



Message from the Editor

Gary Romig

I have had a very good breeding season with my red white bar Fairy Swallows. I hope everyone else has had a similar year. The time has come to get these youngsters into condition for the shows. I have included a few pictures of some member's young birds in this bulletin.

We now have a ballot for the members to vote for the club officers for 2008/2009. Please take the time to vote and return the ballot to Tim Starr. Also on the ballot be sure to vote for the annual meet location and judge for the annual meet.

We have had some judges unavailable for the shows. Please note that Bill Griebel is the only judge available for the Detroit NPA Grand National event and the only judge available for Iowa State Show in Des Moines. Hans Schipper is the only judge available for the Pageant of Pigeons in San Bernardino, CA. Please keep these limitations in mind when voting for Annual meet location.

There are more fun items from Ross Dobson in the bulletin. Thank you to Ross for these contributions.

Message from the Secretary

Elliot Yeske

I hope you all had a good breeding season. This time of year is fairly slow for correspondence from other members. Many things going on vacations, etc.

In this newsletter we have the nonnominations so we will have to vote on officers and where our annual meet will be held as well as judge. There maybe some issues with our judges as they may only be able to attend certain shows so please make sure to look at that so you are not voting for a site that a certain judge may not able to attend.

Our band sales went well this year as we sold all of the muffed bands and were only left with about 100 clean leg bands. I have placed the same order for next year being 2500 muffed bands and 1000 clean leg bands. It looks like next year we will not be able to get the metal bands. There was a problem with the supplier of the metal bands. I know many members were glad to get the metal bands for this year. Membership is down a bit as we have lost a few members.



Blue White barred Fullhead Swallow Art By Gary Romig



Black Spangled Fullhead Swallow Art By Gary Romig

Message from the Vice President

Perry Mueller

It is hard to believe that another breeding season has gone by. Where does the time go? Hopefully, everyone has raised a few good ones. It is time to start getting ready for the show room. I want to touch on a couple of things I noticed during last year's show season.

First, we need to do a little better job with our show entry forms. Members are entering birds under all sorts of names (for example, clean leg swallow, Thuringer swallow, spot swallow, etc.) What happens then is the show secretary puts the birds in all kinds of different classes in all different places in the show room. It can get confusing if they don't know swallows. Something we have done at Louisville (NYBS) is to use a number system. Following is an example:

1. Silesian Swallow (Saxon wing pigeon)
2. Fairy Swallow (Crested Saxon wing pigeon)
3. Fullhead Swallow (Saxon swallow)
4. Clean Leg Spot Swallow (Thuringer wing pigeon)
5. Clean Leg Fullhead Swallow (Thuringer swallow)
6. Tiger Swallow (Bohemian Tiger swallow)

This should help with the confusion. Simply send this out with the entry sheets. I, personally, don't think we are ready to change to the German wording yet. But, it is something we might consider in the future.

Second, the show coop size has become an issue. The coops have been on the large size at Louisville lately and the one drawback is the way the water cups were set up—they were being knocked over easily. Also, it is a little harder to catch and handle the birds in the larger coops. At Des Moines, we had the opposite. The birds were in small, four hole coops. By the end of the show, the birds tails and muffs were all frayed. I felt we didn't give the birds justice in the smaller coops. You couldn't get a good look at the birds. They weren't allowed to show from their cages. When we are the member in charge of a local show, we need to consider coop size. Of course, it depends on what the host club has to offer us as well as take into consideration the appropriate size coop.



Group of Bohemian, Silesian And Reiserfluge Swallows
Art By Gary Romig



Baby Black Spangle raised by Perry Mueller



Young Red White Bar raised by Gary Romig

United Swallow Club Financial Report

Feb, Mar, April, May, June, July 2007

Beginning balance:	2671.46
Income:	
From bands and dues	759.75
Expenses:	
Gary Romig (newsletter and awards)	430.03
Refunds from band orders	23.70
Bob Jones (band order)	905.00
Monthly checking service chgs	18.00
Current checking balance:	2573.73

National Young Bird Show

October 27, 2007

Pavillion - Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center
Louisville, Kentucky

Entry Fee: \$5.00

Mail all entries to:
NATIONAL YOUNG BIRD SHOW
P.O. Box 21
Milton, KY 40045

Make checks and money orders payable to:
NATIONAL YOUNG BIRD SHOW

Canadian entries: US money orders only
No Canadian postal money orders

Entries must be postmarked by Post Office on or before: **October 3, 2007** No postage Meters.

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see booklet for color number - use number for color

DO NOT USE BACK OF ENTRY SHEET

Please group your birds by sex or color number order.

Exhibitor number (sec. use only)

Clubs: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Junior Exhibitor

Please print - used for next year's mailing list

Quantity	Cost	
_____ Entries @ \$5.00 each	\$ _____	
_____ Sales coop @ \$20.00 each (limit 3 coops - 8 bird limit)	\$ _____	paid in advance only _____
_____ Parking Pass @ \$7.00 each include self-addressed STAMPED envelope	\$ _____	
	\$	TOTAL

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2007 Official Entry Form

Iowa State Pigeon Association

82nd Annual Show

"Pigeons on the Prairie"

December 7 & 8, 2007

Iowa State Fairgrounds

Des Moines, Iowa

ENTRY DEADLINE POSTMARKED NOVEMBER 10th, 2007.

ENTRY FEE: \$5.00 per BIRD

LATE ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 21st, 2007

LATE ENTRY FEE: \$6.00 per BIRD

NOTE: Do not use YEARLING unless your breed specifies that it judges YEARLING classes.

Exhibitor # _____
 Exhibitor _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Jr. Exhibitor's Age _____
 Email _____
 I make the entries below subject to the rules of this show.

Signature _____
 Date Received _____
 Amt Rec'd _____ Ck/MO # _____

Do Not Use	Young Hen	Young Cock	Yearling Hen	Yearling Cock	Old Hen	Old Cock	Breed	Color	Band #
SAMPLE		X					Chinese Owl	Black	287
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SEND ENTRIES TO:
 Jan Nyhus, Co-Show Secretary
 412 East 1st Street
 Huxley, IA 50124-9444
 Phone: (515) 597-3368 or (515) 231-1561
 e-mail: jcnnyhus@huxcomm.net

	Quantity	Total
Bird Entries @ \$5.00 per Bird	_____ Birds	_____
Late Entries @ \$6.00 per Bird	_____ Birds	_____
4-bird For Sale Holes @ \$10/hole	_____ Holes	_____

ISPA Annual Membership Dues (please complete ISPA Membership Form on page 2)
 Check here if you will be sending your birds via US Postal Service _____

TOTAL REMITTANCE _____

Additional Birds - 2007 Official Entry Form -- Page 2

Do Not Use	Young Hen	Young Cock	Yearling Hen	Yearling Cock	Old Hen	Old Cock	Breed	Color	Band #
							SAMPLE	X	Chinese Owl
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******* JUNIOR COMPETITION *******

(Birds must also be entered above. Entry fee for each bird only paid once for the regular competition.)

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I.S.P.A. Membership Form:

New _____ Renew _____

1 Year (2008)	3-Year (2008, 2009, 2010)
\$15 - Senior _____	\$40 - Senior _____
\$10 - Junior _____	\$25 - Junior _____
\$18 - Family _____	\$50 - Family _____

If Family Membership, Name of Second Adult in Family _____

If Family Membership, Names and ages of all children

Name	Age
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Breeds Raised _____

THE 2007 ANNUAL EDITION of
the United Swallow Club trivia QUIZ!

NOTE..answers and scoring are explained later on the next page

1. Name the 3 U.S.C. members (past and present) who have been recognized , so far, by the N.P.A. (National Pigeon Association, U.S.A.) as “Master Breeders” for the swallow breed

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

2. What year was the U.S.C. established?

- A- 1937? _____
- B- 1957? _____
- C- 1981? _____
- D-1969? _____

3. Translation 101....match the following (approximate) swallow terminology (breed or variety) to the various languages listed below:

- A) Thuringer Vleugelduif
- B) Flugeltaube mit kappe
- C) Hirondelle de Saxe
- D) “those buzzards”
- E) Wing pigeon

- 1) English language
- 2) French language
- 3) Dutch language (Holland)
- 4) German language
- 5) Gloria Weisgram quote

4. How many “certified swallow judges” does the USC have today, based on our club judging program?

- A) eight
 - B) three
 - C) six
 - D) four
- ANSWER _____

5. In 1985, The “American Pigeon Journal” (remember it?) Published a (March 1985) special theme issue featuring swallows! Some of our current USC members had major contributions to this issue such as David Harris. And can you remember or guess whose pigeon art was featured on the front cover of this magazine issue?

- A) Picasso
 - B) Gary Romig
 - C) Diane Jacky
 - D) M. Frank Cook
- ANSWER _____

6. When was the first U.S.C. web site first available on the WWW (World Wide Web)?

- A) 1975
 - B) 1989
 - C) 1997
 - D) 2001
- ANSWER _____

7. Judging methods.....there are a few different ways to judge show birds. The USC generally uses the system called “IMS” which stands for:

- A) International Monetary System
- B) International Matching System
- C) Independent Manual System
- D) Individual Merit System

ANSWER _____

8. M. Frank Cook was

- A) a famous explorer
- B) a famous swallow breeder
- C) a famous swallow breeder plus a famous pigeon artist
- D) a sous chef

ANSWER _____

9. Over the years there have been _____(number) articles in the USC Bulletin discussing the “grease quill” feature (or “velvet factor”) specific to swallow pigeon genetics?

- A) none
- B) one article
- C) two articles
- D) three articles

ANSWER _____

10. BONUS...if you have contributed at least one article , photo or news item for the club Bulletin over the past two years, give yourself 1 point and a pat on the back as an active member!

(Quiz by Ross Dobson)

For answers and your score ranking see the next page.



ANSWERS to the 2007 USC Quiz:

1. ANSWER= with a wee bit of research on the NPA (U.S.A.) web site, you may have discovered the following list of Master Breeders that have been recognized by this national (U.S.A.) Pigeon organization (N.P.A.) for their proven expertise and significant contributions with the swallow breed :

1. David Harris in 1990
2. Bill Griebel (Sr) in 1987
3. L.E.Hummell in 1948

Scoring=Give yourself 1 POINT for each person named correctly; maximum of 3 POINTS

bonus trivia...did you know?...that the NPA Lifetime Achievement Award (see below) was awarded to long time USC supporter David Harris in 2005! , PLUS David also received the NPA Hall of Fame Award in 2004. The only other swallow fancier who has received this award so far was Dr. L. E. Hummel in 1971. The Lifetime Achievement Award was created several years ago. It is intended to be used for members who have never held an office in the NPA but have done many things to promote the pigeon hobby and has been active in pigeons for at least 15 years.”

2. ANSWER= The United Swallow Club began in 1969, and is still going strong thanks to many dedicated volunteer swallow fanciers. Interestingly there were at least two other swallow clubs which began earlier in the USA and Canada but no longer exist; the American Swallow Club (late 1940's until about mid fifties), and the Eastern Swallow Club which originated earlier. Scoring=1 POINT

3. ANSWERS=

A-3 Dutch language

B-4 the terminology for Saxon fairy swallows has varied over the years and locations around the globe, however the current “fairy swallow” or “crested Wing pigeon” is known in German as “Flugeltaube mit kappe”.

C-2 French it is!

D-5 a colloquial or slang expression overheard for swallows in the loft... sorry Gloria ..anything you send via e-mail becomes “in the public realm”! (no offence intended).

E-1 although this may be considered a trick question with no clear answer on right or wrong intended, the term “Wing pigeon” is commonly used in Europe for the spotted varieties of swallows such as Saxon Fairy swallows. Scoring=give yourself 1 POINT for each “correct” answer (maximum 5)

*4. ANSWER= A (8 certified USC swallow judges)

The club judging program was developed a number of years ago by Mike and Kathy Swanson, and nurtured by club executive such as past President Bill Griebel (Sr) and others . If you can name the certified judges you are much better informed than this quiz author who could take a good guess but would rather leave that up to others to clarify. Scoring=1 POINT

5. ANSWER= although Picasso did actually paint pigeons, such as his classic painting called “The Pigeons, Cannes, 1957”, the artist featured on the magazine cover that year was Gary Romig! Bonus...you can now browse through pigeon Gary's art portfolio for purchase or gift ideas on the new USC website “LINKS” page (see ANSWER 6 below).

ANSWER (B) Gary Romig. Scoring=1 POINT

6. ANSWER= C) 1997

The first USC web site was launched in 1997 (thanks to web site sponsor Alex Lacy, and Mike Lerp, Gary Romig, Bill Griebel Sr. and a few others for this pioneer effort)...and now we have a “second generation” website recently developed and launched by current U.S.C. webmaster Gary Romig in Fall 2006...be sure to check it out at:

<http://personal.riverusers.com/~swallowclub/> Scoring=1 POINT

7. ANSWER= D) Individual Merit System

To quote from an article by Bill Griebel Sr. and Mike Lerp, “... the method of judging that we in the United States call the Individual Merit System of Judging. This method is also referred to as the Grading System of Judging as well as the European Method of Judging. This terminology is interchangeable...” Scoring=1 POINT

8. ANSWER= C)

M. Frank Cook was both a respected swallow breeder, plus a famous artist of pigeons. He lived in the Rochester, New York area of USA which was a hotbed for swallows in the 1940's . You can view a few of the wonderful (highly valued) paintings of M.Frank Cook in many of our past Bulletins, plus today on-line at the German Pigeon Museum...see <http://www.taubenmuseum.de/index.html> Some USC members are collectors of such Frank Cook memorabilia and art work featuring swallows, such as Dick Baker of the current Rochester area today. Scoring= 1 POINT

9 ANSWER= C) two....this relatively obscure feather feature (“schmalzkeil” in German) of some swallows has had two articles written about it in our USC Bulletin over the years, as far as I can determine from my archives: most recently by Gloria Weisgram see April 2001 issue “Tracking Velvet Factor”. A number of years before that (Summer issue,1995) Ross Dobson also had a similar article...”Some Velvet Morning...in 1995.” Scoring= 2 POINTS

10 BONUS point?

Give yourself 1 more POINT if you have contributed at least one news or other item (ie photo, etc.) for the USC Bulletin over the past two years, and go easy on that pat you deserve it as an active member!

YOUR TOTAL SCORE ...add it up! _____ TOTAL

RANK=

If your score was between 1 and 5, you are a novice swallow trivia expert=BRONZE MEDAL

If your score was between 6 and 12 , you are quite knowledgeable and experienced with the swallow world and the United Swallow Club activities= SILVER MEDAL

If your score was between 13 and 17, you could contribute your own trivia to the next quiz, and could be considered a swallow trivia wizard =GOLD MEDAL!

remember to watch for the next ANNUAL POP QUIZ during 2008 bulletins!

*Ross, we updated your question here. The number of certified judges was just announced last bulletin with one missing because I judged the previous year. GR



Red Spangled Silesian Swallow Art By Gary Romig



Blue Black barred Silesian Swallow Art By Gary Romig



Black White Barred Fairy Swallow Art By Gary Romig



Yellow White Barred Fairy Swallow Art By Gary Romig

Send Your Choices to: Tim Starr, 8804 Ft. Loudon Rd., Mercersburg, PA 17236, Phone: 717-328-9751, Email: timstarr@comcast.net
YOUR CHOICES MUST ARRIVE TO TIM BY SEPT. 10, 2007

Club Officer Ballot

Please vote for one candidate in each category except choose just one District Director from your District.

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Vice President:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mike Swanson	<input type="checkbox"/> Nate Wayne	
Secretary:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Elliot Yeske		
Canadian District Director: *		
<input type="checkbox"/> John Taupert		
Western District Director: *		
<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Holloway	<input type="checkbox"/> Leon Stephens	
Central District Director: *		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Benson	<input type="checkbox"/> Nate Wayne	<input type="checkbox"/> Bob Jakubowski
Eastern District Director: *		
<input type="checkbox"/> Alan Smith	<input type="checkbox"/> Merle Starr	

***Vote only for a District Director in your District**

Annual Meet Location & Judge

Please vote for one locations and for one judge available for that location
Judges Available

<input type="checkbox"/> Pageant of Pigeons (Nov. 14-15,16)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hans Schipper
<input type="checkbox"/> Des Moines (Dec. 7 & 8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Griebel
<input type="checkbox"/> Detroit Nat. (Jan 24, 25 & 26, 08)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bill Griebel



Swallow loft of Frank Bailey



Czech Swallow Fancier. Both Photos by Frank Bailey

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