

Ameraucana Newsletter

Spring 2022 - Volume 8, Issue 1

A warm welcome to our new members!

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President - Michael Muenks

Greetings all! I hope your spring hatching season is off to a good start. For some members it will just be starting and for others it will be winding down. I will start off with a sincere apology for the delay in the delivery of the Spring 2022 Newsletter. About the time in February when I would have been putting the newsletter together I came down with COVID. Now, about 8 weeks latter I'm just now able to cut through the brain fog and complete lack of energy to get the newsletter pulled together. The initial infection was about like a bad flu in intensity and length. The long-term taste issue, brain fog, and exhaustion/lack of energy has been more "interesting."



I made the decision to not hatch any eggs during this time because I was afraid I wouldn't be able to care for them. I imagine that my first hatch will be in mid to late May or even in the summer.

I hope all members have experienced minimal to no personal issues with the latest avian outbreaks beyond the cancelation of shows.

My winter hatches have matured out nicely and I am happy I made them when I did. Over winter when the bantams were laying for no good reason other than being productive strains I decided to do an improvement cross of a bantam brown red cock to bantam wheaten hens, a bantam buff cock to bantam wheaten hens, and a bantam wheaten cock to bantam light brown hens.

The point of the brown red to wheaten cross was to improve the head color of the brown red hens. The strain I am working with are beautiful in type and productivity, but a female with good head color is a rare bird. The offspring of the cross are not as clean headed as I had hoped, but an improvement over the parents. An expected outcome was loss of solid breast feather color, and I will continue to work on that with the next generation in this subline. I am keeping them separate from the main line and continuing to work the main line female head color at the same time.

For the buff to wheaten cross I was a bit disappointed by the males all coming out with various amounts of black in their tails. Type is nice and the females are fairly good overall. Hopefully, I will be able to get a few chicks on the ground this summer and make a bit more progress if my energy gets better and the brain fog becomes lifts.

Director - Becky Howie

Happy March to all my fellow Ameraucana Enthusiasts. I sure am looking forward to Spring, how about you? This winter has not been so brutal as last year despite a couple of "severe" winter storms that passed through. We were lucky here in NW Arkansas, the 12 inches of snow predicted for us turned out to be more like 6-8 inches of snow with some much deeper drifts. It was cold, of course and another front is on the way.

We also had some very pleasant and warm days, so some birds are out on the ground for some sunshine. I must move those birds back under cover today.



I am very excited to get a new structure ready for the Spring hatches. I had a carport delivered recently and plan to enclose the sides with hardware cloth and divide up the space into a few pens. It will be an open-air pen that I can cover with plastic over the winters. I still like them despite the winters here. I find heat here can be as hard on the birds as it is in Florida. I used the 2x3 welded wire in the past but will switch to 1/2" hardware cloth this time to prevent wild birds from accessing the pens.

If you use the Internet or are on any of the Social Networking sites including the Forum, you have probably seen that a highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) is in the US again and has been detected in flocks east of the Mississippi, both commercial and backyard poultry. This article is from February 14, 2022 -

https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/newsroom/stakeholder-info/SA_By_Date/SA-2022

I want to bring this up, since I know we have members who do not use or have limited access to digital information and in newspapers or TV the issue of Avian Flu may not make it to the headlines in a timely manner. This is a serious topic for commercial growers along with poultry and waterfowl enthusiasts, no matter how big or small. I encourage everyone to look around and take stock of your biosecurity plan. We all have a plan, whether it is casual steps we take to protect our flocks or very strict control of who enters our property and how we isolate our birds from migrating flocks. This is the time to reevaluate what we do to protect our investment in the Birds we enjoy so much.

WHEW, that's said, now onto the fun stuff!

I expect to order new sew on patches soon. They will have the new Logo with the Wheaten cock on a blue background and black border in the 3-inch size. We will put them up on the website when available. The price will be cost + mailing when they are available.

It's looking like a lot of the poultry shows are back so wherever you are, someone will be setting up show coops and opening the doors. Whether you show or not, these are great places to meet other poultry enthusiasts.

This year will be an exciting one for the Ameraucana Alliance as we will be holding 2 National Meets!

On October 1, 2022, the North Central National Meet will be held in Birch Run, MI. The show will be private, open to Ameraucana Alliance Members only. It will be a Lawn Show Style venue and APA & ABA Sanctioned. These are great shows, the judge is not under the usual time crunch and has a chance to spend a lot of time with the exhibitors, answer questions and discuss the birds he has judged.

On October 14-16, 2022, the Western National Meet will be held at the Utah Fancy Poultry Association Fall Show in Ogden, UT. It will be the more traditional APA & ABA sanctioned National held during an all-breed show. It is a double show, the National Meet is show #1 there will also be a Club Meet for show #2.

I will be hatching a "few" chicks and have some adults I would really like to show if I can keep them from molting right when the shows start in the fall. We will see how that goes!

Director - Jeff Sonsalla



Hello Ameraucana members. My name is Jeff Sonsalla. For any new members, I am a lifetime Ameraucana Alliance member, and this is my second time being a director. I am the Alliance Treasurer this time. The Treasurer's report is another part of this newsletter.

I am glad spring is not too far away because winter in Wisconsin can get tiring quickly. Between emptying frozen water cups, plowing and shoveling snow, sometimes a person wants to just stay inside and warm. We are just getting through some cold weather (zero or below most nights last week). I am looking forward to not having frozen water cups soon.

A nice thing is getting some eggs started and soon to be hatching in the incubator. I am getting a later start again this year, but I hear a number of members are excited about getting some Ameraucana chicks hatched out. Another issue I face is that between some respiratory issues my flock had last fall and the cold this winter my numbers of bantam wheaten and blue wheaten breeders are pretty low. Hopefully the chicks I hatch out from these varieties this spring will do well or I will need to look for some at our National(s) this October.

I was able to raise a bantam buff cockerel and pullet that came as eggs last spring from John Blehm. Hopefully between them and the wheaten/buff females and the older buff cock I already had I will be able to hatch out some nice bantam buff this spring. Last fall I was able to pick up a few large fowl New Hampshire and a bantam New Hampshire cockerel. I have an urge to make some red Ameraucana. It should be fun to see how that project turns out.

Mike Gilbert and I are members of the Coulee Region Poultry Club which has its show in Galesville, Wisconsin every June.

Our Coulee Region Poultry Club Show is scheduled for June 4, 2022 here in Galesville, Wisconsin. We usually have 800 or more poultry entered. With Mike Gilbert and I as members it is always an Ameraucana sanctioned show. Numerous Ameraucana members have showed at the CRPC show over the years including John Blehm, Bob Walchak, Jim Fegan, Bob Rennolet, and Russ Blair.

So, I encourage Ameraucana members to join us in Galesville, Wisconsin on June 4th at a quality spring poultry show where you can meet with other Ameraucana members and enjoy seeing some beautiful Ameraucana chickens.

Wishing everyone a good hatching, showing season, and looking forward to seeing you at our Nationals this fall.

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

Director - Mindy Waters

Hello everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you well and I hope you are all enjoying your Ameraucana. The temperatures are starting to warm up in Southeastern Washington and I believe spring may be a bit early this year. Spring is always a busy season for us on our small homestead. We have sheep shearing scheduled this month, litters of Silver Fox rabbits due, and the possibility of a new surprise on the farm later this season. We are also preparing for planting herbs, flowers, vegetables, and fruits in our large garden. It's one of my favorite times of the year, bursting with new life!



Egg production is going back up and I just turned on my incubator. I start hatching and brooding a little later than some, but I anticipate some nice birds coming out of my breeding pens this season. I am currently working on my a few different varieties of Large Fowl Ameraucana and implementing some things I've been learning in The Breeder's Academy, under Kenny Troiano's guidance. I'm excited to see the results in the coming years as I work towards developing my strains and aiming for better consistency.

We have two Washington spring meets on the schedule. The first one will be on the 19th of March, in Monroe and the second will be on April 23rd, in Stevenson. I hope to see more local enthusiasts and exhibitors there! I am also planning to attend the Western National Meet scheduled for October in Utah. I really hope we get a great turnout and have an amazing time with exhibition and fellowship.

Happy hatching!

Meet Reports

Ohio National, Ohio, November 12-14, 2021 – Club Meet

94 bantams entered, judged by Terry Brit
BB, BV black cock by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 2
RV black cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt
RB, BV white hen by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 7
RV white cock by Jerry DeSmidt
BV AOV self blue hen by Temple DaSilva, out 83
RV AOV self blue cockerel by Tracy Buck

34 large fowl entered, judged by Terry Brit
BB, BV black cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 12, Best AOSB, Best AOSB Trio
RV black pullet by Jerry DeSmidt
BV blue pullet by Janis Orndorf, out of 3
RV blue cockerel by Janis Orndorf
RB, BV white cock by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 13
RV white hen by Jerry DeSmidt
BV AOV splash pullet by Janis Orndorf, out of 2
RV AOV splash cockerel by Janis Orndorf
BV AOV erminette pullet by Becky Pelton, out of 4
RV AOV erminette hen by Beck Pelton



4 Junior Show bantams, judged by Troy LaRoche

BB, BV black cock by Colton Brush, out of 2

RB, RV black hen by Colton Brush

BV blue cock by Colton Brush, out of 1

BV white cock by Nels VanGundy, out of 1

23 Junior Show large fowl, judged by Matt Lhamon

BB, BV black cockerel by Carter Plantenga, out of 14 – Champion AOSB

RB, RV black cock by Colton Brush

BV blue cock by Colton Brush, out of 5

RV blue hen by Colton Brush

BV self blue pullet by Willis Shirerdeger, out of 3

RV self blue cockerel by Willis Shirerdeger

BV white pullet by Willis Shirerdeger, out of 1

Dixie Classic - Tennessee Valley Poultry Club, December 4-5, 2021 – Club Meet

84 bantams entered, judged by Kyle Tripp & Jeff Halbach (splash only)

RB, BV black cock by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 7

RV black pullet by Jerry DeSmidt

BV blue hen by Temple DaSilva, out of 3

RV blue pullet by Ashlea Etheridge

BV brown red cockerel by Michael Muenks, out of 3

RV brown red cockerel by Michael Muenks

BV silver pullet by Michael Muenks, out of 2

RV silver pullet by Michael Muenks

BB, BV white cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 4 – Reserve Champion AOCCL

RV white cock by Jerry DeSmidt

BV AOV self blue cock by Temple DaSilva, out of 2

RV AOV self blue cock by Temple DaSilva

BV AOV light brown pullet by Michael Muenks, out of 1

BV AOV splash pullet by Temple DaSilva, out of 61

RV AOV splash hen by Temple DaSilva

33 large fowl entered, judged by Jacob Bates

BB, BV black cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 19 – Champion AOSB

RV black cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt

RB, BV brown red cockerel by Stacey Melton, out of 3

RV brown red pullet by Stacey Melton

BV self blue hen by Stacey Melton, out of 3

RV self blue hen by Stacey Melton

BV wheaten cockerel by Emily Garland, out of 1

BV white pullet by Jerry DeSmidt, out of 4

RV white cockerel by Jerry DeSmidt

BV AOV erminette pullet by Leigh Edwards, out of 3

RV AOV erminette pullet by Leigh Edwards



4 Junior Show bantams

BB, BV blue wheaten pullet by Sylvia Johnson, out of 1 – Reserve AOCCL

RB, BV wheaten pullet by Sylvia Johnson, out of 3

RV wheaten cockerel by Sylvia, Johnson

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation, December 11, 2021 – Club Meet

31 bantams entered, judged by Steve Beaty

BB, BV black cock by Brad Stonebarger, out of 15 – Reserve AOCCL

RB, RV black cockerel by Brad Stonebarger

BV blue wheaten pullet by Daniel Cook, out of 1

BV brown red cockerel by Brad Stonebarger, out of 8

RV brown red cockerel by Michael Muenks

BV silver pullet by Michael Muenks, out of 2

RV silver pullet by Michael Muenks

BV AOV light brown pullet by Michael Muenks, out of 1

BV AOV self blue pullet by Aaron Hickson, out of 4

RV AOV self blue pullet by Aaron Hickson

29 large fowl entered, judged by Nate Rynish

BB, BV black cockerel by Daniel Cook, out of 22

RB, RV black cockerel by Daniel Cook

BV blue wheaten pullet by Kris Dossey, out of 2

RV blue wheaten pullet by Lauren Dossey

BV wheaten cockerel by Kris Dossey, out of 3

RV wheaten cockerel by Kris Dossey

BV white pullet by Kris Dossey, out of 2

RV white pullet by Lauren Dossey

8 Junior Show bantams, judged by Steve Beaty

BB, BV black cockerel by Gracie Stonebarger, out of 4

RV black cockerel by Gracie Stonebarger

BV blue wheaten cockerel by Chassidy Crittenden, out of 2

RV blue wheaten pullet by Garrit Chester

RB, BV wheaten hen by Chassidy Crittenden, out of 2

RV wheaten hen by Garrit Chester

15 Junior Show large fowl, judged by Nate Rynish

BB, BV black pullet by Gracie Stonebarger, out of 15

RB, RV black cock by Melody Magness



Upcoming Meets

Please check with local clubs on the status of poultry shows due to avian influenza.

January 15, 2022

Georgia

Club Meet, requested by Becky Howie

[Just Peachy Classic](#), Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agriculture Center – Georgia Crown Building, 401 Golden Isles Parkway, Perry, GA

Contact: Rhonda Smith, (478)- 957- 4323 or Jake Henderson, 229-520-9852- jakehenderson1052@gmail.com

March 10-12, 2022

Utah

Club Meet Show 1, requested by Janet Tipton

Utah Fancy Poultry Association, Ogden UT

Contact: Michelle Muldowney-Stevens, utahfancypoultry@gmail.com (435) 363-5589

March 10-12, 2022

Utah

Club Meet Show 2, requested by Janet Tipton

Utah Fancy Poultry Association, Ogden UT

Contact: Michelle Muldowney-Stevens, utahfancypoultry@gmail.com (435) 363-5589

March 19, 2022

Washington

Club Meet, requested by Mindy Waters

Cascade Spring Show, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272

Contact: Emmett Wild, magpie.wild@yahoo.com

April 9, 2022

Indiana

Club Meet, request by Kraig Shafer

White River Poultry Club Show, 4-H Fairgrounds, Spencer, IN

Contact: Larry Lawrence, 3761 State Ferry Road, Solsberry, IN 47459, tedebear@smithville.net

April 9, 2022

Pennsylvania

Club Meet, requested by Donna Townsend

Tri-State Poultry Association Show, Crawford County Fairgrounds, West Mead, PA

Contact: Robert Martell, flyinhighfarm@gmail.com

April 9, 2022

Tennessee

Club Meet, requested by Stacy Melton

Tennessee Valley Poultry Club Spring Show - tvpoultryclub.com, Knoxville, TN

Contact: Hope Holt, mummados@gmail.com

April 16, 2022

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,

bmiller@iland.net, (660) 647-2427

April 16, 2022

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,
bmiller@iland.net, (660) 647-2427

April 23-24

Ohio

Club Meet, requested by Stacy Melton, Kraig Shafer, Russell Blair

Dayton Fancy Feathers Club Spring Show, Greenville, OH

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

April 23, 2022

Washington

Club Meet, requested by Mindy Waters

CRPE Spring Invitational, Skamania County Fairgrounds, 720 SW Rock Creek Drive, Stevenson, WA

Contact: Barb Tuss, barbtuss@gmail.com

May 14-15, 2022

Ohio

Club Meet, requested by Kraig Shafer

Moon City Poultry Club Show, Auglaize County Fairgrounds, Wapakoneta, OH

Contact: Leisha Comer, mooncitypoultryclub@yahoo.com

May 28-29, 2022

Michigan

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair

Saulk Trail Poultry Club Show #1, Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, Hillsdale, MI

Contact: Amy and Lucas Gabbard, (517) 212-0824, Saulktrailpoultry@gmail.com

May 28-29, 2022

Michigan

Club Meet, requested by Russell Blair

Saulk Trail Poultry Club Show #2, Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, Hillsdale, MI

Contact: Amy and Lucas Gabbard, (517) 212-0824, Saulktrailpoultry@gmail.com

June 4, 2022

Wisconsin

Club Meet, requested by Mike Gilbert

Coulee Region Poultry Club, Inc., Trempealeau County Fairgrounds, Galesville, WI

Contact: Jim Laatsch, JimSparky2000@yahoo.com (253) 241-9981

September 8-18, 2022

Utah

Club Meet, requested by Janet Tipton

[Utah State Fair](#) Show #1, State Fair Park, Salt Lake City, UT

Contact: Mike Spencer, mikecspencer@comcast.net, (385) 290-7291

September 8-18, 2022

Utah

Club Meet, requested by Janet Tipton

[Utah State Fair](#) Show #2, State Fair Park, Salt Lake City, UT

Contact: Mike Spencer, mikecspencer@comcast.net, (385) 290-7291

October 1, 2022

North Central National Meet

Ameraucana Alliance Private Ameraucana Only Meet

Birch Run, MI

Contact: John Blehm, johnnyb.goode@charter.net

October 8-9, 2022

Michigan

Club Meet, requested by John Blehm

Fowl Fest - <http://FowlFest.org>, Chesaning, MI

Contact: Matt Boensch, mjwaterfowl@yahoo.com

October 14-16, 2022

Western National Meet

Utah Fancy Poultry Association Fall Show #1, Ogden, UT

Contact: Michelle Muldowney-Stevens, michelle.muldowneystevens@aggiemail.usu.edu

October 14-16, 2022

Utah

Club Meet, Utah Fancy Poultry Association Fall Show #2, Ogden, UT

Contact: Michelle Muldowney-Stevens, michelle.muldowneystevens@aggiemail.usu.edu

October 15-16, 2022

Pennsylvania

Club Meet, requested by Kraig Shafer

Uniontown Poultry and Farm Products Association Shows and Swap Meet, Fayette County Fairgrounds, Albert Lilley Poultry Building, Dunbar, PA

Contact: Steve Stanish, 2105 University Drive, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456 or Liesa Stiller, uniontownpoultry@hotmail.com

November 12, 2022

Utah

Club Meet, requested by Janet Tipton

Beehive State Poultry Classic, Deseret Peak Complex, 2920 West Highway 112, Grantsville, UT

Contact: Josh Stout, jjstout06@gmail.com



Treasurer's Report 2-15-2022

Checking Account at Waumandee State Bank,
Arcadia, WI

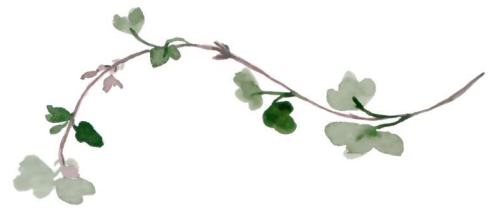
Previous Balances as of 11-30-22	
Checking	\$5,286.61
PayPal	\$475.83
Total Balances	\$5,762.44
Income	\$300.00
Expenses	\$3,023.17 (National Meet Awards)
Balances as of 2-15-2022	
Checking	\$2,563.44
PayPal	\$1,380.14
Total Balances	\$3,943.58

Newsletter/ Meet Deadlines

Have something to share in the Ameraucana Alliance Newsletter? Great! Email your ads, articles, opinions, stories, photos, etc. to AmeraucanaAlliance@gmail.com by June 1, 2022. Please send ads, articles, opinions, and or stories in Word or Richtext.

If you have a meet request, with an entry deadline after June 15, 2022, email it to AmeraucanaAlliance@gmail.com by June 1, 2022.

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.



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