

Ameraucana Newsletter

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A warm welcome to our new members!

Janessa Storace, CT
Sandra Margriter, HI
Robin Gilgor, NC
Ellen Calkins, CT
Kendra Urbanik, CA
Patricia Dukes, SC

Judy Blehm, MI
Matt Boensch, MI
Anna White, LA
Nadine Anderson, MS
Matthew Pedeaux, LA

Stephanie Sandgren, KS
Lisa Sharp, LA
Amanda Cornett, KY
Shawna Cole, Victoria, Canada
Jennifer Johnson, IN
Don Cash, NC

President - Michael Muenks

Greetings all! I hope your fall show season has been fun and that you had some success. I often feel a bit overwhelmed at shows when I see all the nicely conditioned birds and wonder why I didn't do more to condition the ones I entered. With HPAI (avian flu) lurking in many states meets are up in the air and you will see some late meet placements and requests based on members changing show attendance plans. In some ways the cancellation of shows in some states is giving other shows that might not have been considered for attendance. That happened to me the weekend of November 18-20. I had planned to go to the Master's Cup in Webster City, Iowa that weekend. Unfortunately, the show was canceled due to HPAI. I still had peafowl that I needed to deliver and then as



fortune would have it, Ameraucana Alliance member Steve Neumann was planning to be at the Nebraska State Poultry Show that same weekend and was willing to bring along a few large fowl silver Ameraucana. We had been visiting for a couple years about silver Ameraucana and I hoped to eventually to get some from him to work with in addition to those that I have already have from Dawnalysce Clifford. Although I was too late to actually enter any birds in the show, the weekend ended up being a nice time and I came home with a few silvers from Steve. The show also happened to be the first qualifying meet in the American Poultry Association's (APA) process for the addition of large fowl splash Ameraucana to the APA's Standard of Perfection. Steve did really well at the show coming away with the best of variety in large fowl silver, splash, and blue along with a reserve of variety in large fowl silver. The show also saw both bantam and large Ameraucana by Alliance members on Champion Row. Daniel Cook won champion AOSB on a large fowl cockerel that was also Champion Ameraucana and of course best of variety. Jerry DeSmidt was reserve champion AOCCL with a white bantam cockerel. If memory serves Daniel Cook also had the best large fowl trio with a trio of black Ameraucana. Since I was just visiting and enjoying myself at a show that was not an Ameraucana Alliance meet, I completely neglected writing down all the other results. My apologies to any winners I left out.

Once again I am doing what I promised myself to never do again after last year, which is hatch eggs in November and early December, yet here I am again with eggs in the incubator this year. For whatever reason the bantams are laying, and I went ahead and set up some buff, wheaten/blue wheaten, brown red, white, and silver breeding pens. I have the brown red large fowl set up, but they are not laying and of course I'm

waiting on silver large fowl from Steve to pass biosecurity protocols before setting them up. So, chicks are on their way. I may be totally done for early chicks with one more set of eggs in the incubator.

2022 Club Elections

This was an election year for the Ameraucana Alliance. Thank you to Mike Gilbert for serving as the election commissioner and Stacy Melton for serving as the assistant election commissioner.

Beginning January 1, 2023 Russell Blair will be the president of the Ameraucana Alliance with Rebecca Howie, Michael Muenks, Jeff Sonsalla, Janie Vilá, and Mindy Waters will make up the board of directors. The honorary Vice-Presidents are Michael Gilbert, James Fegan, and Jerry Segler.

National Meet 2023

Thank you to the teams that organized both the North Central and Western 2022 National Meets. It is a wonderful thing to have dedicated members in both areas of the country willing to organize and host the national meets this year.

Thank you to the members who visited with show clubs regarding hosting the Ameraucana Alliance National Meet in 2023. The board has voted to place the meet at the Dixie Classic Poultry Show, December 1-3, 2023. The show is located at the Jacobs Building – Chilhowee Park, 3301 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee. More information about the Tennessee Valley Poultry Club and the show may be found at <https://tvpoultryclub.com/>. Several club members have attended this show. It is well run and easy to get to. I have visited with Harry House from the Tennessee Valley Poultry Club and he has confirmed that for in state and out of state attendees, if you are NPIP Certified and AI Certified that show that you do not currently have to be AI certified 21 days before the show. That being said, Harry said he would continue to monitor with the state of Tennessee any updates to the health requirements for poultry shows in Tennessee and send updates to the club.

Another item to note about the show, for the junior show, juniors are responsible for all aspects of their birds; parents are not allowed to clean or assist in any way. If a junior needs help cooping birds in, a TVPC club member will be there to help them. If parents are assisting or cleaning birds the junior will be disqualified from the show. So, juniors should start practicing independence now!

2021-2022 Ameraucana Alliance Board

I would like to extend my warm thoughts and appreciation to the 2021-2022 Ameraucana Alliance Board members for all of their time and efforts on behalf of the Ameraucana breed and the club. It is easy to forget that this is a poultry club and that those associated with the club are volunteers who have families, personal medical emergencies/health issues, immediate and extended family member medical emergencies/health issues/deaths/long term care needs to deal with, full-time and part-time jobs, farm chores, and other responsibilities and distractions too numerous to mention; and still they have done their very best to meet the needs of a poultry club. You are my heroes and deeply appreciate having worked with you the last two years in what have not been the easiest times behind the scenes of the club.



Brattlie family's Blue Wheaten Pullet
Best AOCCL Ohio National 2022

Director - Becky Howie



Winter chill has set in here in Arkansas and I guess that is appropriate for now. A little snow has fallen and probably more to come by the time you read this. Temperatures are falling below freezing here the past week. It may be a long winter BRRR!

The holidays are coming up and so is the New Year, renewal time is here also. Memberships run from January 1 to December 31. By the time this Newsletter is delivered, you should have also received an email or post card as a reminder to renew for 2023 or beyond. 1 year memberships are still \$10 and 3 year memberships are \$25 and you will receive the Newsletter by email. For mailed hardcopy Newsletters our membership is \$17 for 1 year and \$51 for 3 Years. You can have a Lifetime Membership for \$200 and receive emailed or US mailed hardcopy Newsletters. This is truly a bargain to access the wealth of experience and knowledge of longtime breeders and

exhibitors. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of all the information on the [Ameraucana Forum](#), the Ameraucana Facebook page and MeWe.

As for me and what is happening at home - it was disappointing year for showing, most shows within a few hours' drive were cancelled due to AI and I had not entered in the Oklahoma or Missouri shows. I could not make the trip to either National this year after being away from home for a month for family matters.

My carport to coop conversion is over half finished. I now have 2 - 5x9 runs and 3 - 5x5 runs, the other 3 runs are framed up, ready for wire and doors. I just need a couple more warmer days to finish them out. I am pretty proud of myself; I do not think it looks too bad for someone scared to death of ladders (and there was a lot of time on a ladder). I left it open since the summer heat can be brutal and I can wrap it with heavy duty clear plastic to protect the chickens from the cold wind and rain or sleet during winter.



The F1 (bantam) Ermines that hatched from eggs are growing up as expected, I think 2 more generations will produce consistent bantam sized, Polka dotted Ameraucana. I am extremely excited about them as I have been looking forward to these guys since 2019. Thank you Becky Pelton for all your dedication to this color variety.

I wish everyone lots of love and happy get togethers with family and friends this season. I also wish for good health to you and for our flocks so we can get together in 2023.

Director - Jeff Sonsalla

Winter is coming again. Luckily, it has not been too cold in Wisconsin so far, but a cold snap is coming here just in time for deer hunting and Thanksgiving.

The Alliance account balance is doing well. It is good to see new members joining each month. The treasurer's report is in the later pages of this newsletter. The checks for the cash awards won at our North Central National held in Birch Run, Michigan have all been mailed out. I am still in the process of sending out the checks for the cash awards for our Western National held in Ogden, Utah. I also just received the rosettes for the Junior Best of Breed and Reserve of Breed at our Nationals, and they should be mailed out to winning juniors before this newsletter arrives.



Unfortunately, I was unable to attend our North Central Ameraucana Alliance in Birch Run Michigan this October. The large number and variety of Ameraucana at the National would have been nice to see. It sounds like it was another wonderful show, and everyone really enjoyed themselves.

I moved to a smaller place this summer and the chickens had been staying outside in chicken tractors. With the weather getting cold they have been moved inside of a shed. I am sure it will be a bit of a learning experience this first winter. I did decrease my number of birds to fit my smaller place. I currently have only large fowl Wheaten and Blue Wheaten, bantam Wheaten and Blue Wheaten, bantam Buff and bantam Brown Red.

Now is the time to settle in for winter as well as getting the breeding pens ready for the next hatching season. I did not hatch any chicks this past year so hopefully this next hatching season will be a good one. There is a special feeling seeing the Ameraucana in the breeding pens that were hatched and raised at your own place.

If you are expecting a check for cash awards from our national and it does not arrive, please contact me at myhometownvet@gmail.com or (608)738-8701.

The Ameraucana National is always a great time. I recommend all members to try and make it to them in the future.

Wishing everyone a quiet winter, a Merry Christmas, and a successful hatching season in 2023.

Membership Renewals and Breeders Directory Updates

It is that time of the year again! Time to renew memberships. Memberships may be renewed <http://ameraucanaalliance.org/> website using PayPal or renewals may be sent to **Rebecca G Howie, 19699 Jewell Drive, Gravette, AR 72736. Members may renew for up to three years at a time.** Dues start at just \$10/year and we offer a SPECIAL rate of \$25 for 3 years! Becky sent out emails to members with memberships expiring December 31, 2022. Check your spam folders or send an email to Becky at rebeccah@mac.com to confirm your membership expiration.

In addition, it is that time of year when buyers are out looking for spring stock, hatching eggs and chicks. Please check your Breeders Directory listing at <http://ameraucanaalliance.org/>. Send updates to rebeccah@mac.com. Members who wish to be added to the Breeders Directory should send their entry to Becky at her email. Buyers are out there! Don't miss the opportunity to promote the Ameraucana breed and make a bit of money even if you are only selling from your farm or meeting people locally.

Director - Mindy Waters



Hello, again, Ameraucana fanciers!

The cold weather has hit us here in Washington and I am ready to button down the hatches and hibernate for winter. Oh, how I wish we could actually do that! But the time for busting ice is here.

I was excited to have made plans to attend the Western National Meet this year, however something personal in my family came up that made the trip to Utah impossible for us. My heart was broken. I was looking forward to meeting Janet and Michelle and others that may have also attended.

The fellowship of this club is one of the main reasons I continue to be a member and serve on the board of directors. There are so many amazing people that love and promote this breed within the Ameraucana Alliance. I am blessed to know them and be mentored by them.

I was able to attend a one day show here in Washington on November 12th. The CRPE Stevenson Poultry Classic is always a great show with wonderful people. This time I attended with my husband, Joe, and youngest daughter, Savannah, and we also took my cousin, Julie, and her son, Ryker. This show was their very first poultry show and I enjoyed watching Julie dive right and show some of her birds to get feedback from the judge and from the breeder of her birds. I loved watching her learn and enjoy the whole process. I just know she'll be back soon and will also probably building some breeding pens!

I was surprised to have done very well at the show. My Black hen took Reserve Champion AOSB, my Black Copper Marans cockerel won Champion Continental, and the big win of the day was my Blue hen winning Champion AOSB and going on to win Reserve Champion of Show. I never would have dreamed I would win an award like that this early in my breeding and exhibition career, but I'm grateful.

It is so exciting to see Ameraucana on Champion Row at our meets and poultry shows of all sizes across the country, including at The Ohio National! I would like to say congratulations to all! Thank you for all the hard work and dedication and for helping us promote the breed!

Upcoming Meets

December 3, 2022

Louisiana

Club Meet, requested by Brian Bailey

Red Stick Poultry Show, Baton Rouge, LA

Contact: Shannon Lejeune, (225) 715-4180, redstickpoultry@outlook.com

December 3-5, 2022

Tennessee - Canceled

Club Meet, requested by Michael Muenks

Dixie Classic Poultry Show, Jacobs Building - Chilhowee Park, 3301 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37914

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

December 10, 2022

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

December 10, 2022

North Carolina

Club Meet, requested by Stacy Melton

Cape Fear Poultry Association Show #1, Smithfield, NC

Contact: Donna Worthington, Donna.Worthington@aol.com

December 10, 2022

North Carolina

Club Meet, requested by Stacy Melton

Cape Fear Poultry Association Show #2, Smithfield, NC

Contact: Donna Worthington, Donna.Worthington@aol.com

January 21, 2023

Georgia

Club Meet, requested by Amanda Maupin

Just Peachy Classic, Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agriculture Center – Georgia Crown Building, 401 Golden Isles Parkway, Perry, GA

Contact: Hanna LeBlanc, PeachstatePoultryAssociation@gmail.com

January 27-29, 2023

California

Club Meet, requested by Janet Tipton

Pacific Poultry Breeders Association - Winter Show, Lodi, CA

Contact: Bruce Sherman, (559) 730-8045, www.pacificpoultrybreedersassn.com

March 9-11, 2023

Utah

Club Meet Show 1, requested by Janet Tipton

Utah Fancy Poultry Association, Ogden UT

Contact: Steve Steadman, utahfancypoultry@gmail.com

March 9-11, 2023

Utah

Club Meet Show 2, requested by Janet Tipton

Utah Fancy Poultry Association, Ogden UT

Contact: Steve Steadman, utahfancypoultry@gmail.com

March 18, 2023

Washington

Club Meet, requested by Mindy Waters

Cascade Spring Show 1, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272

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

March 18, 2023

Washington

Club Meet, requested by Mindy Waters

Cascade Spring Show 2, Evergreen State Fairgrounds, 14405 179th Ave SE, Monroe, WA 98272

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

April 15, 2023

Missouri

Club Meet, requested by Michael Muenks

Missouri State Poultry Spring 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 15, 2023

Missouri

Club Meet, requested by Michael Muenks

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

Contact: Bernita Miller, 300 N. Franklin, Windsor, MO 65360,

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

June 3, 2023

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

December 1-3, 2023

National Meet

Dixie Classic Poultry Show, Jacobs Building - Chilhowee Park, 3301 E. Magnolia Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37914

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

2022 Ameraucana Lifetime Achievement Award – Max Strawn

After consulting with the board of directors per the policy found on the club website, I am pleased to announce that Max Strawn is awarded the 2022 Ameraucana Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his work with both large fowl and bantam Ameraucana. As many club members are aware, most of the current lines of blue large fowl Ameraucana can trace their lineage at least partially to Max's large fowl blue and his introduction of true Andalusian lacing to blue large fowl Ameraucana.

Congratulations Max and here is to many more years of breeding, promoting, and showing Ameraucana!

Treasurer's Report 11-15-2022

Checking Account at Waumandee State Bank,
Arcadia, WI

Previous Balances as of 8-10-2022	
Checking	\$4,413.00
PayPal	\$121.56
Total Balances	\$4,534.56
Income	\$330.85 (membership checks \$45.00, PayPal \$241.25)
Expenses	\$1,638.91 – Ameraucana Alliance North Central Meet Awards and Reimbursement for Mailing expenses
Balances as of 11-15-2022	
Checking	\$2,819.09
PayPal	\$362.81
Total Balances	\$3,181.90

Note: Checks still need to be written for Ameraucana Alliance Western National.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Sonsalla – Treasurer

Newsletter/ Meet Deadlines

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 February 15, 2023.

Please send ads, articles, opinions, and or stories in Word or Rich text.



Meet Request Deadline

If you have a meet request, with an entry deadline after March 1, 2023, email it to Michael.Muenks@yahoo.com by February 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.

North Central National Meet Report – Stacy Melton

The Ameraucana Alliance held their 2022 Ameraucana Alliance North Central National meet on Saturday October 1, 2022, in Birch Run, Michigan. This was a private Ameraucana only show, open to Alliance members and their families. It was a beautiful day at the Blehm Farm with crisp autumn temperatures and foliage revealing a gorgeous array of colors.

While it is always a good time to go to a big poultry show and display all your hard work, it can be a stressful event for some fanciers. I am thankful the Alliance hosts small venue/private shows for its members from time to time. A private single breed only show gives the members a chance to socialize, talk about their varieties with fellow breeders and share experiences in a relaxed and friendly setting. This show also gave members a chance to see the judge work



Bob Rennolet, Jerry De Smidt, Rachel Dunn, Ann Dunn, Daniel Cook, Carl Cook, John Blehm, Becky Pelton, Stacy Melton, Janie Vilá, Russ Blair, Lisa Helms & Dave Blair

up close. After each variety round of judging, members were able to hear the judge talk about what he saw and ask questions about the birds. At big shows, judges don't always have the time to talk about how they saw the birds as they must move quickly to the next breed. It was very interesting to listen to the judge speak about our wonderful breed and I picked up some great tips. I am very appreciative of the time and attention the judge gave to the members of this club.

Special thanks to John and Kathy Blehm and family who graciously hosted this event at their beautiful farm in Michigan. John opened up his barn and bought extra cages for the show birds. Kathy put on the meals in their big enclosed pavilion making everyone feel right at home. We all had fun chatting by the fire pit, trail rides in the Ranger and rides in the barrel train. Shout out to Kathy Blehm, my side still hurts from laughing so hard listening to my friends talk about the enjoyment they derived from your Ranger ride on the trails.

The generosity of the members and businesses who donated items for both the raffle and the silent auction was amazing. The silent auction boasted stunning artwork by Rusty Hart of the recognized varieties while the raffle held lots of goodies and great stuff to help your breeding program and exhibitor knowledge. Special thanks to Cackle Hatchery, Hake's Twin City Poultry Supplies, and Murray McMurry Hatchery.

23 entries were placed in our annual egg contest. Russell Blair, of Michigan checked in the eggs. Becky Pelton, of South Carolina and Janie Vila, of Virginia judged and clerked the contest. Daniel Cook, of Missouri had Best Pullet Large Fowl eggs and Carl Cook, of Missouri had Reserve Hen Large Fowl eggs. John Blehm, of Michigan had Best Pullet Bantam eggs and Robert Rennolet, of South Dakota had Reserve Hen Bantam eggs. It was a spectacular presentation of blue eggs.

This was an APA and ABA sanctioned show. Phil Bartz was the judge for both the Open and Junior shows. 12 exhibitors participated in the meet showing 143 Bantams and 75 Large Fowl for a total of 218 birds competing. It was wonderful to see the recognized varieties Black, Blue, Blue Wheaton, Brown Red, Buff, Self Blue, Wheaton and White represented in Bantam and Large Fowl. We also saw some beautiful splash Bantams (recognized by the ABA) and some quality project varieties in Ermine and Chocolate. I love seeing the hard work our members put into their breeding programs, such stunning birds on display!

In the Junior competition, Rachel Dunn, of Wisconsin had BB Bantam with a Black Pullet and RB Bantam with a Blue Wheaton Pullet. Daniel Cook, of Missouri had BB Large Fowl and RB Large Fowl with his two Black Cockerels.

In the Open Bantam competition, the largest variety class was 40 blacks followed by 23 Blues and 19 Self Blue. Jerry De Schmidt, of Wisconsin had Best of Breed with a White Hen. She was also Reserve Champion Ameraucana Overall. Jerry De Schmidt, of Wisconsin had Reserve of Breed with a White Cockerel.

In Open Large Fowl competition, the largest variety class was also blacks with 34. Buffs and Whites tied for second place with 9 of each exhibited. Jerry DeSmidt of Wisconsin had Best of Breed with a Black Hen. She was also Champion Ameraucana Overall. Stacy Melton, of Virginia had Reserve Breed with a Self Blue Hen.

The show also boasted some lovely trios both young and old in Bantam and Large Fowl. Daniel Cook, of Missouri received Champion Display Overall with a Black Large Fowl display. Jerry DeSmidt, of Wisconsin received Reserve Champion Display Overall with a Black Large Fowl display.

I would like to thank everyone who exhibited birds and a special thank you to those who contributed to make this show such a success. We can't put on these exceptional events without the hard work of dedicated volunteer fanciers.

Introducing New Board Members

Janie Vilá – Director

I have always had a passion for animals great or small. The science, the biology, the behaviors of animals has always been something I studied.

Quite often we visited my grandparents who owned poultry. I was ten when my grandpa started showing his birds. I remember they did not resemble the laying hens they kept. They had a special look to them. He had different breeds and varieties, but the time has passed, and I do not remember what they were. I remember the pheasants, crazy and pacing in their pen. The bobwhites calling out was music to my ears.

I started raising chicken in my early 20's but as life would have it, I had to put it aside for a while. When my husband and I relocated to Virginia it was well known that I wanted to have a small farm with chickens and dairy goats. This is where my true journey of poultry began.

My first Ameraucana was a silver cock bird from John Blehm's breeding. The silvers are by far my favorite variety. That was roughly 7 years ago. It has been an incredible journey from learning about the breed to owning and breeding the recognized varieties, learning about the genetics of chickens, dabbling in some project Ameraucana while still maintaining the integrity of the recognized varieties.

Last fall I had a very nice win with a black hen from my breeding program. She was my first bird on Champion Row. This year at the Ameraucana Alliance nationals in Birch Run my chocolate project pullet was Reserve AOV.

The Ameraucana Alliance has been a wonderful community for enlightened my curiosity and has helped my breeding program and then showing my chickens. The members are helpful, full of knowledge and encourage each other in individual endeavors. I hope to be a full contributing member of our wonderful club.

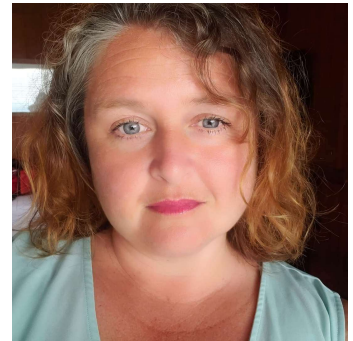
Russell Blair – President

Greetings fellow Alliance members, I am honored to be elected as President of our wonderful Alliance for the upcoming term. For those that do not know me I would like to introduce myself. I am a proud Union Ironworker by trade and live in Southeast Michigan. I have been blessed with a wonderful wife and three children, two boys and a bonus daughter who acts more like me than any of them.

My first introduction to chickens was while I was growing up where my parents would raise meat chickens for butchering to feed our family. I learned not to get attached because they were livestock and not pets. That was until my Uncle Dave, who some of you have met, let me bring home a small chick from a local flea market. Beeper ended up being a barred rock pullet and that is when I knew one day, I would have a flock of chickens.

It wasn't until I was married in 2009 that I found out about Ameraucana while researching chickens for a laying flock. I quickly fell in love with the idea of blue eggs and soon found myself driving to Birch Run. That's when I first met John Blehm and got my first large fowl Silver and Black Ameraucana. After seeing John's hatchery/breeding set up, I quickly realized I needed more. So, I did what every parent does, signed my children up for 4H to justify my sickness.

Now my children are grown, with my youngest being a sophomore in college, and I still have the



Ameraucana. Not only do I have my chickens but I also have many new friends that I have made along the way. You see what started as research for a laying chicken has turned into the hobby of raising exhibition poultry. More importantly enjoying the fellowship of like-minded fanciers at the occasional show I may attend.

Although the role of President will be new for me, I am not new to the board. I have previously served two terms as director and am looking forward for this opportunity as well. It truly is an honor to give back to a Club that has given me such joy over the years. So please feel free to contact me anytime throughout the next two years with any Alliance related issues or if you just want to talk about Ameraucana. Better yet just meet me at the National, who knows you might just get to meet Uncle Dave too.

Meet Reports

2022 Ameraucana North Central National Blehm Backyard Chicken Show - Birch Run, MI October 1, 2022

143 bantams by 7 exhibitors, judge Phil Bartz & clerk Lisa Helms

BV Black H Russell Blair out of 40 by 5 exhibitors

RV Black P Rachel Dunn

BV Blue P Robert Rennolet out of 23 by 2 exhibitors

RV Blue P Robert Rennolet

BV Blue Wheaten P Rachel Dunn out of 10 by 3 exhibitors

RV Blue Wheaten P Rachel Dunn

BV Brown Red P from trio Russell Blair out of 6 by 2 exhibitors

RV Brown Red K from trio Russell Blair

BV Buff K Jerry DeSmidt out of 9 by 2 exhibitors

RV Buff P John Blehm

BV Self Blue H Robert Rennolet out of 19 by 1 exhibitor

RV Self Blue H Robert Rennolet

BV Splash H Robert Rennolet out of 5 by 2 exhibitors

RV Splash C Robert Rennolet

BV Wheaten K Mike Gilbert out of 11 by 4 exhibitors

RV Wheaten K Jerry DeSmidt

BB, BV White H Jerry DeSmidt out of 14 by 2 exhibitors - **Reserve Champion Ameraucana Overall**

RB, RV White K Jerry DeSmidt

Best AOV Lavender P John Blehm out of 6 by 1 exhibitor

Reserve AOV Lavender K from trio John Blehm

Champion Bantam Trio White YT Jerry De Smidt out of 12 by 4 exhibitors

Reserve Bantam Trio Brown Red YT Russell Blair

75 large fowl by 9 exhibitors, judge Phil Bartz & clerk Lisa Helms

BB, BV Black H Jerry DeSmidt out of 34 by 6 exhibitors - **Champion Ameraucana Overall**

RV Black C Stacy Melton

BV Blue H Russell Blair out of 1 by 1 exhibitor

BV Blue Wheaten H Jeff Sonsalla out of 3 by 1 exhibitor

BV Blue Wheaten C Jeff Sonsalla

BV Brown Red H Russell Blair out of 6 by 2 exhibitors

RV Brown Red C Stacy Melton

New Ameraucana Alliance sew on patches are available now. They are 3-inch round patches with the new Wheaten cock logo and a blue background.



You can order them online or send a check to the following address made out to the Ameraucana Alliance for \$5.00.

**Rebecca G Howie
19699 Jewell Drive
Gravette, AR 72736**

BV Buff P from trio John Blehm out of 9 by 1 exhibitor
RV Buff P John Blehm
RB, BV Self Blue H Stacy Melton out of 7 by 2 exhibitors
RV Self Blue H Robert Rennolet
BV Wheaten H Jeff Sonsalla out of 1 by 1 exhibitor
BV White H Jerry DeSmidt out of 9 by 1 exhibitor
RV White P from trio Jerry DeSmidt
Best AOV Ermine H Becky Pelton out of 3 by 1 exhibitor
Reserve AOV Chocolate P Janie M Vila' out of 1 by 1 exhibitor
Champion Large Fowl Trio White YT Jerry De Smidt out of 6 by 2 exhibitors
Reserve Large Fowl Trio Black YT Jerry De Smidt

Displays (using the ABA Calculation Worksheet)

Champion Display overall Large Fowl Black Daniel Cook out of 7 by 4 exhibitors
Reserve Display overall Large Fowl Black Jerry DeSmidt

Ameraucana Egg Contest (23 entries), judges Janie Vila' & Becky Pelton

Best Bantam P John Blehm with a score of 100
Reserve Bantam H Robert Rennolet with a score of 90
Best Large Fowl P Daniel Cook with a score of 99
Reserve Large Fowl H Carl Cook with a score of 98

Junior Competition, judge Phil Bartz & clerk Lisa Helms

Bantams:

BB, BV Black P Rachel Dunn out of 9 by 1 exhibitor
RV Black P Rachel Dunn
RB, BV Blue Wheaten P Rachel Dunn out of 5 by 1 exhibitor
RV B Blue Wheaten P Rachel Dunn

Large Fowl:

BB, BV LF Black K Daniel Cook out of 9 by 1 exhibitor
RB, RV LF Black K Daniel Cook

Sussex County Poultry Association Fall Show, Augusta, NJ - October 15, 2022

3 bantams entered by 1 exhibitor, judged by Jamie Matts

BB, BV wheaten cockerel by Janet Heida Little, out of 3
RB, RV wheaten hen by Janet Heida Little

1 large fowl entered by 1 exhibitor, judged by Jamie Matts

BB, BV AOV hen by a non-member, out of 1

Missouri State Poultry Association Fall Show Yellow Card, Sedalia, MO – October 22, 2022

11 bantams entered by 2 exhibitors, judged by Melody Jonas

BV black hen, by Michael Muenks, out of 1
BV blue hen, by a non-member, out of 1
BV brown red cockerel, by Michael Muenks, out of 3
RV brown red pullet, by Michael Muenks
RB, BV buff hen, by Michael Muenks, out of 3
RV buff hen, by Michael Muenks

BB, BV wheaten hen, by Michael Muenks, out of 3
RV wheaten hen, by Michael Muenks

21 large fowl entered by 5 exhibitors, judged by Tom Kane

BB, BV black cockerel, by Daniel Cook, out of 12 – **Champion AOSB, Reserve Champion Large Fowl**
RB, RV black cockerel, by Daniel Cook
BV blue hen, by Sherry Klaus, out of 4
RV blue hen, by Sherry Klaus
BV brown red cock, by Michael Muenks, out of 1
BV AOV ermine cockerel, by Sherry Klaus, out of 3
RV AOV ermine pullet, by Sherry Klaus
BV AOV splash pullet, by a non-member

7 bantams entered by 1 exhibitor in the Junior Show 1 (White Card), judged by Brian Gates

RB, BV black pullet, by Priscilla Jimenez, out of 4
RV black pullet, by Priscilla Jimenez
BB, BV white pullet, by Priscilla Jimenez, out of 3 – **Champion AOCCL**
RV white pullet, by Priscilla Jimenez

4 large fowl entered by 1 exhibitor in the Junior Show 1 (White Card), judged by Tom Kane

BB, BV black pullet by Kandance Crosby, out of 2 – **Champion AOSB**
RV black pullet by Kandance Crosby
RB, BV blue pullet by Kandance Crosby, out of 2 – **Reserve Champion AOSB**
RV blue pullet by Kandance Crosby

Missouri State Poultry Association Fall Show Blue Card, Sedalia, MO – October 22, 2022

11 bantams entered by 2 exhibitors, judged by Bob Bridges

BV black hen, by Michael Muenks, out of 1
BV blue hen, by a non-member, out of 1
BV brown red cockerel, by Michael Muenks, out of 3
RV brown red pullet, by Michael Muenks
RB, BV buff hen, by Michael Muenks, out of 3
RV buff hen, by Michael Muenks
BB, BV wheaten hen, by Michael Muenks, out of 3 – **Reserve Champion AOCCL**
RV wheaten cock, by Michael Muenks

21 large fowl entered by 5 exhibitors, judged by Dwayne Jonas

BB, BV black cockerel, by Daniel Cook, out of 12 – **Reserve Champion AOSB**
RB, RV black cockerel, by Daniel Cook
BV blue hen, by Sherry Klaus, out of 4
RV blue hen, by Sherry Klaus
BV brown red cock, by Michael Muenks, out of 1
BV AOV ermine pullet, by Sherry Klaus, out of 3
RV AOV ermine cockerel, by Sherry Klaus
BV AOV splash pullet, by a non-member

7 bantams entered by 1 exhibitor in the Junior Show 1 (White Card), judged by John Hicks

RB, BV black pullet, by Priscilla Jimenez, out of 4

RV black pullet, by Priscilla Jimenez
BB, BV white pullet, by Priscilla Jimenez, out of 3 – **Reserve Champion AOCCL**
RV white pullet, by Priscilla Jimenez

4 large fowl entered by 1 exhibitor in the Junior Show 1 (Green Card), judged by Blake Bell

BV black pullet by Kandance Crosby, out of 2
RV black pullet by Kandance Crosby
BB, BV blue pullet by Kandance Crosby, out of 2 – **Champion AOSB**
RB, RV blue pullet by Kandance Crosby – **Reserve Champion AOSB**

Stevenson Poultry Classic, Stevenson, WA - November 12, 2022

5 bantams entered

RB, BV black pullet, by a non-member, out of 1
BB, BV buff cockerel, by a non-member, out of 4
RV buff hen, by a non-member

11 large fowl entered, judged by Seth Scarola

RB, BV black hen, by Mindy Waters, out of 1 - **Reserve Champion AOSB**
BB, BV blue hen, by Mindy Waters, out of 5 - **Champion AOSB, Champion Large Fowl, & Reserve Champion of Show**
RV blue pullet, by Mindy Waters
BV blue wheaten hen, by a non-member, out of 1
BV self blue pullet, by Mindy Waters, out of 2
RV self blue hen, by a non-member
BV white cockerel, by Mindy Waters, out of 1

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