

**The American Bantam
Association
QUARTERLY
NEWSLETTER**



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Spring 2023 Edition

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From ABA President - Bill Patterson



Hello all,

For us in the north spring has finally arrived. It's funny that all my hatches are in the dead of winter and the last eggs are now hatched. Time to see if those pens I put together produced what I wished for. Word around is that most had great hatches this year.

With the APA's celebration in Columbus and our big national in Shawnee December 9, it should be an exciting fall. However, that is months away. We are all busy now raising up those chicks.

It's so important to stay vigilant against predators, illnesses, and anything that will deter the condition process. Shore up your pens, practice bio security, and don't crowd your young birds. We work so hard, and I hope you all do well this fall. I hope you're enjoying the spring shows. I never have much to show after a long winter inside, but it sure is great to see my friends in the hobby again.

I welcome the new board of directors. Karen has them listed in this quarterly. Please say hi and reach out to them.

We are currently working on a membership boost. Your help is always appreciated to strengthen the club. Also, you still have until June 1 to get your ad into the yearbook which shows support for the club

Our yearbook is always spectacular, and I hope you consider joining us with an ad this year.

Have a fun and safe summer.

See you all soon.

Bill Patterson, President

President Bill Patterson

And

ABA Secretary Karen Unrath





From ABA Vice President - Matt Lhamon:

Dear ABA Members,

I am back. After a few years off the ABA Board, I volunteered to come back on as your Vice-President and Special Projects Coordinator. Karen has me busy working on a few things, the first was an edit and update of Fred Jeffery's book Bantam Chickens. This is my favorite chicken book and there was not a more read book in my

library so great reverence was taken in completing this project. You should see it back on our website and publication list soon.

The spring shows are going on and it seems like all are well attended. One of my hopes was that the ABA could grow to over 3000 members. I challenge each member to sign up a new fancier and grow our hobby!

The Board is working hard to provide an exceptional value for your membership dollars and voted to have no increase in dues last year. In this current economic situation, that was a tough call, but we made it work.

Yearbook ads are due soon and it's a perfect way to timestamp your involvement in the Bantam Fancy. Please consider taking out an ad and supporting this great publication. It is the most anticipated publication in the fancy!

Better sign off for now, I plan to be at the ABA National in Shawnee Oklahoma this fall. I will be at many shows and fairs throughout this year so stop and say hello and chat about the ABA!

Sincerely,
Matt Lhamon



From ABA Secretary – Karen Unrath



Greetings from the ABA.

This newsletter (Spring 2023) is a celebratory edition of much hard work in the breeding pens and showrooms from our members. 2022 show reports are complete and there were many milestones met.

These include 4 levels of ABA Awards:

Certificates of Merit (1) – awarded to ABA Members who earn 5 or more starred wins in a single breed and variety. This is not an annual award. ABA members are recognized once per breed and variety when they reach or surpass five starred wins.

Master Exhibitor (2)

This is awarded to an ABA member once they reach 20 starred wins.

Master Breeder (3)

This is awarded to an ABA member once they accumulate 20 or more starred wins in a single breed and variety over a time period of 5 or more years. (Important note : if an ABA members earns 20 starred wins in Blue Cochin over 3 years and then no longer earns any more wins, they DO NOT get awarded Master Breeder when the five year period is over. They MUST earn the wins over a period of five years or more.

Lifetime Achievement award (4)

This final and last award is a cumulative calculation of all the starred wins that an ABA member has won. The wins are “weighted” based on the class size.

.025	50-99 birds
.05	100-399 birds
.20	400-999 birds
.50	1000-1999 birds
1.00	2000 or more birds in the class.

When these win points calculate to a total of 20.00, over a period of 10 years or more, an ABA member is recognized with the ABA

Lifetime Achievement Award.

Much of this year has been devoted to 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 are being presented on our website as individual files. These can be accessed on our website under “starred wins”. This is still ongoing. If you do not see your name right away, please send me an email and we will get it done.

In this newsletter, I have listed the final listing for 2022 Certificate of Merit, Master Exhibitor, and Master Breeder recipients. These will be highlighted and recognized in the upcoming 2023 ABA yearbook.

2023 yearbook ads are being accepted now on a case-by-case basis. We have officially extended our deadline to June 1, 2023. We continue to work very hard to keep the production costs within expectations, but we must depend on you, our membership to support this project however you can.

Kim Munden (abayearbook@gmail.com) 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 in our online store.

Karen Unrath

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From ABA Membership Coordinator: **Michelle Lynch**

Hello ABA Members!

I hope this quarterly finds you all well and with lots of chicks on the ground! We've had a great hatch this year and are looking forward to watching them grow out. Weather has been all over the place here in Florida...the rain has been coming in hard and knocking power out a few times a week so I've had lots of "free" time to head outside and mess with the birds lol. It's been nice...we've hatched more than we ever have and I desperately need to get out there and finish these coops I've been slowly working on—but no complaints.

The membership has added almost 70 new members in the last roughly 60 days so that's GREAT news! We appreciate all members spreading the word about the benefits of joining the ABA and if you would like some membership sign up cards shoot me an email at membershipABA@gmail.com and I'll be more than happy to send some your way. Don't forget we do a raffle for ABA merch for referred memberships so make sure they give us your name when signing up!

May is a dues month so many of you will be receiving an email and/or postcard reminder that your dues are due. The ABA does dues in quarters so all members will be due in either Feb, May, Aug, or Nov based on when they joined. You'll receive an email reminder, 2nd reminder postcard and email, and finally a final reminder letter when its time to renew so it's important to keep your email up to date. If you ever have a question when you are due don't hesitate to contact us-happy to help!

Show Sanctioning's have been steadily coming in and I want to thank all the clubs for taking the time to send those in! It's nice for members to see which shows are ABA sanctioned. Remember sanction fees do not have to be paid to get on the ABA Sanctioned Show list, but they do need to be paid before the report will be processed. If you have the date for your 2023 or even 2024 show, send it along to ABApoultryshows@gmail.com and I'll add you to the list. Your show will show up on the ABA website, in the quarterly newsletter, and on the ABA Sanctioned Show page on

Poultry Show Central. Show Secretaries don't forget we have a joint show report now with the ABA...I used it for my home show last Oct and it was great! You can access the show report on either the APA or ABA page and it can be submitted to either and will get to both associations.

Yearbooks will be mailed in the next couple months, and we want to make sure our records are correct and that you are receiving ABA communications 😊 so now is the time to make sure we have your most current info! Name or address changes, email or phone updates can all be sent to membershipABA@gmail.com .

Wishing you great weather this Spring and Summer as you grow out and start to condition for Fall shows! Sounds like the 2023-2024 fall show season is going to be a good one from what I've seen folks posting! Hope to see you at the shows and always here for questions! Michelle

WELCOME

69 Members added (2/20/2023-4/30/2023)

District #1 – 2 members added

Vermont (2): John Gunterman, Cas Hannon

District #2 - 3 members added

New York (3): Lisa Reardon, Bryan McCalister, Jennifer Nunn

District #3 – 0 members added

District #4 – 5 members added

Maryland (1): Melanie Willens

Virginia (4): Samantha Brown, Rhiannon Barreda, James McGee,
Doug Padgett

District #5 - 4 members added

Kentucky (1): John Harr

Ohio (3): Cody Bennett, Bruce Brehm, Dan Weasel

District #6 - 3 members added

Indiana (1): William Harter

Michigan (2): Garrett Thomsen, Sean Thomsen

District #7 – 4 members added

North Carolina (1): Sandra Whiney

South Carolina (3): Amanda Bryan, Kym Grogan, Marian Welch IV

District #8 - 9 members added

Alabama (2): Bobbie Head, Emma Tice

Georgia (4): Veta Hunter, Tasha Mashburn, Emily Mathews, Rhode Island Red Club of America

Tennessee (3): Kristi Parker, Bill Petry, Sydney Shaver

District #9 – 6 members added

Florida (4): Hannah Hammonds, Kristen Shinner, Kainin Snyder, Frank Wheeler

Louisiana (2): Samuel Babineaux, Sarah Gibson

District #10 – 2 members added

Iowa (1): Ashley Hefty

Minnesota (1): Jenny Bury

District #11 –7 members added

Oklahoma (3): Carter Baldwin Family, Malcolm McCallum, Heather Taylor

Arkansas (2): Tammy Beck, Natalie Davis

Missouri (2): Charlie Hays, Crystal Kornfield

District #12 – 2 members added

Texas: Tracie Bell Family, Dawn Herron

District #13 – 4 members added

Arizona (3): Casey Disraeli, Hayden Drewry-Sikes, Joel Scarbrough

Colorado (1): Deborah Mitchell

District #14 –6 members added

Oregon (2): Anne Nile, Debbie Tracy

Washington (3): Alyssa Esaacson, Danielle Foss, Kaitlyn Fuller

Montana (1): Byron Faulkner

District #15 – 9 members added

California (8): Tony Brancato, Ricardo Lopez Castro, David Crumrine, Azael Guzman, Amber Kay, Robert Mattes, Sarah Mendoza, Kimberly Thompson,

Hawaii (1): Mary Anthony Venturina

District #16 – 3 members added

Ontario (2): Sherry Beaudoin, George McGaffin

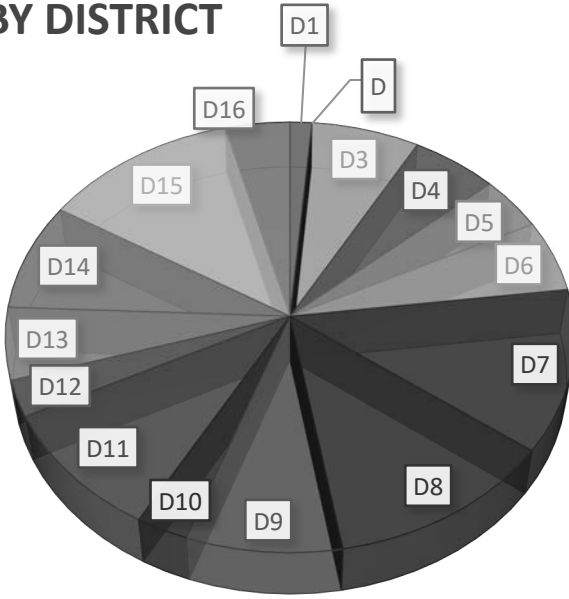
Quebec (1): Marie-Claude Desbiens

**Congratulations to District 8 & 15
with 9 NEW members recruited
*Thank you!***

**How are we doing?
Here are some visuals.....**



**CURRENT QUARTER
NEW MEMBERS
BY DISTRICT**



If you send in a note, and we will send you membership sign-up and renewal cards that you can take with you anywhere.

It takes a team to get to the 3,000 ABA Active membership goal, and we need your help to make this happen.

Congratulations to the following ABA members who have earned their **ABA Certificate of Merit** by earning a minimum of 5 starred wins in a single breed and variety.

Marty Abrahamsen, Huntsville, AR	Light Brahma, 7 wins
Bruce Auger, Gibson, GA	Blue Cochin, 7 wins
Trevor Baca, Lagrange, NC	Blue Old English Game, 5 wins
Beamers Poultry, Ontario	SC White Leghorn, 5 wins
Beams Poultry Yard, Northport, AL	Lemon Blue Modern Game, 5.5 wins
Beams Poultry Yard, Northport, AL	Bearded Blue Silkie, 5 wins
Chad/Terri Blair, Max Meadows, VA	White Wyandotte, 6 wins
Bud Blankenship, Lewisburg, OH	Black Orpington, 5 wins
Susan Buchanan, Meridianville, AL	Mille Fleur Belgian d'Uccle, 9 wins
Burnette Bantams, Pittsboro, NC	White Plymouth Rock, 12.5 wins
Clint Carter, Herriman, UT	Birchen Modern Game, 5 wins
Clint Carter, Herriman, UT	White Plymouth Rock, 5 wins
Lori Cary, TX	Black Rosecomb, 5 wins
Bob & Claudia Choate, Lexington, TX	Brown Red Modern Game, 6 wins
Bob & Claudia Choate, Lexington, TX	Blue Breasted Red Modern, 5 wins
Linus Clark, Wills Point, TX	Brown Red Old English Game, 5 wins
Sammy Collins, Mt Airy, NC	Black Tailed White Japanese, 7 wins
Andrew DeHaan, Atwood, Ontario	White Wyandotte, 5 wins
Elite Waterfowl, Hortonville, WI	White Call Duck, 7.5 wins
Brian/Peggy Gates Family, Cairo, MO	Buff Brahma, 5 wins
Brian/Peggy Gates Family, Cairo, MO	SC White Leghorn, 6.5 wins
Kailey Goble/Triple G Bantams, AL	White Plymouth Rock, 5 wins
Griffin & Redwine, Ridgefield, IN	Black Old English Game, 5 wins
Billy Grooms, Dade City, FL	Wheaten Old English Game, 7 wins
John & Alycia Harvey, Weirsdale, FL	SC Rhode Island Red, 5 wins
Johnny Haussener, Milton, PA	White Crested Black Polish, 5.5 wins
Tracy Hill, Amarillo, TX	Black Old English Game, 6 wins
K and D Bantams, Brookline, MO	Crele OE Game, 5 wins
Kane's Feathered Friends, Goldvein, VA	White Modern Game, 6 wins
Jay Keesling, N Smyrna Beach, FL	New Hampshire, 6 wins
M&M Exhibition Poultry, Harrod, OH	White Chantecler, 5 wins
Tonya Macrae, AL	Black Cochin, 7 wins
Bruce McCullers, Loganville, GA	Blue Red Old English Game, 5 wins
Mark/Erica Orlowski, Amsterdam, NY	White Wyandotte, 6.5 wins
Bill Patterson, Oakland Twp, MI	Black American Serama, 6 wins
Proctor, Keith/Kathy, Mooresboro, NC	Silver Duckwing OE Game, 5 wins
Michael Richards, Tuscumbia, AL	Golden Sebright, 9 wins
David Roof Family, Lake Almanor, CA	White Plymouth Rock, 5 wins

Melissa Schuckers, Brookville, PA
 Timothy Sheets, Oakville, WA
 Kelley & Dillon Sheiss, Larwill, IN
 Seth/Eli Smith (S&E Bantams), MO
 Swamprun's Poultry, New Kent, VA
 Josh Thigpen, Hartselle, AL
 Thompson Bantams, Cullman, AL
 Thompson Bantams, Cullman, AL
 TNT Bantams, Belton, SC
 Triple F Bantams, Anniston, AL
 Sherydan Walker, Claremore, OK
 Wanderlust Farm, No Logan, UT
 Emmett Wild, Stanwood, WA
 WNC Bantams, Waynesville, NC

Bearded White Silkie, 6 wins
 SC White Leghorn, 7 wins
 Quail Belgian d'Anver, 5 wins
 Quail Belgian d'Anver, 8 wins
 Barred Plymouth Rock, 7 wins
 Blue Wheaten OE Game, 6 wins
 Dominique, 12 wins
 Red Pyle Modern Game, 6 wins
 Wheaten OE Game, 5 wins
 White Plymouth Rock, 5 wins
 Silver Blue Modern Game, 5 wins
 Bearded White Silkie, 5 wins
 RC Dark Brown Leghorns, 5 wins
 Brown Red Old English Game, 5 wins



Congratulations to the following members who achieved status of

2022 Master Exhibitors

- #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
- #556 Ken, April & Brody Miskimon, IN
- #557 Swampruns' Poultry, VA
- #558 Clint Carter, UT
- #559 Ben Polk, FL
- #560 Gary Rossman, WI

Congratulations to the following members who achieved status of

2022 Master Breeders

Beam's Poultry Yard, AL
C & C Poultry, CT
Bob & Claudia Choate, TX
Bob & Claudia Choate, TX
Brent Davenport, AL
Tracy L. Hill, TX
Igo & Dooly Bantams, LA
J & B's Illini Cornish, IL
Dwayne & Melody Jonas, TX
Jackie & Vanessa Koedatich, FL
James Miller, MO
Keith & Kathy Proctor, NC
Cindy Rusk, MO
Bruce & Janice Sherman Family, CA
Todd Spidel, AL
Payton W. Stuart, TX
Brett & Adam Thompson, AL
Allen Wetherbee, AZ

Birchen Modern Game
Birchen Modern Game
BB Red Modern Game
Birchen Modern Game
Black Langshan
Blue Wheaten Old English Game
Black Old English Game
Dark Cornish
Mottled Belgian d'Uccle
Light Brahma
Brown Red Modern Game
BB Red Old English Game
White Call Duck
Light Brahma
White Call Duck
White Call Duck
BB Red Modern Game
Quail Belgian d'Anver



ABA Sanctioned Show Listing as of 5.15.2023

South Texas Poultry Club, TX, Spring 2023, Ric Hunter
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Cowlitz County Fair, WA, 7/26/2023, Special, Tracee
Stoner stonert@co.cowlitz.wa.us

Coulee Region Poultry Club, WI, 6/3/2023, Special, Jim
Laatsch Jimsparky2000@yahoo.com

Buckeye Fancy Feather Club, OH, 6/10/2023, Special,
Rhonda Simmons rjos2256@gmail.com

Cowlitz County Fair, WA, 7/26-29/2023, Special, Tracee
Stoner stonert@co.cowlitz.wa.us

Last Frontier Poultry Association, AK, 8/2023, Special,
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Ozark Empire Fair, MO, 8/8/2023, Special, Erin Snow
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West Texas Fair and Rodeo, TX, 9/2/2023, Special, David
Bell 325-893-5925

Nebraska State Fair, NE, 9/3/2023, Special, Brett Kreifels
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Isle of Wright County Fair, VA, 9/14-19/2023, Special,
Yvonne Munson iowacountyfair@gmail.com

Wisconsin International, WI, 9/23-24/2023, District, Terry
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Rochester Poultry Association, NY, 10/1/2023, Special,
Colleen Lewis rochesterpoultry@gmail.com

Central Florida Poultry Breeders Association, FL,
Special, 10/21/2023

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Red River Bantam Club, OK, 10/21/2023, Special, Chris
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No Georgia Ag Fair, GA, 10/24/2023, Special
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Heart of the Ozarks, AR, 10/28/2023, Special, Jacob Bates
jakeab42@hotmail.com

No Georgia Ag Fair, GA, 10/24/2023, Special
Jamie Parker 706-217-5422

Missouri State Poultry Association, MO, 10/28/2023,
State, Bernita Miller bmiller@iland.net

Abilene Poultry Association, TX, 10/28/2023, District,
Lori Carey lorilikesgolfing@gmail.com

Virginia Poultry Breeders Association, VA, 11/18/2023,
District/State, Kelli Stewart
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Oklahoma State Poultry Association, 12/9/2023, ABA
National, Wade Walker
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Fort Worth Stock Show, TX, 1/13-14/2024, Special,
www.fwssr.com

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, contact Michelle Lynch at
ABApoultryshows@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Regarding future deliveries of your ABA Quarterly newsletter:

- Going forward, we will be sending the Quarterly newsletters to your email box. (electronically)
- They will also be posted on the ABA website.
www.bantamclub.com
- We will continue to provide a paper version *By Request Only*. If you have not provided us with an email address, please do so at your earliest convenience so you can be assured that you will continue to receive these newsletters uninterrupted. You can do this directly with Michelle Lynch at membershipaba@gmail.com.
- The yearbook will continue to be provided to all and sent via regular mail.

We appreciate everyone's understanding as we navigate this transition. This will take effect with this version. We only will mail to those without an email address on file.

Regarding the Starred Win Programs:

- We are in the midst of a reformatting project with all starred wins. This is ongoing so please make note that I have not forgotten you. The current wins are posted on our website under Starred Wins — American Bantam Association (bantamclub.com). You can look for your wins and download them anytime. If you do not see yours, it is likely because they are still in the backlog to be reformatted. Send me a quick note and I will see that yours are done soon. I am getting through all active accounts first.

Messages From Our ABA Directors



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

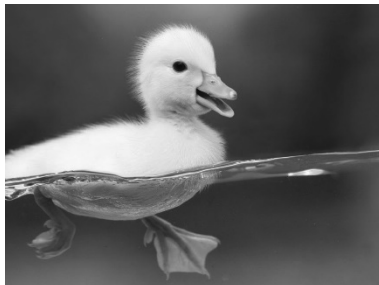
by Stephen Stanulonis, CT

Many of you reading this may have expected to see a district report from Linda Blackman. Linda has decided to step back a little from her many responsibilities to enjoy other parts of her life more fully. She will still be very active in our hobby. You will still see her at shows, either as a judge or exhibitor, but I hope this will give her some time to smell the proverbial roses. The board has asked me to step in as the new district #1 director and I have accepted. I hope to serve as well as she has.

I have known Linda for many years. My first interaction with her was as a competitor. We both show Belgian d'Anvers and we have always been rivals. Since our first interactions she has become a role model, collaborator, and friend. She was very supportive during my ABA judge's apprenticeship. She was always someone I could turn to if I had a question. We have swapped birds now and then. We discuss our breeding successes and failures. Yes, we still compete, but it is more than about who wins. Our hobby is a place where friendly competition is the norm. I hope it always remains that way. Thank you Linda for all you do.

As of this writing Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers is set to have their show on Sunday May 21st. The Central Maine Bird Fanciers Spring show is May 28th, and the Connecticut Poultry Breeders Society show is Sunday June 11th. I hope to see you there.

Remember to enjoy your birds, that's all for now. - Stephen



District #2 - NJ, NY

by Robert Bentley, New York



Greetings from Up-Up State New York, A message for new poultry hobbyist, find a great mentor in your breed. The yearbook is a wonderful resource for locating successful breeders who not only have achieved Master Breeder status but who have had continued success throughout many years in the show hall. This can be found thru the Star program. I found Art Lundgren, my mentor and friend through the yearbook and I would not be as successful as I am if it were not for his

willingness to share and educate me to this day.

Our weather here this spring has been like a roller coaster, but I am pleased with the quality and quantity of Wyandotte and Brahma's I have to select from for this show season. Hope you are experiencing the same.

I am excited to represent District 2 in the ABA and seeing everyone on the show circuit in 2023. I love being a poultry hobbyist and am committed to bringing new members to our association.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Best,

Robert Bentley

District #3 - DE, PA

by Emily Shoop, Pennsylvania



Hello District 3!

I'm happy to return as your director and announce the birth of our daughter, Mollie Kate Shoop on May 5, 2023. She was born 8 weeks early at 3 lbs., 14 oz., or roughly the same weight as two White Cochins. LOL! She will be spending some extra time in the Nicu brooder to

ensure she's ready for chicken shows this fall with mom, Pop Matt Lhamon, and Uncles Mike Sayre and Kraig Shafer. She told us just yesterday she thinks she wants a pair of Wyandottes, just like mom had when she was small. Maybe Pop can hook her up.

We appreciate all of the members and poultry family who have reached out and ask for continued prayers that this tough little chick continues down a positive medical path. Incredible progress so far!

As we know, Pennsylvania and Delaware are shut down for shows through the fall, but with a new state vet on board and the absence of HPAI positive flocks in recent weeks, I have faith we'll see each other again soon. If not, there's always Columbus! Best, Emily



District #5-OH, KY

by Mike Sayre, OH

Hello to everyone in District 5!

As I am writing this it is May 1st, and the weather is more like fall than spring, but it looks like it will finally straighten up later this week. Hatching here has been going great despite the weather, I hope the same is for you.

This will be a short update this time around. I have placed the District meet for 2023 at The Ohio National on November 10, 11 and 12th. This will be a hum dinger and I imagine there will be in the area of 10,000 birds. If you can only make a couple of shows this year, make sure that you are in Columbus Ohio that weekend and the ABA National meet in Shawnee Oklahoma the second weekend of December as it will also be a Great Show.

Great shows and Great competition are not to be avoided that's the way you stay on track with your breed get out there. Don't duck anybody. Put in your best and see where the chips fall! Make contacts and make new friends that will last a lifetime. That's the secret to our hobby. It's the people folks that make a difference NOT the birds. Birds will come and go, but the relationships you form can improve your life for years to come. More later.... Be Blessed, keep smiling and see you all somewhere down the line.

Mike



District #6 -IN, IL, MI

By Amy Gabbard, Michigan

Happy Spring from District 6! We seem to have finally burst into consistently warm weather, although there is still a chance of frost this next week here in Michigan. Our hatching is starting to wind down and we have a few bantam moderns and call ducks out for our son, and I have a good batch of black tailed buff Japanese that had short legs growing out to see what they become. I will wrap up those matings by the end of the month and focus on watching them grow and culling at various stages. Our son is still waiting for chicks from his partridge wyandottes that he loves and we will hopefully get some out for him soon. Being 5, he doesn't always want to help in the barn and do all the chore work that goes along with the hobby, but he loves his birds and is making those lifelong friendships that are the most valuable part of it all.

The spring show season is almost completed in our area of the country and our district. The spring White River show in Spencer, IN was well attended with great bantams as always in April. We were supposed to attend, but then our family got quite sick, and we had to miss it. It is always one we enjoy, however. The last show in the district is the one my husband and I run, Saulk Trail, and is coming up at the end of May on Memorial Day weekend. There is always a great showing of bantams here and as I look over the entries that I am putting into the computer, this year is looking to be no different in Michigan. After that, we start looking to the fall shows. The district 6 ABA meet will be at the Il-Mo show in Illinois in September, and then we have the national in Shawnee in December. I have had Shawnee on my list of "want to go" shows since I was a teen, so I am working on figuring out getting there this year with the national meet and our board meeting as my excuse. As a teacher it isn't always easy to take Fridays off to travel to shows, but I hope to make it work this year.

Until I see you next in the show halls, I wish you all good hatches with lots to choose from as you grow them out and look for the next champion.

Amy Gabbard



District #7 - NC, SC

By Chad Satterfield, South Carolina

April is gone, chicks are hatching, and spring is in the air. Wow where has the 1st 4 months of 2023 gone? Seems like the older I get the faster time flies. This time of the year seems to be the busiest around my house. My daughter started Softball in February and if

you have a child in High School Sports the running is nonstop for a few months! Softball is winding down and time will slow down a little bit.

The District 7 meet will be held in North Carolina this year. Jimmy Sorrels and I are discussing which show and I will let everyone know when it has been placed. The deadline for the yearbook is closing fast. I encourage each of you to place an ad. This is a great way to support the ABA and let other breeders know what Breeds and Varieties you raise.

Fall show season will be here before you know it and I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones. If you ever need to contact me, please reach out.

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District #8 - AL, GA, TN

By Brett Thompson, Alabama

Hello from down South !

I am honored to serve as your new District 8 Director. For those of y'all that don't know me here is a little background info. I along with my baby brother Adam, we make up Thompson Bantams. We went to our first chicken show in 1980 and have been hooked ever since. We both have spent time also

raising and showing cattle, horses, and dogs but the chickens have always been our passion. We currently raise Wyandottes, Old English, Sumatras, Dominiques and of course Moderns. I like to think I'm a

friendly sort of guy so please if we haven't met, find me at a show and say hello. I hope everyone's hatch is going well I know ours started out a little slow, but we are now well on our way to our 1200 chick goal (which means we will end up with 1500). I hope to see y'all at a show this Fall. Take care and God Bless...

Brett Thompson



District #10 - IA, MN, WI, ND, SD

By Gary Rossman, WI

Dear All,

Spring is finally, undoubtedly, and officially here according to the calendar, but not here in District 10. As I wrote this article on April 30th, it's 38 degrees and mixed precipitation. The weather teases us for a couple of days with warm temperatures and then winter is back. Hopefully May will bring warmer temperatures.

I hope everyone had successful hatches this year. I turned off the incubator at the beginning of April. I was able to get a good number of birds out, so we should have something to work with this fall.

Spring and the early part of summer are rather quiet as far as shows go and hopefully Avian influenza will stay away this year. The Coulee Region Poultry Club will be having their annual one-day show June 3rd, 2023, in Galesville, Wisconsin. The staff there do an excellent job putting on this show.

CRPC will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of the APA. They will be having a Parti. Special engraved bottle openers will be awarded to Parti Colored varieties of selected breeds. Judges for this year's show are Jeff Halbach, Diana Dahr and Phil Bartz. You can follow CRPC on their Facebook Page.

The District and State meets have been set for the district. If you want a Special meet, they are automatically granted. Make sure your clubs follow the ABA guidelines when scheduling your ABA sanction meets. Fill out the paperwork and send it back to the ABA.

You can find this on the website or in the yearbook.

Our State Representatives for District 10 are:

Roger Meyer IA Ron Gilbertson MN Reynold Loecker SD
ND Open Mike Gilbert WI

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or your State reps.

Until next time,
Best regards,
Gary Rossman



District #11 - AR, KS, NE, OK, MO

By Jacob Bates, AR

Greetings Bantam fanciers,

I would like to introduce myself as your new District Director, I am happy to serve you as such and feel free to contact me with any questions, or comments at 479-965-5222.

I hope your spring hatching season has gone well! Our spring in Arkansas has been cool and

now warm so the birds are growing well, I look forward to promoting our fancy and our beautiful Bantams,

Remember to mark your calendars for December 9th and 10th 2023 for the ABA National Meet in Shawnee Oklahoma, it's going to be a huge celebration of Fun! I will be getting with my state reps this month to get all the state meets placed in our district as well.

Our District 11 meet will be held at the Nebraska State Poultry Association show. I hope everyone raises lots of Champions this summer and exhibits them at the shows this fall!

Till next time, remember it's all about having fun !

Jacob Bates



District #12 by Bob Choate - TX

Shows are basically over in Texas till September, so nothing new there.

Our friend and longtime judge Doug Connally up in Amarillo has been hanging out in the hospital but is home now under the care of Carol. We hope he will be good to go when shows get going again this fall.

Most of Texas has been in a drought for the last few years but now most of us are getting lots of steady rain. While that may be good for the land it can wreak havoc on our birds.

I hope everyone is on guard for coccidiosis, the dry weather keeps a lot of it at bay and we let our guard down and it sneaks up on us. Medicated feed is not enough during wet times like this, I give my growing birds Corid every other week till they have been on the ground for a while.

The mosquitoes are going to be crazy this year so that means foul pox will be rampant, so I will be vaccinating a little early this year. Probably early June for the first batch and then every other week for the later hatches. I usually go thru 3-4 vials of vaccine a year. That's \$30-\$40 of cheap insurance.

Here on the gulf coast, worms can be a big problem in wet warm years like this so I will start worming the older birds (breeders) in April-May and then the yearlings Midsummer.

Take care of your birds and I will see you this fall.



District #13 -AZ, NM, UT, CO

By Kyle Tripp

Hello all!

I hope that your hatching has gone well this season. Many of us are already wrapped up the hatching part and have moved on solely to the rearing part. Whatever stage you are in I hope your expectations are being exceeded.

I typically like to bellyache a little about the weather, but I can't really do that in this quarterly. We are halfway through May, and we haven't hit the 100° mark yet. That's important for me and my comfort, but even more importantly for the comfort of the young birds growing up.

Don't forget to order your ABA leg bands for those young birds. They're such a great way to keep track of birds in your flock and with very low difficulty.

Also please be working on your plans for attending the ABA National in Shawnee, OK. this December. Year in and year out this is one of my favorite shows. If you haven't been you need to come see it.

If I can be of assistance, please feel free to drop me a line. In the meantime, keep those bantams growing.

Kyle Tripp



District #14 - WA, OR, MT, AK, ID, WY

By Timothy Sheets, WA

Hello everyone! I hope everyone is enjoying the start of the best season there is! (in my humble opinion). To start, as the newly appointed District 14 director, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Timothy Sheets and I live in western Washington. I have been a member of the association since I began raising exhibition poultry in 2015. Prior to that, I had grown up raising a variety of poultry including chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, ring neck and Lady Amherst pheasant, quail, and pigeons. My earliest memory is of my father hatching ring neck pheasants, which the cat got shortly after.

When I started my journey in this great hobby, I decided I wanted to raise SCCL White Leghorn bantams. I am sure many of my leghorn friends would agree that the contrast of a white leghorn with the bright red comb and wattles and yellow legs is simply striking. I got my start from Jim Sallee and using that blood, along with supplemental genetics from other breeders, have progressed my line into something that I am proud of, but still have work to do.

When I first got my birds, I began showing them at local fairs as a member of my high school's FFA chapter. After I graduated, I started showing at open shows and have been having a blast ever since. A couple of my other hobbies include rockhounding and botany. I am currently working toward my Bachelor of Science in Forest management and have worked seasonally as a wildland firefighter for the past few years.

One thing that is important to me regarding our hobby is captivating our youth in what we do, ensuring we have something to pass on. I began my show experience with a great mentor and still lean on them from time to time, even if he doesn't like leghorns ;) Many of my friends have become mentors in a way and it just makes the experience that much better when you see them at a show after months. In other words, if you have the ability to, I encourage anyone to take someone under their wing so to speak and help build up the next generation.

Springtime is usually a very busy time for all of us. Setting up breeding pens, collecting hatching eggs and loading the incubators. I

cannot encourage record keeping enough. There have been many times I just knew I was going to remember a detail about a bird or that I did in fact switch a female out in a breeding pen, but I didn't write it down! I advise anyone that isn't keeping a record to sit down and determine what is important enough to you to record and how you want to do it. For the last few years, I have just kept a notebook with a record of breeding pens and all the offspring produced by each, even the culls. For example, last year in my young leghorns, I noticed a couple individuals who had much brighter, white plumage than the rest and the leg color was superb. They were already banded, so I was able to record those birds and monitor them as they matured to see how they finished out. If I had not recorded them and they changed in some way, I may not have been able to identify them and would have lost information that would help me. Besides pencil and paper, applications like Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Access can be used by the industrious poultryman to keep clear records and are mostly user friendly. Anyways, rant over, cheers to everyone and their future champions this spring.

Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

See you in the show hall,

Timothy



District #15 – CA, NV, HI

By E. Donald Barger

Howdy,

For those that do not know me, my name is Donald Barger and I am your new District Director for District 15. I live in Monterey County in California. I am a general licensed

ABA / APA judge and am also a certified judge for the ASA and the UGBA.

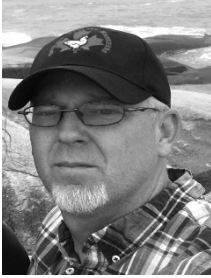
In the last few months, most of our district experienced one of the heaviest rainfall amounts that we have seen in several years. I hope everyone made it through with minimal to no damage.

The open show season in our District is over, and I hope everyone is having great success hatching and raising those potential hopefuls for next season. We unfortunately lost a few of the shows over the past couple of years, but I am happy to say that numbers were up in the

shows that were held, with lots of new exhibitors showing for the first time.

I look forward to serving this district and the ABA in any way I can. If you have any questions that I can help with, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
E. Donald Barger



District #16 – Canada (all provinces)

by John Beamer, Ontario

Well Hello from The North ... We are finally thawing out and have had some glimpses of sunshine. I know I am itching to get birds outside and, on the ground,... From all accounts breeders have been having a good hatching season and are anticipating a great fall show season. We have high hopes to be able to have our full season this fall without any AI interruptions, but I guess we will wait and see on these.

From all accounts, the Crew at Ontario Poultry Breeders are gearing up for a blowout show at this year APA 150th Anniversary Canadian National . This will also be the show that I have placed our ABA District meet for 2023. I have heard a few Americans are planning on making the trip and I sincerely hope that is the case. This show is only 35 mins from the Niagara Falls border and puts on a top-notch event. Information on the show and border crossing can be found on their Facebook Page.

That's all for now - If anyone has any issues or concerns within my District please feel free to reach out, my Email is

johnbeamer77@gmail.com

John Beamer

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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	
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Belgian d'Uccle	C	G-15	G-15	-	-	
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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	-	-	
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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	

<u>BREED</u>			BANTAMS		LARGE FOWL	
CHICKENS (C)	CODE		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	-	-

BREED			BANTAMS		LARGE FOWL	
			MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
DUCKS (D)						
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	-	-
GEESE (G)			MALE	FEMALE	MALE	FEMALE
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



District #9 – FL, MS, LA

by Jackie Koedatich, Florida

Hello from District 9

I hope everyone has a great fall & spring show season. The shows seem to have had great numbers. I have had a great time, keeping busy and judging quite a few shows. I must say I was impressed with such great quality of birds that I have been able to judge in other states. I love being able to see breeds that often are not seen here in the South. I really enjoy judging and I honestly feel honored that I am given the opportunity to judge & handle your birds. Your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed when I have that beautiful bird in my hand. It is something that never gets old. I really love it.

I am seeing on Facebook, everyone has their brooders full and many of you are still hatching.

The Ohio National is putting on an even bigger show than usual this year. Coop-in starts on Thursday & judging will begin at 9am on Friday. Columbus is such a great location; I have always found it's one of the best shows in the Country for sales and getting to meet people from all over the country. If you have never been to this show, don't miss this one. They have plenty of great vendors selling everything you could possibly need from medications to show carriers and caging. In closing I would like to remind everyone if you are a new exhibitor or not please think about helping out with your local shows. There's always a huge need for help. It's sad to hear that many clubs have to hire people to help set up and tear down. Come on people, we all love to go to shows and love the fact the entry fees are so low compared to so many other animals shows. Well, the clubs can't survive paying people and keeping your entry fee low. If you can't lift and carry caging. There's always some job that you can do. They need help. I bet there's not one club that would turn down someone wanting to help out. And for those shows that are really far from home...there's something you can do to help those shows out too. Take off your coop tag, throw away your feed and water cups and please close those large fowl cage doors. It amazes me every single time I see these things left undone. I can't imagine not doing it...I even grab the tags or cups I see on my way to the garbage can. You may not think that's much help ..but it all adds up and helps everyone be able to get it done and on their way home.

Here's another thought. We all like when a club hires a judge, we may have never shown under...well, that takes money and when help must be hired, that takes away the opportunity to afford to bring someone in from farther away. Just something to think about.

Grow those young up & get those birds conditioned. I hope to be able to see you all at some show this fall!

Jackie

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