

Ameraucana Breeders Club

Points of Interest:

- Club dues for the upcoming year are currently due.
- The first prequalifying meet for Self Blues (formerly known as Lavenders) has been successfully completed.
- We expanded to well over 300 members in 2016.
- The 2016 National Meet was a huge success.
- Jean Ribbeck has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award

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WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Lacy Conlan Paso Robles, CA
 Howard Clark Shirleysburg, PA
 Bethany Duff Blythe, GA
 Angel Alvarez Hillsborough, NC
 Lisa Helms Fredericktown, MO
 Mary Scuderi Hammond, LA
 Heidi Gardner Bangs, TX
 Rebekka Hansen Deming, NM
 Coleen Schaefer Broomfield, CO
 John Ellis Semmes, AL
 Katherine Ottesen Miami, FL
 Lavender Sullivan Johnsonville, SC
 Lisa Stanley Charleston, WV
 Royce McLean Rosanky, TX
 Steve Osborne Abbeville, SC
 Michele Cram Moses Lake, WA
 Kelly Lopez Exeter, CA
 Lisa Marshall Buhl, AL
 Liza Surock Weston, WV
 Janelle Pruett Belfair, WA
 Jen Mitchell Mt Pleasant, TN
 Jennifer Jones Zachary, LA

Heather Shipley Russellville, AR
 Kelly Gore Maricopa, AZ
 Kristina Wilson Siler City, NC
 Sarah Michaud Ramona, CA
 Jaime Cortez Deport, TX
 Jennifer Adriaanse Naples, FL
 Debbie Jondal Molalla, OR
 Patricia Dukes Swansea SC
 Lacieann Bateman Spokane, WA
 Joe Taylor Bushnell, FL
 Christine Lindsey Bokeelia, FL
 Ralph & Jane Crossland Pelion, SC
 Natalia Breeden Longview, WA
 Gina Underwood Waco, Tx
 Michelle Massey Hawley, TX
 Noelani Rupp South Burlington, VT
 Sharon Blackwood Boyd, TX
 Cameron Pokorny Waupun, WI
 John Grieg Platteville, CO
 Rachel Potter Bentonia, MS



Shane Brandt Fort Plain, NY
 Shelly Staniec Caldwell, ID
 Athena Balderas Logan, UT
 Michelle Muldowney-Stevens Logan, UT
 CJ & Karleen Monheiser Hershey, NE
 Craig Story Baton Rouge, LA
 Jerry and Lois Dancer Nampa, ID

A letter from our President.....

Hi everyone,

I hope you have plenty of great looking birds to show this fall and winter. I am looking forward to seeing them at shows. I would like to thank all of the Ameraucana Breeders Club Board members that have served in the past,

and also those that are currently serving. To all the members, I am excited that you are a part of our club. We have set a record high in memberships this year. I am looking forward to the upcoming year. Merry Christmas! -Clif Reddin



A word from our Secretary/Treasurer

by Susan Mouw

Merry Christmas, everyone! As we come to the close of another ABC year, I'd like to review some of the exciting changes for the Club.

Have you been to the store yet? We now have tee-shirts, hoodies, coffee mugs, tote bags and more with the ABC logo and some really nice graphics. Take a peek at ameraucanabreedersclub.org/abc_store and let



your fingers do some shopping through all the new merchandise. There will be lots more coming in 2017, too.

While you're there, be sure to glance at the new Egg Color Wheel. Forty colors from 40 different Ameraucana egg shells; well, actually, at one point there were over 100 different egg shells, but this is what is what narrowed down to. The egg colors are much larger than the old card

and you can actually put your egg right alongside the color to see where your Ameraucana's egg color is on the wheel.

A new website name, new email accounts, new hosting company - a lot of changes for 2016 and we're still moving forward. I can't wait to see what surprises 2017 has in store for the Ameraucana Breeders Club!

See you next year - Susan

**The annual treasurer report is on the last page of the bulletin.*

This is the "package" that is going to our 300th member, Michelle Muldowney-Stevens. She joined at the 2016 National. Congratulations Michelle!



Pair of Egg Color Wheels
Color Shows not Accurate Representation of Actual Cards



Show Season

by Temple DaSilva

The Ameraucana Breeders Club has had a busy year chock full of meets at shows all across the U.S. Our membership ranks have swelled to over 300 and with that we've seen lots of new Ameraucana exhibitors in both bantam and large fowl. So many of our members have proven to be great mentors - even if it's virtually through email or Facebook -

that walking into the show hall with your first Ameraucanas isn't such a scary thing! Hopefully that message is spreading and we'll see an uptick in the number of birds being shown in 2017.

The ABC hosts five district meets as well as our premier event, the ABC National Meet. This year the National was

held in conjunction with the 36th Annual Boise Valley Fancy Feather Show put on by the Idaho Bird Breeders Association in Caldwell, ID on November 5-6, 2016. Jean Ribbeck, ABC Western District Director, did an amazing job of coordinating this event. There were a total of 46 bantam Ameraucanas comprising five recognized varieties as well as three

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“project” varieties. For large fowl, the entry drew 76 birds in six recognized varieties and two “project” colors. Best of Breed bantam went to Jerry DeSmidt of Pulaski, WI, with a stunning white cockerel. This bird went on to be Champion Ameraucana of the show.

Jerry also took Reserve of Breed in bantams with a blue wheaten hen. But Jerry’s winning didn’t end with the small birds. He walked away with Best of Breed and Reserve in large



fowl with two white pullets. One of these girls went on to garner AOSB with the other pullet taking reserve AOSB. The bantam cockerel added to his winnings with Reserve AOCCL of show. Congratulations, Jerry, for a truly impressive showing!

We were especially glad to see Self Blues entered in both bantam and large fowl at the National as the ABC is working to have this variety accepted by the APA. The first official APA qualifying meet for large fowl Self Blue Ameraucanas was held

in conjunction with the club’s South-Central District meet at the 100th Annual Oklahoma State Poultry Show in Shawnee, OK, on December 10-11, 2016. We hope to have a nice entry so that the club can continue to advance this great new variety.

The ABC is confident we will see continued growth in Ameraucanas in 2017 and welcome anyone interested in learning more about this great breed to contact the Ameraucana Breeders Club at info@ameraucanabreedersclub.org or visit our very comprehensive website at www.AmeraucanaBreedersClub.org. See you at the shows! **-Temple**

South Central District Report by Paul Smith

Greetings from the South-Central District.

Growing season during the hot time of year can be a challenge to keep enough good clean cool water for all the birds, but it is imperative to do so! Lack of it and without plenty of shade can cause death.

We hatched nineteen hatches from Sept. 1, 2015 to July 20, 2016. This was our first experience starting so early and continuing so late. Normally its too hot for the eggs to hatch very well by the end of June, but we didn’t have a 100°F day until August 11, so we kept hatching in an attempt to fill all wheaten chick orders. However we had four and ½ orders and several request for the 3 wheaten varieties chicks that we didn’t manage to supply. This was another

new experience. Immediately we offered each of the five a refund or wheaten chicks from our next season’s hatches. All chose to continue to wait until we could supply the chicks!

Twenty-two years of hatching and there is something new each time! This helps to keep each hatching season exciting! Seventeen years of raising the wheaten varieties and an important observation went unnoticed until this hatching season. That is the wheaten hens “layout” early in life compared to blacks and blues. We had several wheaten pens mostly pairs that never laid an egg. These females were in their fourth year of production. There will be a lot

of chicken noodles, dumplings, rice or pot pie at our place in the near future. I’ve already butcher-

ered a few to confirm that their egg sacks are empty. We managed to keep a few of the wheat-en (all 3 varieties) chicks from some of the

hatches which will help to replace some of the older birds. Years ago we use to replace the hens a lot sooner than we are now.

We had a goal of hatching 2000 head for fall 2015/spring 2016 but fell short by 16 with 1984 hatched and 1468 sold. We had more than our share of incubator problems- three timers and one electronic thermostat

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timers and one electronic thermostat went bad. Hopefully we will have better success for fall 2016/spring 2017 hatching season, as we have set a new goal of 2500 head. Another thing new for us is buffs. We managed to raise 21 from Christina and Will Kitsch. We plan to set-up several pairs of them. We raised buffs from 2000-2005. Unfortunately, they got to the point that they wouldn't hatch due to inbreeding in the buff lines. The more people raise them the better they will become.



We are accepting orders for our fall 2016/spring 2017 day old chicks and presently have 46 orders/request. Two more new things. We are now accepting Pay-Payl payments and we are giving \$10 discounts per order for all ABC members or anyone who joins our club. The entire board approved this before we started it. Presently several new members have been acquired by us doing this. We had 124 request/orders last hatching season and many more just ask for chick order info, so we can share the word about the ABC with many-surprising how many people don't know about its existence.

One more new thing. We are offer-

ing hatching eggs again. We quit sending hatching eggs in 2007 due to the rough treatment, ruining so many of them. Now that the special foam blocks are available for shipping hatching eggs, we tried it and have had good success. Hatching eggs will only be offered when we have more than enough to fill our 6 incubators. No wheaten hatching eggs will be available as they are needed to fill our wheaten chick orders. We prefer to send chicks but will send hatching eggs when there are plenty.

Any ABC member who wants a show to be set as an ABC meet needs to contact me so we can get it done. The meets needs to be requested enough time in advance of the show that it can be published in the newsletter before the show's entry deadline. ABC points are only awarded for ABC meets! Looking forward to showing with you!

May the Lord bless each of you with a great growing season and some champions at the upcoming fall shows!

-Paul Smith

Paul is currently accepting orders for our day old large fowl chicks in black, blue, splash, wheaten, blue wheaten, splash wheaten, white, self blue, self blue splits, and buff.

Hatching Sept. 12, 2016 through June, 2017. Also hatching eggs March-May, 2017.

For info e-mail psmith@ntin.net, call 940-768-8405 or write,

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Ameraucana Meet Requirements

The board has recently voted on a change in our meet policy due to the number of catalogs showing ABC meets that were not set by an ABC member. From now on, only wins at ABC sanctioned meets will qualify for points and rosettes, whether the show catalog shows it as a meet or not. It is up to the member to verify, either via their District Director or via the club website

(www.ameraucanabreedersclub.com), that a show is hosting an ABC sanctioned meet. Thank you for your participation! We look forward to seeing you at shows!

Introducing Our New Meets Coordinator, *Tempa DaSilva*

I've always been an animal person but only came into chickens about five years ago after visiting a friend in The Netherlands who had a tiny backyard coop with a handful of bantams. I came home and jumped in ordering a bantam hatchery mix and was hooked! Hav-



ing shown dogs and horses, I was intrigued by poultry shows so decided to focus on one breed. I had never actually seen an Ameraucana - they're scarce as well... you know... in New England - but after researching various breeds, decided on this one. I got my

start in 2015 with some bantam silver and self blue chicks. I now have added bantam blacks, chocolates, and wheatens to the mix.

I grew up in the Lowcountry of SC but moved to Connecticut in 2000 where I live with my husband, three horses, seven dogs, and a whole buncha chickens.

-Temple DaSilva

Robert Burns, a long time breeder of Ameraucanas, shared the following story with us. Thank you Robert!

"Two breeders at work: Jeff Vance and Robert Burns"

Don Cash got in touch with me and asked if I had any extra Ameraucana bantams available. He said a person that was coming to a poultry show nearby wanted birds. Fortunately, I had good Spring hatches and could help. I did not plan to attend the show, so we arranged a meeting location and time, and I met with Jeff and Cheryl Vance as they were coming through our area. This was the first time my wife Shirley and I had met Jeff and Cheryl. They are a great couple. Jeff, like myself, enjoys raising Ameraucanas and other birds. Shirley and I both wanted to see our birds go to new and good locations, so some of the birds went to Texas. I give Jeff credit here for picking them up, so that they can go to new owners.

I have been raising birds several years. I added Ameraucana bantams

about 10 years ago. I mainly show at our N C State Fair where I have won many times.

-Robert Burns



**Congratulations to
our 100th new
member,
Liza Surock!**

North Central District Report (outgoing report)

By Jerry De Smidt

This will be my last report as Gordon Gillman will be taking over for me as the North Central District director. Do to work duties I no longer have time to commit to being a director. I do wish Gordon luck with the position and I am sure he will do a great job. I will be helping him with the National show which will be at the MN state show the end of Oct in Hutchinson MN.

I did travel to the National show in Idaho and Jean did a great job with the show and putting everything together. I would like to thank her and everyone that helped, it was a great show and we (Jake and I) had a great time. Then the following weekend I went to the Ohio National show and also had a great time. I do not get the time to go to as many shows as I would like to so I was happy to get to those two shows. I look forward to attending a few more shows next year and hope to see a lot of Ameraucanas at the national show in MN.

I will be helping Gordon with the national show, getting the hotel

block, awards, and setting up silent auction and everything else that goes with the show. If you have anything for the silent auction, or have Ideas for awards please let me or Gordon know.

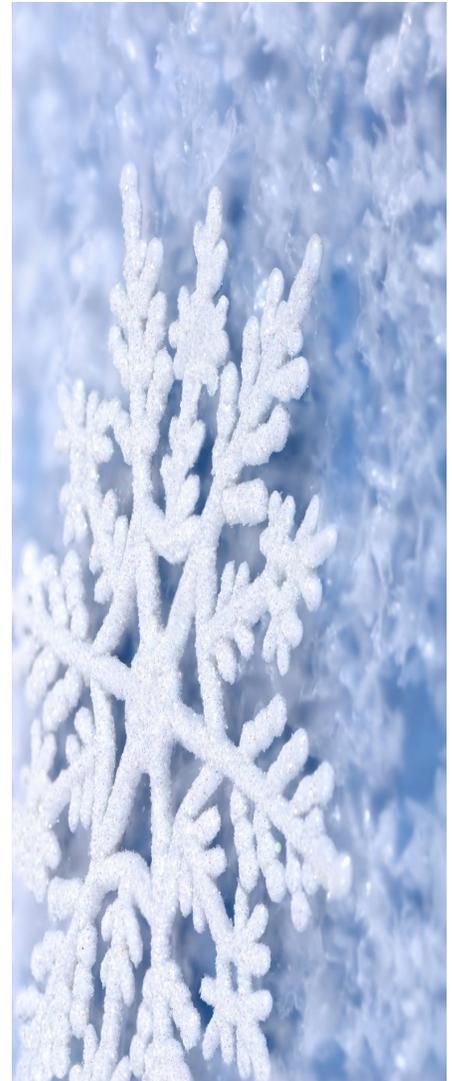
My email address is jwoodhaven@aol.com and

Gordons email is dudesfriendgordon@yahoo.com

Here in the north it is getting cold and we are starting to gather eggs to go into the incubator and hoping for 1 or 2 good birds for the 2017 show season. I hope that everyone can make it to the nationals.

Thank-you

Jerry De Smidt



Western District Report

By Jean Ribbeck

Our National Meet went off without a hitch and we all had a good time. Thanks to the Idaho Bird Breeders Association for hosting us. Congratulations to all the winners and to Jerry DeSmidt for his big wins. We saw a few self blue birds shown

in the large fowl and bantam classes.

I was very pleased to be awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by Paul Smith at our Club Meeting. We discussed getting our self blue prequalifying meets under our belt.

We also discussed appointing a new Honorary Vice President. Our 300th member of the year joined during the show and we had the drawing for the Brinsea Brooder.

During the host Club's banquet I was informed that my turkey had

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won both shows! I had no idea he would even be considered; he has never placed higher than best turkey. The judges talked very highly of him. To me, he's just my pet.

I would like to personally thank Susan for all the hard work she has done on the forum. Our ABC Marketplace is now open with t-shirts, hoodies, coffee mugs, and more. Susan has spent hours making several designs available for you to choose



from. Our Club has been moving forward with lots of ideas and great communication within our Board.

The egg color wheel was released on July 23, 2016 and was a big success. Susan has already had to order

more cards to cover the demand! Again, another big hand to her for all the hard work she put into this project.

Congratulations to all the returning Board members and a big welcome to our new North Central District Direc-

tor, Gordon Gilliam.

It's been another difficult winter up here in the Pacific Northwest. I have a frozen spigot in the chicken yard. So not only have I had to haul warm water out when it was -4°, I am now hauling all the water out. I have 52 geese and around 13 chicken pens that need water checked every day. If you need to contact me try several times!

Have a great New Year everyone.
Happy Hatching

-Jean Ribbeck

South East District Report

By Don Cash

We are beginning to see just a few glimpses of cooler temperatures now. And hopefully the young birds are coming along nicely. The cooler weather should help them to finish off the best feathers and get them ready for the fall shows. Our fairs in the south don't start until late September and October, but I know many regions have already had their fair and stock shows for the year. It's a great time of year of optimism for show stock and show Poultry especially.

We have a good number of meets set for the South Eastern District. I hope everyone is able to get out to a show near them and are able to meet new friends and hopefully see some great Ameraucanas. We have seen a great group of members in the Florida and Georgia area. It's great to see new clusters of Ameraucana breeders interested in working for the promotions and improvement of the breed. Please let me know if you have other shows in the area that you would like to have called as ABC meets.

We look forward to a great group of shows in Both Carolinas as well. You can see all of these show dates on the ABC Forum. Take advantage of these locations and promote the Breed with entries of your own. Please feel free to ask if you have questions about any of these meets.

The District meet will be held in Winston-Salem, NC the weekend after Thanksgiving. This is a great location for a good number of Breeders as well. The Dixie Classic Fairgrounds has been the location for the club for many years. And there are plenty of shopping and tourist sites close to the show grounds for family who want to take in the local area. It will be great to have a number of members new and old showing at this meet.

And the Western District is the location this year of the ABC National. Jean has been working hard to put together a great show for this event. The list of awards are beginning to be tallied, Paul is making his beautiful plaques and Jean will have her Egg awards

tional. Jean has been working hard to put together a great show for this event. The list of awards are beginning to be tallied, Paul is making his beautiful plaques and Jean will have her Egg awards again. Anyone that is within travel distance will really enjoy this show. I know several breeders are making the drive from the SC and NC districts. I am sure that lots of big names will come out from the Western district to enjoy this great meet too. It only rotates around to the West every 5 years. It will be a great date to meet some Great names in the Breed and I am sure to see some really nice quality Ameraucanas.

This is the time to talk to the Breeders to arrange for new stock this fall or get on the list for chicks this winter. Good Luck with the Young birds and Good Luck with the shows all around the country.

-Don Cash

North Central District Report

by Gordon Gilliam

It is an honor to serve as your new North Central District Director. I have always been in awe of our outgoing NCDD Jerry De Smidt. He has been my DD during most of my ABC membership. Jerry is an avid breeder in both Ameraucana Bantams and LF and supports the breed in exhibition of his Ameraucanas. Thank you Jerry for your service to the ABC over the years and Good Luck at the future shows! That said I ask your patience as I attempt to fill in for Jerry.



I have lived my entire life in the state of Nebraska except for my 4 years of service in the USAF during the Vietnam War era. Basic training in Texas, then on to McGuire AFB in NJ and then on to Scott AFB IL. Upon my honorable discharge I returned to Ashland NE, which is about halfway between Omaha and Lincoln.

I have always been involved

with animals my whole life (except for the 4 yrs. USAF). Having the luxury to being raised on acreages growing up and my adult life there were always some type of animals and chores.

Dad always had laying hens and mom and my 2 brothers, sister and I usually raised about 300 rabbits for pets and butcher. My older brother was the one who veered off into exotic poultry with his favorites being Wyandotte Bantams. He also started showing horses starting with registered Shetland Ponies and then on to registered Appaloosas. Yes you guessed it, he got me started too. I raised and showed Registered Appaloosas for about 20 years, and I usually kept around 30 head a year. After the horse showing and horse breeding days were over, brother got me interested in exotic poultry again. He gave me a Wheaten LF Ameraucana cockerel he had come across. Naturally he needed a mate or two. That's where my Ameraucana

experience went backwards. For the next 2-3 years I bought what were suppose to be Ameraucana pullets from the feed store. Wrong, they turned out to be EE. Realizing my mistake I made another one and ordered Ameraucanas from a hatchery. Wrong again, more EE. I tried to select out those birds close to the recognized Ameraucana varieties and bred them for a couple of years to gain uniformity. About that time, I started reading on the ABC website about true Ameraucanas and EE. I did the smartest thing ever, I got rid of the EE and bought chicks from ABC breeders.

I do think the EE/ Ameraucana Feed store/ Hatchery chick issue has been addressed better than it was around 2000. For those starting out, don't do as I did. Start out with good stock from an ABC breeder.

-Gordon Gilliam



Introducing Our New Newsletter Editor, *Lindsay Helton*

Our farm, *Once In a Blue Moon Farmstead*, is set atop a hill in the small southern town of Leoma, Tennessee. When we bought our small farm, I decided to begin working with chickens. I started with a small flock of several different breeds, including French Black Cooper Marans, Rhode Island Reds, and a black Ameraucana that I fittingly named Ivy. I developed a severe case of poison ivy after searching for her endlessly in the woods behind our house on a day that she went missing from our flock (only to have her return on her own accord a few hours later).



I felt an instant connection to Ivy's inquisitive nature and felt compelled to explore the Ameraucana breed further. I really enjoy the friendly, docile nature of Ameraucanas, and am in awe of the beautiful blue eggs that they lay. Over the past three and a half years, we have focused on raising wheaten, blue wheaten, splash wheaten, self blue, and white Ameraucanas. We really enjoy showing Ameraucanas, and getting info about the breed out there. It was a pleasure to meet Susan Mouw at the Dixie Classic Show in Knoxville, TN earlier this month. I spend my free time studying genetics, and chasing our six year old twins and our two year old. I always say our hands are full but so are our hearts. :) A special thank you to

Paul Smith and Jean Ribbeck for their willingness to lend an ear over the years when I have had breeding questions! Happy New Year everyone!

-Lindsay



North Eastern District Report by *Larry Clionsky*

Hello to all members from central PA. Hope this letter finds everyone in good health and gearing up for all the fall shows throughout the country. It was hot, hot, hot this past summer and breeding and hatching was okay considering the temps.

I have had much success with buffs and silvers this year so I am excited about that. For three years I have tried to get more of these varieties and failed after trying to hatch hundreds of eggs. This spring I was smart and pulled all the feathers from the vent areas of both male and females. And I finally had both color's hatch out and they are doing fine. Unfortunately, it was mid to late June until I put my wheatens and blue wheatens together and collected eggs for an 8/18 hatch but only 2

wheatens and 1 BW came out. It was so hot in my shop that's part of my barn the incubator temp wouldn't stay constant. So, I'll try again in September for an October hatch of those and blacks, blues and select whites. So if anyone is in need of some buffs let me know. I may have a few silvers available after they grow out to see how they look. I have to keep most of the pullets because I only had 1 pair and desperately needed chicks. I think I have over 20. At last count I have over 30 buffs from my exceptional male and 3 hens. And the chicks are showing great promise.

"If anyone is in need of Buff Ameraucanas let me know."

So, now for my story of the summer. I'm not sure when but I guess around mid April I started noticing some of my barred rock egg layers disappearing along with an occasional buff Orpington. I had 48 rocks and 11 orps in houses with 8 foot fencing around both and open doorways for the birds to go in and out. I thought at first that someone was stealing them because Grantville is a small town and everyone knows I'm the chicken man. There was no holes under the fence that a fox or coyote usually makes and I found no bodies. I did see a pair of raccoons earlier on and thought they may be the culprits so I set several live

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traps. However, after catching 2 and relocating them to heaven more birds kept disappearing. As my 48 layers were reduced to 8 and all the orps were killed except for a pair I had in a breeding pen I was at my wits end. The remains of the orps I found were astonishing. Complete skeletons with no meat or feathers on the bones. I had never seen this in 18 years. Coons usually eat a bird's inner organs from the rectum and leave the breast meat for Hawks or coons but these birds were picked clean. But I never found any of the rocks. I started locking the birds in at night and the killing stopped. I just had to be vigilant. In fact I left the doors open of my ameraucana and Plymouth Rock houses and found a couple of them ripped to shreds. Again, I figured coons. Set the traps again and caught another one. Then one day I was mowing my lower field next to the barred rock house and something caught my eye on the roof of the house. I went over for closer examination and discovered over 30 skeletons of the birds. I discussed this with former poultry press editor and owner Bill Wulff and learned I had an OWL

problem. Most likely a long horned or barn owl. I later found feces in the one house next to a dead bird and sure enough it was owl poop. So, the killing has stopped but I learned another lesson in raising birds. Hope all of you do too. The good thing if there was one is that I started collecting eggs from the hens and the one male with them until he was killed and he was a monster bird. Hated me and would come after me in a heartbeat. But he was the man with 48 girlfriends. Of course his name was Hefner. I hatched over 30 chicks so hopefully by December I will have many eggs again.

So the fall shows are gearing up, Bath, NY is on 9/10, there is a new club in New Jersey hosting a show in Lakewood on 9/24 I think, the Ohio Nationals are on 11/12 and the central PA poultry club (CPAC) is having a meet in October in Lebanon, Pa which is in my backyard. I haven't attended any shows since Delmarva but I hope to get to the above ones except for Bath because we are heading to the beach for a week for a long overdue vacation with my brother in law and his wife in

Stone Harbor, NJ.

So, in closing, I wish all of you good luck at all the shows you attend and remember that the ABC web site lists all the meets across the country so make sure you visit the site and urge your friends that want ameraucanas to view the pics of all the varieties we offer and check out the new store of products we offer to proudly show off your love for AMERAUCANAS. Oh and by the way, I have accepted the nomination for NE Director again since I was unopposed so someone vote for me please. Until the winter newsletter, and Happy Holidays to all of you, Clionsky out...

-Larry Clionsky



2016 National Meet Pictures



The 2016 National meet, held at the Boise Valley Fancy Feather show, was a great success. Jean Ribbeck did a wonderful job planning and coordinating this event.

There were 11 exhibitors and 76 entries in Large Fowl in show #1. There were 2 exhibitors and 46 entries in Bantam. There were also 11 exhibitors and 76 entries in Large Fowl in show #2, as well as 2 exhibitors and 46 entries in Bantam.

Jerry Smidt did outstanding at this show. The full results of this meet can be found on the last page of this newsletter. Here are some pictures from the show!

Self Blue Pre-qualifying Meet

By Paul Smith

Our South Central District meet was a success which created history! We successfully completed the first pre-qualifying meet with a minimum of 4 cocks, 4 hens, 4 cockerels and 4 pullets for the self blue large fowl recognition process with the APA. Self blue is the correct and only name that both the APA and ABA are going to accept, as neither organization want some breed clubs incorrectly calling them lavender and some calling them self blue. There were 6 cocks, 6 hens, 5 cockerels, and 8 pullets for a total of 25 shown by four exhibitors in the self blue class. Judge Jim Sallee spoke favorably of the self blue producing encouragement of their recognition! Jim said some of the pullets and hens were very nice, the males like the other self blue breeds have issues. It was very encouraging to know that Ameraucanas weren't all alone with male self blue issues! I soon can see a self blue hen or pullet on "Champion Row"! A great deal of encouragement came with the understanding that only 25 self blue are required at our two qualifying meets, rather than 50! Fifty are required for new breeds, and 25 are required for new varieties of existing breeds! A special thanks goes to Shannon Rowe, Howard Story, Paul & Angela Smith, and April Howington (in exhibitor list order) for making this pre-qualifying meet a success! Paul & Angela Smith had BV on a pullet and RV on a hen.

The blue class had 12 head shown by 5 exhibitors. Max Strawn had BV on a hen and RV on a pullet. There were 4 blue wheatens shown by 2 exhibitors. Paul & Angela Smith had BV on a cock and Max Strawn RV on a pullet. A pair of buff were shown by Paul & Angela Smith with their pullet BV and cockerel RV. Their buff came from Christine & Will Kitsch as day olds. Thanks for our restart of buffs. Two splash pullets were shown, with M & J Farm-Mike & Jan Geis winning BV and Paul & Angela RV. Two wheaten were shown, with Max Strawn winning BV with a cock and Paul & Angela RV with a cockerel. A pair of white were shown by Paul & Angela, with their cockerel BV and pullet RV. Six exhibitors showed 26 head of blacks, making them the largest class by beating the self blue by one. The BV, BB, Champion Ameraucana, Best AOSB, Champion Large Fowl and Res. of Show was a black cockerel shown by M & J Farm-Mike & Jan Geis. The RV, RB and Reserve AOSB was a black hen shown by Clifton Redden.

Max Strawn showed 11 head of bantams. We missed Peggy Taylor, Dorothy Haire, Mary Laska and Ernie Haire especially in the bantam classes. I see these classes growing in the near future, just as the large fowl classes have the past decade. Terry Britt judged the Ameraucana bantams. Max showed 2 blue pullets into BV and RV, two blue wheaten pullets into BV and RV,

a pair of wheaten with his pullet BV and cockerel RV, and 5 black with his pullet winning BV, BB and his cockerel RV and RB. A special thanks to Max for showing his bantams.

No Junior bantams were shown, but this will change in the near future as several ABC members are now breeding bantams in the SC district. This should make them more available!

The Junior large fowl show has grown. We had 27 head shown by 12 juniors. There were two whites with Tala Joyner winning BV on a cock and Lauren Craine RV on a pullet. Seventeen blacks were shown by 10 exhibitors. The BV and RB was won by Kash Glass on a pullet. The RV was a cockerel shown by Dillon Brown. There were 6 blues shown by 3 exhibitors. Clara-belle Galbraith won BV, BB and Best AOSB with her cockerel and RV with her pullet. Two EELS were shown to push the total to 27 head and the grand total of 102 large fowl and 11 bantams. Jacob Bates judged the Junior large fowl show.

A business meeting was held. The decision was made to hold our next SC district meet at Fayetteville, Arkansas on November 4 & 5, 2017. Discussions were held about ABC meets and points. A special thanks to all who showed and made this a successful SC district meet.

Do you have breeding questions, or is there a particular topic that you would like featured in an upcoming newsletter? If so, contact me, Lindsay Helton, at 22wareagle22@gmail.com.



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Treasurer Report

Description	Beg. Bal.	Income	Expense
Carryover from 2015	6017		
Donations		954	
Dues - New Members		2128	
Dues - Renewals		1448	
Sales - Handbook		12	
Sales - ABC Patches		8	
Sales - Egg Color Card		122	
Sales - Egg Color Wheel		149	
Sales - Store Merchandise		225	
Advertising			1025
Awards, Trophys			471
Bank Fees - Paypal			211
Dues and Subscriptions			75
Internet			571
Postage & Supplies			1539
Printer			200
Ribbons			448
Store Merchandise			557
	6017	5045	5097



Congratulations to Jean Ribbeck on receiving this years Lifetime Achievement Award, for her years of dedication to the Ameraucana Breeders Club. Jean has served as President for two terms and as Western District Director for multiple terms. She has continually contributed her time, efforts, and ideas to improving the Ameraucana Breed and to helping fellow breeders. On behalf of all of us, thank you Jean!!!

2016 National, Boise Valley Fancy Feather Show #1

Award	Variety	Sex	# Entries	Exhibitor	Points*
BV	Black	K			25
RV	Black	P		Athena Balderas	24
BV	Blue	K	9	Paul & Angela Smith	9
RV	Blue	K		Paul & Angela Smith	8
BV	Blue Wheaten	P	6	S.O. Pure Poultry	6
RV	Blue Wheaten	P		S.O. Pure Poultry	5
BV	Buff	P	2	Paul & Angela Smith	2
RV	Buff	K		Paul & Angela Smith	1
BV	Wheaten	P	7	Aiden Shingler	7
RV	Wheaten	K		S.O. Pure Poultry	6
BV, BB, CH AOSB, R CH AM	White	P	23	Jerry DeSmidt	121
RV, RB, R CH AOSB	White	P		Jerry DeSmidt	75
BV	AOV-Self Blue	P	3	Paul & Angela Smith	3
RV	AOV-Self Blue	H		Paul & Angela Smith	2
BV	AOV-Splash	P	1	Athena Balderas	1
Open	Bantam	Eric Kutch		2	46
Award	Variety	Sex	# Entries	Exhibitor	Points*
BV	Black	H	8	Connie Jean Ribbeck	8
RV	Black	C		Jerry DeSmidt	7
BV	Blue	K	3	Jerry DeSmidt	3
RV	Blue	P		Jerry DeSmidt	2
BV, RB	Blue Wheaten	H	20	Jerry DeSmidt	45
RV	Blue Wheaten	K		Jerry DeSmidt	19
BV	Wheaten	K	4	Jerry DeSmidt	4
RV	Wheaten	P		Jerry DeSmidt	3
BV, BB, R CH AOSB, CH AM	White	K	3	Jerry DeSmidt	122
RV	White	H		Jerry DeSmidt	2
BV	AOV-Self Blue	H	2	Connie Jean Ribbeck	2
RV	AOV-Self Blue	K		Connie Jean Ribbeck	1
BV	AOV-Splash	H	1	Jerry DeSmidt	1
BV	AOV-Splash Whe	K	5	Jerry DeSmidt	5
RV	AOV-Splash Whe	P		Jerry DeSmidt	4

2016 National, Boise Valley Fancy Feather Show #2

Award	Variety	Sex	# Entries	Exhibitor	Points*
BV	Black	K	25	Athena Balderas	25
RV	Black	P		Jerry DeSmidt	24
BV	Blue	P	9	Athena Balderas	9
RV	Blue	K		Jerry Dancer	8
BV	Blue Wheaten	P	6	S.O. Pure Poultry	6
RV	Blue Wheaten	P		S.O. Pure Poultry	5
BV	Buff	P	2	Paul & Angela Smith	2
RV	Buff	K		Paul & Angela Smith	1
BV	Wheaten	K	7	S.O. Pure Poultry	7
RV	Wheaten	K		S.O. Pure Poultry	6
BV, BB, CH AM	White	P	23	Jerry DeSmidt	122
RV, RB	White	P		Jerry DeSmidt	75
BV	AOV-Self Blue	P	3	Paul & Angela Smith	3
RV	AOV-Self Blue	H		Paul & Angela Smith	2
BV	AOV-Splash	P	1	Athena Balderas	1

Open	Bantam	Heather Hayes	2	46
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Award	Variety	Sex	# Entries	Exhibitor	Points*
BV	Black	K	8	Jerry DeSmidt	8
RV	Black	C		Jerry DeSmidt	7
BV	Blue	K	3	Jerry DeSmidt	3
RV	Blue	H		Jerry DeSmidt	2
BV, RB	Blue Wheaten	H	20	Jerry DeSmidt	20
RV	Blue Wheaten	K		Jerry DeSmidt	19
BV	Wheaten	K	4	Jerry DeSmidt	4
RV	Wheaten	C		Jerry DeSmidt	3
BV, BB	White	K	3	Jerry DeSmidt	3
RV	White	H		Jerry DeSmidt	2
BV	AOV-Self Blue	H	2	Connie Jean Ribbeck	2
RV	AOV-Self Blue	K		Connie Jean Ribbeck	1
BV	AOV-Splash	H	1	Jerry DeSmidt	1
BV	AOV-Splash Whe	P	5	Jerry DeSmidt	5
RV	AOV-Splash Whe	K		Jerry DeSmidt	4