

AMERAUCAANA BREEDERS CLUB OFFICIAL BALLOT - 1994

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 P. O. BOX 152, READSTOWN, WI. 54652. Your district has been highlighted  
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AMERAUCAANA BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP LIST AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1994

(\* denotes new member)

District	Name	Address	City & State
Southern	Alexander, Sarah	P.O. Box 2	Cedar Creek, TX 78612
Central	Bashaw, John & Lois	1785 Bush Valley Rd.	LaDuescent, MN 55947
Central	Berg, Matt	MS391 Lake Rd.	West Salem, WI 54669
Central	Blehm, John	4599 Lange Rd.	Bloch Run, MI 48415
Eastern	* Buske Family	P. O. Box 3	Springfield, ME 04487
Central	Buske, Randal	P. O. Box 177	Reeseville, WI 53579
Western	Cable, Don	P. O. Box 1776	Georgetown, CA 95634
Central	Cowhling, Bernard & Gladys	Rt 1 Box 63	Stanton, IA 51573
Southern	Daniell, Chip	1014 Cave Springs Rd	Douglasville, GA 30134
Western	Davall Family	7723 N. Hansen Ave.	Clavis, CA 93611-8833
Eastern	* Erickson, Harold	124 Torrington Ave.	Collinsville, CT 06022
Central	Ficken Family	407 310th St.	Wilson, MI 54027-9801
Western	Frank, Jeannette	P. O. Box 824	Cheat Falls, MT 59403-0824
Central	Gottler, Jessica	Rt 1 Box 267	Colfax, IA 50054
Central	Gilbert Family	45171 Baber Rd.	Holmen, MI 54636
Central	Gilbert, Richard	1700 North Russell Rd.	Bloomington, TN 47408
Eastern	Harford, Albert	111 Harmony School Rd.	Flemington, NJ 08822
Central	Heck, Howard & Casey	MS42 Stacy Lane	Waterstown, WI 53094
Central	Thornbury, Cliff & Pora Ann	1714 High Street	Baldwin City, KS 66006
Southern	Imes, Bonnie Jean	3902 Fig Street	Tampa, FL 33609
Western	Jenkins, Laura & Linda	4715 Hannan Drive	West Valley City, UT 84120
Eastern	Johnson, Philip	1280 Old Pleasant Street	Bridgewater, MA 02324
Southern	Kearney, D.L., Jr.	2211 Commerce Street	Dallas, TX 75204
Central	Kellogg, Bernard	P.O. Box 152	Readstown, WI 54652
Central	Knoche, Tom	860 Oakleaf Rd.	Sardis, OH 45171
Eastern	Lee, Terry & Alice	131 Harland Hill Rd.	Berkshire, NY 13736
Central	LeJeune, Bryant	MS565 Centel Road	Fargo, ND 5814
Southern	Lindsay, Lee	466 Country Rd. 1640	Clifton, AL 35055
Southern	* Little, Cheryl	P. O. Box 240	Sante Fe, TX 77510-9346
Southern	McDouth, John	Rt 1 Box 33V	West, TX 76691
Central	Marshall, Tony	11055 S. 76th Ave. W.	Prairie City, IA 50228
Central	Heroldich, Wayne	3060 Cone Valley Lane	Wabasha, WI 53188
Central	Middleton, Kelsey	10178 Field Ave.	Colfax, IA 50054
Eastern	Morgan, Suzanne & Allison	159 Klaus Anderson RD	Southwick, MA 01077
Central	Nelson, Ron	E 3073 Wesley Rd.	Oydenburg, WI 54962
Eastern	Ora, Richard	40 Woodlawn Rd.	Honnoe, CT 06468
Eastern	Palmer, Joel	35 Wilson Ave.	West Paterson, NJ 07424
Central	Phelps, Mary Lou	Rt 22 Box 388	Springfield, MO 65803
Southern	Phillips, Bill, Jr.	1011 Arcadia Lakes Dr.	Columbia, SC 29206
Central	Piper, Dennis & Kenneth	RR 3 Box 22	Sumner, IL 62466
Southern	* Rafferty, Richard	1315 Kenwood Ave.	Austin, TX 78704-2622
Central	Rani-Am Exotics	RR #1 Box 238	Nebraska City, NE 68410
Central	Schmidt, Anne	42460 Beachhawk Rd.	Harris, MN 55032
Central	Seyler, Jerry	RR #1 Box 235D	Spartan, IL 61565
Central	* Gray Family	29502 Madison Rd	Kingston, IL 60145
Central	Simpson, Charles	410 West Main	Mingo, IA 50168
Western	Single Tree Bantams	9069 Noorden Shoe	Manchester, VT 59741
Eastern	Spaccanelli, Victor & John	36 Dixon Rd	Cumlet, NY 10512
Southern	* Stoney Knob Poultry Farm	1399 Sugar Tree Knob Rd.	Liberty, TN 37095
Western	Treager, Ginny	2458 Hwy 35	Kaliapell, MT 59901
Central	Trent, Jeanne	8695 Sunset Hill Rd.	Central Lake, MI 49622
Central	Urch, Diane	RR 1 Box 48	Quantoma, WI 55061
Central	Vonweh, Wilma	726 S. Franklin St.	New Ulm, MN 56073-3532
Western	* Wheeler, Jim	285 Abnott Dr.	Paso Robles, CA 93446
Eastern	Wheeler, Walter, Jr.	93 Elliot St.	Shenbourn, MA 01770
Southern	* White, Sante	977 Salem Church Rd.	Stephens City, VA 22615
Eastern	Williams, L.T.	RR 2 Box 192	Rollast, ME 04915

P. O. Box 152, Readstown, WI 54652

From Kansas, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, Ameraucana fanciers came together at Belvidere, Illinois the weekend of September 17 and 18, 1994, to show, compare, buy, sell, swap birds and stories, and otherwise just to have a good time. In a show consisting of about 1550 total entries, Ameraucanas took best A.O.C.C.L. in bantams and reserve A.O.C. in large fowl. It was a group effort that made this national meet a huge success. From Bernard Kellogg's famous picture/bulletin board to a great club raffle put together by Kathy Blehm, to the third annual trivia contest (to which several members contributed prizes), to the very noticeable green club sign donated by Duane Urch, Ameraucanas and their owners were truly visible throughout the show. Ameraucana exhibitors took home approximately \$225.00 in cash awards PLUS a number of hand-carved and painted wooden trophies by George Cairns. These little wooden trophies could become collectors items in the not too distant future, as George carves his initials and the year on each one. And of course we awarded the famous traveling plaques for best Am bantam and best pair of Am large fowl. A full show report will be found elsewhere in this newsletter, but here are a few highlights.

This year, a junior showed all of us up, as Matt Berg's buff bantam hen took top honors, the first time a buff has won a national championship. A total of 22 buff bantams were on display, truly a sight to see, with 6 members exhibiting them. Reserve bantam was awarded to a white cock, out of Wayne Meredith's flock, shown by yours truly. Incidentally, Wayne is eliminating his entire bantam flock, keeping only the large Ameraucanas, so if anyone needs birds this would be a golden opportunity. Let me know if you are looking for something special, and I will try to select and ship the best he has to offer.

In large fowl, the winner came out of a class of 7 white cockerels. I truly believe he is the finest large Ameraucana I have ever raised, when you take into consideration both type and temperament. Reserve large Am was a black pullet by Arne Schmidt, who showed 3 dandies in the black pullet class.

It seems just a short while ago we were having trouble getting solid black sales. At this show there were 5 or 6, both large and bantam, as well as a solid blue bantam cock by John Bashaw. The credit goes to breeders like John Blehm and Wayne Meredith for making this possible.

Next year? Most of us agree we need a date later in the year in order to get the young birds finished out in time to show when they are in top condition. If any of you have a favorite show in October or November, please solicit a bid and have it sent to Jeannette A.S.A.P. so that our directors can vote on it and we can begin making preparations. We hope to see many more of you at next year's national meet. We guarantee a great weekend for you.

1994 National Meet Results  
September 17-18, 1994  
ILLINI Poultry Club  
Belvidere, Illinois

LARGE FOWL (28) Vic Stirneman, judge

White (12) Berg 3p, 5K; Blehm 3-4K; M.Gilbert 1BV BB K, 2p;  
Schmidt 1C, 2K, 1p; Segler 1RV H (7 K's shows)  
Black (11) Bashaw 1st old trio: Gilbert 1K, 3p; LeJeune 5p;  
Schmidt 1BV RB-2RV-4p; Urch 1C, 1H  
Silver (2) Urch 1BV C, 1RV H  
Blue (1) LeJeune 1K  
Buff (1) Schmidt 1p reserve AOV  
Birchen (1) M.Gilbert 1p AOV

BANTAMS (57) Larry Denny, judge

White (11) Bashaw 3C, 3H, 1st Old Trio: Buske 2C;  
M.Gilbert 1BV RB C;  
Schmidt 1RV H, 1K, 1p; Segler 2H  
Black (6) Bashaw 1C, 1H, 1 old trio(trio cock BV);  
Gilbert 1RV p  
Wheatens (15) Bashaw 2C; Berg 2K, /RV p  
Gilbert 1BV C, 3H, 1K, 2p, 1st young trio  
Ikenberry 3C, 1-2-4H, 3p  
Blue-wheaten(2) Gilbert 1BV H, 1RV K  
Blue (1) Bashaw 1C AOV  
Buff (22) Bashaw 1C, 3H; Berg 1BV BB H, 1K  
Blehm 1-2-3 young trios  
J.Gilbert 2H, 2-4K, 1RV p; LeJeune 4p;  
Schmidt 3-5K, 2-3p

Best Display (large & bantam competing) M.Gilbert on Wheatens  
Best Trio (large & bantam competing) John Blehm on Buff bantams  
Best Ameraucana by a junior exhibitor: Matt Berg on Buff hen  
Res. Ameraucana by a jr. exhibitor: Matt Berg on Wheatens pullet

Bruce Hutchinson Memorial Plaque for best pair of large fowl of the same variety: M.Gilbert on whites

Champion Ameraucana bantam (Buff hen by Matt Berg) was Champion A.O.C.C.L.  
Champion Large Ameraucana (White cockerel by Mike Gilbert) was Reserve A.O.C.



NORTHWEST AUSTIN VETERINARY CENTER

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Austin, Texas 78759  
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8/30/94

Dear Jeannette,

Thanks for sending the Ameracana Breeders

Club information - your "turnaround time" is impressive.

I've loved chickens all my life - growing up in New Orleans, La. I loved going to the petting zoo's & the Audubon Zoo specifically to "see the chickens". I moved to Amherst, Mass when I was 11 and ordered the Rarest of the Rare assortment 25 chicks from Murray McMurray Hatchery. I've been involved with all types of chickens ever since.

I have a Bachelor of Science & Master of Science in Poultry Science from Texas A&M University. I graduated from Texas College of Veterinary Medicine in 1993 - did an externship at the Houston Zoo - considered Poultry medicine, but decided on Small Animal Practice.

My wife & I recently bought a house in Central Austin - I'm considering keeping a few birds as soon as I've designed and built facilities. I have an affinity for many breeds but have always had a special affection for Anascanas & Ameracanas.

Thanks again for the good information.

Richard Reynolds

Dear Jeannette,

Being a new member and receiving a collection of newsletters, I thought they were great! I nearly cackled up an egg over some of it, which might have been nice for supper.

My husband and I have had various and assorted chickens and fowl over the last 20+ years. We have learned a lot, especially to appreciate the finer points of our feathered friends, and I'm not referring to a show standard. That is not to say we don't appreciate a good looking bird.

Some of my favorite time has been spent just sitting in the poultry yard and watching the flock hunt bugs. Right now we have a few white Orpingtons, hatchery Ameracanas, buff Silbies, guineas and an old dowager of about 4 years that looks like a New Hampshire. She's a terrific old hen and loves her chicks. A couple of years ago we pulled a dirty trick on her and slipped about 40 hatchery chicks under her. I don't know if she was confused or impressed, but regardless, she did an outstanding job. Incidentally, she still lays...

I love animals of all kinds and raise critters just for the pure pleasure of being with them and learning. Right now I am up to my wading boots in Rancho fry. For you land lovers, that translates into fancy Japanese Goldfish. They hatch from eggs too.

This letter wouldn't be complete without mentioning we have one obscene looking pot bellied pig, a Chihuahua and a Bombay cat that looks like a Burmese, which, after my husband, is the joy of my life.

Sincerely,

Sande White

Keep up the good work



We appreciate you,

Because this is a new format for the newsletter and I need to fill this side of the page I thought I'd give you some trivia, etc. I may cut this sort of items out completely in the future so enjoy.

**1994 AMERICAN BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Dues: Family \$10.00 Individual \$7.50 Juniors \$5.00 (All dues due by 1/1)

name: \_\_\_\_\_

address: \_\_\_\_\_

city: \_\_\_\_\_ state: \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are paying for a family membership would you please list family members names & ages?

(Use additional paper if necessary.)

I (WE) raise and breed the following AMERICANS  
LARGE FOWL:

BANTAM:

I (We) will sell: Hatching Eggs \_\_\_\_\_ Chicks \_\_\_\_\_ Started Stock \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Birds \_\_\_\_\_

Will you ship any of the above? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes..which? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you deliver to shows any of the above? \_\_\_\_\_ What shows? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below other breeds of poultry you raise, breed, show. Be sure to state if they are Large Fowl or Bantams, Bearded/nonbearded and varieties. Thank you.

Please use the space below for your comments, thoughts, ideas or general information about you or your family. Any suggestions for future newsletter articles would be appreciated.

Please return this questionnaire and membership dues to:

American Breeders Club  
Jeanette Frank, Sec./Treas.  
P. O. Box 624  
Great Falls, NY 12063-0624

Remember ALL membership dues are due the first of each year.

Name three or more beer brands and/or breweries that name or picture a chicken or rooster on their labels. (answers on the bottom of the page..scrambled?)

How can you tell where an elephant has been? By the stickers on his trunk.

Definition of a meeting...indispensable gatherings for those who don't want to do anything.

Some people will believe anything...if it is whispered to them.

Diplomacy is thinking twice before saying nothing.

Practicing all you preach often requires a lot of overtime.

Blessed are they who travel in circles for they shall be called wheels.

Do not try to live forever...you will not succeed.

The narrower the mind, the broader the statement.

There are worse losses than the loss of youth.

Every human being is a problem in search of a solution.

It is easy to be tolerant when you don't care.

If we could see ourselves as others see us, we'd never speak to them again.

Some people would not hesitate to drive up to the gate of Heaven and honk.

The worst thing about history is that every time it repeats itself the price goes up.

In most instances all an argument proves is that two people are present.

Want to feel better? Think of all the trouble around you that you're not in.

The way to be nothing is to do nothing.

The reason a dog has so many friends is because he wags his tail instead of his tongue.

Experience is what you get when you were expecting something else.

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All this information found in the Beer Trivia Book

Scandinavian Easter beers often feature baby chicks

rooster on the label

All products brewed by Blue Ridge Brewing in Charlottesville, VA feature a

Old Speckled Hen - Norland Abingdon, England

Cold Cold Porter - Big Rock Brewery Calganay

Answers: Cold of the Rock Porter - Big Rock Brewery Calganay

My daughter told me there is a new game out for Super Nintendo - called "Alfred Chicken". You play the part of Alfred.

(1) 9-20-94

Dear Fellow American Breeders,

I'm the guy that's been complaining about judges disqualifying female Ameraucanas because their earlobes aren't red as called for in 16 places (8 Bantams & 8 Standard fowl), in my 1989 edition of the American Standard of Perfection.

I'd like to suggest the following revisions to the American Standard of Perfection:

1. Remove "pale" from the breeds female shape description. Pale isn't a shape.
2. Add to the female color description of Blue Wheaters, "Earlobes: Pale bluish-white or pale red, with pale bluish white preferred. Delete "Red."

(2)

3. Change each of the 7 other varieties descriptions to read, "Earlobes: Red for males, pale bluishwhite or pale red for females, with pale bluish white preferred.
4. Make these changes in description in both the large fowl and the bantams.

Jim Wheeler

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## BIRDS GALORE

Chickens - Standard & Bantam  
Turkeys • Guineas • Peafowl  
Ducks • Geese • Doves  
Lady Gould Finches

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LAND of The Black Hawk

AMERICAN BREEDERS CLUB

SHOW REPORT

VARIETY	C, H, K, P	EXHIBITOR'S NAME
Champion Ameraucana <u>Blue-Wheaton</u>	P	ERIC Wilhelm; #24
Reserve Champion Ameraucana <u>Blue-Wheaton</u>	K	ERIC Wilhelm; #24
Champion Large Fowl <u>None</u>		
Reserve Large Fowl <u>None</u>		
Champion Bantam <u>Blue-Wheaton</u>	P	ERIC Wilhelm; #24
Reserve Bantam <u>Blue-Wheaton</u>	K	ERIC Wilhelm; #24

BANTAM	LARGE FOWL
Best Variety - Wheaten <u>P-ERIC Wilhelm; #24</u>	<u>None</u>
Reserve Variety - Wheaten <u>K</u>	
Best Variety - Blue Wheaten <u>P-ERIC Wilhelm; #24</u>	
Reserve Variety - Blue Wheaten <u>K-ERIC Wilhelm; #24</u>	
Best Variety - Black	
Reserve Variety - Black	
Best Variety - Buff	
Reserve Variety - Buff	
Best Variety - White <u>C-RANDALL BUSKE #44</u>	
Reserve Variety - White <u>K-RANDALL BUSKE #44</u>	
Best Any Other Variety (other than listed above)	
Reserve Any Other Variety (other than listed above)	

Please list exhibitor's name with divisions and reserve champions. If there are no winners please enter 0 in space. Enclose exhibitors list with this report, please.

Type of show: (eg- District, State, National, Regional) Club meet  
 Host Club Name LAND OF BLACKHAWK POULTRY CLUB  
 Date of Show SEPT. 10, 1994 Location JANESVILLE, WISC.  
 Judge of Ameraucanas JEFF HALBACH  
 Show Secretary JUAN LAUE Phone # 1-414-723-5337  
 Address W3871 MACLEAN RD. City, State / Zip ELKHORN, WIS 53121

Please send copy of this report to: AMERICAN BREEDERS CLUB  
 Jeannette Frank, Sec/Treas.  
 P. O. Box 824  
 Great Falls, MT 59403-0824



AMERAUCANA COLOR - AN ONGOING PROBLEM

No serious person would attempt to show Angus cattle with spots or a Hampshire hog without a white body stripe, but they will persist on showing Ameraucanas - especially large fowl - in any number of colors and patterns without regard to the requirements of an established standard for the breed and its color varieties. The root of the problem is at least twofold. First, many beginners acquire the stock and proceed without knowledge of a standard and secondly, commercial hatcheries continue to sell multi-colored chicks as the "Easter Egg Fowl", a poorly chosen euphemism for Araucana, or more often, Ameraucana, with or without a disclaimer indicating that the stock is non-standard and therefore subject to disqualification if shown in competition.

There is no doubt that certain multi-colored birds can be attractive. If a person decides that the mix of colors appeals to them, fine- they have every right to birds of their choice. The problem begins when these non-standard birds are entered into competition, too often as Ameraucanas. This happens not only at the county fair level, but at major poultry shows as well. It has been well over a decade since definite color varieties were established and are spelled out in detail in the American Poultry Association Standard of Perfection. If the problem has lessened somewhat, it still continues to exist among certain newcomers to the breed, unaware that a standard for the Ameraucana is even available.

Over the years beginners often write: "My birds are a mix of many colors. How do I breed color varieties that I can show without the judge disqualifying them?" The best answer is to acquire some birds already of standard color. Attempting to work up standard colors from a mixed flock would probably take the better part of a decade if you are skilled, lucky, and have a great deal of energy to devote to such a time-consuming endeavor. If a person is really serious about the Ameraucana breed -large or bantam- and would like to accept the challenge of producing quality stock, get a start from a reputable breeder, buy yourself an APA Standard of Perfection and study it thoroughly. An APA Standard is not cheap, but like a family Bible, you only need one.

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WELCOME to all of the new members of the Ameraucana Breeders Club!  
CONGRATULATIONS to the winners and participants at our National  
Meet!

PLEASE be sure and take part in our club election- it's YOUR club!

Don Cable  
On the road