



Bulletin

The world of domestic pigeon rarities

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE on behalf of James D Fathbruckner

Hi Guys, This is Scott writing in for James and for Jack. The motley crew wants you all to know that we are alive and barely getting on.

I will start with myself, last year we drove to Oklahoma City for the Grand National. When we returned I had a stiff neck which I thought was from the two-day drive, but it took five months to get an accurate diagnosis of severe degenerative disc disorder with arthritis.

I did PT and it moved down my spine where they found a stress fracture at L4 and more arthritis. More PT. I went to the doctor with the complaint of a sore left knee and marbles in my right sock. This diagnosis took them six months to figure out it was not my back fracture causing the pain, but rather arthritis in the knee and foot. If anyone is looking for arthritis I have plenty to share. I now walk like Quasimodo, but still look good for 60.



Jack just got out of the hospital with insufficient cardiac output. He had gained a lot of fluid weight. He is out now and getting thin, really; he has lost 50 pounds in two weeks. Good going Jack. His diet is helping me think more about my weight too.

Jim is doing fine, but his wife Mary Jane has had 11 surgeries this fall and winter. She is now recovering and getting sassy again.

She really runs our motley crew. I tell you all of this so you will better understand that the club is in good standing, but moving at a slower pace.

Our threesome has managed to attend both Des Moines and Lancaster, but we all have to get out of the truck and walk every two hours. We hope you all enjoy the Bulletin and we welcome any help you may feel inclined to give this trio of old men walking. See you when the next round of shows begin

Scott Amo for James

SHOW SEASON

We have made it easier for the show secretary to get the appropriate judging sheets and show rules. You can now download them at rarepigeons.net this is the Rare Breed Pigeon Club's official website.

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2014-15**

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Annual Business Meeting, 2014

MEETING HELD at the Days Inn Hotel in Jeffersonville Indiana at 1800 Friday October 24. Meeting called to order by President James Fathbruckner with fourteen (14) members present were:

James Fathbruckner
Scott Amo,
Jack Melkerson
Neil Kentner
Justin Kentner
Lynne Dawson
Doug Jones
Richard Ronovic
Rob Pritchard
Andrew Miles
Richard Messimino
Frank Kazcor
Bob Jakubowski.

Dinner was obtained from KFC.

First order of business was the Annual Financial Report.

Current balance of \$2775.46 in checking. Major source of income from Auctions held at NYBS, Des Moines and Lancaster shows. Membership dues provide income at \$15.00 annually. Average cost to put out the Bulletin approaches \$300.00 and it goes out quarterly. Other expenses are Premium book ads for NYBS \$75.00, Des Moines \$75.00 and the GN at \$100.00. Awards; Rosettes and ribbons \$811.49 and memorial mugs \$130.00. USPS shipping \$52.52 and annual website fee to James Laverne \$90.00.

Members voted to not donate money to the Legacy fund this year due to the NPA secretary not confirming last year's donation. Membership did vote for \$100.00 for the Pigeon Museum.

Master Breeder points were discussed by membership.

Currently 500 points needed for Specialty Master Breeder and 1000 for All Breed Master Breeder. Only the National shows earn

100 master breeder points for Grand Champion. Motion made and membership agreed that Des Moines and Lancaster shows be added to the list of shows where 100 points are awarded to the Grand Champion and Reserve gets 50 points starting in 2015.

Members Handbook states 20 birds needed for a sanction meet.

Motion made and membership agreed to raise the number to 30 birds needed for a sanctioned meet.

A concern was raised that a person judging a show could also have birds in the meet and have another Judge judge his birds.

Motion made that the Judge may not have birds in the show and judge any part of the show. Membership agreed.

Preamble to following matter: In 2008 Ron Davis (lacking any Rare Breeds records) allowed members to self report how many Master Breeder points they had. Some members expressed concern that at least one member lacked integrity in self reporting.

A discussion of integrity and ethics ensued.

A motion was made and membership agreed to the creation of an Ethics Board. The Board will have three people drawn from a list of eligible candidates. Candidates will be asked to discuss an ethical matter when a complaint of ethics is presented to the club. No candidate for the Ethics Board can be involved in the complaint. The discussion of the Board is done in secret and they shall discuss the validity of the complaint. If warranted the Board will determine an appropriate course of discipline based on a scale of:

1. Minor offense
2. Moderate offense
3. Egregious offense.

Meeting adjourned at 2030.

It is difficult to publish a Show Calendar without a list of shows and dates.

Details of your club events are more than welcome and will be published in the appropriate issue

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 choose a member from the list or check with James Fathbruckner, the member in charge of our Judging Program.

Scott Amo	Larry Gardner	Eric Kooker	Joe Powers
James R Ashton	Paul Gibson	Mike Lerp	James Reynolds
Dan Brennan	Phil Gonzales	Link Martin	Don Roscoe
Mike Brown	Roger Hansen	Jack Melkerson	Jerry Sindelaar
Art Carte	John Heppner	George Menushie	Bob Sutherland
Terry Daily	Bob Jakubowski	Cailin Monahan	Stanley Vercouteren
John De Carlo Jr.	Harold Jones	Orrie Moore	Greg Volzke
James Fathbruckner	Neil Kentner	John Navant	Ron White
Wayne Fischer	Joel Kinkade	John Nelson	Steve Yonke
Nickolas Fontenot	Amy Klopman	Tony Patti	

If you feel your name should appear on this list, then contact James Fathbruckner. Our apologies if we have overlooked you.

List of Master Breeders

Hopefully the breeding season has been a good one for everyone. In consolidating lists sometimes things get overlooked. I wish to express my apologies to long time member Harold Jones with 364 Master Breeder points that somehow was missed on the last list. Please remember I keep a spread sheet of all exhibitors at our Rare Breeds sanctioned meets but only points for paid members count and will be released for publication in the Spring newsletter. According to the rules non-members points earned count only if they join at the Meet they earned them.

As show results come in please get them to me ASAP. I'm trying to keep the records as up to date as possible. To help me out with this, please use the Rare Breeds Meet Summary Sheets and fill them out as completely as possible. This makes it possible to keep show results posted quickly and accurately. The show result sheets are where all my information for Master Breeder Points comes from. They are available in the show packets that Scott Amo sends out with the Meet Rosettes. If you are not receiving or using them contact Scott. The packet contains Award Rosettes and all the paperwork you need for a sanctioned Rare Breeds Club Meet. You can contact me by phone, email, snail mail, or even stop in for a visit if you are in the neighborhood. Any questions on Master Breeder Points do not hesitate they are very, very appreciated.

I have dropped my land phone line. My new contact number is listed below. Below are the Master Breeders I have on record. If you or anyone is missing let me know.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Scott Amo

Dan Brennan

Mike Brown

Brad Child (deceased)

Ron Davis (deceased)

Anne Ellis

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Roger Hanson
Wes Heidrich
John Heppner
Bill Hetzel
Bob Jakubowski
Joe Jefferson
Amy Klopman
Leonard Kuzminsk
John Navant

John Nelson
Bob Nolan
Link Martin
Tally Mezzanatto
Marv Schindler
Mike Swanson
Leon Tucker
Greg Volzke
Steve Yonke

Our thoughts go out to all those suffering ill-health and loss. Our fervent wish is that you enjoy a speedy return to good health and high spirits.

A special thought goes out to Mary Jane Fathbruckner who has endured 11 surgical procedures in recent times. Thank you Mary Jane for your support of our club.



IN THE MOST RECENT NPA Quarterly Mike Spencer wrote an article about his inclusion into the NPA Constitution of an Ethics Clause.

Over the past few years I have searched both the RBPC Constitution and the NPA constitution for information regarding rules governing behaviors of exhibitors. My NPA Constitution is old and I am pleased that Mike Spencer has taken the time to include ethics into it. This comes at just the same time that the RBPC has voted to create an ethics board. We are looking into the creation of RBPC show rules and expected appropriate behaviors of both exhibitors and members.

I have included in this bulletin the start of some show rules. Please help out the club and review the rules and add a few of your own. At the last Annual Meeting the members voted and agreed to create an ethics board to address any concerns brought to the RBPC Board.

On rare occasions we have witnessed loud and disruptive behaviors in the show hall and at Grand National settings. We now have the means to address these behaviors and other behaviors unfitting the RBPC and NPA.

If you have a concern you may now approach the Board and have your complaint reviewed by a panel of three members who are objective and not involved in the complaint. The panel must be members in good standing, exhibit a history of fairness and be unrelated to the complaint. The complaint will be reviewed and a solution will be suggested to the board.

The board will review the complaint and solution and take appropriate action. This process is new and we hope unnecessary. However, as a process in place we hope that it serves its purpose to derail future problems.

We are a rare group that celebrates an interest in promoting the pigeon hobby.

Each show should be a pleasant and fun day spent in the pursuit of fellowship. Show rules and expectations about personal behaviors will ensure a fun and fair day to be enjoyed by all.

As co-editor of the Bulletin I also encourage membership to write to me any complaints or concerns. We will publish these concerns so that the entire membership can participate in resolving and creating a healthy show environment. Together in pursuit of fellowship at make things better.

Scott Amo

THANK YOU

Thanks to the Reading PA club for a great show and successful Rare Breed Auction. The club made \$355.00.

Thanks to all the people who donated birds and to those who bought them.



RARE BREED PIGEON SHOW — PROPOSED RULES —

1. Seamless pigeon bands only.
2. RBPC is not responsible for lost or stolen birds or personal property.
3. One bird per hole.
4. No sick, maimed or out of condition birds
5. All birds must be free of infectious disease and external parasites.
6. Bird(s) as described in 4 and 5 can be removed by the Judge in charge of a sanctioned meet.
7. Judge in Charge's decisions will be final.
8. Exhibitors failing to comply with show rules may be disqualified and/or forfeit wins.
9. Any person interfering (approaching or talking) with the judge or judging will be disqualified.
10. Protests and other concerns may be submitted to the RBPC Board for consideration.
11. No birds can be removed from the show until Championships are declared.



RECENTLY, DORATHEA [Purebred Pigeon—ed.] wrote an editorial about the merits of combining pigeon shows and chicken shows.

In November 2014 the Ohio National Chicken Show was held at the Ohio State Fair Grounds in Columbus. Along with nearly 10,000 poultry entries of all kinds there was a pigeon show with over 200 birds. It was the 100th annual show for this club and the second year they held a pigeon show. There was lots of media coverage, lots of visitors and, most importantly, there were hundreds of junior exhibitors. At my local pigeon shows we only get one or two juniors.

The NPA was also present at the show with a table set up to gather new members and answer pigeon related

questions. Jerry Gagne, James Fathbruckner and Jack Melkerson manned the booth. What I think the NPA and other pigeon clubs can take away from this show is how they draw and maintain a large number of juniors. Junior Showmanship classes were divided by age, they held an essay contest also divided by age and gave a scholarship award. The picture of the junior awards table on this page underlines their commitment to attracting junior members.

Over the past many years, in which I have attended many Grand Nationals I keep hearing about how junior membership is the future of our hobby. There is no question that this statement is true and the people of the Ohio National Chicken Show

have provided us with a blueprint for success. I now attend four chicken/pigeon shows in Ohio, each with thriving junior membership.

Juniors members are our future and they can be found at the chicken shows.

Respectfully

Scott Amo

Forthcoming Ohio shows

The Ohio poultry clubs in Akron, Columbus, Lima and Cincinnati have all added pigeon to their show lists. They have huge junior membership and great awards for junior and other categories.

Coming up soon is the Lima show. West Central Ohio Poultry Club will have a show at the Allen County Fairgrounds this March. The show weekend is 03/21/2015. The Address is 2750 Harding Hwy, Lima OH 45804. Go to their website for entry blank and details wcopc.com

The Eastern Ohio Poultry Association is also having their second annual show near Akron OH. You can check them out at easternohiopoultryassociation.com and when you visit the site you can sign up for their newsletter. This show is a lot of fun and the boys do a great job, just be warned to stay clear of their ice cream coffee, it's not for the faint of heart. See you all at these great events, Scott





A unique cross



A Nürnberg Lark, photographed at last year's Australian National



This yellow Lahore young hen was bred and is owned by Wayne Joyce of Western Australia



Königsberg Tumbler



**Our President, James Fathbruckner
with Clell Agler (Quail)**



**Oje de Fresa —
Spanish Strawberry
Eye, Spanish Barb**



**The Gang at the Grand National
Chicken Show in Ohio. From left:
Jack Melkerson, Rich Ronovich,
Cory Andrews, Jerry Gagne and
James Fathbruckner**



Andrew
Miles and his
Champion
Figurita





James, Jerry Gagne (NPA President) Scott and Jack at Lancaster, PA

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