

Newsletter of the United Swallow Club



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Message from the Secretary

Elliot Yeske

Hello Everyone, by now I am sure a lot of you are starting to mate up your birds. Here in the Northland it is just starting to get more bearable with temps finally above zero. A few things we need to do, you should look at our membership list and check your expiration date to see if your dues are up to date. Please get them to me as soon as possible. Members not paid by March 15th will be dropped. The subject of bands, we are just about sold out of the muffed size (11mm) but we will still have several clean leg bands (8mm) to sell. Remember you can use these on other clean leg breeds besides swallows. Bands are 35 cents each and \$2 for postage and the mailer. Have a good breeding season everyone.



Bob Benson

President's Report

Perry Mueller

I'm writing this message in late January and it is still winter here in Missouri. It's cold and snowing outside, the birds are still broken up, and I'm waiting for some warm weather to spend some needed time to go through the birds. It is still early, I suppose.

The biggest news to the swallow fancy is that Bob Benson received the NPA Master Breeder award this year. Congratulations to Bob, it is well-deserved. No one in the swallow fancy puts a finer group of show birds out there than Bob. His blue and silver check Silesians are outstanding.

In this bulletin, we will be accepting nominations for our Annual Show site and judge. I want to get this out early and vote in the spring to give everyone time to plan to travel, etc. Gary will be publishing a list of qualified judges. When nominating a show site and judge, there are some things to think about. For instance, are there any swallow breeders who live in the area? What time of year is the show? What are the travel conditions going to be like? Will the judge fly into the show site or drive? If a European judge is nominated, will there be a member who will be able to accommodate him or her? Tim Starr will be the election commissioner again this year and he will be checking with each judge to see if he or she is available for the location and date of the show nominated.

In the spring bulletin, we will be accepting nominations for club officers for the 2010-2011 terms. The final voting will be in the summer.

Nominations are due for **where** to have our Annual Meet and the **Judge** for 2009 (pick judge from list to the right or you may write in a European judge). Send all nominations by **March 30** to Tim Starr:

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Eligible judges :

Mike Swanson
Leon Stephens
Perry Mueller
Gary Romig
Dave Harris
Steve Ball
Howard Angevine
Gloria Weisgram

Purebred Pigeon "Breed of the Issue Feature"

Perry Mueller USC President

First of all, if you are not aware, the "Purebred Pigeon" magazine is our only pigeon magazine in the US now. Besides their normal articles and ads each month, they put out what is called the "Breed of the Issue Feature". The center part of the magazine features articles and ads about a specific breed.

March/April 2010 will be about swallows. This gives us about one full year to come up with some articles and ads. I just got off the phone with Larry Hart and will now try to pass some information on to you about some of the details.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Larry or Doratha, they welcome your questions. All articles and ads will be sent directly to the Purebred Pigeon magazine. They will publish articles and pictures at their discretion. If you send ten articles and ten pictures each, they may not publish them all.

Please don't let me discourage you. We need a lot of good articles and photos. I believe we can put out a great special. All swallow advertising is 20% off except for the front page, which the swallow club already has purchased. Space, such as the back cover and centerfold, will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Fortunately, Doratha will help us with our ads. If we send her the copy and photos or even e-mail it to her, she will put it together and have you proof it before printing. If you are good with the computer and want to design it yourself and e-mail it to her in the format she needs, then that will work, too.

The deadline for ads and articles is February 15, 2010 so start planning and writing now.

NPA Master Breeder Robert Benson

By Gloria Weisgram

Bob Benson of Northfield, Minnesota has received the NPA Master Breeder Award at the 2009 NPA National Convention. He joins breeders Lyn Hummel, Bill Griebel, Dave Harris and Perry Mueller as USC master breeders. A NPA Master Breeder recipient must be able to demonstrate the skill and ability to produce pigeons of outstanding quality that continually win top honors at well known American pigeon shows over a period of 10 years or more.

Bob joined the United Swallow Club (USC) in 1992. Before that time, he had raised a variety of different breeds of pigeons, including swallow pigeons. In 1995, at a show in Des Moines, he purchased a pair of blue check Silesian swallows at the club auction. Shortly after that, Bob acquired two check hens from Cal Breadhoff of Grandville, Michigan and went on to create a small stud of check swallows. He quickly began his climb to the top, winning the National Young Bird Show in 1997 & 1998.

In 2000, Bob had the Reserve Champion at the Grand National in Milwaukee and his first E rating.

By 2002, he had both the Champion and Reserve at Louisville, the top young bird at Des Moines and the Grand National winner in Tacoma, which received an E rating from Hans Schipper of the Netherlands.

There has been no slow down as Bob added another major win with an E rated check at Des Moines in 2004. He has had the top Louisville young swallow from 2005 - 2007 and Reserve Champion

This past season. He followed with his latest win at our USC annual meet when judge Bill Griebel selected his silver check OC as the top bird at Des Moines. Bob may very well be one of our clubs most winning and respected breeders. What is so incredible is the short amount of time it took him to achieve this level of success.

Bob has been elected as our USC Central District Director for his fourth term. He is generous in helping young people get started with swallows. Each year, Bob has given birds to our club auction. He willingly sells or gives quality birds to anyone interested in getting started in swallows and is always available to help a fellow club member.

Bob is a wonderful example of a great pigeon breeder, a credit to his club and a fine supporter of the pigeon and hobby! Congratulations Bob!

*Grand National
Champion
January 2002
Tacoma
Washington
Silver Checker
Bob Benson*



USC Financial Report Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, 2008

Beginning balance **2398.71**

Income:

Bands, Dues
Des Moines Auction 1,269.75

Expenses:

Checking fee for Aug, 18.00
Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan
USPS (postage bands) 17.57
Bill Griebel (judge) 420.00
NPA 2nd half band order 450.00
NPA affiliate dues 20.00
NYB show ad 50.00

Ending checking balance: **2692.89**

Bob Benson's winners



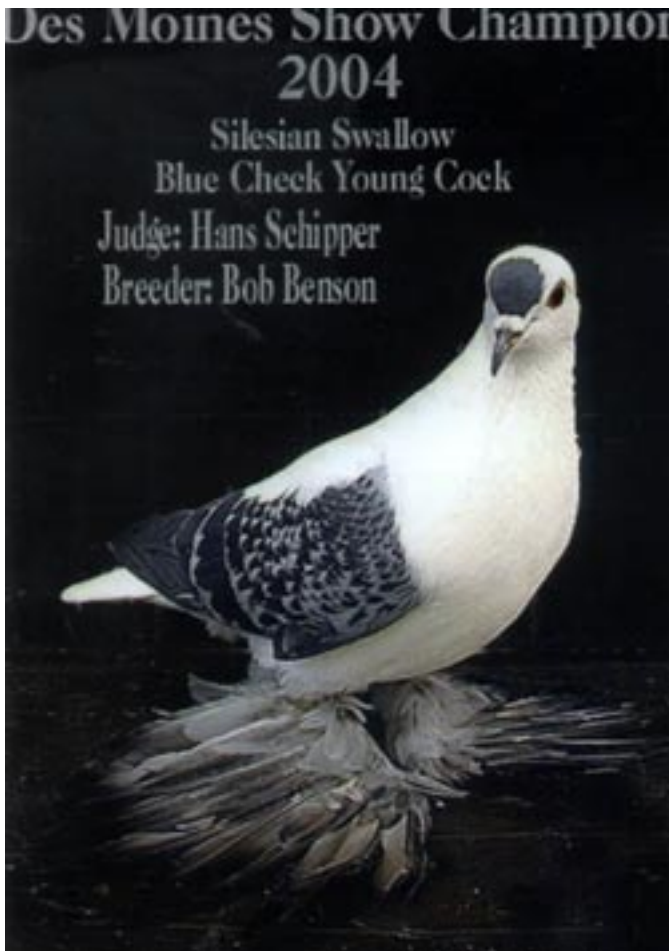
Blue check 2007 Champion at the NYBS.



2003 NYBS champion Silver Check



*2006 annual meet; Best Silesian and Reserve Champion, Blue Checker, Bob Benson
Art by Gary Romig*



Champion at the Annual Meet in Des Moines. Bob Benson's young cock Blue Checker Silesian. Rated "E". Photo by Nancy Pinke



Best Young Swallow 2002 USC Annual meet in Des Moines

Swallows & Shields from the Show in Zwönitz

January 10 & 11 2009 *Photos: Andreas Reuter Grotzsch*



*Red white bar Saxon Swallow
97, Klaus Hentschel*



*Black spangle Saxon Swallow
95, Günter Gottwald*



*Black white bar Saxon Swallow
97, Jörg Pöttsch*



*Blue spangle plainhead Saxon Wing Pigeon
96, Christoph Klemm*



*Black white bar plainhead Saxon Wing Pigeon
95, Wolfgang Merk*



*Yellow white bar plainhead Saxon Wing Pigeon
96, Helmut Löser*



*Silver check plainhead Saxon Wing Pigeon
97, Karl Wünsche*



*Black white bar Saxon Wing Pigeon
97, Egbert Bierig*



*Silver white bar Saxon Wing Pigeon
96, Jörg Kühne*



*Silver check Saxon Wing Pigeon
97, Andre Meinel*



*Blue spangled Saxon Wing Pigeon
96, Erhard u. Jonas Wolf*



*Red spangled Saxon Wing Pigeon
97 Jürgen Noll*



*Plainheaded blue spangled Saxon Shield
95, Werner Grund*



*Single crested red white bar Saxon Shield
97, Helmut Löser*



*Single crested black white bar Saxon Shield
96, Günter Priemer*

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Recent Photos by Ben Kocken from the 45th Dutch Color Pigeon Club Show and the Thuringer Color Pigeon Show in Barleben/Ebendorf Germany



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News from the Central District

Bob Benson

Hello - To all swallow breeders on this wonderful day (the temp. this morning was -20°F; for three days straight!) I live in Minnesota South, Elliot Yeske and Gloria Weisgram live in the north, which has had -40°F. I'm sure most club members in Canada are also enjoying the snow and cold.

People often ask-how do the birds stand the cold? You keep the windows open? My answer; they are wonders! I had to replace the 40 watt bulbs in the water founts with 60's to prevent freezing. Where in hell is our Global warming? The mating of our birds may be late this spring.

A few comments on the annual show at Des Moines; I think the quality of the birds entered was the best I have seen, they were very clean and well groomed, they looked healthy! I commend "Wee Wille Griebel" on his judging of course, but to award four "E"s impressed me!! This has never happened before-each of these birds deserved that rating! I believe that good or high ratings are the Manna that fuels any pigeon club.

Also I have in my possession a large collection of USC history in the form of letters, bulletins, etc., and all the A.P.J. Swallow specials. This history covers the years 1970's and into the 1990's. Most of these units were collected by Cal Breadhoff. There are many letters written by L.R. Hummel, and of course by others. I've read most of this material and I find it interesting. I'm calling on you Club Members for ideas to best keep this material in the club. One way is an auction in the Des Moines next Dec. (that is only one)-let's hear your thoughts on this.

Bob Benson

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Also; the Swallow Club welcomes the new members! Swallows are wonderful birds, so have fun with them.

See you at the shows.

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