

Painting of a crested Saxon Wing Pigeon by Michael Gallasch.

President's Message Chris Auer

Hello ALL USC members,

Here it is June 1st already, much of the breeding season is behind us. So far my breeding season has been slower than the past couple of years and the quality of the young have not been what I was hoping for. Maybe the last round or 2 will turn all of that around. Good luck to all!!!

As most of you are aware Des Moines has been selected as the site for the 2022 annual meet. In addition to the annual meet we will be having district meets at the NYBS in Louisville, Salt Lake City and at the NPA National in Amarillo. Hopefully the Eastern District will have a meet at the Reading show this year too. If possible please support 1 or 2 USC meets this year by either exhibiting birds or participating in the auction(s).

At the Annual meeting in January there was much discussion about whether we should order size 11's or 12's for the muffed swallows and the consensus was to order 12's. After that I have had several members voice their opinion that they did not think it was a good idea to change to size 12's since many of the swallows raised do not have the muffs that warrant that size band. Since Elliot had to send in the USC band order for 2023 last week he and I discussed the dilemma and tried to make a compromise and split our order for muffed birds in 2 (50% size 11's, 50% size 12's) and ask for more feedback next year before making a decision about what is appropriate for 2024. The number of clean leg (Thuringer) bands will remain the same.

With all the debate and confusion we have seen this year I believe that it would be good for a committee to be formed to look for and propose changes to the Constitution and ByLaws. Things that could/should be reviewed and potentially updated are:

- Does the annual meet site and judge need to rotate (as much as possible) or not?
- Does the judge at an annual meet have to be a certified judge? Currently this is not included.
- Nowhere in the Const/bylaws does it state that the travel expenses for a judge are to be reimbursed.
 - How should a replacement judge be selected if necessary?
 - ETC

If you are willing to lead this committee please let me know and we can discuss the process to go about performing this review.

Also, I would like the judging committee to discuss and make a proposal for how an "E" rating can be awarded. Currently 2 certified judges are required but with the limited pool of certified judges available and attending shows it is becoming more frequent when the 2 judge rule is not possible.

Good luck to all, be safe and see you at the shows. Chris Auer

United Swallow Club

Central District Meet

Held with the National Pigeon Association's Grand National Show–Amarillo, Texas January 19 - 21, 2023

The United Swallow Club and its members are excited to announce our Central District Meet with the NPA Grand National Show in Amarillo Texas January 19-21, 2023. Plans are well underway in preparations for one of the best shows of the 2022 season. This upcoming year will be a great opportunity for our members to plan to attend and a great experience for all levels of breeders to learn from the very best Germany has to offer in Saxon Color Pigeons. .Our special guest judge will be Mr. Michael Gallasch. Breeder biography- His interest in pigeons was sparked by a wood pigeon found in the forest at the age of eight. His first breeds were Modenas and Kings, then the love for the German Color Pigeons awoke in him. The first were the Franconian Velvet Shields in black, followed by Saxon Shields in blue spangle. In the years that followed, adding blue and silver with white bars and silver spangles, all of top quality.

At the age of 20, he acquired Saxon Priest in blue with white bar and was soon able to keep up with the top birds of the time. It soon became clear that his interest in different breeds and colors was not the typical German ways, but corresponded more to the nature of the American breeders. His interest in color inheritance has intrigued him for a long time, introducing blue barless in the Saxon Shields and indigo in the Archangels. In the meantime, Michael has occupied himself with the art of painting fowls and took lessons from the Dutch painter John van der Laan.

After some years paintings of pigeons were also produced. As his liking for other breeds evolved, the Saxon Swallow pigeons came into his life, at the time, blue

white barred and spangles were his preference and having much success with them. At the same time his judge's test for Color Pigeons and Trumpeters pigeon groups was taken. He has published articles on genetics on chickens and pigeons in the specialized press. In addition, he has published a book on Saxon Color Pigeons with the inclusion of the Ice Pigeon. His latest work is a book on Thuringian Swallow pigeons. His contribution to the Thuringian Swallow Pigeons in blue spangle was added to the breed... To analyze pigeon markings he keeps different breeds to this day and pairs them with each other. He regularly publishes the results in German trade press. In addition, he writes breed descriptions and breeding recommendations.

Today he is licensed to judge all pigeon breeds in Germany. He is often requested to judge the National VDT and special shows. He has already won several international and world champion titles with his pigeons. He is currently breeding Saxon Swallows in yellow and black spangles.. A new project is the breeding of brown spangle Swallows in Thuringian and Saxon. To add to his list, is the analysis of feather curls in pigeons.

We are very fortunate and excited to have Mr. Gallasch be part of this year's Central District Meet to share his knowledge and judging expertise. We hope to see many of our members at this great event...it's never too early to start planning for this years Grand National Show...See you there!

Submitted by, George de la Nuez







Books authored by Michael Gallasch



United Swallow Club 2022 Western District Annual Show

Hosted by:

November 4-5, 2022 - Utah

2022 Salt Lake Premier Show, Hosted by the Utah Pigeon Club. Check birds in on Thursday Nov 3 followed by an exhibitors dinner. Friday, Nov 4 birds can check in until 10 am followed by judging of the show. Saturday, Nov 5 we will complete judging, have Best in Show Competition, Junior Showmanship, Junior Judging, Raffle and Auction. Vending Trailers will be onsite for lunch on Friday and Saturday. Venue: Deseret Peak Complex 2930 UT-112 Grantsville Utah 84029 Host Hotel: Holiday Inn Express 1531 North Main Street Tooele Utah 84074 Phone # 435-833-0500. The rooms are \$99.00 per night with hotel code: Pigeon Show

Entries due October 8th to void late entry fee. For Entry form and more information visit us

at: www.utahpigeonclub.com





<u>Awards for:</u> Champion Swallow = Trophy + \$250 CASH! (donated by Dave Gazaway)

Reserve Champion = Trophy + \$100 CASH! (donated by Dave Gazaway)

Best Young = Trophy + \$50 CASH! (donated by Dave Gazaway)

*All active U.S.C. members, who exhibit your swallow(s) at this show, will have their name put in a free raffle to receive random prizes!!.... Don't miss out!!!

USC - 2020 Annual meet and judge voting

DesMoines/ Griebel St. I

St. Louis/ Griebel

Amarillo/Romig

Amarillo/ Gallasch

Total: 15 1 8

WERE RULES MADE TO BE BROKEN??? - Dave Gazaway (Western Director)



Hello everyone, I hope all is well. Birds and breeding should be in full swing and I hope it's serving everyone well.

As I think of our club and my pigeons and the changes we have faced recently with covid and now the bird flu, Nationals being in the same located year after year, etc. I asked myself, I wonder how many rules our club has had to "break" or tweak to

accommodate these recent challenges just to make it possible for us to even have a show??

Well recently we voted as a club as to where to have our annual meet, who to vote in as our judge..normal "stuff" right? ...Well kind of. This is the first time dealing with the pandemic and also the NPA making rule changes with Amarillo being a repetitive show destination.

It seems these issues have made a handful of people anxious. I have heard and read some negativity as well as a few comments like "we need to stick to the rules" (Our by laws and/or constitution). It made me think, well when is it ok to change our rules as a club? Personally I think it changes to accommodate whether or not we have a show. Club rules aren't meant to change to accommodate an individuals personal opinion, however, they are made to change for the good of the entire club as a common whole.

In reading the unnecessary negativity, and arguments between members, I'd just like to add this...please remember we are a small club, with few active members enjoying a small hobby that, let's face it, isn't growing by leaps and bounds. Let's try and put our differences aside and concentrate on what brought us all together in the first place...THE SWALLOWS!

Let's adapt with the current changes as positively as we can while we fellowship along the way. Let's be an active club by putting ourselves out there, making our club the most memorable and fun. Let's make other clubs and breeders jealous of our personal relationships so they want to join our awesome group of breeders!

Thank you for listening and I wish you all continued success during the breeding season. - Dave

Swallow special at the premier!! - Dave Gazaway

Hello all, It's now May and hopefully everyone has a good handful of promising show prospects!

If you breed swallows and just have yet to show them, now is the time! I have put together a flyer and will be giving out some great prize money as well as making some cool awards on the lathe.

Participants, who are active members of the swallow club, also have a free chance at winning a few raffle prizes just for showing your swallow(s) and supporting our club.

So take a look at the flyer and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out! It's going to be a great time for everyone involved!

Stay COO, Dave E-mail: dkdgaz@aol.com (801)473-9909



A few of the participation gifts I have made for the swallow special at the premier (still a few to go). Odds are if you are showing a swallow, You'll walk away with something nice! I will also be making wooden bowl awards for the winning classes + more. (see attached flyer)

West Texas Classic

Annual All Variety Open & Youth Pigeon Show

Friday, November 18, 2022 & Saturday, November 19, 2022

Lamb County Ag Building

Show Contact: 1095 East 17th, Littlefield, TX 79339
Stephanie 806-781-1742 This building has A/C & Heat

Pigeon Show Information: Superintendents: Brian Goodwin &

1. Entries MUST be postmarked by Monday, November 7, 2022. Johnnie Williams

2. Open entry fee is \$5.00 per bird. Youth entry fee is \$2.50 per bird.

No fee on sale birds. They must stay outside barn under the middle awning. No coops provided for sale birds.

 Make checks payable to West Texas Pigeon Fanciers and mail to Stephanie Langford at 201 NE Loop 289, Lubbock, TX 79403.

Host Hotel:

Best Western, 2600 Hall Ave, Littlefield, TX 79339 806-385-3400
Crescent Park Motel, 2021 Hall Ave, Littlefield, TX 79339 806-385-4464
Free RV Park, 1398 Hall Ave, Littlefield, TX 79339 806-780-7015

Rooms are Limited So Must be booked early!

Concession on site 50/50 Raffle Pigeon Poop Bingo Raffle Table Open Judge: Stephen Ripper Youth Judge: TBA

Specialty Meets Invited: Valencian Figurita/Italian Owl, Modena District 5, Texan Pioneer, Rare Breeds, Middle Eastern, Chinese Owl, and Central Fantail Clubs.

United Swallow Club Annual Meet for 2022



Will be held in conjunction with the Iowa State Pigeon
Association Annual Show at the Jacobson Building, Iowa
State Fair Grounds Dec. 9 & 10, 2022

Judge: Bill Griebel



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