



AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB 6442 CHESTNUT AVE., ORANGEVALE, CA 95662



Former secretary John Blehm receiving the Ameraucana Breeders Award for 2001 from president Mike Gilbert at our national meet in Galax, Virginia, on October 27. Mike had just been presented with the very first Breeders Award for the year 2000 by Rene Klemmedson. More photos and a complete report of the national meet inside.

Annual dues are payable on January 1 of each year. Individual dues remain \$7.50 for an individual, \$10. for a family and only \$5. for a junior membership. Those residing outside of the U.S. please include an extra \$2. for the additional postal charges. Please send all dues made out to the Ameraucana Breeders Club to the address at the top of the page. Thank you.

Welcome New Members...

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Financial Report

INCOME

Dues, directories, donations and raffle receipts
including \$235.50 forwarded by M.K. Gilbert
following the national meet. (10/27/01) \$852.33

EXPENDITURES

Bulletin printing charge	\$46.20
Postal fees	<u>\$96.00</u>
Total	\$142.20
Balance on hand as of 12/1/01	<u><u>\$710.13</u></u>

Respectfully submitted, Don Cable, ABC Secretary/Treasurer

FROM THE HILLS OF WESTERN WISCONSIN

Mike Gilbert - November, 2001

What can be said about a national meet at which more than 15 members exhibited over 150 Ameraucanas? When many folks were willing to travel 800 to 1000 miles (one-way) to attend? At which four new memberships were secured? When the many cash, trophy, rosette, and traveling awards were well distributed among the members showing? When a post-show celebration was enjoyed by most of the ABC exhibitors at the beautiful home of the District Director? One had to experience it to truly appreciate what Scott and his family had arranged to ensure a successful and enjoyable national. A huge **"thank you"** goes to the entire Eutsler family for hosting this event.

Many thanks also to Donna & Neil Townsend and Rene & Ron Klemmedson for organizing a successful club raffle that raised \$162 for the ABC treasury to keep us on a sound financial footing. Hats off to these two dedicated couples for going the extra mile. Neil is already working diligently on next year's national meet to be held at Columbus, Ohio, site of the third-ever joint ABA & APA national shows. It should be a great one.

Thanks also to Don Cable for instituting an annual ABC Breeders Award for lifetime achievement with the Ameraucana breed. Don not only conceived the idea, but also plans to finance the annual award, a beautiful plaque anyone would be proud to own. I was pleased to present this award for 2001 to my good friend John Blehm, who has been working many years to develop new and improved varieties of Ameraucanas in both large fowl and bantam. And I was surprised and gratified to receive the award for 2000. Another award will be presented next year and each succeeding year to an ABC member.

Many other special awards were won and presented at the 2001 national, and results will be posted elsewhere in this newsletter. Congratulations to all the winners - and that includes all ABC members who attended. Lets do it again in 2002!

The Central District ABC meet was another great show this year. Hosted by the Wisconsin International Poultry Club at Portage, WI, on September 29-30, around 10 members showed a large number of bantams & large fowl. Congratulations to Gary Rossman and to Teresa Brittnacher for BB bantam (a white pullet) and RB bantam (a silver pullet) respectively. Congratulations also to Jerry DeSmidt who showed the BB large fowl Am., a blue pullet, and reserve large fowl Am, a black. Nice going!

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NOTICE!!!

An e-mail listing of all ABC members wishing to participate has been compiled and will be maintained by president Mike Gilbert. This will be a means to facilitate communication between newsletters. It may be used by ABC members for selling and acquiring stock & eggs, requesting ABC meets at shows, publicizing upcoming ABC meets, posting show results, etc., etc.. Shortly after this newsletter is mailed a test message will be e-mailed to the current address list. If you do not receive this e-mail it means we don't have your e-mail address. To be included contact Mike Gilbert at: ameraucana@aol.com

Similarly, if you receive a message and do not wish to be included, let Mike know.

The 2001 Ameraucana Breeders' Club National is now an historic event. On Saturday, October 27th, the Blue Ridge Poultry Club in Galax, Virginia, saw an impressive showing of Ameraucanas, with 168 birds shown by 18 exhibitors from 9 states. The states were Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Texas, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Indiana.

On a week-end of record cold and wind in Southwest Virginia, ABC members met with our usual spirit of competition and comraderie vying for some fine awards and a total of nearly \$300.00 in prize money.

The awards and numbers of birds shown in each variety are as follows:

Champion Ameraucana Bantam and Grand Champion Ameraucana went to Donna Townsend of Loud and Proud Poultry of Pennsylvania, for a fine Blue Wheaten hen. This bird also went on to win Reserve AOCCL.

Champion Ameraucana Large Fowl was captured by Paul and Angela Smith of Texas for a very nice Black pullet. This bird was also awarded Reserve AOSB and was part of a pair that won the Smiths the Bruce Hutchinson Memorial Award for Best Pair of Large Fowl.

Another special award, given for the first time, was the Jim Eutsler Memorial Award for best Brown-Red Bantam and went to Brian Thornton of North Carolina on a fine cock.

Other winners were as follows:

Bantam

Variety	Class	Award	Sex	Winner
Blue Wheaten	6	BB,BV,CH,AM	H	Donna Townsend
" "	"	RV	P	Mike Gilbert
Wheaten	12	BV	P	Mike Gilbert
"	12	RV	H	Donna Townsend
Brown -Red	16	BV	C	Brian Thornton
" "	16	RV	K	Ron & Rene
Klemmedson				
Buff	10	BV	P	Arne Schmidt
"	10	RV	K	John Blehm
Blue	1	BV	P	Rande Buske
Black	10	BV	P	Rande Buske
"	10	RV	K	Rande Buske
White	17	BV,RB	P	Rande Buske
"	17		K	Rande Buske
Golden Quail	8	BV	C	Ron & Rene
Klemmedson				
" "	8	RV	P	Ron & Rene
Klemmedson				
Golden Pheasant	2	BV	P	Ron & Rene
Klemmedson				
" "	2	RV	K	Ron & Rene
Klemmedson				

Total 82

Variety	Class	Award	Sex	Winner
Black	28	BB,Res AOSB	P	Paul & Angela Smith
"	28	RV	K	John Blehm
White	10	BV,RB	P	Neil Townsend
"	10	RV	K	Neil Townsend
Silver	8	BV	K	John Blehm
"	8	RV	P	John Blehm
Wheaten	6	BV	H	Paul Smith
"	6	RV	K	Paul Smith
Blue	9	BV	P	Paul Smith
"	9	RV	P	Paul Smith
Blue Wheaton	8	BV	P	Paul Smith
"	8	RV	P	Paul Smith
Brown-Red	1	BV	K	Spirithaven Farm
Buff	1	BV	P	Arne Schmidt
Barred	3	BV	P	Paul Smith
"	3	RV	K	Paul Smith
Total 74				

JUNIOR

Variety	Class	Award	Sex	Winner
Black	2	BB,CH AM	P	Amber Eutsler
		Super Grand Champion of Junior Show		
	2	RV	P	Katie Eutsler
Brown-Red	4	BV	K	Katie Eutsler
"	4	RV	K	Amber Eutsler
Golden Quail	3	BV	K	Amber Eutsler
"	3	RV	H	Katie Eutsler
Buff	1	BV	K	Amber Eutsler
Large Fowl				
Black	2	BV,BB,CH.AM	H	Katie Eutsler
"	2	Large Fowl and 3rd Best Junior Bird		
"	2	RV	H	Rainer Klock
Total 12				

While the competition was stiff and serious, what continues to be remarkable is the degree to which Ameraucana people focus on fellowship. There was not a single shred of anything that could be called other than good sportsmanship.

The battle between North and South was congenial and could essentially be called a draw. Donna Townsend won the overall championship for the North, while Paul and Angela Smith upheld the honor of the South by winning Best Large Fowl and multiple Best of Variety awards. The thing that tipped the scales in favor of the North was the award for Best Bantam by a Senior of Swedish Descent from Blair, Wisconsin, which was won hands down by Ron Klemmedson.

A brief meeting was held in the ABC tent, the minutes of which were recorded by John Blehm. The most notable news from the proceedings was the awarding of Breeder of the Year, which went to Mike Gilbert for the year 2000 and to John Blehm for the year 2001.

After the judges made their decisions and birds were cooped out, most ABC members adjourned to Spirithaven Farm in Stuart,

VA, for an evening of Food, Fellowship, and Fun with music provided by the Bluegrass Band, Ten Brooks. It appeared that a good time was had by all. I know that we at Spirithaven enjoyed having everyone visit with us

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Eutsler
Director, Southeastern District



Scott Eutsler presenting the Jim Eutsler Memorial Trophy to Brian Thornton for best Brown Red



Rene Klemmedson presenting the first Ameraucana Breeders Award to Mike Gilbert

Greetings from the Northeast District

We are still recovering from one of the best weekends ever! The ABC National was a super show. Thanks out to the Southeast District for putting on this excellent show. Director Scott and his wife Kay were outstanding hosts. We all are convinced that Scott's mother is an outstanding southern cook.

The show was well attended with 175 good birds shown by 16 exhibitors. Large fowl and bantams were split about down the middle.

A big thanks you must go out to our president Mike for writing down all the placements at the show.

Anyone wanting to see a nice part of the country should just drive to Southwest Virginia the last weekend in October. The seen's will take your breath away! On top of the great sights, food and hospitality my wife Donna had the best in show with a blue wheaten bantam hen!

The show might be over but the memories will last a life time.

On anther note, The 2002 National ABC meet will be in conjunction with the big APA/ABA show. Since Ohio is in my district I will try my best to put on a show that will be one to remember.

Three weeks ago we showed in Columbus at the Ohio National, 3600 show total. The Americaunas had 7 largefowl and 13 bantams. Yours truly had Best R. Breed with the white cokere! that was R. Variety at Galax. David Carlson from Kentucky had a largefowl in the show. I am sending him a nice pr. of white large fowl to Connersville, Ind. this weekend. David's is a youth who will be an asset to our club. I am trying to sign him up

In bantams at Columbus my wife Donna had BV white, Golden quail, Wheaten, Blue wheaten and Brown red as well as Best/Reserve of breed.

If you are planning on the 2002 National get your room Now! Ohio state was playing a football game and you could not find a room in a 25 mile radius. So please get your room reserved NOW!! Headquarters is Trumann Club @ 1-800-477-7888. Tel them you are with the poultry show (Ohio National). When Ohio state is at home they have over 100,000 in attendance. You can't find a room to save your life!

I will have a lot of information in the next newsletter, However be looking for raffle items and for extra \$5.00 bills so we can put on the best ever! any questions can be answered at loudandproud@csonline.net or 814-425-3313

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ABC Central District Meet in Portage, Wisconsin, Sept. 29. Back Row: Ron Klemmedson, John Bashaw, Adam Wozney, Duane Urch, Bob Walchak and Teresa Brittnacher.

Front Row: Rene Klemmedson, Mike Gilbert, Seth Onsager, Jerry Desmidt, Dan Walchak and Robert Walchak. The Klemmedsons declined to wear their zebra show coats to the event.

Coming down from the North, Blehms, J. Trent, Klemmedsons, Schmidts and Randy Buske, expected sunny and warm weather. Boy, were we surprised. Day of the show was cool and blustery. So chilly that everyone was hanging out inside the show hall, making it quite crowded. The welcome however, was as warm as one could wish for.

The club did well by the Ameraucana folks, making every effort to please. The Eutslers-Scot, Kay, Jeanne, the girls and Kay's sister Jan really knocked themselves out to show us a good time. We ABC tables inside and a marquis tent outside for our meeting. As far as awards go, I'm sure Mike and Scott will cover them.

After the show, many made the 1 hour tip to the Eutsler farm for great food and music. Several of the Ameraucana folks stayed the night after the party, which filled two large marquis tents. There was enough food to feed threshers. Jeanne Eutsler did the baking and the multi-talented Kenny did the venison, chicken and pork. The blue grass band entertained well into the evening. To summarize, the event set a new standard for ABC nationals. How can I say more?

It was a pleasure to see Neil & Donna Townsend of Pennsylvania, Paul, Angela and Matthew Smith from Texas. The ABC meeting was well attended and several new members were present.

We has reserve champion pigeon with a Bronze Tippler young hen. Outside, in the sale section I spotted a very good pair of Tuzo for sale. This a small and ancient Japanese breed of game fowl. Having been a fancier of Oriental games for many years, I could not resist them. On the way home, we met the breeder in Tennessee to pick up two more pair. Rene is quite taken with them and I was delighted as I thought I would never find any pure Tuzo for sale. They are outstanding—we now have two breeds of chickens. From now on we will be concentrating on Brown Red and Golden Quail in Ameraucana as we plan to phase out the Wheatens.

More new from Blair, Seth Onsager had Champ. Bantam at the Menomonie, WI. show with a Brown Red hen. His Dad, Dale will be working on developing Crele Ameraucana next year.

Rumor has it that Neil and Donna Townsend have already started planning the National next year at Columbus, Ohio. Galax is a tough act to follow.

That's the news from Lake Wobegon

DISTRICT NEWS

From the Western District is the news that the Montana Poultry Fanciers have just recently re-organized with our Director Koralyn Kibbee serving as the Youth Director and former ABC secretary Jeannette Frank as their new Secretary/Treasurer.

From the Southwestern District notice that Director Teresia Renwick has placed the District Meet with the Pacific Poultry Breeders at their annual Winter Show on Jan. 26-27 in Roseville, California. Contact Janice Sherman at 36273 B Road 112, Visalia, CA 92515 for a premium list. We're looking for a good turnout from ABC members.

South Central District Director Robbie Lindsey writes: "South Central District Meet, Sept.29, Gainesville, Texas. Although there were 31 Ameraucanas shown, two of the four exhibitors did not arrive so it was not a qualified meet. If I am still Director in 2002, I will try again for the APA National in Fort Worth next March 15-16. Paul and Angela Smith have hatched 1400 chicks and shipped over 1000 all over the U.S. and recruited several new club members. I don't know anyone doing more to promote the breed, do you? Happy Holidays, everyone. Robbie Lindsey, Scratchalot Farm."

ABA-APA YEARBOOK ADS

Last year members of this club supported both ABA and APA Yearbooks by taking one of the six ads within each of our club ads. The APA has indicated that these individual 1/8 page ads will be \$16. The ABA is offering the same amount of space for \$14., plus if you include your e-mail address in your ad, this will be also be located in a directory as a part of the deal. Otherwise, this service will be \$15. by itself.

If you choose to take part this year, I will accept your checks on a first come- first served basis for either ad MADE OUT TO THE ABA OR APA, NOT TO THE AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB! REPEAT, NOT TO THE ABC! Please keep your copy simple as I am not a creative person and remember folks, this is definitely a SHOW ME THE MONEY operation. Sorry to be so hard nosed about this, but last year I had several promises, but no check and had to disappoint other members and return several checks because we could not fill a second page.

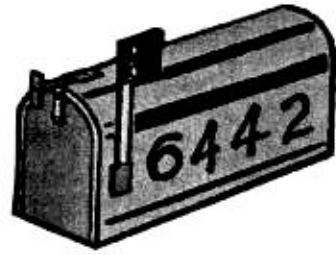
BREEDERS DIRECTORIES AND CLUB PATCHES

As an ABC member you are entitled to a discount price on our updated Breeders Directory postpaid for only \$2. Nonmembers will pay \$5. for the Directory.

We still have a dwindling supply of our attractive club patches for only \$7. postpaid. These full color patches are suitable for cap, jacket or will look good on your showcoat. Both are available from your secretary or the patch from Rene Klemmedson, N27113 U.S. Hwy. 53, Blair, WI 54616.

The Mail Box

Letters and E-mail from our Members



Hi Don,

My \$10. dues enclosed for ABC family membership. The photo is Ashley Melotte at the Brown County Fair with the champion bantam and best of Junior Show, a white Ameraucana.
Teresa Brittnacher, Green leaf, WI



For Sale

Six seven month old large fowl Ameraucana pullets--two blues and four blacks.
Betty Schneider 4050 East Iona Road, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
(208) 524-1759 redhen@if.mci.net

Every good wish for the upcoming Holiday Season.
Mike Gilbert, Don Cable and your entire ABC Board of Directors.
