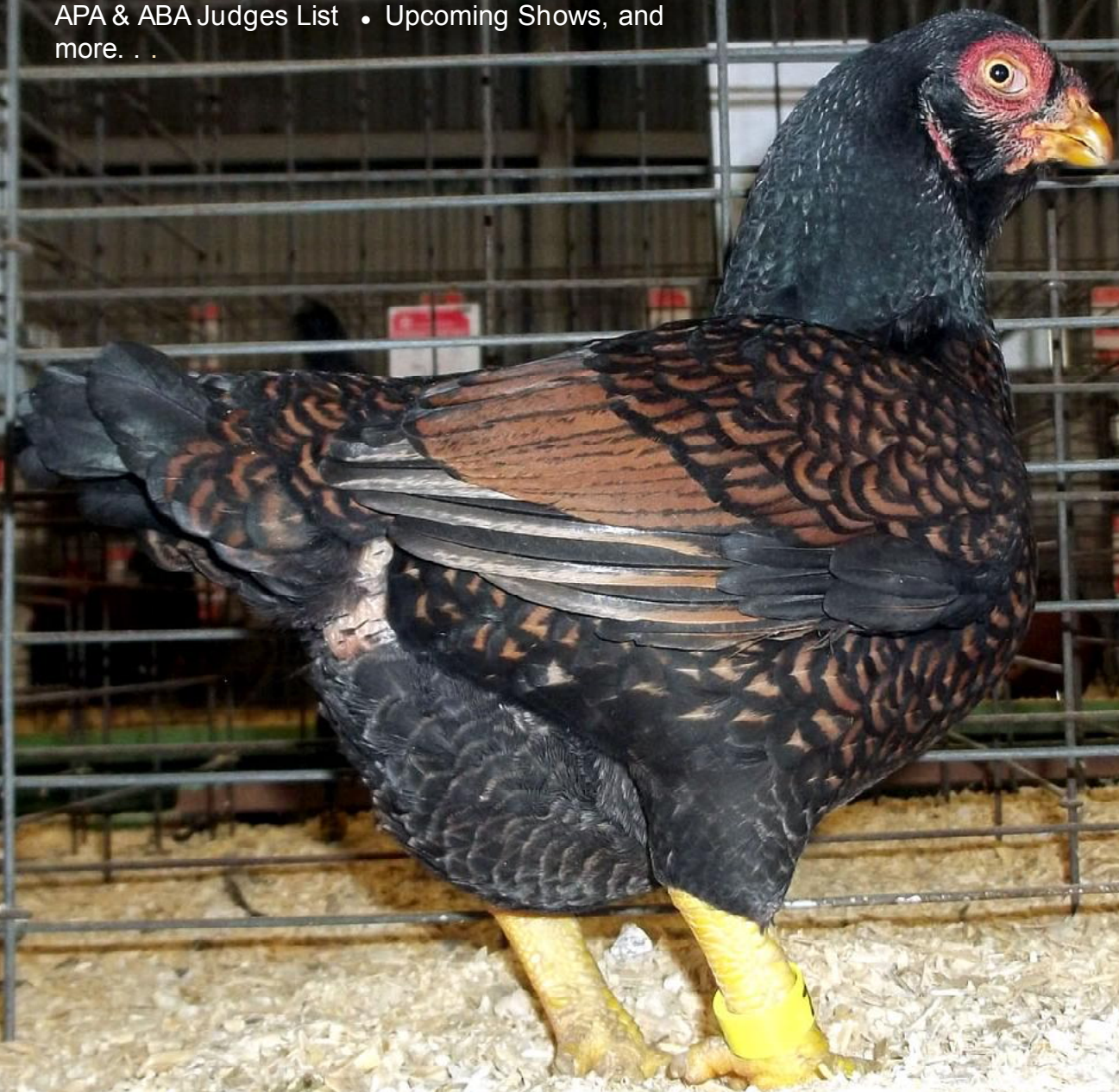


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May 2014

May 3, 2014

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September 2014

September 4-13- Tentative

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September 27, 2014 - Tentative

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October 2014

October 02, 2014

Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Southeast Arkansas District Fair. Contact: Lewis Hinkle, 870.543.0198, tootie9901@yahoo.com.

October 4, 2014

Norman, Oklahoma, Canadian Valley Poultry Club fall show. Website: <http://www.poultryshowcase.com/>. Contact: Richard Peters, PO Box 735, Noble, OK 73068 APAJudge1009@aol.com

October 11, 2014 - Tentative

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October 11, 2014 - Tentative

Jackson, Mississippi. Mississippi State Fair Poultry Show. http://mspoultryshowclub.org/poultry_exhibitions

October 16, 2014 - Tentative

Little Rock, Arkansas, Arkansas State Fair, Arkansas State Fair grounds. Entries at: <http://arkansasstatefair.com/livestockindex/>

Statefair.html or contact: Dr. Keith Bramwell
479-841-6498.

October 18, 2014 (Special)

Lebanon, Indiana, Central Indiana poultry Show, Boone County 4-H fairground. Entries at: <http://poultryshow.org>. Call: 765-482-0750.

November 2014

November 1, 2014 - Tentative

Fayetteville, Arkansas, Heart of The Ozarks Poultry Club annual Fall Double Show. Website: <http://www.hotopa.com/index.html>

November 7-9, 2014

Columbus, Ohio, The Ohio National Show, 2014 ABA National Show. Website: <http://www.ohionational.org/>

November 15, 2014

Haynesville, Louisiana - Pelican State Classic hosted by the North Louisiana Poultry Club - Contact: Jim Crain, jacrain@chilitech.com.

November 22, 2014

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Parker Coliseum at the LSU Ag Center. GCPFA's Gulf South Fall Classic. **DOUBLE SHOW**. Website: <http://www.gcpfa.com>. Contact: Rhonda Silva gcpfa01@gmail.com

November 8 2014 - Tentative

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December 2014

December 6, 2014 - Tentative

Atoka, Oklahoma - 2013 Southeast Bantam Game Show - Double Show - hosted by The Atoka Bantam Club. Contact: Randy Daniel 580-239-0504 or Greg Garrison 580-889-0621.

December 6-7, 2014

Knoxville, Tennessee, the **2014 APA National Show**, hosted by Tennessee Valley Poultry Club. Website: <http://tnvpoultryclub.com>

December 13, 2014 - Tentative

Shawnee, Oklahoma. Oklahoma State Poultry Federation 97th Annual Show. Website: <http://www.okspf.com/> One day show.



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APANEWS May 2014

Dick and I have just returned from another successful road trip. This one was to the APA Semi-annual which was held in Hutchinson, KS. The CKMN club hosted a very successful "Chicken Kickin' National Meet" with about 550 birds entered from 60 exhibitors. It is always nice to travel out of my comfort zone and meet people I usually only deal with through email and phone. It was also encouraging to be introduced to 4 enthusiastic young ladies who are working with the youth. They were very eager to learn how to improve their stock and were on a search for breeds that their 4-H members couldn't find locally. These people are proof that there is interest in purebred birds in the young, please help them whenever you see them at a show or your local fair.

I am happy to report that as March 31, the APA had 2980 active members. There were increases in annual, junior, and associate memberships. Because we are so close to 3,000 members, I would like to raise the bar and hope to be able to report on December 31 that we have an active membership of 3,500. If you would like to have some membership applications to pass out at your local show or fair, please contact me, I will be happy to send them to you.

If you haven't received your copy of the April edition of News & Views, please let me know. I realize that in this electronic age, emails change daily; and the Post Office is not the most reliable of delivery systems to some areas. Also, the classified page in the News & Views still has space for your ad. Rates are very reasonable and I'm sure that a lot of breeders are having a good hatching season and would like to share some birds with others.

Merchandise sales are still going well, we ship about 100 Standards per month and since I have been out of the office for a few days, I had better get back to my pile of paperwork. Enjoy the rest of this colorful periodical.

Hope to see you somewhere down the road,

Pat Horstman

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ABA HAPPENINGS

May 2014

Hello all –

April means no more frozen waterers for those who have weathered this difficult winter. Welcome Spring! If you are new to the bantam world, we hope you visit our website at www.bantamclub.com.

The 100th anniversary pins and patches are here now. Pins \$3.00 Patches \$4.00 ea. Available now on the website. They are a big hit and are going well. Order yours today.

On another note – our yearbook is starting to come together. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you all to consider placing an ad in the book this year. These can be Birds available for Sale ads and even Birds Wanted Ads. An ABA ad can really help you sell or find the birds you want to.

May 1st is the deadline for submission of articles and ads for the yearbook which will celebrate our 100th Anniversary and will be a special edition with your help.

Here are the rates:

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CLUB Full page (black and white) \$120;
(color) \$200. A club page is made up of 6 individual squares (or three double squares). The top 1/4 Page is dedicated to the hosting club. This is a great way to advertise your show and its hard working members who dedicate their time to setting up cages, and donating their time and resources to your show. This a great spot for everyone to show some support for their show!

I am working very hard in the office this month wrapping up the details for Master Exhibitor and Master Breeder announcements. These will be calculated and shared next month. The updated listing of starred wins will be put on the ABA website soon. If you would like a hardcopy printout of your wins, send in a SASE to ABA, PO Box 127, Augusta, NJ 07822 and we will get them out to you soon.

Lets talk a bit about what 100 years is. Lots of changes have occurred over 100 years,


however, the ABA's core values have remain unchanged and these values tie us to those breeders and exhibitors, who 100 years ago, were breeding and perfecting the same birds that we enjoy today. We have introduced lots of award programs since then and we have accepted many more varieties into our Bantam Standard. These changes will likely continue on into the future and perhaps in another 100 years of so, the future fanciers will be honoring us.

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NORMAN, OKLAHOMA
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April 5, 2014
Norman, Oklahoma

By Richard Peters

WOW!!! What a show for this groundbreaking event. Special Thanks go out to Steve Jones-TX for doing an excellent job of judging this show. He not only did a fantastic job of calling the show but he did it in very timely fashion.

We would also like to spotlight our extremely hard working staff of John McDaniel, Conner Groom, Eddie Richmond, Kristy Austin, Devon Austin, Rhianna Peters, Sky, Devin Peters, the entire Cleveland County Fair staff those who's name I have left out. What a great crew of individuals to work with.

The show itself was nothing short of spectacular. What amazed most of those in attendance was the outstanding condition of most of the birds in attendance, especially the Large Fowl, O.E., Moderns and Cochins.

The Super Grand Bird was a very outstanding O.E. Game Black Cock by Jason Copass, OK. He was in splendid condition and had outstanding OE breed traits. This bird was my first pick on Champion Row as well. This bird reaches out and "grabs" you the minute you first see him. In a very close Reserve position was a truly outstanding Black Cochin Cock Bantam by Rock Hill Poultry-OK. This bird always leaves me in awe when I see him at the different shows he's at. He is one of the best Cochins I have seen. Superior breed traits, conditioning and likeability. This bird knows how to present himself to anyone who might choose to observe him during any show.

A truly spectacular bird was the Champion Large Fowl which was a S.C. White Leghorn shown by Jan Burke-OK. This bird drew a lot of people's attention on Champion Row and rightfully so. He was in "prime" condition and was a truly spectacular specimen. The Reserve Champion Large Fowl was an OUTSTANDING New Hampshire Pullet shown by Tracy Jarvis-TX. I have seen this bird before and she was in prime condition at this show. She is

one of the better New Hamp females you will see at any show you attend and she rightfully earned her position on Champion Row as a Reserve Champion. I am really happy to see the New Hamps get the attention they deserve as one of the work horse breeds of the large fowl poultry world.

The Waterfowl Show was a little down in numbers but the quality was definitely not lacking. The Champion Waterfowl was a Gray Call old Drake shown by Rock Hill Poultry-OK. A fine example of a Call and very deserving of his position on the "Row." All of Rockhill's birds were/are always in fine condition and this bird was no exception. The Reserve Waterfowl was a Cayuga Old Drake shown by Larry Dye-OK. I have seen this duck in other shows and I truly enjoy viewing this drake. He was a little off his game in this show but I have seen him in other shows and when he is in the "zone" he is spectacular indeed.

Champion Row was filled with truly outstanding birds and all were in outstanding condition and all were ready for their day before the judge.

I viewed all of the Breed Champions in detail throughout the day and across the board we had some very outstanding birds in the show.

We decided to do a Junior Round Robin Show at the end of the meet for our Junior exhibitors. We invited each Junior to bring their choice of their best bird to the judging area. We had 8 entries and I personally placed them from 1st-8th. We had 8 bantams and 1 duck entry. The results of this show are also in our show report on my web site at <http://www.poultryshowcase.com/>

I had the opportunity to visit with most of the exhibitors who attended our first show



Reserve Super Show Champion, a Cochin Black Cock by Rock Hill Poultry. Photo by Janice Hall

and to a person everyone was very friendly, excited and supportive. If I missed getting an opportunity to meet you, I apologize sincerely and we'll do it next time.

I would now like to say Thank You to all of the exhibitors who had enough confidence in us to support our first show. On behalf of our entire staff I say to you "THANK YOU"

~ Show Results ~

Super Grand Champion: Jason Copass - Old English Black Cock.

Reserve Super Show Champion: Rock Hill Poultry Cochin Black Cock.

Open Large Fowl Champions

Champion American: New Hampshire, Hen - Tracy Jarvis. Reserve Champion American: Wyandotte, White Pullet - Larry Dye.

Champion Asiatic: Brahma, Light Hen - Larry Dye. Reserve Champion Asiatic: Brahma, Light Cock - Lori Cary.

Champion English: Orpington, Buff Cock - McDaniel Farms. Reserve Champion English: Orpington, Buff Cockrel - Larry Dye.

Champion Mediterranean: Leghorn, White Cock - Jan Burke. Res. Champion Mediterranean: Leghorn, Lt Brown Hen - McDaniel Farms.

Champion Continental: Welsummers, Hen - McDaniel Farms. Res. Champion Continental: Barnevelders, Hen - McDaniel Farms.

Champion AOSB: Phoenix, Silver Hen - Tim & Sue Worcester. Reserve Champion AOSB: Sumatra, Black Hen - Levi Hames.

Canadian Valley Poultry Club

April 5, 2014
Norman, Oklahoma

**Reserve
Show
Champion
Black Cochin
Cock**



**Champion Waterfowl
Gray Call Old Male**

Rock Hill Poultry

Champion Large Chicken: Jan Burke
- Leghorn White Cock. Res. Champion
Large Chicken: Tracy Jarvis - New Hamp-
shire Hen.

Open Bantam Champions

Champion Modern Game": Birchen
Cockerel - Watson's Bantams. Res.
Champion Modern Game: Brown Red
Cockerel - Watson's Bantams.

Champion OE Game: Black Cockerel -
Jason Copass. Reserve Champion OE
Game: White, K & K Bantams.

Champion SCCL: Leghorn, White Cock
Steven & Gina Androes. Reserve Cham-
pion SCCL: RI Red, Pullet - Tad Peters.

Champion RCCL: Leghorn, White
Cockerel - Steven & Gina Androes. Re-
serve Champion RCCL: Golden Sebright -
Payton Stuart.

Champion AOCCL: Cornish Dark
Cockerel - Gerald Blakley. Reserve Cham-
pion AOCCL: Polish, W C Black Hen -
Rock Hill Poultry.

Champion Feather Leg: Black Cochin
Cockerel - Rock Hill Poultry. Res. Cham-
pion Feather Leg: Cochin, Black Hen -
Rock Hill Poultry.

Champion Bantam Chicken: Jason
Copass Old English Black Cock. Res.

Champion Bantam Chicken: Rock Hill
Poultry - Cochin Black Cock.

Open Waterfowl Champions

Champion Bantam Duck: Gray Call -
Rock Hill Poultry. Reserve Champion Ban-
tam Duck: Gray Call - Rock Hill Poultry.

Champion Duck: Gray Call - Rock Hill
Poultry. Reserve Champion Duck - Ca-
yuga Larry Dye.

Over-All Champion Waterfowl: Rock Hill
Poultry - Gray Call Duck.

Open Turkey Champion

Champion Turkey: Bronze Hen - Melody
Hobbs.

JR. Round Robin

First: OE, Black Hen - Devin Austin

Second: Cornish, White - Levi Hames

Third: Silkie - Karley Hall.

Fourth: Creole - Derek Ezell

Fifth: Silver Sebright - Payton Stuart

Sixth: Bantam Duck - Cassidy Clagg

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Geese

A Three-Part Series
By Christine Heinrichs

Part 3: Light Geese

This third and last part of the Goose Series focuses on Light Geese, as classified by the American Poultry Association's Standard of Perfection. In addition to two domestic breeds, the Light Goose class includes the wild Canada Goose and the Egyptian Goose, which is not a true goose at all.

Goose continues to struggle to win the hearts and wallets of American consumers. The USDA's most recent figures compare sales in 2002 and 2007, which showed a decline. I'm optimistic that more recent figures would show an increase.

Chinese and Roman Geese

The Chinese and the Tufted Roman are domestic geese, long favored on farms. They are light compared to their heavy and medium cousins, weighing 10 to 12 pounds and standing about three feet tall. They are usually kept for ornamental purposes and make good companions. As Samuel Cushman says in the article included in the 1912 edition of Harrison Weir's *The Poultry Book's* chapter on The Domestic Goose, the Chinese are "more on the bantam order."

Chinese geese are the best egg producers of all goose breeds. Occasional reports claim

more than 80 eggs a year, but 30-40 is more realistic. Geese remain seasonal layers, a legacy of their wild past.

Chinese Geese are good foragers, making them welcome as weeders. Schlitz Goose Farm of South Dakota, which now produces two-thirds of the commercial geese sold in grocery stores, got its start from hatching goose eggs for other farmers, who wanted the geese as weeders for their crops. "In the late 1940's, the geese went to the cotton fields of Texas and California, the strawberry beds of Michigan and the asparagus and mint fields of Washington. These farmers found geese to be economical and effective labor to weed the fields, as the geese literally worked for food," according to the farms' corporate history. Schlitz, which began with heavy Toulouse geese, now raises its own variety of geese, bred for meat production.

Like their larger African cousins weighing 18 to 22 pounds, they are knobbed geese. The knob between their eyes develops to its full size over several years. Although generally males are larger and have larger knobs than females, this is not a reliable way to sex African or China Geese. Both sexes vary too much in size. The Brown have black knobs and the Whites have orange knobs. White Chinese are more popular than the original Brown color variety. Their relation to the wild Swan Goose is apparent in their graceful necks. The Brown variety shows a dark brown stripe down the back. Both were separately recognized in the



Geese are so good at eating grass that Cotton Patch Geese take their name from the job that was theirs on the farm. Dr. Tom Walker of Texas has championed this overlooked and unrecognized breed. Photo courtesy Tom Walker

first Standard of Excellence in 1874, but with different weights, separated by only four pounds between African and Chinese geese, according to Willis Grant Johnson's 1912 edition of *The Poultry Book*, p. 1103, which gives weights of 20 pounds (now 22) for the African gander and 18 (now the same) for the goose, 16 for a Chinese gander (now 12), 14 (now 10) for a goose.

"Many people prefer a small table goose," said James Konecny, president of the International Waterfowl Breeders Association. "They want a goose that's about the size of a big duck."

Cold weather doesn't bother them. Their close feathers protect them and may make them appear smaller than their muscular bodies are. Their knobs are subject to frostbite, showing up as orange patches on black knobs, which fade back to black over time.

The hens develop a lobe during laying season, but otherwise they have a slim, graceful silhouette. They have a short body and carry the head upright on a long, arched neck. In 1902, Harrison Weir in *Our Poultry and All About Them*, considered Swan Goose an alternate name for Chinese Geese, which he said were also known as Spanish, Guinea, Cape and African. "In carriage or deportment it differs widely from the goose tribe in general, being upright and stately, sometimes exceedingly so, with its long crane-like neck erected to the uttermost," he wrote.

Tufted Roman Geese are named for the round tuft of feathers on their heads. They have a long European history, going back to Juno's temple in Ancient Rome, where they were sacred. They originated in the Danube area and are related to Sebastopol Geese. Despite that long history, they were not added to the Standard until 1977.

They have a compact body without keel, lobe or dewlap and make a good roasting bird, despite their relatively small size. The tuft is present from hatching. They are now raised



Goose down is the warmest insulator. It keeps birds warm in cold weather and remains popular for clothing and quilts. Photo Courtesy David Sweet, Down, Inc.



Egyptian Geese are not true geese but are recognized for exhibition. Their beautiful colored plumage is eye-catching. Photo courtesy Lou Horton.

in several colors, although White is the only recognized color. Their eyes are blue and bill and legs and feet may be pinkish or reddish orange.

Only the white variety is recognized, but breeders can't resist breeding other colors into these popular and hardy geese. Gray tufted geese have been developed but the buff is the most popular.

Unrecognized Breeds

Buff Tufted Roman geese were developed by Ruth Book of Book Farms in Granby, Missouri. She crossed the Buff Goose with the Tufted Roman Goose and selectively bred them to get a buff bird as large as the American Buff goose with the Tufted Roman conformation. Metzger Farms in Gonzalez, California purchased her entire breeding stock and is continuing her work.

"We hope to introduce them throughout the United States," said John Metzger, owner of Metzger Farms. "Our ultimate goal is to have them recognized as a distinct breed by the American Poultry Association."



The Tufted Roman Goose is recognized for exhibition, but the smooth-headed Classic Roman is not. Metzger Farms is working to develop a flock of Classic Roman Geese. Photo courtesy Metzger Farms.

Andrea Heesters of The Netherlands bought some from Metzger Farms and continues to breed them. She finds them affectionate and loyal. "They are curious and talkative and can be very opinionated, although in a nice way," she says "They are vigilant when they see strangers and make quite a lot of noise at that moment but, in general, they are quiet geese and certainly not noisy." Their curiosity can lead them into adventures. Mrs. Heesters reports that "One of our ganders, Jules, found it extremely interesting to see how we opened the gate and stood there a few times watching us intensely. A few days later, Jules opened the gate himself!"

Ideally, they should have the same type as the white variety: the same size, with a medium-length neck, a fat head and a short, stout beak. The bill and feet should be pinkish red.

"It should be small, stocky, rounded plump little goose," said Konecny.

Other unrecognized light geese include Cotton Patch Geese and other traditional American farm geese, such as Choctaw geese. They are local variations that developed from the West of England or Old English geese which probably came to America with early English settlers.

Shetland geese are the smallest of the auto-sexing geese, which have different plumage on males and females, making it easy to select birds for the breeding pen. Females are saddlebacked or gray and white. Males are white with blue eyes. So few of these birds are in American breeding pens that the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy recommends that additional birds be imported to increase the genetic pool.

The Classic Roman goose has no tuft. The



White Chinese Geese were sometimes called the Poor Man's Swan for their long, graceful necks. Photo courtesy Metzger Farms.

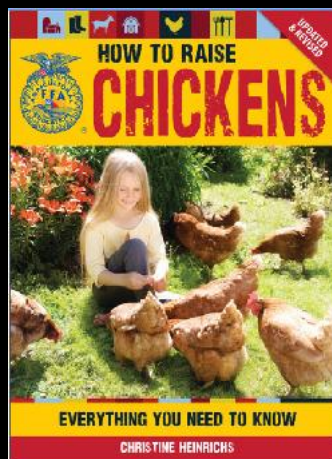
absence of the tuft disqualifies a Tufted Roman goose in the show ring, but smooth-headed Roman geese are the norm in Europe. Smooth-headed Roman geese are a separate breed. Metzger Farms is developing a flock that will be available in the future.

Dave Holderread has developed the Oregon Mini Goose at his Holderread Waterfowl & Preservation Center in Corvallis, Oregon. They are small geese, bred to weigh four to ten pounds, in white, splashed, belted, saddleback and solid varieties. They mature early and are attracting an enthusiastic following.

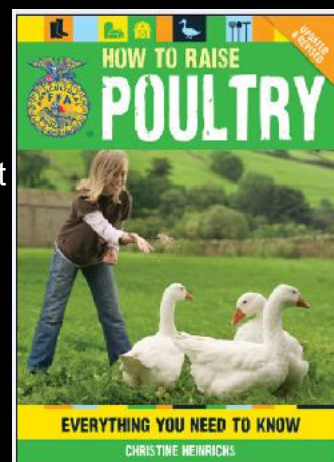
Ornamental Geese

Canada Geese and Egyptian Geese are

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technically not domesticated. They are tamed but still considered wild. Canada Geese, like all geese, tame relatively easily (as compared to say, a chukar or a peacock). Wild flocks may become resident on golf courses and playing fields, where they become a nuisance. They adapt to confinement and breed well. They are about the same size as Chinese and Roman Geese, at 12 pounds for a gander and 10 pounds for a goose. The Eastern or Common subspecies is the one recognized for exhibition, but many color variations exist.

The Egyptian is not a true goose, but a bird between a dabbling duck and a goose. It's biologically classified as a Shelduck, a subfamily in the duck, goose and swan family. They are the smallest of the recognized breeds and the smallest geese raised domestically, at 5 ½ pounds for ganders and 4 ½ pounds for geese. Egyptian geese were considered sacred by the ancient Egyptians, and appeared in much of their artwork.

Although not recognized for exhibition, the Nene Goose is sometimes kept in captivity. Because of its status as a federally Endangered Species, special permits are required. It's a small wild goose, related to Canada Geese, typically, weighing around five pounds, females slightly smaller than males. It's Hawaii's state bird, but nearly became extinct in the 20th century. Its attractive 'striped' plumage (actually, diagonal rows of white feathers with black skin showing through), buff-colored cheeks and black head are distinctive. It's so friendly and tame that the public is cautioned against making pets of it in

its native state. Being too friendly can expose it to dangers, such as becoming road kill.

Goose Eggs

Bakers prize goose eggs for baked goods. They can substitute for chicken eggs but not one-for-one. Weigh them and use the appropriate amount, or figure roughly one goose egg equals two chicken eggs. The white is thicker and won't whip up as well as chicken egg whites do.

Goose eggs are popular for decorative crafts, called eggeury. They are offered as a separate product, in five sizes, by Schlitz Foods, the supplier for most commercial table-ready goose. Metzger Farms sells its duck and goose eggs, making use of infertile eggs, in ten sizes for goose eggs, seven for duck.

Ukrainian Pysanky is an intricate art of dyeing eggs with progressive colors in delicate geometric designs. The dyes are applied from the lightest to the darkest, with layers of bees' wax protecting the lighter colors. They have many mythical and religious meanings. Adriana, a Ukrainian artist in California, relates on her site that the first Pysanky were decorated by the tears of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was taking eggs to Pontius Pilate as a ransom for her son. Climbing the stairs, she tripped, and the Pysanky scattered all over the world.

Eggs can be blown out through two holes, one in each end. Shake the egg and most of the contents will pour out. The rest can be blown out. Repair the hole with spackling or tissue paper and white glue.



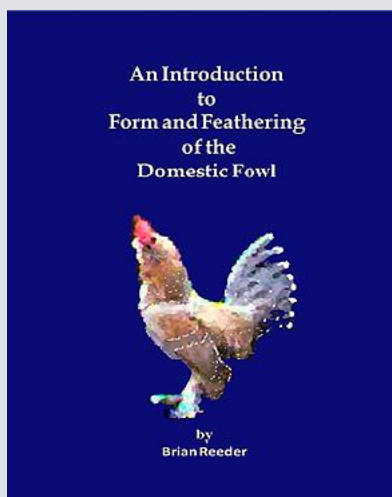
Canada Geese are recognized but not often shown. Exhibition birds are larger than wild ones. Photo courtesy Metzger Farms.

"I save all my goose eggs," said Mr. Konecny. He identifies them by hen and compares them from year to year, to determine how each hen is doing.

The bible for raising geese remains Dave Holderread's *The Book of Geese: A Complete Guide to Raising the Home Flock*, of Holderread's *Waterfowl Farm and Preservation Center* in Corvallis, Oregon. My book, *How to Raise Poultry*, includes color photos of goose breeds in the chapter on geese. John Metzger of Metzger Farms keeps a blog of duck and goose information.

Sourcing Stock: Part III

Watch for Part 3 of Brian Reeder's article in the next issue.



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Champion Modern Game - BB Red Modern cockerel shown by Roger West, LA. Res. Champion Modern Game - BB Red Modern cock shown by Roger West, LA.

Champion O.E. Game - BB Red OEG cock shown by Barnes Bantams, OK. Res. Champion OE Game - Black OEG hen shown by Barnes Bantams, OK.

Champion SCCL - White Plymouth Rock Hen shown by Jerry McCarty, LA. Res. Champion SCCL - Barred Plymouth Rock Pullet shown by Russ Crevoiserat, AR.

Champion RCCL - White Wyandotte Cockerel shown by Jerry Carter, AR. Res. Champion RCCL - White Wyandotte Pullet shown by Jerry Carter, AR.

Champion AOCCL - Dark Cornish hen shown by L J Derouen, LA. Res. Champion AOCCL - Dark Cornish pullet shown by Jerry McCarty, LA.

Champion Featherleg - Black Cochin pullet shown by Jason Mayeaux, LA. Res. Champion Featherleg - Buff Brahma.

Champion Bantam - Dark Cornish hen shown by L J Derouen, LA. **Res. Champion Bantam** - White Plymouth Rock Hen shown by Jerry McCarty, LA.

OPEN LARGE FOWL CHAMPIONS

Champion American - White Wyandotte hen shown by Billy and Debbie Atwood, AR. Res. American - Silver Penciled Plymouth Rock hen shown by Randy Cherry, AR.

Champion Asiatic - Black Langshan hen shown by Dodge Cowart, AR. Res. Champion Asiatic - Black Langshan pullet shown by Dodge Cowart, AR.

Champion English - Black Orpington cock shown by Tommy Bell, TX. Res. Champion English - Speckled Suzzex hen shown by Blain Huddleston, AR.

Champion Continental - White Crested Blue Polish hen shown by Dodge Cowart, AR. Res. Champion Continental - White Crested Black Polish cockerel shown by Dodge Cowart, AR.

Champion Mediterranean - . Res. Champion Mediterranean - Black Minorca cock shown by Thomas French, TX.

Champion AOSB - Black Sumatra hen shown by Tommy Bell, TX. Res. Champion AOSB - Black Sumatra cock shown by Frankie Harper, AR.

Champion Large Fowl - Black Langshan hen shown by Dodge Cowart, AR. **Res. Champion Large Fowl** - Black Sumatra hen



Champion O.E. Game - BB Red OEG cock shown by Barnes Bantams, OK.



Champion American - White Wyandotte hen shown by Billy and Debbie Atwood, AR.



Grand Champion of Show, Champion Bantam, Champion AOCCL - Dark Cornish hen shown by L J Derouen, LA.



Champion English - Black Orpington cock shown by Tommy Bell, TX.



Champion Large Fowl and Champion Asiatic - Black Langshan hen shown by Dodge Cowart, AR.



Champion Featherleg - Black Cochin pullet shown by Jason Mayeaux, LA.

shown by Tommy Bell, TX.

Show Grand Champion - Dark Cornish hen shown by L J Derouen, LA. **Res. Show Grand Champion** - White Plymouth Rock Hen shown by Jerry McCarty, LA.

Editor's Note: Look for the Waterfowl and Junior Results from El Dorado, Arkansas in the next issue of Exhibition Poultry Magazine.

Faces from El Dorado, AR...



Letter To The Editor

I write today because of a very serious threat to exhibition poultry shows in the state of Louisiana. As previously discussed in this magazine's September 2013 issue, the Louisiana Department of Agriculture via the State Vet's office put into effect a new requirement for all poultry being exhibited in our state. Now, in addition to the past requirement that an exhibitor's birds have a pullorum/typhoid test, a health certificate written by a licensed veterinarian must accompany every bird entered into a show. The Federal laws do not require this health certificate; however this requirement has been added by Louisiana officials. Most states do not require a health certificate.

In response to this threat being posed to the fancy, officers of the three A.P.A./A.B.A. poultry clubs in Louisiana came together and formed the Louisiana Exhibition Poultry Association (L.E.P.A.). Led by long-time breeder and licensed A.P.A. and A.B.A. judge Jim Crain, our aim is to protect the fancy and the rights of individual breeders in our state. We are currently embarking on a mission to change the health certificate requirement since we feel it will be a terrible detriment to the shows in our state: The Pelican Classic in Haynesville, the Central Louisiana Spring show in Alexandria, the Gulf South Fall Classic in Baton Rouge, and the Cajun Serama Council's Cajun Classic in Gramercy.

Each year the four shows mentioned above attract approximately 2,100 land and waterfowl registrations from approximately 220 individual exhibitors. Many of these exhibitors, along with their family members, friends, and casual observers, come from adjacent states and stay multiple nights in local hotels, eat at local restaurants, and many take time to see local attractions. Losing these out of state exhibitors will not only hurt the poultry shows, but also the economies in the towns in which the shows are located; especially smaller towns such as Haynesville.

It is the position of L.E.P.A. that not only is the new health certificate requirement overly burdensome, but also cost prohibitive to those wishing to show poultry in our state. It is well known that 4-H and F.F.A. exhibitors in Louisiana already have to adhere to the health certificate requirement. However, it

should also be pointed out that many times veterinarians will provide these certificates at low cost or no costs to youth exhibitors: Not only are adult exhibitors not afforded this luxury, but we are lucky to even find a vet willing to write the certificates at all, let alone worrying about the cost. In many cases, breeders exhibiting in open shows will bring multiple birds per person: I have seen a single exhibitor enter 43 birds in one show. Now imagine, that this exhibitor is forced to pay for an office visit then bring all 43 birds to a veterinarian, or schedule a farm visit, and pay a per bird fee for each certificate issued: Best case scenario cost-wise is \$250, but odds are good that it would cost far more.

It is also worth noting that unless the veterinarian specializes in avian species/medicine, they will have little to no experience with poultry or the diseases of poultry so any certificates they write would not be a true representation of a bird's health: This fact alone defeats the entire point of the requirement. Or, as we have been told, the veterinarian does not even look at the birds, but simply charges a fee to write the health certificate based on the information on the VS form 9-3 left by the state vet office's NPIP tester.

The biggest factor being overlooked by the "powers that be" at the Dept. of Agriculture and State Vet's office is that by-and-large, A.P.A and A.B.A. poultry shows are highly self-policing. Not only will exhibitors not suffer a sick bird being left cooped in the showroom, but a large percentage practice quarantine procedures with birds returning to their flocks from shows. Large or highly successful exhibitors have either many years, or large amount of money (or both) tied up in their flocks. Most are not willing to risk their birds in any way, shape, or form.

Actually, this new requirement has already negatively affected the spring show that took place in Alexandria, LA in March 2013. This show suffered a 31% reduction in registrations over their show last spring. If this drop in reductions holds true for both the fall shows, which regularly attract close to 800 birds apiece, each would lose around 234 registered birds. We firmly believe that if this rule is left in place in its current form, it could prove to be a fatal blow to exhibition poultry shows in our state.

So, we at L.E.P.A. and all the show committees here in Louisiana are asking for your help. Since we don't have the finances required to mount a proper fight, our strength will lie in numbers. In the coming weeks, we are asking each and every breed club, exhibition poultry club, and individual exhibitor who is able

to write a letter, send an email, or call our State Veterinarian's officials to do so on our behalf. We will be launching a petition on Change.org in the near future, which when signed will automatically email several individuals within the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and the State Veterinarian's Office. For those wishing to contact these entities directly, here is the contact information for the two primary persons we are dealing with regarding this issue:

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Further information on our continuing efforts can be found on our Facebook page, which is located at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1597363247156377/>. Also, beginning June 1st, our official webpage, which can be found at www.laexhibitionpoultry.org will be up and running. If you would like to be put on our mailing list for our bi-monthly newsletter, please send this request to:

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We appreciate your help and willingness to help protect exhibition poultry in Louisiana.

Regards,
Rhonda M. Silva

APA-ABA YOUTH POULTRY CLUB NEWS

By Doris Robinson

This has been a great year for our youth club. It's so rewarding to see so many new juniors that are interested in the exhibition poultry hobby.

In 2013 we began a new program for our members that participate in showmanship. We now have a way for juniors to earn points when they participate showing their birds at shows and participate in the showmanship competitions at sanctioned showmanship meets. Last January both the APA and the ABA gave us their blessings for the APA-ABA Youth Club to sanction showmanship. This sanctioning has taken off like wildfire, much better than expected for a new venture.

When a host club sanctions showmanship, we do as much of the work for the club that we can to save them time and money. Cackle Hatchery of Lebanon, Missouri offered to fund the program so we owe them a huge thank you. We provide trophies included in the cost of sanctioning the show, we provide pre-made judging sheets, pre-made sign in sheets if needed, and of course the good old show report forms. We also have a special Showmanship Meet listing on our website that shows our members what shows to attend to earn their points. We hope to see your shows listed there too.

The basics of sanctioning your showmanship meet are the same as sanctioning an APA or ABA meet.

The club joins the APA-ABA Youth Club as an Associate Member. We then provide them with award trophies for 1st trophies are for any youngster that competes in showmanship at the show, they don't have to members of the APA-ABA Youth Club. This is helping to unify showmanship at meets across the country for each age group. If you would like more information it's available on the Youth Club website right on our homepage and there is also a link on the APA and ABA websites to steer you in the right direction.

The benefits for our Youth Club members is that it gives our members that place in the top two places win points to become Advanced Showmanship Exhibitors in whatever class they are participating in.

These winners each receive a unique gold pin for first place & a silver pin for second place to put on their showmanship attire. As

they progress and complete the senior level (ages 14 & up) they earn a Master Showmanship Exhibitor Patch and at age 16 can become "certified" showmanship judges through the APA-ABA Youth Program. These master showmanship exhibitors will take an exam, almost like becoming a licensed poultry judge, in order to be certified.

Everyone is very excited about this new program. Thank you to all of the shows that have sanctioned their showmanship meets.

It's time to get back to mailing out those showmanship pins and packing orders to ship.

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Legislature watch . . .

The Louisiana legislature is currently revising the current cock fighting prohibition laws. However, the new bill, Senate Bill 523, is very ambiguous and does not adequately protect those raising breeds known to be aggressive with no intention of fighting them illegally.

The summary states that, "When one chicken is acting in a manner that would constitute cockfighting, then each chicken involved constitutes a separate offence." This leaves a person to wonder if a state official would come to their farm and observe to Rhode Island Red cocks fighting, does that mean the breeder is training them to fight?

The entire bill is too ambiguous and very dangerous to many already highly endangered game breed chickens.

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