

Ameraucana Breeders Club

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End of Breeding Season Flock Reduction

Will ship Express Mail or deliver to
the National Meet at Mason City, Iowa

All the following are at least breeding quality; many 1992-hatched birds will develop into show quality stock. We are eliminating several varieties, so some birds will be the very best we have. Trios will be pre-selected for best matings. Prices are \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$15.00 per bird depending on quality, plus shipping if required.

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Mike Gilbert
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evenings or weekends.

July 10, 1992

Bart Pals, Show Secretary
North Iowa Poultry Club
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Dear Bart:

Enclosed is a list of club specials and other information for the Ameraucana Breeders Club 1992 national meet. If anything seems unclear please contact me at (608)857-3386.

We would especially like to have you personally judge our show, but if that is not possible, please let us know our remaining choices as soon as possible. Thanks!

The A.B.C. will be sponsoring an "Ameraucana Trivia Contest" consisting of approximately 25 multiple choice questions. We will need about one hour of meeting room space and time on the agenda for this. It will be open to two divisions, (A) A.B.C. club members prior to 1992, and (B) non-members and new (1992) members. We will award \$25.00 cash plus other prizes such as a bantam trio, club membership, etc..

Questions will deal with standard requirements, breed history, and related subjects. This is something new and should be an excellent learning opportunity for everyone, including judges and new fanciers, as a full discussion of the answers will follow the contest. It will be basically open to anyone except myself or my family. Please let me know if anyone in your club would object so we can make other plans if necessary.

On behalf of the club, I would like to thank you for your generous bid and great cooperation. We all are looking forward to one of our very best national meets.

Sincerely,

Michael K. Gilbert, V.P.
Ameraucana Breeders Club

1992 AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB NATIONAL MEET

Thanks to the following club members who contributed to the following awards: Don Cable, Jeannette Frank, Mike Gilbert, Dave Horman, James Moore, Mary Lou Phelps, and Jeanne Trent. New Members Are Always Welcome!

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Contact: Dave Horman, Treasurer
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A.O.V. LARGE FOWL (than champ or reserve)	10.00
RESERVE A.O.V. LARGE FOWL (than champ or reserve)	10.00
CHAMPION BANTAM	Traveling Plaque, Rosette, and 15.00
RESERVE BANTAM	Rosette and 10.00
A.O.V. BANTAM (than champ or reserve)	10.00
RESERVE A.O.V. BANTAM (than champ or reserve)	10.00
BEST BANTAM BY A JUNIOR IN THE OPEN CLASS	10.00
RESERVE BANTAM BY A JUNIOR IN THE OPEN CLASS	5.00
BEST DISPLAY OF WHEATEN BANTAMS	25.00
BEST DISPLAY OF BLUE-WHEATEN BANTAMS	25.00
BEST WHITE BANTAM	Silver Eagle Collectors Dollar
BEST WHEATEN BANTAM	Silver Eagle Collectors Dollar

Any late specials and other trivia contest awards will be posted at the show.

There have been other contributors since this was written. Thanks to all.

REFLECTIONS FROM THE BIG SKY COUNTRY

This newsletter will be rather brief. I was too busy in late June and early July to solicit articles so here I sit...empty handed. I haven't heard from Jeanne at all. Hope she makes it to Mason City. Mike Gilbert has kept me informed as to how the club is progressing for the National ABC Meet in Mason City, IA coming up Sept. 19-20. Dave Horman has been under the weather with a virus. Don Cable has been moving back and forth. He finally decided to settle in Carmichael, Ca for a few more months but he is getting itchy feet. Mary Lou Phelps has been busy training her Ameraucanas to impress the judge. She has them trained to hop into the judges hand when the cage door is opened. If you don't think this catches the judge's attention you haven't tried judging. Takes lots of time and patience. Bernard Kellogg is rewriting his book on Naked Necks. Bernard will be our Election Commissioner in October. How about you? What are you up to? Oh, Bruce Hutchinson is having problems with his hands. I hope he makes it to Mason City.

Speaking of Mason City....If you haven't made reservations you had better do it now. The phone number to call is: 1-515-424-0210. The DAYS INN has special rates for poultry exhibitors...\$35.00 for one to four people. Kids stay free.

If you need a show book contact: Roger Meyer, Box 88, Goodell, IA 50439. 1-515-495-6220. I talked to Bart Pals in Minot, ND. He is really looking forward to judging a lot of fine Ameraucanas. He mentioned a fine trio of Buffs.

Election is coming up in another month. So far I have nominations for president, secretary/treasurer, central district director, southern district director. We need nominations for eastern district director and western district director. Any volunteers? Please let me know right away.

Well, since I don't have a lot of articles I'll fill you in on my life. My summer months have been busy, as usual. In late June we were on a camping/fishing trip and a mule deer doe stomped my 14½ year old poodle good. It ended our fishing fast. Misty lost the sight in one eye and most of the sight in the other eye. She had ten stitches in a chest wound but has pretty well recovered and is doing fine.

My 14½ year old cat, Blackie, died while I was in Minot, ND the first time. It is difficult to lose a dear pet. I still look for her when I come home at night. I will get another cat but not until this Fall.

My youngest daughter, Cynthia, informed me in mid July that she was getting married in mid August. I promised her a special afghan for her wedding...many years ago. I don't think I'll get it finished by Aug. 22 but she'll understand. I am pleased she is getting married. I will gain a fine son and two granddaughters on the day they say "I do". So while I am getting this newsletter ready for the printer I am also organizing the wedding reception. Be patient...I will make it.

Just before my second trip to Minot, ND in July I received a sad phone call from Roy Schell in AL. He called me to tell me that a very special friend had passed away that day...Bingham Shaffer in Louisiana. Bing was a member of ABC even tho he never had any Ameraucanas. He was a very supportive person for those he believed in. I will (and do) miss Bing very much. He was so very special to me. He would have been 48 on August 12. I never had a chance to meet him in person - only thru letters and phone calls these past few years. Strange - the memories one leaves behind - with Bing it will always be the smell of Bay Rum after shave and thoughts of fine fountain pens and angels. Also books, plants and cooking.

My husband, Jerry, is scheduled to have knee surgery on August 14. That will be fun..trying to keep him off his feet for a few days. He does not

take to sitting still very well and to stay off his feet...forget it. And on a weekend when we could be fishing. We seldom stay home on weekends. We average three weekends a month (year around) fishing and very seldom come home empty handed. I was introduced to stream and creek fishing this year. Still haven't mastered the technique of fly fishing but maybe with more practice. And I learned to paddle a canoe this year. (About time I learned to paddle my own canoe, you say.) The only reason I agreed to the canoe is so we can get out in the middle of the lakes where the fish are. I caught my first northern pike this last weekend...from shore on a marsh-mallow and worm. I never do anything the conventional way. We are planning on going back to do some more pike fishing..the right way next time.

And so it goes. Well, I have some dishcloth and pot holder orders to finish crocheting and knitting and two afghans to finish. One afghan is for my 4½ year old grandson for Christmas. He gave me the yarn on his first Christmas. The other is for my daughter...so best go tend to my knitting.

ANY of you who wish to send in an article for the next newsletter please do. My deadline is October 2, 1992. This is after the ABC National so I hope I will have lots of good reports.

Hope to hear from you.

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FROM THE OZARKS

It doesn't seem possible that it is almost the middle of August already. And our national is just over a month away.

We have had a remarkable summer (so far) weatherwise. So far we are as green as May usually is. Yesterday was our hottest one so far...93° and humid. It was not nice! Last night a brief but nasty thunderstorm-- caught the weather people off guard - it came from the east. I heard on the radio there were 90 mph winds recorded. It wasn't that bad here.

Hope all the young'uns are growing and looking like show quality. I have very few young birds this time. Now I'm just hoping the older ones will get their molt over with and not wait until September. It is supposed to be 55°-65° the next few nights so hopefully that will hurry them along.

One thing I did want to mention about shows - take your own feed along. Don't rely on what the show might furnish. I've seen a couple where all that was available was whole corn. I do want to give the North Iowa Show a pat on the back, tho. When the show was in Hampton they had the best - bar none! I hope they can talk that same sponsor into feed again. One year, it even had white millet in the mix. The birds loved it. But, they are the exception rather than the rule.

Another thing I find to be a big plus is Vetrex...for dressing combs and legs - it's not greasy but sure does make them shine. It has a lard base, so if the showroom is cold you may have to soak the bottle in hot water. I've been known, more than once, to use hot coffee. I keep a supply of foam or plastic cups in my "vet" box. Along with Vetrex, I take a water soluble antibiotic - terramycin capsules, aureomycin tablets, nail clippers, some Q-tips and a louse spray or powder - just in case. It's also handy to have an old towel and wash cloth for cleaning feet as well as an old toothbrush and a bar of soap. Since mine run loose, they usually have dirty feet and they will need to be cleaned up after they've been in their carrying box.

Speaking of carriers - those plastic dog carriers - pet taxis are the greatest. A small one will hold two bantams easily - the bigger ones? I lined mine with artificial grass then shavings on top of that. You can also hook or clothes pin feed and water cups on the inside of the door.

Hope to see a lot of you at Mason City next month.

Mary Lou
Central District Director
August 11, 1992



1992 AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

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