

# AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB BULLETIN

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*Ameraucana Breeders Club, 4599 Lange, Birch Run, MI 48415*

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**"Annual dues...shall be payable on January 1<sup>st</sup> for each...year".**

As of 8/18/00 we have 102 paid ABC memberships.

Please Let me know of any e-mail or street address changes and corrections.

## Treasurers Report

5/16/00 - 8/18/00

ABC Checking Account #16980-10	
Frankenmuth Credit Union, 485 N. Main, Frankenmuth, MI	
Starting Balance,	\$601.27
Income - Membership Dues & Donations,	\$117.50
Income - Handbook Sales,	\$42.00
Income - Designated for Awards,	\$125.00
Subtotal,	\$885.77
Expense - Postage,	\$165.00
Expense - Supplies & Printing,	\$84.41



Expense - Cash Awards for National Meet	\$0.00
Expense - APA Web Site Link Annual Fee	\$0.00
Expense - Returned check fee	\$4.00
<u>Balance as of 8/18/00</u>	<u>\$632.36</u>

Respectfully Submitted, John W. Blehm, Secretary/Treasurer

### CLUB NOTES

Did you see our club ad on page 42 of July's Poultry Press? Yes, it was a mistake on their part and should be good for a laugh.

New club officers will take office on 1/1/01. The ballot is included with this Bulletin.

HELP! Christe Nass has joined the club, but I can't find an address for her. If you can help with any information about her please contact me. Also, the last Bulletin that I sent to Richard Matthiesen came back stamped "UNABLE TO FORWARD". If you have info on him please let me know.

The deadline to submit articles & ads for the next bulletin is November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Advertising in this Bulletin is FREE to all members. Mike Gilbert has "year 2000 hatch bantams available in white. Also a few in brown-red and buff".

Some of the filler ads and photos in this Bulletin are borrowed from the Poultry Press.

We only have 2 copies of the club's original ABC Handbook for sale at \$15 each and extra copies of our current ABC handbook for \$6 each. Both prices include shipping.

### SHOW REPORTS

Dairyland Classic, Badger Poultry Club, Muscoda, WI, 6/3/00

Bantams: 2 birds exhibited by Roger Vander Ploeg. Judge: Dennis Thompson

BB=wheaten cock & RB=wheaten pullet

We mentioned in a prior bulletin that the Robert Walchak family of Holmen, Wisconsin, had won champion bantam of the 1999 LaCrosse Interstate Fair on a white Ameraucana pullet. History repeats itself. They won champion bantam of the 2000 fair on a pullet that is out of the first one. Larry Peterson, past president of the American Bantam Association, judged the show both years. And apparently these whites are not just a female line. The Walchaks were persuaded to part with a few white chicks last January. We just learned that member Gary Rossman took three of those birds to the Wisconsin State Fair, a 1500 bird show. A white Ameraucana cockerel went reserve champion bantam overall, while a white Ameraucana pullet took reserve AOCCL (to the cockerel of course). This time the honors were conferred by APA judge Terry Britt. Congratulations to ABC members: the Robert Walchak family and Gary Rossman.

### CLUB MEETS

Since ABC District Directors place State and Special Meets at the request of our members, please let your Director know of your wishes.

FORSYTH FOWL FANCIERS CLUB - Winston/Salem, NC - 2000

BLACKHAWK - Janesville, WI - Special Meet, 9/9/00

Joan Laue, W3871 Maclean Rd., Elkhorn, WI 53121

SAULK TRAIL POULTRY CLUB - Hillsdale, MI - Special Meet, 9/9/00

Jack Gabbard, 6811 E. Chicago, Jonesville, MI 49250

ILLINI - Belvidere, IL - State Meet, 9/16-17/00  
 Ruth Ann Van Fleet, 11099 Beloit Road, Belvidere, IL 61008  
 WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL - Janesville, WI District Meet, 9/23-24/00  
 Byron and Laura Kershaw, N 5514 Dunning Road, Pardeeville, WI 53954  
 BLUE RIDGE POULTRY CLUB - Galax, VA - Oct., 2000  
 BEAVER DAM, WI - State Meet, 10/14 & 15/00  
 Mike Smith, N 4960 Cty Hwy TT, Columbus, WI 53925  
 BAY CITY POULTRY ASSOCIATION - Alma, MI - State Meet, 10/14-15/00  
 Dick Ross, 2180 Froede, Caro, MI 48723  
 2000 ABC National - The Minnesota State Poultry Assoc. show at Hutchinson, MN October  
 28-29. The show will be at the Fairgrounds on the south edge of town. For show  
 information contact Mary Ann Rademacher, 9185 Co. Rd. 10E, Wacona, MN 55387.  
 EASTERN IOWA - State Meet, 11/24 & 25/00  
 Phil Shank, 1355 Elm Ave., Wellman, IA 52356  
 PEACH STATE POULTRY FANCIERS - Commerce, GA - Jan., 2001  
 2001 ABC National - The Blue Ridge Poultry Club's Fall Show in Galax, VA., Oct. 2001  
 2002 ABC National - Columbus, Ohio ? (maybe)

### Articles & Reports

#### GET PATCHED IN 2000 by Rene Koch

The patch wait is almost over. Our first batch being lost by the Post Office which is really hard to say since my husband Bill works for them. Well things happen, so they have now been reordered and not out of state. They are being done by Personal Touch Monogramming in Onalaska, Wi. all the digital work will be done Thursday and the patch will be done before Sept. 14th. They are a four inch patch with a wheaten hen on a brown/rust background with black edging and lettering. Ron and I have had work done by them in the past and it was top notch.

I will have an additional \$50 in set up cost which I'm paying out of my own pocket.

Thanks again to all who contributed to this project.

John Blehm \$50, Scott and Kay Eutsler \$50, Ron Klemmedson \$50, Mike Gilbert \$50, Arne Schmidt \$50, Neil and Donna Townsend \$50, Rene Koch \$150.

Do not allow yourself to be deluded by evil associates. Make your friends those who are considerate both of other people and of animals.

To get your patches and pricing information contact Rene at (608) 783-0649 or e-mail [tsunami@centuryinter.net](mailto:tsunami@centuryinter.net)

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Nice Show  
 Reserve SCCL  
 Buff Orpington hen  
 Best Ameraucana - Wheaten hen  
 Roger Vander Ploeg  
 1-515-423-2112  
 Mason City, Iowa

BB Ameraucana LF on Black pullet  
 BV-RV Buff Leghorn Bantam  
 BV-RV Light Brown  
 Leghorn Bantam  
 BV (and only) Golden Leghorn Bantam  
 Jay Horn 1-805-481-7925

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - AUGUST 2000**

Submitted by Mike Gilbert

The Ameraucana Breeders Club national meet scheduled for October 28-29, 2000, at Hutchinson, Minnesota, is shaping up to be the largest Ameraucana show EVER. Rumors and reports have members from Virginia to California and from Texas to the U.P. of Michigan participating in this event. Not to mention many points in between. See the Minnesota Club ad in Poultry Press.

Ron Klemmedson, Central District Director, has issued the following admonition to the rest of the country: "WATCH OUT FOR THE CHEESEHEADS!" If any explanation is needed, be sure to contact Ron. He and poultry-partner Rene Koch will be happy to explain. Rene will be defending her title as winner of last year's national meet.

Besides the usual fellowship, exchange of ideas, "horsetrading," etc., we will hold our annual business meeting. Included will be the awards presentations and, hopefully, an introduction of our entire new slate of officers - if election results are available by that time. Any member can mail or e-mail agenda items to me by at least the 15th of October. Why not make plans (and motel reservations) now to join the festivities and do your part to overcome the "cheesehead challenge?"

This year we will resume the practice of providing cash awards for displays. For readers unfamiliar with the A.P.A./A.B.A. rules, a display consists of at least one entry of a single variety in each of the following classes: cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, and old or young trio. So the minimum number of birds is seven, and the sky is the limit. Points are earned for each placing within a class depending upon the total number of entries in that class. For example, a first place black bantam hen in a class of six black hens would earn more points than a first place buff hen in a class of four buff hens - even though the buff hen might be a superior bird to the black one. It works strictly on a point system; the idea is to encourage a maximum number of entries.

One other note. We are in the process of assembling a breeder's directory that will be computerized to facilitate fast and easy updates. If you have not yet sent your directory information to me, please do so now if you wish to be included. What is needed is your name, address, phone and/or e-mail address, varieties of standard and/or bantam Ameraucanas you raise, and whether or not you ship adult/started stock, chicks, or hatching eggs. We need your participation to make this project a success. Thank you!

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**ON TO MINNESOTA**

by Don Cable

As the fall show season approaches I am reminded that this year we will holding our 20th National Meet. Twenty years of annual meets and gatherings!

It has been my pleasure to have attended five- not a great record but such is the result of living in an area remote from Cheesehead Country, our Central District, the traditional hotbed of Ameraucana activity.

I have every intention of attending this year's get -together however, and expect great things for the club and the breed. We will no doubt have an outstanding display of poultry,

and a fine array of awards, but more importantly, we will have that rare opportunity to once again meet and renew old friendships, make new friends and generally enjoy the company of like-minded fanciers devoted to the best of all breeds.

Speaking of "old friends", I would love to see such old time Ameraucana people such as Bernard "Pop" Kellogg, Jerry "Highpockets" Segler and of course my long time partner and pal, President Mike Gilbert. It will be good to see our hard-working Secretary, John Blehm, who so ably brought the club into the 21st Century along with the internet and has carried the burden these past years. I look forward too, in finally meeting after all these years, fellow charter member Ron Klemmedson.

Ron has been kind enough to share photographs showing his progress with Golden Quail, the new bantam variety that he has been working with. It is a stunning color pattern and I look forward to seeing a display of them at Hutchinson. He also sent along a photo of "Charley", last year's Champion Ameraucana shown by Rene Koch. This Wheatie has been eating his Wheaties! I was impressed by Charley's wealth of feather and good, clean hackle. Those of you who have worked with the Wheatie (NOT wheaTON) variety know that hackle striping can be an ongoing problem with this popular variety, and a clear hackle is no mean achievement. I hope to see him, Rene!

Look for me at Hutchinson in the Ameraucana aisle. See you there!

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### RAMBLING THOUGHTS

by Central District Director, Ron Klemmedson

Show season starts next month and we have only a few weeks now to get those birds ready. Labor day weekend is when I get my bantams blood tested and move them down to the garage which serves as a quarantine area. Each bird is kept in a separate cage. This accustoms them to show cooping and handling and makes it easy to observe them. At this point I increase the vitamins from two times to three times a week.

Seems like I never finish building cages. I have increased my "over the winter" capacity from 17 to 25 bantams.

It is interesting to note that some of the people actively involved with Ameraucanas are also avid pigeon fanciers. I have just received a letter from Don Cable with photos of his new English style flying Roller loft. Don is one of the three charter members of the ABC raising Ameraucanas at the present time. The other two are Mile Gilbert and myself. Mike, of course, has never been without Ameraucanas, while Don and I did have a few years "bird-less". I missed them and am so glad to be back in the fancy. Bernard Kellogg and Jerry Segler are still ABC members but I don't believe either has Ameraucanas currently...

As my friends well know, I have my little pet peeves. One of them is size. We have ideal weights in our standard, but one never sees a scale at the show. Why bother listing ideal weights? Years ago a good friend of mine, Al Meier, was chairman of the American Rabbit Breeders Assoc. Standards committee. He used to write a monthly column for their publication signed F. Duddy. Maybe we need something like that. I admit to being eminently qualified as a fuddy duddy.

With regards to writing, I would really appreciate some news from you members out there. I would especially like news from out junior members. We have a new member family from

Blair, WI., The Wozneys. Adam Wozney had BB Ameraucana bantam and Reserve Ch. AOCCL on a Golden Quail cockeral at the Trempealeau Co. Fair. He and his mother, Dawn, plan on attending our National meet at "Hutch"

Boy! is that going to be a show! Besides a lot of cheese heads, John Blehm will be there, The Eutslers from VA., the Smiths from Texas, Townsends from PA., Don Cable from Calif, and hopefully the Kibbees from Mont. WOW! See you there.

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### WESTERN DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Koralyn Kibbee

...the Gallatin County Fair...It was so very hot. I was 3 days w/the 4-H, I am now a leader again, I really love helping the kids & our show, was great. Then the open youth show, I had 14 kids & did a special thing w/them, 1 on 1 judging, at their cage - also some at table, like a round table talk show!

...On to Great Falls, Aug, 3, 4 & 5<sup>th</sup>. It was so hot, Larry came up to coop in & came home. The babies (chicks) need constant care. I was in charge of the youth show, so it was a very-full day. The youth are all-ways a joy to work with and they are improving so much. Not much of a class for Ameraucanas, in the bantams, someone entered 15 wheaten, but didn't show up. I entered 4 whites, and 2 blue wheaten cock birds, these were 2 blue - gold (cross-colors) I never saw the exhibitor. There were 8 large Ameraucanas, mine & Betty's got a disq. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> show - but in show 1, Betty won...so it "goes" 1 judge & then another judge: I won the bantams AOCCL. It was a good show, nearly 450 or more... We were pleased to meet Roger Vander Ploeg. His daughter & grand-children live in Mont. and this was their 1<sup>st</sup> poultry show. Really nice to get some "new" interest in our state!

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### Ziggy by Tom Wilson

AUGUST 2000



CHAMPION AMERAUCANA BANTAM, A WHEATEN HEN  
BY ROGER VANDERPLOEG



The Following is from the "Salsbury Manual of Poultry Diseases" (Seventh Edition)

## Leukosis Complex

(Leukosis)

Diseases contained under the heading of leukosis complex have several similar characteristics. Although each of these diseases produces similar appearing tumors, they are caused by different viruses. The four main diseases to be discussed are Marek's Disease, Lymphoid Leukosis, Reticuloendotheliosis, and Lymphoproliferative Disease of Turkeys. There are many other diseases associated with the leukosis complex, but these occur rarely. Even with laboratory assistance, it is sometimes difficult to differentiate between diseases in the leukosis complex. In addition, birds may be infected with more than one of the tumor causing viruses at a time. With the exception of osteopetrosis, these tumors originate with blood cells, such as lymphocytes.

### MAREK'S DISEASE

(MD, Range Paralysis, Fowl Paralysis, Neural Leukosis, Gray Eye)

In economic loss, Marek's disease is a most important malady of chickens. It often causes severe death loss in pullet flocks and has been a major cause of condemnations at the broiler processing plant. Generally, chickens under 16 weeks of age are most often affected.

Caused by a herpesvirus, the disease is often characterized by abnormal cell growth in the peripheral nerves and central nervous system. Hence, the common name for one form of Marek's: fowl paralysis. In addition to the nerves, however, the disease also may cause lesions on visceral organs and other tissues, including the eyes and the feather follicles. The most prominent lesions may be tumors on the liver, kidneys, testes, ova, spleen, and lungs. In such cases, nerve swelling may not be involved.



Marek's disease. Tumors on the liver and other visceral organs are often noted. Leg and wing nerves may be swollen.

**How Spread.** The disease is spread by chicken "dander" from feather follicles. The virus also is excreted in the saliva, and virus probably enters the body through the respiratory system. Transmission via the egg is not significant.

**Signs.** Some chickens die without any clinical signs of Marek's disease. Most of the affected birds will have some degree of paralysis, although chickens with the acute form may not show this condition. Those with paralysis may die because they are unable to reach feed and water. The first indication of infection is a variation in the growth rate and degree of feathering.

**Lesions.** Swelling of the peripheral nerves, particularly of the nerves of the leg and wing, is often noticeable. The visceral organs may contain tumors. Such tumor lesions may be confused with those of others in the leukosis complex without a qualified laboratory diagnosis. Unlike lymphoid leukosis, the bursa is seldom affected in MD.

**Prevention.** Tumor formation from MD can be prevented through vaccination. Usually, a herpes virus of turkeys (HVT) origin vaccine is used. Vaccination at 1 day of age usually protects birds through their lifetime. There is no treatment for Marek's disease. It is possible to breed birds that have a high resistance to the disease.



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### Ameraucana



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## SILVER AMERAUCANA BANTAMS

By Mike Gilbert - August 2000

For quite a number of years now, Silver Ameraucana bantams have rarely been seen in the showroom. In fact, since the brown-red variety has gained prominence in recent times, the silvers could now be classified as the most rare of all the officially recognized bantam Ameraucana varieties.

According to charter member Jerry Segler, the first known bantam silvers were raised by the late Ralph Brazelton of Axtel, Kansas. This is the same Ralph Brazelton who was known as one of the finest Orpington breeders of all time. I had the privilege of meeting Ralph at a Milwaukee show in the early 1980's, but he did not divulge much information about his blue-egg chickens, as he had given them up by that time. Whether Ralph developed them himself or acquired them from another breeder is a fact which may be forever unknown.

At any rate, Jerry acquired stock in bantam whites and silvers from Mr. Brazelton in the early 1970's, if memory serves. I don't believe his silvers were a finished product, in that shank color and certain other traits were somewhat inconsistent.

Jerry worked with them for quite some time. Unfortunately the entire original line has to the best of my knowledge been lost. Too few breeders, too many predators, and a host of other factors contributed to their demise. Oh, there were problems with crossed beaks, dominant autosomal red in the male plumage, etc., but at least a few good ones were produced and successfully exhibited. In fact a silver pullet was reserve Ameraucana bantam at the 1983 Ohio National. This was the A.P.A. qualifying meet for Ameraucana bantams and about 70 were shown. Those of us who attended will never forget it.

When we first realized the silver bantams had died out, John Blehm and I undertook the task of recreating them "from scratch" (no pun intended). John would start with Black Ameraucana bantams crossed with Silver Duckwing Old English Game bantams. Later, he would use some large fowl Silver Ameraucana blood as well. It should be noted that silver duckwing differs from the silver (as in Leghorns and Ameraucanas) primarily in that male duckwings have clean hackles and saddles, while male silvers will have dull black striping in those areas, especially the hackles. The females of both varieties have the familiar salmon breasted, ashy gray body, and dark tail coloring. See the A.P.A. or A.B.A. Standard for a more complete color descriptions. The genetic factor for hackle striping is Columbian (Co) and would likely be carried by the black Ameraucana bantams; if not it could be introduced via the large silvers.

Meanwhile, my attempt would be made by crossing White Ameraucana bantams with Silver Leghorn bantams. This would be difficult because of the introduction of white earlobes and yellow shank epidermis. But remembering Ralph Sturgeon's advice, "Start where you are with what you have," the decision was made to proceed. One advantage was that the female Silver Leghorn used had very nice stippling and very little shafting in her back and body feathers. I also used her sire over a white Ameraucana bantam female. The progeny of each cross were subsequently mated together.

John and I are now partway through these projects, and we are both making slow progress. We anticipate a merger of the two independent strains very soon, and will attempt to perpetuate the best features of both while eliminating undesirable traits. It is our



understanding that one or two other A.B.C. members are working on silver bantams as well. We would love to hear a progress report from anyone working on this variety: What was your plan? How is it working out? In hindsight would you do anything differently? Would you consider writing an article for the quarterly bulletin?

The more strains available, the less likelihood that too-close inbreeding will be a problem in the future. Hopefully we will see Silver Ameraucana bantams competing at the shows again very soon.

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### Correspondences

Following are some of the correspondences that Mike and I have received over the past few months. Some have been edited and often, in order to save space, I have taken out carriage returns and double spacing. I assume as club Secretary that if you send a correspondence to me, it is OK to share it in the Bulletin unless you let me know otherwise.

5/21/00

Hi~

*I found your site extremely exciting! FINALLY, I know what I have in my backyard! I spent almost 2 hours selecting 4 birds(each a different breed)at a local feed store. They were only five day old hatchlings, but I looked for a certain "specialness". The chick that I chose for my own personal pet was what was supposed to be "aracaunda". The one I picked (out of like 100 babies!) caught my attention because she seemed to have a fluffy head. None of the others had that. The only thing I knew was that that breed laid colored eggs. Anyway, my chick was SOOOOOOOO ugly compared to the others that I'd chosen for my kids. She was like the ugly duckling. The kids laughed at how mom chose such an incredibly ugly chicken. And to top it off, she had fluffy ears, and soon began to grow a beard above her long gangly neck. Imagine our suprise to see her muddy, mottled brownish fuzz turn into a gorgeous coat (!) of gold and rich browns! She has a long swanlike neck and a sweet personality. Oh, and yes, she has a tail and a very nice beard that she likes to be kissed on. Did I mention these are family pets? lol. Well, last week, my daughter's chicken proved his gender by waking us at 5:30 to the sound of what seemed to be a strangling cat! He's a white legger. We have a Rhode Island Red and a Barred Rock. Anyway, I have a long history of animal husbandry; I work as a vet-tech, and spent years running a persian cattery, where I created my own line---with a trademark sweet-faced look, and much dabbling in breeding for robust whites with blue and odd eyes. That was a dream! I think now ya have me interested in neutering my white legger cock, and buying another "Americauna"-only this time HOPING for a male! :) What do you think? What can we do with this breed? Can they be shown? What do chicken fancier/breeders call themselves? (Please don't say chicken farmer!) I think I'd like to send a pic of Penny so you can confirm her color and qualifying conformation. Hope to hear back from someone. Thanks- Michelle*

5/22/00

Hi,

*I was surfing gardening sites and somehow landed on chickens (ouch !?!). Much to my dismay, I found out my new chicks probably aren't what I thought they were. Following Martha Stewart's lead, I ordered "araucana" chicks from Murray McMurray Hatchery. I received them two weeks ago and am thoroughly enjoying them. I'll love them even if they are "mongrels", but what breed(s) do you suppose they are?*

*I thought Matha knew everything. Hah! :o)*

*Eagerly anticipating your reply.*

*Heidee Vansant, Columbiana, Alabama USA*

5/23/00

*i am trying to find out about the quality of the eggs for eating purposes, we have to educate our locals and somebody told me that the colored eggs have less cholesterol than standard eggs i also have one that lays double yolk eggs. could you please let me know of anything*

*that will help us sell our farm eggs to the locals that usually want brown eggs. thanks, Darilyne*

5/23/00

*Greetings.*

*We would like some information on how and where to purchase Ameraucana chickens.*

*We would like to either find a source in Europe or find out if it is possible to ship to France from the U.S. We have a friend in France that has many varieties of chickens at her farm, but had never heard of Ameraucanas. We have previously had various breeds of chickens, including Ameraucanas, at our ranch in Utah prior to moving to Los Angeles. We are not serious chicken fanciers, but enjoy them around the farm grounds and for their eggs.*

*Thank you. Stephen or Karen Wayda 805-480-3406*

5/24/00

*Hello, just got my first ABC bulletin! Wanted to say thank-you and tell you how much I enjoyed it!*

*Since several correspondences said they were just getting started---I was wondering if you could include a small section for poultry terms and their meaning, use etc.? Maybe only two or three words per newsletter. I have been online, visiting several poultry forums and I don't understand some of the terms out there! I hope I am not the only newcomer with this problem!*

*Thanks again for a great newsletter! Debbie Tyner*

**MY REPLY**

Thanks. That's a good idea. I think we should include a page on poultry terms in the Handbook, when we get around to printing a new one. That way every new member would have it.

5/29/00

*I live in Canada (near Toronto) and I am getting my first batch of assorted brown laying chickens ( Four weeks old), but I would love to get some Araucana chickens...I have checked on the web, but haven't found a source for these birds ! Can you help me locate some?*

*Glenn R. Jones*

6/1/00

*Hi,*

*I just received a shipment of "exhibition" Black Ameraucana chicks from a breeder. However, after close inspection of the peeps I noticed many dissimilarities. Some are all black while others are black with white or ivory undersides similar to Black Australorps and one even has some ivory spots over it's eyes. Most have black legs with one or more yellow toes, some solid black legs and toes (I would think yellow in the feet would be a DQ- -don't know the APA Standard yet). And a couple have reddish color on their heads. Is all this variation normal in a pure, exhibition strain of Black Ameraucanas? Please be honest with me. I swear I won't mention your name to the breeder. I need the information for several reasons: 1) I don't want to do business again with someone who misrepresents their stock; 2) I don't want to raise and market these birds as "pure," "show quality," or "exhibition quality" when they are not; and 3) as a beginner in raising poultry for show, I'm curious to learn if "pure" Ameraucanas sometimes don't breed true because they are a relatively new breed.*

*Thank you so much for your time a trouble in answering my query.*

*Chuck Smith*

**MIKE'S REPLY**

*Chuck, this is Mike Gilbert, president of the Ameraucana club. John Blehm asked that I respond to your message. I think I can predict where your black chicks came from. Not that many folks ship Ameraucana chicks in "pure" varieties.*

*I would not be too quick to judge the quality of your birds based on the chick down or the leg color. It takes eight to ten weeks for shank color to develop. Wheaten chicks, for example, are hatched with yellowish-pink legs but they turn dark later. White markings in the chick down does not mean, necessarily, the chicks will be multicolored as adults. This breeder may have crossed more than one strain and ended up with less than uniform results. I would be a little more concerned about the brownish tinge on some of them. That sounds like brown-red instead of black. If you get any good brown-reds, especially a male, let me know as I am looking for one. Thanks for contacting the ABC with your concerns, and please let us know if there is anything we can do to help. My advice right now is to just grow out the chicks and see what develops. Then, if you get a high percentage of culls, let the guy know and ask for a partial refund.*

6/4/00

*This is for Gus Vinhage - hope I have the right address! Anyway, Gus, I received your letter of May 18th updating progress on the color project. Thanks for confirming our payment has been received. Please note, however, the A.B.A. is not spelling our breed name*

correctly. It should be Ameraucana instead of Ameracauna (my 1997 Bantam Standard has it right). Thanks for taking care of this.  
Mike Gilbert, president, Ameraucana Breeders Club.

6/7/00

John,

Please tell me more about the americauna (vs. the Araucana) chicken. I bought 6 pullets today that I was told were araucanas, however, they have tails and no ear tufts. They look remarkably like the hen on the website where I got your e-mail address. The breeder says they will lay the blue and green eggs. I guess I should have looked them up before I purchased them.

Thanks, Tina Brown, Ashland, VA

SCOTT'S REPLY

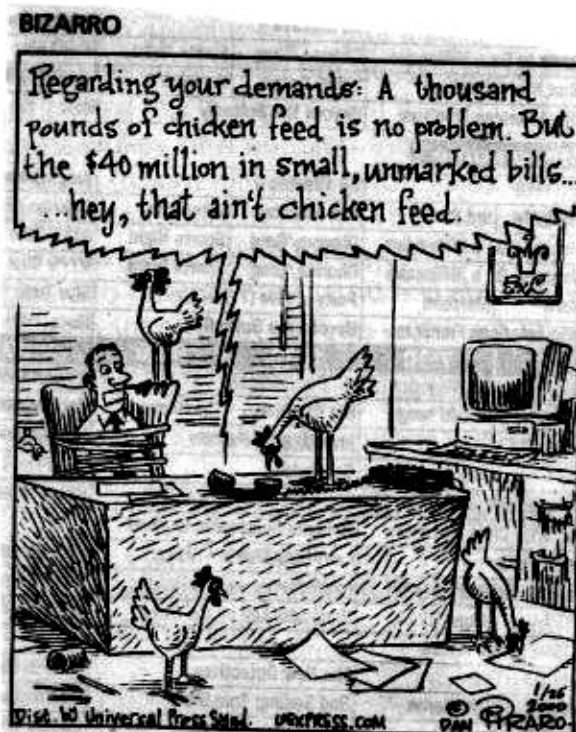
Hello from Va

We have some chicks, are you interested in large fowl or bantams. We mostly have the Brown-red in color. If you are interested let us know the chicks are ameraucanas. In the large fowl we also have silver and Wheaten. In the bantams we also have golden quail, wheaten and blue wheaten and black. Thanks to Mike Gilbert's work the Brown-red variety is pretty much on track for color and form. The rest of the club is working on different color varieties to bring them all up to where they need to be. We will be glad to help you out. Just let us know what you would like. Our email address is tucherth@swva. Our phone is 540-694-5910 if we are not at home please leave a message. If calling about chicks please call after 8 and before 10pm.

Thanks a lot. Spirithaven Farm, Kay and Scott



"He's faking it. Chickens don't have knees."



6/11/00 - This message is in regards to web sites and exchanging links.

Hi Mike,

We always have room for one more! You've got a nice site for these birds, I am particularly impressed with the immaculate condition of the two white males on the photo pages. Just give us a little bit of time and we will have you up on the link page. Do you have a link page so we can exchange links? I almost always have at least one of these birds in my laying flock...can't keep roosters here in the L.A. megalopolis but you are generally allowed a small number of hens in some suburbs. Keep up the good work with your birds!

Diane Jacky

6/14/00

Dear John, when attending and exhibiting birds at a show when the temperatures are in the 90's and 100's this works. Take a hand towel and dip it in cold water and wring it out. Take a safety pin and drape the towel around your neck and shoulders pin the towel in place. This is a good hint for judges as well. We had 2 days in Bozeman, Montana in 98 that it was over a hundred. I have a friend that golf's and she told me about this trick. The chicks are almost out of the double ugly stage and some of the black ones sure have a muff. The blue ones are by far my favorite. Betty Rundquist

6/14/00

The site I linked us to is [www.poultryconnection.com](http://www.poultryconnection.com). It has more links to poultry spots on the web than any other place I have found, and I just thought we should be a part of it. Let me know what you think!

Mike Gilbert

6/21/00 - Angus is one of our junior members.

Dear Angus,

I'm very glad you like the wheaten Ameraucana bantams. It would be difficult to give you good advice as to which ones are better for your fair without actually seeing the birds, or at least photographs. How soon is your fair? If you have time, why don't you send me a picture of each one, and I will return them with comments. Thank you for doing a good job of raising them. Will you try to hatch some chicks out of their eggs for your fair next year?

Sincerely, Mike Gilbert

6/22/00

Hello, John,

My name is Gerry Thompson, and I've been raising poultry for a year now, and am totally addicted to it. I've decided that what I want to do is to raise the Ameraucana standard chicken, as not only do they lay beautiful eggs, but they are also a beautiful breed, and the ones I currently have are very friendly. I am looking for TRUE Ameraucana hatching eggs, and am hesitate to go to the hatcheries that label them "Auracana" eggs, when I know they are not, but I also do not know if they are really Ameraucana. Would you be so kind as to point me in the right direction and let me know where I can find some true Ameraucana hatching eggs. I appreciate your time. Thank you very much. Oh, and by the way. At the

*1st of the month, I will be joining your organization! Am excited about that too.  
Thanks, again. Mrs. Gerry Thompson, Bedias, TX*

*6/24/00*

*Hi! My name is Laura, and a week ago I bought 15 chicks in which the feed store called Araucanas. I am not too worried because I am not interested in showing the chickens but I just wanted to know what they were since I know they are not Arucanas! 12 of them are brownish-red with white and brown speckles, 1 of them is more of a light tanish color with blue and a little darker brown w/ white speckles, and 2 are yellowish w/1 having a peachy cast to it (especially round the wings where it turns a little tanish pink) and the other having a greenish cast to it, fading into a white and soft yellow. They are all layers from my knowledge ( that is just what the feed store said so i don't know if i can trust it! how can I tell what they are?)& they are about 2-3 weeks old(can fit in the palm of your hand but have wing feathers) hope you can help if not could you maybe list some sites that can?*

*Thank You! Laura*

*6/26/00*

*Hi John,*

*I am a member of the Araucana Club, and am quite devoted to that wacky breed. I am, however, sick of "banging my head against the wall" and would like to obtain a few bantam Ameraucanas, as soon as I can keep birds again (probably by Sept.) I live inside the city limits of Sacramento, CA and recently had to place all of my birds w/ other Araucana breeders after a new (and fortunately temporary) neighbor moved into the house behind me and complained to Animal Control. I realize things were a little out-of-control, and I had far too many birds here for a city gal--at last count fifty-something. Of course, w/Araucanas, you need to hatch virtually every egg you get your hands on if you want a remote chance of getting anything decent. Then, I make pets of all of them so it becomes too hard to give them up. I would like to start w/ the best possible stock, price is no object. In the long run, it's far cheaper to start w/ good stock, rather than starting w/poor and breeding for generations to improve it. I'm not sure which colors to go for yet. Are there any pictures I can see online of various examples of bantam Ameraucanas? Does anyone have any homepages w/pics of their birds? Also, I really want to find stock hatched from true-blue eggs. Is that really difficult? I know w/ "true Araucanas" it is. So far, all of my A hens have laid various shades of light green eggs. Even the trio I purchased from a prominent Southern California breeder laid green eggs, so I'm guessing that the same situation exists w/ Ameraucanas. Any info. you could pass on to me would be much appreciated. I'm attaching a couple of pics of my A's which are now living in homes all over the country (but not mine :-)(The gal w/ the magnificent tufts is actually a tailed bird (whoops!) but I cropped the pic and can pretend she's perfect....*

*Thanks, Susan Watanabe*

*7/6/00*

*I've been raising Americaunas for a couple years now and have been selecting for certain plumage and egg color. Almost all of my birds lay green eggs as I've only been hatching*

green-egg birds for two generations now. I would like to get some white, full-size hens that lay blue eggs to mix with my flock. I live about twenty miles north east of Baltimore; does anyone within driving distance of my place have such birds for sale?

Paul Intihar, Joppa, Maryland

7/11/00

Hello:

I am a beginning private collector of items that have a rooster image. I am interested in knowing about the collector items you offer for sale. In addition, I would like to get email addresses of other similar organizations that sell things like patches, pins, logos, etc. Finally, I will appreciate finding out the names of the gift shops, etc. that specialize in selling poultry-related gift items. I will greatly appreciate any help.

Thank you. George Levoy, P.O. Box 8500, Chula Vista, CA 91912-8500

7/11/00

George,

Ebay offers a lot of rooster related items up for bids. My wife likes a catalog called Terry's village that has quite a few poultry related items. I believe you can go online and buy things from Terry's Village. My wife also likes the website [www.chickenchic.com](http://www.chickenchic.com), I believe that is correct. My wife spots a rooster or hen item faster than anyone I know when we go places. If I find out of any more places I will let you know.

Sincerely, Alfred L. Owens

7/12/00

Hi John

we farm over here in zambia and would like some easter egg chicken eggs for hatching so as to sell blue eggs here on the market can you help  
dylan chivers, mumpilo farm, lusaka, zambia

### Youth Show

Best American - Matt - White  
Rock cockerel, Best Light  
Duck - Becky, Khaki  
Campbell, cockerel, Champion  
Medium Duck - Matt - Saxony  
cockerel, Reserve Medium  
Duck - Matt - Saxony pullet,  
Best Heavy - Becky - Rouen  
cockerel, Reserve Heavy -  
Becky - Silver Appleyard pullet



Open Show: Champion English - Buff Orpington hen - Neil  
Reserve English - Black Orpington cockerel - Neil  
BB Ameraucana - Wheaten hen - Reserve AOCCL - Donna  
BB Ameraucana Large Fowl - White cockerel - Neil  
Loud and Proud Poultry Neil & Donna Townsend 1-814-425-3313  
22769 Steen Hill Road Cochran, Pennsylvania 16314-9603



Champion Large Trio  
Buckeyes  
Champion Mediterranean  
Blue Andalusian hen  
Champion Large Display  
Buckeyes  
Champion & Reserve French Guineas  
Thanks for beautiful weather and show  
Ruth Whitney  
Kim and Ed Smith

7/15/00

*I did something dumb! I deleted the survey list by accident. Would you E-mail me another one, Please. My ameraucana(large) are looking really good. The black pullets are the best and I have 2 good silvers, one pullet and one cockerel. One of the Blue pullets also very nice. I have entered the Fair in Bozeman, Montana. I have been sick all the last week and I haven't started with some of the grooming, like washing. The medicine they gave me makes me sick and I have no choice. I have been a real zero all week and I have 2 more days to take it. I had an acute bladder infection and run a fever just under 104. I has really zapped me. The show is the 21-22.*

Betty Rundquist

7/15/00

*Am interested in purchasing some Ameracaunas but have a couple of questions. Last year I raised a dozen Rhode Island Reds. Was very happy with the eggs they produced and the meat they provided after they were 8 months old. I understand the Ameracauna eggs are lower cholesterol. But, am still interested in using them for meat as well. Would they be good for that? Can they withstand temperatures in central Penna during the wintertime (I have an indoor coop with an outside run).*

Thanks. Sue

7/18/00

*I find it necessary to advise you of a decision relative to my holding office in the Ameraucana Breeders Club.*

*This week I have taken the initial steps that will lead me to the pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church. The required education and other duties and obligations will greatly reduce my involvement in the poultry fancy. In my own best interest and consideration for the club and the church I withdraw my name from further consideration for the office of President in the Ameraucana Breeders Club.*

*I regret the necessity of the decision but rejoice in the opportunity to serve the Lord.*

Jim Fegan

7/22/00

*My Ameraucanas' are almost full grown and I wanted to know.....Is there any special foods to give to help with the coloring of their eggs? Or, is there any certain food I should be giving them other than regular chicken feed and laying mash?*

Thank you. Jo Samuels

7/24/00

*is there a list of breeders/hatcheries anywhere? am interested in large fowl ameraucana and need to find a source for these birds most hatcheries seem to either not know anything about these birds or confuse them with the araucana/eastereggers i am new to this so i want to make sure i start out with good quality stock tried hatching some eggs, but this was a complete failure after ruining \$40 worth of eggs i give that idea up looking for day old/started chicks any help you can give would be greatly appreciated*



7/24/00

Hello,

*My daughter took poultry in 4-H this year. She raised one chick that was said to be an Araucana but the judge said it wasn't because it should have been rump less. So it was closer to a Ameraucana, but even at that it should have had a pea comb. Her pullet is very pretty an she likes a lot. But could you send us information on what a real Ameraucana is suppose to look like and tell us where we could order some for next years projects. She loves collecting the blue eggs and the people that get eggs off of us think its great fun too. she is 9yrs. old and has a great love for Chickens as I always have had too.*

*Thanks so much for your time. Jenny Ridgway*

7/26/00

Dear Mike,

*The Green County Fair was last week. My Ameraucana hen won a blue ribbon and my Ameraucana rooster won a red ribbon. I also brought another chicken that won a red ribbon. I decided to take my favorite Ameraucana hen, and the Ameraucana rooster that had the biggest tail. Thank you for the Ameraucanas. I like playing with them. I especially like my hen, Henrietta.*

*I am going to hatch out some Ameraucana eggs next spring. We will try and use my Silkie hen (who I took to the fair) but if that doesn't work, I might buy an incubator.*

*Sincerely, Angus McNair*

7/27/00

*I'm new to Ameraucanas, by accident really. We purchased a few chicks at Easter as a celebration to life rather than candy. Anyway, they are very very nice birds, such beautiful colors, and love their tufts. They also have quite a personality! These birds where unsexed and not guaranteed pullets. I am hoping that I have at least a 50/50 result. Guess I will have to wait till maturity to see who is who. I have been looking for patterns, blue prints, samples, directions, or other diagrammed suggestions on how to put together a coup for them. I currently have eight (although the cockerels will go by by) so I do not need anything very big. I decided that I would try any covert my older storage building to a coup that would allow for nest boxes on one side and food/bedding storage on the other.*

*Eventually I want to get into showing and this of course takes some knowledge of the breed standards. I am mailing in a membership form for my daughter and I. Is there any information that you may have available that can help me out. I have checked our local bookstore (Hastings) and have not found anything on building coups/chicken houses.*

*Also do they register these birds or just go by the standards?*

*Thank you in advance for your help. Have a great day!*

*Joann Simpson, Kingman, Arizona*

**MIKE'S REPLY**

Dear Joann,

*Thanks for contacting the Ameraucana Breeders Club. John Blehm, our secretary-treasurer, has asked that I respond to your e-mail. By way of introductions, I am Mike Gilbert and serve as president of our club. Since John is from Michigan and I am from Wisconsin, our poultry housing needs may be quite different than might be required in*

Arizona. I suspect shade, fresh air movement (maybe a fan during the hottest times?) and fresh water on a regular basis might be priorities for you. If you have a county agricultural agent, he or she should be able to furnish you with suitable housing plans for your area. Otherwise, contact other poultry keepers nearby for advice. For large fowl (as opposed to bantams) you should plan for at least one and a half square feet per bird, and more would be better. Provide roosts for them to perch on for night and "quiet" times. The perches should be rounded to more or less fit the contour of the birds toes. I like fresh pine shavings as a litter, and I mix a little Sevin dust insecticide in it to ward off external parasites. If the birds have outdoor runs, a regular worming program is a good idea. If you have other questions please feel free to respond. Thanks again! Mike Gilbert

7/30/00 - Why should you vaccinate your birds? Read on...

Mike

everything I read on this disease suggest that the only way to get rid of it is to get rid of all chickens, leave facilities empty for several month and then start over and begin vaccinating. The old birds apparently remain carriers and could always infect a flock even though they remained free of symptoms & young birds raised with the old birds could put at risk any chickens they came in contact with. you do not need to reply to this note unless you question the wisdom of so drastic a move.

Carlton Yoder

MY REPLY

Are you sure it is Coryza? My Salsbury Manual of Poultry Diseases says "Layers and breeders can be vaccinated using a coryza bacterin when the chickens are 8 weeks old or older. Sulfa drugs have been used as a satisfactory treatment in some areas. Vitamins and electrolytes may be used as a supportive treatment."

7/31/00

No I am not 100% sure because symptoms are some varied. There is coryza present with the classic symptoms. eye or eyes pasted shut, face swollen, oozing at the nostrils. However the ones that die seem to have more respiratory involvement. You are correct as far as value of vaccination. What I am less sure of is whether I can keep the older chickens from being free of being carriers. I several young hens that could form the foundation for a good group of ameraucana. On the other hand I do not want to jeopardize the birds of another breeder. this assumes I would come in contact either through shows or sales. I will give myself a little time and contact a veterinarian friend to get his view. any suggestions will be considered.

Carlton

8/1/00

talked to Dr. Dan Wenger, avian pathologist with consolidated nutrition and a ( boyhood friend). He said symptoms are typical of infectious coryza and that often is complicated by mycoplasma, newcastle and bronchitis. Recommended doing pathology and setting up a vaccination program based on those findings. he says old birds will likely be carriers even though they may not have active symptoms. My present bent is to get rid of all but several of my best hens (99 hatch) and as soon as i hatch enough eggs, get rid of them also. Hoping to get a clean flock by vaccinating the young. any suggestions are welcomed. carlton

## MY REPLY

That is the best way to do it. I had an outbreak of Laryngotracheitis (aka LT or Laryngo) several years ago after bringing my birds home from a show in Iowa. I ran a cotton swab along the roof of the mouth of some birds and it was bloody. I took some birds, both dead and alive, to Michigan State University for autopsies. The results were Laryngo, Newcastle's and Adenovirus. Not all birds had everything and any one virus alone may not do much damage. It may appear that they have colds and then they are over them, but when they are stressed by having one virus and then get a second it can kill them. I think most flocks have traces of one or more of these, but only an autopsy will prove it. I went through the "depopulate - repopulate" program. The State quarantined the farm. I collected all the hatching eggs I could for a few weeks and put them in the incubator. Then I killed all the chickens and buried them way out back. I cleaned all the coops and disinfected with bleach water. When the chicks were a few months old I vaccinated them for Laryngo and Newcastle's. This is simple to do with a eye drop and I think it's well worth the time and cost when you have so much time and cost already into the chickens.

8/11/00

Mike

*received report from pathology, diagnosis. Mycoplasmosis-primary culprit, found e.coli and strep. in sinusis. Treat with water soluble tylan for 1 day. then treat 5 days with neomycin and oxytet. Vaccinate for bronchitis and newcastle. Vaccinate everything, ever 8 weeks, eye or drinking water. Break cycle by putting chickens in another building and disinfected chicken house, he did not think it necessary to get rid of chickens. Hope it stops the "pain" ((down to eight adult birds))!. Could be worse, I still have the best young females and three good adult males. I lost between fifty and sixty birds, mostly this years hatch and my good 2yr. and 3 yr. old hens.*

Carlton

7/31/00

Hi John

*I thought that you and the club might want to know that at our county fair at West Salem, WI had 29 bantams and 2 standard ameraucanas out of a group of 230 birds and all were junior exhibitors. A white ameraucana pullet bantam won grand champion at the fair.*

Robert Walchak

8/12/00

Hi Mike, John

*Just a quick note to let you know how we are doing with the Brown/Reds this year. From the 6 original birds we got last year from Mike, we hatched out about 80 or so birds. At this point, we have 4 very good looking males with nice lacing, etc.---one of which looks very spectacular to me. We also have about 4-5 very good looking females that seem to be better than their "mothers". All in all, I'd have to say this has been a pretty satisfying season for us.*

*Hope to see you at the Eastern Iowa Poultry show on 24 November---I'd like to find out if I'm correct in my assessment of the birds we raised & would value your opinions.*

*Best wishes, Phil Jones*

8/13/00

IPBA will be hosting our 50th Anniversary Show and hope to make it extra special. We are requesting meets for our show. Please send the meet info to Dave Wulff 943 N My Lane, Connersville, Indiana 47331 or reply via email.

May, 2000

Dear John

Thanks again for the birds. Looking forward to some chicks.

Put 2 blue hens w/the black pr. Of bantams also. I've got several eggs now from the buff cock of Roger Woodruff's and his daughters (1/2 buff x 1/2 black) to see what happens there (don't expect much). Called him to tell him of the birds you sent & am going to get his white hen to put w/the buff cock also. Along w/the buff hen you sent & as I mentioned before, I really like the red color (R/R) so have a bantam R/R hen with him now so am working on that...

Thanks much...Gary Broadbent

## SURVEY SAYS

By Tim Jurgens

Recently, I came across an article in a dog breeders book called "Survey Says." It asked several questions of dog breeders about their breed of dog. Immediately, I thought this would be a wonderful idea for our FancY. I have asked several prominent breeders of poultry for their answers to similar questions.

The following are the responses to these five questions.

Mike Gilbert - Ameraucana Large Fowl and Bantam

Mike is very involved in promoting this breed. He has provided many foundation birds for many breeders.

1. What is the most defining physical characteristic of your breed and/or variety?

No Extremes anywhere. Balanced throughout. The most recognizable trait by folks unfamiliar with Ameraucana type and the written standard would probably be the muffs and the beard.

2. What is the single misconception about your breed and/or variety?

There are lots of misconceptions about this breed, according to internet inquiries and judging reports. Few people seem to recognize the type is nearly horizontal, a well spread tail of medium length, moderate bull neck, and hardness of feather on the order of a Plymouth Rock. Another common misconception is that it is ok for them (Ameraucanas) to be green egg layers. Pure stock will lay blue eggs and certainly not pink, gold and other variations of brown.

3. What is the most common judging mistake in your breed and/or variety?

Other than picking incorrectly for type and conformation, judges don't seem to look for white in the earlobes of muffed birds. This may be very difficult to determine in females, whose lobes remain very pale (skin color) but it is simple to discover in the males whose lobes should be red.

4. What is the greatest concern of breeders today in your breed and/or variety?

My greatest concern is we have too many poultry keepers and showmen looking for quick and easy trophies in small classes and not enough true breeders with determination and skill to improve the breed. Several of the large fowl colors, especially, (there are eight in bantam and eight in large fowl) needs quite a bit of work.

5. What three words best describe your breed and/or variety?

Absolutely None Better!



**2000 Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet**  
**Minnesota State Poultry Association Show**  
**Hutchinson, MN - Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, 2000**

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- BEST OF BREED BANTAM ..... \$25.00, ABC Traveling Plaque & Rosette  
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 RESERVE OF BREED LARGE FOWL..... Rosette  
 BEST PAIR-LARGE FOWL..... The Bruce Hutchinson Memorial Plaque  
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 RESERVE DISPLAY, LF or BANTAM..... \$15.00  
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 BEST BANTAM BROWN RED..... Trophy  
 BEST BANTAM BUFF..... \$15.00  
 BEST BANTAM WHEATEN & GOLDEN QUAIL..... \$15.00 & Trophy each  
 BEST LARGE FOWL BROWN RED..... Trophy  
 the above cash prizes are donated by **Don Cable** of California and  
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 of Wisconsin.  
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 BLACK, BLUE, SILVER & WHITE..... \$5.00 each  
 BEST of VARIETY LARGE FOWL:  
 BLACK, BLUE, BUFF, SILVER & WHITE..... \$5.00 each

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 4599 Lange, Birch Run, MI 48415

**AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB**  
**Ballot for Election of Officers**

8/18/00

Please vote for President, Secretary/Treasurer and District Director for your district.  
New officers shall assume office on January 1<sup>st</sup> and serve for two years.  
Completed ballots must be received by the election commissioner by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Send to: Daniel Pasche  
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