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Swallows from USC Annual Meet



Champion Swallow: Blue Barless Silesian YC 256; Perry Mueller



Reserve Champion Swallow: Blue WB FullHead Swallow YH 348; Perry Mueller

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President's Message

Dave Averbeck

Greetings from the Midwest. I hope that everyone is getting ready for the upcoming breeding season. I know here in the Midwest it seems as if winter doesn't want to end. I look forward to the weather forecast and it is still going to below freezing between now and through the first week in March.

The last annual meet Des Moines was a nice show. It was good to see other breeders there and showing. Leon came in and did a nice job judging for us. We had a short meeting on Friday night. The notes to that meeting will be found later in the bulletin.

The swallow club has sold out of bands for 2019. We had a very good turnout this year with people buying their bands quickly for the 2019 breeding season. I have sold out both sizes for the first time this fast. Other news please check the membership list to see if your dues have expired. Our dues are still only \$10 per year. Members not paid up by March 15th will have to be dropped. It our hope that all of you will stay with our club now and for many years to come.

While going through some old correspondence I came across a letter from Dr. Lynn Hummel. Also in the envelop was an article he wrote for the APJ after visiting our Pageant of Pigeons. It was quite flattering for us and I thought it would be fun to share for those who have not seen it.

Most of us in the West have our birds mated by now and a few young popping out. George de la Nuez mated his birds earlier this year and I think he will break them up earlier to help the breeders go through a better molt. I have just started mating and have a few nice pair. Leon Stephens has a few young hatching.

Nominations

Chris Auer

Hello everyone - I hope you are staying warm!!!

I am not sure if we are taking nominations yet but if we are here are mine

Secretary/Treasurer - Elliot Yes
Vice President. - Gary Romig

Annual meet location:
NPA Grand National - Amarillo, TX
" " judge. - Bill Griebel

Perry Mueller won the annual meet and brought a nice show team. The results will be found later in this bulletin. I want to say a big thank you Jim Grober and Chris Auer for again running the auction for the annual meet. Also, a big thank you for everyone that either donated and/or bought items at the auction. I know that some of us do not think that the auction is necessary, however it does offset the cost for the judge at the annual meet.

Speaking of Annual meet, we need to nominate the next annual meet site. The NPA National got changed this year from

Secretary's Message

Elliot Yeske

I had the opportunity to attend several shows this year. Nate Wayne and I attended the national in Myrtle Beach. It was a nice show but disappointing that only one breeder had swallows in the show. We were expecting more to be shown. Other shows were down in the numbers this year as well. Some breeders have been having trouble many deaths in their birds so you can understand people not showing. The weather was nice at the

Western District News

Bill Griebel

The Los Angeles Pigeon Club, as it has done in the past, not to have a Pageant in 2019 due to the Fresno NPA National (the LAPC loses money when there is a NPA show close to us) but as many of you know the Newcastle disease has hit the Southern California area very hard. The Newcastle task force has asked that all bird shows and gatherings be halted in all of California until further notice so the NPA made a move to relocate their show to Amarillo, Texas.

On a final note, I had another die-off this year, similar to the die-off I had last year. At first, I thought it was Adenovirus

Fresno to Amarillo. So if we decide that the show site should be with the National please note that it will be in Amarillo and not Fresno, CA. Also need to nominate judges for the annual meet.

Please before you nominate a judge make sure that they are ok with judging at the location of the annual meet.

Finally, we will need to nominate candidates for officers. All of the nominations will need to go to Rachel Stuckey.

Again good luck on the breeding season.

national as well compared to the cold we have been having in Minnesota this morning it was -12 . Gary Romig attended the national also and was taking many pictures for the NPA quarterly.

I hope everyone has a great breeding season this year. Once again please get your dues to me if your membership is expired.

and treated accordingly. It hit my young birds hard, especially the hens. They kept dying. I medicated with another antibiotic, they kept dying. Several weeks into the die-off I started to get twisting necks, realizing I had PMV I went to the local supplier and bought the new PMV vaccine on the market and within 2 weeks all the dying stopped! I believe the vaccine I was using last year was compromised somewhere in shipping from overseas and it was ineffective. I lost 7 black Saxon Whitetail hens, all that I raised last year so this year I have to re-use all my old hens losing a year's progress. What a mess. At least I can recover.

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United Swallow Club Annual Meet

Judge: Leon Stephens **Date:** December 7-8, 2018 **Location:** Des Moines, Iowa

Champion Swallow***:

Blue Barless Silesian YC 256; Perry Mueller

Reserve Champion Swallow**:

Blue WB FH Swallow YH 348; Perry Mueller

Best Fairy Swallow*:

Yellow White Bar OC 553; Nate Wayne

Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon*:

Yellow White Bar YC 505; Perry Mueller

Best Thuringer Swallow*:

Silver Bar YH 414; Brad Stuckey

Best Check Silesian Swallow*:

Silver Check OH 2332 Kaylee Quattlebaum

Fullhead Swallows (4)

Blue White Bar Young Hen

HS 96 YH 348 Perry Mueller**

S 93 YH 252 Perry Mueller

Blue White Bar Young Cock

S 95 YC 269 Perry Mueller

S 94 YC 267 Perry Mueller

Saxon Fairy Swallow (20)

Black Spangle Young Hen

S 94 YH 255 Perry Mueller

G 92 YH 279 Perry Mueller

Black Spangle Young Cock

S 93 YC 256 Perry Mueller

S 93 YC 339 Perry Mueller

Yellow White Bar Young Hen

S 93 YH 1606 Nate Wayne

S 93 YH 1647 Nate Wayne

Yellow White Bar Old Hen

S 93 OH 1057 Nate Wayne

Yellow White Bar Old Cock

S 95 OC 553 Nate Wayne*

G 92 OC 15 Rolly Parrot

Yellow Spangle Young Cock

S 93 YC 1653 Nate Wayne

G 92 YC 1623 Nate Wayne

Yellow Spangle Old Hen

S 95 OH 1020 Nate Wayne

S 93 OH 546 Nate Wayne

G 92 OH 513 Nate Wayne

Yellow Spangle Old Cock

S 94 OC 1060 Nate Wayne

S 93 OC 1059 Nate Wayne

G 92 OC 16 Rolly Parrot

G 92 OC 804 Rolly Parrot

Red White Bar Old Cock

S 93 OC 17 Rolly Parrot

Red Spangle Old Cock

G 92 OC 13 Rolly Parrot

Silesian Swallows (18)

Black White Bar Young Hen

S 93 YH 1555 Jim Grober

G 92 YH 1577 Jim Grober

Black White Bar Young Cock

S 93 YC 1578 Jim Grober

Blue Barless Young Hen

HS 96 YH 350 Perry Muller

S 95 YH 357 Perry Muller

Blue Barless Young Cock

E 97 YC 256 Perry Mueller***

S 95 YC 258 Perry Mueller

Blue Black Bar Young Cock

S 93 YC 1556 Jim Grober

G 92 YC 661 Rachel Stuckey

Blue Black Bar Old Hen

S 94 OH 2527 Jim Grober

Blue Black Bar Old Cock

S 95+ OC 1871 Kaylee Quattlebaum

S 95 OC 2526 Jim Grober

Blue Check Young Hen

G 92 YH 654 Rachel Stuckey

Blue Check Old Hen

S 93 OH 3481 Kaylee Quattlebaum

Blue Check Old Cock

S 93 OC 2529 Jim Grober

S 93 OC 2330 Kaylee Quattlebaum

Cream Bar Old Hen

S 93 OH 2335 Kaylee Quattlebaum

Silver Check Old Hen

S 95 OH 2332 Kaylee Quattlebaum*

Thuringer Swallows (7)

Silver Dun Bar Young Hen

S 95 YH 414 Brad Stuckey *

S 93 YH 411 Brad Stuckey

Black Old Hen

G 92 OH 381 Elliot Yeske

Black Old Cock

G 92 OC 59 Elliot Yeske

Silver Dun Bar Young Cock

G 92 YC 434 Brad Stuckey

G 92 YC 433 Brad Stuckey

Blue Black Bar Young Cock

G 92 YC 85 Elliot Yeske

Thuringer Wing Pigeons (4)

Yellow White Bar Young Hen

S 94 YH 237 Perry Mueller

Yellow White Bar Young Cock

S 95 YC 505 Perry Mueller*

Red White Bar Young Hen

G 92 YH 205 Perry Mueller

Red White Bar Young Cock

S 95 YC 235 Perry Mueller

Photos from USC Annual Meet



Best Fairy Swallow, Yellow White Bar OC #553 (95); Nate Wayne



Best Check Silesian Swallow, OH 2332 (95), Kaylee Quattlebaum



Best Thuringer Swallow, Silver YH 414 (95) Brad Stuckey



Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon, YC #505 (95); Perry Mueller



Black Thuringer Swallow, Elliot Yeske



Black Spangle Saxon Wing Pigeons, Perry Mueller

Photos from USC Annual Meet



Winner of Best Check Silesian Swallow, Kaylee Quattlebaum



Leon Stephens, Judging Swallows, Dave Averbeck, Observing



USC Annual Meeting



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Perry Mueller receives award for Best Thuringer Wing Pigeon



Brad Stucker receives award for Best Thuringer Swallow

Swallows at the 1978 Pageant of Pigeons

Written by Dr. L.E. Hummel & Submitted by Bill Griebel



Approximately 1980 Left to Right:

Jess Bevins, Bill Griebel, Steve Brice, Leon Stephens, Gary Romig, Ron McNeely, Steve Ball, Tom McCaig, Arnold Chaney, Tony Brancato, Dr. Lynn Hummel, Bill Hawkinson

If you have never attended the Pageant of Pigeons at Pomona, California you have really missed something! It was my pleasure to be a guest there this year, and had I been a King I could not have been treated more royally. But one does not go to an event of this nature to be a guest, but to be an observer and a participant.

Certainly there was much to see - so much to see that to do a thorough job one must spend all of his time looking. And looking I did! But I am sure others will write of the many things to see, so I will devote this short essay to what I saw in the way of Saxon Swallows.

It is my custom each year to spend several weeks visiting Swallow breeders in East Germany, West Germany, Austria and the Netherlands. This I have done for fifteen years, and I mention this only to give weight to a statement I am about to make. There is a "rule of thumb" I have made that gives weight to, and has bearing on what I am going to say. This "rule of thumb" is: "the further on goes from the state of Saxony in East Germany (German Democratic Republic) the poorer the quality of swallows becomes". To follow this thinking then, the best quality is in East Germany, next best comes West Germany, then in a third place would come Austria, Switzerland and Holland, and later would come the United States. This as I have said is my personal thinking on the matter, but remember that there are exceptions to this rule, and the U.S. is one exception. I am not saying that

all Swallows in the U.S. come under this exception for this is certainly not the case, but there is at least one loft of Swallows in most colors and markings that has been founded (with exceptions) on rather large numbers of birds imported direct from the best lofts in E. Germany. These birds have been selected by the purchaser himself when he has been a guest of the breeders, and these were top birds.

I am saving the best for the last and it is this: What I saw in the way of Swallows at the Pageant of Pigeons, were as good (or at least compared very favorably) with the best Swallows I have seen bred and exhibited in the shows in East Germany. This is the highest complement I can pay to the birds exhibited and to the breeders of these birds. If you wish to know who were the breeders get a copy of the show report - do not write or call me to find out as I have no record of the ratings

The Fullhead swallows in the colors of black, red, and possibly yellow are not bred in East or West German and those bred in America are a purely American development (as a result of over some one hundred years of work by our breeders (to the best of my knowledge). The Fullhead Swallows in the Pageant were better than any Fullhead Swallows I have seen in Saxony, or any other part of the world. Remember that these birds are a result of the work that breeders in America have done and not as a result of imported blood! Pictures of the winning Swallows arrived too late for this issue of the journal, but will be shown

possibly in the next issue, and I call your attention to the gorgeous black barless Fullhead in one of the pictures. Compare this bird to others shown in the pictures for verification of what I have said.

Incidentally, the first prize for best decorated and arranged cages and judging booth was awarded to the Saxon and Toy Pigeon group (which includes Swallows).



Dr. Lynn Hummel was Guest Speaker at the 1978 Pageant of Pigeons Banquet

Swallows at the Myrtle Beach Grand National



Best Silesian Swallow, (95) Rachel Stuckey



Champion Swallow & Reserve Champion Rare Breed Black Thuringer Swallow #412 rated HS96; Brad Stuckey



Brad Stuckey

This was not an official United Swallow Club meet. In the show room the Swallows were handled by the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club. The Swallows were Judged by Elliot Yeske, a United Swallow Club member, and, Secretary of the USC. A similar rating system was used

95	Silesian Swallow	667	Rachel Stuckey	BOB
93	Silesian Swallow	654	Rachel Stuckey	
96	Thuringer Swallow	412	Brad Stuckey	BOB
94	Thuringer Swallow	410	Brad Stuckey	
92	Thuringer Swallow	423	Brad Stuckey	
93	Thuringer Swallow	411	Brad Stuckey	
92	Thuringer Swallow	433	Brad Stuckey	
92	Thuringer Swallow	434	Brad Stuckey	
94	Thuringer Swallow	429	Brad Stuckey	



Judging Color Pigeons including Swallows for the Rare Breeds Meet, Elliot Yeske



Gary Romig and Nate Wayne

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