

**National Bird Show (NBS) - November 9, 2018 - St. Charles, IL**

13 Exhibitors

110 Entries

Judge: Mike Miller

Peachfaced Division

		Code	Yr	#		
1	WF Blue Pied Violet	LLR	16	606	Linna Reusmann	Cataula, GA
2	Lutino Opaline	KJS	18	105	Ken & Jeanne Snyder	Palo, IA
3	Med Par Blue	RSM	17	033	Renan Soto Matos	Caguas, PR
4	Par Blue Violet Opaline	KJS	15	085	Ken & Jeanne Snyder	Palo, IA
5	Whatefaced Blue	JMB	16	092	Manny Berdecia	Elizabeth, NJ
6	Violet Seagreen	RSM	16	089	Renan Soto Matos	Caguas, PR
7	Seagreen Violet Amer Cinn	RSM	16	087	Renan Soto Matos	Caguas, PR
8	Medium Green	RSM	17	017	Renan Soto Matos	Caguas, PR
9	Violet Aust Cinnamon	KJS	14	053	Ken & Jeanne Snyder	Palo, IA
10	Blue Pied	SFA	13	111	Tom & Yen Voges	Wichita, KS
11	OF American Cinn Opaline	VDM	15	037	Vicki Meyer	Wolf Creek, MT
12	Blue Aust Cinn Opaline	VDM	15	007	Vicki Meyer	Wolf Creek, MT
13	Yellowfaced Aust Cinn	DOC	16	010	Danny Cardona	Caguas, PR
14	Green Violet	KTF	13	003	Frank Horan	Staten Island, NY
15	Whatefaced Dilute	LLR	16	613	Linna Reusmann	Cataula, GA
16	Whitefaced Violet Amer Cinn	KJS	17	027	Ken & Jeanne Snyder	Palo, IA
17	OF Amer Cinn Opaline	DOC	16	027	Danny Cardona	Caguas, PR
18	Med WF Blue Violet	JMM	16	021	Rick Logan	Warrenville, IL
19	WF Par Blue Opaline	RWL	17	001	Rick Logan	Warrenville, IL
20	WF Heavy Pied	JMM	13	232	Rick Logan	Warrenville, IL

Best Novice

None						
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Best Unflighted

Lutino Opaline	KJS	18	105	Ken & Jeanne Snyder	Palo, IA
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Champions

3	OF Green Edged	KJS	15	080	Ken & Jeanne Snyder	Palo, IA
4	Par Blue Edged	RSM	15	080	Renan Soto Matos	Caguas, PR
7	OF Violet	KJS	13	023	Ken & Jeanne Snyder	Palo, IA
11	Green Violet	KTF	15	051	Frank Horan	Staten Island, NY
15	Green	KJS	12	008	Ken & Jeanne Snyder	Palo, IA

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Judge's Comments – Peachfaced Division

The 2018 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary National Bird Show was again held in St. Charles, Illinois at the Pheasant Run resort. This venue was excellent in virtually all respects – the show hall was spacious, the lighting was very appropriate, there were several restaurants and bars on premises and nice gathering alcoves with fireplaces to sit and chat. Thank you to the National Bird Show for a wonderful 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show for friends to once again get together.

Our Peachfaced Division had 110 very competitive entries by 13 of ALBS premier exhibitors giving ALBS points to the top 16 placements. It appears that eight of these 13 exhibitors received top bench points. The sections were broken down as follows:

Section 1 – Green Peachfaced – 32 total entries

Section 2 – Blue Peachfaced – 7 total entries

Section 3 – Green Pied Peachfaced – 0 entries

Section 4 – Blue Pied Peachfaced – 6 total entries

Section 5 – American Cinnamon Peachfaced – 4 total entries

Section 6 – Australian Cinnamon Peachfaced – 13 total entries

Section 7 – Violet Blue Peachfaced – 14 total entries

Section 8 – Green Opaline Peachfaced – 17 total entries

Section 9 – Blue Opaline Peachfaced – 12 total entries

Section 10 – Peachfaced Champions – 5 total entries

Our Division Champion and Higgins winner was an exceptional Blue Pied exhibited by Linna Reusmann. As I mentioned at the show, this may be the first Pied I have judged that I felt was worthy of a Best in Division. It was the total package, having good size, symmetry, condition and deportment. Congratulations to Linna for a well-deserved win on a very difficult mutation to master. Matter of fact, this was one of three Pieds in the top twenty birds. The second place bird was a large, well-conditioned Lutino Opaline exhibited by Ken and Jeanne Snyder - a beautiful immaculate Lutino. Third place went to a very, very nice medium Par Blue exhibited by Renan Soto, followed by a Violet Par Blue Opaline exhibited by Ken and Jeanne Snyder. I think any one of these top four birds, at least, could have easily been selected for the Higgins and probably further down the bench than that. The birds were placed through 20 places for the National as we decided to do a few years ago and there was a nice variety of mutations in those top 20 (see the show report for complete details) as well as some quality birds that could be winners on any given day.

The champions were placed 3rd, 4th, 7th, 11th and 15th and were owned by Ken & Jeanne, Renan Soto, Ken & Jeanne, Frank Horan and Ken and Jeanne Snyder respectively.

There were more conditioning problems than I would have expected this time of year, but the weather has been unseasonal this year for most of us and most likely caused a lot of the conditioning problems. There were some excellent birds that would not perch or too tired to present themselves at the proper time and this is unacceptable at the National. A few birds had soiled themselves in some

fashion or another that put them down. Some just had very minor faults that would soon be corrected, such as flight feathers not completely grown out or something of that nature.

I want to extend a thank you to Rick Logan and Ken Snyder for the great job they did stewarding and to Jeanne Snyder for taking on the Secretary duties for us. Thank you for inviting me to judge this wonderful event and most of all, thank you to the exhibitors with these beautiful birds that made this all possible. You should all pride yourselves on a job well done!

Sincerely,

Mike Miller

**2018 HIGGINS WINNER**

