



Rare Breed Pigeon Bulletin 2017

Hello Fellow Rare Breeds Members.

I hope you are all having a good breeding season this year. As far as the club officers this past fall till spring has been one of major illnesses and physical challenges. Thankfully we have made it thru these situations and are headed forward to bigger and better. We have an opportunity to get the clubs bands from the NPA with RBPC on them and then you would order your bands from the RARE BREED Club Secretary. I would like to hear from the membership if they are interested in such a convenience or not. This would be done in the idea of club membership bonding and to raise some extra funds for the club. Obviously we would be taking about 2018 but please feel free to let me know if you are interested or not. We will be holding elections this year for 2018 and our election commissioner will be Nicholas Fortunato (his address) please contact him with your nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Club Secretary/ Treasurer by July 1st 2017.

We will be holding a Rare Breeds Club Membership meeting in Des Moines Iowa in December 2017, some members are coming from California and the current club officers will also be there.

So if possible please plan to be there.

We will have Rare Breeds bird auctions at Louisville, Lancaster and Des Moines please let me know if you have a pairs to donate.

With Frank Povah moving back to Austrailia we are looking for help with the news letter and would like to see if there are any volunteers to help or take it over. Please feel free to contact me about this.

We also would appreciate articles for the newsletter????

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Master Breeder Corner May 13, 2017

Greetings to all RBC members. Hope your breeding season is off to a good start. There are a few members have contacted me and I need to inform of their point totals. I sincerely apologize for taking so long. If you don't get a message from me in the next 30 days please let me know. If you feel you have earned 500pts for a single rare breed master breeder or 1000pts overall rare master breeder please let me know.

The show results I have received so far should be posted in this bulletin. Please send all show results directly to me and thank you to those who have. So if you have any show reports please use the RBC Show Result Summary Sheets., please get them to me as soon as you can. I haven't completed posting Master Breeder points to our website. It is something I am hoping to complete by June 30th. If you need points totals please drop me an email or call. According to the rules non-members points earned count only if they join at the Meet they earned them. I'm trying to keep the records as up to date as possible. Please feel free to call me at any time and stop in for a visit if you are in my neighborhood.

Respectfully submitted,

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MASTER BREEDERS:

Scott Amo	Terry Gier	Joe Jefferson	John Nelson	Steve Yonke	Anne Ellis
Dan Brennan	Roger Hansen	Amy Klopman	Bob Nolan	Leon Tucker	Bob Jakubowski
Mike Brown	Wes Heidrich	Leonard Kuzminski	Marv Schindler	Mike Swanson	Jim Dayton
Brad Child (deceased)		John Heppner	Link Martin	Greg Volzke	Jack Melkerson
Ron Davis (deceased)		Bill Hetzel	Tally Mezzanatto	John Navant	Art Carte



Editor's Note

This year's Annual Business Meeting will be held at the Des Moines show in Iowa on Friday evening around 4PM. We are expecting our friends and members from the West Coast to join us at this show. We will be having elections this fall and the new officer's positions will be announced at the show. If you are interested in running for an office please let Jim Fathbruckner know. We will hold an election early in the fall. For show information on Iowa State go to their website at iowastatepigeonassociation.com Thanks Scott



Fall is coming soon, if you're a District Director or State Director then please let me know if you are having a show. Sanctioned show get help finding a judge, a set of Rosettes and an information package to help with the rules on how to set up the show hall, class divisions and other information. If you are holding a show this information is also on our website at rarepigeons.net go there to see lots of good stuff and fun pictures about Rare Breeds and our club.

Show Results Received as of May 13, 201

[Western Pennsylvania Pigeon Club Show, 8/21/16 Dunbar, PA](#)

Judge(s): [Jim Fathbruckner](#)

Champion Rare: Lucerne #4491 96pts. Connie Hummel

Reserve Champion Rare: Archangel #748 96pts. Connie Hummel

Champion Color: Lucerne #4491

Champion Utility: Belgian Carneau #305 96pts. Scott Amo

Champion Owl/Frill: Italian Owl #545 94pts. Andrew Miles

Total Rares entered: 57

Total entries overall show: 180

[Midwest Rare Breeds Pigeon Association Annual Lawn Show 8/27/16 Fort Wayne, Indiana](#)

Judge(s): [Jim Fathbruckner](#)

Champion Rare: Figurita #1353 95pts. Scott Amo

Reserve Champion Rare: Shaksharli #324 95pts. Frank Couzzo

Champion Flying: Shaksharli #324

Champion Utility/Form: King #10 94pts. Ernesto Castel

Champion Syrian: Damascene #1856 94pts. Larry Shannon
Champion Owl/Frill: Figurita #1353
Champion AOV: Arabian Trumpeter #561 Scott Amo
Champion Junior: King #10

Total Rares entered: 63

Fremont Young Bird Show 9/17/16 Fremont, Ohio

Judge(s): James Fathbruckner

Champion Rare: Transylvanian DC Tumbler #3766 96pts. Scott Amo
Reserve Champion Rare: Archangel #1702 96pts. Samantha Scott
Champion Flyer: Transylvanian DC Tumbler #3766
Champion Color: Archangel #1702
Champion Utility/Form: Polish Lynx #3151 95pts. Kyle Krawczyk
Champion Syrian: Damascene #1586 94pts. Larry Shannon
Champion Owl/Frill: Figurita #1795 96pts. Scott Amo
Champion Junior: South German Whitetail #539 95pts. Eli Heal

Total Rares entered: 93

Bay City Pigeon Fanciers Association Young Bird Show 10/1/16 Bay City, MI

Judge(s): Jack Melkerson

Champion Rare: Miniature American Crest #2509 96pts. Rob Pritchard
Reserve Champion Rare: Serbian Hi-flyer #3793 96pts. Scott Amo
Champion Flyer: Serbian #3793
Champion Syrian: Shaksharli #324 96pts. Frank Couzzo
Champion Utility/Form: Miniature American Crest #2509
Champion Owl/Frill: Figurita #1781 96pts. Scott Amo

Total Rares entered: 31

Total entries overall show: 159

Great Western 10/15&16/17 Watsonville, CA

Judge(s): Roger Miller

Champion Rare: Dutch Hi-Flyer #219 95pts. Lennie Mefferd
Reserve Champion Rare: Hamburg Sticken #4930 95pts. Art Carte
Champion Flyer: Dutch Hi-flyer #219
Champion Color: South German Shield #2399 95pts. Lennie Mefferd
Champion Utility/Form: Polish Lynx #3289 95pts. Roy Parcell
Champion Syrian: Lebanon #4423 95pts. Cathy Johnson
Champion Structure: Kazaner #4860 94pts. Tom Zobel
Champion Owl/Frill: Hamburg Sticken #4930
Champion AOV: Arabian Trumpeter #1896 Tom Zobel

Total Rares entered: 140

Total entries overall show: 1800

National Young Bird Show 10/29/17 Louisville, KY

Judge(s): Fathbruckner, T. Stone, Melkerson, Amo, Vercouteren, Klopman, Sindelar, J. Curtis

Champion Rare: Damascene #1713 97pts. Ted Golka

Reserve Champion Rare: Vienna #2200 96pts. Amy Klopman

Champion Flyer: Vienna #2200

Champion Color: Ice Pigeon #2198 96pts. Dick & John Lipski

Champion Utility/Form: Gabriel #1760 96pts. Bill Cunningham

Champion Syrian: Damascene #1713

Champion Structure: Schmalkaldner Moorhead #552 96pts. Kelly Graefe

Champion AOV: Thai Laughler #790 95pts. David Brake

Champion Junior: Rostov #3312 94pts. Nathan Kooker

Total Rares entered: 360

Total entries overall show: 4000?

West Michigan Pigeon Association All Breed Show 11/5/16 Drenthe, MI

Judge(s): Jack Melkerson

Champion Rare: Italian Owl #1906 96pts. Joe Granger

Reserve Champion Rare: Silesian Swallow #305 96pts. Bob Jakubowski

Champion Flyer: Transylvanian DC Tumbler #3789 96pts. Scott Amo

Champion Color: Silesian Swallow #305

Champion Utility/Form: Miniature American Crest #2509 96pts. Rob Pritchard

Champion Structure: Minidian Fantail #4069 95pts. Bob Jakubowski

Champion Owl/Frill: Italian Owl #1906

Champion AOV: Horseman Pouter #888 Bob Jakubowski

Total Rares Entered: 61

Cavalcade of Pigeons 11/5-6/16 Fresno, CA

Judge(s): Bill Gorton

Champion Rare: Strasser #1262 97pts. Terry Gier

Reserve Champion Rare: Altenberg Trumpeter 97pts. Mary Friedrich

Champion Flyer: Iranian Highflyer (Toghie) #581 95pts. Terry Gier

Champion Color: South German Shield #113 94pts. Terry Gier

Champion Structure: Schmalkaldener #3352 (95pts. Terry Gier

Champion Utility/Form: Strasser #1262

Champion Owl/Frill: Classic Frill #2912 95pts. Terry Gier

Champion AOV: Arabian Trumpeter #569 97pts. Mary Friedrich

Total Rares entered: 58

Ohio National Chicken/Pigeon Show 11/12/16 Columbus, OH

Judge(s): Larry Gardner, Jim Fathbruckner

Champion Rare: Transylvanian DC 96pts. Scott Amo

Reserve Champion Rare: Figurita 96pts. Scott Amo

Champion Flyer: Transylvanian DC

Champion Color: Field Pigeon 95pts. Frank Joseph

Champion Utility/Form: Carneau 96pts. Scott Amo

Champion Structure: Frillback 96pts. Marilyn Pikal
Champion Owl/Frill: Figurita
Champion AOV: Horseman Pouter 95pts. Frank Joseph
Champion Junior: Budapest 96pts. Lane Atcrley – Dunlap Farms

Total Rares Entered:

Nor Cal Winter Classic 11/19/16 Sacramento, CA

Judge(s): Mike Cobb

Champion Rare: Dutch Highflyer #219 97pts. Lennie Mefferd
Reserve Champion Rare: Altenberg Trumpeter #563 97pts. Mary Friedrich
Champion Flyer: Dutch Highflyer #219
Champion Color: South German Shield #269 96pts. Lennie Mefferd
Champion Utility/Form: Cauchois #1255 94pts. Terry Gier
Champion Structure: Schmalkender #3352 94pts. Terry Gier
Champion Owl/Frill: Hamburg Sticken #2642 95pts. Art Carte
Champion AOV: Altenberg Trumpeter #563
Champion Junior: German Owl #3987 95pts. John DeCarlo III

Total Rares Entered: 72

Total Entries overall show: 670

Michigan Pigeon Club Winter Show 11/19/16 Newport, MI

Judge(s): James Fathbruckner

Champion Rare: Transylvanian DC #3857 96pts. Scott Amo
Reserve Champion Rare: Shaksharli #1 96pts. Frank Couzzo
Champion Flyer: Transylvanian DC #3857
Champion Color: Archangel #1718 96pts. Samantha Scott
Champion Utility/Form: Miniature American Crest #2512 (6pts. Rob Pritchard
Champion Wattled: Carrier #1 96pts. Frank Couzzo
Champion Structure: Schmalkender #801 96pts, Scott Amo
Champion AOV: Horseman Pouter #770 96pts, Bob Jakubowski

Total Rares Entered: 104

Total Entries overall show: 263

Watertown Pigeon Club Annual Show 11/26/16 Jefferson, WI

Judge(s): James Fathbruckner

Champion Rare: Silesian Swallow #1910 96pts. Jim Grober
Reserve Champion Rare: Frillback #471 96pts. Stan Vercooteren
Champion Flyer: Danzig # 1934 96pts. Rylan Maves
Champion Color: Silesian Swallow #1910
Champion Utility/Form: Carneau #587 96pts. Scott Amo
Champion Wattled: Dragoon #3480 95pts. Rylan Maves
Champion Structure: Frillback #471
Champion Owl/Frill: Figurita #2138 96pts. Robert Vercooteren
Champion AOV: Exhibition Homer #21 96pts. Rylan Maves

Champion Junior: Danzig # 1934 96pts. Rylan Maves

Total Rares Entered: 58

Total Entries overall show: 1000+

Pageant of Pigeons 12/1-3/16 California

Judge(s): Art Carte

Champion Rare: Zitterhal #505 96pts. Orrie Moore

Reserve Champion Rare: Hamburg Sticken #422 96pts. Lennie Mefferd

Champion Flyer: Zitterhal #505

Champion Utility/Form: Strasser #1260 96pts. Orrie Moore

Champion Wattled: Polish Barb #3165 95pts. Daniel Neverov

Champion Syrian: Damascene #2253 95pts. Anjulee Geer

Champion Structure: Volga #1141 95pts. Bonnie Heppner

Champion Owl/Frill: Hamburg Sticken #422

Champion AOV: Arabian Trumpeter #3412 Terry Gier

Champion Junior: Italian Owl #4184 96pts. Divina Mefferd

Total Rares Entered: 148

Total Entries overall show: 3700

Bay City Pigeon Fanciers Winter Show 12/3/16 Bay City, MI

Judge(s): Jack Melkerson

Champion Rare: Ice Pigeon #2182 96pts. Dick & John Lipski

Reserve Champion Rare: Miniature American Crest #2531 96pts. Rob Pritchard

Champion Flyer: Serbian HF #3763 96pts. Scott Amo

Champion Color: Ice Pigeon #2182

Champion Utility/Form: Miniature American Crest #2531

Champion Structure: Schmalkender #801 96pts. Scott Amo

Champion Owl/Frill: Figurita #1781 96pts. Scott Amo

Champion AOV: Horseman Pouter #3634 96pts. Leon Tice

Total Rares Entered: 56

Total Entries overall show: 450

Fremont Pigeon Club Winter Show 1/7/17

Judge(s): Jim Fathbruckner

Champion Rare: Lebanon #2286 96pts. Kyle Krawczyk

Reserve Champion Rare: Polish Lynx #102 96pts. Kyle Krawczyk

Champion Flyer: Lebanon #2286

Champion Color: Archangel # 201 Connie Hummel

Champion Utility/Form: Polish Lynx #102

Champion Syrian: Shaksharli #534 95pts. Larry Shannon

Champion Structure: Saint #101 96pts, Scott Amo

Champion Owl/Frill: Figurita #1681 96pts. Scott Amo

Champion Junior: Forellen Ice Pigeon #504 95pts. Eli Heal

Total Rares Entered: 103

NPA National 1/12-14/17 Vancouver, WA

Judge(s): Art Carte, Roger Hanson, Terry Gier, John DeCarlo Jr.

Champion Rare: Vienna MF Tumbler #1420 96pts. Terry Gier
Reserve Champion Rare: Shaksharli #461 96pts. Roger Hansen
Champion Flyer: Vienna #1420
Champion Utility/Form: Texas Pioneer #2260 95pts. Terry Gier
Champion Wattled: Spanish Barb #3351 93pts. Mike Lopez
Champion Syrian: Shaksharli #461
Champion Owl/Frill: Hamburg Sticken 96pts. Art Carte
Champion AOV: Arabian Trumpeter #3413 94pts. Terry Gier
Champion Junior: Strasser #4173 94pts. Ryder Popke

Total Rares Entered: 149

Total Entries overall show: 3200

Indiana Pigeon Club Show Winter Show 2/18/16 Hartford City, IN

Judge(s): James Fathbruckner

Champion Rare: Archangel #312 96pts. Valerie Richmond
Reserve Champion Rare: Figurita #101 96pts. Scott Amo
Champion Flyer: Rostov #110 95pts. Allen Sauls
Champion Color: Archangel #312
Champion Utility/Form: Polish Lynx #3098 95pts. Rick Lieman
Champion Syrian: Shaksharli #534 96pts. Larry Shannon
Champion Owl/Frill: Figurita #101

Total Rares Entered: 48

Total Entries overall show: 280

National Young Bird Show in Louisville, Ky. If you ask how to describe it in one word, it would be "Awesome!" If asked to describe it in a phrase, it would be "Lost in a candy store." Try to describe it in a story. Now that's a challenge! I know I will leave something out, but here you go!

NYBS is one of the most exciting shows for us. There are probably others just as big or bigger but we haven't made it there yet. It's so big from parking lot to inside building. People from all over the U.S. and Canada too! Pigeons by the galore!!! We never realized there were so many

different breeds of pigeons and doves. We raise different breeds of pigeons. Mostly rare breeds, which are hard to find sometimes. Jim and Scott are doing a wonderful job with the [club](#). They are great people to talk to about pigeons. We joined the club almost a year ago. Learning more as time goes on. Whatever your favorite breed is, it's a great hobby. It's exciting to talk to the judges about standards of each breed. It's also fun to pretend you're the judge. You can get a lot of information by talking to other pigeon fanciers.

Awards and ribbons is exciting and encouraging. Not only if you win but seeing others win to. It's a great place to sell and buy pigeons to. If you need pigeon supplies, Foy's is there to the rescue. They have a great staff and set up to take care of your every need. Do you need feed? Well guess what? Yes, someone there to take care of that to. Looking for a good pigeon magazine with helpful information? You guessed it! There is someone there for that to. You might ask, is there a certain age group of people involved in this hobby? Oh no! You are never too old or too young. There is even a show for the youth. The judge takes his time talking to them about their birds and what to do and not do. "Great advice" He encourages them and answers their questions. Boy, do they get excited when they win a ribbon or trophy. Then the judge feeds them pizza, free too. Pigeon Party Happy Faces!!!! We should all encourage more children to join in on this hobby. It teaches respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, showmanship, friendship. and lots of other good qualities. Our grandson started at two. He was so overwhelmed when he would win. We

have been to other shows to. Great visits there to. But that's another story for another day. Help out when you can, visit them, show your birds, talk to others. But most of all have a Great Time. Chris and Valerie Richmond. West Baden, Ind



Pigeon Shows Annual Calendar 2017/18

JUNE

MBGBA Swap meet May 3rd Kent Co. 225 S. Hudson St Lowell MI

Kankakee IL. Swap meet June 4th

Wolf Lake IN. June 10th

Michigan Pigeon Club Annual Squeaker Show and Picnic

Masserant's Feed Mill Newport MI. Swap begins at 10AM

June 24th

JULY

Kankakee IL. Swap Meet July 2nd

Wolf Lake IN. Swap Meet July 8th

Mt Hope OH Swap Meet July 14/15th

Midwest Rare Breeds Association's 6th Annual Show/picnic

On the lawn of James Fathbruckner 740 -666 -9613 July 22nd

AUGUST

MBGBA Clare MI. Yoders Blacksmith Shop Loomis

10885 N. Leaton Rd. August 5th

Kankakee Il. Swap August 6th

Wolf Lake Swap IN. august 19th

Western Penn. Annual Pigeon Show

Dunbar PA August 20th

SEPTEMBER

Kankakee Il. Swap September 3rd

MBGBA 12473 Seymour Rd. Montrose MI. Sept. 9th

Fremont Pigeon Club Annual Young Bird Show

September 16th Fremont OH.

L.A.P.C. Young Bird Show September 17th

OCTOBER

Bay City MI. Annual Young Bird Show October 7th

Kankakee Il. Swap October 8th

Eastern Hungarian All Breed Shows 10/8, 11/18, 1/27

Contact Victor Cline, Chambursburg PA

Bayshore NY. Pigeon Club Oct. 8th

Nelson Garcia 732-995-5278

Mt Hope OH Swap October 13th-14th

MBGBA 225 South Hudson St Lowell MI. Oct. 14th

Watsonville CA Annual Pigeon Show Oct. 14th

National Young Bird Show Louisville KY Oct. 27-28th

NOVEMBER

Western MI. Pigeon Club Drenthe MI. Nov. 4th

Salt Lake City UT Nov. 3rd and 4th

National Chicken Show Columbus OH Nov. 10-12th

American Owl Club Annual Show Oklahoma City OK. Nov. 10-11th

NorthStar Pigeon Club Hutchinson MN Nov. 11th

Bayshore NJ Annual Show Nov. 11th

White Rose Annual Show PA. Nov 11th

L.A.P.C. Pageant of Pigeons Ontario CA. Nov. 16-18th

Michigan Pigeon Club Annual Winter Show Newport MI, Nov. 18th

Big Apple Annual Show Nov. 18th

Wisconsin Annual Show Watertown Ws. Nov. 25th

Faircount Connecticut Annual Show Nov. 25th

DECEMBER

Bay City MI Annual Pigeon Show Dec. 2nd.

Norcal Pigeon Show Dec.2nd contact Terry Gier

Sacramento CA

Lakeland Florida Annual Show Dec. 2nd

Call John Kimber on show date 407-644-6342

Tennessee Annual Show Knoxville TN Dec. 2nd

Des Moines Iowa Annual Show Dec. 8-9th

Sturbridge Connecticut Annual Show Dec. 9th

Shawnee Oklahoma Annual Show Dec. 9th

January

Fremont OH Annual Winter Show Jan. 6th

St. Louis MO Annual Show Jan 13th

Lancaster PA Annual Show Jan. 18-20th

Grand National Annual Show Amarillo TX Jan. 18-20th

FEBRUARY

Indiana Annual Show Hartford City IN Feb. 17th

MARCH

West Central Poultry Club March 17-18th

(Pigeon meet on the 17th)

OTHERS

Harrington Delaware State Fair Grounds

Charlie 302-875-7787

Hawaii All Breed Show

Kansas Pigeon Club

Steve St. Clair

Central Nebraska Pigeon Club

MOKA Fall Pigeon Show Report November 5, 2016

184 Entries – 42 Breeds

80 Rare Entries – 19 Breeds

15 Exhibitors

Champion of Show

Valencia Figurita

Pam Peterson

Reserve Champion of Show

Russian Tumbler

Kendal Hood

Best Performing	Racing Homer	Double L Loft
Best Pouter / Cropper	Brunner Pouter	Terry Mallory
Best Fancy	Russian Tumbler	Kendal Hood
Best Utility	Runt	Ozella Handlon

Rare Breeds

Champion Rare Breed	Valencia Figurita	Pam Peterson
Reserve Champion Rare Breed	Texas Pioneer	Terry Daily
Champion Flying	Flying Oriental Roller	Steve Karr
Champion Color	Danish Suabian	Terry Daily
Champion Utility	Texas Pioneer	Terry Daily
Champion Form	German Modena	Terry Daily
Champion Structure	Capuchine	Pam Peterson
Champion Owl & Frill	Valencia Figurita	Pam Peterson
Champion AOV	English Magpie	Double L Loft

31 Rare Entries with Grade HS

Sorry these certificates and show report for MOKA Pigeon Show and Rare Breeds meet and Missouri NPA State Meet, is so ... late.

There was some miscommunication and paper work confusion with lack of time available.

Breeding season is well underway with mixed reports. Unstable weather seems to have slowed raising babies. A few of the breeds that we try to raise are doing well as others are on vacation or a very long weekend.

MOKA Pigeon Club 2017 Show Dates to be held at MT. Vernon, Missouri will be –

Young Bird Sow on September 23, 2017

All Breed All Age Show on November 25, 2017

Please make your plans to attend. Entry forms should be mailed to you about 5 weeks before the show. If you don't receive your entry form by then call me 417-993-5774, or your Club Officers.

Please be thinking of what we can do for fundraisers Don't forget Club Meetings 3rd Saturday of each month at Joe Higginbotham's House.

Terry Daily 417-993-5774

Who's birds are you showing?

By Terry Daily

This is a topic that will probably make people upset with me, and I know this is just a rant and rave piece, but it's one of the things that really disappoints me at a lot of the fairs and shows all across the country. It's a problem that's been occurring for many years.

I have been approached many times in past years, by different folks, to sell them a few good birds, some of them didn't seem to be worried about the price of the birds or what breed they were buying, they just needed good birds right away. I'm sure many of you have had the same thing happen to you.

While attending shows or fairs a few weeks later, or even days later, I sometimes would be viewing the entries and notice that some of them appeared to be the birds that I had just sold not long ago before the event. Some times even see the folks that purchased the birds strutting their stuff and bragging about how well their birds, or their kids birds placed. Sometimes I have even been told that they purchased or borrowed the birds just to enter in the event.

I've seen this same thing being done in cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, rabbits, chickens as well as other stuff. Seems like this kind of thing happens a lot by a lot of folks.

It's great to be a winner, but is it right to be the winner using some one else's efforts and hard work and then claim the win as their own? Is this just a way to steal or buy a win? What happens to the kids that worked hard taking good care of their birds and animals every day themselves just to have the win stolen from them by birds and animals that was purchased the last few days before the event? Seems to me that the kids that actually worked with their birds or animals would have a very poor experience

showing, after they did all that work and find out they can just buy their win. Is this truly the experience you want for your kids or grandchildren?

I have judged junior showmanship competitions in the past just to find out that some didn't even know what they fed their birds or animals. Some said that they didn't have birds but helped their parents or grandparents occasionally with them. We all know we have fewer and fewer juniors participating and we all try to stimulate their interest in our hobby's, but is it the best way to do it by entering birds in their name that they didn't have anything to do with. What kind of example are we showing them?

Many times I have seen people showing old birds in their name when last year they didn't even have that breed. Might be there is a need for another space on the coop cards along with Exhibitor that says Breeder, that might give the true breeder the credit that they deserve. To bad we could not verify who purchased the bands on the champions of the

shows to see who really deserved the awards.

I know most of the birds that I raise and only show birds in competition that I am sure that I raised. If I am unsure about it I simply don't show it. Yes I buy a few new birds every year to mix with mine and that's why most of the time I mostly show young birds. If I am participating in an exhibition, with out competition I will display birds that I didn't raise to enhance the variety of breeds and colors.

I know a lot of folks will have a different view of my topic and that's your choice. This is my opinion and my choice. I welcome comments. This is not intended to single out or suggest any particular person or persons are the subjects of this piece.

Thanks for letting me rant and rave

Terry Dailys Urbana, Missouri

Hope you enjoyed this Bulletin, Scott Amo Sec/Treas

