

Ameraucana Newsletter



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A warm welcome to our new members!

Susan Bowles, West Point, VA
Patricia Williams, Olga, OK
Misty Warren, Sugar Land, TX
Kim Ramsey from St. Pauls, NC
Brandt Magourik, Anniston, AL
Jennifer Huether, Wellington, CO

Sophia Alexander, Dayton, TX
Angela Booth, Williamston, MI
Anja Elliott, Graham, WA
Ariel Fonseca, Fort Worth, TX
Jeanine Gauss, Kimball, MI
Lauren Gorscuh, Vestaburg, MI

Kathleen Klennert, Snohomish, WA
Brook McNew, Gadsden, AL
Thomas Pepin, Patriot, OH
Aquil Thomas, Stover, MO
Jennifer Towles, Casey, IL

President – Russell Blair



Greetings fellow Ameraucana Alliance members. I don't know where the time has gone but it seems summer is coming to an end and fall is fast approaching. Our garden is abundantly producing as well as our fruit trees and berry patches. After a slow dry start it seems the rains have come at the right times and we are truly blessed with a great harvest. Unfortunately, this also means we are busy canning and preserving for the upcoming winter months.

Hopefully all the hard work hatching earlier this spring has everyone's grow out pens at maximum capacity? I think this is my favorite time of year when it comes to raising chickens. It is almost like Christmas to me every time I find that one special Ameraucana in my grow out pen and move them into my barn. The downside is every time I do chores, I find myself observing my birds in an almost

trance like state, I could sit and spend hours just looking them over. I know I will have a few extras so I plan on donating at least one pair/trio (possibly more) of bantam to our silent auction that will be held at our National Meet in December at Knoxville Tennessee. If anyone that is planning on attending would like to make a donation feel free to let me know at slicktree@hotmail.com or text or call me at (419) 410-2613. This is a great fundraiser for our club being held by our show committee that gives people a wonderful opportunity to purchase foundation stock or to purchase the needed stock to work on a few improvements in their own lines. Be sure to check our Forum at ameraucana.org to see the updated list of birds being donated and to stay up to date between our newsletters.

I would also like to take a moment to announce that our board of directors has decided on our two judges for the 2023 Alliance National Meet. Jeff Halbach will be judging our bantam class, and Brian Knox will be judging our large fowl class. Then they both will respectfully choose Champion and Reserve Champion Ameraucana overall, along with Champion Trios etc., as well. I have seen them both judge numerous times and they have always done a great job in my opinion. So get your reservations made and put in for that vacation time now, you will not want to miss this wonderful opportunity to fellowship and just have a great time hanging out with like-minded people at our Ameraucana Alliance National Meet hosted by the Tennessee Valley poultry association at the winter Dixie Classic in Knoxville Tennessee December 3-4th. Before I go, with the fall show season fast approaching, I would like to remind everyone to re-read our

point policy. The board previously voted to change some verbiage in it to hopefully clarify the stipulations to our point system. Everyone's entries must be in the same name as your membership in order to receive points, if that is what you are striving for. We do not accept farm names and I do not want anyone to miss out on points so please check out our point policy at the website downloads at ameraucana.org take care and God Bless.

Director – Janie Vilá



I am sitting here gathering my thoughts, collecting them, forming them into words I never thought I would say. Thoughts on breeding and thoughts about being a serious breeder. The one thing that comes to mind was my unbridled enthusiasm for the Ameraucana chicken. My first love was and will always be the Silvers. Then when I started seeing the other varieties, I wanted one in every color. In fact, my mind would not rest until I had them. If you look in the directory, you will see the many varieties that I have or have had. Some projects, most standard.

I think about all of this, and I think about the amount of money I have spent on chickens. It is a bit staggering, and I am quite embarrassed. Why would someone do this for a chicken? Is there such a thing as subtraction when it comes to chicken math?

I cannot answer this question, but I have made some really tough decisions to let some of my large fowl go to new homes. I live an especially busy life. I have a 10-acre farm, my brother's daughter was with us for four years, I have a 16-year-old son that is very sports driven, my husband is a small business owner and operator of a hot shot trucking company and is hardly home, and my oldest son is home on leave from the service. I have also been dealing with a frozen shoulder and running my pottery business. We also breed and show dogs so to say there is any down time would be a very tall tale.

After I made the decision to let some of my large fowl whites go to a new home, I knew I had to clean them up before they left. The girls' beards were especially dirty and there was no way I was going to send them off to a new home in that kind of shape. When I got them in the tub, I was disgusted with myself as a poultry owner. They had chicken lice and feather mites. What would have typically been a quick bath turned into an all day scrub-a-thon for these girls and their handsome dude. I felt like the world's worst chicken tender. It was during this time I decided that I am done.

I am not talking about getting rid of every bird I own. I am talking about downsizing on a large scale that is manageable on my time and budget. I will keep my bantams, my Silvers, my Blacks, Blues, Wheaten and Buff, Dun and my Ermine.

Everything else has to go. That is still a lot of pens left. Still a lot of mouths to feed. It has taken a lot of thought to get to this point and realize while the Ameraucana is like a can of Pringles, you cannot have just one, I have to be realistic in my animal husbandry and health practices. The cost of feed is too high to justify keeping this many birds. Once it is a manageable number of birds, I might be able to feel better knowing they are not itching and not feeling good or producing like they should because they are not receiving the honest care that they really and truly need.

This is a chance to stop, take notes and start fresh. I really hope that all the new folks out there can show better restraint than I can. I had at one point decided that I was going to sell chicks and eggs. Well, I don't even do that because I hate shipping eggs and I don't want to ship chicks even though I am NPIP. I am sure it would help pay for some of the feed, but I would much rather get someone started on the path of breeding and showing these birds and being stewards of the breed rather than making a quick buck on them.

I hope everyone has had a great summer and is gearing up for the fall and winter shows ahead. Until next time, keep being the best chicken tender you can, but not at the expense of your sanity and family. Make sure and check out all the great information available on the Forum on the Ameraucana Alliance web page.

Director - Becky Howie



By the time you are reading this, the summer heat will be giving way to some cooler days and maybe even an occasional nippy night. Arkansas has been unseasonably hot and dry this year as have many areas across the US. I like the warmth much better than the cold, early mornings work for me! The rain over the past few days has been a welcome change.

I have seen so many posts on social media about the loss of poultry due to heat. Fresh cool water is essential and even fans and frozen water jugs certainly help our poultry tolerate the heat. So far, my Ameraucana bantams have done well, they have huge holes dug into the runs in order to take cooler dust baths.

Spring hatches got off to a slow start for me and by the time I was setting eggs, my season was interrupted when I had to go out of town for a couple of weeks. In spite of that I do have a few Wheaten and Blue Wheaten youngsters that may make it to a show or two. My bantam Ermine project is coming along. I did get a couple of pullets who may stay within the bantam size range. My males are a bit bigger and in general have too much black to make a nice Ermine pattern. I am partnering with another bantam Ermine project breeder who is getting good males. The next generation should produce some nice bantam Ermines!!

The Fall show season is ramping up across the country now and there will be several within this area. The HOTOPA show in Fayetteville, AR is a local favorite of mine. The Oklahoma State Poultry Federation Show will be hosting the ABA National this year and I am making plans to attend that show.

As always, the big one is the Ameraucana Alliance National at the Dixie Classic Poultry show in Knoxville, TN on Dec 1-3. I am looking forward to hanging out with my fellow Alliance members and meeting new Ameraucana enthusiasts.

Avian Influenza in 2023 has not seen much press, but still looms about. Since it does take a toll on our hobby, biosecurity should still be on our minds. Our Fall shows depend on the health of our flocks. I, for one, am looking forward to the opportunity to get out and see my poultry friends in October, November, and December.



Director - Jeff Sonsalla



Hello Ameraucana Alliance Members.

The Alliance account balance is doing well. We have new members still joining each month and only a few expenses. The treasurer's report is in the later pages of this newsletter.

We were able to have our Coulee Region Poultry Club show on Saturday, June 3rd and it was a great success. We had 730 birds entered and of

those, 20 were Large Fowl Ameraucana and 47 were Bantam Ameraucana.

I sure did enjoy seeing all the birds, especially the Ameraucana and the Ameraucana Alliance members. We had a good turnout of Ameraucana Alliance members including Michael Muenks, Bob Rennolet, Russ Blair, Anne and Scott Lepak, Ann and Rachel Dunn, Mike Gilbert and myself.

Congratulations to the members with top placing Ameraucana at the show, Mike Gilbert had Best of Breed Bantam Ameraucana with a Blue Wheaten Hen which was Reserve AOCCL. Russ Blair had Reserve of Breed Bantam with a Blue Hen. Russ Blair also had Best of Breed Large Fowl Ameraucana with a Blue Cockerel which was Reserve AOSB. Michael Muenks had Reserve of Breed Large Fowl with a Brown Red Cockerel. Coulee Region Poultry Show does not have a separate Junior show but does have special awards available only to the Juniors. Congratulations Rachel Dunn on winning Champion Junior AOCCL with her Bantam Black Ameraucana Hen.

With our 2023 show done I had some time to enjoy a few of our local fairs. It is good to see the juniors showing their birds and competing in showmanship. The future is bright while we have these talented and energetic youth in our poultry fancy.

I hope everyone's hatching season has gone well. Personally, I finally sold my old place. Currently my flock is much smaller and I have only hatched a few large fowl wheaten/blue wheaten chicks. In addition, I lost half a dozen Ameraucana to gnats this spring. It happens very quickly. They appear healthy and next time you look some are deceased. I have talked to others that have lost birds to gnats but until it happened to me it did not sink in how sudden and dramatic death from gnats can be.



Michael Gilbert's Blue Wheaten Bantam Hen



Russ Blair's Blue Bantam Hen

Wishing everyone the best and am looking forward to seeing you at shows this fall, especially our Ameraucana Alliance National at the Dixie Classic Poultry Show, December 1-3, 2023 in Knoxville, Tennessee.

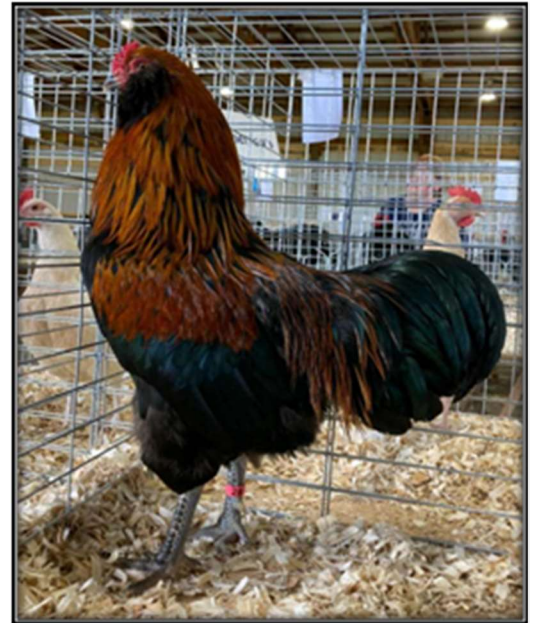
If anyone has any questions about ribbons, please contact me at myhometownvet@gmail.com or (608) 738-8701.



Ameraucana Alliance Members Rachel & Ann Dunn, Michael Muenks, Russ Blair & Jeff Sonsalla



Russ Blair's Blue Large Fowl Cock



Michael Muenks' Brown Red Large Fowl Cock



Director - Mindy Waters



Hello everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you well and I hope you are all enjoying your Ameraucanas. I have personally downsized a bit and switched directions with some of my breeding plans. Early this Spring, I gave my Self-Blues and Whites to a local friend, so I could focus on my Blues. I have had good hatches and have some nice young grow outs free ranging on the farm. Some of them look like they are going to have nice, sharp lacing. I am very excited about that!



The CRPE Stevenson Poultry Classic will be on October 14th in Stevenson, Washington. I have not requested a club meet for this show, as I am unable to attend. My kids will be hunting deer with us for the first time and the 14th is the opening day of our hunting season. I have decided to take the rest of the year off from showing to focus on family. I do hope to have some nice birds for the Washington shows in March and April!

The temperatures are starting to cool down here and I believe fall may be a bit early this year. It's been a whirlwind summer that seemed very short. I have been trying something new in my garden expansion this season- growing and hybridizing dahlias. They are so very beautiful

and I'm learning a lot about growing them. I hope to show them next season. A long-term goal I have made is to successfully grow my own seedlings and to venture into the ADS submission process and have my own cultivar approved to be an official named variety one day. I want to name it after my late grandmother.



I had the honor of judging youth poultry and showmanship at three fairs this past month. I really enjoy helping. My own

kids are preparing for two back-to-back fairs being held over the next couple of weeks. Two of the kids are showing swine and my youngest daughter will be showing our Silver Fox rabbits. School just started for them, and I am excited about having more quiet time in my garden and with my birds after the fair hustle is over.

Here are a few photos from my dahlia garden.

Director - Michael Muenks



Greetings Ameraucana Alliance members! I am proud of all the club members who hit the road to go to shows this spring. I am especially pleased with the number of Ameraucana making it to champion row in both open shows and junior shows. Those raising and showing both large fowl and bantam Ameraucana should be proud of your collective work as breeders and exhibitors of Ameraucana. It is fun to open up the Poultry Press or Facebook and see an Ameraucana that has won. I know that Mike Gilbert has mentioned over the last several years how pleased he is to see

Ameraucana routinely on Champion Row at shows and the breed being in the top echelon of breeds being shown. Quite an accomplishment!

The year is moving so fast! The fair season is currently active here in Missouri and by the time you are reading this article the fall show season will be starting up and I will have been to my first show of the fall season at the IL-MO Poultry Show in Highland, IL. I've historically avoided early shows, but David and Carl Cook have convinced me to give the early September show a whirl.

I have enjoyed posts in online forums of the grow-outs several Ameraucana breeders have been posting. There are what appear to be some real beauties out there in conditioning pens. One of the more impressive pictures I have seen is of a Silver large fowl Ameraucana pullet that Steve Newman posted. Steve has been diligently working with large fowl Silver for several years raising large amounts of birds and then culling to just the very few best each year. He has an approach to breeding that is a very good model. I have the privilege of working with a few of his birds and I am happy with the Silver grow outs I have. What is notable about the picture of the pullet Steve posted is that she appears to be growing out with little to no shafting. Many have commented over the years that if one raises enough birds, the truly exceptional will show up. I believe Steve may have what will become a game changer pullet for Silver large fowl Ameraucana. Great work Steve!

If you are interested in Ameraucana chicks and or hatching eggs for spring 2024, it is not too early to go **Ameraucana.org** and click on the breeder's directory tab to see what breeders have to offer. Often there are waiting lists and or breeders sell out early in the season. I wish everyone the best with their fall show season. See you on the showroom floor!



Ameraucana Alliance 2023 National Awards

Dixie Classic, Knoxville Tennessee 12/1-3/2023

Open Show Competition with 3 or more entries per class

Champion Ameraucana overall.....	\$100
Reserve Champion Ameraucana Overall.....	\$75
Best of Breed Bantam.....	\$50
Reserve of Breed Bantam.....	\$25
Best of Breed Large Fowl.....	\$50
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl.....	\$25
Best Variety Bantam (recognized and Best AOV).....	\$25
Reserve of Variety Bantam (recognized and Reserve AOV).....	\$15
Best of Variety Large Fowl (recognized and Best AOV).....	\$25
Reserve of Variety Large Fowl (recognized and Reserve AOV).....	\$15
Champion Bantam Trio.....	\$50
Reserve Champion Bantam Trio.....	\$25
Champion Large Fowl Trio.....	\$50
Reserve Champion Large Fowl Trio.....	\$25
Champion Display Overall.....	\$50
Reserve Champion Display Overall.....	\$25

Ameraucana Egg Competition

Best Bantam Eggs.....	\$75
Reserve Bantam Eggs.....;	\$50
Best Large Fowl Eggs.....	\$75
Reserve Large Fowl Eggs.....	\$50

Junior Competition

Best of Breed Bantam.....	Rosette plus \$15 by Janie Vila
Reserve of Breed Bantam.....	Rosette
Best of Breed Large Fowl.....	Rosette
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl.....	Rosette
Best of Variety Bantam (recognized and Best AOV).....	Blue Ribbon plus \$10 by Russ Blair
Reserve of Variety Bantam (recognized and Reserve AOV).....	Red Ribbon
Best of Variety Large Fowl (recognized and Best AOV).....	Blue Ribbon plus \$10 by Russ Blair
Reserve of Variety Large Fowl (recognized and Reserve AOV).....	Red Ribbon
Exhibitor (other than BV or RV) ..	"Ameraucana Alliance National" Ribbon

Only Ameraucana Alliance Members are eligible for these awards except nonmembers are eligible for ribbons and rosettes in Junior Competition only.

Eggs entered into the egg judging contest become the property of the Ameraucana Alliance.

Some members prefer cash and some prefer trophies of some sort. Winners have the choice of either cash or non-cash for club sponsored awards. Dollar amounts are associated with each win and members can decide to receive equal value trophies instead of cash awards.

Meet Reports

Missouri State Poultry Association Spring Double Show – Blue Card, April 15, 2023, Sedalia, MO

15 bantams shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by

BV black cockerel by Michael Muenks, out of 6
RV black cockerel by Michael Muenks
BV blue pullet by Michael Muenks, out of 2
RV blue pullet by Michael Muenks
BB, BV blue wheaten hen by Rebecca Howie, out of 3 – **Reserve AOCCL**
RV blue wheaten hen by Michael Muenks
RB, BV wheaten hen by Rebecca Howie, out of 3
RV wheaten hen by Michael Muenks
BV white cockerel by Michael Muenks, out of 2
RV white cock by Michael Muenks
BV splash cock by Michael Muenks, out of 1

17 large fowl shown by 5 exhibitors, judged by Larry Denny

BB, BV black cock by Daniel Cook, out of 12 – **Champion AOSB**
RB, RV black hen by Daniel Cook
BV blue cock by Michael Muenks, out of 1
BV brown red cock by Michael Muenks, out of 1
BV AOV ermine pullet by a non-member, out of 3
RV AOV ermine cockerel by a non-member

Missouri State Poultry Association Spring Double Show – Yellow Card, April 15, 2023, Sedalia, MO

15 bantams shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Larry Denny

BB, BV black hen by Michael Muenks, out of 6
RB, RV black cockerel by Michael Muenks
BV blue pullet by Michael Muenks, out of 2
RV blue pullet by Michael Muenks
BV blue wheaten hen by Michael Muenks, out of 3
RV blue wheaten hen by Michael Muenks
BV wheaten hen by Rebecca Howie, out of 3
RV wheaten hen by Michael Muenks
BV white cockerel by Michael Muenks, out of 2
RV white cock by Michael Muenks
BV splash cock by Michael Muenks, out of 1

17 large fowl shown by 5 exhibitors, judged by Ed Halworth

BB, BV black cock by Daniel Cook, out of 12 – **Reserve Champion AOSB**
RB, RV black pullet by a non-member
BV blue cock by Michael Muenks, out of 1
BV brown red cock by Michael Muenks, out of 1
BV AOV ermine pullet by a non-member, out of 3
RV AOV ermine cockerel by a non-member

Missouri State Poultry Association Spring Junior Double Show – Green Card, April 15, 2023, Sedalia, MO

5 bantams shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by James Miller

BB, BV blue wheaten hen by Landon Howie, out of 2 – **Champion AOCCL Junior Show**
RB, RV blue wheaten hen by Landon Howie – **Reserve Champion AOCCL Junior Show**
BV white cock by a non-member, out of 2
RV white cock by a non-member
BV splash hen by a non-member, out of 1

10 large fowl shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Blake Bell

BB, BV black cockerel by Kandance Crosby, out of 6 – **Reserve Champion AOSB Junior Show**
RV black pullet by Kandance Crosby
RB, BV blue pullet by Kandance Crosby, out of 3
RV blue hen by Kandance Crosby
BV blue wheaten cock by a non-member, out of 1

Missouri State Poultry Association Spring Junior Double Show – White Card, April 15, 2023, Sedalia, MO

5 bantams shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by James Miller

BB, BV blue wheaten hen by Landon Howie, out of 2 – **Champion AOCCL Junior Show**
RV blue wheaten hen by Landon Howie
RB, BV white cock by a non-member, out of 2
RV white cock by a non-member
BV splash hen by a non-member, out of 1

10 large fowl shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Blake Bell

BB, BV black cock by a non-member, out of 6 – **Reserve Champion AOSB Junior Show**
RB, RV black cockerel by Kandance Crosby
BV blue pullet by Kandance Crosby, out of 3
RV blue hen by Kandance Crosby
BV blue wheaten cock by a non-member, out of 1

Dayton Fancy Feather Club Spring Double Show – White Card, April 29-30, 2023, Greenville, OH

21 bantams shown by 4 exhibitors, judged by Tom RocBuck

BV black hen by a non-member, out of 4
RV black cockerel by Russ Blair
BB, BV blue hen by Russ Blair, out of 8
RV blue cockerel by Russ Blair
BV blue wheaten cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 1
BV brown red hen by Russ Blair, out of 1
RB, BV wheaten cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 3
RV wheaten hen by Jerry DeSmidt
BV self blue hen by a non-member, out of 4
RV self blue hen by a non-member

37 large fowl shown by 9 exhibitors, judged by Terry Britt

BB, BV black cock by a non-member, out of 22 – **Reserve Champion AOSB**
RB, RV black pullet by a non-member
BV blue cockerel by Samantha Wulff, out of 5
RV blue pullet by Samantha Wulff
BV brown red cockerel by Stacy Melton, out of 4
RV brown red cock by Stacy Melton

BV buff cock by a non-member, out of 2
RV buff hen by a non-member
BV self blue cockerel by Stacy Melton, out of 3
RV self blue cockerel by Stacy Melton
BV white hen by Kraig Shafer, out of 1

Dayton Fancy Feather Club Spring Double Show – Blue Card, April 29-30, 2023, Greenville, OH

21 bantams shown by 4 exhibitors, judged by Peyton Igo

BV black cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 4
RV black hen by a non-member
BB, BV blue hen by Russ Blair, out of 8
RV blue cockerel by Russ Blair
BV blue wheaten cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 1
BV brown red hen by Russ Blair, out of 1
RB, BV wheaten hen by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 3
RV wheaten cockerel by Russ Blair
BV self blue hen by a non-member, out of 4
RV self blue hen by a non-member

37 large fowl shown by 9 exhibitors, judged by Tylor Murray

BB, BV black cockerel by a non-member, out of 22 – **Reserve Champion AOSB**
RV black hen by a non-member
RB, BV blue pullet by Samantha Wulff, out of 5
RV blue cockerel by Samantha Wulff
BV brown red cock by Stacy Melton, out of 4
RV brown red cockerel by Stacy Melton
BV buff cock by a non-member, out of 2
RV buff hen by a non-member
BV self blue hen by Stacy Melton, out of 3
RV self blue cockerel by Stacy Melton
BV white hen by Kraig Shafer, out of 1

Dayton Fancy Feather Club Spring Double Junior Show – Yellow Card, April 29-30, 2023, Greenville, OH

5 bantams shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Jerry DeSmidt

BV black hen by a non-member, out of 2, **Champion AOCCL Junior Show, Reserve Champion Junior Show**
RV black hen by a non-member
BV blue hen by a non-member, out of 1
RB, BV blue wheaten pullet by Gavin Bailey, out of 2
RV blue wheaten pullet by Gavin Bailey

9 large fowl shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Jerry DeSmidt

BB, BV black cock by Keegan Plantenga, out of 8 – **Reserve Champion AOSB Junior Show**
RB, RV black cockerel by Carter Plantenga
BV AOV ermine hen by Gavin Bailey, out of 1

Dayton Fancy Feather Club Spring Double Junior Show – Green Card, April 29-30, 2023, Greenville, OH

5 bantams shown by 2 exhibitors, judged by Lucas Gabbard

BV black hen by a non-member, out of 2

RV black hen by a non-member
BV blue hen by a non-member, out of 1
RB, BV blue wheaten pullet by Gavin Bailey, out of 2
RV blue wheaten pullet by Gavin Bailey

9 large fowl shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Lucas Gabbard

BB, BV black cock by Keegan Plantenga, out of 8 – **Reserve Champion AOSB Junior Show**
RB, RV black cockerel by Carter Plantenga
BV AOV ermine hen by Gavin Bailey, out of 1

Saulk Trail Poultry Club Double Show – White Card, May 27-28, 2023, Hillsdale MI

11 bantams shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Nate Rynish

BV black cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 1
BB, BV blue hen by Russ Blair, out of 7
RB, RV blue cockerel by Russ Blair
BV blue wheaten cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 1
BV brown red hen by Russ Blair, out of 1
BV wheaten cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 1

5 large fowl shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Nate Rynish

BV black cock by Cindy Mayo, out of 1
BB, BV blue pullet by Samantha Wulff, out of 4 - **Champion AOSB**
RB, RV blue cockerel by Samantha Wulff

Saulk Trail Poultry Club Double Show – Pink Card, May 27-28, 2023, Hillsdale MI

11 bantams shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Keith Lute

BV black cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 1
RB, BV blue hen by Russ Blair, out of 7
RV blue cockerel by Russ Blair
BB, BV blue wheaten cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 1
BV brown red hen by Russ Blair, out of 1
BV wheaten cockerel by Russ Blair, out of 1

5 large fowl shown by 3 exhibitors, judged by Keith Lute

RB, BV black cock by Cindy Mayo, out of 1
BB, BV blue pullet by Samantha Wulff, out of 4
RV blue cockerel by Samantha Wulff

Saulk Trail Poultry Club Double Junior Show – Yellow Card, May 27-28, 2023, Hillsdale MI

1 bantam shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Paul Monteith

BB, BV blue wheaten pullet by Gavin Bailey, out of 1

Saulk Trail Poultry Club Double Junior Show – Green Card, May 27-28, 2023, Hillsdale MI

1 bantam shown by 1 exhibitor, judged by Nate Rynish

BB, BV blue wheaten pullet by Gavin Bailey, out of 1

Coulee Region Poultry Club Show, June 3, 2023, Galesville, WI

47 bantams shown by 11 exhibitors, judged by Jeff Halbach

BV black hen by Rachel Dunn, out of 10
RV black hen by Rachel Dunn
RB, BV blue hen by Russell Blair, out of 4
RV blue cockerel by Russell Blair
BB, BV blue wheaten hen by Michael Gilbert, out of 11 – **Reserve Champion AOCCL**
RV blue wheaten cockerel by Russell Blair
BV brown red cock by Jeff Sonsalla, out of 2
RV brown red hen by Russell Blair
BV buff hen by Jeff Sonsalla, out of 1
BV silver hen by Michael Muenks, out of 2
RV silver hen by Michael Muenks
BV wheaten pullet by a non-member, out of 17
RV wheaten cockerel by Russell Blair
BV white pullet by Michael Muenks, out of 3
RV white cockerel by Michael Muenks

20 large fowl shown by 8 exhibitors, judged by Phil Bartz

BV black cock by Robert Rennolet, out of 5
RV black hen by a non-member
BB, BV blue cockerel by Russell Blair, out of 7 – **Reserve Champion AOSB**
RV blue cockerel by a non-member
BV blue wheaten hen by Jeff Sonsalla, out of 1
RB, BV brown red cock Michael Muenks, out of 1
BV white pullet by a non-member, out of 2
RV white cockerel by a non-member
BV AOV splash pullet by a non-member, out of 4
RV AOV splash pullet by a non-member

Upcoming Meets

September 23-24, 2023

Virginia

Club Meet, requested by Stacy Melton
Virginia State Fair Show 1, Meadow Events Park, Doswell, VA
Contact: Sarah Campbell, odpa2021@gmail.com

October 6-8, 2023

Oklahoma

Club Meet, requested by Patty Williams
Tulsa State Fair, Tulsa, OK
Contact: Mike Geis, geismcloud@yahoo.com, (405) 165-4128, tulsastatefair.com

October 7-8, 2023

Ohio

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair
Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Fall Show 1, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH
Contact: Amanda Heitzman, amanda.heizman@hotmail.com, (937) 681-6002

October 7-8, 2023

Ohio

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair

Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Fall Show 2, Darke County Fairgrounds, Greenville, OH

Contact: Amanda Heitzman, amanda.heizman@hotmail.com, (937) 681-6002

October 14-15, 2023

Michigan

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair

Michigan Poultry Fanciers Fowl Fest Show #1, <http://FowlFest.org>

Contact: Clay Mills, clmills@casair.net

October 14-15, 2023

Michigan

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair

Michigan Poultry Fanciers Fowl Fest Show #2, <http://FowlFest.org>

Contact: Clay Mills, clmills@casair.net

October 21-22, 2023

Ontario

Club Meet, requested by Jerry DeSmidt

Ontario Poultry Breeders 30th Anniversary Show West Niagara Fairgrounds Grassie (Grimsby) Ontario, Canada

Contact: Troy Laroche, ontpoultrybreeders@hotmail.com

October 28, 2023

Arkansas

Club Meet, requested by Rebecca Howie

Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Association 15th Annual Fall Show, Pauline Whitaker Animal Science Center, Fayetteville, AR

Contact: Jacob Bates, jakeab42@hotmail.com (479) 965-5222

October 28, 2023

Missouri

Club Meet, requested by Michael Muenks

Missouri State Poultry Fall Show and Swap #1, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO

Contact: Bernita Miller, 300 N. Franklin, Windsor, MO 65360, bmill@iland.net, (660) 647-2427

October 28, 2023

Missouri

Club Meet, requested by Michael Muenks

Missouri State Poultry Fall Show and Swap #2, Missouri State Fairgrounds, Sedalia, MO

Contact: Bernita Miller, 300 N. Franklin, Windsor, MO 65360, bmill@iland.net, (660) 647-2427

November 4, 2023

Oklahoma

Club Meet, requested by Patty Williams

The Mega Show, Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 615 E. Robinson, Norman, OK

Contact: Richard Peter, Apajudge1009@aol.com, (405) 706-0484, poultryshowcase.com

December 1-3, 2023

National Meet

Dixie Classic Poultry Show, Jacobs Building - Chilhowee Park, 3301 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN

Contact: mummados@gmail.com, https://tvpoultryclub.com/handbook/

December 2, 2023

Oklahoma

Club Meet, requested by Patty Williams

Oklahoma Mini Mega Show, Cleveland County Fairgrounds, 615 E. Robinson, Norman, OK

Contact: Richard Peter, Apajudge1009@aol.com, (405) 706-0484, poultryshowcase.com

December 9, 2023

Oklahoma

Club Meet, requested by Michael Muenks

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation, Heart of Oklahoma Exposition Center, 1700 W. Independence, Shawnee, Ok 74802

Contact: oklahomastatepoultryfederation@gmail.com

Treasurers Report

Newsletter/ Meet Deadlines

Checking Account at Waumandee State Bank, Arcadia, WI

Previous Balances as of 05-15-2023	
Checking	\$2,561.40
PayPal	\$445.78
Total Balances	\$3007.26
Income	
	\$449.11 memberships Checks \$74.00, Paypal \$375.11 \$ 75.00 (paid member ad for ABA/APA yearbooks) Total = <u>\$524.11</u>
Expenses	
	\$26.14 (Name Cheap Domain Renewal) \$65.00 (Poultry Press Year Ad) \$32.42 (Reimburse for Newsletter Expenses) \$25.00 (APA membership) \$36.53 (Reimburse – postage, mailing expenses) \$10.00 (Reimburse member declined badge) \$13.58 (Omnis Network – Domain name) \$58.31 (Newsletter Printing) \$121.91 (Newsletter Printing) Total = <u>\$388.89</u>

Newsletter Deadline

Have something to share in the Ameraucana Alliance Newsletter? Great! Email your ads, articles, opinions, stories, photos, etc. to janievila@hotmail.com by November 15, 2023. Please send ads, articles, opinions, and or stories in Word or Rich text.



Balances as of 08-15-2023

Checking	\$2,767.37
PayPal	\$375.11
Total Balances	\$3,142.48

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeff Sonsalla
 8-15-2023

Meet Request Deadline

If you have a meet request, with an entry deadline after December 1, 2023, email it to [Michael Muenks@yahoo.com](mailto:Michael.Muenks@yahoo.com) by November 15, 2023.

Please request meets as early as possible. If there are multiple shows at the event such as a double show, please make a meet request for each show at the event.

Membership Renewals for 2024



The Holidays and end of the year celebrations will be coming up soon. The end of 2023 is also time to renew your Membership. I will send emails and post cards out the first half of November to everyone that is due to renew. Watch for them and don't forget to respond. I will not contact Members who are paid up to the end of 2024, 2025 and further. If you have a question about your Membership, feel free to send me a message via FB, the Forum or email at rebeccah@mac.com. Thank you!



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