



# Bulletin

The world of domestic pigeon rarities



## VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE from James D Fathbruckner

HELLO FELLOW  
RARE BREED CLUB  
MEMBERS!

We had a great 40th anniversary show at Louisville along with a club meeting. We had more breeds and breeders this year than last year but our numbers were about the same as last year.

Jerry Sindelar did a great job judging along with help from several of our club members. We used the points system throughout the show and this made the selections for Champions very easy to complete. We had an outstanding Rare Breed auction at the show that raised more than enough to cover our additional expenses.

We held a club meeting on Friday evening. There was lots of positive reaction to this innovation, so we will plan on holding a meeting every year at Louisville on Friday at 7:00 pm.

I want to thank the club members who set up our judging area and also those that did the paperwork with the judges.



I especially want to thank Scott Amo, Sally Przybra-  
nowski, Link Mar-  
tin, Jesse Martin,  
Paul Gibson, Jack  
Melkerson, Jon  
Curtis, Nick Fon-  
tenot and Stanley  
Vercouteren (did  
I miss anyone?) to  
name just a few.

But I also want  
to thank all of  
the members for  
their attendance,  
showing, breeding,  
donating birds for  
the auction and  
their commitment  
to Rare Breeds and

the Rare Breed Club. If any of you know  
of people we need to invite to join our  
group please send me a message and I  
will send them a letter of invitation.

I look forward to seeing a lot of you at  
the NPA National in Florida!! Please feel  
free to contact me at anytime with your  
ideas, concerns, what you think we could  
do better – and conversely, let me know  
what we are doing right.

*James D. Fathbruckner*  
Vice-President

### ***Bring your fellow members up to speed***

Our membership is scattered across this great country and so can't  
meet very often. By sending in articles, news, views, hints tips or  
photographs, you are letting other members know about you and your  
birds and helping us all keep in touch.

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Stan Vercouteren, Nicholas Fontenot, Jack Melkerson***Champion Rare**

German Modena #1111

Tim Heidrich

**Reserve Rare**

Danzig Highflier #4390

Leonard Kuzminski

**Best Color**

South German Shield # 3653

Link Martin

**Best Flying**

Danzig #4390

**Best Utility**

Strasser #665, Bill Hetzel

**Best Wattle**

Scandaroon #2290, Nicholas Fontenot

**Best Owl**

English Owl #1723, Link Martin

**Best Hen / Form**

German Modena # 1111

**Best AOV**

Arabian Trumpeter #3136, Nancy Daily

**Best Structure**

Schmalkendener #261, JR Miller

**Best Junior**

Old Dutch Capuchine #345

Olivia Gratz

**Master Breeder Points;**

Tim Heidrich ..... 110

Leonard Kuzminski.... 85

Link Martin ..... 65

Bill Hetzel ..... 20

Nicholas Fontenot..... 35

Olivia Gratz ..... 35

Scott Amo ..... 10

Robert Vercouteren ..... 10

Stan Vercouteren ..... 25

Bob Jakubowski ..... 10

Amir Hrnjic ..... 5

Dick/John Lipski ..... 5

Jonathan Miller ..... 10

Cody Brandt ..... 10

Waldemer Dybas ..... 10

JR Miller ..... 25

Terry Daily ..... 10

Nancy Daily ..... 25

Farid Abdulla ..... 5

Joe Granger ..... 10

Milton Kaelin ..... 15

Bill Cunningham ..... 5

Tom Barnhart ..... 5

Joe Powers ..... 10

Martin Gratz ..... 20

Tom Vande Velde ..... 5

Mickey Jackson ..... 15

Rick Turner ..... 15

Joel Kincade ..... 15

Amy Klopman ..... 15

John Hoekstra ..... 10

Anthony Dasard ..... 10

Ronald Lyman ..... 5

Josh Prater ..... 20

Hugh Gillen ..... 15

Gary Hols ..... 5

Joe Alarcon ..... 20

Bobby Rhodes ..... 5

Harry Carter ..... 5

Michael Bordelon ..... 5

Congratulations to all,

**Scott Amo**

Master Breeder Director



## Summary of RBPC 40th Anniversary Membership Meeting October 28, 2011

*Recorded by Link Martin, Secretary / Treasurer*

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club was called to order by Vice President Jim Fathbruckner following an excellent 40th anniversary dinner consisting of Louisville's finest barbeque and butter milk pie.

Jim explained he was running the meeting due to the RBPC president, Ron Davis', inability to attend the meeting because of illness. Those attending signed a card to Ron wishing him well.

Jim began the meeting by recognizing members that had passed away during this past year including Bob Heal, Richard Dobson and Chet Davis.

He then gave a brief review of the status of the Club including:

- the Rare Breeds' show was the largest single meet at the National Young Bird Show;
- Jerry Sindelar from Canada was a welcome new judging addition to the NYBS;
- that the number of rare breeds meets was up across the country;
- the work RBPC members had done working with the NPA to expand the *Book of Standards* to include many rare breeds; and
- that the auctions at last year's NYBS and at the Reading Club show in Lancaster showed other fanciers were very interested in rare breeds.

Jim recognized the hard work that Scott Amo and Frank Povah had given into producing the Club's *Bulletin*.

Members who had attained Master Breeder status were recognized: Dan Brennan, who could not be present, and Bob Jakubowski. Jim presented Bob with his Master Breeder patch.

A Treasurer's report was presented by Link Martin which showed the Club started 2011 with a balance of \$2,069.44, had income of \$3,175.50 and expenses of \$3,718.94. The balance as of September 30, 2011 was \$1,526.00.

There were several items of discussion and action:

### *Standards Committee*

Jim called for volunteers to serve on a Standards Committee. The committee would review proposed and translated standards for new breeds or newly imported breeds. The Committee would then recommend to the Executive Committee whether the standard should be adopted and submitted to the NPA.

### *Website*

it was agreed that the RBPC website needed updating and had to be a more active site. A good website is essential to the growth of the Club. It was agreed the officers would pursue immediate updates and then a long term solution.

### *Online discussion group*

Jim shared that he had been approached from fanciers active on the Rare Varieties online Yahoo discussion group to have the group relate to the RBPC. It could be as simple as having a RBPC officer serve as one of the moderators of the group. It was agreed that Jim should pursue the discussion.

### *Clarification of what constitutes a rare breed*

Over the past few years a few specialty clubs have asked that their breeds no longer be included in the rare breed while others has asked to have their specific breed to be judged as a rare when there is not a specialty club meet. It was agreed that there needed to some

clarification with clubs and a process if a specialty club dissolved and their breed would need to come back into the rare category. Jim agreed to talk with the other clubs and clarify the situation with each breed.

### *Dues*

It was agreed to have the Vice President contact members who were behind in their dues and advise them that they would no longer receive the bulletin.

### *Annual Meetings / Dinner*

It was agreed to hold an annual meeting/dinner at the NYBS

### *The election of officers*

Elections should have taken place in 2011. It was agreed to create a nominating committee, publish a call for nominations in the upcoming bulletin and hold elections in spring 2012 with those elected taking office at the 2012 NYBS.

Jim adjourned the meeting and wished everyone luck with the NYBS show that would start the next morning.

The editor of the NPA *Quarterly Review* would like to remind members that advertising is now available on three front covers of 2012 issues, and in one large and three medium spots on the *Review's* mailer envelope.

Your contributions and advertising are of course always welcomed.

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## Brief But Important Information

### Call for Elections

At the RBPC Annual Meeting held at the NYBS the club put out a call for elections of club officers.

Anyone interested in running for office or who would like to nominate someone, then please contact Scott Amo with the information.

Nominations received so far are:

**President:** .....James Fathbruckner

**Vice President:** ...Stan Vercouteren  
Scott Amo

**Sec/Treasurer:** ...Link Martin

The next Bulletin will have the ballots for you to vote for your favorite candidates. If nominees will please provide a background about themselves and a reason for running, this will be placed on your ballot. Good luck to all.

\* \* \*

### Overdue membership

It has come to the club's attention that many members are far behind in dues, with some members being carried by the club since 2006.

The club voted to have James Fathbruckner send out a letter to the members who have fallen behind to see if they are interested in catching up on their dues or preferring to be dropped from the membership list.

If you plan to vote for new officers then be advised that only those votes from members in good standing will be counted.

If you would like to catch up on your dues then please send your money and information to Link Martin.



## Accredited Judges...

Here is a list of the people who have judged Rare Breed Specialty Shows in the past. If you are putting on a show and are looking for qualified judges then you can choose a member from the list or check with James Fathbruckner as the member in charge of our club's Judging Program.

Ron Davis  
James Fathbruckner  
Scott Amo  
Joe Powers  
Tony Patti  
Phil Gonzales  
Stanley Vercouteren  
Bob Vercouteren  
Ron White  
Wayne Fischer  
Amy Klopman  
John Navant  
Brad Child  
Paul Gibson  
Nickolas Fontenot  
Steve Yonke

Jack Milkerson  
Don Chevalier  
Eric Kooker  
Larry Gardner

This is a fine group of people to pick from for judging your next Rare Breeds event, but they are of course not the only qualified Judges.

However, if you want to use another judge then you must get your choice approved.

This list is only inclusive of the people who judged events in 2009. We are in the process of compiling a more complete list and if you want to add a name or add your own name, then please contact me and I will submit it to the judging coordinator.

It is our goal to have a comprehensive list of names of qualified judges and a judging program to train future judges.

Please submit your ideas to me.

Thanks, Scott

## A REMINDER

### New points system now in place

Starting this show season the club has voted in a new point system. It follows the old system, but simplifies the process for better clarity in awarding points.

Inferior  
Good= 90  
Superior minus (S-) = 91  
Superior = 92  
Superior plus (S+) = 93  
Highly Superior minus (H-) = 94  
Highly Superior=95  
Highly Superior plus (H+) = 96  
Royal = 97

Show secretaries please inform our judges of this new system, thanks Scott

## WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT

FEBRUARY 15, 2012?

By Fred Thaelke, Trust Chairman

and

John Heppner, Chief Development Officer

As an NPA affiliated club many of you have been following, with interest, the establishment of the Legacy Fund Trust and the many benefits it will be capable of providing to all pigeon fanciers, just like yourself, but as with most things it takes a few ounces of help from each of us to set the ball a rolling.

You'll each soon have this opportunity to help the pigeon hobby as the NPA Legacy Fund Trust initiates a Capital Campaign to fund the Trust beginning February 15, 2012.

Several fanciers that were aware of the Trust from the beginning have shown early support and have already made donations. The Trust has started to grow!

Please let me review and share the Legacy Fund Trust Vision with you.

Several years in the making, the Trust was carefully and legally crafted. Established in June of this year the Trust allows for a Safe, Permanent, Legal structure, with financially sound, checks and balances built right in. The Trust is for all of those who wish to financially give something back to the pigeon hobby, a hobby we so much have enjoyed. All pigeon fanciers, former fanciers and friends to the pigeon hobby are invited and encouraged to participate, at a time that is right for them.

Monies donated or bequests left to the Legacy Fund Trust will never be used nor spent. The Trust's principle will forever continue to grow from these ongoing donations and **only** the **investment income** produced from this ever growing pool of Trust assets will be used to fund well defined and accountable projects that will benefit each of us in the pigeon hobby.

All Legacy Fund Trust assets and accounts are and Legally Must Be, completely separate from those of the NPA.

Your giving to the Trust will allow for you to receive a thank you letter and a Certificate of Contribution, indicating one of four giving levels or clubs. These very attractive certificates are printed on parchment and are suitable for framing.

Your giving is cumulative and would include you in one of the following giving categories: Gold Band Club, giving between \$100 and \$999.99; Platinum Band Club, giving between \$1000 and \$9999.99; President's Club, giving between \$10,000 and \$49,999.99 and the Vision Club, giving of \$50,000 or more.

Some fanciers will be able to give time and assistance; numerous others will give modest financial amounts, many of these may also, with future giving, allow for their donations to be cumulative over time thus moving these donors from one giving category to the next higher level. Other fanciers or former fanciers after reflecting on a lifetime in the hobby and those financially capable of doing so will give a great deal. For some fanciers this giving may come many years down the road in the form of a bequest in their will and the Legacy Fund Trust is legally established to accept and accommodate these gifts.

Neither the Trust nor the NPA is a 501c3 and therefore your donation is not tax deductible but rather shows your strong commitment of support for the pigeon hobby now and into the future.

Each and every year, that's forever, you as a donor will receive special recognition with your name being listed on the **Legacy Fund Trust Honor Roll**, published in a National Pigeon Association Publication. NPA members as well as non members are invited and encouraged to participate in this campaign, for the benefit of our hobby now and well into the future.

Many of you who have dreamed, have had a great idea or a Vision for ways we could improve and make our hobby even better for each of us, if only there was the funding nationally, to help accomplish those great ideas.

The Legacy Fund Trust is currently the right vehicle to help accomplish many of those excellent ideas and goals. This can be your chance to participate and really help out. Please consider being part of the effort!

Not many of us can take on the financial burden of funding a project by ourselves much less the multitude of other good ideas that are out there, but each of us by giving something to the Trust and then taken as a cohesive focused group, will allow for great things to be accomplished together. Please don't negate the power of the possible!

Just consider some of the many projects that might someday be funded with Legacy Fund Trust investment income. Funds might be used to help continue and even expand the current 4H

youth program or some other venue, possibly on Facebook or other social networking sites that can spark the interests and involves today's youth in our hobby. Youth as well as new and former adult pigeon fanciers can and do become interested in our hobby, but in order to first capture their attention in a busy world, it takes funding to get the message out in pet magazines, country living magazines, bird, poultry, rabbit and nature magazines. Advertising plus the important and necessary follow-up contacts and associated mailings costs can be expensive but is surely well worth the expenditure if the result can be a growing number of pigeon fanciers.

A professionally done and clinically correct report, in pamphlet form, using information from health and veterinary organizations on the safety of raising domestic pigeons could be created and then used for wide distribution.

Funding could help establish a comprehensive and electronically accessible archive of NPA history and memorabilia, possibly located at the American Pigeon Museum and Library.

Trust funding might help develop a team of experts who could, in many ways, help local fanciers maintain their right to raise and enjoy pigeons where city ordinances threaten their ability to do so. Funding could help hire a lobbyist who has the ability to penetrate the upper echelons of the US Postal Service to help maintain and improve the shipping of pigeons. What a great help this can be to most every fancier.

The list could go on and on and I'm sure each one of you have a few favorite good ideas yourself that you can pass on.

The Legacy Fund Trustees have chosen and John Heppner has graciously accepted the task of being the Chief Development Officer for the upcoming campaign.

John is an individual who has had a great deal of previous capitol campaign and fundraising experience as a former school administrator.

As we approach February 15 and beyond, John Heppner will be asking for **your help** and that of many others within the pigeon hobby. If at all possible, **please say yes** to his request for your **help, funding or both**.

John may be reached at 3040 Godfrey Ave., Gilroy, CA. 95020 or by phone at 408-848-3399, fax at 408-848-6909 or on the internet at [johnheppner@yahoo.com](mailto:johnheppner@yahoo.com).

John and the entire pigeon hobby are looking forward to hearing from each one of you.



**RARE BREEDS PIGEON CLUB Membership Application**Renewal ☐ New member ☐ This Membership is for the year 20..... Please type or print all details – it makes my life easier

Name: .....

Street: .....

City: ..... State/Province: ..... Zip/Post Code: .....

Phone: ..... Fax: .....

Email: ..... Website: .....

Rare breeds raised: .....

**DUES** (Good from Jan.–Dec., unless otherwise stated)\$15.<sup>00</sup> US .....\$US20.<sup>00</sup> Foreign ..........Club Patches @ \$6.<sup>50</sup> ea . .....**TOTAL ENCLOSED** .....Make check, money order or  
IMO payable to  
*Rare Breeds Pigeon Club*  
and mail with form to:Link Martin, Secretary/Treasurer  
5218 Crestwood Drive  
Harrisburg, PA 17109  
USA

Enquiries 717-540-1294 kyhipa@comcast.net

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crested and grouse legged with an intense gold breast. I brought them over in the 60s and haven't seen any for about 40 years. If anyone has them or knows of someone please contact Ron Davis 352-473-6859

» **Kazaners** — Need certain colors: Khaki, Silver Bar Cock, Mealy Bar Hen, Cream Bar Hen, Whites and Tailmarked. Willie English, Box 1942, Jacksonville TX 75766 [wgenglish55@aol.com](mailto:wgenglish55@aol.com)» **Magpied Marked Danzig Highfliers.** Please call or email Steve Mitchener 405 748 6566, [jmmitch@att.net](mailto:jmmitch@att.net)» **White Zitterhals Wanted.** Dusty Cramer is looking for White Zitterhals. Please contact him at [419] 435 4807» **Advertise in the NEW Quarterly Review.** Please contact the editor, Frank Povah at 502 535 4794; [pigeon.posts@littlwallaby.com](mailto:pigeon.posts@littlwallaby.com)**Why not advertise here? It'll cost you nothing.**





# 2012 NPA Grand National Pigeon Show

Lakeland Center – Lakeland, Florida



## Information for Exhibitors and Visitors

### Airport Information:

Visitors and Exhibitors can fly into either the Tampa International Airport (TPA) distance 35 miles) or the Orlando International Airport (MCO) distance 45 miles.

A shuttle service is available but exhibitors must reserve and pay for their own transportation. Please contact one of the shuttle services listed for advance reservations.

### Airport Shuttle Information:

#### Tampa:

Carey Limousine: 800 348 1413  
Unique Car Service Transportation:  
813 422 6413

Tampa Limo & Car: 813 421 2908

#### Orlando:

Super Shuttle: 407 343 4461  
Airport Service.com: 800 844 7099

### Rental Cars:

Rental car rates in Florida are some of the lowest in country. Exhibitors and visitors are strongly encouraged to take advantage of these extraordinarily low rates.

### Car Rentals available at both Airports:

Alamo: 877 222 9075  
Avis: 800 831 2847  
Budget: 800 527 0700  
Dollar Car Rental: 800 800 4000  
Enterprise: 800 261 7331  
Hertz: 800 654 3131  
National Car Rental: 877 222 9058  
Thrifty Car Rental: 800 847 4389

### Parking Passes:

An Event Parking Pass is available for \$15 and must be paid in advance with you entry. The pass is valid for the three days of the show. You must enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry. Passes will be mailed to you. NOTE: If you stay at the Hyatt on the premises, you will be given passes valid for the length of your stay from the hotel upon check-in.

### Hotels:

To receive these special rates, please use the rate code: **NPA Grand National Show** when booking your reservation.

Hyatt Place (on the premises): \$109/night  
863 413 1122

The Terrace Hotel: \$99/night. 863 688 0800  
Hilton Garden Inn: \$79-\$89/night.  
863 647 0066

Holiday Inn South: \$79/night. 863 646 5731  
Imperial Swan Hotel: \$89/night. 863 647 3000

Courtyard by Marriot: \$135/night  
863 802 9000

Hampton Inn & Suites: \$109/night  
863 603 7600

### Mailing your birds via USPS:

You can mail your birds (in approved USPS containers) directly to the show hall. Please indicate on your entry if you are mailing your birds. If you are not attending the show but are entering birds, you must send an express mail label (filled out) and pre-paid return postage (either stamps or pre-paid fee/label). Secure the label and pre-paid fee to the underside of the top flap of the shipping container.

### Mail your birds to:

LAKELAND CENTER (NPA)  
701 WEST LIME STREET  
LAKELAND, FL 33815  
Attn: Keith Kehoe (phone 352 205 1207)

### Exhibition Hall Hours

Wednesday Jan 11th 12 noon—11pm  
Thursday Jan 12th: 7am—11pm  
Friday Jan 13th: 7am—12am  
Saturday Jan 14th: 7am—5pm

### Show Schedule

Wednesday 12 noon: Show Hall open to exhibitors  
Thursday 10am: Show officially begins  
4pm: ALL BIRDS MUST BE COOPED  
7pm: NPA General Membership Meeting,  
Sikes Hall  
Friday: Judging all day  
6:30pm: Cash cocktail hour in the foyer  
7:30pm: NPA Banquet  
Saturday: Judging completed 11am  
Champion of the Show Judging  
Auctions and Raffles  
4pm: Birds may be boxed  
5pm: Birds will be released if ALL BIRDS are accounted for

### Specialty Club Meetings:

Times to be determined. If you would like to book a venue for your specialty club's meeting, contact Ed Pointer by December 20th, (telephone 405 604 8792 or npasecretary@yahoo.com).

**NPA National Junior Auction:** Top quality birds, donated by generous, renowned breeders, will be auctioned at 12 noon on Saturday. Junior Auction birds will be on exhibit next to the Junior section. All profits benefit the NPA Junior Program.

### Attention ALL Exhibitors:

You must be a member of the NPA before December 11, 2011 to receive the NPA member's reduced entry fee of \$5.50/bird. Additional benefits of membership include a year's subscription to the NPA's quality publication, the *Quarterly Review*, with the included free Grand National Show Report. Please send in your membership ASAP or with your entry to receive these benefits.

*All young birds* exhibited at the 2012 Lakeland Grand National MUST be banded with NPA bands. Old birds exhibited can be banded with any appropriately sized NPA recognized bands. *Exceptions:* Racing Homers banded with AU or IF bands.

### Loading dock and entrances to the Exhibition Hall:

Exhibitors with wheeled carrying cases or vendors with merchandise, use the loading dock entrance behind the Hyatt Hotel (I-4 to exit 32 Florida Avenue : take Florida Avenue to Lemon Street : turn about four blocks to the back entrance). Exhibitors carrying their birds in, use the side entrances (preferred) or the front entrances (Florida Avenue to Lime Street to the front of the Lakeland Center, the hotel will be on your right when facing the Center, the side entrance is there).

NO WHEELED CASES WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT OR SIDE ENTRANCES!

### There will be NO SALES SECTION at the 2012 Lakeland National.

### 2012 NPA National Best of Category Awards:

Seven categories to be determined. \$200 donated for each category by Scott Amo, Sal Gigante, John Hepner, Amy Klopman and Joel Kinkade, Lennie Meferd, Ed Pointer, and *Purebred Pigeon*. \$250 for Reserve champion donated by John DeCarlo Jr. \$500 for champion donated by Foy's Pigeon Supplies.

### NPA Banquet:

Friday evening, \$35 per person.  
Cocktail hour (cash bar) 6:30pm—7:30pm. Dinner and awards 7:30pm—10:30pm.

### Menu

#### Southern Dinner Buffet:

Garden salad with assorted topping and dressings  
Seafood and Pasta Salad (with shrimp, scallops, red onions, Julienne carrots, red and green peppers in a Tarragon Vinaigrette)

Chef's House Made Fried Chicken

Bar-B-Cue Ribs

Baked Beans, Creamy Macaroni and Cheese, Corn Bread

Assorted Beverages

Cobbler

Vegetarian plates must be ordered in advance (with your advance banquet purchase). We cannot take vegetarian requests at the show. Additional banquet tickets MAY be available to purchase on Wednesday — no guarantees.

**If you require additional 2012 Lakeland NPA Grand National assistance or have questions, please contact Carlos Parente, telephone 727 372 7142**



# National Pigeon Association

## Grand National Rules

***Read these Rules carefully and make sure you thoroughly understand them.***

***Do not enter if you cannot abide by these Rules.***

1. Failure to recognize or abide by these rules will exclude entry without refund.
2. The entry fee is \$6.50 per bird for non-NPA members and \$5.50 per bird for NPA members.
3. This show only recognizes NPA approved bands. All birds must be seamless banded and within one size for that breed.
4. This show recognizes all breeds of NPA recognized standard-bred pigeons and ADA recognized doves.
5. Specialty clubs have selected their own judges and their decisions are final. Open class judges have been selected by the host club and their decisions are final.
6. Each pigeon entered must be the bona fide property of the exhibitor and must be shown in its natural condition. Proper trimming and preparation is considered natural condition. The right is reserved to disqualify all unworthy specimens.
7. The show management will not be responsible for the loss of birds. However, the best security possible will be given.
8. An NPA Show Catalog listing exhibitor's names, placings (one past half the class) and awards will be printed and mailed to all exhibitors that are not NPA members for a fee of \$20. NPA members will receive one at no charge.
9. Clean water and feed shall be provided daily.
10. An adequate amount of bedding shall be provided and shall be available for replenishment during the show.
11. All birds entered in the show will be cooped individually.
12. No substitutions will be made prior to check-in at the show. Substitutions shown with specialty clubs will be allowed as the individual specialty club allows. The exhibitor must make the change on the coop card and give the change to the specialty club secretary prior to judging so the change can be made on the judging sheet. Open class substitutions will be permitted only when made in the same class, color, age and sex as the original entry.
13. When a display award is given, the specialty club shall establish the method of scoring points.
14. The show management reserves the right to reject healthy or diseased specimens received for exhibition. If sickness develops, the ill bird will be removed from the show hall.
15. The Grand National officially opens on Thursday morning at 10:00 am. Birds may be cooped beginning at noon on Wednesday. All birds must be cooped by no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday. All entered birds must remain in the show hall until 5:00 pm Saturday. Birds may be crated at 4:00 pm on Saturday and will be released at 5:00 pm Saturday after ALL exhibitors have verified that all their birds are in their possession.
16. The number of placings in each class shall be determined by the Specialty Club.
17. A Grand National Championship Certificate will be awarded to each breed exhibited where two or more exhibitors are showing.
18. Specialty Clubs shall establish their own classes. Where no club agreement is in effect, classes shall be provided for Young hen, Young Cock, Old Hen, Old Cock.
19. No birds shall be allowed in the show hall area on which an entry fee has not been paid. Entered birds may be sold but must remain in the show hall until all birds are released on Saturday.
20. Pigeon carriers may be stored under the exhibition cages, provided that they have no birds in them and must remain there until release time (when all birds have been accounted for). Carriers must fit under the tables without protruding into the aisles. If they are too large, a storage area will be provided.
21. A violation of these rules will result in a partial or total loss of rebate to the Specialty Club involved and under contract for this show. A consideration of the loss of exhibiting privileges may also be considered by the NPA Board. The Board's decision in these matters is final.

### Attention ALL Exhibitors

You must be a member of the NPA before December 11, 2011 to receive the NPA members' reduced entry fee of \$5.50 per bird

Additional benefits of membership include a year's **free** subscription to the NPA's publication the *Quarterly Review* with the included **free** *Grand National Show Report*.

Please send in your membership ASAP – on-line, by mail with an application form or with your entry – to receive these great benefits.

The NPA Grand National Show is "Open Competition". Birds will be shown with sponsoring specialty breed club.

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