Helmet Happenings

Hello Friends in the AHA

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Memorial Day has come and gone. However, it continues to be a great day in honor of our men and women who gave their all for our freedom. Not only for the United States but for many other countries around the world. It truly is a day to be thankful for the great life we enjoy each and everyday that is only possible because of these brave people.

There have been many changes to show sites the last few years and time will tell what will happen to the 2020 show season. I do believe there is hope ahead. The rumor of the quarantine ending in California by July 1st would be a great start. More importantly I believe the Federal government is also getting closer to easing the quarantine on us! So maybe there is a pigeon show in our future. I am sure we are all loft blind and ready to see each others creations. Hopefully you can attend a local show, maybe the Pageant(if they have one) a Sectional or the National in Kentucky. Helmet shows and being with AHA members continues to be a great gathering since 1958!

Personally I have just started moving my first eggs. I hope to raise enough to be finished by the 1st of August. That might sound like a short season but many of us are in the belief that fewer is better. Especially for the many old - timers. I am sure anyone breeding excess birds this year will be able to find a new home for them.

In closing, remember this is an election year. It is time for other members to step forward to continue our great organization.

Take care and enjoy your Helmets

Jim

Secretary Report

Hard to believe five months has passed since the Amarillo National. I hope everybody has been able to stay safe and healthy, our world has change so much. We will prevail as a people and country.

So many of us left the show with high aspirations. From what I read on our WhatsApp site many are doing well. Should be lots of good helmets available this year. I highly encourage everyone To join Whats App, Lots of good discussions and a great place for the novice to ask questions and get answers in real time from some of the top breeders in the country. Some very good topics on helmets and other things appear regularly. An overview of where we are as a organization. We will have nominations for club officers and judges for the national this month. Voting will take place in August. At the present time the club has no outstanding bills. We have \$1982.91 in our bank account. We do need to purchase our 2021 club bands from the NPA. We still have two hundred 2020 club bands left. I will order 2200 bands for next year at a cost of \$770. Please order your bands early.

It looks like the bird quarantine here in California may be lifted on June 1 we are keeping our fingers crossed. It will be nice to be able to show pigeons again. Everyone stay safe hope to see you at the shows.

AHA Secretary, Leonard Patito

EDITORS REPORT by K. M. LaCom

I wish to thank Harold Strawniak for his efforts...AGAIN, this year. Although we have never met I continue to enjoy our phone conversations each year. The Master Breeder points certification for the past year and the cumulative totals involves many hours to validate. As you will see in the bulletin, Harold has included some guide lines for those of us that turn in show reports. This would make his job much easier. Also included is an old show format for you to follow, print out and mail to Harold. OR, as I have done, you can use the updated forms found on the AHA website listed under Documents and Tools. These were created by Bob Bollinger @15 years ago and are still very useful. Remember a committee updated the point values for each type of show a few years ago. Do NOT use the old automated point system. We now use the very simple point chart that came out of that committee. Harold continues to highlight those that have attained Master Breeder and this year it is Ray Sanchez.

As far as District 1 is concerned much of Southern California is still under the bird quarantine. No movement of birds, no shipping in or out....we hope this will end soon! Leonard continues to rebuild, Chet has been tested a few times and I believe he is feeding many birds, I'am a small loft guy but raising more this year than the last 2 years with the hope of a show.

A Few Thoughts

This past year has been a bit different for me. Because of several trips out of town and a knee surgery during breeding season I only raised 16 helmets in 2019. That would be alright if they were all good show birds, but I have never figured out how to make that happen. To top it off, another local helmet breeder, Mike Gardner was away for a year serving with his wife on a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and long time friend and Master breeder of Helmets has dealt with severe health issues this year.

When it came time to enter birds for the Salt Lake Premier, I could only find nine in good enough show condition to show. I went to Steve's house and found three of his birds to show for him hoping that he would be well enough to join us. That didn't happen, so I prepped his birds and mine and we had a thirteen bird helmet show in 2019. Mark Etherington, a former helmet breeder did the judging. He picked a black old cock of mine as best helmet. That doesn't seem like a very big win, but the black old cock #727 went on to take best of show out of 1185 entries. It was a good day.

Mike Gardner came home from his mission in early January and he and Mark Etherington and I had planned on traveling together to Amarillo for the national. We had a great trip. Steve Mitchell wanted to participate in the national although he wouldn't be able to attend, so I went over to help him with an entry. This time he was able to go out to the loft to pick out birds and it wore him out. I took the birds to my loft to get them into better condition for the show. Having someone feed and water your birds is very different than having you care for them and Steve hadn't been in his loft for six months.

It was surely fun to be at the 100th anniversary show of the National Pigeon Club. I was delighted to see old friends from both coasts and in between. It was interesting to see the larger percentage of MF plain heads and also the number of short face shown. I was thrilled to have Pavel pick my young dun hen MFC as champion and the old dun hen taking 2nd reserve.

Perhaps my biggest thrill was to see the duns do so well. In 2012 I had sold all my birds in preparation for my wife and I to serve a mission for our church. Upon returning in 2014 I was delighted to have several friends call up to see if I was going to get back into helmets, and then they sent me some. They sent me some very good birds to build my stud with again. I was so pleased that my helmet friends wanted me to be in competition again. I have been blessed to do well in the shows for many years, so I decided at that time to take on the challenge of raising competition duns. Dun has been a forgotten color in the helmets, often none are shown in many shows. Those that are shown generally have gone out at the bottom of the final line up. Again at this show there were only three duns shown, all by me. You can imagine my excitement with the placings here. A major goal had been achieved.

Some asked what the next project would be. My dream would be to help bring the parenting skills back into the helmets. We shall see.

A.H.A.

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MASTER BREEDER POINTS UPDATE

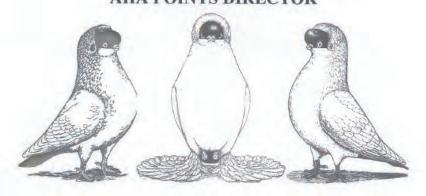
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SHOW EVENTS

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BY

Harold R. Strawniak
AHA POINTS DIRECTOR



IN THIS REPORT

A.H.A. Master Breeder Points Obtained From The Following A.H.A. Sanctioned Show Events, Along With Young Bird Points For The 2019 Breeder Of The Year Award.

District # 14 Eastern Hungarian All Breeds Pigeon Club Chambersburg, Pa. October 13, 2019

> District # 6 National Young Bird Show Louisville, Ky. October 26,2019

Western Sectional Vancouver Pigeon & Poultry Association Abbotsford, B.C. Canada November 2, 2019

> District # 2 North West Pigeon Show Puyallup. Wa. December 2019

N.P.A. Grand National Amarillo, Texas January 23-25, 2020



Photograph By; C.E. Mann

This photograph, from the Summer of 1975, shows five Helmet breeders at the residents of Francis Ray Sanchez in Modesto, California. Pictured left to right – Mel Evans, Bob Fraser, C.E. Mann, Mark Huffman, and Francis Ray Sanchez.

In 1974 F.R. Sanchez became the Fifth A.H.A. Master Breeder.

Ray Has Had National Champions With The Following Helmet Varieties.

r U	помшу п	emiet varieties.
MFC	LC	SFCLC
1966 black he	en #4567	1969 red oc #6084
1972 yellow y	h #744	1972 red oc #2818
1973 red yh	#3703	1978 red yc #2935
1974 red oc	#3658	MFCLPH
1975 red yh	#2927	1974 red yc # 8933
1976 red oh	#309	1978 yel. yc #2914
Rays other a	eccomplis	hments include
Breeder of t	he year—	-1969 and 1971
Hall of fame	birds SF	CLC-1971, MFCLC-
1972,1973 at	nd 1974.	
AHA Presid	ent – 197	8-1979.
AHA Weste	rn V.Pres	ident 1972-1974.
		1966, 1970, 1999, 2000



F. Ray Sanchez

The Following A.H.A. Members Have Earned Master Breeder Points, And Breeder Of The Year Young Bird Points, With The Following Helmet Varieties for the 2019 show season.

Also following are their lifetime accumulated points.

MFCLC

District-One
K.M.Lacom
Dec.2019 Dist. #2 NWPS Puyallup, Wa. 16 pts 0 ybp
District-Two
Hank Ebbelaar
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx. 3 pts 3 ybp
Jim Garus
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn. 18 pts 0 ybp
Dec.2019 Dist. #2 NWPS Puyallup,Wa. 39 pts 19 ybp
Jake Jakabosky
Dec.2019 Dist. #2 NWPS Puyallup,Wa. 20 pts
8 ybp
S. Rowland
Dec.2019 Dist. #2 NWPS Puyallup, Wa. 8 pts
0 ybt
District-Four
Chase Austin
Jan.23-25 2020 NPA Nat. Amarillo, Tx. 6 pts
6 ybp
District-Five
Steve Petito
Oct.26,2019 Dis. # 6 NYBS Louisville, Ky.
25 Pts
25 ybp
District-Seven
Lynn Bollinger
Oct.13,2019 Dist.#14 EHC Chambersburg,Pa.
115 pts
82 ybp Oct.26 2019 Dist #6 NYBS Louisville,Ky.
51 pts
51 ybp
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx. 18 pts
15 ybp

Mike Crawford	
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx.	57 pts
	48 ybp
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District-Eight	
James Jensen	144-4-
Jan,23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx.	-
C. Bet. I II	60 ybp
Steve Mitchell	10 /
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx.	18 pts
	0 ybp
District-Nine	
Andy Hansen	
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn.	12 pts
	6 ybp
Pavel Lutsenko	
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn.	-
	81 ybp
Bruce Southern	
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn.	3 pts
	0 ybp
District-Fourteen	
Victor Cline	
Oct.13,2019 Dis.# 14 EHC Chambersb	urg,Pa.
	18 pts
	0 ybp
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx.	12 pts
	3 ybp
Unknown District	
Wiesel Lofts	
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx.	24 pts
	0 ybp
G. Wiebe	Jop
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx.	3 pts
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District-Two	
Dennis Manning	
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn.	124 pts
•	10 ybp
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx.	
•	66 ybp

District-Seven

Lynn Bollinger	
Jan. 23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx	12 pts 6 ybp
Mike Crawford	
Jan.23-25 2020 NPA Nat. Amarillo, Tx.	61 pts
	61 ybp
District-Nine	
Andy Hansen	
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn.	36 pts
	12 ybp
Pavel Lutsenko	
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn.	4 pts
	4 ybp
Darrell Sebastian	
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn.	4 pts
	2 ybp
Ernest Silveri	-
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Ca.	26 pts
	20 ybp
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat. Amarillo, Tx.	3 pts
	3 ybp

SFCLC District-Two

Hank Ebbelaar	
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn.	20 pts
	0 ybp
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx.	38 pts
	0 ybp
Dennis Manning	
Nov.2,2019W,Sec.Abbotsford,BC.Cn.	24 pts
	14 ybp
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA NAT.Amarillo,Tx	. 38 pts
	25 ybp
District-Four	
Danny Revolinsky	
Oct.26,2019 Dis.# 6 NYBS Louisville,K	y.
	63 pts
	63 ybp
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx.	99 pts
	83 ybp

District-Nine

District I ville	
Pavel Lutsenko	
Nov.2,2019W.Sec.Abbotsford BC.Cn.	32 pts
	32 ybp
District-Twelve	
Tony Patti	
Jan.23-25 2020 NPA Nat. Amarillo, Tx.	48 pts
	13 ybp
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SFCLPH

District-Two

Dennis Manning	
Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo.Tx.	
	0 ybp

District-Twelve

Tony Patti Jan.23-25,2020 NPA Nat.Amarillo,Tx. 30 pts 30 ybp

Below Are The Accumulated Lifetime M.B. Points For those Earning Master Breeder Points During The 2019 Show Season.

Chase Austin	MFC	10
Lynn Bollinger	MFC	274
	MFPH	12
Victor Cline	MFC	668
	MFPH	14
Mike Crawford	MFC	3,379
	MFPH	3,490
Hank Ebbelaar	MFC	239
	MFPH	77
	SFC	275
Jim Garus	MFC	1,452
Andy Hansen	MFC	43
	MFPH	36
J. Jakabosky	MFC	20
James Jensen	MFC	5,457
	MFPH	95
k.Mike LaCom	MFC	1,239
Pavel Lutsenko	MFC	580
	MFPH	6
	SFC	32

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Dennis Manning	MFC	258	
	MFPH	1,531	
	SFC	654	
	SFPH	120	
Steve Mitchell	MFC	2,102	
	MFPH	9	
	SFC	93	
	SFPH	9	
Tony Patti	MFC	3,444	
	MFPH	247	
	SFC	1,959	
	SFPH	952	
Steve Petito	MFC	297	
Dan Revolinsky	SFC	270	
S. Rowland	MFC	8	
Darrell Sebastian	MFPH	4	
Ernie Silveri	MFC	52	
	MFPH	135	
Bruce Southern	MFC	3	
G. Wiebe	MFC	3	
Wiesel Lofts	MFC	24	

The Five AHA Point Shows Of The 2019 Show Season

Eastern Hungarian Pigeon Club October 13, 2019 Chambersburg, Pa. District 14 Meet

Person Incharge - Victor Cline Medium Face Crested - 26

Two Districts Participating—7 & 14

Judge - Brandon Jeffery

Exhibitors - 3

Lynn Bollinger

Victor Cline

Michael Crawford

Champion M.F. Crested

Blue YH # 1017

Breeder-Lynn Bollinger

Medium Face Plainhead – 10

One District Participating - #7

Judge - Brandon Jeffrey

Exhibitors – 2

Lynn Bollinger **Harold Strawniak Champion Medium Face Plainhead Yellow YC # 1100 Breeder- Harold Strawniak** Long Face Crested – 1 One District Participating #7 Judge - Brandon Jeffrey Exhibitors - 1 Harold Strawniak **Champion LFC** Blue Opal OC # 1548 Long Face Plainhead – 2 One District Participating #7 Judge - Brandon Jeffrey Exhibitors - 1 **Harold Strawniak Champion LFPH**

> National Young Bird Show October 28,2019 Louisville, Kentucky District 6 Meet

Person incharge – Dan Revolinski & Steve Petito

Medium Face Crested - 20

Three Districts Participating 5, 7, 14

Judge - Bob Dunlap

Blue Opal OC # 2074

Exhibitors - 3

Lynn Bollinger

Victor Cline

Steve Petito

Champion MFC

Black YC # 1020

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Breeder-Lynn Bollinger

Medium Face Plainhead – 1

One District participating #7

Judge - N/A

Exhibitors - 1

Lynn Bollinger

Champion MFPH

Blue YC # 1021

Breeder- Lynn Bollinger

Short Face Crested - 26

Three Districts Participating 4, 5, n/a

Judge - Mike Seiler

Exhibitors - 3

Tim Heidrich

Dennis Manning

Danny Revolinsky

Champion SFC

Red YC # 1270

Breeder - Danny Revolinsky

Short Face Plainhead - 2

One District Participating #5

Judge - Mike Seiler

Exhibitors - 1

Tim Heidrich

Champion SFPH

Black YH # 1007

Breeder - Tim Heidrich

Vancover Pigeon And Poultry Association

November 2, 2019

Abbotsford, Britich Columbia, Canada

Western Sectional

Person incharge – Ernie Silveri Medium Face Crested – 94

Two districts participating 2,9

Judge - John DeCarlo Jr.

Exhibitors 8

Andy Hansen

Bruce Southern

Pavel Lutsenko

Victor Lutsenko Jr.

Hank Ebbelaar

Darrell Sebastian

Jim Jesse

Jim Garus

Champion MFC

Black OC # 1680

Breeder - Pavel Lutsenko

Medium Face Plainhead - 39

Two Districts Participating 2,9

Judge - John DeCarlo Jr.

Exhibitors - 6

Andy Hansen

Pavel Lutsenko

Dennis Manning

Darrell Sebastian

Ernie Silveri

Bruce Southern

Champion MFPH

Black OC # 569

Breeder - Dennis Manning

Short Face Crested

Two Districts Participating 2, 9

Judge - John DeCarlo Jr.

Exhibitors - 3

Hank Ebbelaar

Pavel Lutsenko

Dennis Manning

Champion SFC

Yellow OC # 1305

Breeder - Hank Ebbelaar

North West Pigeon Show

December 2019

Puyallup, Washington

District 2 Meet

Person incharge- Dennis Manning

Medium Face Crested – 17

Two Districts Participating 1,2

Judge - Brian Nichols

Exhibitors - 4

Jim Garus

J. Jakabosky

K.M. LaCom

S. Rowland (Junior)

Champion M.F.Crested

Red OC # 1620

Breeder-Jim Garus

Medium Face Plainhead—34

One District Participating # 2

Judge - K.Mike LaCom

Exhibitors - 1

Dennis Manning

Champion Med. Face Plainhead

Yellow OC # 564

Breeder— Dennis Manning

N.P.A. Grand National January 23-25, 2020 Amarillo, Texas Annual National Meet Person incharge – N/A Med. Face Crested – 51

Districts Participatig – N/A
Judge – N/A
Exhibitors – N/A
Champion MFC
Dun YH # 930
Breeder – James Jensen

Medium Face Plainhead – 37
Districts Paraticipating – N/A
Judge – N/A
Exhibitors – N/A
Champion MFPH
Red YC # 681
Breeder – Dennis Manning
Short-Face Crested – 30

Districts Participating – N/A
Judge – N/A
Exhibitors – N/A
Champion SFC
Red YH # 1280
Breeder – Danny Revolinsky
Short-Face Plainhead – 7

Districts Participating – N/A
Judge – N/A
Exhibitors – N/A
Champion SFPH
Red OC # 241
Breeder – Dennis Manning



Attention District Directors And Persons Responsible For Filling Out AHA Show Reports For Master Breeder And Young Bird Points.

When submitting AHA show reports to the Points Director, and to avoid omitting any information of importance, please answer all of the questions asked on the AHA show report form that's included with this AHA Master Breeder points update. Also, a complete show report showing the placement of each bird shown would be appreciated. Also to abide to the following.

AHA master breeder program Official rules

#1 official district point shows (maximum of four) one young bird show and three all age, are to be designated by the district directors as early in the year as practical; notice of these shows to be furnished to the Bulletin Editor and the Publicity Director for publication. Sectional and annual National shows are to be similarly publicized.

AHA CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article 1. Duties Of Officers
Section H. Points Director:
#2 District Directors Shall Submit Show
Reports And Records To The Points
Director According To The Rules Of The
Master Breeder Program.

SEND COPIES TO: Points Director, District Director, A.H.A. Secretary, Bulletin Editor & Publicity Director

Show Report for all A.H.A. Point Shows

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The Good Old Days

by Kip Huffman

Life has a way of changing things, and often times we have to give up the things we loved during our younger days to attend to the responsibilities we now have as adults. We may marry, move, have children and jobs and bills to pay, and the days of old become distant memories of the people, places and experiences that shaped who we would become. That was my experience. I was born in Vietnam, grew up in Oregon, and now live in New York. I have four siblings, the youngest of which is my little brother Charlie. Growing up, Charlie, and I could not have been more different. He had a love for animals, while I preferred sports. He had a passion for pigeons and could almost always be found walking around with feathers in his hair. Charlie raised Trumpeters and Fantails, and as his older brother it was my job to drive him to local pigeon shows. He was knowledgeable and talented and his birds often placed first. Though I was too macho to tell him, I was so proud of him, and it wasn't long before I wanted to raise pigeons, too. This was the oneand-only thing my brother and I had in common at that time, and our shared love for these beautiful birds brought us together in a way that nothing else could. Medium Faced Crested Helmets became my passion, and I had the wonderful fortune to meet one of the best Helmet breeders in the region - Jim Garus. Jim took me in and taught me everything he knew. Charlie and I continued to raise our birds, attend shows, and build wonderful memories that are still with me to this day. I relied on Jim for his advice and encouragement, and he became not only a mentor but a friend. Sadly, when I was about 18 years old my mother had to move the family, and the pigeons couldn't come. I was devastate to give up my birds, and asked Jim to take them. He promised if ever I have the chance to begin breeding again, his best pair of pigeons would be mine. Thirty years later I find myself living in New York and longing for a way to recapture the memories of my youth. I've lived here for almost twenty years and have yet to meet a single person who even knows that raising pigeons is a thing. After many, many months thinking about starting over, I reached out to my good old friend Jim. True to his word, he gave me six beautiful pair of Helmets to get me started. But more than that, his support and encouragement have allowed me to take a step back into the good old days of my youth and the memories I have of family and friends and simpler times. Thank you, Jim!



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