

Des Moines Show Clean Up

The labor for the Des Moines Show clean up cost around \$2000. The cost of the show this year almost went into the red and we need to start coming up with ways to reduce cost. At the last ISPA board meeting it was proposed to have ISPA members donate the cost of one pair of birds that they have or will sell to the ISPA to help cover cost of clean up.

It would also be really good if the members of the specialty clubs stay after the show and clean up their area. I know the weather was bad this year and every one wanted to get home. I had a 90 mile trip home on the ice. I cleaned up the fantail area with very little help (except a young girl from Colorado and my wife). And I helped clean up the for sale section. I would have liked to stay longer and help more. Every one complains of the cost to them to show their birds. It would help keep cost down if everyone could help clean up.

So try and keep the ISPA in mind when you sale birds this year!

Jim Demro

Charter a bus for the Lancaster National next year?

It was brought up at the last ISPA meeting about possibly chartering a bus to the Grand National in Lancaster, PA. next year. This would be cheaper than driving or flying and shipping birds. If interested we need your input. Contact: Jim Demro at jjdemro@netins.net

Canadians stop recruiting pigeon breeders

A Canadian company will no longer recruit Iowans to breed pigeons after being asked by the Iowa attorney general's office for details about the venture.

Pigeon King International Inc., of Waterloo, Ontario, encouraged Iowans to invest as much as \$50,000 to \$100,000 to buy hundreds of pairs of pigeons, the attorney general's office said in a statement.

The company's consultants said the effort was to create a breeding base large enough to support a market for pigeon meat in North America, increasing the number of pigeon breeders in Iowa from about 40 to 1,000.

"We believe the potential investors/buyers should be very cautious and examine the situation very carefully, especially the question of whether there is a realistic and independent market for pigeons now and in the future," the attorney general's statement said.

Here is a brief summary of the Fantail show
In Des Moines.

Grand Champion Mintert silver YH	
Reserve Clark white OC	Silky - Eraas, Eraas
2ND Reserve Clark saddle YH	Yellow - Schneider, Schneider
	Pwd Cream - Eraas, Schneider
Colors, best and reserve	Bodymark - Eraas, Eraas
Grizzle - Ellebracht, Schneider	Indigo - Crewdson, Clark
Pwd Blue - Biedermann, Crewdson	Dun - Clark, Berndt
Andalusian - Clark, Helmer	Blue - Mintert, O'Dell
Red - Dees, Schneider	Silver - Mintert, O'Dell
Saddle - Clark, Biedermann	White - Clark, Pritchett
Black - Mintert, Crewdson	Checker - O'Dell, O'Dell
Ash Red - Biedermann, Vaughn	Opal - Biedermann
Tailmark - Pritchett, Clark	Pied - C.Cook, C.Cook
Pwd Silver - Biedermann, Schreiber	Cream - Ellebracht, Schneider

The Old Frill Club Show Results in Des Moines

97 birds, Dick Bonnell of Ill. had Champion. Rick Tucker was the judge. The same bird took Champion at NYBS plus another show, with 3 different judges. Congratulations, Dick & good job Rick..

Harold Collett..

Calendar of Events

Feb. 16 at 1:00 PM Next ISPA meeting at the Fair Grounds Cafe, Des Moines

Oct. 24 & 25 2008 NYBS - Louisville, KY

Dec. 12 & 13 2008 ISPA show - Des Moines, IA

Feb. 3 Swap at Watonwan County Fairgrounds, St. James, MN.

Mar. 16 Swap at Brown County Fairgrounds, New Ulm, MN.

Apr. 12 Swap at Brown County Fairgrounds, New Ulm, MN

All the above swaps start at 8:00am. Contact Trevor Nau at 507-375-4716

Southeast Iowa Pigeon Club, Inc.

2008 Buy, Sell & Trade Days 6 am to 12 noon

April 13, May 4, June 8, July 6, August 10 & September 7

Southeastern Community College Grounds

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34 & Gear Ave, West Burlington, IA.

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