

UNITED Swallow Club



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Perry Mueller wins Champion at NYBS



Blue White Bar Saxon Fullhead Swallow Young Hen No. 124, rated HS96, bred and owned by Perry Mueller of St Louis, Missouri was Judged Champion Swallow at the National Young Bird Show in Louisville KY October 18, 2017

Link For Entry Forms to NPA Grand National
http://www.npaua.com/downloads/grand_nationals/2018/2018%20NPA%20Grand%20National%20Entry%20Form.pdf
Entry Deadline: Dec. 22, 2017

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Winter 2017

By USC President Mike Swanson

This is my last message for the United Swallow Club bulletin as President of the USC. I would like to thank everyone for all of your support during the last four years. It has always been easy to ask members for their support for committee work as they have always willingly stepped up to support the USC and do the work! The collective energy and commitment of our membership has resulted in the continued success of our club. If I were to thank everyone individually, surely I would miss someone so I'm giving a huge thank you and shout out to all those members that have contributed in so many ways these past four years. The one person I haven't thanked previously in any of the bulletins is Cathy. I want to extend a big thank you to her for her support and dedication in helping me during these past four years.

As you know, Dave Averbeck is the next USC President starting in January of 2018. Dave has always supported the

USC as an elected officer and in his participation in showing and sponsoring USC meets. I want to encourage all of you to continue to support the USC and to support Dave as our new USC President. I want to congratulate the new officers and I'm confident the USC will continue to flourish under our new leadership. Our club's sustainability is dependent our collective energy and commitment to the USC. As we reflect on the USC's pathway since its inception definitely our club members, through their hard work and continued commitment, have caused the USC to continue its mission! Although as members we may have different perspectives relative to various decisions and topics, as a club we've continued to focus on our priority, Swallows!

Our collective desire to sustain and refine this incredible breed has resulted in the continued vitality of our breed and our club. We've managed to keep dues low, publish an incredible bulletin

Club Officers for 2016 & 2017 (See more officers on page 3)

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President's Message Continued

and support shows from coast to coast. Truly our club is united and focused on the refinement of our breed!

In other recent club news we've had two successful shows since our last bulletin, a regional meet at the National Young Bird Show and another regional meet held at the Pageant of Pigeons. Both of these are indicators of the club's vitality and our members' interest and desire in supporting our breed! Definitely club members stepped up through their participation as exhibitors, judges and members serving as show stewards!

We definitely need to congratulate ourselves collectively on the huge success of the Purebred Pigeon Swallow Special. Gary Romig is to be congratulated and thanked for his continuing work in supporting our club. Cathy and I delighted in keeping the dedication a secret and conspiring with Ingrid Sulich in honoring Gary's continuing efforts to support our club in so many ways! A huge thanks you to Ron DeClement and Chris Auer for their collaboration with the Purebred Pigeon to coordinate the amazing outcomes of this special. Our club members contributed so many quality articles and ads. As Doratha Connelly Purebred Editor stated, "these articles express the breeder's love and admiration for their birds so well." So thank you to everyone that contributed to the success of the Purebred Pigeon Swallow special! This issue will certainly be a landmark for our club and for our breed!

As you look ahead to our upcoming USC Annual Show in Amarillo definitely plan to attend and show your birds! Also

plan to support the USC auction through your donations and through your purchases once you are at our show in Amarillo! Our auctions are an important part of the success of our club and generate important revenue to support club endeavors. I encourage you to reach out to members in charge of the auction: Chris Auer and Brad and Rachel Stuckey, to support the auction in whatever way you can! Cathy and I are eager to attend the show in Amarillo and look forward to showing our birds and renewing our friendships with club members! Our USC Annual Club meeting will be held Thursday evening at the NPA National in January 18, 19, 20, 2018 at the Amarillo Civic Center, Amarillo, Texas. An important agenda item will be nominations for a judge and show site for our next United Swallow Club Annual Meet. Definitely, time passes quickly!

Also, renew your club membership and purchase your USC bands by contacting USC club secretary, Elliot Yeske. Also don't hesitate to reach out to USC committee members-in-charge for your feedback on our USC Swallow Standard and our USC Judging Program. Your perspectives and participation are needed! Again through our collective work, energy and commitment we sustain our club and our breed.

In closing, Cathy and I want to thank all of you for your support, energy and your many phone calls and emails these past four years. Your support, friendship and energy have made our journey fun and worthwhile! Thank you!

National Young Bird Show Report

October 28, 2017

Judge: David Averbeck II

Birds Entered: 45

* top of class

Silesian Swallow Young Cock

Jim Grober	2526	S-94*
Stephen Ripper	1405	S-94
Jim Grober	2529	S-94
Perry Mueller	111	S-93
Jim Grober	2519	S-93
Stephen Ripper	1408	S-93

Silesian Swallow Young Hen

Stephen Ripper	1419	S-95*	Best Silesian
Jim Grobber	2527	S-95	
Jim Grobber	2525	S-94	
Jim Grobber	2516	S-94	
Stephen Ripper	1414	S-94	
Jim Grobber	2530	S-93	
Perry Mueller	73		

Fairy Swallow Young Cock

Perry Mueller	120	S-94*
Perry Mueller	171	S-93

Fairy Swallow Young Hen

Stephen Ripper	1400	S-95*	Best Fairy
Perry Mueller	150	S-93	
Perry Mueller	85	S-93	
Chris Auer	1105	G-92	

Full-Head Swallow Young Cock

Perry Mueller	132	S-95*
Chris Auer	1115	S-94
Perry Mueller	58	S-93
Jesse Espinosa	1334	S-93

Full-Head Swallow Young Hen

Perry Mueller	124	HS-96*	CHAMPION SWALLOW
Perry Mueller	121	S-93	
Chris Auer	1103	S-93	
Chris Auer	1121	G-92	

Thuringer Wing Pigeons Young Cock

Stephen Ripper	652	S-94*
Perry Mueller	425	S-94
Perry Mueller	215	S-93

Thuringer Wing Pigeons Young Hen

Perry Mueller	211	S-95*	Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon
Perry Mueller	457	S-94	
Stephen Ripper	631	S-94	
Perry Mueller	464	S-93	

Thuringer Swallow Young Cock

Chris Auer	126	S-94*
Stephen Ripper	611	S-93

Thuringer Swallow Young Hen

Stephen Ripper	613	HS-96*	Res. Champion Swallow
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National Young Bird Show Report

Greeting from the Midwest,
The 2017 National Young Bird Show was held October 28, 2017 in Louisville, KY. We had a total number of entries of 43 birds. The birds were a great group of young birds. It is difficult for us colder climate breeders to get young birds ready for this early show.

Perry Mueller took home Champion Swallow with a nice Fullhead Swallow hen, and Stephen Ripper took home Reserve Champion with a nice Thuringer Swallow hen.

I want to personally thank Stephen Ripper as he helped me by writing on the coop cards as well as watching over me while judging. He gave me great pointers and other areas for me to be looking out for.

Overall it was a great show to judge and hopefully we have more entries next year. Looking forward to the Annual meet this year in Amarillo, Texas.

David Averbeck



Reserve Champ; Silver Thuringer Swallow by Steve Ripper rated HS96



Best Silesian Swallow Cream Bar YH 1419 by Steve Ripper Rated S95



Black White Bar Silesian Swallow by Jim Grober Rated S94



Best Fairy Swallow YH 1400 Blue White Bar by Steve Ripper rated S95



Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon, Red White Bar YH #211 (S95) by Perry Mueller

National Young Bird Show Report



Blue black bar Silesian Swallow by Jim Gorber



Black Thuringer Swallow by Chris Auer



Blue barless Thuringer Wing Pigeon by Steve Ripper



Red Spangle Saxon full-head Swallow by Jessie Espinosa



Black spangle Saxon Wing Pigeon (Fairy Swallow) by Perry Mueller



Black white barred Saxon full-head Swallow by Chris Auer

USC Auction @ the NPA National in Amarillo, TX

Just a quick reminder to everyone that we will be having the club auction in conjunction with the Annual Meet at the NPA National in Amarillo, TX this coming January.

This note is to solicit donations for the auction. Items can be almost anything that would be of interest to others and of course birds!!!! Last year's auction was a great success, items donated included several pairs of birds, paintings (thanks Nate and Gary), USC related items (letters and bulletins), and show coops along with other items. If you know what you will be able to donate or just need to talk and discuss potential items feel free to contact Brad and Rachel Stuckey or Chris Auer at any time.

I will send an email the week before the show with a list of those items that have been donated.

The United Swallow Club thanks you for the support!!!

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Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Elliot Yeske

Hello everyone hope all is well with all of you. It is once again that time of year when most of the members dues are up. Our club dues are still only \$10 per year. Please get your dues sent in to me in a timely fashion. Members not paid by March 15th will have to be dropped.

Our club's 2018 bands should be in my hands soon. They are still 50 cents each with a \$4 postage charge that covers the mailer we use to send them. Please get your band order quickly as I have to sell them 1st come 1st served. I have received a few band orders already. Last year we ran out fairly fast of the 11 mm size bands for the muffed birds. And, of course, once again we have the 8 mm size for the clean legs also. Please let me know what size you are ordering when sending in your band order. Please check the membership list to see if your dues are expiring. Hope to see you at the Des Moines show that I will be attending.

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Thuringer Swallows & Whitetails for Sale

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**2017 United Swallow Club Western District Meet
Cosponsored by the Southern California Color Pigeon Club
At the Pageant of Pigeons**

Rating System:

- I90 = Inferior
- G91 = Good
- G92 = Good
- S93 = Superior
- S94 = Superior
- S95 = Superior
- HS96 = Highly Superior
- E97 = Excellent

Judge: Leo Kunath of Germany

Exhibitors: George de la Nuez, Arnold Chaney, Gary Romig

Champion Swallow:

Blue White Bar YH # 28, George de la Nuez

*= Best in Class

Fairy Swallow

(Crested Saxon Wing Pigeon)

Blue White Bar

- E97 YH #28 De la Nuez***
- S95 YH #27 De la Nuez
- S94 YC #8 De la Nuez
- HS96 OC #2487 De la Nuez
- S94 OC #2492 De la Nuez

Black White Bar

- S94 OC #821 Chaney

Red White Bar

- S94 OC #2227 Romig

Silesian Swallow

(Plain-headed Wing Pigeon)

Black White Bar

- G92 OC #941 Chaney*



Photo George de la Nuez

Champion Swallow at the Pageant of Pigeons; YH #28 rated 97, bred and owned by George de la Nuez



Photo George de la Nuez

Best Silesian Swallow; OC #821 rated 94 Bred and owned by Arnold Chaney

Western District News

by Bill Griebel

Although the Pageant numbers were down this year there were some very high quality birds shown. Congratulations go to George de la Nuez who again won champion and best young. We enjoyed our judge, Leo Kunath, from Germany who brought a similar but slightly different perspective to the judging of our birds. He and I had some interesting conversations about type, elegance, muff shape, hocks, color among many other things. We also touched on the judging system procedures they use in Germany.

On a personal note, I experienced a die-off of my birds starting the first week of October. I lost quite a few birds and a few really

good ones. The most common question was, "where do you think you picked the bug up?" I do not have a clue. Then, "do you know what it was?" I have an idea but not confirmed. "Did you send samples to the lab?" Yes I did, a lab in Texas. Sent 4 swabs of 4 different birds and asked for 6 tests; E-Coli, Adenovirus, Circovirus, Herpes, Paramyxovirus and Salmonella. The results came back positive for two items, Circovirus and PMV. I vaccinate religiously but I think I had a bad batch of PMV vaccine. I also think I had Adenovirus because they had all the signs BUT it didn't show up in the tests. I think there were things that played an important part in the die-off but more on that in the next bulletin.



Above: Leo Kunath of Germany Judging Fairy Swallows at the USC Western District Meet/Pageant of Pigeons.

Below left to right; Rudy Sabo, Arnold Chaney, Bill Griebel, Leo Kunath and Steve Ball at the Pageant of Pigeons. Photos by Gary Romig



