

# Helmet Happenings

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## President's Report

By Hank Ebbelaar

It's time again to write something for the bulletin. The Western sectional in Riverside CA as well as the Grand National in Lakeland, FL are in the record books.

In CA, Mike Crawford won champion M/F crested and Lenard Patito had champion M/F plain head, with Ziggy Kuna winning champion Short Face. Ziggy is relatively new to the AHA. He is a transplant from New York, now lives in Arizona.

At the Grand National in Florida, Mike Crawford again won champion M/F crested and this time he also won M/F Plain Head. Tony Patti won S/F crested & S/F Plain Head.

The judging was nicely done by the respective judges. Thank you all, gentlemen.

An old time AHA member said to me, "At the time the constitution was written it seemed like the right thing to do, but now it appears to be choking us". How true that is.

With fewer members everything needs to go to the board of Directors, some who no longer raises or show birds. I really feel that we choose our board of directors to represent us. If something is presented to the board of directors, I would hope that they will contact the members in their districts to get the "feel" on the topic.

We are going to go ahead with the futurity band pool. It is covered in the constitution.

At the annual meeting Raul Delgado made a proposal that the exhibitor must be the breeder to receive recognition for a national win. Our Secretary, Greg Bliven said we already have that. In the minutes of our meeting there is more on that topic.

After careful reading of the Master Breeders Award it says and I quote "Under Evaluation of Qualification (F) Won the annual national show at least once since the origin of the AHA (1958) under the conditions set forth in Rules #1 - #7 below. Bird must have been bred by the exhibitor." End of quote.

Gentlemen, I think we need to put this discussion to bed...

I received from our point director Harold Strawniak, a Master Breeder Program Proposal Changes. I think there are some valid points in it. I have asked Dennis Manning to chair a committee of three (3) to study it and we will see what happens.

It is still some time off, but it's time to start thinking about who you want to have as your officers for the next couple of years.

AGAIN, I am asking you for some articles for the bulletin. Some suggestions might be what you thought about some of the shows you attended this year or how your breeding is going, or are you having any problems with your birds. ANYTHING.

I know that I really enjoyed all the shows I went to.

I really enjoyed the national although my birds did not get to go. Same thing happened with Dennis Bray. First his boss got sick, so he couldn't go and then the airlines didn't want his birds either.

A new member Ernie Silveri from Canada paid a vet to check his birds at the border, paid for his airline ticket all in vain. He and his traveling friend turned around and went home. They were to fly Alaska airlines, but no go. I guess we can fly Delta or mail though the post office and have someone ship them back to us the next week.

I don't know how it went this time, but a few years ago Dennis Bray sent his birds by the post office and it was a disaster. The birds were locked up on Saturday afternoon and they got to Dennis on Thursday afternoon. He did not lose any birds, but it took about a month before he could breed from them again. Well that's it for this time.

Yours in the Fancy

P.S. from Hank

I had the pleasure of getting a preview of Bob Bollinger's article. He brought out some very interesting points. Now, if you care much about the AHA as a club, I would like you to really read and study what he has on paper. Please give it some serious thought. Let me or the Vice-Presidents know what you think. Let's have some serious conversation on this.

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### **Secretary's Report**

By Greg Bliven

Breeding season is just starting here in Oregon. I have paired up my Catalonian Tumblers so that they are all ready when the Helmets start laying eggs. I have a lot of young feeders this year since I culled pretty heavily this year. Some of them are feeding babies already, we'll see if they can raise them all the way up in this weather. I had a great time at all the shows I went to this year. I guess the only point show this year outside of the West Coast was the National in Florida. I hope this next year's National in Vancouver, WA will be a great turnout. This show will be well represented by the host district, so if you live far away don't let that stop you from showing birds. We will have plenty of room to have them shipped here and we can make sure that they make it back to you.

## AHA Membership

Last Name	First Name	State	Dist.	Exp Date	Last Name	First Name	State	Dist.	Exp Date
Bean Jr.	James E.	NM	11	04/01/13	Larsen	Johnny	18	7	11/01/14
Beaver	Bill	NC	14	02/01/12	Larson	Mike	OR	2	09/01/11
Bliven	Greg	OR	2	06/01/13	Lien	Bob	NE	11	09/01/12
BOLLINGER	ROBERT	PA	7	01/01/12	Lorton	Aaron	IL	3	11/01/11
Bray	Dennis	WA	2	01/01/13	Lutsenko	Pavel	BC	9	04/01/13
Cap	Joyce	CT	12	01/01/12	Manning	Dennis	OR	2	01/01/14
Cardillo Family	Victor	NJ	7	05/01/13	Marcoccia	Giulio	ON	10	11/01/11
Cline	Victor	MD	14	11/01/12	Martindale	William	ID	8	01/01/12
Combs	Stephen	PA	7	09/01/12	McRae	Paul	ON	10	10/01/11
Corradino	Joseph	NY	12	12/01/12	Menindez	Pablo Diaz		13	08/01/12
Crawford	Mike	PA	7	02/01/13	Mitchell	Steve	UT	8	02/01/12
Crook	Mike & Peggy	IL	3	02/01/12	Newman	Carl	NY	12	03/01/12
DeCarlo	Phil	NJ	7	10/01/12	Oksnes	Jan	19	7	11/01/14
Delgado	Raul	NY	12	12/01/12	Pace	Jerry	AZ	1	11/01/13
Dunlap	Bob	OH	6	10/01/12	Parsons	Gary	ON	10	10/01/12
Dwight	Charles	OH	6	02/01/13	Patito	Leonard	CA	1	11/01/11
Ebbelaar	Henry	WA	2	10/01/13	Patti	Tony	CT	12	12/01/12
Edmunds	Chet	CA	1	12/01/11	Petitito	Steve	FL	5	12/01/11
Eshpeter	Vic	WA	2	02/01/12	Pfadenhauer	Wesley	IA	3	01/01/13
Estes	Jesse	KS	11	12/31/99	Phy	Donald	OK	4	02/01/13
Flinn	Betty & Pat	OH	6	09/01/12	Raposo	John	FL	5	01/01/12
Garling	Danny	MD	14	09/01/13	Revolinsky	Danny	WI	3	01/01/13
Garus	Jim	OR	2	01/01/12	Rodrigues	Antonio	CA	1	04/01/13
Goshorn	Galen	PA	7	01/01/12	Ronevich	Richard	OH	6	09/01/11
Granger	Joe	MI	6	01/01/13	Rynn	Hugh S.	TX	4	11/01/12
Harnett	Bill	MA	12	11/01/11	Schatz	Russ	CA	1	12/31/99
Heppner	John	CA	1	11/01/12	Schenck	Otto	WA	2	02/01/12
Hoekstra	John	ON	10	11/01/12	Seiler	Michael	NJ	7	03/01/12
Jackson family	Bob	TX	4	01/01/13	Shackleton	Jim	OH	6	10/01/12
Jensen	James	UT	8	11/01/12	Silveri	Ernie	BC	9	11/01/12
Johnston	Donna	MN	3	05/01/12	Simpson	Jeffery	NC	14	05/01/12
Jorgenson	Kenyon	SD	3	12/01/11	Smith	Fred	IL	3	12/31/99
Kuna	Ziggy	AZ	1	11/01/13	Strawniak	Harold	PA	7	03/01/13
Kuzminski	Leonard	MI	6	02/01/12	Wakefield	Ron	MI	6	10/01/12
LaCom	K. Mike	CA	1	12/01/13					

## AHA Futurity Band Pool

Here is how it will work. You use your series of bands to band your young, but you need to register which bands you want to use. It costs \$5 per band and there is no minimum or maximum to how many bands you can register. Bands will be registered by variety (i.e., MFC, MFPH, SFC, SFPH, and Muff). **The deadline to register your bands will be Feb. 29** and you can do it over the phone, e-mail or by mail and you send the money to the Secretary and my info is on the last page of this bulletin. To win one of your registered banded birds needs to be the highest placed futurity banded bird in the final lineup at the Vancouver National in that variety. Winner gets 50% of money from band sales (registration), AHA club gets 50%. If no futurity banded birds are in the final lineup there will be a judging of all futurity banded birds at the National.

## 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

### INCOME

DUES	\$805.00
BANDS	\$834.50
BAND POSTAGE	\$52.90
SHIRTS, CAPS, PINS	\$0.00
NATIONAL AUCTION	\$150.00
NATIONAL SHOW REBATE	\$0.00
DONATIONS	\$192.59
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,034.99</u></b>

### EXPENSES

BULLETIN PRINTING	\$134.44
BULLETIN POSTAGE	\$301.07
POSTAGE	\$103.19
SUPPLIES	\$288.37
2011 NATIONAL AWARDS	\$0.00
SHIPPING	\$0.00
NATIONAL AD	\$90.00
NATIONAL AUCTION	\$0.00
WEB SITES	\$0.00
2012 BANDS	\$519.95
STAMPS	\$0.00
2012 NPA DUES	\$20.00
CHECKS	\$22.00
<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,479.02</u></b>
<u>Adjustments &amp; Transfers</u>	\$341.14

### **TOTALS**

JAN 2011 STARTING BALANCE	\$1,364.69	
2011 INCOME	\$2,376.13	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$3,740.82</u></b>
2011 EXPENSES	\$1,479.02	
<b><u>DEC 31, 2011 ENDING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,261.80</u></b>	

### **New & Returning Members**

Jim Shackleton, OH	Ernie Silveri, BC Canada	Jan Oksnes, Norway	Johnny Larsen, Norway
Ziggy Kuna, AZ	Jerry Pace, AZ	Emily Alvarez, FL	Chris Reyes, NY
Bill Fox, OH	Nelson Eylander, IN	Chris Hanna, TX	

If you've joined the AHA in 2011 and Haven't seen your name here, please contact me so I can track that information in a new spreadsheet. Thanks.

### **Members past due**

Bob Bollinger, Joyce Cap, Jim Garus, Bill Harnett, Kenyon Jorgenson, Aaron Lorton, Giulio Marcoccia, Paul McRae, Leonard Patito, Steve Petitto, Richard Ronevich.

### **Members whose membership will expire before the next bulletin**

Bill Beaver, Vic Eshpeter, Leonard Kuzminski, Steve Mitchell, Carl Newman, Otto Schenck, & Mike Seiler.

## **District 1 Report**

By K. Mike LaCom

I would like to thank the 17 exhibitors and their 173 Helmets for making the Pageant a great Western Sectional for the AHA. Big thank you to Brian Mc Cormick, Jim Garus and James Jensen for a great job of judging! Mike Crawford's birds that did well at the Pageant did extremely well at the National. Mike thank you for letting many club members that could not make it to the National, see your birds. Congratulations on two great wins!

I realize the amount of time and expense one incurs attending shows can be prohibitive. Luckily many of us made the effort to attend the Pageant and had a great time. If you have not shown at the Pageant or it has been awhile, the next Western Sectional hosted by District One will be in Nov. 2014. As some of you have told me "It's on my bucket list" this would be a good one to put on your calendar! Bob Lien that means you!

Hopefully 2012 will be a great year for your Helmets.

## **District 2 Report**

By Dennis Manning

This has been a very busy winter so far for the District 2 membership. We were very well represented at the Florida National with six members present. That was by far the best turn out of membership at the show and we were the second furthest District away from the show sight, second only to Western Canada in distance.

Most of us are mated up and the next breeding season has begun. This is always a hopeful time of year for us and this year is no exception. Dennis Bray, who could not make it to the National because of work conflicts, thought he would stay home and get a jump on the rest of us with a really early breeding season start. Unfortunately Mother Nature kicked his behind with a sudden cold snap and Dennis lost that first round but he is not disappointed. With all the snow on the Mountain I'm sure Vic Eshpeter is more focused on breaking his record number of downhill runs than young he might produce, but he'll get back in the loft soon enough. I spoke with Hank and until yesterday the 26<sup>th</sup> he was frozen out over there in Eastern Washington but he also will get going real soon. Jim and Greg have started, Jim has a new heated interior section that he hopes will give him the edge, we'll see. Otto showed some nice birds at the national but I'm not sure if he has mated up yet or not. Otto Pleas thank your wife again for the great pictures she took for us at the National she has become our official photographer. I've got my birds mated up and am going through my usual moving pairs from loft to loft trying to get them to stay mated. It's the biggest downside to an open loft, no matter how long you force them to stay together if they want to be mated to another bird they will get to them if they can. I have an American Roller hen that I have found in nest boxes with every other cock in the loft other than the cock bird I have tried to mate her to???. That is not an exaggeration. I have never seen a bird do this before. She runs the other hen out and settles in with the wrong mate, every day. I lock her up at night with the Roller cock they coo and mate up just fine. I open the box when I head to work in the morning and when I return in the evening she is in a completely new box. When she does lay there is no doubt the first young will be American Roller/MFC/SFC/MFPH/SFPH/Domestic show flight/Moorehead crosses.

I am expecting some blue MFPH hens from a family cross that Leonard Patito and I did last year. Maybe with a little luck I could have a competitive blue PH again.

My congratulations to the National winners. Mike those birds were in great condition, I always break out in a little sweat when I see those powerful silvers of yours. Tony, don't you rest, I'm coming for you, I have more SF mating's together than I ever had before. My plan is to raise a whole bunch and hope that a dandy pops out... Quit laughing it could happen. We had three Vics at the show, in ascending order, Vic Eshpeter, Vic Cardillo and Vic Cline, I know someone got a picture of the three of them together.

It was good to see the Florida guys Steve and Johnny at the National. I hope you guys can draw in some new members. Mr. Bean was there, always good to see him and talk birds... It is always great to see the NE fellas, Vic Cardillo especially as it was Vic that helped me get back into PHs in the late 90s. I got a chance to go over some of Vic Cline's birds with

him and got to meet his Grandson. We also picked up a new junior member in Christopher Hanna from Texas. I've known Christopher since he was a baby but I have not seen him for a lot of years. Otto Schenck sent him home with some yellow helmets and Jim Garus and I will be sending him a box soon...Good Luck Christopher ... Tell Dad to build you your own loft. Well that's all for now, stay in touch my friends...

## **District 6 Report**

By Charles Dwight

Eastern Sectional Show was held last week in Fremont, Ohio. Only 36 birds entered. It would have been better if not so close to the National. Weather here in Ohio is crazy. It has been in the high 40's for the last 6 days. By the end of the week it will be in the low 20's. People here are still mowing their yards. My wife's flowers all have buds on them. Farmers around here are in trouble. Last fall was so wet that very little planting got done. About 30% of the crops have not been harvested, and it's still too wet to get into the fields. I guess this is the start of another crazy year.

## **District 8 Report**

By James Jensen

GRAND CIRCLE PIGEON CLUB SHOW  
HURRICANE, UTAH  
FEB 4, 2012

We have just enjoyed a very fine helmet show in southern Utah. Although this show is late in the season, it affords an excuse to get together one last time before the new breeding season.

We here in district 8 were excited to have Leonard Patito, Chet Edmonds, and Mike LaCom join with Steve Mitchell and James Jensen at the show. Thanks also to Hank Ebbelaar for sending birds to be shown.. There were 73 m f crested and 4 m f plainhead shown. Todd Farnsworth, our judge, had a challenge in several of the classes to pick out the best. He did a fine job. Mike LaCom pretty well showed us who was boss by taking the first four places in the final lineup. He had a big load of hardware (trophies) including a handmade clock by James Jensen to take home. Leonard Patito had best plainhead with a blue old cock. Congratulations.

We were especially pleased that everyone brought their wife with them. It was fun to go out to dinner together and just enjoy an evening socializing. Lynn Chamberlain a former bulletin editor for the A. H. A. And his wife joined us. During the judging the gals had a good hen session while the men enjoyed the judging. It was sure good to have Todd and Kathy with us again.

Seventy seven helmets was a record for this particular show. The weather was good, a bit windy, but the sun was shining and the temperature was sure warmer than northern Utah. We saw some excellent helmets exhibited. We had a great time getting together. We hope you can join us in the future at this show.

## **Short Face Helmet Gleanings**

By Phil DeCarlo

One of my key objectives when breeding my Short Face Helmets is a head that's round as a marble. I know I almost always give up massive crests, but I don't expect massive crests on birds that are so small they can fit through a napkin ring. I want to see a nice break and head rounded off in the back. Any oblong heads will go. I also will not tolerate sugar tails, all youngsters with sugar tails and their parents will go. I strive for solid tails and heads only. Keep one thing in mind Short Face breeders (Mainly members of the Empire) only breed in a very good year 20 young ones compare this to 120 Medium Face as I know some members breed you'll realize with 20 you don't have much of a selection. I prefer anyway to keep my number of birds down with limited

time I have for them. The one area I do carry a number of birds is feeders, I have 36 nest boxes in the feeder loft and would like to fill them all. As my mentor Joe Pellegrino would always say, "You can never have enough feeders." I plan on entering 6 Short Face Helmets at the Big Apple Show with the AHA. I want to see how they will fair out. If you attend hope to meet you there. I rejoined the AHA when I received a bulletin from Greg Bliven. I notice Hank is now President and I plan on offering my support to Hank through my writings. Next article I will explain my loft setup for what I feel accommodates breeding Short Face birds. Until then I'll see you all in my next column.

## **Reflections, Observations, Ponderments and Suggestions.....**

By Bob Bollinger

Over the past year I have had the opportunity to take a step back, refocus my pigeon activities, and spend time reflecting and observing. While I no longer have helmets I still count a great many helmet breeders as my friends and hold a close place in my heart for the AHA. Since I don't wear the hat of an AHA officer, member or helmet breeder, I am hopeful that my external perspective may be found useful. I will share some very candid and frank thoughts which are solely my own and may be taken by the reader in the context of "for what it's worth ....."

I have to start by saying I really enjoyed the 2011 Pageant of Pigeons and spending time with the AHA members at the show. This was by far the largest helmet meet in 2011 and could be counted among the top AHA shows in the last several years. The striking thing about the show was not the number of birds or the stellar quality of the birds. The thing that stood out most was the positive and energetic environment of the event. There were lots of smiles, spouses in attendance, hearty handshakes, and a spirit of cooperation that made the show run smooth and created a very positive and electric environment. Many people commented about the positive energy oozing out of the helmet area. Beyond the show, there was a wonderful gathering at Chet Edmunds' house hosted by the So. Cal. members. There were lots of people present; long time members, new members, non-helmet breeders, spouses, and family members. Everyone had a wonderful time. We looked at pigeons, cage birds, roses and classic cars. The ladies had an enjoyable discussion on the deck and much of the evening was spent smiling, reminiscing, and discussing pigeons while sitting around a quiet fire and enjoying cold beverages. I count that among the most pleasant and enjoyable pigeon events I attended in the last decade.

In contrast to the Pageant I think about Louisville. There I saw the smallest number of helmets in all my years of attending the show. Beyond the numbers; I saw sullen faces, heard background discussions, and felt a general lack of engagement. Admittedly I spent very little time in the area but there was an aura of fatigue, almost as if it was an effort to have the event. This was so different than the Pageant. When I pause and reflect on these events I have to wonder how much the background discussions and various club distractions had to do with the atmosphere. I firmly believe that divergent thought and healthy debate are critical to the evolution of clubs, companies, and all organizations. However, at some point extended discussions and re-hashing of issues becomes a negative. It causes people to polarize and lose sight of the bigger picture. With reflection, it seems so clear to me that folks at the Pageant were of common mind and common focus, they were not engaging in distracting discussions, and as a result held a great show that highlighted the breed, the club and attracted new members. This is a model that we can all learn from.

There has been a lot of talk recently about the term champion and it seems to me that most of the discussion is way off base. I submit that our club champions are not determined by placement in the final line up but by what people have done for the club. Over the years I have observed people spending a lot of their personal time serving the club and these are the folks who we should herald as our true champions. The more I thought about authoring this paragraph, the more names came to mind. I will highlight just a few and please realize that there are many, many more. I think of Chuck serving nearly two decades as Secretary / Treasurer, Harold serving even more decades as Points Director, Al Flinn doing club publications, more recently Mike LaCom personally building a judging area and transporting it to all the western shows. We can't forget all of our bulletin editors, directors who set-up and coordinated shows, and the people who judged. I have seen Steve Petitto, James Jensen and others fly to opposite sides of the country to judge when they weren't even showing birds. Even more subtly, we have people who always make the shows, I think of Vic Eshpeter who

has attended Nationals for longer than I have been alive. The list goes on ..... So often the evidence of this effort is right out in front of us and should be obvious to everyone. Unfortunately, we often quickly pass on a few compliments and then talk about the show results. I am willing to be that 5 years from now, when discussing the Pageant, people will recall going to Chet's, Brian judging, and the lovely helmet section set up by Mike. Very few will remember who won and certainly no one would be able to name the top 3 birds without looking up the results. It seems pretty obvious as to what really matters at our events. Maybe we should celebrate the champions more and results sheets less.

Mastery is another term that is often discussed. This should be the most clear cut and universally recognized feature by all club members. Long ago when I joined the AHA it was just a known or a given that Phy and Heppner were the guys to beat. When going West everyone knew that serious competition was coming from Utah. I have heard tales of the 60's and 70's where various people dominated for years. More individually, I recall going to the big shows and looking at many white jackets with vast arrays of National Champion pins. Then there was Bob Dunlap with year after year of champions embroidered on his jacket. Recently I think of Mike Crawford who has taken over a dozen National, Sectional, or NYBS wins in the last several years. I did some quick research and saw that judges for those wins came from the North, South, East and West and collectively had well over 150 years of helmet experience. This is a perfect example of how excellence is obvious, repeatable and should be readily apparent to even the most casual observer. In my professional communities we often receive trainings that talk about public relations and perceptions. Very often seminars focus on clarity and universal perception of people. Our club discussions should have the same theme. Recognition of mastery should not require conversation, debate, interpretation, or rules. It should be obvious to everyone and clear cut.

The AHA is one of the most organized and well planned specialty clubs in the NPA. The club rules are well documented with clear intentions set out in the preamble of all the documents. Lately we have found that there are a few gaps in consistency but realistically the AHA guiding principles are sound and well understood. There has been much debate about potential clarifying rule changes. This may be helpful but I would suggest that the club look even broader at the club rules and structure. If changes are made, go big and do it once and be done with it. In reviewing and digitizing the AHA documents I saw a consistent theme of minor changes made sporadically over the years. While these changes were generally well intentioned, it seems that the piecemeal nature of the changes lead to the ambiguities which are the subject of recent discussions. Also consider club structure, do we really need our long list of directors and officers? The current officer list has 22 officer positions. If all the offices were filled, at current membership levels, approximately 1 in every 4 members would be an officer. That is a top heavy organization. Maybe it would be better to just have the sectional VP's versus a lot of directors? There could be other options, but I think the club would be far more nimble, decisive, and action oriented with less positions. The people in key roles could be expected to work hard, get things done, and then rotate out to share the work load. Next I think about show reports. The system has worked well in the past but let's face it, you need to use a computer or be a mathematician to calculate points. Then copy your form in triplicate and send it to 3 different people. Is it any wonder that few reports are completed? I suggest the forms could be simplified, set out a fixed amount of points for district, sectional, and national meets. If a threshold of exhibitors and birds are met, then the points are a given. Yes, I know that in theory our math was intended to reward bird count, number of exhibitors and etc. However in today's world, I am not really sure those incentives are producing birds at the shows. Maybe have the forms sent just to the bulletin editor or web site where the secretary, point's director and others can pull from the bulletin or download what they need. There have been recent discussions about people's behavior. Maybe a code of conduct section could be added to set out expectations for all members. I'm sure there are other things that can be addressed as well. The AHA Constitution, By-Laws and Master Breeder program fill 20 pages, not counting several pages of records of revisions. Maybe there is just too much overhead in the system. My suggestion would be for a committee to look at the breadth of club rules and trim them down. Very simple very clear "bullet point rules" could be created that maintain the intent and principles that have served the AHA very well over the last 50 years. In today's realities, I think simplicity and clarity are king. If you address rule changes be comprehensive, clear, and short.

Sorry for being long winded in this article but I felt it was important to share my reflections. I believe the AHA is at an inflection point and has the ability leverage recent history as a catalyst to move forward. I think my year of disengagement from the club has allowed me to focus more clearly and hopefully share an external perspective that will help the AHA in that journey.



In summary; you may have noticed a common theme to my paragraphs. I think much of the discussions in the AHA can be reduced to simple questions of obviousness and clarity. If something is true, it will be clear and evident to everyone. If a lot of discussion is required to force a change, interpretation, or agreement; then there is no consensus and subject should be dropped. This means background discussions stop, rumblings at the shows stop, and characterizations of “we” vs. “they” stop. If changes are needed, be comprehensive, clear and simple. I think everyone knows what it takes to move ahead. Disengage from distractions, focus on the breed, simplify, share the work load and create a fun environment. Helmets are a wonderful breed and catch everyone’s eyes in the show room. Combine this with a positive and electric environment and you will succeed! We saw the model work at Riverside .... All you need to do is re-apply that model!

I would be remiss to conclude without a few words about myself. Many people have inquired, so I will clarify that I have no plan to get back into helmets in the near future. Of course over time anything can change, but for now I have no plans. As I said before, I take full responsibility for taking on too much work and not asking for help. As our club encountered substantial discussion points last year I found myself overwhelmed by requests and unable to perform all duties that I felt the office of president required. This put me in a position of great personal stress which focused around the breed and as a result generated a feeling of “burn out”. I had to disengage and step away to manage my stress and sanity. I truly treasure my time in the club and hope to continue to visit my many friends at the shows and upcoming events. Occasionally, as I look at my lone remaining helmet, my pet yellow OH, I consider getting her a mate. Maybe someday, but for now she will need to be content standing on my hand and having her back rubbed as we walk around the loft.

## **Featured Member of Quarter**

By James Jensen

I suppose that just like you, my fascination with pigeons started as a child. I can’t remember when I didn’t want to have them. My Dad was raised on a farm and felt that animals belonged on a farm and not in the city where we lived. When I became a boy scout, I finally convinced him to let me have them so that I could earn a scout merit badge. I showed him where the merit badge only required that I keep them for at least three months. That was fifty years ago.

I loved every pigeon that I saw and I wanted them all. One day I answered an ad and ended up on Steve Mitchell s doorstep. My brother drove me there and we came home with a pair of white utility kings, a pair of Berliner tumblers, a pair of frill backs and a pair of helmets. That was the beginning of helmets for me and my introduction to show pigeons.

As a teenager I showed my birds whenever I could. I didn’t know a good one from a bad one, but I sure had fun with them. I still have trophies and ribbons from that time in my life.

As with us all there came a time when other things were more important and the pigeons were set aside for a number of years. Finally in 1981 while living in Calgary, Alberta, I felt that my life was settled enough so that I could build a loft and get some pigeons again. I had somewhat kept track of Steve Mitchell over the years and contacted him to see if I could get back into helmets. He graciously got me started with some very good birds and I was on my way.

I guess the best part of the birds then was that my son Jeff was enjoying them with me. He had his own pairs and was happy to compete with me. The only problem was that he kept beating me. Probably one of the greatest thrills for me was when Myron Berger came to judge and my son Jeff not only had best helmet, but he won best Junior fancier as well as grand champion of the Calgary show that year. At the awards banquet, he was called up for thirteen trophies. I think the whole audience was happier to see a 9 year old kid take all the honors instead of one of the established breeders.

As fate would have it, we made a move to Utah in 1984. As well as we had done in Calgary with the helmets, when we put them up against Steve Mitchell s birds, we found out what competition was all about. That first year he trounced us royally. I told Steve then that my goal was to beat him in helmets someday. Through the years Steve and I have traveled together and competed against each other at a lot of shows in every part of the country...and we are still friends.

Shortly after we came to Utah, Jeff began having trouble with his lungs and was eventually diagnosed with pigeon breeder's lung. I bought his birds from him and then I began to do better at the shows. Over the years my other son Curtis and my daughter Linda have enjoyed the birds with me. I miss those times with my children.

I became quite intense in breeding and showing helmets. I had taken reserve champion and second reserve champion at several nationals and finally in 1992 at Lancaster I had my first national champion. Wow!! What a thrill. I have been fortunate to win twice again at Hartford and at Birmingham.

Shortly after I joined the American Helmet Association in 1981, Lloyd Larghe invited me to step in as district director for dist. 9 in western Canada. I didn't know much about what to do, but I jumped in and promoted the breed as best I could. Upon coming to Utah I have served many years as dist. 8 Director. I have also enjoyed serving as western vice president and president of the A.H.A. It has been fun to be so involved with the club.

In 1988 District 8 hosted the western sectional in Salt Lake City with 373 total helmets entered. There were 51 red young cocks in mf crested. Bob Davis had his work cut out for him as judge. The following year, 1989 we hosted the national in Salt Lake City. That year Helmets were the largest breed in the show with 620 helmets entered all total. Wow!! WE actually had two judging areas going at the same time to get the job done. There were 150 mf plain heads at that show.

Through the years I have enjoyed attending many shows. I have shared my birds with breeders all over the U. S. A. I have also shipped breeding stock to Canada, Hawaii and Kuwait. I have made many friends and been many places I would never have visited because of these little birds that we all love. The pigeon hobby and helmets have surely enriched my life.

As we all know, helmets are not the good parents they once were. After a five year project to improve the parenting of my helmets failed, I became so frustrated with them a couple of years ago that I called Jim Garus and made him a deal. I loaded up all my helmets that could fly and met him half way across Idaho and sold the lot to him. That's a terrible way to cull your birds. Fortunately I still had a few squeakers and eggs under Mookees left in the loft. These birds have kept me in the helmets. They are frustrating but I still enjoy them. Probably most of all I enjoy my friends in helmets that I see at the shows. It is a big challenge now for me to rebuild my family of helmets back to what they once were. The challenge is good.

I have enjoyed the ups and downs in the helmet fancy. I miss the days when we had 250 members in the A.H.A. In those days we had a monthly bulletin. Many fanciers and officers contributed to the bulletin. It was a lot of fun. Although we are smaller in size now, we all need to make sure we do our part to promote this beautiful breed. We need to support each other and we need to contribute our efforts to the club. I am pleased to see the helmet fancy growing again here in the west. I think that for me, showing helmets is now just a good excuse to hang out with friends that enjoy the same things I do. I look forward to many more years in the hobby.

## **Bulletin Editor Report**

By Jim Garus

I have made the two major shows this year, which was the Pageant Western Sectional & National in Florida. Had a blast with my friends. My opinion & brief observation of shows, meetings & club.

As always shows have great camaraderie, but one area that needs improvement is the selected judge roaming the aisle prior to judging. As a long time exhibitor I can tell you folks have been complaining for years on this matter. I realize our judges have to be in the area as they usually show another Helmet variety. I myself have been accused of roaming aisles prior to judging. To keep this short & sweet if you are elected to judge, do your best to keep other exhibitors from questioning your honesty. As good of friends as we are, we all take everything for granted, but as you see now, it's still ok to be competitive.

I attended the National Meeting & a lot was discussed, and a lot was mentioned that needed to be forgotten. We have a great club and need to keep it that way. Our meetings need to be progressive and disciplined. By this I mean speak your turn and respect the person speaking and wait for him to finish without interruption.

One of my negative thoughts about our club/meeting is at our National meeting a lot of good things are brought up and they go nowhere Because the word "**Constitution**" gets in the way. Our constitution was written many years ago & has served well. Our club is now small and does it need to be revamped. Ideas to think about:

- Fewer directors
- Some districts only have directors, no members, and many directors are no longer active in the club.
- Directors didn't want job, but inherited it and really don't care one way or the other.
- We have several Directors with expired memberships.
- Directors who don't show
- The same can be said for VP's

Possible solutions:

- Streamline constitution – to make things happen quicker – example (At National Meeting)
- Reduce our club to 3 VP's and no district directors.
- Try to choose VP's that attend National so we can settle club matters there.

In Summary we now have a complicated machine that is hard to correct or fix. Once we leave the National a lot of good suggestions are not followed up on.

Hank, Greg and I have taken these offices over for many reasons and we're doing our best to improve the club. Please give us information for the bulletin. I would like to have opinions to place in the next bulletin.

### **Band Pool**

I have suggested this band pool so to have fun and make a few dollars for the club. Even if you can't make the National you will be supporting the AHA. 5 bands = \$25, that's only one dinner out. Buy at least 5 bands & the money will be used to improve our club through raffles, publicity, which will then boost our breed & membership.



AHA members at the 2012 Florida Grand National

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Sand-N-Sagebrush Medium Face Crested  
**Location:** Kennewick, WA  
**Date:** October 29, 2011  
**Judge:** Ernie Silveri  
**District Director:** Dennis Manning  
**District:** 2      **Event:**    National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 30      **Total in Event:** 71  
**Number Exhibitors:** 4      **Number Districts:**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1203	Black	YC	Hank Ebbelaar	19.50
2	1204	Black	YH	Hank Ebbelaar	14.63
3	2345	Red	OH	Hank Ebbelaar	11.70
4	1479	Black	OC	Greg Bliven	9.75
5	1699	Red	OC	Dennis Manning	7.80
6	308	Spread Ash	OC	Greg Bliven	5.85
7	322	Blue	OC	Greg Bliven	4.88
8	3150	Yellow	OH	Hank Ebbelaar	3.90
9	2204	Red	YC	Dennis Manning	2.93
10	1938	Black	OH	Dennis Manning	1.95
11	1477	Dun	OH	Greg Bliven	0.98
12	1461	Blue	OH	Greg Bliven	0.78
13	2682	Blue	YH	Greg Bliven	0.59
14	2680	Blue	YC	Greg Bliven	0.59
15	2238	Ash red	YC	Dennis Manning	0.59

Brought back  
 2nd to  
 champion  
 Junior bird not  
 listed above

<b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b>	<b><u>Districts:</u></b>	<b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b>	<b><u>Districts:</u></b>
Greg Bliven	2		
Dennis Bray	2		
Hank Ebbelaar	2		
Dennis Manning	2		

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Sand-N-Sagebrush Medium Face Plainhead  
**Location:** Kennewick, WA  
**Date:** October 29, 2011  
**Judge:** Ernie Silveri  
**District Director:** Dennis Manning  
**District:** 2 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 20 **Total in Event:** 71  
**Number Exhibitors:** 3 **Number Districts:** 1

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	2207	Yellow	YC	Dennis Manning	17.50
2	2229	Red	YC	Dennis Manning	13.13
3	2239	Red	YH	Dennis Manning	10.50
4	1954	Yellow	OH	Dennis Manning	8.75
5	1951	Ash Red	OH	Dennis Manning	7.00
6	1900	Red	OC	Dennis Manning	5.25
7	711	Yellow	YH	Dennis Bray	4.38
8	1470	Silver	OC	Greg Bliven	3.50
9	620	Red	OH	Dennis Bray	2.63
10	2272	Ash Yellow	YH	Dennis Manning	1.75
11	337	Blue	OC	Greg Bliven	0.88
12	2686	Silver	YC	Greg Bliven	0.70

Brought back  
 2nd to  
 champion  
 Junior bird not  
 listed above

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<b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b>	<b><u>Districts:</u></b>	<b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b>	<b><u>Districts:</u></b>
Greg Bliven	2		
Dennis Bray	2		
Dennis Manning	2		

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Sand-N-Sagebrush Short Face Crested  
**Location:** Kennewick, WA  
**Date:** October 29, 2011  
**Judge:** Greg Bliven  
**District Director:** Dennis Manning  
**District:** 2 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 20 **Total in Event:** 71  
**Number Exhibitors:** 4 **Number Districts:** 1

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1554	Black	OC	Myron Berger	18.00
2	1574	Yellow	OC	Myron Berger	13.50
3	1479	Red	OC	Dennis Bray	10.80
4	1428	Yellow	OH	Myron Berger	9.00
5	224	Red	YH	Myron Berger	7.20
6	1608	Red	OH	Dennis Manning	5.40
7	710	Red	YC	Dennis Bray	4.50
8	2225	Black	YC	Dennis Manning	3.60
9	1218	Black	YH	Hank Ebbelaar	2.70
10	2251	Silver	YH	Dennis Manning	1.80
11	2156	Dun	OH	Myron Berger	0.90

Brought back  
2nd to  
champion  
Junior bird not  
listed above

<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
Myron Berger	2		
Dennis Bray	2		
Hank Ebbelaar	2		
Dennis Manning	2		

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Sand-N-Sagebrush Short Face Plainhead  
**Location:** Kennewick, WA  
**Date:** October 29, 2011  
**Judge:** Greg Bliven  
**District Director:** Dennis Manning  
**District:** 2      **Event:**    National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 1      **Total in Event:** 71  
**Number Exhibitors:** 1      **Number Districts:**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1934	Black	OC	Dennis Manning	-- Brought back 2nd to champion Junior bird not listed above

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<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
Dennis Manning	2		



# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** District 6 Meet Medium Face Crested  
**Location:** Louisville, KY  
**Date:** October 29, 2011  
**Judge:** Steve Petitto  
**District Director:** Charles Dwight  
**District:** 6 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 30 **Total in Event:** 49  
**Number Exhibitors:** 9 **Number Districts:** 5

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	314	Red	YC	Mike Crawford	0.00
2	29	Black	YH	Don Phy	0.00
3	4	Blue	YC	Don Phy	0.00
4	7	AORC	YH	Don Phy	0.00
5	17	Red	YH	Don Phy	0.00
6	312	Yellow	YH	Mike Crawford	0.00
7	5	Blue	YH	Don Phy	0.00
8	0	Silver	YH	Don Phy	0.00
9	813	AORC	YC	Harold Strawniak	0.00

Brought back  
 2nd to  
 champion  
 Junior bird not  
 listed above

<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
Mike Crawford	7
Joe Granger	6
Leonard Kuzminski	6
Brandon Jeffrey	Non-member
John Heppner	1

<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
Harold Strawniak	7
Don Phy	4
Victor Cline	14
Steve Combs	7



# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** District 6 Meet Medium Face Plainhead  
**Location:** Louisville, KY  
**Date:** October 29, 2011  
**Judge:** Mike Crawford  
**District Director:** Charles Dwight  
**District:** 6 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 13 **Total in Event:** 49  
**Number Exhibitors:** 4 **Number Districts:** 3

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	225	Red	YC	John Hoeskstra	0.00
2	152	Red	YC	John Hoeskstra	0.00
3	208	Red	YH	John Hoeskstra	0.00
4	1912	Black	YC	Joe Granger	0.00
5	877	Ash Red	YC	Harold Strawniak	0.00
6	1913	Yellow	YC	Joe Granger	0.00
7	214	Yellow	YH	John Hoeskstra	0.00
8	1915	Silver	YH	Joe Granger	0.00
9	835	AORC	YC	Harold Strawniak	0.00
10	860	Dun	YH	Harold Strawniak	0.00
11	2066	Black	YH	Charles Dwight	0.00

2	152	Red	YC	John Hoeskstra	Brought back 2nd to champion Junior bird not listed above
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<p><b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b> John Hoekstra Joe Granger</p>	<p><b><u>Districts:</u></b> 10 6</p>	<p><b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b> Harold Strawniak Charles Dwight</p>	<p><b><u>Districts:</u></b> 7 6</p>
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# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** District 6 Meet Medium Face Muffed  
**Location:** Louisville, KY  
**Date:** October 29, 2011  
**Judge:** Steve Petitto  
**District Director:** Charles Dwight  
**District:** 6      **Event:**     National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 3      **Total in Event:** 49  
**Number Exhibitors:** 1      **Number Districts:** 1

**Crested Muffed**

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1252	Ash Yellow	YC	Charles Dwight	0.00
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<u>Exhibitors:</u>		<u>Districts:</u>		<u>Exhibitors:</u>	
Charles Dwight		6			

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** LAPC Pageant 2011 Medium Face Crested  
**Location:** Riverside, Calif.  
**Date:** November 11, 2011  
**Judge:** Brian McCormick  
**District Director:** K. Mike LaCom  
**District:** 1 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 117 **Total in Event:** 173  
**Number Exhibitors:** 14 **Number Districts:** 4

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	322	Red	YC	M.Crawford	60.25
2	1431	Red	YC	M. LaCom	45.19
3	1298	Red	OH	O. Schenck	36.15
4	303	Red	YH	M.Crawford	30.13
5	1966	Red	OC	D. Manning	24.10
6	822	Black	OC	J. Heppner	18.08
7	1395	Yellow	OH	J. Jensen	15.06
8	1909	Yellow	OC	M. LaCom	12.05
9	1664	Black	YH	J. Jensen	9.04
10	1444	Yellow	YH	M. LaCom	6.03
11	1202	Dun	OH	O. Schenck	3.01
12	1313	Silver	YH	O. Schenck	2.41
13	729	Black	YC	D. Bray	1.81
14	1229	Dun	OC	O. Schenck	1.81
15	352	Dun	YC	C. Edmunds	1.81
16	1938	Black	OH	D. Manning	1.81
17	340	Blue	YC	C. Edmunds	1.81
18	308	Ash Red	OC	G. Bliven	1.81
19	704	Ash Red	YC	D. Bray	1.81
20	322	Blue	OC	G. Bliven	1.81
21	1314	Yellow	YC	O. Schenck	1.81
22	1301	Dun	YH	O. Schenck	1.81
23	1263	Blue	OH	L. Patito	1.81
24	343	Blue	YH	C. Edmunds	1.81
2	1431	Red	YC	M. LaCom	Brought back 2nd to champion Junior bird not listed above

<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
M. LaCom	1	O. Schenck	2
L. Patito	1	H. Ebbelaar	2
C. Edmunds	1	D. Bray	2
J. Heppner	1	S. Mitchell	8
Z. Ferrell	1	J. Jensen	8
G. Bliven	2	M. Crawford	7
D. Manning	2	J. Garus	2

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** LAPC Pageant 2011 Medium Face Plainhead  
**Location:** Riverside, Calif.  
**Date:** November 11, 2011  
**Judge:** J. Jensen  
**District Director:** K. Mike LaCom  
**District:** 1 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 31 **Total in Event:** 173  
**Number Exhibitors:** 6 **Number Districts:** 3

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	3372	Yellow	OC	L. Patito	33.75
2	741	Red	YH	D. Bray	25.31
3	2629	Yellow	OH	L. Patito	20.25
4	1900	Red	OC	D.Manning	16.88
5	1319	Blue	OH	M. Crawford	13.50
6	2641	Silver	OC	L. Patito	10.13
7	1723	Silver	OH	L. Patito	8.44
8	621	Blue	YH	L. Patito	6.75
9	3390	Blue	OC	L. Patito	5.06
10	2229	Red	YC	D. Manning	3.38
11	2207	Yellow	YC	D. Manning	1.69
12	1989	Red	OH	D. Manning	1.35
13	2233	Yellow	YH	D.Manning	1.01
14	1951	Ash Red	OH	D.Manning	1.01
15	2272	Ash Yellow	YH	D.Manning	1.01
15	2272	Ash Yellow	YH	D.Manning	1.01

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**Exhibitors:**

D. Bray  
 D. Manning  
 E. Pittman  
 L. Patito  
 M. Crawford  
 G. Bliven

**Districts:**

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**Exhibitors:**

**Districts:**

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** LAPC Pageant 2011 **Short Face Crested**  
**Location:** Riverside, Calif.  
**Date:** November 11, 2011  
**Judge:** J. Garus  
**District Director:** K. Mike LaCom  
**District:** 1 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 22 **Total in Event:** 173  
**Number Exhibitors:** 5 **Number Districts:** 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	112	Red	OH	Z. Kuna	30.00
2	684	Yellow	OH	D. Bray	22.50
3	616	Red	OC	D. Bray	18.00
4	719	Yellow	YC	D. Bray	15.00
5	730	Red	YC	D. Bray	12.00
6	2251	Silver	YH	D. Manning	9.00
7	220	Red	YH	Z. Kuna	7.50
8	1721	Black	OC	J. Pace	6.00
9	1218	Black	YH	H. Ebbelaar	4.50
10	217	Blue	YC	Z. Kuna	3.00
11	234	Blue	YH	Z. Kuna	1.50
12	2241	Black	YC	D. Manning	1.20
13	1707	Blue	OH	J. Pace	0.90
14	2232	Yellow	YH	D. Manning	0.90

<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
D. Bray	2		
D. Manning	2		
H. Ebbelaar	2		
Z. Kuna	1		
J. Pace	1		

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** LAPC Pageant 2011 Short Face Plainhead  
**Location:** Riverside, Calif.  
**Date:** November 11, 2011  
**Judge:** J. Garus  
**District Director:** K. Mike LaCom  
**District:** 1 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 3 **Total in Event:** 173  
**Number Exhibitors:** 2 **Number Districts:** 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1934	Black	OC	D. Manning	
2	221	Black	YH	Z. Kuna	
3	799	Black	OC	Z. Kuna	
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<b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b>		<b><u>Districts:</u></b>		<b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b>	
D. Manning		2		D. Manning	
Z. Kuna		1		Z. Kuna	
<b><u>Districts:</u></b>					



AHA members at 2011 LAPC Pageant



# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Florida Grand National Medium Face Crested  
**Location:** Lakeland, FL  
**Date:** January 12-14, 2012  
**Judge:** Victor Cardillo  
**District Director:** Steve Petitto  
**District:** 5 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 57 **Total in Event:** 89  
**Number Exhibitors:** 14 **Number Districts:** 6

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	303	Red	YH	Mike Crawford	57.25
2	322	Red	YC	Mike Crawford	42.94
3	374	Red	OH	Jim Garus	34.35
4	359	Black	OH	Jim Garus	28.83
5	822	Black	OC	John Heppner	22.90
6	1010	Black	YH	Jim Garus	17.18
7	1012	Black	YC	Jim Garus	14.31
8	1018	Yellow	YH	Jim Garus	11.45
9	4571	Red	OC	Victor Cline	8.59
10	1475	Dun	OH	Greg Bliven	5.73
11	1033	Yellow	YC	Jim Garus	2.86
12	857	Yellow	OC	John Raposo	2.29
13	301	Blue	YC	Mike Crawford	1.72
14	1301	Dun	YH	Otto Schenck	1.72
15	2682	Blue	YH	Greg Bliven	1.72

<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>	<u>Exhibitors:</u>	<u>Districts:</u>
John Raposo	5	Joyce Capp	12
John Heppner	1	Otto Schenck	2
Stephen Combs	7	Tony Patti	12
Jim Garus	2	Greg Bliven	2
Hank Ebbelaar	2	Vic Eshpeter	2
Mike Crawford	7	Dennis Bray	2
Steve Petitto	5	Victor Cline	14

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Florida Grand National Medium Face Plainhead  
**Location:** Lakeland, FL  
**Date:** January 12-14  
**Judge:** John Raposo  
**District Director:** Steve Petitto  
**District:** 5 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 16 **Total in Event:** 89  
**Number Exhibitors:** 4 **Number Districts:** 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1501	Silver	OC	Mike Crawford	0.00
2	1950	Yellow	OH	Dennis Manning	0.00
3	242	Red	OC	Victor Cardillo	0.00
4	1512	Silver	OH	Mike Crawford	0.00
5	1855	Red	OH	Victor Cardillo	0.00
6	38	Yellow	YH	Victor Cardillo	0.00
7	2288	Yellow	YC	Dennis Manning	0.00
8	12	Red	YC	Victor Cardillo	0.00
9	2	Red	YH	Victor Cardillo	0.00

Exhibitors:  
 Victor Cardillo  
 Mike Crawford

Districts:  
 7  
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Exhibitors:  
 Dennis Manning  
 Greg Bliven

Districts:  
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Long time Helmet fanciers, over 70 years old, still have pillow fights at shows. We all should have this much fun at shows. If not, next time you should try what these two do.



## AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Florida Grand National Short Face Crested  
**Location:** Lakeland, FL  
**Date:** January 12-14  
**Judge:** John DeCarlo  
**District Director:** Steve Petitto  
**District:** 5 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 12 **Total in Event:** 89  
**Number Exhibitors:** 2 **Number Districts:** 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1121	Yellow	YH	Tony Patti	0.00
2	2298	Red	YC	Dennis Manning	0.00
3	2910	Yellow	OH	Tony Patti	0.00
4	1006	Yellow	OC	Tony Patti	0.00
5	2251	Silver	YH	Dennis Manning	0.00
6	1137	Yellow	YC	Tony Patti	0.00
7	1058	Ash Red	OC	Tony Patti	0.00
8	2270	Black	YH	Dennis Manning	0.00
9	1923	Dun	OC	Dennis Manning	0.00

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Exhibitors:  
 Dennis Manning

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Districts:  
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Exhibitors:  
 Tony Patti

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Districts:  
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## AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Florida Grand National Short Face Plainhead  
**Location:** Lakeland, FL  
**Date:** January 12-14, 2012  
**Judge:** Victor Cardillo  
**District Director:** Steve Petitto  
**District:** 5 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 4 **Total in Event:** 89  
**Number Exhibitors:** 2 **Number Districts:** 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1112	Red	YC	Tony Patti	0.00
2	1934	Black	OC	Dennis Manning	0.00
3	1010	Black	OH	Tony Patti	0.00

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Exhibitors:  
 Dennis Manning

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Districts:  
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Exhibitors:  
 Tony Patti

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Districts:  
 12

# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Grand Circle Pigeon Club      Medium Face Crested  
**Location:** Hurricane, UT  
**Date:** February 4, 2012  
**Judge:** Todd Farnsworth  
**District Director:** James Jensen  
**District:** 8      **Event:**     National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 73      **Total in Event:** 77  
**Number Exhibitors:** 6      **Number Districts:** 3

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1444	Yellow	YH	Mike LaCom	34.25
2	1431	Red	YC	Mike LaCom	25.69
3	1441	Yellow	YC	Mike LaCom	20.55
4	1312	Yellow	OC	Mike LaCom	17.13
5	3396	Red	OC	Leonard Patito	13.70
6	1845	Yellow	OH	Mike LaCom	10.28
7	1396	Red	OH	James Jensen	8.56
8	3391	Black	OH	Leonard Patito	6.85
9	1236	Blue	OC	Leonard Patito	5.14
10	1410	Black	YC	Mike LaCom	3.43
11	1411	Red	YH	Mike LaCom	1.71
12	721	Black	OC	Leonard Patito	1.37
13	1263	Blue	OH	Leonard Patito	1.03
14	378	Dun	YH	Chet Edmunds	1.03
15	941	Dun	OH	James Jensen	1.03
16	1204	Black	YH	Hank Ebbelaar	1.03
	1413	Yellow	YH	Mike LaCom	Brought back 2nd to champion

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Exhibitors:  
 Chet Edmunds  
 Mike LaCom  
 James Jensen

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Districts:  
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Exhibitors:  
 Leonard Patito  
 Hank Ebbelaar  
 Steve Mitchell

Districts:  
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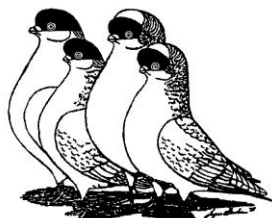
# AHA Show Report

**Show / Club:** Grand Circle Pigeon Club Medium Face Plainhead  
**Location:** Hurricane, UT  
**Date:** February 4, 2012  
**Judge:** Todd Farnsworth  
**District Director:** James Jensen  
**District:** 8 **Event:**  National  Sectional  District  
**Number Shown:** 4 **Total in Event:** 77  
**Number Exhibitors:** 1 **Number Districts:** 1

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	3390	Blue	OC	Leonard Patito	0.00
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<b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b>		<b><u>Districts:</u></b>		<b><u>Exhibitors:</u></b>	
Leonard Patito		1			



The AHA members and their wives at the 2012 Hurricane Show.



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