Message from the President

Perry Mueller

At this time last year, we were busy getting ready for the Purebred Special. Hopefully, this spring we can get a faster start on some of our club business.

First, we need to nominate our Annual Show site and judge. Remember, if you nominate a show site, we will need to have a club member live near or attend to be the “member in charge.” This is usually the District Director, but if he is not attending, he will have to appoint someone. According to our judging program, our Annual Show judge must be selected from our list of qualified judges or we have the option of using a foreign judge. Our list of qualified judges are: Steve Ball, Bill Griebel, Dave Harris, Perry Mueller, Gary Romig, Leon Stephens, Mike Swanson, Gloria Wiesgram.

Second, we need to nominate our Club Officers for the years 2012-2013. This will include: President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Western Director, Central Director, Eastern Director, and Canadian Director.

Tim Starr will be our Election Commissioner again so please send your nomination to him.

Message from the Secretary/Treasurer

Elliot Yeske

Hello everyone, the year is starting out very cold and remaining that way here in Minnesota. We have a lot of snow and not much melting going on yet. Several members of the USC visited the Europaschau in Zwönitz, Germany this past January. What a show it was, it was nice to see so many from the US attending. Nate Wayne and I traveled together as we have in the past. We had a great time visiting friends in Germany as well as the Netherlands.

Some other news is that we sold out of the size 11mm bands for this year. At this writing I still have 190 8mm bands left. I have to sell the bands on a first come first serve basis. It hard to tell each year how many bands we need to order as a club the last few years we have had left over size 8mm. The club does not make much money on the bands but we do this for our members. Other years we have had 11mm bands left over as well. I try to order what I think we can sell it does vary from year to year and keep in mind that we send in order early in the year to the NPA. Members that do not get bands because we are sold out can order them from NPA of venders like Foy’s pigeon supplies.

Membership dues, we still have several members that have not renewed their membership to the USC. Dues are still only $10 per year with the great newsletter Gary puts out. I think $10 for dues is a real bargain. Please check the membership list to see if your dues have expired and get your dues mailed to me soon. Members not paid up by April 15th will have to be dropped.

I know that some areas have started their breeding season. I hope you all have great season and raise many swallows.

See more photos of Swallows and other Color Pigeons inside this issue. Photos by: Reiner Fuchs of the German Swallow and Shield Club from the Zwönitz Show January 8 & 9, 2011.


Club Officers for 2010 & 2011

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These past three months have been very busy for some of us that elected to travel to Europe in order to attend the 2011 Show in Zwönitz, Germany. This show was dedicated to exhibiting Europe’s best Saxon Color Pigeons with a special invitation to Europe’s Ice Pigeon Club. This year it was held on January 8 & 9, 2011 and it hosted approximately 2,500 birds. There were exhibitors from France, Switzerland, Austria, Belgium, Netherlands, Czech Republic and Germany. It was wonderful seeing old friends, meeting new ones and interacting with several members of our USC from here in the USA. Several of you have asked me about future shows worthy of attending. So I have asked and here is what I am being told: A visit and ten day stay in Germany in 2012 would umbrella two shows that promises to offer fanciers of pigeons the thrill of a lifetime. I was told that the show committee is planning on hosting the largest show ever with approximately 92,000 animals (50,000 pigeons plus chickens, rabbits) in Leipzig, Germany:

- December 7-9, 2012 Europe Show in Leipzig, Germany
- December 14-16, 2012 VDT-Schau German Pigeon Show in Nürnberg, Germany

Right here in the USA...

Come the second weekend of November, we have a show being hosted by the LAPC (Los Angeles Pigeon Club). It is a celebration of their 100 Year Anniversary. I am plugging this show as I think it offers great weather and birds of high quality being exhibited. It would be great seeing many of you their exhibiting your birds.

I am very excited about my 2011 matings and I hope that you are equally as optimistic about breeding that special bird worthy of showing later this year.

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European Champion - Egbert Bierig

European Champion - Hans Gorges

European Champion - Horst Schmidt

European Champion - Cor van der Post

"E" rated red fairy - Kurt Melzer. Photo: GR

"E" rated blue fairy - Cor van der Post. Photo: GR

"E" rated yellow fairy - Klaus Burkhardt. Photo: GR

"E" rated blue check - Bernd Erler. Photo: GR
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European Champion - Reiner Wolf

European Champion - Waldemar Neuhäusser

European Champion - Werner Grund

European Champion - Gerd Unger

“S” rated red Old German Moorhead - Andre Klein

European Champion - Stefan Heidrich

European Champion - Wilfried Metzner

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European Champion - Rainer Eisen

European Champion - Werner Hesse

European Champion - Gert Melzer

European Champion - Gotthard Merkel

Champion - Dr. Hans-Joachim Pfundt

“E” rated Saxon Spot - Gotthard Merkel. Photo: GR

“S” rated Porcelain Ice - Lothar Fukker. Photo: GR

“E” rated blue Priest - Reiner Wolf. Photo: GR
United Swallow Club Western District Meet
At the San Diego NPA Grand National
January 8 & 9, 2011 • Show Results
Compiled by Dave Holloway

Silesian Swallows

Judges: Layne Gardner, John Navant, Dave Holloway

Mike Swanson  Silver Barless  OC #192  S94-1
Mike Swanson  Silver Barless  OC #175  S94
Mike Swanson  Silver Barless  OH #131  G92
Mike Swanson  Silver Barless  OH #12  S94
Kaylee Skistimas  Silver Check  OH #1716  S93-1
Kaylee Skistimas  Silver Check  OH #1712  S93-2
Mike Swanson  Silver Barless  YC #384  S93-1
Mike Swanson  Silver Barless  YC #350  S93-2
Mike Swanson  Silver Barless  YH #326  S95  Best Silesian
Mike Swanson  Silver Barless  YH #403  S93
Kaylee Skistimas  Silver Check  YH #1510  S94
Kaylee Skistimas  Silver Check  YH #1520  G92
Kaylee Skistimas  Blue Black Bar  YH #356  S93
Kaylee Skistimas  Silver Dun Bar  YH #1519  G92

Fairy Swallows

Judges: Layne Gardner, John Navant, Dave Holloway

Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  OC #222  S95  Best Fairy
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  OC #159  S93-1
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  OC #831  S93-2
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  OH #133  S93-2
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  OH #165  S93-1
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  OH #100  S94
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  YC #320  S95
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  YC #395  S94
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  YC #480  S93
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  YH #329  S94
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  YH #376  G92
Mike Swanson  Blue white bar  YH #300  S93
John Heppner  Yellow white bar  YH #710  G91

Thuringer Swallows

Judges: Layne Gardner, Frank Walsh, Mike Swanson

Tony Brancato  Blue barless  YC #2298  S93
Tony Brancato  Blue barless  YH #2790  S94  Best Thuringer Swallow

Thuringer Wing Pigeons

Judges: Layne Gardner, Frank Walsh, Mike Swanson

Tony Brancato  Red barless  OC #878  S94
Dave Holloway  Gray Ash Red Bar  OC #519  S94
Dave Holloway  Gray barless  OC #2369  S93
Dave Holloway  Ash Red check  OC #589  S94
Jay Beals  Black barless  OC #249  HS96 Champion Swallow
Dave Holloway  Blue Spangle  OH #2311  S93
Dave Holloway  Cream Bar  OH #548  S94
Tony Brancato  Red barless  OH #?  S93
Perry Mueller  Blue barless  YC #128  S95
Perry Mueller  Blue barless  YC #106  HS96 Res. Champion
Jay Beals  Black barless  YC #309  S95
Jay Beals  Black barless  YH #303  HS96
Perry Mueller  Blue barless  YH #117  S95-1
Perry Mueller  Blue barless  YH #119  S95-2

Champion Swallow by Jay Beals
Best Thuringer Swallow by Tony Brancato
Best Fairy Swallow by Mike Swanson