

Ameraucana Bulletin

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Welcome New Members

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Election Year

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National Meet awards

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Read more about this on page 3

In 1984...

Happy 30th Anniversary!
Read more about this on page 6

All New 2014 ABC Handbook

As Jean mentioned the all new 2014 version of our ABC Handbook is out. Thanks to all that contributed articles and ads to make it possible.
Read more about this on page 6

President's Message ~ Connie "Jean" Ribbeck



Hello everyone and welcome to the 2014 breeding season! I know some of you have already started your hatches and some are waiting for warmer weather as most of the country has experienced extreme weather conditions over the past few weeks. We were lucky and only had about two weeks of extreme cold weather that we are not used to here in the Northwest.

Spring is fast approaching and it seems as if meet requests are coming in a little slower than normal in the South Central and Western Districts. Please keep an eye on the ABC Forum to check for updates as I have heard of a few requests that should be coming in.

This year I will again be working on projects within most of the varieties on my farm. I will be working on the third generation LF chocolates, sixth generation bantam chocolates, second generation bantam blue lacing and silver laced. I am continuing to try and improve the color in my silvers and the wheaten and blue wheaten pens. I will be crossing the buffs to black this year to try and improve laying rates and egg color. The buff outcross to wheaten seems to be too extreme to handle with the leakage in the wings and tails. There are so many projects to list, but I am excited to get started.

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Article VII - Election of Officers

Any paid member in good standing may send in a nomination for candidates for the various offices. All nominees must be members of the Ameraucana Breeders Club at the time of nomination. Officers shall be elected every two years by means of a mail ballot sent to each member. Such ballots shall be mailed by the Secretary/Treasurer via the club bulletin in the fall of the election year. Voting may be by mailing a marked ballot or via email within ten days after receipt directly to the Election Commissioner. When only one member accepts the nomination for any office, that person will be elected by acclamation. The election shall be completed and the new officers declared by mid-December and the new officers shall assume office on January 1st.

The Club recently published a new handbook, they are available to all new members and current members can get one by ordering one for \$6.00. We have a link on the ABC site for Club merchandise including a nifty order form John has made.

We recently lost a valued member of our Club, Patty Pickard. She was a prominent breeder of bantam Ameraucanas, the Club's points keeper, and she was very involved with our junior members. Patty and her husband donated monetary awards to our National Meet every year for the juniors. Patty was also a well know breeder of call ducks and belonged to a couple other Clubs where she was a major supporter of youth activities. She will be missed not only by our Club, but by the exhibition community as a whole.

With this said, the Club is in search of a new points keeper. If you are interested in volunteering your time please let me know.

Patricia Pickard

Patricia L. "Patty" Pickard, age 48, of Orrville, Ohio passed away January 30, 2014. She married Jeffrey C. Pickard on August 24, 1985. She authored a book "Youth's Guide to the World of Waterfowl" and has written many articles for various poultry publications. In addition to her husband, she is survived by five children, Brandon and Liz Pickard, Bree and Cameron Higgins, and Becca, Caleb, and Nicole. She is also survived by two grandchildren, Daniel and Layla Pickard.



Eastern District Report ~ Sharon Yorks, Director

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to start getting those show birds conditioned and ready for the fast approaching early spring shows. This month, the West Central Ohio Poultry Club is hosting a double show in Lima, OH on March 15-16, 2014. Another March ABC special meet to consider is the Forsyth Fowl Fanciers in Winston-Salem, NC on March 29, 2014. Along with the shows already mentioned, there is a meet scheduled in DE, four in NC, two in OH, and a couple more pending. For more information about these shows, please check the "ABC Meets" link on our website.



National Meet News: This year, all Ameraucana Breeders Club members who exhibit 2 or more Ameraucanas at our 2014 National Meet will receive a free commemorative duffel bag, (sponsored by, Hake's Twin City Poultry Supplies), in their choice of yellow, black, or red. First come, first serve while supplies last. (Limit 2 per family memberships.)



All National Meet awards and prizes are being made possible by very generous people and the list is continually growing: Hakes' Twin City Poultry Supplies, Manna Pro, The Cloverleaf Book Series, Matt Parker, Clif Redden, Harold Knapp, Woodhaven, Patty Pickard, Jean Ribbeck, Max Strawn, Mike Gilbert, Bill Wulff, Sharon Yorks, Sheryl Allred, Country Star Farm, AG Bedding, LLC, Sunnyside Up Micro-Farm, Triple S Poultry, Sam Brush, Duane Schroeder and BioNatural America Institute.

On a sad note, ABC member and points keeper, Patty Pickard, founder of Faith Valley Waterfowl, has passed away peacefully in her sleep on 01/30/2014. The statement on her website: faithvalleywaterfowl.com reads... Through this difficult time, we appreciate your thoughts and prayers. To everyone that knew Patty, whether you saw her strolling through the aisles at the shows, various breeders who came to her to purchase her bloodline, or those who came asking for her knowledge and advice, thank you for your part in shaping the world of poultry that was her passion. Patty was a member of the National Call Breeders of America, the Ameraucana Breeders Club, and the Americana Netherland Dwarf Rabbit Club.

Patty and Jeff are also generous supporters of our National Meet Junior Classes and for the past several years have donated cash awards to all junior variety winners. I know I speak for many ABC members when we say that Patty will be greatly missed. Our hearts and prayers are with the family.

Dixie Classic – Knoxville TN

Tennessee Special Meet, December 7-8, 2013

6 Bantams by 3 exhibitors, judge: Rick Hare
RB-BV buff H by Nathanael Medley, out of 1
BB-BV white K by Michael Schmidt, out of 1
BV lavender K by Diane Zipp, out of 4
RV lavender P by Diane Zipp

14 LF by 3 exhibitors, judge: Clell Agler
Res CH AOSB-BB-BV black H by Terry Disney, out of 3
RV black C by Terry Disney
BV blue H by Camille Lewandowski, out of 1
RB-BV white H by Matt Parker, out of 8



Dixie Classic meet report continued from page 3...

RV white C by Matt Parker

BV lavender H by Camille Lewandowski, out of 2

RV lavender H by Camille Lewandowski

9 JR Bantams by 2 exhibitors, judge: Danny Padgett

RB-BV black P by Kali Massey, out of 1

BV blue K by Kali Massey, out of 2

RV blue P by Kali Massey

BB-BV wheaten H by Kali Massey, out of 2

BV wheaten K by Kali Massey

BV lavender P by Sadie Evans, out of 4

RV lavender H by Sadie Evans

11 Junior LF by 3 exhibitors, judge: Frank Harris

BB-BV blue wheaten P by Jamie Seale, out of 1

RB-BV white K by Austin Parker, out of 10

RV white P by Alexis Parker

North Central District Report ~ Duane Schroeder, Director



The good news is that in Dec/Jan I hatched out 15 LF Wheaten/BW's. The bad news is that I have 15 babies to take care of during the worst winter weather in the history of mankind! I've learned to better appreciate the efforts of our Alaska poultry brethren.

I wanted an early hatch in the hopes of having a couple of good candidates for the 2014 National Meet next October. Good thing that I started when I did, because I've had essentially no eggs from my Ameraucanas since December, even with supplemental light. I am confident it will pick up soon, if spring ever arrives.

Our first District meet of the year will be a big one. The 2014 North Central District Meet will be included in the Third Annual Coulee Region Poultry Club Show on June 7 at the Trempealeau County Fairgrounds in Galesville, WI. We had our 2013 Wisconsin State meet at this show, and there was a great turnout. In the bantams, there were 15 birds by 6 exhibitors, and in large fowl there were 18 birds by 10 exhibitors. We're hoping for even more this year! You can see photos from last year's show at

<http://couleeregionpoultryclub.webs.com/>.

For additional information, contact the show secretary, Mike Gilbert, Chantecler7@gmail.com.



Western District Report ~ Christina Korfus, Director

Hello Fellow ABC members,

I would first off like to welcome any new members. Also you will find a list of meets in our district in the Bulletin. If you would like to place a meet please email me at korfuskluckers@aol.com. I will be attending the Washington Feather Fanicers Spring show. Hope to see you there!

Looking forward to the upcoming show and hatching season.

Wash. Feather Fanciers, Winter Brisk – Chehalis WA

Washington State, November 16-17, 2013

20 Bantams by 9 exhibitors, judge: Heather Hayes

BB-BV black P by Karen Carpenter, out of 12

RV black K by Connie Jean Ribbeck

RB-BV blue H by Karen, out of 2

RV blue P by Karen

BV wheaten P by Travis Lacey, out of 5

RV wheaten C by Logan Miller

BV chocolate P by Karen, out of 1

19 LF by 7 exhibitors, judge: by Larry Urban

RB-BV black C by Logan Miller, out of 2

RV black P by Connie Jean Ribbeck

BB-BV blue C by Connie Jean, out of 2

RV blue H by Karen Carpenter

BV blue wheaten P by Royce Van Blaricome, out of 2

RV blue wheaten P by Royce

BV silver H by Connie Jean, out of 1

BV white P by Bridget Riddle, out of 4

RV white H by Bridget

BV splash H by Karen, out of 2

RV splash C by Karen

BV splash wheaten K by Royce, out of 1

note: 5 LF were disqualified



South Central District Report ~ Paul Smith, Director



Greetings from the South-Central District

Show season is nearing completion with meets scheduled for South Texas State Fair in Beaumont on March 29; Missouri State Poultry Association in Sedalia, on April 19 still remaining. It's been great to have several ABC members participate in the shows this year. Hopefully they will continue to increase. We haven't shown as much this year, due to not having much to show, due to selling so many of our day old chicks last year. Plan on keeping more this time and get back to showing more.

Our first chicks to ship this year will be sent out before this is in print. We are still accepting more chick orders but are nearing capacity. We send out just over 1,000 a year and are anticipating doing the same this year, but hatching more than in the past years.

The Texas State meet was a success at the Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show in Ft. Worth. Congratulations to Brady Tindel of Eustace on his black hen which won best AOSB. Brady started with Ameraucanas about 10 years ago as a junior exhibitor. Also congratulations to Max Strawn of Princeton on his black pullet which won Res. AOSB. The 35 head of open large fowl were very nice and good representation of the Ameraucana class this year. Dian Diarh judged both the open and the Jr. Ameraucanas. The Jr. show had 3 EEL this year. Christian Shank of Dallas had BB and Res. AOSB on a black hen. The RB either wasn't marked or I missed recording it. There were 11 head of Ameraucanas in the Jr. show.

The Bluebonnet Classic qualified for a special meet with 4 exhibitors. Congratulations to Aaron Hickson of Shiro on his blue hen which won best AOSB. Aaron also had RB on a black hen. Aaron showed the only bantams-lavender hens which can only win best Any Other Variety of Ameraucanas as they currently are not a recognized variety of Ameraucanas. Preston Cummings showed the only Jr. large fowl a blue hen which also won best AOSB. Jeff Maxwell judged the open show large fowl and Doug Connally judged the open bantams. Sam Brush judged the Jr. show.

Hope everyone is blessed with a successful hatching season and grows out some best AOSB and best AOCCL for the shows this fall.

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation-Shawnee, OK South-Central District Meet, December 14, 2013

51 LF by 6 exhibitors, judge: Eric Kutch
Show Champion-Champion Landfowl, large fowl & AOSB-BB-BV Black K by Clifton Redden, out of 27
Reserve Champion AOSB-RB-RV Black K by Jan Burke
BV Blue K by Max Strawn, out of 10
RV Blue P by Max Strawn
BV Blue Wheaten P by Sharon Caywood, out of 5
RV Blue Wheaten K by Sharon Caywood
BV Wheaten K by Paul & Angela Smith, out of 2
RV Wheaten P by Paul & Angela Smith
BV Lavender P by Max Strawn, out of 5
RV Lavender H by Clifton Redden

2 Junior LF by 1 exhibitor, judge: Jacob Bates
3rd AOSB-BB-BV Black P by Matthew Smith, out of 1
4th AOSB-RB-BV Blue P by Matthew Smith, out of 1

Bluebonnet Classic-College Station TX Texas Special Meet, Jan. 4, 2014

2 Bantams by 1 exhibitor, judge: Doug Connally

BV Lavender H by Aaron Hickson, out of 2
RV Lavender H by Aaron Hickson

17 LF by 4 exhibitors, judge: Jeff Maxwell, Jr.

RB-BV Black H by Aaron Hickson, out of 6
RV-Black P by Aaron Hickson
CH AOSB-BB-BV Blue H by Aaron Hickson, out of 6
RV Blue C by Aaron Hickson
BV Blue Wheaten H by Emily Bassar, out of 2
BV Splash P by Aaron Hickson, out of 3
RV Splash P by Aaron Hickson

1 Junior LF by 1 exhibitor, judged by Sam Brush
CH AOSB-BB-BV Blue H by Preston Cummings, out of 1

Southwestern Exposition & Livestock Show-Fort Worth TX

Texas State Meet, Jan. 25-26, 2014

36 LF 6 exhibitors, judge: Dian Diarh
CH AOSB-BB-BV Black H by Brady Tindel, out of 12
Reserve CH AOSB-RB-RV Black P by Max Strawn
BV Blue H by Max Strawn, out of 8
RV Blue P by Max Strawn

BV Blue Wheaten K by Paul & Angela Smith, out of 2
RV Blue Wheaten P by Paul & Angela Smith
BV White P by Brady Tindel, out of 10
RV White K by Brady Tindel
BV Wheaten P by Paul & Angela Smith, out of 1
BV Lavender P by Max Strawn, out of 2
RV Lavender P by Max Strawn

14 Junior LF by 9 exhibitors, judge: Dian Diarr
Res CHAOSB-BB-BV Black H by Christian Shank, out of 3
RV Black P by Christian Shank
BV White H by Christian Cole, out of 1
BV blue H by Conner Cowdrey, out of 3
RV blue C by Houston Story
BV Lavender P by Bobby Meeks, Jr., out of 4
RV Lavender P by Taylor Martin (note: RB Jr not known)

Club Notes ~ John W Blehm

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to allow ex-members a 60 day grace period to rejoin the club before they forfeit any points they've earned in the Exhibitor Point System. The rule now reads: "If a membership is lapsed, for more than 60 days, then the points will be forfeited." For the complete rules and to view members accumulated points go to Ameraucana.org and click on the Exhibitor Point System page.

Happy 30th Anniversary! It was 30 years ago this year, in 1984, that the American Poultry Association (APA) first recognized the Ameraucana in both bantam and large fowl and in the same 8 varieties in each breed.

As Jean mentioned the all new 2014 version of our ABC Handbook is out. Thanks to all that contributed articles and ads to make it possible. This is the 4th edition of the ABC Handbook with the first one being published by Don Cable in 1982. First time/new members receive a copy with their membership. They are also available for just \$6 from the club and that includes postage in the US and Canada. Send a check to me, made out to the ABC, if you are interested and I'll pop it in the mail.

Besides Handbooks, the club offers other items for sale on the [Club Merchandise](#) page of our Ameraucana.org site. ABC patches to sew on your show coats, Egg Color Reference Charts and copies of Bulletins from the 70s, 80s and 90s are available. There is a printable order form that can be sent in with your payment or you can order online with PayPal.

Deadline for the next Bulletin is May 15th. Please consider contributing articles and photos to share with fellow members. Ads in the Bulletin are FREE to members. Please email your ad info and artwork to me to be included. Ads won't run "till further notice". Please let me know which issues you would like your ad in.

The Summer Bulletin will contain a list of awards being offered at our National Meet in Ohio this Fall. Sharon has many hours into coming up with the biggest lineup of awards we've ever offered, including well over \$600 in cash prize money besides a ton of other awards.

If you are listed in the Ameraucana Breeders Directory please take time to proof your listing and let me know of any corrections and changes. Some members only want a website, phone number and/or email address listed for contact information. Not listing your street address may help eliminate customers from stopping in unannounced and also may help with possible security issues. Just send an email to let me know of corrections that need to be made and use the membership form for updates/changes.

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Upcoming Ameraucana Meets

March 15, 2014

Washington State Meet, requested by Christina Korfus
[Washington Feather Fanciers](#), Spring Show, Monroe, WA
Contact: Emmell Wild (425)760-7747

March 15-16, 2014

Ohio Special Meet, show #1, requested by Sharon Yorks
[West Central Ohio Poultry Club](#), Lima OH
Contact: Brian Schmieder chickenjbrown@aol.com
(937)623-7749

March 15-16, 2014

Ohio Special Meet, show #2, requested by Sharon Yorks
[West Central Ohio Poultry Club](#), Lima OH
Contact: Brian Schmieder chickenjbrown@aol.com
(937)623-7749

March 16, 2014

California Special Meet, requested by Katie Surratt
[Stanislaus County Youth Poultry Show](#), Modesto CA
Contact: Athony Rose arose@valleyalphaelectric.com

March 29, 2014

California Special Meet, requested by Katie Surratt
[Nor-Cal Poultry Association](#) show, Red Bluff CA
Contact: Susan Smallbrook (530)226-0413
norcalpoultry@sbcglobal.net

March 29, 2014

North Carolina Special Meet, requested by Beth Curran
Forsyth Fowl Fanciers, Winston Salem NC
Contact: Mark East statefan10@yahoo.com (336)341-9281

March 29, 2014

Texas Special Meet, requested by Aaron Hickson
[YMBL of Beaumont](#), STX State Fair, Beaumont TX
Contact: Debra Corbello (409)350-2901

April 5-6, 2014

Delaware State Meet, requested by Larry Clionsky
[Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Club](#), 38th annual show,
Harrington DE
Contact: Richard Hickman (856)825-2484
hickiesrocks@aol.com

April 12, 2014

North Carolina Special Meet, requested by Beth Curran
Carolina Feather Fanciers, Greensboro NC
Contact: Karl Urshel (336)791-0141
cff@academicplanet.com

April 19, 2014

Missouri State Meet, requested by Clifton Redden
Missouri State Poultry Association, Sedalia MO
Contact: Bernita Miller bmiller@iland.net

May 4, 2014

Pennsylvania Special Meet, requested by Sharon Yorks
Central Pennsylvania Avian, Bloomsburg PA
Contact: Sue Reed (717)495-1249 Sue.B30@hotmail.com

June 7, 2014

NC District Meet, placed by Duane Schroeder
[Coulee Region Poultry Club](#), Trempealeau County
Fairgrounds, Galesville WI
Contact: Mike Gilbert Chantecler7@gmail.com

July (TBD "early July"), 2014

California Special Meet, requested by Katie Surratt
[Humboldt Poultry Fanciers Association](#), Ferndale CA
Contact: Harry Majors (707)496-6350
HarryMajors2000@yahoo.com

September 20-21, 2014

Ohio Special Meet, requested by Jamie Corey
[Eastern Ohio Poultry Association](#), Tallmadge OH
Contact: Nathanael Medley (740)946-4039

October 4-5, 2014

National Meet, placed by Sharon Yorks
[Southern Ohio Poultry Association](#), Lucasville Ohio
Contact: David Adkins johndavid.adkins@gmail.com
(740)259-2852

October 4, 2014

Wisconsin Special Meet, requested by Kirsten Thompson
West Central WI Pigeon & Poultry Club - Cedar Showdown,
Menomonie WI
Contact: Dan Paff juddan@live.com

October 11-12, 2014

Michigan State Meet, requested by John W Blehm
[Fall Fowl Fest](#), Birch Run MI
Contact: Matt Boensch mjwaterfowl@charter.net

November 29, 2014

North Carolina Special Meet, requested by Beth Curran
Forsyth Fowl Fanciers, Winston Salem NC
Contact: Mark East statefan10@yahoo.com (336)341-9281

December 13, 2014

North Carolina Special Meet, requested by Beth Curran
Cape Fear Poultry Association, Smithfield NC
Contact: Carol Lynn SultanLady@embarquail.com (910)897-
8001
or Wilbur Hanley langshanman@gmail.com (919)796-2936

The ABC places State and Special meets at the request of the membership. Please contact your district director to request a meet. Check out our **ABC Meet Policy** at Ameraucana.org for complete details.

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Previous Total Balance of 12/12/2013 =	\$4,487.63
Previous CKing Balance as of 12/12/2013 =	\$3,317.79
Income -	\$2,935.00
Expenses =	\$2,498.97
Checking Balance as of 2/22/2014 =	\$3,753.82
PayPal Balance as of 2/22/2014 =	\$1,254.96
Ending Total Balance as of 2/22/2014 -	\$5,008.78

Some Abbreviations used in our meet reports

CH = Champion, Res = Reserve (Champion)
C = Cock, H = Hen, K = Cockerel, P = Pullet
BB = Best of Breed, RB = Reserve of Breed
BV = Best of Variety, RV = Reserve of Variety
AOCCL = Any Other Comb Clean Legged (bantams)
AOSB = All Other Standard Breeds (large fowl)



A photo blast from the past...20 years ago
ABC members Jerry Segler and John Blehm at the 1994
ABC National Meet at the Illini Poultry show.

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