

# United Swallow Club

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Champion at Des Moines; Silver Check Silesian Swallow rated Highly Superior (96) Band#598, Kaylee Quattlebaum

## President's Message

Chris Auer

TO: All USC members

I hope all of you are doing well and having a successful show season!!!

So far this year we have had 4 district meets- Anniston, AL, NYBS, Salt Lake Premier Show and DesMoines. Although Anniston and Salt Lake were small USC meets it is good to see the East and West directors trying to get a little publicity out there for the USC in hopes that they grow next year. Entries at Louisville and DesMoines shows were down a little but from what I have seen in person or via pictures it looks like the quality of the birds was very good.

Our next big opportunity to showcase our Swallows is at our Annual Meet in January at the NPA National in Louisville.

Highlights of the Annual meet will include

- Axel Nestler from Germany judging our birds
- There should be well over 100 swallows exhibited
- From what I have heard we could/should have 12 to 15 members in attendance
- And of course our annual auction

Speaking of the auction due to personal issues I will not be able to run the auction this year (I may not even be at the show at all).

So with that said we need someone to step forward and volunteer

to run the auction. So far only 1 member has committed to donating items (Bill Griebel has committed to 1 pair of black white bar fairies and 2 pieces of artwork) and the combination of Mike Swanson and Frank Bailey have donated \$200 to help offset costs incurred while Axel is here in the US. Please donate items and volunteer to run the auction.

I have gotten virtually no feedback on having a Loft Challenge (adding the 5 highest scores by an exhibitor) so unless the group on Thursday at the meet decides to have one I am cancelling the competition.

As I have mentioned several times I think it is time to update a few areas in the Constitution and ByLaws. You can participate by volunteering to be on the Constitution committee or simply reading the Constitution and Bylaws and send me an email with what section you think should be changed and how you think it should be worded.

Good Bye for now,  
Chris Auer  
USC President

## Message from USC Secretary/Treasurer, Elliot Yeske

Greetings everyone well another year has passed and it is that time of the year again. Time to get your renewal dues to me. Order your bands we have them in size 8 mm for the clean leg birds and 11 mm for the muffed birds and also once again this year we have size 12 mm for the muffed birds. Some breeders say they really like the larger size 12. Bands are still 50 cents each postage is \$6 for postage and the mailer that I use. Our club dues remain at \$10 per year check the membership list enclosed in the newsletter to see if your dues have expired. I hope to see many of you at the Grand National in January.

## 2023 NYBS - Louisville, KY 10/28/23

### Rating System

I90	Inferior
G91	Good
G92	Good
S93	Superior
S94	Superior
S95	Superior
HS 96	Highly Superior
E 97	Excellent

### \*\*\*\* Champion Swallow, Best Fairy Swallow

Black Spangle, YC, 250, HS96, Perry Mueller

### \*\*\* Reserve Champion Best Silesian Swallow

Blue Black Bar, YC, 431, HS96, Jim Grober

### \*\* Best Saxon (Fullhead) Swallow

Blue White Bar, YH, 270, S95, Perry Mueller

### \* Best entry by a Junior

Yellow Spangle, YC, S93 Lukas Smith

Judge -- Chris Auer

## Silesian Swallow

(Non-Crested Saxon Wing Pigeon) (8)

### Black Spangle - Young Hen

S95 405 Jim Grober

### Black White Bar - Young Hen

S94 411 Jim Grober

### Black White Bar - Young Cock

S94 421 Jim Grober

### Blue Black Bar - Young Hen

S93 427 Jim Grober

### Blue Black Bar - Young Cock

HS96 \*\*\* 431 Jim Grober

### Blue Barless - Young Hen

S95 402 Jim Grober

S95 251 Perry Mueller

### Blue Barless - Young Cock

S95 368 Perry Mueller

## Fairy Swallow

(Crested Saxon Wing Pigeon) (6)

### Black Spangle - Young Hen

S94 352 Perry Mueller

### Black Spangle - Young Cock

S96 \*\*\*\* 250 Perry Mueller

### Blue White Bar - Young Cock

G92 741 Lance Newman

G92 742 Lance Newman

### Yellow Spangle - Young Hen

G92 Lukas Smith

### Yellow Spangle - Young Cock

S93 \* Lukas Smith

## Saxon (Fullhead) Swallow (2)

### Blue White Bar - Young Hen

S95 \*\* 270 Perry Mueller

### Blue White Bar - Young Cock

S94 255 Perry Mueller

## Thuringer Wing Pigeon (2)

### Red White Bar - Young Hen

S94 822 Perry Mueller

### Red White Bar - Young Cock

S95 269 Perry Mueller



Champion Swallow, Best Fairy Swallow Black Spangle, YC, 250, Perry Mueller



Res. Champion Best Swallow, Blue Black Bar, YC, 431, HS96, Jim Grober



Perry Mueller receives Champ Award from Chris Auer

# WESTERN DISTRICT NEWS - Dave Gazaway



Photo: Layne Gardner

Champion Swallow Black White Bar OH 171 Bill Griebel  
**Swallows at Utah Premier Show 2023**

Judge -- Mike Cobb

## Silesian Swallow (plain headed) Wing Pigeon

### Black White Bar OH

HS-96 #171 Bill Griebel **Champion**

### Black White Bar YH

S-95 #29 Bill Griebel **Best Young Swallow**

### Black White Bar YH

S-94 #23 Bill Griebel

## Fairy Swallow (Crested Saxon Wing Pigeon)

### Blue White Bar YH

S-94 #444 David Gazaway

### Blue White Bar YH

S-94 #441 David Gazaway

### Blue White Bar YH

- #736 George de la Nuez **Absent**

### Blue White Bar YC

S-93 #442 David Gazaway

### Blue White Bar YC

- #720 George de la Nuez **Absent**

### Blue White Bar OH

S-95 #773 David Gazaway **Reserve Champ**

### Blue White Bar OH

- #781 George de la Nuez **Absent**

### Black White Bar OC

S-95 #107 Bill Griebel

### Black White Bar OH

S-94 #123 Bill Griebel

S-93 #110 Bill Griebel

### Black White Bar YH

G-92 #127 Bill Griebel



Photo: Layne Gardner

Reserve Champion: Fairy Swallow Blue White Bar OH 773  
 Dave Gazaway

Hello everyone, it's a pleasure to reconnect with you all again. This time of year, it is always exciting for the majority of us. The show season is in full swing and some of you are already putting birds together to get that jump on the breeding season.

As I write this, the Nationals is just over a month away and I'm sure a lot of you have already entered their topnotch birds in a few other major shows this 2023 season.

Here in Utah, we had our Premier Show which draws roughly 1700 birds annually and is always one I look forward too. With that said, we did have our district meet at the premier. Bill Griebel was able to make his way to the show this year and it was my first opportunity to shake his hand. We had a fun show with roughly 15 birds entered. Mike Cobb was gracious enough to do the judging for us. Bill had a great group of birds that just punched my group of swallows right in the ole crop! Taking mine out and winning Champion bird with one of his awesome, black/white bar fairies. Congratulations Bill!!!

I did, however, have a bird that snuck in there and take reserve Champion. We had a great show and a fun time (although I was busy at times) I look forward to more shows and hopefully some growth here in the near future!! Thank you and I hope to see you all at the Nationals.



Mike Cobb presenting Bill Griebel with Champion Award



Dave Gazaway and his wife Andrea. She's Always a big help at the shows!

# Iowa State Pigeon Show at Des Moines

Judge: Perry Mueller

## Silesian Swallow

(Non-Crested Saxon Wing Pigeon) (10)

### Young Hen

HS96 ****	598	Kaylee Quattlebaum	Front Cover
S95	425	Jim Grober	
S94	588	Kaylee Quattlebaum	
G92	731	Jim Grober	

### Young Cock

S95	424	Jim Grober	
S94	426	Jim Grober	
S94	587	Kaylee Quattlebaum	

### Old Hen

S95	42	Kaylee Quattlebaum	
S94	1756	Jim Grober	
S94	1622	Kaylee Quattlebaum	

## Fairy Swallow

(Crested Saxon Wing Pigeon) (5)

### Young Hen

HS96***	216	Nate Wayne	
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### Young Cock

S95	212	Nate Wayne	
S94	228	Nate Wayne	

### Old Hen

S95	849	Nate Wayne	
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### Old Cock

S95	821	Nate Wayne	
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## Saxon (Fullhead) Swallow (1)

Black Spangle - young hen

HS96	251	Elliot Yeske	
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## Thuringer Swallow (5)

### Young Cock

S93	3	Elliot Yeske	
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### Old Hen

S93	37	Elliot Yeske	
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### Old Cock

HS96 *	783	Elliot Yeske	
G92	64	Elliot Yeske	
G92	25	Elliot Yeske	



Yellow Spangle Fairy , Nate Wayne



Blue Black Bar Silesian, Jim Grober



Black Thuringer Fullhead, Elliot Yeske



Black Spangle Saxon Fullhead, Elliot Yeske

# USC Judging Program Reorg

By Bill Griebel, Certified Judging Program Chairman

This is an open letter to "all" United Swallow Club members. Mid-year this year we, the United Swallow Club members of the Certified Judging Program, were alerted by our USC President Chris Auer that there may be a problem with our judging program. Our current judging program was set up by Mike and Cathy Swanson years ago when I was the USC president.

## Here are the concerns:

- 1) Our current Certified Judging Program Pool is shrinking
- 2) Our younger members of the USC do not seem to be participating in becoming a certified judge.
- 3) Not enough certified judges at our USC Annual Meets without birds up for champion to qualify to be a second judge therefore a rating of "E" cannot be given.
- 4) Our country is so large that it is difficult to manage the training of prospective judging candidates.

## Moving Forward

Not long after the situation was brought to our attention a vote of the certified judges was taken and I was reelected Certified Judging Program Chairman. I sent out the following note to all the existing certified to get some idea where each certified judge stood on this issue:

### USC reorg letter

Fellow Certified Judges, 10-12-2023

Several of us believe it is time we make some changes to keep USC judging program viable going into the future - the dynamics have changed. Each one of us on the Certified Judges list has played an important part in shaping USC's future from the days of Cal Breadhoff reorganizing this club in 1969 from the Western Swallow Club to the United Swallow Club. I applaud our USC President, Chris Auer, for pointing out to us that we have some major considerations to explore to keep USC on track in the future. Below are a few items that I think need to be looked at:

- 1) We have a shrinking Certified Judges pool. Yes, there are ten at present, but several cannot or will not judge anymore.
- 2) No new candidates from our younger members have come forward to become a USC Certified Judge. One candidate has progressed almost to completion but decided to stop.
- 3) Thanks to Mike and Cathy Swanson we have had a great Certified Judging Program, but we now may have to alter it a bit going into the future. As per the C&BLs the Certified Judges are the only group that change this document.
- 4) Do we alter how an "E" rating is given? Do we change the process from here on out. Do we simplify it or leave it as is? In a recent situation the only Certified Judges who could OK the "E" award both had birds in the running for an "E".

- 5) Is it time to recruit outside, non-swallow breeder judges. A shrinking hobby kind-of dictates this. Even if we don't proactively recruit judges from outside the club, there will be an increasing number of occurrences where a non-swallow judge WILL be asked to judge our birds because there is no one else.
- 6) A booklet describing to "outsiders" how to evaluate our swallows has been suggested. I think it is something to investigate. We have all seen an outside judge say, "it has the best muff, that's your champ or it has the most powerful crest" etc., etc. As we know, that's not a swallow.

Going forward I will be compiling the information collected by this group. I would appreciate it if everyone in this group would study the 6 items in this list and give me your thoughts on each one by Friday, October 27th. If there are other issues on your mind, please submit them with your ideas on the 6 items above. The end goal of this process is to be finished, if possible, by next year's show season.

Our USC President, Chris Auer, will be considered as a non-voting member of this process as he was the one setting this discussion in motion.

Members let's get started!

## A few Responses from the certified judges:

All but two of the ten certified judges responded, here are "some" of their ideas:

- 1) The program is OK as is, train more younger members.
- 2) Let a certified judge who is not present at the show determine whether the bird is an E by virtue of a video.
- 3) Revert back to the 123 system and only rate the top birds in the show.
- 4) Reimburse expenses incurred by individuals trying to become certified judges.
- 5) Turn more club offices over to younger members, get them involved.
- 6) Have an on-line training program. A daunting task at hand for sure!

## Request of the membership:

I am asking at this point whether all USC members, on the Certified Judging Program or not, who wish to communicate with me on this subject please do so, your input is important. If you are interested in becoming one of our certified judges let us know. If you are apprehensive to participate as a judge - why? Costs, criticism, etc.

Contact me at: [griebel@att.net](mailto:griebel@att.net) Or call me at (626) 290-0038



Perry Mueller Judging in Des Moines with Nate Wayne

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# 2024 NPA Grand National



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**Louisville, Kentucky, January 18-20, 2024**

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Entries must be postmarked by **December 26th, 2023**. No late entries will be accepted.  
 All birds must be banded with NPA bands or will be subject to removal from the show.

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BBQ Pork _____ BBQ Chicken _____ Tickets \$25 each	
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## *Saxon winged pigeons, shield pigeons and swallows in the winner's ring competition*



1.0 Saxon winged pigeon with round crest, black with white bands, v LB  
(Paul van der Post, Zevenaar/NL)

Where, if not in Leipzig, can these three Saxons Colored pigeon breeds in competition go for the golden winner's ring? With it, they are with the Nuremberg and Franconian ones colored pigeons the racial group, to enjoy it for the second time came to this competition to participate. Despite all the adversities that Leipzig and thus the national/federal winners' show in 2022 brought with it, the golden winner's ring was an absolute one Peak and the heart of everyone Colored pigeon breeder - actually every pigeon fancier - was at the sight blessed with these precious things.



BDRG Vice President Wolfram John (r.) and VDT Chairman Götz Ziaja (l.) congratulated the runners-up: Manfred Gitz (2nd from left), Goldener Winner's ring (Saxon winged pigeons with round crests, red with white bands), Paul van der Post (middle), silver winner's ring (Saxon Winged pigeons with round hoods, black with white bands), and Dirk Laumann from ZG Dirk and Fabian Laumann, bronze winner's ring (Saxon winged pigeons, blue with black bands) Photo: Dr. Ohm



A big compliment to the exhibitors for the condition and condition in which they presented their pigeons. That was advertising for these traditional Saxon colored pigeon breeds. A total of 324 pigeons were shown, divided into 35 Saxon Swallows, 231 Saxon Winged Pigeons and 58 Saxon Shield Pigeons.

35 Saxon Swallows were presented by only 4 breeders. A pity! Where were the red and yellow colors? At the beginning 4 black men with white bandages with very strong figures, rich color and well-groomed slippers. Strikingly very strong nasal warts for young animals (from R. Kreher).

6 blue ones with white bands had no outliers in the drawing, but appeared to be slightly fuller in the chest and more rounded in the feet. 5 pale blue horses with white bands with the finest color, strong figures and in great care. Small wishes regarding the bandage management (from: H.-U. Lemnitz). Blue-white scaled ones (6) with clear triangular scales, full flaps and also typical figures fit. They should be a little more twisted in the front flap area and better distributed in the scales. Blue-pale-white-scaled ones (7) are anything but common. They showed very strong figures and clear colors. Pay attention to complete flatness and more distributed scaling (from: M. Elze). 6 blue ones without bands had pure wing color, full swing and also full head points. They should be a little more harmonious in the foot (hv: H.-U. Lemnitz). The finale of the swallow collection was a blue paler without bands, which received the highest marks for absolute high-breeding. K. Hentschel was happy about this pearl.

The Saxon winged pigeons (231) are traditionally led by the smooth-headed pigeons (77). 13 red ones with white bands had a very rich color, broad tongue springs and classy bandages. ge (v, hv: M. Gitz). M. Gitz also showed the 10 yellows with white armbands, also of very fine quality. What was also striking here was the excellent care of these animals (v, hv). The pale blue ones



0.1 Saxon winged pigeon, blue with black bands, v SB (ZG Dirk and Fabian Laumann, Wittingen)

with white bandages (9) had appealing de color and also drawing. They could be a little more elegant in terms of the binding and the flaps (hv: D. Klemm). The main color of smoothheads is undoubtedly blue with black zen bandages (40). What's going on here look at the binding, the color, even the strap binding and the strong figure

achieved deserves the highest recognition. Here the smallest wishes were used for gradation. For



0.1 Saxon winged pigeon with round hood, red with white bands, v SB (Manfred Gitz, Verden)  
PHOTOS: PROLL

1.0 Saxon winged pigeon with round crest, blue-white scales, v LB (Willi Götzfried, Salgen)



some, the front flap area may be a little shorter. It is absolutely important to maintain this high level (from: J. Sohl, ZG Laumann). Here you can see that blue hammered ones (5) can't quite keep up. Although they had rich black hammering, they could have been a little more rounded in the chest area (hv: J. Sohl).

The capped ones are more common and were seen with 154 individual specimens. The black ones with white bandages (34) thrive on the intense contrast of lacquered rich color, long ties and very good construction of the flaps. Some of the edges of the eyes could have been a little fresher and the front tab area could have been more crazy (from: P. van der

Post, R. Kreher; hv: P. van der Post, K. Burkhardt). The blue ones with white bands (41), i.e. the blue wings, appear longer in the body. They showed fine color, pure bindings and, above all, the majority of them had racy bindings with a full hem. The flaps of some animals may be a little shorter at the front (v: C. Königsberg; hv: V. Philippi).

One could be satisfied with 23 reds with white armbands. Extremely rich color at the tip with the best bandages, wide and fully colored pin feather. Some should be fuller in the hood and cleaner in the bandages (v: M. Gitz; hv: M. Gitz, C. Zenker). 11 Yellow ones with white bands showed long bands and bright color. They also knew how to impress when it came to setting up and crossing the skids. Sometimes they might seem a bit stronger (hv: M. Gitz). Only 2 of the 9 reported black and white scaled ones had appeared and therefore did not allow for a real comparison. 10 red and white scaled specimens in a very fine quality with distributed triangular scales, rich color and solid colored tabs. They also fit in the caps (from: M. Gitz). 17 blue-and-white-scaled animals were very balanced in their figures and also in their feet. The scales were pure and the scale edge was also very fine. The slippers could appear a little more harmonious for some people. There are always requests for more distributed scaling (from: W. Götzfried). The "carrier pigeon colors" competed with 5 blue pigeons with black bands, but they couldn't keep up with the smooth-headed pigeons in terms of band design and color. At the end there were 2 blue pales, which showed that they still exist in Kappig.

The Saxon shield pigeons (58) were distributed among 31 smooth-headed pigeons, 16 round-crested and 11 double-crested. The red ones with white bands have long dominated the smoothheads

.0 Saxon Shield Dove, double-crested, black with white bands, v SG (Reinhard Rothe, Crimmitschau)



(16). They have very rich colors and pure pads, which of course could still be racier. In the slippers they should often be a little more closed at the back (v: C. Schaub; hv: A. Nestler). The 5 red and white scaled ones wanted even clearer and more distributed scales. They had strong figures and also good boots. The blue-and-white-scaled ones (7) were also very strong with beautiful head points, clear scales and correct shield markings. They should not appear so wide in the scale border (hv: C. Walther).

13 red men with white armbands started with the Kappigen, as the round-hatted people are often called. They also have very good color and binding system. In the pines they should often be a little more harmonious and more striking in the hood (hv: A. Nestler). A yellow with white bands and 2 yellow-white-scaled ones in Sg quality showed that work is also being done on these colors. The double-crested ones (11) are always a special eye-catcher. It seems almost impossible to bring everything together with them. You won't find large collections here. A little carnation base should be worked towards. They knew how to please in terms of figures and color. The exceptional pigeon here was a black one with white bands with the highest score from R. Rothe. Everyone else won so-called and impressively advertised these rarities. Shown individually were: yellow with white bands (2), bluish pale with white bands (1), black-and-white scales (2), red-and-white scales (1) and yellow-white-scales (3).

It's a shame that there are no Bohemian piebalds, at least for advertising purposes. ck, were to be seen. Nevertheless, it was a worthy



1.0 Saxon winged dove with round hood, yellow with white bands, v SB (Manfred Gitz, Verden)

competition for the golden winner's ring. Placed with gold: Manfred Gitz (Saxon winged pigeons with round crest, red with white bands, silver: Paul van der Post (Saxon winged pigeons with Round hood, black with white bandages) and bronze: ZG Dirk and Fabian Laumann (Saxon winged pigeons, blue with black bandages). My heartfelt congratulations to you and everyone else and I hope you continue to enjoy these wonderful breeds! WILHELM BAUER



1.0 Saxon Swallow, pale blue and white scales, v LB (Martin Elze, Könnern) PHOTOS: PROLL