Brooks Plackemeier

Brooks was very surprised when he heard that his bird won the race. He was particularly pleased that his bird got the drop on another bird that came back at the same time.

Brooks’ mom said that he and his siblings got involved with the Racing Clovers last year while home during the first Covid 19 quarantine. “Their pigeons became the bright spot during a dark and confusing time. The bonds they have with their birds are a really cool thing to get to witness as a parent and I am very thankful they have had this experience.

We’re glad to have them as participating members and appreciate Mike Netzky initiating the program with the kids.”

Brooks won a new electronic Benzing timer and will receive a trophy like the one pictured here. Congratulations!

Check the top results on page 2.

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Contact information:
American Racing Pigeon Union
PO Box 18465
Oklahoma City, OK 73154
1-800-755-2778, toll free
1-405-848-5801, telephone
1-405-848-5888, fax
www.pigeon.org
**National AU Youth Race Results**

Here are the top places for the 2020 National Youth Race.

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**2020 Flying Clovers National Youth Race Winner**

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\[\text{Congratulations to Trista Skipper, whose replacement bird 43203, entered the loft first! Congratulations to Gabri! Clement, whose 002 came in 'on the drop' and crossed the timing pad mere moments after the first!}\]
Flying Clovers National Youth Race Results

Here are the top places for the 2020 Clovers Youth Race.

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**Tidbits**

LaQu Lofts’
Joseph LaQuiere
gets his 1st baby . . .
We are looking to a bright new year. Our theme this year is “Let’s Get Back to What We Love” – the thrill of racing pigeons!

With every new year, there are new opportunities. Each year, the American Racing Pigeon Union offers a national race just for AU junior members. This year, the AU National Youth Race will be hosted by the Greater Tampa Bay Combine. The race will be from 150 miles and will take place on November 3, 2021.

The application and entry form is found on page 5 in this edition of Pigeon Tracks. Please fill it out and send it to the AU national (ARPU, PO Box 18465, OKC OK 73154). Be sure to include a copy in your shipping container when you ship your birds.

*** BE SURE TO MARK SHIPPING CONTAINER “JUNIOR MEMBER RACE” ***

We are excited to tell you that member, Mike Netzky (Flying Clovers RPC), is hosting another race just for junior members. This will be the second annual Flying Clovers race. Details are found on page 7 in this newsletter.

Another AU member, Gary Weir in Colorado, knows the importance of junior member involvement and will also be hosting a race just for junior members. Visit his website for more information (https://wincompanion.com/westerncoloradooneloftyouthrace/).

We hope you will join us for these exciting races and new opportunities!
2021 Convention Youth Race Entry Form
Hosted by the Greater Tampa Bay Concourse

Parent/Guardian Name: 

Youth Name: 

Loft Name: 

Phone Number: 

Mailing Address: 

Email for contact: 

Shipping box must be marked YOUTH RACE

Enclose Youth Entry Race Form in your shipping container with your bird entry and a copy sent to the AU National Office (PO Box 18465, OKC OK 73154).

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Ship Birds To: Sal Lama / Unit-10
17820 Monteverde Dr
Springhill, FL 34610
Phone: (727) 364-7554

AU Youth Convention Race Rules
- AU Youth Convention birds are free for children age 17 and under.
- Youth participants must be AU Junior Members.
- One bird per youth.
- Race is scheduled to be released from 150 miles.
- Youth Race will compete for non-monetary prize(s).
- Birds will be flown to one loft.
- Free picnic at race loft day of race.

Accepting Birds March 1st – June 1st (Replacements by June 1st)
AU Convention Youth Race Shipping (Weather Permitting)
Shipping: Tuesday November 2nd, 2021.

Special Thanks to Shady Hills Pet Shop
There are a couple additional youth race opportunities for juniors that have developed for this year.

The first one is the Flyers Clovers 2nd Annual Race Race. It will be held September 25 or 26, depending on the weather. The approximate distance is 200 miles from Grand Rapids, Michigan to Petoskey, MI.

Once again they will have a 50 bird limit with one bird per youth entry. Kids 5-19 year of age are eligible. Each bird must be banded with a legal, registered AU, IF, CU or FMC band. Young birds would be shipped to Mike Netzky between April 13 and May 14. Check out the entry form on the following page.

The second youth race offered for national participation is the Western Colorado One Loft Youth Race. You can contact Gary Weir at weirgary6111@gmail.com or call 970-417-3322 so Gary can assist with the entry process.

As more races become available for junior members, we’ll list them on the AU website (pigeon.org) under Info & Events.

Pigeon Flyer in the making: Matthew Maricutu. Matthew is the son of Claudiu Maricutu of the Seattle SNO-king club. He is pictured here with his two babies. Hopefully he’ll send one in for the youth race. Looks like someone will be nipping at Dad’s heels soon! (photo shared by Herb Cartmell)
FLYING CLOVERS RPC 200 MILE YOUTH RACE
ENTRY FORM

Parent/Guardian Name: ____________________________________________

Youth Name: _____________________ Email: _________________________

Loft Name: _____________________ Phone #: _________________________

Mailing Address: ________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

DO I WANT MY BIRD TO BE RETURNED? ____ (YES) ____ (NO)

Band #: ________________________ Color: _________________________

Ship Bird to:    Mike Netzky
                10900 Botsford Lane
                Petoskey, MI 49770
                847-714-2134

                Ship on Monday or Tuesday
                Please call prior to shipping

Accepting birds April 13 – May 14, 2021

No entry fees for race, however, return of bird is the responsibility of the owner.

• 50 birds accepted
• Youth birds may be entered (free) for children age 5 – 19 years
• Bird must have legal AU, IF, CU or FMC bands
• One bird per youth
• Race is scheduled to be released from 200 miles (Grand Rapids, MI to Petoskey, MI)
• Youth race will compete for non-monetary prize(s)
• Birds will be flown to one loft

Replacements by May 14, 2021
Shipping – Friday, September 24 or 25, 2021 (depending on weather)
Race to be held September 25 or 26, 2021 (depending on weather)

Mail Application to:    American Racing Pigeon Union
                        PO Box 18465
                        Oklahoma City, OK 73154

                        Email: augrow@aol.com
AMERICAN RACING PIGEON UNION
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The AU Youth Scholarship Program has been established to further the good work of the National Ladies’ Auxiliary.

AU members and their relatives are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Criteria is listed below:

- Must be 23 years old or younger
- Must have a minimum B average
- Must be an AU member or relative of an AU member
- Must submit a signed application, bio, proof of GPA & photo by no later than June 1
- Bio will include educational & professional goals, work experience & community service involvement. Tell us how you work within the community (service programs, clubs, scouting, church, etc.) Be sure to include any certificates of acknowledgement or achievement and letters of recommendation. Supporting letters from educators are important.

Applications must be postmarked no later than June 1 each year. Applications and bios will be reviewed by the AU Youth Scholarship Committee. The top three essays (with the above information) will be selected. Each scholarship recipient will receive $2,000.00 to assist toward fulfilling their educational goals.

Award recipients will be notified. Upon receipt of proof of enrollment for the Fall semester, a check will be issued.

Scholarship winners will be announced each year at the annual AU Convention.

MAIL APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS TO:

ARPU
SCHOLARSHIP FUND
PO BOX 18465
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73154-0465
AMERICAN RACING PIGEON UNION
YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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

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 INCLUDES:

• EDUCATIONAL GOALS
• PROFESSIONAL GOALS
• WORK EXPERIENCE
• 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 ________________

Candidates previously awarded a scholarship are not eligible.
Sean was the national youth race winner in 2018. Sean is working toward a degree in Criminal Justice.

Christopher Quaiel is planning his study and career around Criminal Justice as well.

Sara Zittler is planning her career in music with the her field of study in Music Education.

Adam Paga is studying biology with the aim of dentistry.

Alyssa Beggs is focusing her efforts on a nursing education.

Congratulations to our scholarship recipients. This carries on a decades long tradition originally by the AU Ladies Auxiliary and continued by the AU.

It is thrilling to see students excel and thrive. We wish them the very best.
Matt Peters (Flying Clovers) shares his candling experience. Matt was able to share this lesson via ZOOM. During COVID times, ZOOM is a great way to stay in touch.

After 3-5 days of incubation, the eggs should be showing veins and a developing the beginning core of a little one - almost appearing like a heart amidst a diagram of a circulatory system.

The bird will keep filling up the egg gradually, until you can’t see much at all when candling in the last week before hatch.

I’m sure that others might have further wisdom, but here’s what I can share...

Tips:

Try nighttime for checking - It’s darker, so easier to get the light contrast you’ll need, and the parents are usually more docile.

Expect to be attacked - and do not react! Depending on the parents, they will wing-slap, peck, and possibly find other ways to express their annoyance... and you can’t really blame them. However, they rarely will use anything near the force necessary to actually hurt you.

They DO, however, use enough force to damage their own eggs! So go in with a downward-facing hand, move confidently, hold the egg firmly, but not tightly (in case you are surprised, so you don’t crush it), and keep your hand between the parents and the egg as you come and go with it.

I like LED lights for candling, because of their concentrated source of light. My phone light works well, as do small/medium sized flashlights. But if it’s not too bright when you look, any light should work.

Here are some of eggs from the past at our loft. These are in their first week...