

# Summer Bulletin

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## Special Points of Interest

- The second pre-qualifying meet for self-blues Ameraucanas has been scheduled for Knoxville, TN. on Dec. 2nd & 3rd, 2017
- Congratulations to our newest Master Exhibitors: Clif Reddin, Debra Hogan, and Peggy Taylor. Also, congratulations to Clarbelle Galbraith, who is our newest Junior Master Exhibitor
- Our National meet is at Hutchinson, MN., on Oct. 28th & 29th.



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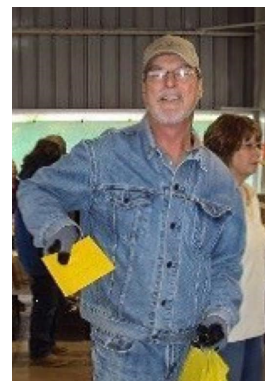
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## A letter from our club president...

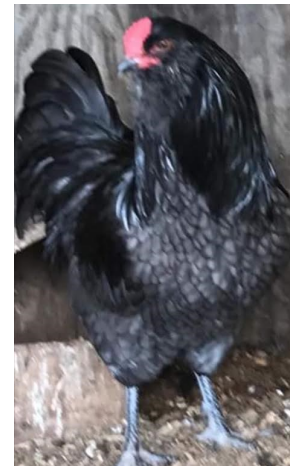
Hi everyone, I hope your breeding season went well and you have a lot of nice birds to grow out. Last quarter I stated telling you about my Blue project and I'm happy to say I'm continuing to move forward in a positive direction. I'm hoping to have a few that have good enough type and color to show this fall.

tiful Blue laced breed. I have to say, I believe he is right. I believe in the next few years Blue Ameraucanas will be second to no other Blue breed.  
God bless and keep you!

-Clif



I see from pictures posted on different groups on face book that others are working toward Blue Ameraucanas having the lacing the standard calls for. One man replied after looking at pictures of some Blue Ameraucanas / Andalusian crosses , He felt the results would end up with Blue Ameraucanas being the most beau-



## Please extend a warm welcome to our newest ABC members!

Tiffany Woods	Lindsey Krstic	Amelia Poss	Donna Morello
Tamara Baughman	Margaret Sullivan	Marcia Somerville	Maria Jessop
Adan Johnson	Dakota Weimar	Julia Sun	Morgan Borer
Jason Jones	Mark Sydnor	David Phillips	Kyle Zimdars
Sally Minor	Diane Younker	Steve Cummins	
Jenny Broyles	William Sherman	Exie Doherty	

## A word from our Secretary/Treasurer

I have two favorite times in the cycle of breeding chickens: the first is the beginning of hatching season when each egg pip is a heart-fluttering event and each new chick represents the promise of tomorrow and the (hopeful) fulfillment of your breeding plans and goals. When feeding, cleaning, and getting to know those new additions to the menagerie we call Sand Castles Farm is still a pleasure.

The second favorite time is when the incubators and hatchers are shut down, scrubbed out, and put away until



the next breeding season.

We're at the second one now, and I'm enjoying the peace and quiet from the brooders and not having to buy chick starter at the feed store any more. I enjoy my evenings sitting in the grow out pens, watching and mentally evaluating each little cockerel and pullet that come up to ask for a treat. Over the next few months, my "favorites" will change as frequently as my clothes until I make those "final" decisions on who stays and who goes. Hopefully, I won't try to make that decision too early, as I very nearly did last year

and, hopefully, I'll make good decisions on who will be representing the dreams and goals of Sand Castles Farm at the shows this Fall, and in the breeding pens next Spring.

Hope all of you are enjoying this season as much as I am and I look forward to seeing you at the shows this Fall! Don't forget the 2017 ABC National Silent Auction is now accepting donations and will be here before you know it.

-Susan

## ABC Gallery Photo Competition

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nounced and used in our ABC Gallery. The first month begins June 1st and entries will close on June 15th, so dust off those photos and get them sent in! The first variety is for Brown Red Ameraucanas. You can send pics of adult male and female (profile shots preferred), chicks (group images ok), and young started birds.

The goal is to have the best representation of each variety, at the various stages of development, in our gallery.

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## Western District Report

Its summer now and I have just really started hatching! We did not have much of a spring here. It was cold and rainy and then it got hot. I have my third batch of chicks just now coming out of the incubator.

I have only managed to hatch

four Sebastopol goslings this year, so I will have much less work with them to do this year. I went back to solely processed feed and it has affected their fertility. I will have to go back to mixing feed this fall if I expect them to do better next year.

With my kids getting older and being more involved with other things, I have decided to sell my bantam wheaten and blue wheaten birds. If you are interested in them, please contact me. I have hatched some chicks so there will be enough to spread them out a bit.

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I also plan to scale back on my other varieties so I can have more time to run around with the kids. I will keep working with my project varieties and hatch as many as I can since the lavender qualifying meet will be here before we know it.

Fall show season is fast approaching, so start looking at those potential show birds and get them into the condition pens.

- Jean

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## South-Central District Report

Greetings from the South-Central district.. Hatching season is over for most South Central district members as we are forced to stop for the heat wave. Angela & I had 15 hatches from Sept. 13, 2016 through June 5, 2017. We managed to hatch 2,081 and sent out 1,498 in 94 boxes. Now for the task of raising all the chicks still here to young adults and getting the breeders ready to produce another round of Fall 2017/Spring 2018 hatches.

Hope everyone has hatched a lot to show this Fall! Remember our National meet at Hutchinson, MN., on Oct. 28th & 29th. Hutchinson was our first national to attend in 2000. We had the honor of winning with a black pullet which also won reserve large fowl at the Texas State Fair a couple weeks before the national meet. Also, remember our South Central district meet at Fayetteville, ARK. on November 4th & 5th. If you plan to attend, Google Bentonville, ARK. hotels and book a room ASAP for discounted rooms, as they are in high demand for the weekend. We will be selecting an alternate for our 2018 district meet at the district meeting. The APA national meet at Shawnee, OK. Nov. 17th & 18th, 2018 is a very important show and will be our 2018 South Central district meet unless the ABC

board decides our national meet needs to go out of rotation to set it as our national. This should be our first qualifying meet for large fowl self blues.

Our second pre-qualifying meet is scheduled for Knoxville, TN. on Dec. 2nd & 3rd, 2017. Commitments have been made by Lindsay Helton, Barbara Dodington, Jonathan Stone, Paul & Holly McDonnell and Angela & I to bring self blues to Knoxville, so we should be able to meet the quota! However as a just in case weather is bad or something I plan to get commitments for the Shawnee Show for Dec. 9, 2017 so the ABC won't miss out on fulfilling the self blue recognition agreement with the APA, as the deadline for the second pre-qualifying meet will be in Jan. 2018!

Any ABC member desiring an ABC meet in the SC district needs to contact me, so it can be booked, provided it is neither on probation nor the same weekend as our South Central district meet at Fayetteville. I have just booked Gainesville, TX., my local poultry show club's show, as an ABC meet. I

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need South Central district's members to get involved by requesting meets. Angela & I presently plan to attend 10 shows this time-national at Hutchinson, MN.; South Central district at Fayetteville, ARK.; Gainesville, TX.; 2 in Dallas, TX.; Shawnee, OK.; Beaumont, TX.; Knoxville, TN.; Ft. Worth, TX.; and College Station, TX.

Hope all are blessed by feeding some champions!

-Paul Smith



## Member Spotlight: Maggie Maier

I moved to NC from NJ in 2011 and built a little house on 5 acres. I have shown & bred animals my whole life starting with rabbits & cavies, goats, dogs, horses, and now chickens. So my decision on chickens was also researched and I started with purebred Black Copper Marans & some LF Ameraucanas I bought from Lynne Howell in NC. Lynne had 23 LF BBS 2 month olds available. I, as everyone else does, wanted 4 pullets....not. How do you tell BBS pullets at 2 months. You don't, I bought all 23.

I raised them up and sold all but a pair of Blues. I had BC Marans & LF Ameraucanas and I realized I

loved those fuzzy faces and sold the Marans and so it started. With encouragement from Don Cash, I entered the fall Winston-Salem show in 2014 and showed my first Blue Pullet I raised, who has since been named "Show Chicken". I met a few of our club members at that show, including Don Cash & Jeff & Cheryl Vance and I was hooked. Don & Jeff & Cheryl have really mentored me in Ameraucana genetics and I am very grateful for all their help.

I tried LF for awhile but fell in

love with the Bantams. I started with Bantam Wheatens, then some Silvers, and have now narrowed it down to Bantam Silvers only, because I could see they needed a lot of work. I have been fortunate to have won a lot in my life, mostly with dogs and decided that improving a variety that needs a lot of work would be just as rewarding as Show Champion. I was pleased to have Best of Breed Bantam last fall at Winston-Salem with a Silver Bantam Pullet out of 22 Bantams.

My line of Silvers has very good type and I am working on making them a little smaller, improving their color and also getting their combs better.

But of course I kept "Show Chicken."

-Maggie Maier



BB Bantam Ameraucana , Forsyth Fowl Fanciers  
11/26/16  
Maggie Maier's Silver Bantam Pullet

## A New Breeders Directory is in the Works!

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## 2nd Pre-Qualifying Meet for Self Blues

The Ameraucana Breeders Club is proud to announce the upcoming 2nd Pre-Qualifying Meet for the APA acceptance of the variety of Self-Blue large fowl Ameraucanas in conjunction with our meet at the Dixie Classic, in Knoxville, TN on December 2nd and 3rd, 2017! The Ameraucana Breeders Club initially submitted our petition for acceptance of this beautiful variety in January of 2016 and it was unanimously accepted by the APA Board of Directors at their annual meeting in Modesto, CA, also in January 2016. The first pre-qualifying meet was held in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Poultry show in Shawnee, OK on December 10th, 2016, with Jim Sallee judging.

We invite all self-blue large fowl



Ameraucanas to grow out those chicks this summer and get them ready for show time at one of the best shows in the East – the renowned Dixie Classic! Even if you don't raise self-blues, bring your Ameraucanas. We'll have a great time!

Speaking of meets, the ABC is excited about our upcoming Ameraucana Breeders Club National, hosted by the Minnesota State Poultry Federation, in Hutchinson, MN on Oct 28, 2017. We will have lots of prizes, as well as our on-site and off-site auction, the annual New Member

Drawing – this year it is for a Premier1 Brooder Heater! – and so much more!

The South Central ABC District has already placed their District Meets for this year, as well:

South Central District Meet – Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Show, Fayetteville, AR – 11/4/17

District Meets are like a mini-National, with big prizes, big rosettes, and big smiles for all who attend and join in the fun. Stay tuned for more upcoming District Meets to be announced.

The Ameraucana Breeders Club has just released our newest and best Handbook this Spring. The Handbook is free when you join the ABC, or you can purchase one in our store at [ameraucanabreedersclub.org/abc\\_store](http://ameraucanabreedersclub.org/abc_store).

## North East District Report

Hello to all ABC members in the NE and around the country. Hope you are all enjoying and had a good Spring with many new Ameraucana chicks of all varieties and for those of you raising Self Blues I hope you get them to the qualifying meets coming up in the fall and next year. Spring was not as bad as last year's owl attacks that killed over 90 birds but this year we had foxes grabbing over 28 birds over a 5 week period. Once again birds started disappearing I thought someone was stealing them but when 18 laying hens became 5 I knew a predator was behind the MIAS. Lost several free range blue ameraucanas that laid the nicest blue egg I've seen in a long while plus several rocks and a blue splash trio. The good thing was

that my 4 breeding pens were in use and most of my other breeders were in huge cages so the killing was kept to a minimum. Unfortunately, we have a lot of woods and creeks on the property and a hawk watch mountain near us so the predator population is widespread. I just hatched out my last hatch of the year with lots of whites, silvers, blacks, some blues and a few wheaten/blue wheaten. I also hatched some buffs from pens that several trios live so I think in the fall I will work with blue wheaten for next springs shows. Anyone looking for good show quality birds give me a call and maybe I can help you.

Speaking of shows, attended Sussex County in NJ in April and my old blue wheaten cock got reserve of

breed losing to Tom Kernan's black male. The old bird never fails to show well that's for sure. I think he's about 8 or 9 but his leg color is starting to lose the blue but he's a great show bird. Tom went on to win AOSB with a beautiful Sumatra and AOCCL with a fantastic black male Sumatra. Yours truly ended up on champion row with my white Plymouth rock male as reserve to a Rhode Island red hen. My male is from Matt Martin's stock so thank you Matt. I'm hoping to attend the show in Bath, NY on 9/9 & 9/10 and the Ohio nationals in Columbus on 11/11 & 11/12. Since my district will be hosting the 2018 ABC annual meet it will also most likely be in Columbus

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which is as far west as can be in the Northeast so show your birds there this year and check out the area so you'll know where to stay next year. We're hoping to see our long time friends Neil and Donna Townsend at Bath and Ohio. Always great to spend time with them.

Speaking of good friends, I saw Janet Little at Sussex and met Sarah Meaders for the first time at the show. She and her husband came to the show for an experience so it was nice to see them.

Janet and I go way back and she's always competitive with her wheaten bantams. Still trying to meet up with our meet coordinator Temple DeSilva and hopefully we'll run into

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each other at a future show. Poultry shows are always great places to see old friends make new ones and talk chickens for hours. Don't forget to check out the ABC Web site for a complete list of shows in your area and across the US as well as buy ABC apparel and

other goods. Club secretary Susan Mouw has done a fantastic job getting our site into tip-top shape and always has an answer to any computer problems that crop up from time to time. Visit the site for all things Ameraucana and enjoy the Summer bulletin coming soon pre-

pared by Lindsay Helton who puts a lot of time into your bulletin.



In closing, I want to wish good luck to all our members at any shows you attend and keep working on those Self Blues and Splashes in Blue and wheaten. I had a gorgeous splash wheaten but the fox thought so too. I also

have 2 blue Splashes running around and they are huge. Remember, if you want an ABC meet at a show contact your Director and let's get that meet set. Until Fall, Clion-sky out.

-Larry

## South-East District Report

The weather in much of the South East District has been mild compared to some of the extreme temperature and storm systems this season in other parts of the country. We've had some short stents of hot weather and a good bit of precipitation. But it has not been consistently hot and winter was taken over by milder temps early too. We don't use lights and our birds started laying very early this season. They are taking a break now and some have even started into an early molt. It's probably not the complete molt for the year but the birds and pens look a mess for sure. I am sure they will molt until the temps turn cold again this fall. All the more reason that we don't have early poultry shows in the south.

Please let me know if you have shows that you plan to attend and want to request a meet for the fall season. I would love to hear from some more of the members and to hear where you would like to attend the District meet for the year. We have a number of meets placed in NC, SC and FL. Georgia opened back up after the AI events this spring but we've not had any requests for shows thus far. I hope there is a show near your location where you can get out and promote the breed and

to enjoy discussing the fine points of all of the varieties in LF and bantams. It is great that the numbers of Ameraucanas shown in the district continue to grow. And there are shows across the South Central district easily accessible for most of our members as well. The South Central district members voted to hold their District Meet in Fayetteville AR the first part of November. This was the location for the 2015 ABC National and the show staff worked hard to put on a good show there. This show is well worth the drive to see some of the great birds out of the Mid West hotbed of the breed and meet some of the breeders in that area.

One of the great things about the ABC National is that it rotates around the country to all of the districts so its close enough for almost all of the members to attend once in a while. The National this year is in Hutchinson MN and its early this year. There is still time to place awards or donations for this meet and plan to attend this high points show as well. There was a great auction for the national last year and I hope Gordon can arrange one again this year as well. Last season the National was held in Caldwell Idaho, and next year the ABC National is planned to be in

the North East District. So make plans to get to these shows if you can. It's great to connect with breeders in other areas of the country and compare notes on the varieties you raise.

Also the second pre-qualifying show for the Self Blue variety is planned for the Dixie Classic show in December in Knoxville TN. This historic show has been seeing revival for the past few years and is a great location for many members in the club. They have a newer venue and there are lots of things for the family to visit while in the area. I wouldn't be surprised to hear that Paul and Angela Smith attended all three of the shows mentioned here.

Good luck with all of the young stock for the season. I hope everyone has some champions coming along and you plan some great shows for this fall. Make reservations while there is still time for your first choice hotels. Good Luck with the Ameraucanas and I hope you can enjoy meeting Paul and Angela as well as a good number of other members along the way.

Don Cash

# North Central District Report

Well, June is slipping rapidly away. I assume most of you have shut down the incubators and await fall hatching. I am still trying to get out a couple of more hatches but not without difficulty. We had a violent thunderstorm last Friday evening. Over 76,000 were without power and some are still out of power the following Wednesday. I was one of the 76,000 but did get power back 16 hours later. This did not help with a incubator with over 200 eggs trying to incubate. Well as the old saying goes "Try and Try Again".

How many of you have your calendars marked and road maps out for the 2017 ABC National Show in Hutchinson MN on October 28-29? There is a Trophy donation fund in the ABC Marketplace. If you would care to make a donation, just click on the 2017 ABC Trophy Donation

Fund with the Minnesota State Poultry Assn logo underneath. Also by the time that you are reading this, there should be a thread on the ABC Forum showing how the Silent Auction will work at the 2017 ABC National Show. Donations would be greatly appreciated to help the club offset the costs of the National Show. There will be both on-site and offsite lists for those not able to attend the show. It would be great to see a bunch of the ABC members at the show.

The new 2017 ABC Handbook has now been available for a couple of months. All the reviews on the handbook that I have seen have it as a great improvement over the old handbooks. Thank you to fellow board members and all who wrote

articles in the new handbook! Susan put in a lot of work and guidance for this project, Thank you Susan. If you have not seen the new handbook, it too is available at the ABC Marketplace for \$5 and shipping. While at that site, why not check out the shirts, mugs, tote bags etc. that are available.

Well time to head out, I have to go watch those chicks grow out and hopefully have a few show prospects start appearing! I know many of you are far ahead of myself with your early hatches. Have a good summer.

-Gordon

**Paul and Angela Smith**

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**We are now accepting orders for large fowl Ameraucana day old chicks in black, blue, splash, blue wheaten, wheaten, splash wheaten, white, self blue and self blue splits for our Sept. through June hatches. We plan to have a hatch each month in Sept.,**

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Is there something in particular that you would like covered in our next bulletin? Contact me, Lindsay Helton, at [22wareagle22@gmail.com](mailto:22wareagle22@gmail.com) and I'll be happy to help!

### Treasurers Report:

Income:	Expenses
Sales 445.25	Bank Fees (Paypal) 157.27
Ads 1322.50	Advertising 667.50
Dues-New Members 1238.00	Supplies 349.79
Dues-Renewals 1222.00	Postage 500.84
Donations 110.00	Online Store 114.25
Postage & Handling 100.63	Internet 237.34
Total Income 4438.38	Election expense 49.00
Total Cash & Income 11205.88	Awards, ribbons 1098.96
	Software 195.55
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