27	TNT Lofts	S	95
4	392	TNT Lofts	S	93

OLD HENS (BLUE)

1	14	TNT Lofts	S	95
2	538	TNT Lofts	S	95
3	447	L. Driscoll	S	93
4	38	TNT Lofts	G	92
5	37	TNT Lofts	G	92

YOUNG COCKS (BLUE)

1	950	TNT Lofts	S	95
2	900	TNT Lofts	S	95

YOUNG HENS (BLUE)

1	901	TNT Lofts	HS	96
2	916	TNT Lofts	S	95

SILVER OLD COCKS

1	857	TNT Lofts	E	97
2	855	TNT Lofts	S	95
3	1000	TNT Lofts	S	95

SILVER OLD HENS

1	40	TNT Lofts	S	95
2	39	TNT Lofts	S	93
3	22	TNT Lofts	S	92

YOUNG COCKS (SILVER)

1	437	L. Driscoll	G	92
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YOUNG HENS (SILVER)

1	909	TNT Lofts	S	95
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THURINGER WING PIGEONS

BLACK YOUNG COCKS

1	582	T. Lam	G	92
2	589	T. Lam	G	92

BLACK YOUNG HENS

1	591	T. Lam	S	94
2	592	T. Lam	S	93
3	599	T. Lam	G	92



*Blue Black Bar Silesian Swallow
Champion Swallow -John Taupert rated "E"*



*Silver barless Thuringer Wing Pigeon
Reserve Champ -TNT Lofts rated "E"*

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RED AND YELLOW OLD COCKS

1	35	L. Driscoll	G	92
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RED AND YELLOW OLD HENS

1	10	TNT Lofts	S	95
2	34	TNT Lofts	S	95
3	3	TNT Lofts	S	93
4	18	TNT Lofts	G	92

RED AND YELLOW YOUNG COCKS

1	913	TNT Lofts	HS	96
2	950	TNT Lofts	S	95
3	585	T. Lam	S	93

RED AND YELLOW YOUNG HEN

1	585	T. Lam	S	93
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FAIRY SWALLOWS OLD COCKS

1	211	J. Taupert	S	95
2	640	L. Driscoll	S	94
3	203	L. Driscoll	S	93

OLD HENS

1	304	J. Taupert	S	95
			BEST	
2	125	B. Heck	G	92
3	223	L. Driscoll	G	92
4	937	B. Heck	G	92
5	303	L. Driscoll	G	92

YOUNG COCK

1	220	B. Heck	G	92
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Champion Swallow	Silesian Old Cock	J. Taupert	350	E
Res Champion Swallow	Thuringer Old Cock	TNT Lofts	857	E
Best Young Swallow	Silesian Young Cock	J. Taupert	104	HS

Best Silesian	350	Old Cock	J. Taupert
Best Thuringer	857	Old Cock	TNT Lofts
Best Fairy	304	Old Hen	J. Taupert
Best Red or Yellow	913	Red Young Cock	TNT Lofts

BANDING YOUNG SWALLOWS

Dick Baker

This is a tip that may help the new Swallow breeders. I have had a problem in the past with keeping the bands above the hocks or not being able to get the bands on. I will try to explain what I do now. With this process you can band a squab at a younger age and the band slides on very easily.

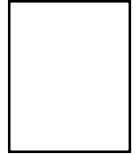
I save the light weight twist ties that come on loaves of bread. I run the tie through the band and give a half twist before I attempt to band a squab. Now slide the band on the leg with the loose ends of the ties pointed towards the feet. Wrap the tie around the leg below the band and fasten it lightly. This will prevent the band from sliding down until the hock feathers get long enough to hold it in place. Make sure to leave room for the leg to grow so that you do not cut off the circulation. In five to ten days the tie can be removed. Don't forget to do it as it could cause damage to the leg or the feathers. After you do one or two you will see it doesn't take much to hold the band in place.

In the past I would squeeze the aluminum bands to hold them in place. Now the bands are plastic and I am unable to do this. I used this system last year with the aluminum bands and it worked very well. If you have any problems or questions, Contact me.





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A History of Frank Bailey's Black White Barred Fullhead Swallows

Hello,

My name is Frank Bailey and I live in Snohomish, Washington here in the United States. I am 57 years old and I have raised pigeons for 48 years or since 1955. I was introduced to and have raised the Swallow Pigeon since 1970 while living in Southern California. But since 1978, my focus has been on the acquiring and improvement of the Saxon White Barred Fullhead Swallows in the colors of Red, Yellow and primarily in Black.

My love for the Black Fullhead began in 1971 when I first saw a Black Barless Fullhead at the Annual Pageant of Pigeons Show held in Los Angeles, California. It was bred and owned by Steve Ball of So. Calif. and I have never forgotten the beauty noted that day. From that day forward, I vowed to someday raise them but in White Bars. Only to soon learn that these were very rare and nearly impossible to obtain and White Bars were even rarer.

Here we are, 32 years later and this season I have proudly selected and mated up 15 quality pairs of Blacks, 5 pairs of Reds and 4 pairs of Yellows. All in Saxon Fullhead Swallows with White Bars! My favorite color and life time focus is with the Blacks. As mentioned above, this rare breed in North America has been and remains very limited in availability for well over thirty years now. In addition to raising off spring from what was available here in America, I have imported three times from three separate breeders in Germany (1993, 1995 and 2001). My reasoning for importing originally from Germany, was to get ahold of quality breeding stock not available here in the USA. Latter imported material was selected to improve the white bar quality and raise the number of Saxon Swallows carrying import blood here in the USA. Promising myself to respect the origin and the vision that the fore fathers had for this beautiful breed in Saxony Germany dating back to the late 1800's and early 1900's.

Only those familiar with this beautiful breed, can truly appreciate the challenges found in raising them. The fact that both in North America as well as in Europe, the breed has been out crossed several times in an effort to make a perfect specimen! The Black White Barred Fairy has been introduced since the origin of the White Bar Fullheaded Swallow. Overall, it has improved the type, markings and color and yet in one area it has hurt the breed. It's the dominate spot factor found in the Fairy over the recessive and yet required full cap we're looking for in the Fullhead. Resulting in high numbers of short capped birds. Here in the USA, the breed has been crossed with the Black Barless Fullheads in order to enhance the full cap, bigger bodies, fuller and larger muffs and nice stationing. Even though several positive attributes were achieved, this process has made it difficult to see and maintain the bar quality we find in the Fairy Swallow. So the challenge I have elected to master has been very expensive and has brought a great deal of disappointment over the years. But progressively each of the 24 breeding seasons has shown great promise for achieving my goal. Today my great fortune of having this many pairs of this rare breed, is now allowing me to select a few babies from nearly 100. This results in the selection of higher quality for my breeding future instead of having to choose inferior material from just a few F-1's each season.

My short term goal is to achieve progressive growth each season. My long term goal is to simply earn the respect from my peers in the Swallow fancy. For an achievement that took a life time of dedication to a breed that's rarely found in the world.

My advise to anyone with a like challenge is the same advise Bill Griebel Sr. gave me many years ago. He said: "You have to have a vision and then the patience it takes to achieve it!" He was right!