



American Racing Pigeon Union

Pigeon Tracks

Ryker Dyson

2015 AU National Youth Race Winner!



Ryker with his trophy and diploma.

beginning with your age. How old you are you?

RYKER: I am 6 years old.

KALYN: And how long have you had pigeons?

RYKER: I've had them since 2011—since I was 2.

KALYN: Being in a club is helpful for competition and support. What club do you fly with?

RYKER: I fly with the Ogden Racing Pigeon Club.

KALYN: What can you tell me about the pigeon that won and what did you feel when you heard he won?



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New AU Youth Ambassador, Kalyn Reed had an opportunity to chat with 2015 National Youth Race Winner from the AU Convention.

KALYN; First of all, congratulations to you and your pigeon for winning the 2015 youth race. This type of win helps to reveal not only the loft conditions, but your breeding as well. I would like to ask you a few questions,

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RYKER: He is a BC Cock, Band # AU 2015 OGN 1250. I was very happy to hear that he was the winner.

KALYN: So which pigeon is your favorite?

RYKER: The winner!

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Meet The Newest AU Youth Ambassadors!

THOMAS STRAND WASHINGTON



Hello My name is Thomas Strand a new AU Youth ambassador. I am 17 years old and I hail from Bellingham, Washington. This is my sixth year with the AU and racing pigeons.

I started with pigeons in 4-H under my leaders Jerry & Evelyn Guilmette. They taught me a lot of what I know and urged me to join the AU. Through Pigeon Tracks I learned about the AU youth race and in my second year of flying pigeons, entered a bird in the race and won. The award for winning the youth race was a trip to the 2012 AU convention. When I went to the convention I got to meet a bunch of amazing pigeon flyers,

see a few seminars and even watch the pigeons for that year's youth race come in. At the convention award party I got to go up and except the Junior Member of the Year Award that I was nominated for.

The next year I was elected president in my 4-H club and continued to expand on my lofts including building a separate breeder loft with my mom & dad. I entered and won the AU Youth Essay Contest. The award was a M1 racing clock donated by Ed Minvielle and Siegel's Pigeon Supply. My 4-H leader invited me to join his AU club NCI. In the club I was able to race my pigeons with pigeon racers that I could learn from.

In my fifth year of pigeon racing I was elected secretary in my 4-H club. I was an inspiration to my nephew who is now flying pigeons in my 4-H club and a little in my new AU club the Stilly RPC. When I race with the Stilly Club I am usually at the bottom of the race report sheet but I'm okay because it just means that I have room to improve.

I have been secretary for two years now and it is time to move to a new position in my 4-H club and will be the Vice President. Two other opportunities presented themselves in the forms of Vice President of the 4-H county council, and as this position of AU Youth Ambassador. I am very excited to be a Youth Ambassador and I hope that

you all enjoy my writing.

KALYN REED OKLAHOMA

My name is Kalyn Reed. I'm 11 years old and I'm in 6th grade. I live in Sperry, Oklahoma. I love pigeons, I've grown up watching my grandpa and dad fly and care for them. I'd always follow them out to the loft and want to help.



Sometimes I'd get in trouble for wanting to play with the babies during breeding season. Now that I'm older I help my dad feed, water and medicate the birds.

My sister and I have even flown our own team "2 Twisted Sisters" the past three years. My favorite part of racing is watching my birds come home on race days. I also

AU Youth Ambassadors

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love to go to shows, conventions and one loft races, I've met some really great people and I can't wait to meet more. I'm really excited about being an AU Youth Ambassador this year! If anyone would like to contact me my e-mail is twotwistedersistersloft@yahoo.com.

KYLEE REED OKLAHOMA

My name is Kylee Reed. I am 10 years old. I have an 11 year old sister. We fly together under "2 Twisted Sisters" with the Tulsa Oil Capitol Racing Pigeon Club.

I'm so excited about being a youth ambassador and can't wait to meet or hear from other youth members. If you would like to contact me my e-mail is

twotwistedersistersloft@yahoo.com
I'd love to hear from you.

Besides racing pigeons I also play basketball, softball, and cheer. I'm a busy girl but I love it.

My grandpa and dad have taught me so much about the pigeons but I

still feel like I learn something new every day. I love to watch the pigeons fly they are so beautiful. I hope to carry on this tradition of racing pigeons with my family someday.



New Competitor

My name is Caleb Hamlin. I am thirteen and recently became an AU Junior Member.

I currently have 3 homing pigeons. I am training and flying one of my homing pigeons and am having a lot of fun!

Mr. Ron Pairan supplied me with two of my pigeons and I have raised my third pigeon. My plan for 2016 is to extend my pigeon loft. I would like to thank Mr. Ron for all the help he has given me.

My pigeon that I fly is named Special Delivery.

Caleb Hamlin



ENTER THE 2016 AU NATIONAL YOUTH RACE

Karen Clifton, Executive Director



We hope you will join in the fun. The 200 Mile Youth Race will be handled by Mark Rozwadowski. The race is open to all AU junior members.

Ship birds starting February 16th. Replacements are allowed up to June 1st. The race will be flown on Saturday, December 10, 2016.

All participants will receive a certificate or plaque. The winner will receive a

plaque, trophy and be invited to attend the 2017 convention as our guest.

Applications should be signed by a parent or legal guardian and returned to the office by no later than **March 1, 2016**. As soon as applications are received, we will send notification advising of shipping details.

Applications must be received prior to shipment for entry into the race.

We hope you will participate and look forward to hearing from you soon!

19th Annual Youth National Race APPLICATION FORM

The AU "Youth National Race" is open to all AU junior members. The race will be held during the 2016 AU Convention in Ontario, California (December 7-10, 2016). Please print the following:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ CLUB: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

I hereby indicate that I wish to participate in the 2016 AU "National Youth Race". I certify that any 2016 young bird I may enter in the "National Youth Race" has been raised and cared for by me.

_____ Yes, I plan to attend.

_____ I will be unable to attend, but am excited to enter a bird.

_____ I would like to have my bird returned after the race. (Cost of shipping to be coordinated through handler.)

(Signature – Junior Member)

(Signature – Parent/Guardian)

Return this application form to the AU national office. It must be mailed to arrive by March 1, 2016.

Mail to: **American Racing Pigeon Union, Inc. P.O. Box 18465, Oklahoma City, OK 73154**

GOOD LUCK!





The Midwest Homing Pigeon Association

of
The Midwestern USA



ANOTHER RACE JUST FOR JUNIOR MEMBERS HOSTED BY THE GREENBAY RPC & THE MIDWEST RACING PIGEON ASSOCIATION



AU junior members have yet another race just for juniors. Each year the Midwest Racing Pigeon Association convention is hosted by a local club within the Midwest.

The 2016 Midwest convention will be hosted by the Greenbay Racing Pigeon Club. They will be entertaining guests with informative seminars, guest activities, an amazing awards banquet, young bird race and a youth race.

Similar to the AU National Youth Race, there is no entry fee. Junior members may send one bird to the handler. Each participant will receive a certificate of acknowledgement. The first place winner will receive a plaque and trophy as well.

The handler for the 2016 Midwest Youth Race, Jake Nuthals, is anxious to receive and train your birds. The race will be flown from Holman, Wisconsin (approximately 166 miles). Race date will be October 8, or October 15.

Birds should be shipped between February 1, and June 15, 2016. To enter, fill out the application below and mail to the AU, PO Box 18465, Oklahoma City, OK 73154, or email augrow@aol.com.

Once applications are received, shipping information will be provided. Entrants must fill out applications first.

We have heard from junior members that they want more races just for youth. We are thrilled that the Midwest Racing Pigeon Association and the Greenbay RPC are taking the lead on this.

*(You can still participate in the **AU National Youth Race** as well. For details and the application, see page 4.)*



The Midwest Homing Pigeon
Association

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Midwest Racing Pigeon Association Youth Race Application

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ **CLUB:** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

_____ I plan to attend the convention.

_____ I am unable to attend but an entering a bird.

_____ I want my bird returned after the race. (Cost of shipping is paid by the breeder.)

Signature – Junior Member

Signature-Parent/Guardian

**NOW YOU HAVE 2 CHANCES TO ENTER YOUTH RACES:
The National Race AND the Midwest Race.
Why not do both!**

AU INTERVIEW OF BENJAMIN MORA

By AU Youth Ambassador, Thomas Strand

Georgia, home of the Brown Thrasher (state bird), Georgia Peach and now the AU's newest youth member Benjamin Mora.

The purpose of this interview is to look to the future of pigeon racing and how youth gets started racing pigeons. Fourteen year old Benjamin definitely gave us a good picture.

From the very beginning Benjamin's friends have been a big inspiration to him, from introducing him to pigeons, to taking him to pigeon races. His one friend is constantly telling him how much fun pigeon racing is. Benjamin's father, Roberto Mora has been another big inspiration for him by teaching him and encouraging him to join the AU. Benjamin



even has a mentor all the way over in Texas named Norm who has been teaching him things about pigeons.

Benjamin has just recently joined the South Georgia RPC. Benjamin plans to amass a good amount of pigeons and win some trophies. He is already off to a good start with a loft and six pigeons.

When asked if he was going to enter a bird in the AU Youth Race, Benjamin replied that he didn't know about the race but that he was definitely going to check it out. It sounded like he was also planning to win it.

Loving pigeons and pigeon racing, and having enough inspiration and teachers, it looks like Benjamin is well on the road to victory.



AU's 2016 convention features an awesome deal for juniors! It's on Saturday instead of a weekday!

You'll have lunch and entertainment at the youth race loft!

You'll enjoy your own dining area during the final night!

Sweet!

**AMERICAN RACING PIGEON UNION
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



Complete ALL questions & return with bio & a current photograph postmarked no later than 6/1/16

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ EMAIL: _____

COLLEGE ATTENDING IN THE FALL: _____

COLLEGE LEVEL: FRESHMAN__ SOPH__ JUNIOR__ SENIOR__ GRADUATE__

FIELD OF STUDY: _____

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE GPA (as of the completion of the last semester – provide proof)

HOBBIES/CLUBS/COMMUNITY PROJECTS _____

HONORS RECEIVED (not required - include copies of certificates, etc.): _____

DESCRIBE FINANCIAL NEED: _____

ARE YOU AN AU MEMBER OR RELATED TO AN AU MEMBER? INCLUDE AU ID NUMBER
_____. IF RELATED TO AN AU MEMBER, EXPLAIN: _____

SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION ALONG WITH A BRIEF BIO/ESSAY WHICH IN-
CLUDES:
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COMMUNITY SERVICE INVOLVEMENT – HOW DO YOU GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY?
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR ACHIEVEMENTS
MUST HAVE A MINIMUM B AVERAGE & BE 23 YEARS OLD OR YOUNGER

Applicant Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature