

# Helmet Happenings

**March/April Issue**

**June 1, 2004**

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## From the President

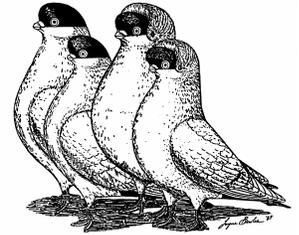
I would like to begin by giving a great big "THANK YOU" to Stan Reynolds for doing the bulletin last year. Stan, you did a great job. You made a real impact on the American Helmet Association. We saw all of our major shows increase in numbers. The national saw about a 50 % increase. I believe this was in a large part because we once again had a good bulletin that brought the club together. We thank you for your help. We surely understand when life gets too busy. We look forward to enjoying your talents another time when life isn't so hectic. Thanks.

Thanks also to Todd and Cathy Farnsworth for stepping in when help was needed. Most of you don't know the Farnsworth's, but you soon will. They are a team. Todd builds the lofts and does the grunt work and Cathy babies the Helmets. They work together in their breeding program and love spending time together in the loft, at the shows, and just talking about the birds. I am sure that there are many of us who would love to have

our spouses enjoy the hobby with us. The Farnsworth's have that. They are new to helmets, but from what I've seen of youngsters in their loft, we'll be seeing them in the top competition soon.

The bulletin is the lifeblood of any club. Being a club means we all participate together because of a common interest. We need to hear from you!! Please drop Todd and Cathy a line so that we can have a great bulletin and a great fellowship within our club.

Can you believe it is possible to teach an old dog new tricks. I have a very nice little dun in the nest right now. The other day I realized that it had a crossed beak. Wayne Diviney suggested that you can straighten a beak on a baby by twisting it the opposite way. What the heck, I had nothing to lose. Every morning for a week now I have given the beak a twist, and lo and behold, it now is straight! I wish I had known this about three years ago. That year I must have had fifteen baby helmets with crossed beaks. I got rid of some



very fine birds because I was afraid of that fault. I've learned something new.

July is the month when we have elections. There will be a nomination form in this bulletin. Please give it some thought as to who would be the best officers to run the A.H.A. for the next two years. Perhaps it's your turn to give a helping hand. For most of the past twenty years I have held one office or another. It has been a ball. It's been fun to see the fancy grow in districts where I've served, and it's been fun to really get to know so many fine breeders. I feel that the American Helmet Association is about to take a major step forward. I hope that you'll be a part of that. Please also give careful consideration to the nomination of national judges and both breeder of the year and member of the year.

Good luck to you in the breeding pen. I'll see you at the shows.

James P. Jensen

## 2004 General Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 12:34 p.m., January 17, 2004 by President James Jensen.

Members in attendance were:  
Leonard Patito, District 1  
Brian McCormick, District 1  
Dennis Bray, District 2  
Vic Eshpeter, District 2

Henry Ebbelaar, District 2  
Steve Petitto, District 5  
Bob Dunlap, District 6  
Charles Dwight, District 6  
Mike Crawford, District 7  
Bob Bollinger, District 7  
Wayne Diviney, District 8  
James Jensen, District 8  
Tony Patti, District 12

Minutes of the 2003 meeting were read and approved. Financial report was gone over, discussed, and approved. Reports were given by officers in attendance.

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# New Bulletin Editors - Todd & Cathy Farnsworth



Please send us your articles!!

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About Us—We live in West Bountiful Utah and got started in pigeons about two years ago. We raise MFC Helmets, Old Style Frills and Mookees.

We have two lofts that are split into a total of six sections. Each of these sections average 8'x10'. Our favorite breed is the Helmet, due in great part to the involvement and helpful information we have received from all the local Helmet breeders.

When we first started raising these birds we really had no idea how involved we would become, or how much fun it would be. A great deal of our knowledge and involvement comes from the wonderful people we have met and continue to meet in the AHA. We can't

thank them enough for their encouragement & support.

We are breeding from seven pairs of Helmets and are having great luck this year. We've raised several young that we are pretty excited about. We know we are "new to the game" and will probably have to take a backseat to all the other GREAT breeders when it comes show time. This year.

It only takes one good bird to WIN! Sorry... I just have to keep reminding myself.

Cathy and I look forward to the challenge of bringing you a bi-monthly bulletin and will really need everyone's help to make this bulletin GREAT.

We welcome everyone to help make the bulletin as informative as possible. Get involved, send us articles on how you are doing in your lofts. Trials and errors. Even the little things that you assume everyone knows could be a real help to the beginner or even give someone a new idea. We'd like to see at least one report from each district.

Good Luck to all and PLEASE help us to help you...

**SEND US YOUR LETTERS!**

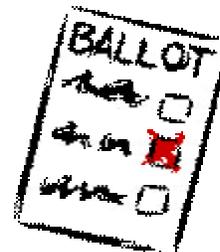
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## Secretary's Report by Charles Dwight



**Busy year for the A.H.A with election of new officers .**

**Look for the nomination ballot in this issue.**

I want to start by thanking Stan Reynolds for putting out the bulletin for as long as he did.

Second I want to thank the Farnsworths for volunteering to take over and putting it out. It is not an easy job, as I am sure they will soon find out.

This is going to be a very busy year for the A.H.A. We will be electing new officers, hopefully we will be voting on some new constitutional changes, and should have the constitution

updated and everyone should receive a copy.

In this bulletin you will find a nomination ballot. Please help us out by filling it out and getting it returned to me as soon as possible. For district directors nominate only for your district, and for Vice Presidents only for your section. If you are not sure of your district, check your mailing label, it tells you. Also, when you nominate someone, try to check first to see if they will

accept the position. It will save me a lot of time and phone calls.

District Directors and Vice Presidents - You need to get your shows scheduled and in to the bulletin. A lot of our members need to schedule vacation time to go the shows. They can't do this if they don't know where the shows are!

Chuck

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# 2004 NOMINATION BALLOT



***Your vote is  
important—***

***Be sure to send in  
your ballot!***

**AMERICAN HELMET  
ASSOCIATION  
2003 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**January 1, 2004—April 30, 2004**  
By Charles Dwight

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# 2004 General Membership Meeting

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**District 5**—Steve Petitto—Giving a lot of birds away, trying to get new members. Hopes to have a National Show in Florida in the near future.

**District 7**—Bob Bollinger—Doing well, good point shows. Working with District 12 & 14 to promote shows there.

**District 2**—Henry Ebbelaar—Getting some new members. Not much action.

**District 6**—Bob Dunlap—Shows are down due to illness and layoffs. Louisville was a good show, as always.

**District 1**—Leonard Patito—Getting some new members. Pageant may be moving.

District 8—Wayne Diviney—New members joining and showing. Shows are good with lots of good birds.

**E. Vice Pres.**—Mike Crawford—Eastern Sectional was good show. Have trophies for next year already.

**W. Vice Pres.**—Dennis Bray—Western Sectional was a good show. Getting some new members in the west.

## Old business:

James asked all directors and members to send in some articles for the bulletin, and thanked Bob Bollinger for his work on the new NPA book. Band sales were discussed. We lost money on our 2003 bands. By reducing the order on 2004 bands, we will make a small profit. Band orders for 2005 bands will be cut another 300-3500 bands. There will be a minimum order of 25 bands, also bands must be ordered in increments of 5. Size of bands were discussed. Band size is now 7mm. These are a little smaller than the aluminum bands were. Birds need to be banded earlier and are tight on some birds when they mature. Motion was made by Dennis Bray and seconded by Bob Dunlap to increase the size of the bands to 8mm.

Update of the Constitution has not been done. Brian McCormick has volunteered to do this.

## New business:

Some members are still having trouble getting birds on the airlines. James mentioned that there is a letter from Kevin Zollers that may help this if shown to the airlines. The letter can be gotten from the Hall of Fame Award. No Hall of Fame birds since 1994. Requirements were set too high.

A proposal will be submitted to change the constitution to revise the requirements. Breeder of the Year—recommended that this should be for young birds, based on points for the previous year. A proposal will be submitted to change the constitution. Motion to check on this by Dennis Bray, seconded by Mike Crawford.

Muff Helmet standard needs to have minimum number to be shown and a points schedule to be added. The remaining members of the original Muff committee will be reinstated to do this. Toni Patti, Harold Strawniack and Albert Flinn. Motion to adjourn by Hank Ebbelaar, seconded by Steve Petitto.

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# 2004 Board of Directors Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m., January 15, 2004 by President James Jensen

Officers in attendance:

Kevin Heppner, District 1	Henry Ebbelaar, District 2
Steve Petitto, District 5	Bob Dunlap, District 6
Bob Bollinger, District 7	Dennis Bray, Western Vice President
James Jensen, President	Charles Dwight, Secretary

Minutes of 2003 meeting were read and approved.

## Officers and committee reports:

NPA Book committee—Bob Bollinger—reported that information has been submitted, and a half page ad has been submitted and paid for. Bob also reported that the constitution update and web page update have not been done. Bob asked for priority on what needed to be done first.

District 5, Steve Petitto—Possible will have a national show in Florida in 2006

District 1, Kevin Heppner—Had a good show at the pageant. Getting some new members. Lots of interest in Helmets.

District 6, Bob Dunlap—Had some good shows, treasury is growing.

District 2, Hank Ebbelaar—Got one new member. Eastern Sectional was in District 2. Good show.

Western Vice President, Dennis Bray—Western Sectional will probably be in California next year. Canadian National will be in Western Canada next year. Members should try to support it.

District 8, James Jensen—Lot of interest in District 8. Good shows.

## Old business:

Futurity—lots more birds this year.

Web site—Needs to be updated. What do we need to put on the web site?

Constitution Update—Bob needs help with getting it retyped. Will talk more about this at the general meeting.

Bands—We had a loss of \$45.90 on the 2003 bands. Motion to reduce the 2005 band order to 3500, with a minimum order of 25. Orders must be in increments of 5. Motion by Dennis Bray, seconded by Bob Dunlap.

## New business:

Hall of Fame Birds—requirements are set too high. Proposal will be submitted to change this. Requires a constitution change. Breeder of the Year—Needs to be changed. Recommendation to change to Master Breeder Points won by Young Birds. Requires a constitutional change. Proposal will be submitted. Master Breeder Award was discussed. It was recommended to change to recognize Master Breeders who qualify more than once in a variety.

We need to buy more patches. Patch needs to be redesigned, now only has 3 varieties on it. National pins may be available in quantities of 25. Dennis Bray moved that the Secretary check on this; seconded by Hank Ebbelaar.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Dunlap, seconded by Dennis Bray.

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## **2003/2004 A.H.A. OFFICERS**

# Membership changes—

**Please make a note of the changes in membership.**

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## Your Dues are past due—

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

Bob Daly	3/1/04
Lynn Chamberlain	12/1/03
Charles Jakabosky	11/1/03
Charles Hanna	3/1/04
Thomas Jemty	11/1/03
Doug Keller	1/1/04
Izhak Kroshinsky	2/1/04
John Heppner	1/1/04
Mario A. Larranaga	1/1/04
Darrell McIlrath	12/1/03
Darrell Sebastian	1/1/04
Jay Zittle	3/1/04

## Note from the Editors

**Comments and suggestions are welcome!**

Charles, you were right. Our first issue of the newsletter took a little longer to put together than we had expected. However, we are not discouraged yet. It has been a fun challenge.

We know some of the articles in this Mar/April issue have deadlines of June 30th. Please do your best to meet these deadlines.

To get caught up—we would like to put out the next issue (May/June) by the end of July. Please send us your show schedules, stories, etc. by July 15, 2004. Encourage your Jr. members to write to us. You can send them US post or email the articles to us. You will find our address above your mailing label or in our article on pg. 2

Suggested deadlines for future newsletters are:

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
May/June	June 20	June 30

Any comments or ideas on the content & design of the newsletter or on the due dates above are welcome. We hope to carry on the tradition of a great newsletter for the A.H.A.

# DISTRICT 8 REPORT

by Mark Etherington

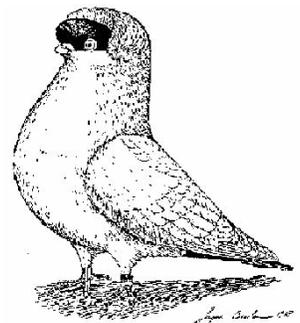
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## ROOM FOR YOUR STORY!!

***We have a  
space for your  
article! And  
can make  
space for many  
more!!***

***Do we want to  
add a “for  
sale” section?***

***Enjoy your birds this summer—  
we’ll see you at the shows***



## American Helmet Association

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American Helmet Association

Founded 1958

## 2005 Young Bird Futurity

The AHA will have a Young Bird Futurity at the National Show in Lancaster, PA

### *RULES:*

1. You must register your bands by June 30, 2004
2. You may register as many bands as you wish.
3. You must specify what variety you are registering your bands for.
4. Cost to register your

bands is \$5.00 each band.

5. All Helmets in each variety will be shown in one class. No sex or color classes.
  6. All registration fees will be paid back as premiums.  
1st place = 50%  
2nd place = 35%  
3rd place = 15%
- Hurry! Registrations close June 30, 2004.

### 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.