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President’s Report, John Blehm

The Bluegrass Poultry Association’s Fall Classic, in Frankfort, Kentucky is the place to be on October 23rd. Barbara and Michael have worked out the details for the awards and we’ll just be waiting for you all to join us for our 2010 ABC National!



It looks like no one is running for president or SE district director. Feel free to write your name in or someone else’s. We need members willing to step up and serve the club for a couple years. How about you?

Back in January a licensed judge said “Lavender will never qualify as Lavender; they are Self Blue color in both Standards. Lavender is what the Europeans call Self Blue.” Some of what he said can’t be disputed. I do have a problem with “never” and the stubbornness to even consider change. His feelings are shared by other judges also. The Europeans may be right about that metric system and lavender too!

Lavender is the same color/pattern as “self blue”. And, yes, the currently recognized breeds with that color/pattern are called “self blue” in the American standards. Fred Jeffrey in his book Bantam Chickens also lists at least 10 other names for this same color. There is a British lavender Araucana, which looks closer to an Ameraucana than an American Araucana, and more and more breeders on this side of the ocean prefer the term lavender. Check out the Orpington forum and you’ll read about lavenders and a fellow on the Chantecler forum said “Lavender (Self Blue) is very hot right now.” Can we all be wrong? Well, maybe. Some of you have already heard my arguments for lavender over self blue. I feel lavender is a more correct name mainly because the gene that creates the lavender color is called lavender! The symbol for the gene is “lav”. It’s only natural to use the word lavender to describe the variety. I’ve suggested to the APA that once lavender Ameraucanas are accepted they should refer to the APA’s “self blue” PLUMAGE description (page 178 of my 1998 Standard) while retaining the official “lavender” variety name. Perhaps it would be a good time for the APA to include the lavender name as an alternative in the self blue description...such as “self blue/lavender”. Maybe over time the term “self blue” would be dropped.

As a show superintendent I’ve noticed several entries over the past few years with the word “self” incorporated into the variety descriptions when it shouldn’t be. Some Polish breeders used “Self” to indicate the crest is the same color as the rest of the bird and some d’Uccle breeders used “Self” to indicate their birds weren’t mottled. In both cases they could enter a blue (not self blue) bird and label it self blue using their logic. Self means different things to different breeders and is very misleading and confusing, especially when newbies try to figure out the difference between blue and self blue. Mike Gilbert concurs, “There is another good reason for using the term lavender. Self blue already refers in some cases to unlaced, one shade of color, Andalusian blue - and rightly so. Using “lavender” to describe the true breeding

President's Report Continued . . .

variety would eliminate confusion in that the same terminology is currently being used for two different but similar colors."

I understand using the accepted terminology for accepted varieties, but these are not yet accepted and it is time for the APA/ABA to move into the 21st century and call a lavender a lavender.



British Lavender Araucana
The British Araucana Club

North Central District, Jerry De Smidt, Director

It has been one very interesting season. We had a heavy wet snow fall in late March and early April, and now we are dealing with lots of rain. With all the rain there has been flooding all over the north central area. It is very hard to have you birds free ranging and not be getting all muddy. The last couple of weeks have been very hot also. We have fans set up all over trying to cool the birds and get them into condition also.

As with most of you there are lots of fairs going on this time of year. I have been judging several county fairs here in Wisconsin. I am trying to explain what the difference is between the EE's and true Ameraucanas is. Most county fair kids are buying their birds from commercial hatcheries as Ameraucanas and they have willow legs and no color pattern or variety. I end up telling them if they want to show these birds that they should be shown in the crossbred meat type, and if they want to show Ameraucanas they should buy their birds from and breeder not a commercial hatchery.

With Labor Day right around the corner and most fall show starting it is time to start thinking what you have to take to the national show in Kentucky. Several breeders from our district will be traveling to the nationals and I am sure that there should be some nice birds for sale at the show. I hope to see lots of new faces and catch up with old friends and talk about breeding and setting up breeder pens.

South Central District, Paul Smith, Director

Greetings from the South-Central District!

As I write this, it's now time to start cage training the top of the crop, as show season is only two months away. Presently we haven't penned any yet, but soon will. This year we do have a few with a lot of potential to go to the shows. We are looking forward to being back at the national, meet, seeing and showing with the country's top Ameraucana breeders. Hope many will come join the fun in Frankfort, Kentucky on October 23rd.

Speaking of show, I finally decided on the Oklahoma State Poultry Federation Show in Shawnee, Oklahoma on December 11 & 12, 2010 at our South-Central District Meet. Their 2010 show is a National for the APA and expected to fill their two barns. They are hoping for 10,000 head. If re-elected as district director, I thought about going to Sedalia, Missouri in 2011 for our South Central District meet to start preparing the area for our 2012 National meet. Even though the show is in the same place as our 2005 national, it is with a different club under different management. They have excellent facilities at the state fairgrounds to hold a poultry show. It is the best location and time of year that the South-Central District has to offer for our national meet.

We are going to offer potential show quality, day old, straight run (unsexed), large fowl



South Central District, Continued

Ameraucana chicks in black, blue, splash, wheaten, blue wheaten, splash wheaten and hopefully lavender February 2011 through May 2011. Our hatches will be two weeks apart on every other Monday. Usually leaving our PO on Tuesday depending on what time they hatch. We have had them hatch on Sunday, and ship out on Monday. The incubators are set at about 8:00 AM on Mondays.

Basically the chicks are \$6 each, plus box, PO shipping charge and a small fee for delivering them to our PO for shipment. We offer priority mail only through shipping zone #4; all others must go by express live mail as we guarantee live chicks upon arrival, or a refund for any that don't make the trip-which is very few. There is a minimum of 10 so they will stay warm enough during shipping. Presently we have sold our Ameraucanas into 39 states and Canada. It looks like Hawaii may be our 49th state.

Hopefully everyone has a great show season! Looking forward to showing with many of you!

Western District, Connie "Jean" Ribbeck, Director

It's almost fall and most everyone is putting away their incubators. I will be shutting mine down until the middle of December. I am planning many early hatches since I want to take birds to the Indianapolis show next year where I hope the new lavender color will get recognized. If you breed lavenders and cannot make it to the show, consider asking another member or Director to take your birds and exhibit them for you at Indy.

I have had good fortune this year with my silver breeding project. My second generation breeding resulted in chicks with the silver type down color. I will have to wait until they mature to see if the size has been maintained and how close the color pattern turns out on this second generation.

Please remember to vote for club officers in the upcoming election. The President and SE Director positions have no nominations at this time. You can write in someone's name in the blank if you feel they would do a good job of representing your district or would make a good President of the Club and they are truly interested in the position.

Since nominations are closed I have let it be known that I will accept the President position. If you would like to vote for me it would be appreciated, just fill in my name.

We have quite a few meets set for this fall, several in California, one in WA and one in MT. It would be great to see you there!

Northeast District, Harold Knapp, Director

Hello to all my Ameraucana friends. I hope you have had a good year hatching and raising some good birds. This year I had good hatches of Ameraucana, although some of my other breeds did not do as well. I hatched white, silver, and blacks. This is my first full year with white and silver, so am trying to cull heavy. The silver males have a lot of color problems, the silver females are a little small, and a few of the whites I simply did not like. When I cull, I eat well, Ameraucanas are tasty fowl.

I would like to encourage you to vote in our club elections for those running or even a write in (with their permission). As I have said many times, this is your club, so tell your club officers your wishes. We are here to serve you!

Have a good show season!



2008 Wheaten Bantam
By the Pickard Family



Southeast District, Barbara Campbell, Director



Just a couple of updates for the National Meet. We are shooting for a 2pm time for our annual meeting to be followed around 3pm with a catered meal. T Auxier, the gentleman that runs the concession stand during the show will be catering the meal for us. The meeting and the meal will be held in the extension office that is located near the front entrance to the park. The menu will include grilled chicken, rib eye steak, buttered potatoes, green beans, 7 layered salad, rolls and either pie or cobbler for dessert and is an all-you-can-eat deal. Cost per person will run around \$11. This way those who need to hit the road immediately following the show will still be able to participate in the fellowship. Anyone planning to stay over on Saturday night can get together at a restaurant for dinner if they wish to. We ate last year at the Cattleman's restaurant and would recommend it.

On a personal note, we sorted through these years birds about a week ago and it looks like I'll have some decent stock to share this year. I plan to bring what I have to offer for sale to Frankfort. Looking forward to seeing everyone again!

Tina Dinkins has agreed to be a write-in candidate for the Southeast Director position.

ChickHatchery.com



Ameraucana

I'm now accepting orders for day-old chicks in 2011.

Don't be disappointed, order early for limited hatches in the spring.

For an Order Form & details go to ChickHatchery.com or send a #10 SASE to:

John W Blehm
4599 Lange Road
Birch Run MI 48415

Treasurer's Report

| ABC Checking Account, Central Trust Bank, Jefferson City, MO | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Opening Balance January 1, 2010 | \$ 1981.83 |
| Income – January Dues, Directories, Donations, etc | 539.00 |
| Income – February Dues, Directories, Donations, etc | 698.00 |
| Income – March Dues, Directories, Donations, etc | 203.00 |
| Income – April Dues, Directories, Donations, etc | 186.00 |
| Income – May Dues, Directories, Donations, etc | 67.00 |
| Income – June Dues, Directories, Donations, etc | 43.00 |
| Income – July Dues, Directories, Donations, etc | 30.00 |
| Income – August Dues, Directories, Donations, etc | 36.00 |
| National Meet Donations | 130.00 |
| Income Subtotal (opening balance + months) | \$ 3,913.83 |
| Expense - Postage | 24.76 |
| Expense – Office Supplies | 7.41 |
| Expense – Other: Memorials | 0.00 |
| Expense – Memberships, Advertisements | 0.00 |
| Expense – Bank Charges (return item fees) | 4.00 |
| Expense – National Meet Awards/Awards | 0.00 |
| Expense - Refunds | 5.00 |
| Expense Subtotal | \$ 41.17 |
| Ending Balance as of August 31, 2010 | \$ 3,872.66 |
| PayPal Account August 31, 2010 | \$ 770.51 |
| Total | ***\$ 4,643.17 |

Respectfully Submitted, Michael J. Muenks, Secretary/Treasurer

*** Please note that National Meet expenses will hit in September along with office supplies. I had to purchase envelopes and ink as my bulk supplies had ran out.

Michael

Blast from the Past, The Art of Cage Training, by Patty Pickard

Since the last time this article was printed we have about sixty new members in the club, so to answer the question asked at shows. . . "Look how calm that bird is, I wonder how you do that" . . . Here is the answer!

Step one - Acquire a cage similar to the ones that the bird will be shown in at the shows. You can purchase show cages from several poultry supply places. You will need to set your cage in a location that is at waist level or higher as that is how the cages will be set up at the shows. You also need to select an area that will receive high traffic from your family or friends that you can convince to come and visit your birds. It is important to get the birds comfortable with strangers walking past their cage and talking. It would be good to have some younger children walk past the cages and chatter as kids do. You will also need to set up a radio by the cage, preferable tuned to a station that has talking and not so much music. The goal here is to replicate the show floor as much as possible.

Step two - Cage training isn't an overnight thing, it takes time. When I work with the birds, they may only spend an hour a day in the cage at first, gradually working up to where they are comfortable in the cage setting for a full day. When I start a new bird on the show schedule, I only take them to one day shows at first- two day shows can be a long time for a new bird. The idea is to make the bird as comfortable and relaxed in the cage as they can be. A relaxed bird will show better than a spastic one.



White Call Duck in training!

Step three - Now that the bird is comfortable in the cage, you can start to train him. I take the bird out of the cage, head first of course, and examine him like a judge would, and then put him back head first. I do this several times each day so that he is used to being caught and looked over. The bird will realize that he is not going to get hurt and will learn to just stand there to be caught. Judges appreciate a bird that is easily caught versus one that they have to struggle to catch. If it

comes down to a tie between two birds, that judge will select the cage trained bird over the wild one. Then I introduce other people into the catch and handle routine. The bird needs to be comfortable with others handling them too.

Step four - Impress the judge. After the bird is comfortable with this routine, you add the final touch on- the pose. Take the bird out of the cage, do your examination of the bird and then stand the bird on the palm of your hand in front of the open cage- he should hop in. As soon as he hops in- toss in a treat, he will turn to get the treat. The goal is to get him to hop in and immediately turn to the door, puff up, and pose for his treat. Now it is very important to use a treat with a crinkly wrapper as you will be able to get him alert and to pose just from the sound of the treat wrapper. I use Old Roy soft dog food treats. They come in little individual packets with a nice crinkly wrapper. Tender Vittles would work if they are wrapped in plastic and not a paper type wrapper. Just shop around, you will find a suitable wrapped treat. It is wise to work on the return to cage and pose when the bird is hungry as then it will mean more. When you are on the show floor, have the wrapper of the treat in your pocket. As the judge walks by your pens, you can crunch your wrapper around in your pocket and the bird will turn and pose for the judge.

Step five - Practice. Keep it fun for the bird and he will work for you. In poultry shows, sometimes it is just the little things that make the difference in the judge's mind. Your goal in cage training is to make that judge take a second look at your bird. If you can get a second look, then you have a shot at taking that class. The birds that are just sitting or wild aren't showing at their best. If you can get yours to pose and show for the judge, he will be impressed with you and your bird.



Fayetteville, AR

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Splash & Mottled

Ameraucana
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A buff by Jean Ribbeck . . .
Look at the muffs!



Club Notes

The deadline to submit articles, ads, reports, meet requests, etc. for the next bulletin is November 15, 2010 and need to be sent to the club secretary.

Bulletin advertisements are free to all members!

We now take PayPal!

To send payments use purchases@ameraucana.org

Club Merchandise

- 1982 Club Handbook - \$5
- 2005 Club Handbook - \$5

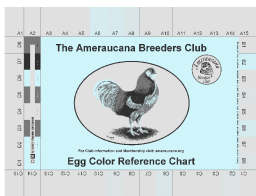
ABC 4" Patch 1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5.50.



- Bulletins 1979-1984 - \$30
- Bulletins 1985-1993 - \$35
- Breeders Directory - \$2

Egg Shell Reference Chart

1 for \$3 or 2 for \$5



Make Checks Payable to the Ameraucana Breeders Club and send to the club secretary.

ABA Yearbook, Michael Gilbert

I received my ABA Yearbook in the mail today, and it is very nice as usual. One thing missing was an ad by any ABC members, including myself. I had vowed not to spend any more money on the ABA until they corrected an injustice that was going on ten years old. Wouldn't you know, the problem has been taken care of! The new ABA Bantam Standard will include an artist's depiction of a Blue Wheaten bantam female.

The BW male portrait had been approved a few years ago. Thanks to ABA vice president Matt Lhamon for intervening on our behalf. The ABA will again have my full support, and I will advertise in the Yearbook for 2011.



Rejected wheaten bantam
Ameraucana Hen portrait 2005



Accepted wheaten bantam
Ameraucana Hen portrait 2010

Arizona Poultry Association, Casa Grande, AZ

Arizona State Meet February 27-28, 2010, reported by Anthony Campbell

14 large fowl were shown, judged by Donald Barger

- BB, BV black C by Alex Bebb, out of 5, **Champion Ameraucana**
- RB, RV black H by Alex Bebb, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**
- BV blue C by Alex Bebb, out of 3
- RV blue P by Alex Bebb
- BV silver P by Alex Bebb, out of 4
- RV silver P by Alex Bebb
- BV wheaten C by Roger Heistand, out of 1
- BV AOV (splash) H by Alex Bebb, out of 1

Cascade Spring Poultry Show, Monroe, WA

Special Meet March 20, 2010, reported by Pam Lyng

13 large fowl were shown, judged by Paul Wieser

BV black C by Connie Ribbeck, out of 2

RV black P by Connie Ribbeck

BV blue K by Connie Ribbeck, out of 1

BV blue wheaten K by Connie Ribbeck, out of 1

BV buff H by Connie Ribbeck, out of 1

BV wheaten C by Royce Van Blaricome, out of 4

RV wheaten P by Royce Van Blaricome

BV white C by Connie Ribbeck

Best of Breed, Reserve of Breed, Champion Ameraucana, and Reserve Champion Ameraucana were taken by Connie Ribbeck.



Jenson Pierson's Buff LF

Pacific Northwest Poultry Association, Stevenson, WA

Washington State Meet April 17-18, 2010, reported by Carol Endicott

5 large fowl where shown and judged by Jim Salle

BB, BV black C by Connie Ribbeck – out of 2, **Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV black P by Connie Ribbeck

BV blue ? by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1

BV buff ? by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1

BV white ? by Connie Ribbeck out of 1

3 bantam where shown and judged by Jim Salle

BB, BV black C by Jeanine McKee – out of 3

RB, RV black H by Jeanine McKee

Missouri State Poultry Association Spring Double Show - Show 1, Sedalia, MO

Special Meet April 17, 2010, reported by Bernita Miller

2 bantam where shown

BB, BV wheaten P by David Crotts, out of 3, **Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV wheaten K by David Crotts, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

7 bantam where shown in the Junior Show

BV blue wheaten C by Woody Springer, out of 2

RV blue wheaten K by Woody Springer

BV wheaten P by Woody Springer, out of 5, **Junior Champion Ameraucana**

RV wheaten P by Woody Springer

Missouri State Poultry Association Spring Double Show - Show 2, Sedalia, MO

Special Meet April 17, 2010, reported by Bernita Miller

2 bantam where shown

BB, BV wheaten K by David Crotts, out of 3, **Champion Ameraucana**

RB, RV wheaten P by David Crotts, **Reserve Champion Ameraucana**

7 bantam where shown in the Junior Show

BV blue wheaten C by Woody Springer, out of 2, **Junior Champion Ameraucana**

RV blue wheaten K by Woody Springer

BV wheaten P by Woody Springer, out of 5

RV wheaten P by Woody Springer



Jim Fegan's Silver bantam pullet

Dayton Fancy Feather, Dayton, OH

April 25, 2010, reported by Rob Sando

8 large fowl where shown and judged by Darrel Sheraw

BB, BV black H by Rob Sando - out of 5, **Champion**

Ameraucana

RB, RV black C by Bud Blankenship

BV blue wheaten by Rob Sando – out of 1

BV white H Kathy Gratch – out of 1

BV AOV (birchen) K by Bud Blankenship – out of 1

5 bantam where shown and judged by Darrel Sheraw

BV blue wheaten H by Rob Sando – out of 1

BV buff C by Rob Sando – out of 2

RB, BV wheaten C by Rob Sando – out of 2

RV wheaten P by Bridges LabLuv Bantams

BB, BV AOV (lavender) C by Roby Sando – out of 1, **Reserve**

Champion Ameraucana

6 Ameraucana where shown and judged by Dave Adkins in the Junior Show

BV LF black H by Nathan Marshall – out of 3

RV LF black C by Thomas Burger

BV LF blue P by Nathan Marshall – out of 1

BV BAN black H by Rachel Wylie – out of 2, **Junior Show**

Champion Ameraucana

RV BAN black C by Rachel Wylie

BV BAN AOV (lavender) ? by Rachel Wylie

Rocky Mountain Poultry Association, Hamilton, MT Show 1

Montana State Meet, May 1, 2010, reported by Jamie Rensmon

7 large fowl where shown and judged by Gary Overton

BV black C by Connie Ribbeck – out of 2

RB, BV blue K by Connie Ribbeck – out of 2

BV buff C by Connie Ribbeck - out of 2

RV buff K by Philip Urrutia

BB, BV white C by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1, **Champion**

Ameraucana

9 bantam where shown and judged by Gary Overton

BB, BV blue wheaten P by Nadine Wisniewski – out of 7,

Reserve Champion Ameraucana

RB, RV blue wheaten H by Nadine Wisniewski

BV wheaten H by Nadine Wisniewski – out of 2

RV wheaten P by Nadine Wisniewski

Rocky Mountain Poultry Association, Hamilton, MT Show 2

Special Meet, May 1, 2010, reported by Jamie Rensmon

7 large fowl where shown and judged by Bart Pals

RB, BV black C by Connie Ribbeck – out of 2

BV blue K by Connie Ribbeck – out of 2

BV buff K by Philip Urrutia - out of 2

RV buff C by Connie Ribbeck

BB, BV white C by Connie Ribbeck – out of 1, **Champion**

Ameraucana

9 bantam where shown and judged by Bart Pals

BB, BV blue wheaten P by Nadine Wisniewski – out of 7,

Reserve Champion Ameraucana

RB, RV blue wheaten H by Nadine Wisniewski

BV wheaten P by Nadine Wisniewski – out of 2

RV wheaten H by Nadine Wisniewski



United Poultry Fanciers, Avoca, IA

Special Meet, May 8, 2010, reported by Diana Dahir

11 bantam where shown and judged by Bart Pals

BV white H by Alnice Nichols – out of 8

RV white K by Alnice Nichols

BV blue K by Alnice Nichols – out of 2

RV blue H by Alnice Nichols

BV AOV (splash) H by Nancy Dean – out of 1

Cornhusker Poultry Club, Avoca, IA

Nebraska State Meet, May 8, 2010, reported by Diana Dahir

11 bantam where shown and judged by Bart Pals

BV white H by Alnice Nichols – out of 8

RV white K by Alnice Nichols

BV blue K by Alnice Nichols – out of 2

RV blue H by Alnice Nichols

BV AOV (splash) H by Nancy Dean – out of 1

Upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club Meets

September 10-13, 2010

Special Meet, requested by Connie Jean Ribbeck
Spokane County Fair, Spokane, WA
Contact:
Tony Albritton, (509)465-9405

September 11-12, 2010

Illinois State Meet, requested by Jerry DeSmidt
Illini Poultry Club Boone County Fairgrounds, Belevidere, IL
Contact:
Ruth Ann Van Fleet
bpopla@comcast.net,
815-765-2952

September 25-26, 2010

Wisconsin State Meet, Requested by Michael Gilbert
Wisconsin International, Portage, WI
Contact:
Tara Kindschi
E 7014 Co Hwy P.F.
Loganville, Wisconsin
1608-727-2720
ridge@merr.com

October 2-3

Ohio State Meet, requested by Patty Pickard
Southern Ohio Poultry Association Fall Show, Scioto
County Fairgrounds, Lucasville, OH
Contact:
David Adkins, (740)259-2852
1988 Cook Road
Lucasville, OH, 45648-9006

October 2, 2010

Special Meet, requested by Jerry De Smidt
West Central Wis. Pigeon & Poultry Club "Red Cedar
Showdown", Menomonie, WI
Contact:
Dan Paff, judan@wwt.net
6977 County Hwy N
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

October 9-10, 2010

North Central District Meet, placed by Jerry DeSmidt
Michigan Poultry Fanciers – Frankenmuth Fowl Fest,
Frankenmuth, MI
Contact:
John W. Blehm, John@FowlFest.org, (989)777-1234

October 2-3, 2010

Special Meet, requested by Connie Jean Ribbeck
Big Sky Poultry Expo, Great Falls, MT
Contact:
Sharon Eliasson, eliasson@midrivers.com, (406)323-1655

October 16, 2010

Missouri State Meet, requested by Michael Muenks
Missouri State Poultry Association Fall Double Show, Meet 1
Sedalia, MO
Contact:
Bernita Miller, bmiller@iland.net

October 16, 2010

Special Meet, requested by Michael Muenks
Missouri State Poultry Association Fall Double Show, Meet 2
Sedalia, MO
Contact:
Bernita Miller, bmiller@iland.net

October 16, 2010

Indiana State Meet, requested by Wayne Gritter
Central Indiana Poultry Show, Lebanon, IN
Contact:
Doug Akers, dakers@purdue.edu (765)482-7182
Ron Patterson, rpatter815@earthlink.net (765)676-6192
<http://www.bccn.boone.in.us/ces/>

October 16-17, 2010

Western District Meet, placed by Jean Ribbeck
Pacific Northwest Poultry Association Northwest Winter
Classic, Skamania County Fairgrounds, Stevenson, WA
Contact:
shows@pacificnorthwestpoultry.org

October 23, 2010

National Meet, placed by Barbara Campbell
Bluegrass Poultry Association, Lakeview Park, Frankfort, KY
Contact:
www.bluegrasspoultry.com

October 23-24, 2010

California State Meet, placed by Jean Ribbeck
SeaSide Feather Fancier, Ventura, CA
Contact:
Dave Anderson, danderson@keygroupinc.com

Upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club Meets



Buff Bantam Pullet

Champion AOCCL at 1996 APA
National Hutchinson, MN
By Michael Gilbert



Silver Large Fowl Cockerel
By Jim Fegan



November 13, 2010

North Carolina State Meet, requested by Christina Teague
Carolina Feather Fanciers Association Show
Greensboro, NC Guilford Extension Service Arena
Contact:
Christina Teague
400 Fall Creek Church Rd
Bennett, NC 27208-9214
sweetannie245@hotmail.com
336-581-3703
<http://www.carolinafeatherfanciers.us/>

November 27-28, 2010

Iowa State Meet, requested by Jerry DeSmidt
Eastern Iowa Poultry Show
Iowa City, IA
Contact:
Phil Shank, 319-646-2011, pbshank@netins.net

December 11-12, 2010

South Central District Meet, placed by Paul Smith
Oklahoma State Poultry Show, Shawnee, OK
Contact:
Steve Jones, ghia4me@sprynet.com, (972)636-9093

January 29-30, 2011

California State Meet, placed by Connie "Jean" Ribbeck
Pacific Poultry Breeders Association Winter Show
Stockton, CA
Contact:
Chris Tamayo, csbantams@gmail.com

February 12-13, 2011

Special Meet, placed by Connie "Jean" Ribbeck
Humboldt Poultry Fanciers Association, Eureka, CA
Contact:
Harry Majors, harrymajors2000@yahoo.com

October 28-30, 2011

National Meet, placed by ABC Board of Directors
Crossroads of America Show, Indianapolis, IN
Contact:
TBD

From Under the Black Locust, by Michael Muenks

For those you who enjoy M*A*S*H you will remember an episode entitled "Officer of the Day." In the episode Hawkeye is officer of the day for the first time, Colonel Flagg shows up, and Klinger attempts to go AWOL in multiple costumes. I would have never expected the past year to be "a full rich year," but that is the best description I can come up with. Hopefully, something recognizable as "normal" will return soon . . . more on that subject later.



Paul and Angela Smith's large fowl black cockerel Champion Ameraucana and Champion AOSB at the 2007 National Meet.



Mike Gilbert's bantam black pullet Reserve Champion Ameraucana and Reserve Champion AOCCL at the 2007 National Meet

Photos by Paul & Angela Smith

Awards for the 2010 National Meet

After much consideration, Barbara has arrived at the following list of awards for the 2010 National Meet. In the proposal the cash amounts in parenthesis are the target amounts for the awards. The etched awards did not work out and Barbara has opted for ribbons and cash.

We are gathering donations for the awards and if you would like to sponsor a specific award please make a note of that on your donation. Patty and Jeff Pickard have generously donated money toward the junior show awards for this year. Ken Olsen, Michael Gilbert, Harold Knapp, and Michael Muenks have donated money toward the awards so far. If you would like to donate money toward awards in general or specific awards please let Michael know.

A link has been set up on www.ameraucana.org which will be used to post all information about the 2010 National Meet as it draws closer.

The following awards will be given at the 2010 National Meet Open Show:

Zuzan Ehrhardt
 94 King George Road
 Warren, NJ 07059
 Champion Ameraucana Ribbon and \$50
 Reserve Champion Ameraucana Ribbon and \$25
 Best Display, LF or Bantam Ribbon and \$25
 Best Trio, LF or Bantam Ribbon and \$25
 Best of Breed Bantam \$20
 Reserve of Breed Bantam \$10
 Best of Breed Large Fowl \$20
 Reserve of Breed Large Fowl \$10
 Best of Variety Bantam Ribbon and \$5
 Reserve of Variety Bantam Ribbon and \$5
 Best of Variety Large Fowl Ribbon and \$5
 Reserve of Variety Large Fowl Ribbon and \$5
 BV AOV Bantam Ribbon and \$5
 RV AOV Bantam Ribbon and \$5
 BV AOV Large Fowl Ribbon and \$5
 RV AOV Large Fowl Ribbon and \$5
 Best LF Blue The Arne Schmidt Memorial Traveling Plaque
 Best Bantam Hen Eggs Certificate and Cash \$10
 Best Bantam Pullet Eggs Certificate and Cash \$10
 Best Large Fowl Hen Eggs Certificate and Cash \$10
 Best Large Fowl Pullet Eggs Certificate and Cash \$10
 Donations have been made by Mike Gilbert,
 Junior Champion Ameraucana Ribbon and \$20
 Junior Reserve Champion Ameraucana Ribbon and \$10
 Junior Best of Variety Bantam \$7.00*
 Junior Best of Variety Large Fowl \$7.00*

* Special awards provided by the Pickard family.

Only Ameraucana Breeders Club Members are eligible for awards from the ABC & its members.

The Bluegrass Poultry Club is offering the following awards to ABC members:

Large Fowl and Bantam/Open Show
 BB Trophy
 RB Trophy
 Large Fowl and Bantam/Junior Show
 BB Trophy



2010 Champion Ameraucana
 Blue Wheaten Bantam Hen
 by Jerry DeSmidt

Pips & Peeps

Large Fowl Ameraucanas
 Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten,
 Buff, Lavender, Silver,
 Splash, Wheaten & White
 Chicks available April thru
 September.

Hatching eggs available year
 round
 and started birds in the Fall.
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International News



This is just a quick note to inform the Ameraucana Breeder's Club that a large fowl Black Ameraucana Cock bred and shown by Omega Blue Farms won Best Bird in Show at an APA sanctioned meet in Courtenay, BC on Friday August 27, 2010.

Wayne Osborne

Welcome to our New Members!

Karen Allen, NY
Cindy Aultman, TX
Amy Balog, TN
Gloria Bradford, GA
Robert Bryson, NC
Darlene Bushey, LA
Cynthia Caillagh-Allen, WI
Wally and Rose Casazza, PA
Michelle Coakley, OH
John Craig, NC
Chris Franklin, GA
Anna Heetderks, VA
Debra Hogan and Family, CA
Lynne Howell, NC
Robin Johnson, FL
Terry Johnson, AL
Wendy Johnson, TX
Lisa Jordan, SC
Stephanie Jordan, TN
Julie Krahn, WI
Clare Mikel, D.V.M., NM
Kristin Murray, PA
Cray, Eden, & Noah Pinkston, AZ
Candy Prince, MI
Saranne Reedy, TN
Jessica Roberts, CA
Tiffany and Woody Springer, MO
Vickie Robinson Williams, AL
David and Luanne Waldrop, MS

The Bluegrass Poultry Association invites you to join us this fall for the

**Bluegrass Poultry Association
Fall Classic**

Saturday, October 23, 2010

Lakeview Park Fairgrounds
2456 Georgetown Pike
Frankfort, KY 40601

APA – ABA Sanctioned

Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet

(other meets pending)

www.bluegrasspoultry.com

Or call

Eric Engelsman 859-792-4433

Host Hotel:

**Best Western Parkside Inn
Frankfort, KY
502-695-6111**

<http://www.bestwesternkentucky.com/hotels/best-western-parkside-inn/>

*(Mention the Bluegrass Poultry Association
when making your reservation)*

Highlights include:

A great Silent Auction
50/50 Raffle
Sale Birds
Free Parking and Admission

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