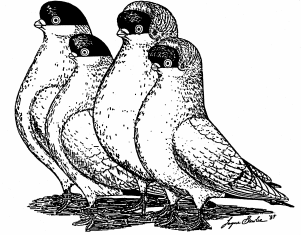


Helmet Happenings



August 1, 2004

From the President

Special points of interest:

- From the President
- District Reports
- Constitution Update
- Web Page Update
- New list of Officers
- Order Forms

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Here it is the middle of July. The breeding season is about over. If you are like me, you're trying to get just a couple of birds from certain pairs to finish the season. The feathers are starting to fly and I'm wondering why I've kept all those ugly young birds. They don't look like there is any potential at all right now, but I remember that there were a few that looked pretty good just coming out of the nest. That gives me hope.

I have surely found that with helmets, you need to let them go through a molt before you decide which birds to get rid of. With the molt coming on, it is particularly important to keep those young birds healthy and happy. Although it sometimes is difficult, I try to keep from over crowding them. I adjust their feed a little to give them more oil seed, in my case safflower, to help in feather development. I like to feed a 16% protein mix

for good growth. All the helmets get vitamins regularly and I disinfect the water pans at least weekly. Baths are given at least weekly and once a month I put 1 tsp. of Ivomec sheep drench per gallon of water in the bath water. This controls parasites and worms. With good feed and proper care, the helmets should have a successful molt and will look their best at the shows.

Speaking of shows, we've seen show dates for the national and for district 8. It sure would be nice to hear from all you district directors and vice presidents with you show dates so that we can make plans for where to show this season.

I'd like to thank the Farnsworth for their first bulletin. I thought it was great. I know that there isn't too much going on this time of year, but in order for Todd and Cathy to put out a bulletin, they need articles or reports from

YOU. The bulletin is the way that we can keep in touch with each other and keep our interest up in the helmets. Please drop them a note.

With the end of breeding season upon us and a lot of surplus birds on hand, now is the time to share some good birds with folks who are interested in helmets. I have found that the fairs are a great way to expose the public to our breed. They are also a good place to sell a few birds. Who knows, maybe you'll make a lifetime friend by getting someone properly started. I met Steve Mitchell 43 years ago when I came to his house looking for helmets. We have been next door neighbors for thirteen years now. Friendship is a big part of what this hobby is all about.

Hope to see you at a show.

James P. Jensen

Constitution Update

We all need to give a very big Thank You to Brian McCormick for typing up our Constitution and By-Laws. We now have the original version in digital format (MS

Word and Acrobat/PDF). Bob Bollinger will be formatting the document and adding in the latest revisions in preparation for printing and publication.

Constitution Proposed Changes for Review & Comments

see pg. 3

DISTRICT 7 REPORT

by Bob Bollinger

The Breeding season is starting off fairly well here in PA. I have several MFC and MCP babies. I can't say that this year is as good as I had hoped, but it is far superior to last year at this time. There are a number of nice babies but so far none are threatening to be national winners. I plan to continue breeding until early fall to work on my dilute and plainhead projects.

I am starting to coordinate our District 7 meets for the year. We will definitely join the WRPA in Emingsville (York), PA on November 13 for a District Meet. There will be no RPA Winter show this year since the National is being held in Lancaster in January. That leaves us with some options for other point shows. Does anyone have any ideas? I suggest we consider having a YB point show at the RPA Young Bird Show in Reading, PA on October 3. We routinely have a good number of AHA members showing at the Reading YB show. I think this is a great opportunity for everyone to network and plan to bring enough birds to have another point show. Even with WRPA and the Reading YB show, we can still hold 1 more District 7 meet. So, please contact me with any suggestions.

As usual, I would expect to see a nice showing of helmets at the WRPA summer show on August 8. This show is a little early to have a points show but it is always fun to get out and talk helmets with a bunch of breeders.

I hope everyone continues to have good luck in the breeding pen!

DISTRICT 14 REPORT

by Victor Cline

I hope everyone is doing well this breeding season. I am starting to get some nice young helmets. My other birds (Kornorner Tumblers and Rollers) are raising a lot of babies. The helmets just seem to be slower.

This year we will try to have a meet at the EHPC show in Waynesboro, PA on October 10. We were scheduled to have a meet with the EHPC last December. That show was canceled due to snow. We will try again this fall. We are all excited to get this show under our belt since it will be the first District 14 meet in many years.

Many of our local helmet breeders attended the EHPC summer show in Waynesboro on June 27, 2004. There were 6 helmet breeders showing with 4 more in attendance or judging. We had 24 birds shown (21-MFC, 2-SFC, 1-MFP) with several young birds showing promise. Late June is a tough time for a show and most everyone came out to enjoy meeting old friends and talking pigeons. I am really confident that we will have a nice show on October 10!

I hope to see you all there!

We would like to spotlight each District in the Helmet Happenings Bulletin.

Encourage other members to write something about themselves or their district like the articles above.

We'd be interested to hear from you!

Proposed Constitution Changes

For Review & Comments

by Charles Dwight, Sec. AHA

Proposal #1 Hall of Fame Award
 by Henry Ebbelaar, Dennis Bray & Leonard Petito.
 January 17, 2004

Section 4, Sub-section D reads:

The Hall of Fame program may be amended at any time by a majority of the senior membership votes after compliance with the provisions of Section A through E of article V of the Constitution, except that under Section D only one news bulletin review is necessary.

Change to:

Section 4, Sub-section D

The Hall of Fame program shall be reviewed from time to time by the Board of Directors who have the responsibility to set the points for the award. The points required shall be based on the intent to keep the award challenging but reachable and will not be changed no more often that once every three years.

Proposal #2 Breeder of the Year Award
 by Robert Bollinger, Victor Cline & Mike Crawford.
 January 16, 2004


Section C, Awards Recognition, Sub-section 2 reads:

This annual award will go to the member selected by popular vote of the membership on the basis of: (a) AHA show record for the past year, (b) results of his or her breeding stock in other lofts, and (c) genetic improvement of the Helmet Pigeon.

Change to:

Section C, Awards Recognition, Sub-section 2

Prove the award solely on the total number of AHA Master Breeder points that a member acquires with young birds in the preceding year.



***Please contact
Chuck if you have
any questions on
these proposed
changes—***

A Note from the Rookie

by Todd Farnsworth

By the time you receive this letter we will have used all our helmet bands and will have split our helmet pairs up for the season.

This comes as GREAT news after the extremely challenging year Cathy and I had last year. We could not get a young bird to live more than two days after they hatched. I can't tell you how many club members were there for us with suggestions and helpful hints to try as well as their friendship and support. There were also many things we researched on the internet. All of the information we had gathered left us thinking the most likely possibility would be paratyphoid. We treated for paratyphoid using several different medications due to the fact that the last one didn't work. We then had lab tests done on 1-2 day old squabs to determine why we could not get a young bird to live more than a few days after hatching. To make a long and frustrating story as short and to the point as possible the lab results came back saying it was due to e-coli bacteria. As the adult birds would feed the young it would give the young birds a lethal dose of the bacteria although the mature birds were stronger and able to survive.

In order to solve this problem we went with a suggestion that a vet gave us. We started the birds on Amoxicillin. This was not only time consuming but also more expensive than a lot of other meds. We were only able to get the capsule form of amoxicillin locally so we had to open enough capsules for the days water ration. We used 10 - 250mg capsules per gallon of water each day for 10 consecutive days.

I'm sharing this story with you in hopes of helping you and possibly saving you time, money and frustration in the event something similar happens, you could get it under control much sooner than we did.

As I stated at the top of the page I really do feel like a rookie when it comes to pigeons (so much to learn and so many great people with so much knowledge). If you have a short story that might help me and others please don't hesitate to send it in so we can get it in YOUR next BULLETIN.

EASTERN VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone. There are a lot of people raising helmets in the East. We continue to get contacts from breeders looking for birds. It's great to see the interest continue.

The show season is starting to shape up. I looks like District 14 will finally get to have a show this year! Districts 7 and 12 routinely have shows with enough birds to make it a point show. The NPA Grand National will be held in Lancaster, PA in January and of course the NYBS in Louisville, KY. It looks like we are going to have a great year.

Here are the meets that I know about so far:

EHPC, Waynesboro, PA—October 10, 2004	District 14 Meet
NYBS, Louisville, KY—October	District 6 Meet
WRPA, Emigsville (York), PA—November 13, 2004	District 7 Meet
RPF, Rochester, NY—November 21, 2004	District 12 Meet
NPA Grand National, Lancaster, PA—January, 2005	National Meet

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Membership changes—

No membership changes to be reported at this time but if you know of someone interested in receiving a newsletter from the AHA please forward their name and address to Charles Dwight or Todd and Cathy Farnsworth.



Your Dues are past due—

Please disregard this notice if you have renewed your membership this past spring/summer.

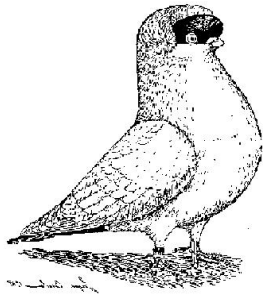
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Our mistake

James Jensen lives on Galbraith LN.
(previously listed as Galbarth)

His correct address is:
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From the Editors

Is there anything YOU would like to see in this newsletter??

Please send comments, suggestions or a joke or two to us at:
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e-mail us at loftsoffun@highstream.net.

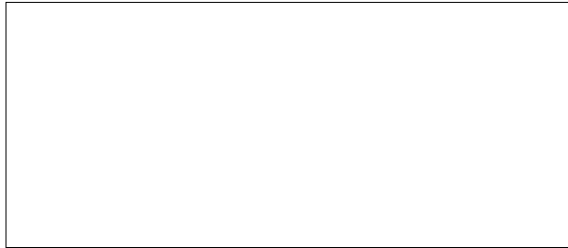
Note that the next deadline for newsletter articles is August 20th—but send items anytime. WE certainly don't always run on schedule and we'll get your information in the next issue!

**Comments and
suggestions are
welcome!**

Thanks,

Todd & Cathy Farnsworth

Issue	Deadline	Mailing date
July/August	August 20	August 31
Sept/Oct	October 20	October 31
Nov/Dec	December 20	December 31
Jan/Feb	February 20	February 28
Mar/April	April 20	April 30



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Web Page Update
by Bob Bollinger

As many of you know I am in the process of updating our web page. I am completely re-designing the site and the process is about 50% finished. I hope to have the new version posted in the next couple of months. At that point I will ask everyone to take a look at it and provide comments & recommendations.



We'd love to hear
from you!!
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NOTICE-

BAND PRICE INCREASE

Due to NPA raising the price of bands, 2005 bands will be .35 cents each. Minimum order is 25 bands. Bands must be ordered in increments of 5 (20-25-30-35) etc.