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ABC President Mike Gilbert with his 2000 National Meet Champion Ameraucana. Mike will be presenting the Ameraucana Breeders Award for the first time at our upcoming National Meet in Galax, Virginia on October 27. A new memorial award will be offered by Eastern Director Scott Eutsler in memory of his father. See inside for a complete list of awards offered to members attending this year's National Meet.

FROM THE HILLS OF WESTERN WISCONSIN

Mike Gilbert, August 2001

As this is written we are experiencing the dog days of summer - hot, droughty, and humid.

Our 2001 hatch has been completed for some time now, and the young birds are growing out. Many have been either culled or sold already, and a half-dozen orders for stock are pending, as we will not ship during this type of weather. It puts too much stress on them.

The bantams are housed in a 16' by 30' coop with large door openings on both ends. A four foot aisle divides several floor pens along each side, and a barn fan in a portable wood frame keeps the air moving through. The fan, along with plenty of fresh water, help the birds "beat the heat." A concrete floor, water hydrant, three windows on each side, and plenty of electrical outlets complete the setup. It's far from new, but has served us well for the last 20 years.

The young large fowl, on the other hand, are housed in the part of our pole barn that is also used as a catch pen for our deer handling facility. The deer must be run through for shots and deworming only a few times each year, so it doubles for raising semi-free-range chickens. The main holding pen opens to a long grassy "tunnel" about 16' in width constructed of eight foot high woven wire. Here the young birds can find various plants and insects to dine on, while the fence keeps out stray dogs and other predators. Since the wire netting would allow small bantams to escape, and since bantams don't really thrive when competing with large fowl, the miniatures are raised mostly indoors.

Seven calves (fawns) were born to the seven adult European Red Deer females last spring, and they are growing like weeds. The hinds are excellent mothers; we expect to breed 13 this fall. Their pasture has changed from lush clover during the birthing season to dark stems and dry blossoms in the hot August sun, but we supplement with a little grain each day. We anticipate expanding to about 60 breeding females over the next few years.

We are planning to show Ameraucanas at the Wisconsin International show the last weekend of September, and then to enjoy the ABC national meet at Galax, VA, the last Saturday of October. It will be our first trip back to Virginia since serving in the Navy some 35 years ago. Our third and final show this year will be the EIPA event at Iowa City right after Thanksgiving. Each year we look forward to the shows and meeting with old friends - and hopefully to making a few new ones. Folks who enjoy raising and showing fine poultry are hard to beat. Life is good. "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118, verse 24)



Out West

Notes from your Secretary

The growth of our club membership has enabled us to expand our club meets into new territory. Our upcoming National Meet, detailed elsewhere in the bulletin by Southeastern Director Scott Eutsler, is a good example in that it is the first time our National Meet has been held in the eastern United States. It has traditionally been held in one of several of our midwestern states where the majority of our membership resides.

Other firsts for ABC Meets:

South Central District Meet: Gainesville Texas, September 29. Hurry and contact Monty Fitzgerald, Show Secretary, Red River Bantam Club, 1500 CR 1340, Chico, TX 76431. Lots of competition and a BONUS AWARD.

Arizona State Meet to be held with the ABA National Meet in Tucson on November 17-18. Contact Muriel Ewer, Secretary, 6262 South Sorrel Lane, Tucson, AZ 85746. Join us for the first ABC Meet in the Grand Canyon State.

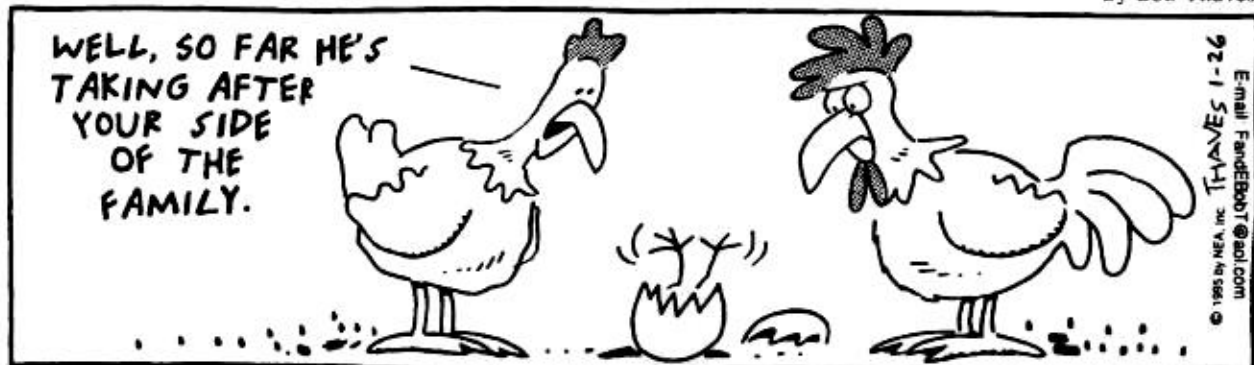
Special Meet at the Central Coast Feather Fanciers Show in Paso Robles, CA on October 20-21. Contact Phyllis Phelps, Secretary, 1210 Santa Rita Rd., Templeton, CA 93465. Come and see the rare, silent Jaybird.

In as much as there are a number of new members in the club, it would be appropriate to remind folks that our club meets are placed at the request of our members.. The procedure is simple- just contact your District Director and ask that a meet be placed at a show of your choice. We ask that you try to select a show where a minimum of two or better yet, three or more ABC members are likely to attend and exhibit their Ameraucanas. Our club provides handsome rosettes at meets with a minimum of three club members exhibiting.

If you would like to offer a cash award, trophy or other special award at your meet, let your Director know so that it may be added to the club copy sent to the show secretary for inclusion in the show catalog. If you are a new member, try to take part in an ABC club meet this year. You'll never meet a friendlier, more helpful group of people and the welcome mat is always out.

FRANK AND ERNEST

By Bob Thaves



BREEDERS DIRECTORY AND CLUB PATCHES

President Mike Gilbert has updated our breerers directory and it is available for the same price as last year- just \$2. for members and \$5. for nonmembers. Contact your secretary. . Our attractive club patches are also available for \$7. and are suitable for jacket, cap or coat. They would also make an excellent award for both juniors and adult members. Contact your secretary or Ron and Rene Klemmedson, N 27113, U.S. Hwy. 53, Blair, WI 54616..

NATIONAL MEET STATUS AND AWARDS

Greetings from the Southeastern District !

Well, the event that I thought would never happen is now less than two months away. I believe we are on track at this point and though there are still some bumps in the road, things are smoothing out nicely.

By the time you receive this newsletter the premium lists and coop reservations should be available from the secretary. That address is: Roger and Velma Jones

1413 Pridemoore Rd
Galax, VA 24333

I have already reserved coops for those members that have corresponded with me. Anyone who has not done so could call me or e-mail and let me know your needs. You will need to go through regular channels (The Jones') however one can never be too careful. I can be reached at: Spirithaven Farm

88 Dobyys Church Rd.
Stuart, VA 24171
(540) 694-5810
tucherth@swva.net

I am including a preliminary list of awards for the show. This will be the very least that will be offered. If further donations or sponsorships come in we will add to the list or supplement amounts as appropriate.

Large Fowl

Champion	\$20.00 and a Trophy
Reserve Ch.	10.00 and a Trophy
BV Blue	15.00
RV Blue	5.00
BV Black	15.00
RV Black	5.00
BV Wheaten	15.00
RV Wheaten	5.00
BV Silver	15.00
RV Silver	5.00
BV White	15.00
RV White	5.00
Best AOV (Brown Red, Buff, BL. Wheaten)	15.00
Res AOV	5.00

Bantam

Champion	\$25.00, Trophy and traveling award
Reserve Ch.	20.00 and Trophy
BV Brown Red	15.00 and traveling award *
RV Brown Red	5.00
BV Black	15.00
RV Black	5.00
BV Wheaten	15.00 and Trophy

BV Buff	15.00
RV Buff	5.00
Best AOV (Blue Wheaten, Silver & Blue)	15.00
Res AOV	5.00
BV Golden Quail	Trophy
BV Blue Wheaten	Trophy

Junior Best Bantam	\$25.00 and Trophy
Best Large Fowl	25.00 and Trophy

Special Awards

* Memorial Awards - Traveling Plaques

Bruce Hutchinson Memorial - Awarded to Best Pair of Large Fowl
 C. James Eutsler Memorial - Awarded to Best Brown Red Bantam

Breeders Award - A new honor begun this year to recognize excellence in breeding. Presented by Mike Gilbert.

Guppa Award - Presented for Best Bantam by a Senior of Swedish decent from Blair Wisconsin \$5.00

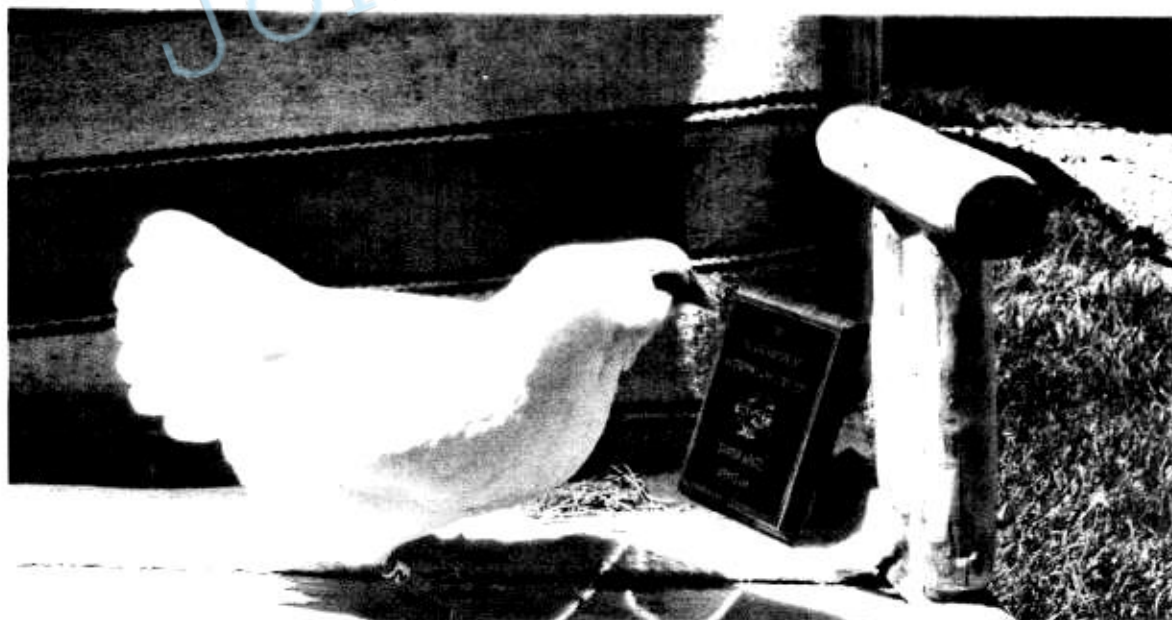
These are the awards to date. If any member has any special sponsorship he or she would like to see please contact me ASAP.

Please do not forget to inform me if anyone needs lodging at Spirithaven Farm for any night during this event. Camping is still available and we will be glad to have space available in one of our very large and very secure tents but we need to know what to prepare for. Thanks

A brief Club meeting will take place at the show on Saturday in "Ameraucana Central" - our hospitality tent. Please have any business or concerns ready for discussion at that time. Awards will be presented here. We will then travel down the mountain to Spirithaven Farm for the Southeastern Shindig. Please plan to attend. It will be a party not to be missed.

We look forward to showing and celebrating with all of you. Y'all Come !!

Respectfully submitted,
 Scott Eutsler



Western Director Koralyn Kibbee's white Ameraucana hen. Best of breed, BV and Champion A.O.C.C.L. at the Spokane, Washington Expo in May of this year.

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ABC charter members Ron klemmedson, Bernard Kellogg, Don Cable and Mike Gilbert gathered at the 2000 National Meet. Missing: Jerry Segler, of Sparland, IL.

Central District Report
Ron Klemmedson-Director

I'm pleased to report that ABC members have been doing well at the fairs. Gary Rossman had BB and RB at the Wisconsin State Fair, with white bantams. At our Trempealeau Co. Fair, the Blair Bunch Juniors also scored big. Adam Wozney had Res. Ch. bantam with a white Am pullet, as well as champ. goat and best quilt. Seth Onsager had champ. rabbit and won showmanship in Llamas. Kasha Onsager won the showmanship award in goats. Following are the central district ABC meets.

District Meet
Wisconsin International Portage Sept. 29 & 30
Byron and Laura Kershaw
N5514 Dunning Road
Pardeeville, WI. 53954 608-742-3267

Oct. 13
Beaver Dam Special Meet
Mike Smith
N4960 Cty Hwy TT
Columbus, WI. 53925

Sept. 15 & 16
Illini Belvidere, IL State Meet
Ruth Ann Van Fleet
18763 Grade School Rd
Caledonia, IL 61011
815-765-2952

Nov. 23
Eastern Iowa State Meet
Phil Shank
1355 Elm Ave.
Wellman, IA 52356
319-646-2011

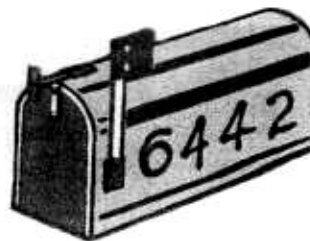
Oct 13 & 14
Bay City MI State Meet
Dick Ross
2180 Froede Rd.
Caro, MI.48723

Sept. 8
Blackhawk Janesville, WI.
Special Meet
Joan Laue
W3871 Mclean Rd.
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Minnesota P.B.A. Hutchinson, MN.
Oct. 27 & 28 State Meet
Mary Ann Rademacher
9185 Co Rd 10E
Wacona, MN. 55387

The Mail Box

Letters and E-mail from our Members



Dear Mr. Cable,

I was very pleased to read your tribute to Frank Gary in your July 2001 column for the Ameraucana Breeders Club.

I, too, am interested in documenting the many important contributions made by Frank Gary to the history of exhibition poultry in America and have written two articles on him and his achievements in the poultry realm.

One of these articles is in the 2001 ABA Yearbook (on Gary's work as a breeder, promoter editor) ; the other is in the 2001 APA Yearbook (on Gary's work with the American Game bantams.)

Enclosed is a copy of a flyer about George Schroeder that I created to go along with his recent APA Honor/Lifetime achievement award.. As you read I think you will come across a lot of familiar names- including that of Frank Gary.

Sincerely,
S. Robert Powell, Sec/Treas.
Central Pennsylvania Avian Club

I am gratified that you found the Poultry Press item worthy. Frank Gary was a great friend to this club and we owe him a great deal in helping with admission to the ABA Standard.

Hi Don,

We have been working hard to broaden interest in the Ameraucana breed in this area. The breed continues to show well at county fairs but snubbed at large shows and state fairs. I am on a mission to change that.

I plan to fill as many show coops as possible, recruit new members, promote interests and sponsor awards at shows. This way judges will have to give Ameraucanas more consideration. At the Southern Ohio Poultry Show in May, which was a Special ABC Meet, we drew more interest than ever.. Grand Champion at the Hamilton County Fair was a Blue Wheaten Large Fowl out of Bambino, my Wheaten cock.

Kathy Gratsch
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Your enthusiasm is refreshing and your work for the breed and club greatly appreciated. I do hope you will work with your Eastern Director Neil Townsend and his wife, Donna- they are first rate (see Poultry Press). I'll look forward to meeting you in Columbus next year.