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May 2, 2015

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APA NEWS March 2015

The combined 2015 APA Semi-annual and 2015 Canadian National was held in Sarnia, Ontario in February. They had a very nice show with over 800 birds. The show was single decked with nice wide aisles, which makes it easy to view the birds and even locate someone anywhere in the building. It was nice to visit with the Canadian APA members who I don't see very often. I was also able to sign up 13 new Canadian members. It is good to get out of your local area and see how the rest of the world lives. It was also a pleasure to be in attendance when Reade Baker, Bill Gardhouse, Norm Saito, and John Sanders were presented with lifetime achievement plaques from the APA for their dedication to poultry.

The director's meeting on Friday evening went well and decisions were made, and the board is working on new ideas to improve the APA. They are also updating the show rules and should have them completed soon. They have begun working on a video project which will be shared on the website, but this project will take about a year to complete; stay tuned for updates!

John Monaco and his committee are in the process of updating the website, and this includes an updated points list. The points are NOT the 2014 totals, but should make members aware that their points are being tallied as we get them. Don't forget, even if the show report is in the office, sometimes there are problems; such as club dues being late or clubs hiring judges who aren't APA members.

The yearbook project is well under way. The ad information was published in the News & Views, but if you need more information, please contact the office. We have been getting 30 to 50 new members a month and each one has received a yearbook. If they are interested in purchasing birds they will be using that as a main source, if you don't have an ad in the

in the yearbook they won't know about your great birds. If you are a judge, that special ad with your picture will be the first place people will look at when they are selecting judges for their show. New members are also looking for shows to attend. If your club can't put together a whole club page, take a smaller ad with your contact information included, you may be surprised at the number of new exhibitors you will get.

Time to get back to my paperwork and see if Dick has decided to attend a show this weekend, I never know where I will go, but hope to see you down the road somewhere Pat Horstman.

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Yearbook? Yes – the time of year is here. It is time to send those ads in. I have sent tear sheets to those who took an ad last year. May 1st is the deadline for inclusion and Kim and I plan to stick to that deadline if possible. Let's make this year's book even better than last years. We have big plans which include “keeping” that great coated paper which makes all the pictures pop off the page. It is time for a real parade of bantams, so let's get those cameras out and send in those photos for those ads. It is the year of the Bantam according to the ABA Almanac. The rates for this year's book are as follows:

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An Update on My New Flock Project

By Brian Reeder

For this month, I will be presenting a fairly short article to provide a new update on the bantams I brought in last spring and how they are progressing.

First, the most important thing I have to convey is that I am now down to three birds. That is less than I had hoped, but not outside the realm of my expectations. You may recall that I started out with about 70 chicks. Other people with more patience or tolerance would perhaps have ended up with more keepers.

I have to say that my requirements are exceptionally stringent, and there are a high number of traits I require in a bird. It is also important to remember that with this attempt to obtain something to work with, I was not looking for a salvage project wherein I would attempt to improve a large number of traits through selecting a group of partially acceptable birds and then raise large numbers of offspring, culling heavily, in the hopes of rearing a few birds that I could then move forward with.

My goal was much more focused - namely, to get a couple of birds with as many good traits as possible, specifically disease resistance, no stereotypic behaviours such as egg eating or cannibalism, and calm, personable temperament. Type is not a major issue at the beginning, because type is much easier to select for than the other traits I previously listed. Once you have the proper base with disease resistance, no stereotypic behaviours and calmness, you can raise a moderate number of birds and still make some type progress, even if slow.

Then of course, you can always bring

in a bird or two that is of exhibition type to out-cross your proper base line with and then raise a moderate number of birds to select for type and then back-cross to the base line in order to bring that more refined type into combination with the proper intangible traits. Of the two things - exhibition type or well-selected intangible traits - I will take the later any day. The former can always be added later.

So, of the 70 chicks that I ordered, most were culled for lack of one or more of the intangible traits. This is not surprising and is really not any indictment of the hatchery they came from. Exhibition stock will rarely be any better for the intangible traits, and may at times be even less in that regard. Since I am looking for a very specific combination of many genes, the chances of finding that combination is very low, no matter where I look for it, and there is really no source for such birds that are easy to find. The method I have used to find one or two birds with the proper genetic combination (ordering a large number of chicks and then culling hard) is as good a method as any, I have found over many years.

I will point out though that I am too experienced with these many intangible traits to ignore them and I don't want to do a huge breeding project to correct them where they are missing, but a patient person or someone with the inclination to raise a large number of chicks can correct these traits if there is any variability in the stock to begin with. So, for instance, amongst the chicks I ordered were birds that would have been disease resistant, but were

just a bit higher strung or aggressive than I wanted to deal with. Someone else could have corrected that with some breeding and patience. However, no one should tolerate such stereotypic behaviours as egg eating or cannibalism. Eliminate the birds that engage in these traits, as they are very difficult to remove from a flock.

To correct disease resistance problems, you must have at least one or two birds with disease resistance. I am most concerned with resistance for Marek's Virus and Mycoplasma septicaemic. If you have one or more birds with resistance then they can be crossed to birds without resistance and the F1 can be bred back to the resistant birds in order to select for the recessive homozygous resistant individuals, which will of course occur in small numbers.

To correct temperament, be sure you have a bird or two with good temperament, and do exactly as I described above for the breeding and selection of resistance, as calm temperament also tends to be recessive. For other traits, there may be more complicated genetics. For instance, egg production is a multi-ethnic trait, so is more complicated. For that reason, you want to have some good production traits to begin with if you want good production (even in your ornamental breeds).

Some of these traits simply don't exist in some lines or breeds, so that will require an out-cross in order to achieve. That was the reason I ordered several breeds - I was hoping to have enough material, even just one or two birds, of

some different varieties/breeds in order to play a bit with crossing for color or form variations. I selected Rhode Island Red and Partridge Wyandotte bantams knowing these both tend to have good egg production and often some level of resistance to the diseases I am particularly keen to have resistance for. These then were likely to provide a bird or two that would give me the base to cross some other things to. However, none of the others had enough of the traits I want together to keep any, and as I have said, I was not particularly surprised, but I do believe someone with more patience or the desire for a more intensive project could have found usable birds amongst those.

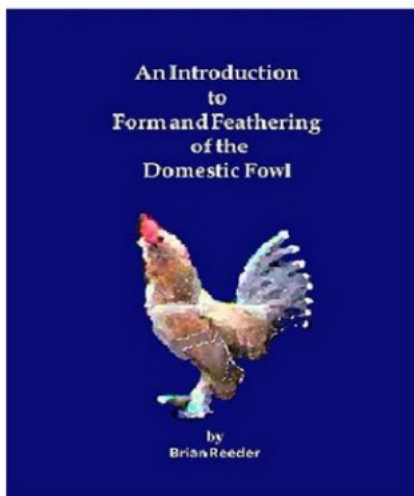
So, of the birds I ordered, what I have left is a pair of the Partridge Wyandotte bantams and one Rhode Island Red pullet. Of the three, one bird seems so far to be the full compliment of traits I am looking for. That bird is the Partridge Wyandotte pullet. Now, there were only three Wyandotte pullets, so that is very nice and seems to indicate that should I really get into the variety, I

can always place an order for a larger number of them and probably get a few more good birds. As well, very nice exhibition lines of the variety are fairly easily found.

The Wyandotte cockerel is not as good in one regard - his respiratory health is not as good, having a slight wheeze when you listen closely to his breathing, but he has not developed any secondary respiratory infections, so if he can be bred with the pullet with the strong respiratory system, then I should be able to go somewhere with the pair. The Rhode Island Red is a nice bird, pretty and lays well, but she has less respiratory soundness than the Wyandotte cockerel, so I am less optimistic about her prospects, as I don't have a highly resistant male to cross to her.

So it seems that the pair of Wyandottes are my one chance to do something. They may well succeed. There are still two hoops to jump through though - they now need to both be fertile and the female needs to be able to hatch and raise her chicks. Time

will tell and I hope something comes of it. I will say that the two Wyandotte individuals left are the nicest two, as both are small and very upright in carriage with nice moderately tight feathering (I very much dislike the overly-fluffy Cochins-looking or English Orpington-like fluff seen in some lines of exhibition Wyandotte - they are not supposed to be that fluffy!), and they both have very small combs, wattles and earlobes. So all in all, they will be excellent birds to start with if nothing else goes wrong. I will say that I have been very seduced over the last few years by my work with plants and I am also interested in pigeons. I have been interested in pigeons for many years, but have not been able to work with them or keep any because of my extensive work with chickens and the very large numbers I used to keep. So however things turn out will be fine. No chickens will mean more pigeons and more time in the garden. We will see...



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Columbia Expo Center
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January 24th, 2015**

SHOW 1:

Champion of Show: Bennett & McDaniel - White OEG (P). Reserve of Show: Jerry McCarty - Dark Cornish (H).

Champion American: Matt Ulrich - White Plymouth Rock (K). Reserve American: Danny Rogers - SC RIR (K).

Champion Asiatic: Leanne Brewer - Black Cochon (K). Reserve Asiatic: Jeff & Jessica Duguay - Black Langshan (K).

Champion English: Kenny & Kole McMillan - Black Australorp (H). Reserve English: Doug Akers - Black Orpington (H).

Champion Mediterranean: Doug Akers - Black Minorca (K). Reserve Mediterranean: Monte Howard - Black Minorca (H).

Champion Continental : Jennifer Mitchell - Black Copper Maran (H). Reserve Continental: Anna Norris - Black Copper Maran (H).

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Breasted Red/BBRed (H).

Champion SCCL: Jerry McCarty - White Plymouth Rock (K). Reserve SCCL: Bennett Family - White Japanese (H).

Champion RCCL: Thompson Bantams - White Wyandotte (P). Reserve RCCL: Robert & Margaret Miller - Silver Sebright (H).

Champion AOCCL: Jerry McCarty - Dark Cornish (H). Reserve AOCCL: Jerry McCarty - Dark Cornish (H).

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Champion Goose: Rhonda Silva - Buff Pomeranian (H).

Champion Bantam Duck: Matt Ulrich - East Indie (C). Reserve Bantam Duck: Rhonda Silva - Gray Call (P).

Champion Light Duck: Rhonda Silva - Welsh Harlequin (K). Reserve Light Duck: Rhonda Silva - Welsh Harlequin (K).

Champion Medium Duck: Doug Akers - Cayuga (K). Reserve Medium Duck: Doug Akers - Cayuga (K).

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JUNIOR SHOW

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SHOW 2:

Champion of Show: Bennett & McDaniel - White OEG (H). Reserve of Show: Doug Akers - LF Black Sumatra (H)

Champion American: Matt Ulrich - White Plymouth Rock (K). Reserve American: Matt Ulrich - SC RIR (C).

Champion Asiatic: Leanne Brewer - Black Cochon (K). Reserve Asiatic: Leanne Brewer - Black Cochon (K).

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Champion Mediterranean: Doug Akers - Black Minorca (K). Reserve Mediterranean: Doug Akers - Black Minorca (P).

Champion Continental: Jennifer Mitchell - Black Copper Maran (H). Reserve Continental: Karley Farrell - Welsummer (P).

Champion AOSB: Doug Akers - Black Sumatra (H). Reserve AOSB: Ann Charles - Black Auracauna (C).

Champion Large Fowl : Doug Akers - Black Sumatra (H). Reserve Large Fowl: Doug Akers - Black Minorca (H).

Champion Modern: Pryar & Wagner - Silver Blue Modern Game (P). Reserve Modern: Bennett Family - Birchen Modern Game (P).

Champion Old English: Bennett & McDaniel - White OEG (H). Reserve Old English: Bennett & McDaniel - Black OEG (H).

Champion SCCL: Jerry McCarty - White Plymouth Rock (K). Reserve SCCL: Peep Peters - RIR (K).

Champion RCCL: Thompson Bantams - White Wyandotte (P).

Reserve RCCL: Bennett Family - Black Rosecomb.

Champion AOCCL: Brent Brian - White Laced Red Cornish (H). Reserve AOCCL: Jerry McCarty - Dark Cornish (H).

Champion Featherleg: Craig Hansen - Black Cochin (P). Reserve Featherleg: Bennett Family - Mille Fleur D'ucelle (H).

Champion Bantam: Bennet & McDaniel - White OEG (H). Reserve Bantam: Jerry McCarty - White Plymouth Rock (K)

Champion Goose: Rhonda Silva - Buff Pomeranian (H).

Champion Bantam Duck: Dorothy Patterson - East Indie (P). Reserve Bantam Duck: Rhonda Silva - Gray Call (P).

Champion Light Duck: Rhonda Silva - Welsh Harlequin (K). Reserve Light Duck: Rhonda Silva - Welsh Harlequin (K).

Champion Medium Duck: Doug Akers - Cayuga (K). Reserve Medium Duck: Champion Doug Akers - Cayuga (K).

Champion Heavy Duck: Rhonda Silva - Silver Appleyard (C). Reserve Heavy Duck: Rhonda Silva - Saxony (P).

Champion Duck : Dorothy Patterson - East Indie (P). Duck Reserve - Rhonda Silva - Welsh Harlequin (K).

JUNIOR SHOW

Jr Champion Bantam - Logan Ulrich - Black Wyandotte (P)

Jr Champion LF - Maycie Ulrich - Black Australorp (H)

Jr Champion Waterfowl - Presley Baker - Khaki Campell (K)

Y.E.P.A. NEWS From Doris Robinson, National Director (Formally the APA-ABA Youth)

Everything is moving along just great for our newly formed Y.E.P.A. group. It's been quite a learning experience moving into the corporate status. Without the constant help from Russell Crevoiserat who has donated hours of his time teaching me and filing all of the paperwork we wouldn't where we are today. We also thank the complete support of the APA, the Southern Ohio Poultry Association (SOPA) and the ABA. What a wonderful opportunity they have given us to grow in the exhibition poultry hobby.

Many of our members are taking advantage of their A.C.E. Program record books, the Showmanship Points Program and the Pre-Apprentice Judges Program which is specific programs within Y.E.P.A for members that are expecting a long life devoted to our hobby. The goals of these young members/exhibitors are truly amazing.

Our record books have recently been accepted as part of a middle and high school curriculum in Canada. This is a huge step for our club and our members that are studying poultry. In Canada, they have a special class called "independent study" where the students can devote their time on a special interest they have as they become adults. It can include anything from plumbing, nursing, electricians, entering the field of social media to raising poultry. These projects must be approved by the board of education to be accepted.

Our new showmanship sanctioning has been very well accepted. It's very

similar to sanctioning an APA or ABA meet except we provide host clubs with awards for first and second place in their junior, intermediate & senior classes thanks to Cackle Hatchery that is the sole sponsor of this wonderful program. Cackle Hatchery provides us with the trophies that are sent with each sanctioning and helps the clubs save a little money. To save a lot of work on the part of the host club Y.E.P.A. provides the pre-made showmanship judging sheets which are geared to the educational expectations for each age group.

Our monthly newsletter is always filled with information from our youth members. This has to be the biggest publication completely devoted to the junior poultry hobby. Thank you all for sharing your news each month. I always tell them this is "your" newsletter, no news...no newsletters. We place the newsletter in our newsroom on the website each month and our members get a special edition emailed to the directly called "For Members Only". This is where they find all of the educational materials we provide them to achieve success in the showroom and for their showmanship competitions. This evidently is working well. According to all of the show reports normally our members are the top two that place well in their showmanship divisions.

I'd like to thank some of our youth leaders that have been so helpful this year by taking on new projects and assisting me here in the office. Toni Candea of New York is a whiz when it comes to all phases of the corporate world and is my sounding board more often than not. Toni will be working very hard contacting some of the larger companies inviting them to sponsor some of our programs and the youth

club in general. Jennifer Bergin or North Carolina leader has taken on the challenge of being our Showmanship Points secretary, keeping track of our members showmanship points and mailing out their award pins and patches. She will be your "go to" person if you have any questions about your points. She can be reached at bergin@embarqmail.com. Cindy Kinard our Florida leader is always thinking and coming up with study ideas to help our members to be in top form for showmanship. Several parents have stepped up and are offering their services to help work with the leaders in their areas. I can't list them all here but I will send out a special thank you for lightening the load of work our youth leaders do.

As most of our members know, the big show we put on at the APA Annual in Knoxville last December was huge success. Thanks to the Tennessee Valley Poultry Club (TVPC) and all of their wonderful help we hope to work with them in the future for more "extravaganzas" at their show. The shows won't be ABA or APA national events but will be a special event for our youth club members. All of the awards for this type of event have to be sponsored financially so if you know of anyone that would like to sponsor awards for some of our contests have them get in contact with me. Wouldn't it be nice to have a special event like this just for youth that work so hard raising and showing their exhibition poultry?

Hopefully spring is around the corner. I think all of us are ready to "smell the roses" literally.

Until next time we'll thank you for your interest in the juniors in our poultry hobby,

Doris

Introducing: YEPA

By: Russ Crevoiserat

The New Year has brought a big change for the APA/ABA Youth Poultry Club. In an effort to ensure the future of the youth organization, the club was incorporated with a new name and re-organized to ensure its longevity. With its rebirth, the youth club is now known as the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association, or YEPA. Aside from the name change, a new logo, a new website address and the incorporated form of organizational structure, nothing else has changed. The youth club will be here to educate our children about the values, tradition and importance of exhibition poultry.

Why did these changes come about? There were several reasons, but most important was the need to ensure that the club is structured so as to outlive those who founded and promoted youth participation in exhibition poultry since 1995. In business, when the owner of a small, unincorporated business passes away, the business ordinarily ceases to exist. When an organization is incorporated, such as the American Bantam Association or the American Poultry Association, the entity is guided by an elected board of directors. Since YEPA is now an incorporated entity with a self sustaining board of directors, it too has a perpetual existence.

The transition from an unincorporated club to YEPA also provides a succession plan for National Director Doris Robinson who has tirelessly and unselfishly volunteered to lead this organization almost since its inception. While Doris will continue her work with everyone, there is a means for Doris to retire when the time is right for her. Anyone interested in exhibition poultry

and, especially the development of the youth of our hobby, is grateful for Doris' hard work.

While the incorporation of YEPA is complete, the not-for-profit application is, at this writing, a work-in-process. When YEPA is recognized as a not-for-profit corporation by the Internal Revenue Service, YEPA will not be considered a charitable organization. Donations will not be tax deductible. However, YEPA will continue to be financially supported by great sponsors to include, but not limited to, the Southern Ohio Poultry Association, American Bantam Association, American Poultry Association and Cackle Hatchery. Volunteerism can be big or small and there are many ways to support YEPA. The Ohio National awarded another \$500 college scholarship to a deserving junior and, Shawn Streeter of Massachusetts, continued his personal tradition of providing an ABA Life membership to a junior champion. Volunteer leaders are needed for some states. Most of all, you will be warmly welcomed when you simply volunteer a few hours of your time at a show to help out at a YEPA table. At Ducks Unlimited fundraiser banquets, the theme is: Do It for the Ducks. At YEPA meets, we should: Do It for the Kids.

Thank you for your past support of the APA/ABA Youth Poultry Club and for your continued and future support of the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association as a new chapter is written in the history of junior showmanship and exhibition poultry. If you have any questions about the YEPA reorganization process, please contact me at Russell8431@att.net. If you have any questions about ongoing YEPA youth activities, please contact National Director Doris Robinson at nanamamabrahma@att.net.



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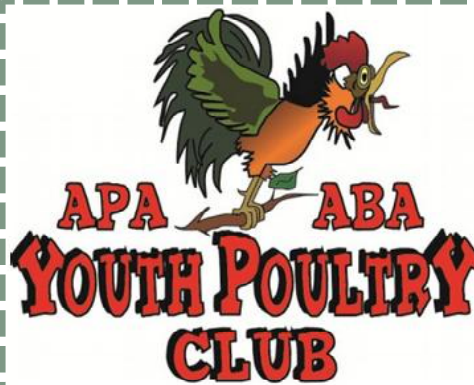


"This beautiful member of the Youth Club, Angela Tuttle of Louisiana shows off her Reserve Champion of the SCCL class with her Silver Penciled Plymouth Rock Bantam at the ABA National. Congratulations Angela!!" . . Doris Robertson.

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The club promotes opportunities to practice showmanship, cooperation and fellowship and to be involved with their home community and with the poultry fancy in general.

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