

# American Racing Pigeon Union



# Pigeon Tracks

## 2020 AU National Youth Race Winner



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.

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!

other 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



Brooks, brother Will and sister, Emme



Check the top results on page 2.

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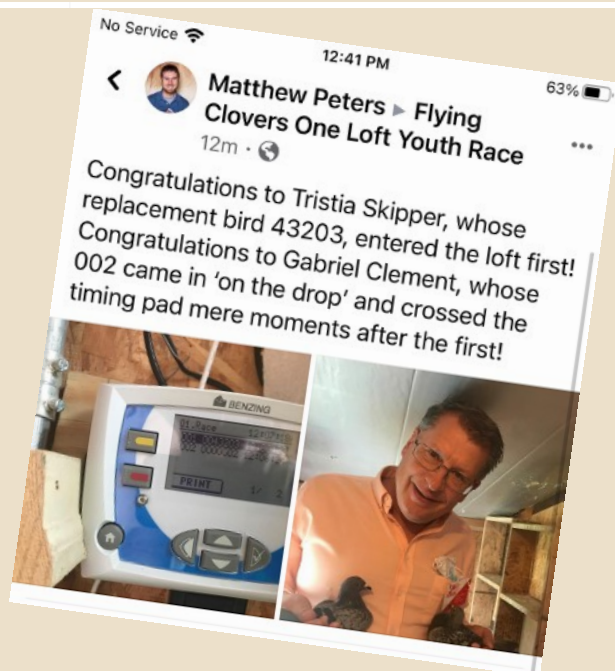
# National AU Youth Race Results

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

## YOUTH RACE WINNER

1	BROOKS PLACKEMEIR	43211	AU 20	ARPU	BBWF H	12:32:20	164.049	1191.445
2	ALLIE MADISON	132	AU 20	SVRP	BB H	12:32:45	2/ 19 00.24	1189.400
				FIRST DROP WITH WINNER				
3	SYDNEE PAVOLINI	486	AU 20	MALO	BBWF H	12:43:15	3/ 19 10.54	1140.086
4	ROBIN SHANABROOK	450	AU 20	NJF	SLAT H	12:43:20	4/ 19 10.59	1139.711
5	OLIVIA FAULKNER	979	AU 20	CAP	BB H	12:43:43	5/ 19 11.22	1137.989
6	MADLINE BROWN	965	AU 20	CAP	BLCH C	13:27:09	6/ 19 54.49	971.653
7	MAGGIE WILLIAMS	2099	AU 20	FRHT	BBSP C	13:28:42	7/ 19 56.21	966.611
8	KAYDENCE FOX	9	AU 20	IDA	BBSP H	13:29:44	8/ 19 57.23	963.279
9	KYLER BARR	1575	IF 20	SHAC	BLCH H	14:07:47	9/ 19 01:35	854.769
10	RONALD FRYE III	1554	IF 20	SHAC	BLCH C	14:07:50	10/ 19 01:35	854.643
11	VIOLET BEALL	734	AU 20	CAP	BB C	17:36:16	11/ 19 05:03	528.545
12	FORD FAULKNER	16966	AU 20	FOYS	BLCH C	-10:45:01	12/ 19 09:47	347.857
13	IAN ROBERTSON	11801	AU 20	FOYS	BLCH C	-13:14:26	13/ 19 12:17	294.790
14	AVERY EYK	141	AU20SVRP		BLCH C	-13:33:45	14/ 19 12:36	289.088

## 2020 Flying Clovers National Youth Race Winner



# Flying Clovers National Youth Race Results

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

BENZING - ARRIVALLIST from : 03.10.2020 14:10:58

Race : 01.Race Releasepoint :  
 Latitude : Longitude :  
 Distance : 177,720 miles Releasetime : 26.09.20 08:15:00  
 Fancier No. : 00002 035472 Fancier Name : M. Netzky  
 Latitude : Longitude :

Ran	Ringnumber	Arrival Date	Time	Nom	Ant No.	Speed y/m	Comments
001	AU ARPU 20 0043203h	CHK	26.09 12:06:23.6	01	1351.755		
002	AU IRPC 20 0000002h	CHK	26.09 12:06:24.5	01	1351.667		
003	AU ARPU 20 0043237h	CK	26.09 13:09:46.6	01	1061.098		
004	AU WWII 20 0002519h	CK	26.09 13:10:10.6	01	1059.661		
005	IF LUDO 20 0000088h	CHK	26.09 13:27:44.0	02	1000.172		
006	AU ARPU 20 0043222h	BB	26.09 13:44:22.8	03	949.624		
007	AU ARPU 20 0043256h	BB	26.09 14:03:25.1	03	897.734		
008	AU ARPU 20 0043241h	BB	26.09 14:15:25.5	02	867.828		
009	AU ARPU 20 0043204h	BB	26.09 14:18:13.4	01	861.142		
010	AU HAMM 20 0006528h	BB	26.09 15:46:50.7	01	692.244		
011	AU APRU 20 0043207h	BB	26.09 16:48:43.1	01	608.869		
012	AU ARPU 20 0043240h	BB	26.09 17:27:45.5	02	565.866		
013	AU ARPU 20 0043257h	BPD	27.09 08:09:59.2	02	217.972		
014	AU ARPU 20 0043231h	CHK	27.09 08:18:37.4	02	216.668		
015	IF LUDO 20 0000011h	RCK	27.09 09:01:28.1	02	210.423		
016	AU WEIR 20 0000307h	CHK	27.09 09:14:51.0	03	208.545		
017	AU SMRP 20 0006129h	BB	27.09 09:37:16.6	02	205.473		
018	AU ARPU 20 0043294h	CHK	27.09 13:18:25.8	02	179.409		
019	AU ARPU 20 0043293h	CK	27.09 13:49:38.9	02	176.253		
020	AU WWII 20 0002516h	RCK	28.09 14:31:11.6	03			
021	AU ARPU 20 0078696h	CK	30.09 16:12:58.5	03			
022	AU HAMM 20 0006530h	CHK	30.09 17:11:21.4	03			

Tidbits

LaQu Lofts'

Joseph LaQuiere

gets his 1st baby . . .



## WELCOME TO 2021 –Racing is on! Karen Clifton, Executive Director

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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).

	Band Number	Color
1.		

**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 1<sup>st</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup> (Replacements by June 1<sup>st</sup>)**  
**AU Convention Youth Race Shipping (Weather Permitting)**  
**Shipping: Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021.**  
**Race: Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.**

**Special Thanks to Shady Hills Pet Shop**

# Races for Juniors

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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 ***Ship on Monday or Tuesday***  
Petoskey, MI 49770 ***Please call prior to shipping***  
847-714-2134

**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](mailto: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.***

# Five AU Youth Scholarships Awarded in 2020

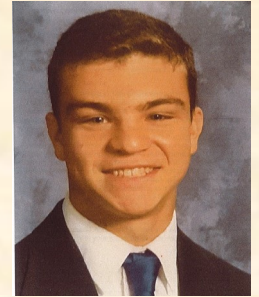


Sean was the national youth race winner in 2018. Sean is working toward a degree in Criminal Justice.



2018 AU National Youth Race Winner, Sean Salinovici.

Adam Paga is studying biology with the aim of dentistry.



Alyssa Beggs is focusing her efforts on a nursing education.



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



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

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



It is thrilling to see students excel and thrive. We wish them the very best.

# Tidbits

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...

