

American Racing Pigeon Union

Pigeon Tracks



NATIONAL YOUTH RACES, NOT ONE BUT TWO!

Karen Clifton, Executive Director



Dr. Frank Greenhall AU National Youth Race. Each year the AU Youth Race is coordinated by a handler that belongs to the local convention host organization.

This year, longtime fancier and

That's right. There are two races being held just for junior members this year. The AU is proud to present the **23rd annual**

member of the Capital City Club in the Washington, D.C. area, Gary Beall, is handling the race.

He is full of enthusiasm and has been eagerly receiving birds from the junior members that have applied to participate in the race. Gary will be documenting along the way, taking photos, and training.

Once training does begin in the Fall, we will send updates from Gary to all youth entered. The AU junior members that have entered the race are listed here:

Duncan Beall
John Beall
Violet Beall
Jack Brown
Bailey Brown
Madeline Brown
Daphne Brown
Zeke Brown
Duncan Brown

David Dow
Luke Drake
Olivia Faulkner
Finely Faulkner
Ford Faulkner
Colt Gardner
Max Gardner
Lilly Gleason
Molly Hutton

Erin Larson
Allie Madison van Eyk
Myles Montano
Joey Neese
Robbie Rhinehart
Romy Smith
Sosie Smith
Avery Van Eyk
Maggie Williams

The 2020 AU National Youth Race will be held on October 21, 2020.

Read more about the **Midwest Area Youth Race** on the next page . . .

Good luck, and we hope to see you there!

Karen

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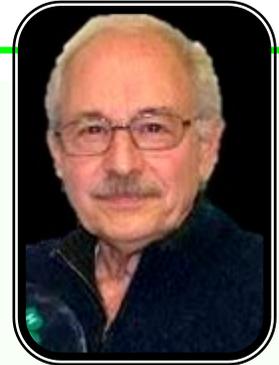
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Mike Netzky graciously volunteered his service to host an additional youth race in Petoskey, Michigan!

Mike has been working with the Flying Clovers RPC 4H group, in Michigan. He has a heart for youth and for the pigeons. He was recognized as part of the volunteer group of the year and his club was featured in our last newsletter. He has been published in the Racing Pigeon Digest and featured in local newspapers since the club started 3 years ago. We are confident he will have the best for all in mind when he conducts his race.

There is a limit to the number of birds he can house, but so far he has 10 participants from out of state. Super!



FLYING CLOVERS RPC YOUTH RACE

Rheegan Avery
CJ Baynon
Ryan Baynon
Henry Bentley
Nate Bentley
Leya Chute
Gabriel Clement
Parker Conter
Peyton Conter
Jacob Eriks
Grant Eriks
Lia Eriks
Kelly Finnerty
Lilly Gleason
Lyla Gleason
Jimmy Kotfer
Erin Larson

Allie Madison
Rydon Olsen
Ciaramae Olsen
Mecarte Olsen
Simon Paga
Veronica Paga
Isaac Paga
Sam Paga
Adam Paga
Ben Peters
Ellie Peters
Will Plackemeier
Emmie Plackemeier
Brooks Plackemeier
Jesse Randolph
Keagen Skipper
Tristia Skipper



It's hard to resist that joy you see in a child, isn't it?

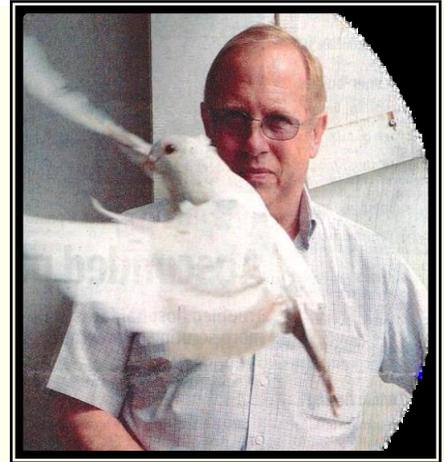
Members have shared with us that during their entire racing careers, their greatest joy has been helping youth take pleasure in the homing pigeons and the shows and racing that can accompany the caretaking and training.

If you have ever had the desire to extend yourself to children in this way, you may want to start a youth group or national youth race. There are fine examples in the hobby today, within the AU. Many of their projects can be emulated with adjustments for your area.

Curious? Give us a call. Let's talk about it and get you started.

A Note from AU President, John Hundrup

You probably didn't think you would be home this much when the new year began. At first it might have seemed like a holiday if your schools were closed where you could spend more time doing fun things. Maybe you were able to spend more time with your birds, which is a good thing. I know where I live, no one was able to get out and around in the usual way. We had a great number of people in my state (Washington) who were affected by the Coronavirus – so much so that we were required to stay home from usual activities. There could be NO movement or gathering except essential workers who cared for sick people or provided necessary supplies or services to live, which has kept many of our members from training and flying their birds and gathering to race our birds.



That is tough. It's very tough. But when we look at the good things we can do in the meantime, the scary information can seem farther away. My guess is that you are pitching in around home to help everyone to make an easier time of it. Extra care for the birds sure doesn't hurt, does it? Giving a hand to family is good also. While not being able to train or race my birds it did give me time to paint all of our lofts and to give them a deep cleaning. Though not being able to gather for shipping or meetings it is still important to communicate with your fellow members and friends.

When you have questions, you can look to your community leaders to provide the guidance to benefit the community as a whole, with safety regulations and suggestions. In the same way, you can look to the AU to provide answers to questions about leg bands, race rules, bylaws, scholarships, beginner programs, using the National Database, promotion assistance, show judges and event speakers. That is what the AU office staff and your local AU zone director are there for. We look forward to helping you in any way possible.

Before long, we will be looking back on this time as a very odd interruption of our normal routines and we can then get back to what we usually do. My hope is that you will continue to look for ways to make things better for your families, your clubs and your communities. We will get through this just fine in time, and then will be able again to give our clubs hearty competition.

Stay well, so we can get back to racing!

Let's take a peek at what is going on at the Youth Race locations.

Your host for the [AU National Youth Race](#) is Gary Beall. John Celia has been receiving your birds and Gary will begin training.

Gary's grandchildren are excited to be a part of the event. Three of his grandchildren are pictured here, along with John Celia, who is receiving your birds and Gary, who will handle.



John Beall is pictured holding his pigeon.



Violet Beall is holding her entry.



Luke Drake and his bird.



Washington D.C.



In the picture are Gary Beall, your handler for the event, and John Celia, who has received your entries.



Duncan Beall is pictured with his bird.

Meanwhile, back in Michigan . . .



Petoskey, MI



Looks like this bird is enjoying a pampered life.



Your birds' new home.



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