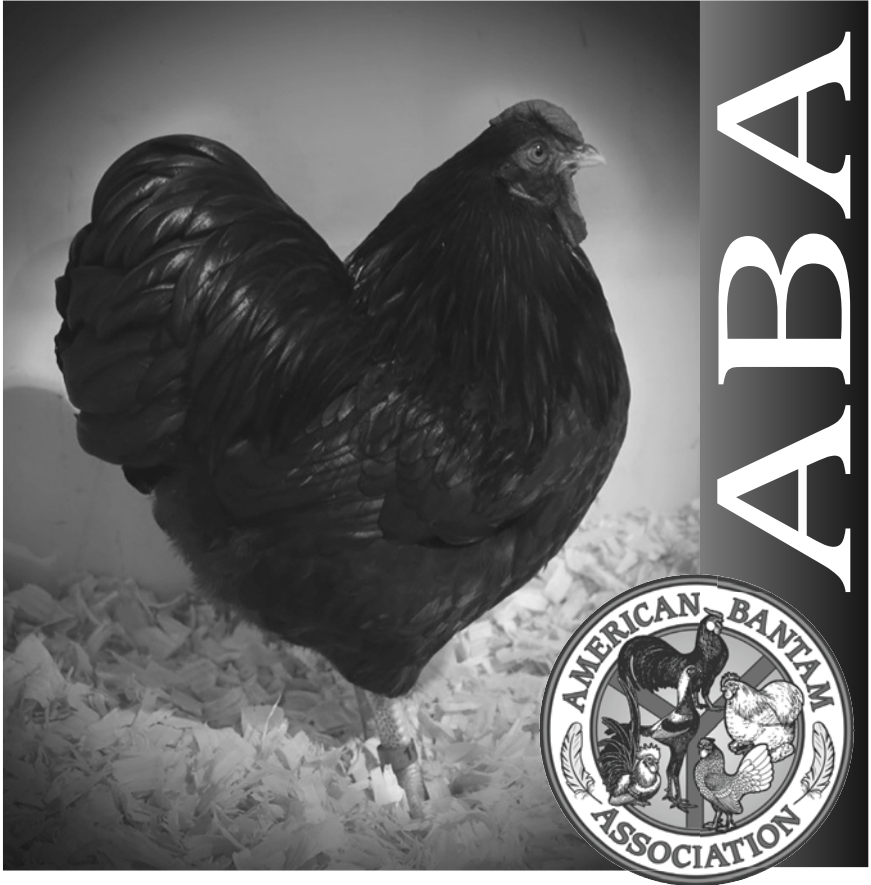


# The American Bantam Association QUARTERY NEWSLETTER



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## **From ABA President -- Bill Patterson**

Greetings from winter in Michigan,

Thank God my barn is heated. The lights are on, and the birds are laying. The incubators are full with hopes of future champions.

Also, this is the time of year to gather your photos and information to place your ad in the yearbook. Our very own Kim Munden will be happy to design your ad should you need help. Your ad not only makes you and your birds more visible, it helps with the cost of the yearbook. Articles with pearls of wisdom are also encouraged and welcome. If you would like to help with the yearbook by collecting ads from your local or breed clubs, please contact me or Karen.

Make sure you keep December 9 and 10th open for our national meet in Shawnee Oklahoma. The competition is always great and the fellowship better! I'm looking forward to seeing or meeting you all this year.

I have been busy appointing district directors and shoring up our committees. In the future if you are interested in serving on a committee or as a Director, please contact me so we can make this happen.

Remember, this is OUR FUN!  
Bill Patterson  
ABA President



**From ABA Vice President  
Troy Laroche:**

Dear All:

I hope you are all having a good hatching season and your brooders are filling as the warmer weather becomes more apparent. I have had a slow start but know that will change shortly.

It has been an eventful winter so far. I attended shows in Florida and Massachusetts which I enjoyed immensely. It was great to see and spend time with friends (new and old) from across the continent and beyond at these events. To me friendships are what our hobby is all about.

Spring is looking promising for shows, hopefully the AI situation remains at a status quo. I look forward to seeing many of you as I travel around to the shows.

I am planning on traveling to Colorado, Delaware and Michigan fingers crossed that nothing changes these plans.

On to ABA Business, although this is an election year, I have made the decision to not to run for the VP position in the next election. I do urge you to support the new board. I have enjoyed my time on the board and will return at some point.

I would like to thank all who supported me during my time on the board. It has been a great and rewarding experience.

On a final note, I look forward to heading to Shawnee Oklahoma or the ABA in December 2023.

See you there.

Troy Laroche



## **From ABA Secretary – Karen Unrath**

Greetings from the ABA.

I would like to share with you some changes and new items which are of interest.

To begin, I am redesigning how we manage the starred win file. This is a substantial improvement in the data integrity and provides you with simplified access to your information. The starred wins will be presented as individual files. These can be accessed on our website under “starred wins”. If you do not see your name right away, please send me an email and we will get it done. There are many to do and it takes quiet time and patience. The ones with current activity are being posted first.

In this newsletter, I have listed the 2022 Certificate of Merit, Master Exhibitor, and Master Breeder recipients. We announce these throughout the year as they are achieved. The list in this newsletter continues to be updated. We will include all that we can in the yearbook as we approach the printing deadline.

2023 yearbook ads are being accepted now through May 15<sup>th</sup>. We strive every year to provide you with a yearbook that you will be excited to add to your collection. The costs associated with the printing are increasing, but we have worked very hard to keep the costs within expectations. We depend on the ABA membership ads to make this a reality. Kim Munden of Pennsylvania is ready to take your text and photos and bring them to life by designing your ad. We will also gladly accept your pre-designed ads as well. I have included a reservation form in this newsletter with additional information or you can reserve online at [Bantamclub.com](http://Bantamclub.com) in our online store.

We will be welcoming a new ABA Board of Directors April 1, 2023. They are listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

*(Secretary message continued)*

The 2023 legband sales remain strong. Kevin is shipping them out on a daily basis. All sizes are still available, however at least half of our original inventory has been sold, so please do not wait.

We had some great sales on apparel at our National Meet in Columbus and then again at the Northeast Poultry Congress. Kevin will be offering some of these new shirts soon on the website. I encourage everyone to check back often for availability.

There is some exciting news on the horizon. I am working with Matt Lhamon on some new projects. We hope to bring back the Bantam Chickens book by Fred Jeffrey soon. We are also exploring some e-book options and services for our membership. We look forward to keeping the ABA moving in a future direction and keeping all our offerings fresh! Thank you Matt for dedicating your expertise to helping us move things along.

Your ABA board of directors voted to keep the dues at \$25 per year, even in the face of inflation and rising costs. This is a strategy which will work for everyone, however we will need to transition the newsletters to electronic format. The newsletters will be housed on our website and will be emailed to the address we have on file. If you do not have access to the website or do not use email, you can request a hardcopy and one will be mailed to you via USPS. We anticipate this transition to start with the next Spring 2023 quarterly.

There are a number of business items which were reviewed at our national meeting in November. The minutes are part of this edition. I encourage everyone to review these.

Lastly, I want to take this opportunity to congratulate the Serama breeders. They came out in large numbers to support our national meet in Columbus. They held three qualifying meets, which are currently under final review. (Splash, Blue, and the Ginger Reds are being considered.) More will follow on these statuses soon.

The White American Seramas donated by Tim Hopkins to the breeders' auction in Columbus were the top fundraisers – so it is no stretch to give “Kudos” to the serama breeders and the support they showed the ABA as well as the Ohio Poultry Breeders!

Also, I wanted to let everyone know that the ABA Standard Committee is reviewing a number of aspects of the ABA Standard including a comprehensive analysis of the rules regarding the weight of all bantam breeds and its judging rules. More will follow on this soon.

Regards,

Karen Unrath  
ABA Secretary

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April 1, 2023**

- President: Bill Patterson, MI
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- District 3 - Emily Shoop, PA
- District 4 - Tom Roebuck, VA
- District 5 - Mike Sayre, OH
- District 6 - Amy Gabbard, MI
- District 7 - Chad Satterfield, SC
- District 8 - Brett Thompson, AL
- District 9 - Jackie Koedatich, FL
- District 10 - Gary Rossman, WI
- District 11 - Jacob Bates, AR
- District 12 - Bob Choate, TX
- District 13 - Kyle Tripp, AZ
- District 14 - Timothy Sheets - WA
- District 15 - Donald Barger, CA
- District 16 - John Beamer, Ontario



## **From ABA Membership Coordinator:**

### **Michelle Lynch**

Hello again ABA Members!

I hope the weather in your part of the country has been treating you and your birds well! It has been all over the place here in Florida. 70s and 80s then it rains and we are in the mid to upper 30s and 40s. You really never know what you are going to wear the next day here haha. Birds are handling it well though and many pens are laying and fertility has been good. I just came back from the Newnan Show which was a lot of fun. No big wins but a lot of great talks, fellowship, and my son did win a new single GQF Brooder in the raffle. It was our last show until my home show in October--the last show of the season is always bittersweet...on one hand I'm exhausted and ready for a little break but on the other hand I'm sad because I know how much I'm going to miss the shows. I'm sure hatching will be keeping me busy the next few months so I won't get too bored!

We have had a good amount of new and rejoining members these last few months in the membership! 136 new members! You guys are the on the ground voice for why it is beneficial to join. I know I've mentioned before, and have sent a few shipments of membership signup cards for members who have asked, but we do do drawings for ABA merchandise for referrals—so send me an email and I'll get some cards for you! Remember to have folks include your name as referred by or in the notes section online so we can add your name for the drawing. We should be having our next drawing any day now!

Also don't forget to get those show sanction requests in as soon as you can so we can advertise your shows for you! There is a sanction request form located in the newsletter and available on the website, you can also sanction online in the online store. I always encourage sanctioning as early as possible...free advertising 😊. Sanction fees can be paid when you sanction or when you send in your report. If you have any questions about sanctioning send me an email to [ABApoultryshows@gmail.com](mailto:ABApoultryshows@gmail.com) and I'll be happy to help!

If you haven't visited the website recently check it out! The Sanctioned Show file is now live so you can check on show status in real time. Shows are added and updated as they come in. From what I have heard this has been really popular with the membership so far.

I wish you all the best weather and luck hatching this spring! May your brooders be overflowing with champions!

Until Next Time, Michelle



Welcome!

**136 Members added (10/26/2022-2/19/2023)**

**District #1 – 10 members added**

Connecticut (3): Adina Hodges Family, Liam Pearson, Joshua Beebe

Massachusetts (1): Ethan Kean Family

Vermont (3): Nicole Ferrier, Faith Hunt, Matt Walsh

New Hampshire (1): Danger Close Farm

Maine (2): Marie Bourque-Namer, Jackson Waler

**District #2 - 6 members added**

New Jersey (3): Jeffery Brusco, Brooklyn Bilge, Cheyenne Bilge

New York (3): Tyler Smith, Silver Rock Acres, Ondra Crow

**District #3 – 0 members added**

**District #4 – 5 members added**

Virginia (4): Sarah Hamilton, Cody Manspile, Wanda Kelley, Jacob Roush

West Virginia (1): Carrie Corbitt

**District #5 - 8 members added**

Kentucky (4): Tom Parsons, Maegan Holland, Alaina Miller, Helen Claiborne

Ohio (4): Rusty Matheny, Jillian Stokes, Rachael and Rodney Sloan, Aaron Carkeek

**District #6 - 11 members added**

Illinois (1): Merle Davis

Indiana (6): Tammy Comporet, AnnMarie Hermanowicz, Alyvia

Whitworth, Keisha Adair, William Deller, Ily Swan

Michigan (4): Garrett Thomsen, Sean Thompsen, Sarah Almufti, Abbie Summers

**District #7 – 8 members added**

North Carolina (7): Jill Rayme, Kim Ramsey, Danny Moor, Brianna

Price, Justine Christensen, Dale Costner, Greg and Isla Shelton Family

South Carolina (1): Jamie Blackmon

**District #8 - 18 members added**

Alabama (12): Rodney Davis, Kyle Everette, Brook Hambrick, Kimberly Gosser, Jackie McQueen, Brittany Christian, Heather Caetano, Jay Chancey, Melissa Birdie Carter-Black, Kelly Nation, Larry Lemons, Mark Jones

Georgia (4): Robert Altman, Bruce McCullers, Eddie Cline, Caren Bradshaw

Tennessee (2): Ethan Bunker, Cheyenne Boye

**District #9 – 9 members added**

Florida (8): Lindsey Davis, Haley Smith Family, Ronald Baird, Chris Bickenbach, Mariana Shablom, Kaye Sargent, Casey Sudberry, Michael Kurtz

Louisiana (1): Malia Gunter Family

**District #10 – 6 members added**

Iowa (2): Wyatt Schoenherr, Alaina Grubs

Wisconsin (2): Jessica Watson, Kendall Holschbach

South Dakota (2): Lydia Wannenberg, Trent Thompson

**District #11 –21 members added**

Nebraska (2): Jen Rieflin, Lisa Kennicutt

Oklahoma (10): Niki Justice, Tisha Paul, Lucy Shires, Ryne Crosthwait, Mari Smith, Katherine and Seth Mitchell-Chandler Family, Gene Burkholder, Bruce Randle, Kristi King, Scoot Hames

Arkansas (3): Riley Wanket, Pamela Sebo, Ken Jones

Missouri (5): Shan Fetter, Jayden Berwald, Joseph Cooner Family, Brosey Bartlett, Glenda Huber

Kansas (1): Jayme Cannon-Oliver

**District #12 – 11 members added**

Texas: Jeanne Noah, Samantha Riese, JohnMark Manning, Josiah Manning, Everett Crainer, Isavel G Pena, Erik King, Sharla Van Cleave, Linda Champman, Sydney Haass, Emily Dudley

**District #13 – 2 members added**

Arizona (1): Carla Neer

Utah (1): Brian Beck

### **District #14 – 5 members added**

Oregon (1): Larry Occhipinti DVM

Washington(2): Michaela Taylor, Liam and Dianna Costa Alaska (2):

Austin n’ Lisa Hansen, Scott Wright

### **District #15 – 16 members added**

California (16): Coralee Pettey, Kelly Christy, Bella Price, Jack Dodd,

Francisco Aguilera, Mark Pursell, Daniel Pursell, Amy Andrews.

Emma Jones, Skinner Family, Tim Canavan, Amanda McMeen, Will

Inman, Tara Pierce, Laura Fowler

### **District #16 – 0 members added**

It was brought to out attention that current member Sylvia Spry from Alabama was not included in the membership list in the last Yearbook and wanted to make note of our mistake. We apologize for any confusion.

**Congratulations to District 11  
21 NEW members recruited - Thank you!**



*Did you know you can earn FREE ABA Merch just by recruiting new members?*

*Simply ask your friends to list your name in the comments section if they are signing up online or in the referred section on the hard copy form and your name will be automatically entered in our quarterly drawing for free ABA Merch and apparel!*

*If you would like some sign up forms feel free to send me an email at [membershipABA@gmail.com](mailto:membershipABA@gmail.com) and I'll drop some in the mail to you!*

Congratulations to the following ABA members who have earned a minimum of 5 starred wins in a single breed and variety. These members are awarded the ABA Certificate of Merit in their respective classes.

Lori	Cary		TX	Black Rosecomb
Bob & Claudia	Choate	Lexington	TX	Brown Red Modern Game
Tracy	Hill	Amarillo	TX	Black Old English Game
Susan	Buchanan	Meridianville	AL	Mille Fleur Belgian d'Uccle
Matthew Burnette	Burnette Bantams	Pittsboro	NC	White Plymouth Rock
Bruce	Auger	Gibson	GA	Blue Cochin
Emmett	Wild	Stanwood	WA	RC Dark Brown Leghorns
Josh Griffin	Griffin & Redwine	Ridgefield	IN	Black OE Game
Billy	Grooms		FL	Wheaten Old English Game
Tonya	Macrae		AL	Black Cochin
Sammy	Collins	Mt Airy	NC	Black Tailed White Japanese
Michael	Richards	Tuscumbia	AL	Golden Sebright
David	Roof Family	Lake Almanor	CA	White Plymouth Rock
Melissa	Schuckers	Brookville	PA	Bearded White Silkie
Kelley & Dillon	Sheiss	Larwill	IN	Quail Belgian d'Anver
Brett & Adam Thomps	Thompson Bantams	Cullman	AL	Dominique
Marty	Abrahamsen	Huntsville	AR	Light Brahma
Trevor	Baca	Lagrange	NC	Blue Old English Game
Beamers Poultry	John Beamer		ONT	SC White Leghorn
Blankenship	Bud	Lewisburg	OH	Black Orpington
Blair	Chad & Terri	Max Meadow	VA	White Wyandotte
Proctor/Carolina Bant	Keith & Kathy	Mooresboro	NC	Silver Duckwing OE Game
Bob & Claudia	Choate	Lexington	TX	Blue Breasted Red Modern
Linus	Clark	Wills Point	TX	Brown Red Old English Game
Andrew	DeHaan	Atwood	ONT	White Wyandotte
A Chandler/B Boisvert	Elite Waterfowl	Hortonville	WI	White Call Duck
Brian & Peggy	Gates Family	Cairo	MO	Buff Brahma
Brian & Peggy	Gates Family	Cairo	MO	SC White Leghorn
Billy	Grooms	Dade City	FL	Wheaten OE Game
Johnny	Haussener	Milton	PA	White Crested Black Polish
Ken Conaway/David	K and D Bantams	Brookline	MO	Crele OE Game
	Kanes Feathered Friends	Goldvein	VA	White Modern Game
Timothy	Sheets	Oakville	WA	SC White Leghorn
Seth & Eli	Smith (S&E Bantams)	Braymer	MO	Quail Belgian d'Anver

*Congratulations to the following members who achieved status of  
**2022 Master Exhibitor**  
(more to follow as they are calculated)*

- #547 Linus Clark, TX
- #548 Tim Lindenborn, TX
- #549 Jeff Wilson/Brandon Taylor, J & B's Illini Cornish, IL
- #550 Nicole Cox, NC
- #551 Marty Abrahamsen, NC
- #552 Jerry De Smidt, WI
- #553 Nate & Dan Estlack, TX
- #554 Danny Beason, K & D Bantams, AL
- #555 Cindy Rusk, MO

*Congratulations to the following members who achieved status of  
**2022 Master Breeder**  
(more to follow as they are calculated)*

Bob & Claudia Choate, TX	BB Red Modern Game
Bob & Claudia Choate, TX	Birchen Modern Game
Tracy L. Hill, TX	Blue Wheaten Old English Game
Jeff Wilson/Brandon Taylor	
J & B's Illini Cornish, IL	Dark Cornish
Dwayne & Melody Jonas, TX	Mottled Belgian d'Uccle
Brett & Adam Thompson, AL	BB Red Modern Game
Cindy Rusk, MO	White Call Duck

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**Currently scheduled ABA shows** *(subject to change)*

**Name of Show/Club, State, Date, Meet Type, Contact, Email**

**Utah Fancy Poultry Association, UT, 3/9-11/2023,**  
special, Kathy Ashcroft [Utahfancypoultry@gmail.com](mailto:Utahfancypoultry@gmail.com)

**Alabama Bantam Club, AL, 3/18/2023, special, Marty**  
McGuire [albantamclub@gmail.com](mailto:albantamclub@gmail.com)

**Cascade Spring Show, WA, 3/18/2023, special, Emmett**  
Wild [maggie.wild@yahoo.com](mailto:maggie.wild@yahoo.com)

**Central Heritage Poultry Classic, FL, 3/24-25/2023,**  
special, cfhpc@yahoo.com

**Forsyth Fowl Fanciers, NC, 3/25/2023, special, Mark**  
East [statefan10@yahoo.com](mailto:statefan10@yahoo.com)

**Kyle 4h Fancy Feathers, TX, 3/25/2023, special,**  
Rebekah McDaniel [seramaartchick@yahoo.com](mailto:seramaartchick@yahoo.com)

**South Texas State Fair Poultry Show, TX, 3/25/2023,**  
special, Wendy Brooks [wbrooks@ymb1.org](mailto:wbrooks@ymb1.org)

**Missouri State Poultry Association, MO, 4/15/2023,**  
special, Bernita Miller [bmiller@iland.net](mailto:bmiller@iland.net)

**Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Association, AR, 4/1/2023,**  
special, Jacob Bates [brewer729@outlook.com](mailto:brewer729@outlook.com)

**Sussex County Poultry Fanciers, NJ,**

4/22/2023, Karen Unrath, [sussexcountypoultry@gmail.com](mailto:sussexcountypoultry@gmail.com)

**South Texas Poultry Club, TX, Spring 2023, Ric Hunter**  
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**Cowlitz County Fair, WA, 7/26/2023, special, Tracee Stoner**  
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**Last Frontier Poultry Association, AK, 8/2023, special,**  
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**Isle of Wright County Fair, VA, 9/14-19/2023, special**  
Yvonne Munson [iowacountyfair@gmail.com](mailto:iowacountyfair@gmail.com)

**Wisconsin International, WI, 9/23-24/2023, district,**  
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**Central Florida Poultry Breeders Association, FL,**  
10/21/2023 Michelle Lynch [lynchpoultry@gmail.com](mailto:lynchpoultry@gmail.com)

**Red River Bantam Club, OK, 10/28/2023, special, Chris Brawley**  
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**No Georgia Ag Fair, GA, 10/24/2023, special**  
Jamie Parker 706-217-5422

**Missouri State Poultry Association, MO, 10/28/2023,**  
special, Bernita Miller [bmiller@iland.net](mailto:bmiller@iland.net)

**Abilene Poultry Association, TX, 10/28/2023, district,**  
Lori Carey [lorilikesgolfing@gmail.com](mailto:lorilikesgolfing@gmail.com)

**Oklahoma State Poultry Association, 12/9/2023, ABA National,**  
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*Shows are added as sanctions come in so check the ABA website often for the most up to date information or head over to the linked ABA page on Poultry Show Central!*

**If you would like more information on sanctioning your upcoming show send an email to**  
**[ABApoultryshows@gmail.com](mailto:ABApoultryshows@gmail.com)**

## Minutes

American Bantam Association

Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, November 11, 2022, 7:00 pm (Eastern Std Time)

The meeting of the board of Directors of the American Bantam Association was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm by President, Bill Patterson. The following were in attendance: Bill Patterson, ABA President; Troy Laroche, VP; Elias Orfanides, DD #2, Emily Shoop, DD #3; Tom Roebuck DD#4, Mike Sayre, DD #5 proxy; Amy Gabbard DD#6, Chadwick Satterfield, DD#7, Gary Rossman, DD#10, Wade Walker DD#11; Bob Choate, DD#12; Kyle Tripp DD#13; John Beamer, DD#16; Matt Lhamon, Judges Licensing Committee, Kevin Unrath, Publicity Committee, Michelle Lynch, Membership Coordinator, Curtis Geary, Health and Regulations committee, Karen Unrath, ABA Secretary.

Bill thanked the Ohio Poultry Breeders for their efforts and corporation with this ABA 2022 National Meet. Matt welcomed everyone on behalf of district #5.

The board reviewed the following pre-submitted reports.

### **Judges Licensing Committee Report: presented by Matt Lhamon**

- The JLC welcomed two new ABA Judges: Emily Shoop #387, PA and Dan Castle #388 of CT.
- Three apprentices will be testing later this fall and winter. There are an additional eight who are in the process of completing their clerking requirements.
- We would like to remind all show secretaries to make sure they have the right mix of ABA judges to qualify for an ABA sanctioned meet.
- **SPECIAL/STATE/DISTRICT MEETS:** All judges at all ABA sanctioned meets must be members in good standing of the ABA. At District, State, or Provincial and Special Meets; a minimum of one judge must be ABA Licensed and not less than 50% of the judging staff must be ABA Licensed. All other judges must be APA Licensed or Canadian Provincial Licensed and must be ABA members in good standing.  
**NATIONAL ANNUAL MEETS:** All judges who judge bantam chicken classes shall have a Bantam Chicken Specialty license or a General license. All Judges who judge the bantam Champions shall have a current ABA General license. All judges must be ABA members in good standing. No Judge shall exhibit and judge birds in the same bantam classification.

Please follow the full by-law judging requirements listed in the ABA Constitution and By-Laws. We encourage all members interested in becoming a licensed judge to check out the requirements in the bylaws, ABA Yearbook or on our website at [www.bantamclub.com](http://www.bantamclub.com).

### **Constitution and By-Laws Committee – submitted by Leah Shelburne**

There were no action items before the committee at this time.

### **Publicity report – presented by Kevin Unrath**

Kevin reported the major areas of focus of the publicity committee.

Website/Store metrics: 2022 19,000 YTD website visits.

65% store visits/ 35% non-store

Scholarship program – we received 13 applications - 3 recipients chosen

Lawren Sunni Deb Weaver, Crossett, Arkansas (University of Arkansas)

Kallie Clifton, Soper, Oklahoma (Oklahoma State University)

Victoria Beamer, Vineland, ON, Canada (University of Guelph)

Goals: Continue to increase show presence in 2023.

Develop new branded mdse. / innovative offerings.

Increase communication to membership (constant contact, website announcements, etc.)

Rebrand website. Delete obsolete page info. Develop new page info.

Increase scholarship demand and member participation. (will work with committee)

Create committee to develop and publish “ABA Mission Statement”

Develop Social Media review /develop recommendations / need point person.

### **Ways and Means Report: submitted by Mike Spencer**

The ways and means committee reviewed the ABA financial reports.

And recommends a few items.

- Membership acquisition and retention will be the main concern on the income side.
- On the expense side, it is the increased cost of our quarterly and yearbook. This is due primarily to the enormous increase in the cost of paper and of course postage.
- Karen has done a masterful job with the budget projections for 2023. I have looked them over and I believe us to be on the right track.
- We will continue to monitor the legband program with increased profitability as the goal. This could include a modest price increase, a direct to manufacturer arrangement, or a combination of both.



## **ABA Membership Coordinator Report:**

### **by Michelle Lynch**

- Membership currently at 2,434 (10-10-2022)
- 665 orders processed: 66 rejoins /224 New Members / 375 Renewals
- Retention strategies are being implemented to re-invigorate the membership with a goal of retaining as many members as possible.
- New retention strategies will be in place to grow the membership in 2023.

## **Health & Regulations Committee Report:**

### **by Dr. Curtis Geary**

Curtis reported on the current AI situation. For the most part shows are still happening in areas that don't have reportable diseases and that is always a good thing. He encourage everyone to take biosecurity seriously so we can continue to have shows uninterrupted. The following links were shared.

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/animal-disease-information/avian/defend-the-flock-program/df-resources>. Another good resource for biosecurity in backyard flocks in general is <http://healthybirds.aphis.usda.gov>.

## **Standard Committee Report: by Kyle Tripp**

There are three qualifying meets set for this show. Blue American Serama. Ginger Red American Serama, Splash American Serama. Kyle encourage all to view these displays as t6he board's feedback is important.

Silkie plumage - under review (to align with the APA.) Due to feather structure, all varieties of silkies display reduced luster in sections of plumage where it is required, plus a review of the indistinct markings in patterned varieties will be considered.

Mottled Plumage: Mottled Eye color – under review

Wheaten American Serama – qualifying meet paperwork submitted and paid; however qualifying meet has not been scheduled.

Kyle encourage everyone to evaluate the current standard and report any inconsistencies or mistakes for correction in our next printing (date to be determined)

### **Irrevocable Trust Report: By Russell Crevoiserat**

Trust Specifics: Account Value as of October 20, 2022: \$99,537.40

Despite a paper loss of value this year, the ABA benefited from earnings of 13,700 in 2022.

Expectations are to distribute additional earnings in January 2023.

Types of Investments: Six Mutual Funds/Two Common Stocks/\$10,000 in Certificates of Deposit/Five Bond Issues/Cash

There are three directors for the trust: Russell Crevoiserat/Matt Lhamon/Karen Unrath

A motion was made to accept the following reports: Judges Licensing Committee, Constitution and By-Laws, Publicity Committee, Ways and Means Committee, ABA Membership Report, Health and Regulations Committee, Standard Committee, and Irrevocable Trust Report by Chad Satterfield. It was seconded by Emily Shoop. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Secretary's Report: presented by Karen Unrath**

- Sponsor update: Cargill (Nutrena) continues to support the ABA with an annual sponsorship. This year, they reduced their contribution and no longer holds exclusive feed dealer status. A discussion followed. It was agreed to look at additional opportunities for 2023. Karen will work with Matt Lhamon on reviewing options and report back after March 2023.
- ABA QuickBooks conversion is ongoing. The goal is to implement full status in 2023 for both expenses and revenues.
- 2023 Annual dues rate: A discussion followed. It was noted that the last dues increase was in 2016. Considering the climate of inflation, it was decided to keep the ABA dues rate the same for 2023. This will be reviewed once again at the next board of directors meeting. We will implement cost reduction techniques and some price increases on products to support this decision. It was agreed to transition to fully digital quarterly newsletters. This will be implemented on to all ABA members with email addresses. The ABA will continue to print some hardcopy versions to accommodate those who need them on a request basis only.

A motion to keep the dues rate the same with no increase and to implement a digital delivery method on newsletters was made by Tom Roebuck and seconded by Gary Rossman. Motion carried unanimously. (US: \$25 annual/\$70 three years/\$100 five years; Outside US: \$45 annual/\$105 three years, Life Membership available to US members only at \$1,000)

- 2023 Yearbook ad rates: A discussion was held regarding the 2023 yearbook ad rates and the production costs of the yearbook which continue to climb. After a considerable analysis, it was decided to modestly increase Full page color ads to match the APA rates of \$225. The other rates will remain unchanged. A motion to change the full-page color rate to \$225 was made by Bob Choate and seconded by Emily Shoop. Motion carried unanimously.
- Financial reports were shared.
  - Balance Sheet (October 23, 2022 – Total assets 61,550  
(decrease of 16,915 over the past 10 months)
  - Liabilities 2022 - \$4,700- (increase of \$2,350 over the past 10 months)
  - 2021 Actual vs Budget full year
  - Revenue \$141,228.61 (vs projection of 141,250) - 21.39
  - Expenses \$125,365.64 (vs projection of 133,550) -8,184.36
  - Total Net \$15,862.97 (vs projection of \$7,700.00) +8,162.97
  - 2022 Financials as of September 2022
  - Revenue \$ 96,000 (vs prorated projection of 106,537) - 10,537
  - Expenses \$109,814 (vs prorated projection of 100,800 + 9,014
  - Net \$-13,814 (vs prorated projection of \$ -19,551) + 5,737
  - Forecast for end of year Revenue 127,000 Expenses 124,000
  - Net +\$3,000

A motion to accept the 2022 financial reports was made by Kyle Tripp and seconded by Amy Gabbard. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2023 Budget projections were submitted for board approval. There was discussion on dues structure, stipend fees, and other cost considerations.
  - ✓ Stipends in place will remain unchanged.
  - ✓ The fulfillment coordinator will be paid a per piece stipend of \$2 per order fulfilled.
  - ✓ The quarterly will remain at 4 times per year, with the stipulation that it be migrated to an electronic version. Only those members without an email will be mailed a hard copy on request.
  - ✓ An additional position of Project and Business coordinator will be added at a stipend of \$3,000 annually based on project activity. A discussion of this need was led by Secretary Unrath to help in managing workload.

- ✓ The 2023 financial activity will be shared on a quarterly basis with adjustments made if necessary.

A motion to accept the 2023 budget with above mentioned changes was made by Troy Laroche and seconded by Mike Sayre. Motion carried unanimously.

Legband Pricing: A discussion was held regarding current legband pricing. It was suggested to adopt new pricing as follows.

- Non-Member pricing .65 ea,
- ABA member pricing .45 ea.
- Bulk pricing will no longer be available.

A motion to accept this new pricing was made by Kyle Tripp and seconded by Emily Shoop.

New Publications: A discussion to consider adding new breed book publications to our ABA website was discussed. Matt Lhamon has been in touch with Jeff Duguay on this. After review, it was decided to add the following two titles to our offerings.

Breeding and Showing Old English Game Bantams: Making it to Champion Row by Jeff Duguay, Ph.D. and Peyton Igo, ABA Judge. (Spanish and English versions)

Breeding and Showing Modern Game Bantams: Making it to Champion Row by Jeff Duguay, Ph.D.

A discussion was held regarding the APA/ABA show report form that was recently designed and implemented. Karen reported this is working well, with a few kinks being addressed. The long term plans are to create a more streamlined data entry system for both clubs.

Junior awards: Amy Gabbard and Michelle Lynch reported on the activity of the recently formed Junior Award Committee. They reported that the committee has been meeting via zoom and identified some key areas of focus. We currently have an Annual Junior Exhibitor of the year program which has been working well. This program identifies the top two juniors that have won in junior competition over the course of one year. These awards are acknowledged in the yearbook and are non-cumulative.

The committee explored some cumulative award programs. There is still work to be done in order to secure a program which is affordable for the ABA as well as meaningful for our junior exhibitors. A junior level membership was also discussed. The impact of the ABA Constitution and By-Laws must also be considered. At this point, this committee will continue to chart some options and will report back at a later time.

**Grievance Committee: presented by Bob Choate**

Bob reported one incident which the committee investigated.

The incident did not fit the required criteria to bring forward per our code of conduct and by-laws. A Motion to accept the Grievance Committee report was made by Amy Gabbard and seconded by Troy Laroche. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

- The need for an ABA mission statement was discussed. Publicity Committee chairman Kevin Unrath will work with those who would like to contribute on this. All who are interested or who may have some ideas are encouraged to contact him directly.
- An inquiry was presented for discussion from an ABA member who shows interest and was asking permission to use the ABA standard in a school project with the purpose of developing an app which would streamline this information to the user. A discussion followed. At this time, there was not enough information to grant such permission due to possible copyright infringements.

Motion to adjourn was made by John Beamer and seconded by Wade Walker. The meeting adjourned 9.50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Unrath  
ABA Secretary

Minutes  
American Bantam Association  
General Meeting – Columbus, Ohio  
Saturday, November 12, 2022 3:00 pm

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Patterson 3:00 pm. There were approximately 4 ABA members in attendance. Bill thanked everyone for finding the time to attend this meeting. This being one of the biggest shows around, it is not always easy to find the time to do so.

He reported that the current board of directors had met the night previously and summarized the items of business which were addressed.

- Judges Licensing Committee: Matt Lhamon, the JLC Chair reported two new ABA Judges have recently been added: Emily Shoop #387, Pennsylvania and Dan Castle #388 of Connecticut.

There are 11 apprentices in the program with three close to their final testing phase. Bill encouraged those in attendance to spread the word that we are always looking to add to our ABA licensed judges.

- Publicity Committee report: President Patterson reported website hits have been busy, legband sales are very strong as well. We awarded three ABA scholarships in 2022 to Lauren Sunni Deb Weaver, AR, Kallie Clifton, OK, and Victoria Beamer, Ontario.
- Membership retention has been strong, yet still a bit shy of our 2022 goal. Bill reported this show will help and encouraged all to share their ABA experience with their poultry friends. He thanked Michelle Lynch for her dedication in keeping those renewals streaming in and for working on new retention strategies.
- He reported that the Health and Regulations committee was represented by Dr. Curtis Geary. Dr. Geary spoke regarding AI and the ongoing threat. Iowa was recently closed due to the activity of this disease.
- Dr. Patterson reported that three new American Serama varieties are here in Ohio for their qualifying meets. The Blue, Splash, and Ginger Red Seramas are here and will be going through a rigorous review in order to be considered for inclusion in the ABA Standard.
- Irrevocable trust account: Dr. Patterson noted that although the financial markets have been weak, we have fared well in 2022 with our Trust account. We anticipate greater earnings in 2023.
- Regarding dues, the ABA has decided for 2023 to not increase ABA dues. We intend to cut costs and utilize digital communication more and more. We will work diligently in reducing costs to keep our dues at a stable level for now.
- Yearbook Ad rates. The board discussed rates for the 2023 yearbook ads. It was decided to raise the full-page color ad to \$225 which is equal to the APA yearbook ad rate in 2022. All other ad rates remain unchanged. We hope to be able to use Kim Munden as our staff designer.
- Budget 2023:
  - The budget was reviewed in depth by the board. The dues for 2023 remain unchanged. The board agreed to continue

with the stipend for shipments in fulfillment plus adding a stipend for Matt Lhamon to assist Karen as a project coordinator. The intention is to improve member services.

- New books added to website: We have agreed to add two additional publications to our website.

Other business:

The loss of Mark Podgwaite to the APA was noted. We are currently working with the APA on a shared show report. We hope to continue this work and bring this shared service to a higher level, which would benefit both organizations and the memberships. This long-term plan will take some time.

Junior award program: The junior award program was discussed. A committee was formed to explore additional junior award considerations. We plan to report back on that soon.

A junior show can sanction as a regular show if they choose to. In these instances, a full show report must be completed by the secretary, along with the sanction fee and adherence to the ABA judging requirements. If this is done, the wins will be processed as regular ABA wins with no difference.

The 2022 Breeders auction update: Karen thanked everyone who supported the auction with either a donation or a purchase.

Open discussion:

Has there been any progress on the ABA working with the shows to provide a show program which would streamline the entire process to help with reporting and award programs.

The problem of volunteering was discussed. The most basic need in shows these days is volunteers for working the shows.

With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Unrath  
ABA Secretary



## **Messages From Our ABA Directors**

**District #1 - NH, ME, VT, CT, MA, RI**

**by Linda Blackman**

What a strange winter it's been here in the Northeast. One day it's 50 degrees; the next it's 14 below zero. The hens are all messed up on their laying schedules, as a result. The large fowl are laying (without extra light) and the bantams aren't, here at Blackman's Barn in Maine. It could be a challenging hatching season!

Although some shows were canceled due to AI outbreaks, we did manage to squeeze some in this fall. Little Rhody held its first Serama tabletop show sponsored by the Serama Council of North America. Bob Mazalla won Open Champion and Kenneth Howe took the Reserve. Grand Champion of the Little Rhody Open Show was Johnny Haussener with a Bantam White Crested Black Polish cockerel. Reserve was a Large Fowl Salmon Faverolles cockerel by Daniel Kuyoth.

Steve Blash decided to try something different for the Boston Poultry Exposition this year. He and his family hosted a Master Cup show with all cash prizes. Judges Don Nelson and Joe Marquette did a fantastic job sharing their thoughts on their choices with the audience as they judged each class. This was extremely informative for all serious breeders and exhibitors. The Champion of this historical and prestigious show was a LF Australorp Cockerel by Don Castle. Reserve Champion went to a Bantam Barred Rock Pullet by John Miles. Saturday night was capped off with a huge barbecue and buffet, and lots of poultry camaraderie.

The Northeastern Poultry Congress. The APA National. What a wonderful Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend in Springfield, MA. Even the weather cooperated to make it all a success! Many thanks to so many people worked to make it that success. Special thanks to Cheryl Barnaba, Brian Knox, Joel Henning, Rich Trojanoski, Wes Sheldon and Jackie Koedatich. The show hall decorations were classy; the ribbon awards were stunning. The single-tiered show was well-organized as always, and the Saturday night banquet was packed. I'm so happy to have this tradition back again. Bob Murphy and Matt Martin were honored, as well as Mark Podgwaite, in memoriam. He was sorely missed by all. Third Best Bird of the Open Show and Champion Bantam was a Black Rosecomb male by our ABA President, Bill Patterson. Congrats to all the exhibitors for traveling to share the fine displays of your poultry.

See you in the show halls!

Linda





**District #6 by Amy Gabbard  
IN, IL, MI**

Happy Spring District 6!

Or at least, it is finally starting to feel like spring the past few days here in southern Michigan. It has finally started being above freezing and the grass is starting to peak back out and we've finally had some days of sun shining again. Our incubator is running already with

some self-blue and black d'Anver eggs in it from birds we raise for my brother in law. The bantam moderns are awaiting their crosses with the large fowl moderns and the Japanese are awaiting their turn to be set later in the spring. Along with warmer weather comes registration for the spring shows and planning for fall as well. We have a few spring shows in our district coming up. The White River Poultry Show in Spencer, Indiana is on April 8th and always boasts some top quality birds. The Saulk Trail Poultry Show is in Hillsdale, Michigan on Memorial Day weekend May 27th and 28th with a double show and is the Michigan state meet for the ABA. There are other great spring shows in the surrounding district as well. Looking toward the fall, our District 6 ABA meet will be at the Il-MoPoultry Show in Highland, Illinois on September 9th. This is a resurrected show that has already improved a ton the past few years and will only get better as it keeps growing and I encourage everyone to make it out there to start off the fall show season as we move toward the national meet in Shawnee in December. I hope everyone gets some great birds out and "hatches a hundred"!

See you around the shows,  
Amy Gabbard



**District #10 by Gary Rossman  
IA, MN, WI, ND, SD**

Greetings from Wisconsin.

I hope everyone had a good holiday. Temperatures got chilly around Christmas. We had our little polar vortex with temperature below zero for highs. It was short lived and has not been a hard winter so far. I hope everyone is having a good hatching season so far.

Here in the Midwest, we start hatching chicks in December through March for the State Fairs and fall shows. Waterfowl after that. So far I have two hatches on the ground with good numbers of about 200 chicks. Other breeders I talked to in the area are having similar results. My plan is to have two more hatches and then shut it down for year.

I am also the 4-H Poultry leader in my county. I have to say, there has been a huge interest in raising poultry. I now have 240 members in the poultry project with 47 new kids this year. I am sure some of this is due to wanting to raise your own meat birds or egg layers, but I'll take it. I always enjoy working with the kids and passing on what I know to them. They are the future of the hobby. I have some reaching out for ABA meets.

Here are the assigned meets so far.

South Dakota State Fair State Meet August 31-September 4, 2023

North Dakota State Fair State Meet

Eastern Iowa Poultry Assoc. State Meet October 7, 2023

Minnesota State Poultry Assoc. State Meet October 28-29, 2023

Wisconsin International Poultry Show District meet Sept 23-24, 2023

Beaver Pigeon and Bantam Poultry Show State Meet October 14, 2023

Special Meets are automatically granted. Make sure your clubs follow the ABA guidelines when scheduling your ABA sanction meets. Fill out the paperwork and send it to the ABA. You can find this on the website or in the yearbook. Until next time,

Regards, Gary Rossman



**District #11 Wade Walker**

**AR, KS, NE, OK, MO**

Hello to everyone in District #11. I hope this article finds everyone doing well and heading into breeding season. Things here in Oklahoma are still in the winter pattern as we are expecting snow tonight, after having around 3 inches of rain the last 3 days. The temperatures don't know if they want to be in the 20's or the 60's. Needless to say this has not been conducive to egg laying. With all that being said, I hope everyone else is well on their way to raising those would be champions for this upcoming show season.

I hope everyone is planning to attend the ABA National this year in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State Poultry Federation is both

honored and excited to host this great show and we look forward to seeing you there.

We would also like to thank everyone for their continued support of the ABA. The organization is continuing to work hard in support of our members and have several projects in the works to continue this support. We will have tables set up at several shows this year and look forward to seeing you there. If anyone has any questions, concerns or ideas that they feel would be beneficial to the organization and its members, please feel free to contact me.

Here's to everyone having a great hatching season and look forward to seeing you at the shows this year. Thank again for your support and may the Lord bless you all.

Wade Walker



### **District #12 by Bob Choate TX**

I am sad to report that Thomas Bell of Beaumont has passed. Those of us that knew him well called him T-Bell. He was the heart and soul of the South Texas State Fair, keeping it alive even when the fair association tried to make it hard to continue. T-Bell was a quiet gentle man and I will always remember his handwritten exhibitors list and using the old coop cards with the exhibitor's name handwritten so that they had to be folded to keep out of sight of the judges. The STSF that T-Bell ran was one of those 500 bird shows that I believe are the heart of our hobby. Yes, the really big shows get all the PR and hype in our hobby but the small shows are the most important shows to help keep our hobby alive and growing. Most of us got our start in showing at the small shows, ones close to home. Ones that we make our closest friends in the hobby at, friends that extend beyond the hobby. Small shows are like small towns, where our families come home to. It's great to go to the big towns, or shows, but our close ties are always in the small shows.

I have placed the 2023 District meet at Abilene this year and the State meet was at the West Texas Winter Classic. The WTWC has become one of Claudia and I's favorite shows. Its where South Texas meets North Texas. The heat is provided by propane heaters and it is like a campfire scene with everyone gathered around them. Some are reading, some knitting but mostly everyone just enjoying each other. The food was pretty good also. Hopefully everyone has their birds in breeding pens. I am done showing for the year so I will see y'all in September.

Bob



## **District #13 by Kyle Tripp**

**AZ, NM, UT, CO**

Hi all! Things are hectic around here, and I'm hoping that all had a good holiday season! If you are not hatching yet you will be shortly. Spring is almost here and that means chicks and work! You have to enjoy some work to enjoy this hobby, as it seems the work never ends. Avian influenza has affected our district more this show season than it

typically does. Arizona poultry shows were shut for most of the season, but the good news is that the order from the state vet has been rescinded, so hopefully our 4h kids won't be adversely affected by it. I hope everyone is looking forward to our National in Shawnee this year. This will be the first time for this club to host the national as part of our rotation and I for one am extremely excited about it, as it has always been one of my favorite shows to attend! So please make your plans to be there! I'd love to see a huge turnout from our district and if I can be of assistance please contact me.

Kyle

## ***From the Membership!***



### **Interview with**

**ABA Member Quinn Fezell**

**Age-16 yrs**

**Location-Anniston, AL**

How long have you been showing and what got you started in the hobby? **I started showing with 4H in 2018. I had my first ABA show in Dalton, Ga in November of 2018. Watching my Dad and Frank Reid raise and show chickens most of my childhood. I loved the 4H experience so**

**much is why I wanted to continue with the ABA.**

Do you remember your first show? What was it like? **It was Dalton, Ga of 2018 , and yes I was hooked after that (that was my very first ABA win with a Silver Blue Modern Cockerel.**

What breeds do you raise and do you have a favorite? Why? **I am interested in all breeds and varieties, and I raise a lot of different breeds. My favorite is the Modern Game. They are a unique chicken with a docile personality and are easy to train and handle.**

Have you had any mentors you would like to mention?

**Yes, absolutely... I have had A LOT. Frank Reid, Tony Davis, Michelle Patterson, Ben Pol, Keith Wagoner, Todd Spidel, Tim Puckett, Jim Sallee, and that just names a few, everyone really. I would like to mention all of the Judges that I have shown and clerked under over the years. Their knowledge and guidance have helped me so much.**

What has been your favorite show, or shows? **Is there a show you haven't been to you would like to attend? HEART OF DIXIE in Fort Payne. I hope to one day show at the Ohio Nationals.**

What, in your opinion, has been your most memorable experience thus far? **Most memorable moment... When I won my first open show with a Black Wyandotte K that I raised, (Buddy) went on to help me win several more shows that season.**

If you could tell, or give advice, to another junior exhibitor new to showing what would it be? **I would say listen to your mentors, they have the knowledge and the experience to help you. And be the best sportsman you can be. We are all there because we love chickens.**

What are your plans for the future with exhibition poultry? Do you have any goals? **I have a few more years left in the junior show and then I hope to continue showing in the open class and become a Master Breeder in Birchen Moderns, and maybe become a ABA judge myself.**

**I would like to thank everyone that has helped me over the years with my journey in the Hobby of Showing and Raising Show birds. Their willingness to help me is invaluable to me and I have not taken this experience for granted.**



**Interview with ABA member  
Amanda Hughes Clark  
Santa Margarita, CA**

What got you started in exhibition poultry? How long have you been showing? **I started showing poultry in 4-H when I was 12 years old. I had chickens since I was 8 years old and made the transition to showing purebred poultry. My first show hen was a mottled Cochin. My dad wasn't completely supportive of the change to show birds. He said I would**

**have to name my first chicken "super chicken." She lived up to the name, both laying eggs and crowing!**



My first poultry show at our local fair (2002)



My senior picture (2006).

What breeds do you currently show? What stands out to you, or what do you enjoy about this/these breed(s)? **Currently, we show Mille Fleur and Porcelain D'Uccles. We enjoy the temperament of the birds. They are a tricky bird to breed well due to lack of consistency in markings. Once you find a good bird to condition, they are a tough bird to condition. We have to breed for it will show but be calm enough to stay**

in condition. It is a balance. What will stand out to us is a smaller, well typed bird. You can feel the quality of these birds when you hold them. They usually are short in the breast. The males make excellent breeders for females.

What breeds have you shown in the past and are there any you would like to show in the future? **We started showing Dutch, Cochins in frizzle, and d’Anvers. Over the years, we have bred Hamburgs, Old English Game, Modern Game, Brahmas, Langshan, Polish in frizzle, Call ducks, Leghorns, Rosecombs, Sultans, and Watermaal. In the future we plan to get back in to d’Anvers and Dutch. We have decided to only focus on one breed at a time.**

Do you have anyone that has been a mentor in the hobby? **My first mentor was Mary Hoyt. She lived a few blocks from me. I was 18 when she passed away and it was devastating for me. With her passing, I had many mentors locally and out of state. The one that I am the closest with is Jim Sallee. He mentored me through getting my APA and ABA license. He developed such a close relationship with our family that I call him grandpa and my mom calls him “pops”.**

What have been some of your most memorable experiences showing for you? **My favorite memories are spending time with fellow breeders and judges. Mom and I have had a lot of amazing wins. Our favorite parts of the show are before and in between judging as we spend time with fellow breeders that are like family to us now.**

What is, or are, some of your favorite shows to attend as an exhibitor? Why? **Large shows that have over 3,000 birds are fun but I feel like I miss out on quality time with my fellow breeder friends. This is one of the reasons I loved the SeaSide show hosted by Dave Anderson in Ventura. The show was large enough to have great birds, but small enough to enjoy in depth conversations with your fellow breeders. Being less than 100 yards from the Pacific Ocean made for an ideal location.**

Are there any shows you have not attended yet you would like to? **It is my plan to go to the Ohio National show, Northeastern Poultry Congress, and the Tennessee Valley Poultry Club December show in the next five years. I do not plan to exhibit, but to enjoy time with friends across the nation.**

What prompted you to want to pursue your ABA judging license? Do you have any advice for those considering becoming an ABA judge? **I was 17 when I started to clerk and ask breeders if I could hold their champion birds and see what made them excellent. What inspired me to become a judge was having certain breeders not let me hold and discuss the champion birds. I wanted to hold them all. As a judge, I get the opportunity to when they get to champion row! The advice I have for anyone going for the ABA license is to compare the breeds when studying. The best thing that help me was comparing birds with similar back shapes, similar weights, similar defects and DQs. Memorize weights, tail angles, and eye colors. You will start to see some patterns with leg colors to eye colors. It is a lot of studying, but very interesting when you compare the breeds against each other.**

If you could give any advice to someone new (or old) to exhibition poultry what would it be?

**It costs as much to feed a bad bird as it does a quality bird, you may as well start with quality if you can.**

**It is great to find a mentor but it is better to find awesome friends.**

**It is less about placing in a show and more about preserving the breed.**

**It is easier to perfect birds one breed at a time.**

Do you have any goals you have not yet reached in the hobby? **My long term goal is to judge a show in every state. I have 35 years to accomplish this so I am hoping to mark off a state a year!**



## ABA LEGBANDS

**The following are the recommended sizes for ABA Seamless Legbands  
(Bantams, Waterfowl, & Large Fowl)**

**Sizes will vary on birds by strain.**

**The bands are described as letter and millimeter sizes.**

**Code: C = Chickens, D = Ducks, G = Geese**

**These can be ordered online at [bantamclub@gmail.com](mailto:bantamclub@gmail.com) or use the form in  
the newsletter to mail in your order. Thank you**

AMERICAN BANTAM ASSOCIATION LEGBAND SIZING CHART						
BREED	CODE	BANTAMS		LARGE FOWL		
CHICKENS (C)	CODE	MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE	
Ameraucana	C	F-13	E-11	I-20	H-18	
American Game	C	F-13	E-11	-	-	
American Serama	C	D-10	D-10	-	-	
Ancona	C	E-11	D-10	H-18	G-15	
Andalusian	C	F-13	E-11	H-18	G-15	
Araucana	C	F-13	E-11	H-18	G-15	
Aseel	C	G-15	F-13	-	-	
Australorp	C	F-13	E-11	J-22	I-20	
Belgian d'Anver	C	F-13	E-11	-	-	
Belgian d'Uccle	C	G-15	G-15	-	-	
Booted	C	G-15	G-15	-	-	
Brahma	C	G-15	G-15	J-22	I-20	
Buckeye	C	F-13	E-11	H-18	G-15	
Buttercup	C	F-13	E-11	H-18	G-15	
Campine	C	E-11	D-10	H-18	G-15	
Chantecler	C	F-13	E-11	-	-	
Cochin	C	G-15	G-15	-	-	
Cochin *Heavily Feathered	C	I-20	H-20	-	-	
Cornish	C	G-15	F-13	-	-	
Cornish *Extra Heavy	C	I-20	H-18	-	-	
Crevecour	C	F-13	E-11	-	-	
Cubalaya	C	F-13	E-11	-	-	
Delaware	C	F-13	E-11	J-22	I-20	
Dominique	C	F-13	E-11	-	-	
Dorking	C	F-13	E-11	-	-	
Dutch	C	E-11	D-10	-	-	
Faverolle	C	G-15	G-15	J-22	I-20	
Hamburg	C	F-13	E-11	H-18	G-15	
Houdan	C	F-13	E-11	H-18	G-15	

BREED	CODE	BANTAMS		LARGE FOWL	
		MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
Japanese	C	F-13	E-11	-	-
Jersey Giant	C	-	-	K-24	J-22
Junglefowl	C	F-13	E-11	-	-
Ko Shamo	C	G-15	F-13	-	-
LaFleche	C	G-15	F-13	-	-
Lakenvelder	C	E-11	D-10	I-20	H-18
Langshan	C	G-15	G-15	-	-
Leghorn	C	E-11	D-10	I-20	H-18
Malay	C	G-15	F-13	K-24	J-22
Minorca	C	F-13	E-11	J-22	I-20
Modern	C	D-10	D-10	-	-
Naked Neck	C	F-13	E-11	I-20	H-18
Nankin	C	E-11	D-10	-	-
New Hampshire	C	F-13	E-11	J-22	I-20
Old English	C	E-11	D-10	-	-
Orloff	C	F-13	E-11	-	-
Orpington	C	G-15	F-13	K-24	J-22
Phoenix	C	F-13	E-11	-	-
Plymouth Rock	C	F-13	E-11	J-22	I-20
Polish	C	F-13	E-11	I-20	H-18
Pyncheon	C	E-11	D-10	-	-
Rhode Island	C	F-13	E-11	J-22	H-18
Rosecomb	C	E-11	D-10	-	-
Sebright	C	E-11	D-10	-	-
Serama	C	D-10	D-10	-	-
Shamo	C	G-15	F-13	-	-
Silkie	C	G-15	G-15	-	-
Spanish	C	F-13	E-11	-	-
Sultan	C	G-15	G-15	I-20	H-18
Sussex	C	F-13	E-11	-	-
Vorwerk	C	F-13	E-11	-	-
Wyandotte	C	F-13	E-11	J-22	H-18
Yokohama	C	F-13	E-11	-	-

<u>BREED</u>			<b>BANTAMS</b>		<b>LARGE FOWL</b>	
			<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>
<b>DUCKS ( D )</b>						
Aylesbury	D		-	-	I-20	I-20
Buff	D		-	-	I-20	I-20
Call	D		E-11	E-11	-	-
Cayuga	D		-	-	I-20	I-20
Crested	D		-	-	I-20	I-20
East Indie	D		F-13	F-13	-	-
Khaki Campbell	D		-	-	H-18	H-18
Magpie	D		-	-	H-18	H-18
Mallard	D		G-15	G-15	-	-
Mandarin	D		E-11	E-11	-	-
Muscovy	D		-	-	J-22	J-22
Pekin	D		-	-	J-22	J-22
Rouen	D		-	-	J-22	J-22
Runner	D		-	-	H-18	H-18
Swedish	D		-	-	I-20	I-20
Wood	D		E-11	E-11	-	-
<b>GEESE ( G )</b>			<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>
African	G		-	-	K-24	K-24
American Buff	G		-	-	J-22	J-22
Canadian	G		-	-	J-22	J-22
China	G		-	-	I-20	I-20
Egyptian	G		-	-	I-20	I-20
Embden	G		-	-	K-24	K-24
Pilgrim	G		-	-	J-22	J-22
Pomeranian	G		-	-	J-22	J-22
Sebastopol	G		-	-	-	-
Toulouse	G		-	-	K-24	K-24
Tufted Roman	G		-	-	I-20	I-20

### US Supply Legband Conversion Chart

US Supply Legband Size	US Measure	US inch	MM Measure 25.4mm= 1 inch	ABA suggested size	ABA MM Size
2	1/8"	0.125	3.175	n/a	n/a
3	5/32"	0.156	3.96875	n/a	n/a
4	1/4"	0.250	6.35	n/a	n/a
5	5/16"	0.313	7.9375	n/a	n/a
6	3/8"	0.375	9.525	D	10
7	7/16"	0.438	11.1125	E	11
9	9/16"	0.563	14.2875	F	13
10	5/8"	0.625	15.875	G	15
11	11/16"	0.688	17.4625	H	18
12	3/4"	0.750	19.05	I	20
14	7/8"	0.875	22.225	J	22
16	1"	1.000	25.4	K	25



# American Bantam Association 2023 ABA LEGBANDS

Name _____	Size D (10mm) _____
Address _____	Size E (11mm) _____
City _____ State ____ Zip _____	Size F (13mm) _____
Ph: _____	Size G (15 mm) _____
Email: _____	Size H (18mm) _____
CCard#: _____	Size I (20mm) _____
Exp Date _____ SecCode _____	Size J (22mm) _____
	Size K (25mm) _____

**TOTAL BANDS** \_\_\_\_\_

**(ABA Member pricing) .45 ea x \_\_\_\_\_ (# bands) = \_\_\_\_\_**

**(ABA Non-Member pricing) .65 ea x \_\_\_\_\_ (# bands) = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Shipping \$8.50**

**Total due (bands plus shipping) \_\_\_\_\_**

Many of our ABA members feel these are a MUST for their breeding programs. They are made of plastic and numbered clearly with ABA, the year (22) and an identifying number. They are “seamless” and are intended to be placed on “Young growing” birds. You will place them on a growing bird and if they slip off, you try again in a week or so, repeating the process until they stay on. Once on, they are permanent.

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