

AMERICAN BANTAM ASSOCIATION ACCEPTS AMERAUCAANA BANTAM

At the May, 1980 semi-annual meet of the American Bantam Association, held in Michigan, the ABA Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the Ameraucana bantam and officially recognize and include our standard for inclusion in the ABA BANTAM STANDARD.

President's Message

With the adoption of our breed standard by the American Bantam Association, our Ameraucana National Meet takes on added significance. Our birds can be shown for the first time without fear of disqualification as a nonstandard type or breed. We all owe Don Cable a debt of gratitude for the tremendous amount of energy, dedication, and work which he has selflessly given to our cause. Apparently these qualities still pay off. Thanks, Don, from all of us. Let's all continue onward and upward with our chosen breed.

The 1980 Ameraucana Bantam National Meet will be hosted by the Eastern Iowa Poultry Association at Bluegrass, Iowa (near Davenport) at its November 29-30 show. This, our first National, is centrally located within our club's Central or Midwestern district. Let's have a good turnout, midwesterners, as next year the national will pass in rotation to the Western District. This should be a great opportunity for Ameraucana breeders to meet, discuss Ameraucana type, buy and sell, and really get to know one another. Please enter birds for competition birds which conform to the standard- blue or slate legs, red lobes, white and wheaten varieties, etc. But do bring other color varieties for exhibition and for sale. Additional color varieties can be added as long as we meet the ABA requirements for doing so.

Details of the E.I.P.A. Show can be obtained by writing Herbert Holtz, Rt. 2, Box 49, Bluegrass, Iowa 52761. For more information about the Ameraucana National Meet portion of the show please contact Don Cable or myself. In addition to the National, the Wisconsin State Meet will be held in conjunction with the Coulee Region Poultry Club's first annual show to be held in September at Viroqua, Wisconsin. Please contact show secretary and club member Bernard Kellogg for details at P.O. Box 62, Viroqua, Wisconsin 54665.

A closing thought is taken from Psalms 84:11. "The Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Let's never forget the ultimate source of all good things. Until next time then continue to "walk uprightly" and with honor in all our endeavors and dealings with others.

Mike Gilbert, President

Under The Mulberry Tree

A year ago last fall, I planted a Mulberry tree in my backyard. Although there is really nothing remarkable in this, that little tree has taken on significance for me personally. This was about the time our club began to form, and like the tree, has displayed growth, has withstood the elements, and has even shown a hint of maturity. I did not intentionally, or at least consciously plant the tree to commemorate the founding of the Ameraucana Bantam Club and yet somehow they have become symbolic to me.

Actually, I planted the tree in order to provide shade for a proposed chicken house that I have been carrying in my mind's eye for some time. Until such time as I can afford my poultry palace, the tree shall continue to grow and provide shade for generations of chicks unhatched. In the meantime, my nine-year-old-son Curtis, calls it the "chicken tree", as the family is well aware of my plans and humor me like some senile. Occasionally, I even go out and sit under it although admittedly, the shade is a little spotty, at best. I don't worry about the neighbors, they feel that anybody that has chickens for a hobby isn't playing with a full deck anyway.

In any case, as your secretary, it is my responsibility to issue the club Bulletin on a quarterly basis and in as much as I do some of my clearest thinking (such as it is) out back, under the Mulberry tree, henceforth this shall be my byline. You may consider this the editorial page if you wish, and if I have an axe to grind, you can expect it here. If what appears here offends you or if you wish to take issue with my remarks, so much the better, as interest creates a good club. At any rate, you have been warned and I intend to include comments about the fancy in general, our club in particular and will include bits and pieces of the correspondence with the great and near great. And so to work.

The news of our acceptance by the American Bantam Association is perhaps the most important factor for the future of our club. Without ABA approval we were really in limbo and nothing was more important to our viability as an organization. Mike Gilbert has heaped a great deal of praise upon me and given me a great deal of credit in gaining ABA approval, and although I did work toward this goal, Mike is equally deserving of credit as we were partners in this endeavor from start to finish. As a matter of fact, it was he who got the ball rolling and wrote the standard for the Ameraucana bantam. It is he who should be taking the bows.

Any undertaking such as ABA approval is obviously not the work of one, or even two people, however, and I should mention some of those most responsible for our good fortune. Frank Gary, Chairman of the ABA Standard Committee gave freely of his counsel and advice as did ABA Secretary Fred Jeffroy. ABA Judge Bill Holland, whom I am proud to call friend, not only judged our first ABA qualifying meet at Pleasanton, California, last November, but also wrote a very positive report of the meet and recommended that the ABA accept our breed. Thanks too, should go to the officers of the Golden Gate Bantam Club who consented to host our qualifying meet, the officers of the ABA who voted unanimously to accept the Ameraucana bantam at their semi-annual meet in May. Let's support those who support us- if you are not a member of the ABA, join today! Dues are \$5. per year or \$7. for two years, P.O. Box 610, North Amherst, Mass. 01059.

Forthcoming Club Meets

Ameraucana Bantam Club National Meet Eastern Iowa Poultry Association, Bluegrass, Iowa. Premium list from Herbert Holtz, Rt. 2, Box 49, Bluegrass, Iowa 52761. November 28-30. If you would like to offer a special for our first National Meet, contact Mike Gilbert, Rt. 1, Holmen, WI 54636 or your secretary. Please act soon, as it takes time to make the premium list.

Wisconsin State Meet Coulee Region Poultry Club, Viroqua, Wisconsin. Contact Bernard Kellogg, P.O. Box 62, Viroqua, WI 54665. First annual show on Vernon County Fairgrounds, in Viroqua early in September. A hotbed for Ameraucanas- good competition for all.

California State Meet Pacific Poultry Breeders Annual Winter Show at Cal Expo, Sacramento, January 31-Feb. 1. Formerly the big Cow Palace Show now moved to Sacramento into better facilities. Always a great show. More details to follow.

In the works:

Eastern District Meet Sussex County Poultry Fanciers Fall Show, October 18-19. Contact Eleanor Vinhage, Secretary, R.D. 1, Box 64 E, Augusta, New Jersey, 07822.

Western District Meet Golden Gate Bantam Club Annual Fall Show, Pleasanton, California. Details to follow.

Support your club meets- show those Ameraucana bantams!

By a vote of the Board of Directors, Marie Rayher, 19822 W. Grant Line Rd., Tracy, CA, 95376, has been appointed Western District Director to replace Mary Allison, of Lakeside, Ca, who resigned due to personal problems. Welcome to the Board of Directors, Marie, we know you'll do a good job for the members in the Western District.

Enclosed is a copy of our constitution and bylaws as ratified by your Board of Directors. They represent considerable work and were reproduced courtesy of President Mike Gilbert. We feel that these documents offer guidance for many years to come and should serve us well. Read them with care and you will always be aware of how we function as a club.

Our annual Breeders Directory and membership list is on the following page. It is designed with a service to the membership in mind in order to facilitate the dispersal of breeding stock. You will find the varieties of Ameraucanas those members chose to have listed following their names and addresses. All of those listed may not have stock for sale immediately, but may at some future date. As an item of interest, you will notice that President Mike Gilbert is reserving birds for sale to members of the Ameraucana Bantam Club only. This is an opportunity to get first class stock spread around within the club as a sound basis for continued development of existing varieties and experimentation with new varieties as well.

Finally, do read the article by the late Elmer Wix entitled, "Culling - The Key To Winning", on page 23 of the June issue of Poultry Press. It reminds me of an old timer some years back who said, "A fancier's best friend is his axe!" Have a fine summer and raise some good ones!

Ameraucana Bantam Club
Breeder's Directory
1980

- Book, Stanley 745 North 3rd Ave., Upland, CA 91786 WHEATEN
- Cable, Don 6442 Chestnut Ave., Orangevale, CA 95662 WHEATEN
- Carpenter, Ken Star's Haven Ranch, 50 Hoag Cross Rd., Ossining, N.Y.
Araucana bantams in tailed, Black Breasted Red
- Conde, Geraldine 20378 Stanton Ave., Castro Valley, CA 94546
Tufted, tailed, bearded, muffed & rumpless Araucana bantams
- Cook, Harry Tara Hill Farm, Water St., Rd#1, Box 130, Eatontown, N.J. 0772
BLUE
- Gary, Frank L., 5 Barbara Drive, Crosswicks, N.J. 08515
- Gilbert, Mike Rt.1, Holmen, WI 54636 WHEATEN, BLUE WHEATEN, WHITE and BUFF
(For sale only to Ameraucana Bantam Club members)
- Holland, Bill 421 W. 5th Ave., Jerome, ID 83338
- Huffstutter, Ken 2239 Lobert St., Castro Valley, CA 94546 WHEATEN
- Huggins, Terry Rt. 5, Dover Rd., Box 347, Clarksville, TN. 37040 WHEATEN
- Ikeda, Jaine 811 So. Knott Ave., Apt. C, Anaheim, CA 92804
- Kellogg, Bernard Box 62, Viroqua, WI 54665 WHEATEN & BLACK
- Keeney, D.L., Jr. 2211 Commerce St., Dallas TX 75201
Black, Brown Red and Silver Duckwing Araucana bantams
- Klemmedson, Ron Rt.1, Box 325, Blair, WI 54616 WHEATEN
- Pearson, William Rt. 3, Box 116, Winchester, IN 47394 BLUE & BLACK
- Rayher, Marie 19822 W. Grant Line Rd., Tracy, CA 95376 WHEATEN
- Roxburgh, Dorian Greystone Cottage, Colemore Lane, Kingwood Common,
Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire RG9 5NA, England
Black, Black Red & White Rumpless & Tailed Lavender
Araucana bantams
- Russell, Bob Box 755, Tres Piedras, N.M. 87577
- Salvin, Peter j. 151 Bull Run Rd., Trenton, N.J. 08638
- Segler, Jerry A., Sr. Box 23, Sparland, IL 61565 WHITE, SILVER, BROWN,
BROWN RED, BLACK and BLUE (none for sale in 1980)
- Susko, John 400 Coal St., Nesquehoning, PA 18240
- Riocke, Arnold J. Rt. 4, Box 35, Huntington, IN 46750
Rumpless, tailed Silver and Golden Duckwing, B.B. Red
plain and tufted Araucana bantams (Hatching eggs)