

# Cochins International

Winter 2009

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*Jordan Ginter at the Illinois State Fair. Congratulations!*

## President's Report

Greetings fellow Cochin lovers!

Here it is almost the end of 2009, and everyone is checking out their accomplishments from this year's breeding pens. Hopefully a good number of you were able to attend one of our Nationals this year. The Eastern National for 2009 was held the last weekend of September up at the Colwyn Championship Showcase in Fergus, Ontario. As soon as we get all the particulars we will include that in the newsletter. Our 2009 Western National was held at the Nebraska Show the weekend of 7 and 8 November. I hear that they anticipate quite a turnout of Cochins and I am sorry I will

have to miss it. Our 2010 Eastern National is also just around the corner. We placed the 2010 Eastern National at the Northeast Poultry Congress in Springfield, MA, in conjunction with the ABA National. It should be quite a show.

Each year we match up our breeders, some of us with a scientific approach and some of us on a wing and a prayer, with the anticipation of improving one aspect or another of our particular line or variety of choice. Were the results successful? By now you should be able to answer that question. We always want to see improvements but sometimes we don't, or we see improvements in one aspect and a step backwards in another. This is what makes  
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it a fun and challenging hobby. I like the shows and showing a few birds every now and then, but for me the real enjoyment and focus is on improving some of the patterned varieties we don't see a lot of in the show halls. I am hopeful to see more breeders working on colors like Columbian, Partridge, Silver or Gold Laced in the future.

I know that many of you are wondering about the status of the breeders directory. I will have it done prior to the end of the year, and distributed before Christmas. Our Master Breeders Points system is alive and well and Shari has been keeping them up-to-date. Unfortunately we weren't able to get an update into this newsletter, but they are being kept up.

We have had an offer from someone willing to build or update our club website. I think this is a great idea and we certainly have the funds in our treasury to pay for this service. This will allow us to keep current info, photos and points on the site, and will take an additional duty off my plate. I'll be following up on this over the next couple months.

We'll certainly have a meeting at the National in January and if you have a topic you'd like to discuss please let me know and we'll get it on the agenda. See you in the Cochins aisles!




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## Secretary/Treasurer Report

Hard to believe where this year went. Everyone says the older you get the faster time flies and I believe they are right. This summer in New York was a wet one. First time I can remember the lawn never stopped growing and I lost a lot of vegetables due to blight and got no tomatoes at all. Flowers did well with my dahlias just growing like crazy. I am addicted to those more than the birds sometimes. We had frost way back in the first week of June so hence to say no apples or peaches this year. The blueberries and raspberries did well but that was about it. But enough about my gardening woes.

I have hatched quite a few birds this year and hope to have a few good ones for the Eastern National to be held in Springfield, MA, in January. This show has ample space and usually a really good turn out so I hope a lot of you can make it. I wrapped up judging the fairs this Fall. This year was a good year. I was able to judge both the New Jersey and New York state fairs along with a half a dozen county fairs. I really enjoy some of the fairs. Usually my daughter goes a long and we spend some of my earnings at the fair and in turn it's a memory.

The quality of the birds this year was down if you ask me but that too could be in part to our wonderful wet weather. I was also able to judge a show in Montreal. I had a great time with those very hospitable guys. The fall shows for me wrapped up by the end of October, with a couple more judging assignments.

On that note I guess I will close for now. I hope everyone had a great show season this fall and are able to distribute some better birds to the kids. Again, they are the future and if they get discouraged by not placing well they may give up what have we accomplished. The treasury is holding steady with just a few bills here and there. 'Til next time, take care and if I can help with anything cochin or club related please don't hesitate to ask.

Jamie

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## Membership Report

It is once again time to send in your dues money, this time for 2010. Where does time go? Some of you have done so already. If your address label still says 09 and you have sent in your 2010 payment, don't worry, I have updated your record in the database. The labels are just a little behind. We did not reprint the labels because they can be costly. I am in the process of transferring the database files to a different program so they can be e-mailed to whoever needs them. I can't do that very easily now. When I get this done, I can electronically send the data to District Directors to have at their disposal. I hope to have this done by the beginning of 2010.

I purged the database of unpaid members in August. That means we carried unpaid members through more than half of the year. I will not do that in 2010. No unpaid members will receive the Spring newsletter. So remember membership runs from Jan 1 to Dec 31. Pay yours now and why not pay for more than one year? It saves time and postage. Speaking of postage, I have had some members request a membership card that tells them when their membership expires. First of all, the club doesn't have these. Secondly, I don't currently ask the club to reimburse postage charges but I would have to if I had to send the membership cards. Lastly, if you know

membership runs from calendar year to calendar year you shouldn't need a card to remind yourself. The wyandotte club gives you a year from the month you joined. They do have reminders because a portion of the membership roster needs to renew each month. I don't want to have to make this any more complicated than it is. So I don't think membership cards are the best route to take.

When sending your dues, please send your money to me and not Jamie. Yes, the money ends up there eventually. But it is less confusing if it comes here first with your membership information. I have been given a new address, so please use it. The new address is: 2890S 275W Bloomfield, IN 47424. I only send dues money to Jamie about once a month, so don't get worried if your check doesn't clear right away. Checks trickle in and if I send each to Jamie as I receive them, it would be too costly.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at shows in 2010. Call or e-mail if I can be of assistance. God Bless, Matt

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| National Meet Rotation |               |
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| 2009E                  | Canada        |
| 2009W                  | West Central  |
| 2010E                  | Northeast I   |
| 2010W                  | Pacific       |
| 2011E                  | North Central |
| 2011W                  | West Central  |
| 2012E                  | Northeast II  |
| 2012W                  | Pacific       |

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| 2013E | Southeast |
| 2013W | Southwest |

## Northeast I Report

Hello NE District 1! I'll start by apologizing for not having an article in the last newsletter, but unfortunately up here in NE1, there's just wasn't much to talk about in April other than the weather. I hope this article finds you all well and everyone had a successful hatching season. I had a slow start hatching this year as my white hens were very late laying, I think it had to do with all those dark rainy days we had through June. Thanks to Bill Serrine and Jim Photiou for helping me get started this spring. It's nice to be involved in a hobby that your "competitors" step up to help you out when things aren't going along as planned. My hens did eventually start to lay and I was able to hatch out a few and my bator is turned off. Hopefully they will be ready for the big ABA, Eastern CI National in January (details are provided below). I did finally learn how to AI and admit it is a lot easier and successful than pen mating.

I attended two shows this spring, and have included the results below; as well as a few other show results I heard about:

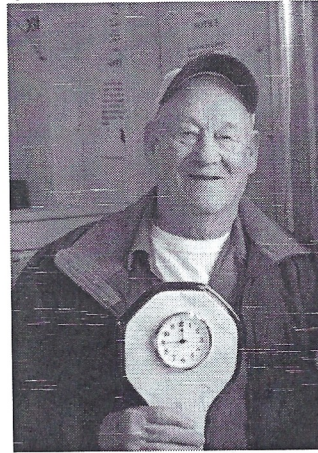
Central Maine Bird Fanciers 5/09 (27 Cochins). B: BB and RB went to Bill Serrine's white H and K respectively. St: BB and RB to a Black H and P by Stephen Blash. Jr. BB and RB to Aaron Leighton with two nice white hens.

Boston Poultry 5/09 (24 Cochins). B: BB was Bill Serrine's black H and RB to his white hen. St: BB to a black P and a RB to a blue P both by Tom Nelson. Jr. BB and RB again to Aaron Leighton with two nice white hens.

Cheryl Barnaba was kind enough to provide me with results for the CT Poultry Breeders spring show that I was not able to

attend. B: BB and RB was won by Bill Serrine on a White H and a black H. St: BB Black H and RB black Pullet by Stephen Blash.

Rick Hare sent me the results of the Buffalo NY spring show, which also hosted the APA semi annual B: BB was a white pullet by Bill Serrine and RB and Res. featherleg and RB to a black K by Bill Ziehm.



Congratulations to all the winners. I hope Bill let's the rest of us win a few in the fall !!!

I'd like to welcome a few new members to NE1: Stephen Blash of North Oxford, MA; Mark Podgwaite and Lisa Clark of Northfield, VT; Ken Gugliucci of Smithtown, NY; and Joan Fullerton of Temple ME. Unfortunately, a number of members did not pay their 2009 dues and were removed. Please make sure you paid your dues for 2009. If not, mail ASAP to Matt McCammon, 2890 S 275W, Bloomfield, IN 47424. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Regular individual membership and family membership dues are \$15.00, junior membership (under age 18) is \$7.50, however junior members do not earn Master Breeder points. If a junior wishes to earn points then he/she must purchase a regular individual membership and compete in an open show.

I've placed this fall's CI meets and this year's NE1 District Meet at the New Hampshire Poultry Breeders Show, Deerfield, NH on October 11. This location was a great site and easy to get to by many. Also, mark your

calendars for the 2010 CI National Meet to be held at the Northeastern Poultry Congress, Springfield, MA on January 16 and 17, 2010. This show will also host the 2010 ABA nationals and promises to be a great show. There's been monthly write-ups in the Poultry Press and all information on this show can be found on-line at <http://nepoultrycongress.homestead.com/>.

If anyone else has exciting Cochin news or show results that you'd like to see in my article, just drop me a line and I'll make sure to add it to future articles. As always, feel free to contact me with any comments and questions: [lamb@psicorp.com](mailto:lamb@psicorp.com) – 978-374-2481. Wishing you all much success at the fall shows. – Donna Lamb



## Northeast II Report

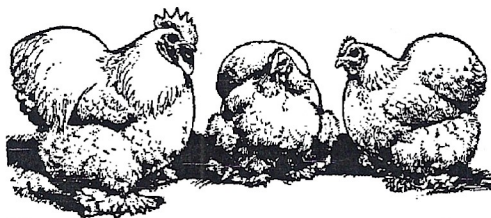
Greetings from the cold Northeast. I placed several meets as I became aware of shows in the district and I designated the District Meet at the Sussex County Poultry Show in October. It had been a while since the District Meet was placed in New Jersey so I thought it only fair to place the meet in that fine state. I'll have results from that show hopefully for the next newsletter.

Testing continues to be an issue but thank goodness all eyes are currently on the H1N1 "Swine Flu" and for the time being, it seems as if everyone has forgotten about avian influenza. Regardless, it is always a good idea to practice good bio-security on your places and do your best to protect your birds and yourselves for that matter. Take special care when traveling to and from shows and if at all possible, isolate your birds upon returning home for a couple of weeks to make sure that

they have not brought any diseases back with you.

Show personnel who would like to have a Cochins International meet at your show need only to call me to get the meet. My contact information is Rich Barczewski, 6827 Underwoods Corner Road, Smyrna, DE 19977; phone (302) 659-1211 or email [richbar@starband.net](mailto:richbar@starband.net) or [rbarczewski@desu.edu](mailto:rbarczewski@desu.edu) I love to hear from members in the district and would especially appreciate hearing how we can increase members and interest in our favorite breed.

I also wanted to mention that plans are underway for another major Joint National Crossroads Show in 2012. Last time, we had a wonderful showing of cochins at that venue and while I have to admit that I walked my legs off going from one end of the exhibition hall to the other, it was quite impressive to walk down the rows and admire all the varieties of cochin large fowl and bantams on display. We'll see how this show develops and we will hopefully have some more discussion in upcoming issues of the newsletter. Until next time, keep those cochins growing and I hope to see you get them up on Champion Row. Rich



## Midwest Report

We had a great summer and fall here in the Midwest, but winter has certainly set in. We had a wonderful hatching season in Missouri. For the Missouri State, the weather was nice the whole time, in the middle 80's and low 90's, when it's usually over 100 degrees. The champion featherleg was a white cock shown by Pam Hamilton, and the reserve featherleg

was a black hen shown by Steve and Rob Dixon. We decided to show all different colors this time – Blues, Brown Red, Buff Columbian, Columbian, Golden Lace, Partridge, Red, and a pair of Blacks.

The Missouri State Poultry Assoc held a Fall double show, Oct 17., and will be having shows in the spring and in the fall. They will be the 3rd Sat in April and the 3rd Sat in Oct each year. Come and join us for these great shows.

There were also shows at Hutchinson, Ks in Nov., Fayetteville, Ark, Nov 7, Rocky Mountain Feather Fancier in Co. Oct 24.

My husband, Kenny is always working on new varieties and showed two new ones Mo State Poultry Assoc show this fall.

We have several 4-h leaders that are getting the youth into the cochins this year. Any help we can give them they always appreciate. We have had more junior's in our show here in Missouri. The kids are eager to learn and when they ask questions, please help the most you can. They are the future of the poultry shows.  
Bernita

## West Central Report

The 2009 Western National at Lincoln, NE was a huge success with 214 Cochins shown by 29 exhibitors and over \$1200 in cash and trophies. Ed Zeleny of Morse Bluff, NE was the CI Honoree. Mr. Zeleny has raised standard Cochins for years and has sold breeding stock to top breeders coast to coast. The show was judged by the very capable Art Reiber from Iowa.

Champion Standard was a gorgeous Black Hen shown by Andrea Sorenson from Michigan. The Reserve Standard was a white pullet from Roland Doerr from Minnesota. Champion Bantam was a Black Cockerel exhibited by Larry and Mark Peterson of Minnesota with the Reserve Bantam Champion being a White Cock from Pam Hamilton from Missouri. Overall Cochin Champion was the

Bantam Black Cockerel shown by Larry and Mark Peterson and winning for them the \$100.00 cash award. The Champion Standard Trio was shown by Rick Klehr from Minnesota on White Cochins and the Champion Bantam Trio being shown by Larry and Mark Peterson of Minnesota on their Black Cochin Bantams. The Junior Champion was shown by Wade Fredrick of Nebraska on a Buff Large Fowl and Tate Linton of Iowa showing the Reserve Junior Champion on a Black Cochin Bantam Cockerel.

*(Editor's note: There are many photos available from this show. Our next newsletter will have a full-color page to give these birds justice.)*

Roland

## Southeast Report

Hi Everyone, hope all had a successful hatching year. I had some extremely good early white pullets. Time will tell if they can hold it together. It seems as if the April-May hatch youngsters are growing extremely slow. Fall shows came and went and I'll have results for the next newsletter. The shows started the end of October here and it was great to see old friends again and join in fellowship and fun. Hopefully we will see new faces in the cochin aisles.

I would like to welcome our new members from the Southeast district that have joined Cochins International. They are Tracy Zellers from Bulls Gap, TN, Joshua Morris from Douglasville, GA, and Sydnee Brarshers from Lenoir City, TN. If I can be of any help, please contact me.

There seems to be a revival in interest for Cochins. That's very encouraging during our tough economic times. I've received several inquiries from parents saying their child wants to begin exhibiting cochins. Cochins are such a wonderful choice because of their wonderful disposition. Let's keep in mind that the youth

are our future. A good example of that is Jordan Ginter, who is pictured on the front page of this newsletter. The smile on his face and the happiness that exudes says it all! Keep those cochins up on champion row!

Judy



*Pictured is Judy's great white hen who won most everything they entered from 2006-2009. She will be greatly missed.*

## A Note from Fred Abbitt

The Gateway Poultry club will be holding its annual show in April. Watch the Poultry Press and the Cochin Forum for exact dates and contact information. I will be offering \$100 in prize money to Cochins International members who exhibit in our show. This year we are hosting a double show, so you have the opportunity to save on gas and hotel bills by attending this one day event. I will award \$50 to the Cochins International member who exhibits the largest number of cochins (large fowl and/or bantams). I will award \$25 to the Cochins International member who exhibits the second largest number of birds, and I will award another \$25 to the Cochins International member who exhibits the third largest number of birds. So enter those birds with us and bring them out for some stiff competition. The last two years we have had around 100+ cochin

bantams in several colors. So it will be well worth your time. Bloomington Indiana is located in South Central Indiana and is the home to Indiana University. There are many hotel rooms and activities, not to mention the shopping and restaurants. See ya in April!  
Fred Abbitt-Indiana

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## INTERNATIONAL COCHINDAY IN ZEDDAM (NL)

After many months of preparation and some bad news for the organisation in the last two weeks, the day was there. On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of September the doors of the village home opened its doors, waiting for the guests to come. The number of entries was higher than last year. It was a bit disappointing to see only 25 Cochins in the large fowl, but this number was compensated by 220 bantams. Also in the sale area there were over a hundred birds, which was promising.

Special were the contacts to the newly founded clubs from Italy and France. From Italy came six breeders, among them the president of the club, Simone Cepollina. They brought a lovely prize that was put on the best collection of four male birds. Simone himself entered some black and cuckoo bantams in show. There was also a delegation of four persons from France. They mainly came to buy breeding stock. From England John Soper and his wife Sylvia were there. They have not missed a single Cochinday. Also there were a lot of breeders from Germany, Belgium and Holland.

From the German club for Cochins, Brahmas and Brahma bantams, we had Volker Kazenmayer, the vice president and Frank Klatt, the coach of the Cochinbreeders who were all there from the south of Germany. Horst and Bärbel Bastian of the German bantamclub could not come because of illness. They were to have picked out the best bantam, but the job was



taken care of by John Soper (GB) and Dietmar Hohenhorst (D), who did very well. Dietmar Hohenhorst, a good friend and breeder of bantams, came from Germany to judge part of the bantams. He did the partridge varieties and the mottled.

Because two judges told us one week before the show they could not come, we had to find some other judges in very short time. Because on a day like this also people who are not officially judges can judge, we could solve this problem. We asked Mathijs Ykema, a young talented breeder to judge. He did the buff and black bantams, but there were still 23 white bantams left. Those birds I judged myself. Normally as organizer of the day I would rather not have done so, but there was no other solution.

Hendrik Timmer judged the large Cochins, twelve black birds to start with. Best



pullet and best Cochin of the day was a bird of J.Alms (D). Also a young dutch breeder, Karin Grutters, had a very good pullet in this class. Other exhibitors were W.Lensing from Germany and Bart Leyssen from Belgium. Bart had the best pullet of six in blue. A nice large bird. W.Lensing had the best cockerel in that colour. There was only one buff pullet, which should

have been larger, from B. Leyssen. J. Lieder(D) showed four nice cuckoo birds. B.Leyssen showed a pair of young birds in buffcuckoo, a new colour in Cochins.

There were sixteen bantams in partridge of good quality. In silver partridge there were 24 birds. A cockerel was best male and best bantam of the day, a bird from U.Opitz (D). There two birds of my own in blue partridge, not ready yet, but we are working on them. Among the mottled there was a perfect hen of G.Bosch (NL) and a nice cockerel of K.Sneyers (B). Best black was a young male of F.Hannes (B). In pullets, the best bird was of G.Bosch.

Many years we had not seen them and here they were, thirteen blue birds of three Belgian breeders. Best in both sexes was won by N.Antoni (B). There was also a white hen from Italy with superb type. There were eleven cockerels and eleven pullets with excellent types. Best birds were from Schute/Theelen (D) and Hannes (B). Of 22 birds in Buff, best male was from R.Bosch (NL), best females from R. Bosch and D. Hohenhorst (D). Of eighteen birds in Porcelain, best birds in both sexes were from M.I.Croon (NL). There were eight very good birds in lavender (self blue) of Sneyers' from Belgium. We had seven birds in silver wheaten, all really top birds of A.v.d.Bogaard (B). Next up were two birds of very good quality in birchen of Gregotzuk (D) and four birds in cuckoo from our Italian friend Simone, also of very good quality. In buffcuckoo, we saw five birds with the winner being K.Wijnen (NL). Also presented was a class of nine white/black columbian of very good quality, the winner being Gregorzuk and Hohenhorst, both from Germany. There were four birds in white/blue Columbian, a difficult colour, but these birds were very good as were the five birds in buff/black columbian. In buff/blue columbian, M.Ykema (NL) was the winner.

There were eight birds in a colour that is called bobtail. The name is not official and the colour is not recognised, but everybody knows them

and especially outside Holland they are very popular. They are called so because they show the white and light grey of the dog with the same name. *(Will be pictured in next newsletter)*. Very nice typed birds. Of the group of 16 frizzles, one was black and the others all in white, all very good material, with the best male by Schulte/Theelen, best female from H-Ulrich Luthardt. And lastely, there were eleven birds in non-recognised colours – buff mottled, dun/yellow birchen, black/yellow birchen and a splash cock.

I think it was a perfect day. I was busy and there were contacts between breeders of different countries. Many birds found new owners. All that came to say goodbye thanked Gerrit and me for the beautiful day. That is stimulating and motivating us to organise the sixth Cochindag on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2010 *(Editor's note: the next newsletter will include a full-color page so that we can all fully appreciated some of these amazing varieties. Stay tuned)*

Ardjan Warnshuis

## From the Cochin Forum

*The following few articles were culled (no pun intended) from the Cochin Forum, which can be found online at <http://www.voy.com/14771/>*

### Brown Cochin Project

*Bo Garrett writes:* I have been working on a brown cochin project since 2004 and this year may have seen the best progress to date. I was only able to hatch out 8, which I think are all pullets, and they all seem to finally have the base brown body color and the black stipling. The hackle and breast feathers are still more orange than red and salmon but progress has been made.

I am keeping records of the matings used and the results of each mating produced. I will publish the complete results when the project is completed so that others may

replicate the results and have these large brown beauties to show. I do not think that any are left in existence since the flock of the late Alex Duffy was lost. When Mr. Duffy was showing these brown cochins he was winning asiatic classes with them which is something to be said for a bird of the patterned variety.

When the birds mature I will post pictures to our website and you may see the progress we are making. And thanks to those who have provided the varieties I have needed to move this project forward (Tom Roebuck & Bill West).

*Matt Lhamon writes:* I know that the Minnich Brothers had some in LF and Bantam in the 1970's which would have been after the Duffy flock. They were Dark brown Color pattern. I have seen a few bantams that resembled Light Browns from partridge crossed with black and buff. I know H. Craig Carrol was working with BB Red and Wheaten and may have some sports which look like browns. Great Project Bo, look forward to seeing them!

*Tom Tucker writes:* Alex gave me the last of his photos of his birds before he died but sadly there were no photos of his browns in the bunch. Mostly stuff from the garden shows but a few from our county fair where he exhibited for display only. We used to chat quite a bit about the browns. It broke his heart to come home and find them destroyed by dogs. If you get to the point where you have some stock to sell, Bo, please keep me in mind.

*Bo responds:* I'll keep you in mind. The one thing I do not want to do, once I get them right, is to hoard them from other cochin fanciers. I want as many of them in the show rooms as possible. As much as I love the solid blacks, whites and buffs, I also believe that no cochin aisle is complete without the patterned varieties. I would one day like to see some excellent large reds on display. Maybe one day I'll tackle that as well.

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### Using our Names to Sell Birds

*Doug Bishop writes:* I just wanted to see how y'all felt about people using your name to sell birds on sites like eggbid.com. I have seen many times where people say "Judy Gantt's line", or "Tom Roebuck's line" and they had gotten really hard up and said "Doug Bishop's line". As we all know, you can breed very many birds together and only get a select few to show. I know they buy the birds and they now belong to them. I just don't like them selling their culls and saying they are from me. How do the rest of you feel? Is this just me or what?

*Gayle McManus writes:* First, I don't sell on Eggbid. I do sell hatching eggs though. I quite often get asked where I got my breeding stock from. I will tell the person where I purchased my birds but also tell them that the chicks they hatch are my breeding. I can understand where you are coming from but what do you say when asked where you got your breeding stock? Guess it comes from being known as a good breeder. Most people know that not every chick that hatches is going to be show quality but they also know that a good line of breeding increases their chances. So even though you may feel as though you are being exploited, you are also being looked at as a good breeder.

*Judy Gantt writes:* This is actually very complicated and thought provoking when you really think about it. I have felt used at times when I've done a favor for someone or sold them birds at a reduced price only to see them resold for a whole lot more money. There are several reasons why people do this. They are insecure or want to increase the price of the birds. They are in it more for the money than for the love of the bird.

On a positive note, I've had people email me to find out if I sold birds to so-and-so. There are a lot of birds out there that are misrepresented either intentionally or unintentionally. I've had a few people offer birds back to me when they had changed

directions. Most birds that are sold give credit where credit is due. They love their birds and work hard to promote and improve the breed. In your case, (which I know) the person did use your name after you went above and beyond to see that they got some nice birds to love, to improve the breed, and to get others into the buff cochin. It is hurtful and disappointing when that happens.

Unavoidably, and the bottom line, there are people that are in this hobby to further themselves or to make a money. We as responsible breeders just have to accept the few that are like that. I have met a whole lot more good people in this business than bad ones. We can't let one bad apple spoil the whole bushel. We as human beings want to trust and look for the positive in people. Let the birds speak for themselves and let's do our part to share and educate "newbies" on what a good cochin looks like.

*Craig writes:* I did not develop the line of birds I raise. I purchased good breeding stock from a reputable known longtime fancier. I sell very few birds, giving away more to start 4H kids. I tell everyone who asks where my stock came from and how to contact him. It is no secret that most of us haven't been able to produce our own line of birds so why is it not OK to give credit where credit is due.

*Doug writes:* Craig I agree with you 100%. I have no problem for anyone that has gotten birds from me in the past, to tell that they got the birds from me. It is almost like a honor for someone to link your name to a variety. Like you, I give more to kids than I sell. What I am upset about is someone advertising on sites such as eggbid, using someone's name to get a higher price for them. They should just post the photo and let the picture speak for itself. If a bidder wants to contact the seller and ask what stock or line the birds are, then that is fine tell them. I know they are not in it for the love of the hobby, such as you and many others, they are just out to make a dollar.

*Josh writes:* To shed some light on the topic from a newer breeders perspective, I personally make it a point not to list the names of the breeders that my parent birds come from directly in ads out of respect for the breeders but I do give the information out freely if inquiries are made privately. I do raise cochins but, for example, I've spent thousands of dollars developing my silkie stock over the last few years. When I list some of the older breeders that are not needed in my program anymore, I have a hard time getting even half of the money out of the birds that I put into them, especially since I'm a nobody that people have never heard of. It won't matter how nice the birds look in the pictures, without the background breeding no one wants to mess with them.

On the other hand when someone buys a cock bird from you and puts it in with their barnyard mix and then lists the mix breed mutts as direct descendants of your birds I can see how it can be extremely frustrating and yes, you're right in that some people are doing it directly to make money. I sure wish that someday I can have to worry about this problem!

*Tom Roebuck writes:* Interesting topic and one that I can relate to. I used eggbid to sell a pair of partridge cochins, but that is the extent of my selling on that site. I'd much rather use the auction site that Matt Lhamon set up but it doesn't get much traffic (not sure why). I do however look at eggbid from time to time to see what's being sold, and how much people are bidding (curiosity), and I've seen my name associated with other's auctions. I've even seen birds I previously sold on there. While I don't like the fact that it's being done, there is nothing that I can really do about it. As long as people understand that they aren't necessarily getting birds that I've bred myself I guess. It would be nice if people asked permission but I suppose that's not realistic and, as Judy said, some folks are in it just to make a buck and, quite honestly, a buck is about all they'll make. If they are raising

exhibition poultry for money they are in the wrong business.

I agree that they should let the photo of the bird speak for itself and if a potential buyer is really interested in the pedigree of the bird(s) they should contact the seller directly. I also see Josh's point. Eggbid is a handy way to get rid of some of your no-longer-needed birds and perhaps offset your feed bill a bit. Some birds move better than others, and even more so if they are from a recognized breeder. Bottom line for prospective buyers looking for quality birds is to contact the breeders directly. That's the surest way to get what you are looking for. You may have to wait a breeding season to get the birds, but you'll be happy that you waited.

Eggbid is an auction site, and there's no guarantee that you are going to be happy with what comes out of the box when you open it. A picture only goes so far. Yes, there are reputable breeders that sell on that site and you'll receive nice birds from them, but I would rather see the bird in person before I agree to buy it.

*Matt Lhamon writes:* Thanks for the Plug Tom. Eggbid is poorly monitored and managed by the owners. People use it because they do not pay the owners any commissions as they have no way to enforce collection of the fees. They have a ton of dead-beat bidders and several people have been caught running up bids on their own auctions. I started Showbirdbid.com as an alternative for exhibition poultry breeders and it has been very slow. I have even waived all fees and commissions to get people to try it out. As far as advertising someone else's name in your auctions, I feel that is unethical. You can tell them where you got your start in an email but I feel it's wrong to name-drop to sell birds. Too often I see poor quality birds going for big money to unsuspecting newcomers and wish they would take the time to go to a show or directly to a breeder as they would be better off in the long run. I have gotten some nice birds off eggbid and I have gotten some real crap,

too. It's a chance you take when you buy sight-unseen. If you are in the market for good birds I always recommend attending the Ohio National in Columbus the second weekend in November. I see thousands of nice birds sold there every year at fair prices. I know several CI members did real well there last year.

#### **Amprolium in Feed**

*Robert H. Rhodes writes:* In past years all of my mature cochin bantam breeding birds have been fed an 18% non-medicated chick grower from around July 1 until the next breeding season and then changed to a breeder feed. My local feed store has changed brands and is now selling a 20% starter-grower with amprolium. I can't find it written anywhere that the amprolium would cause any problems for breeder birds. What has been anyone else's experience feeding a feed with amprolium prior to the breeding season?

*Judy Gantt writes:* Based on my experiences, there shouldn't be any difference, no interference. I feed Show Chow from birth to death and it has amprol in it. I don't think they add enough at any rate to mess anything up. Just my thinking.

*Pekinut writes:* I had a similar issue in South Africa and decided to speak to the vet at the feed makers and his reply was, "If you feed it to breeding birds it's okay, but if you feed it to laying hens where the eggs are going to be eaten by humans, no, it is not advisable."

*(Editor's note: I edited the messages within these online threads in an attempt to print here only those that added information on the specific topic. Please don't feel slighted if you notice your post has not been included. Also, for those folks using an "alias" but would rather be identified by name here going forward, let me know and I can make the changes. Jay)*

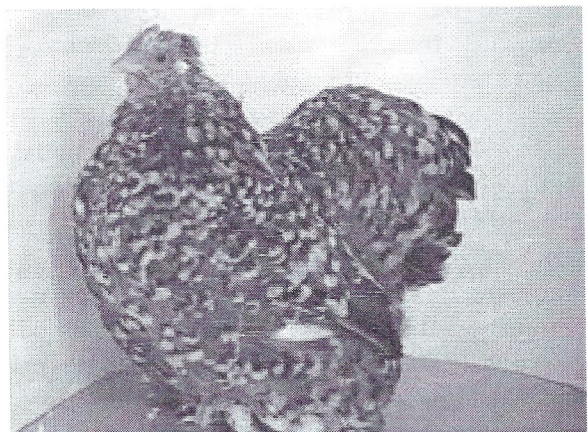
**If you've not yet done so, remember to send your 2010 dues to Matt!**

**The next newsletter will include full-color photos and you don't want to miss out!**

## **Breeding of Porcelain/ Milles Fleures Cochin Bantams**

*(As translated by Ardjan Warnshuis)*

The person who made this colour is Mr. Christoph Sicking from Germany. He wrote the following words about how he came to the porcelain color/variety.

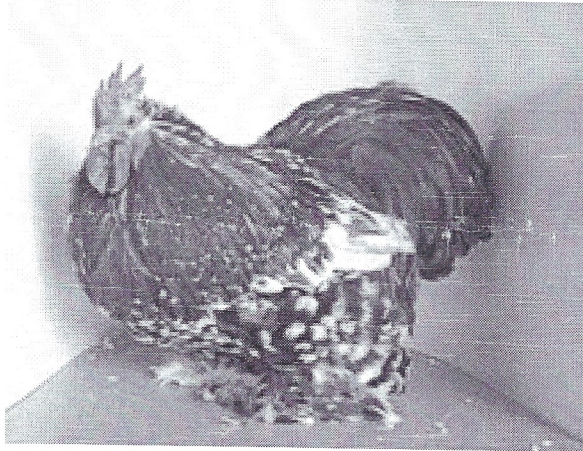


He started 1983 with a couple of more or less partridge mottled from a breeder out of the former East Germany, Mr. Gottfried Pöthig. They fell out of crossing white, black, partridge and mottled Cochin bantams.

In 1984, he crossed in a buff Cochin bantam female with no success. It probably would have been better to have used a buff/black columbian. In 1985, he crossed in a red Cochin bantam female.

Then in 1986, he crossed in a buff/black columbian male with a lot of white. From this cock, 84 sons and daughters and 259 grandsons and granddaughters were bred.

From 1987 thru 1990, milles fleures Booted bantams and porcelain (julilee)



Orpington bantams were crossed in. Not surprisingly, this produced great problems in shape, and also failed to improve the colour. Ground colour varied from light buff to dark brown. In these years also some partridge (black red) were brought in, but the "game" colour again provided many problems.

Beginning in 1991, a mottled hen and a buff cock with coloured markings were brought in, and in 1993, from these birds, the first cockerel was ready for showing. At that moment, 1,883 chicks had been bred since the project was first started.

(NOTE: the colour of the foot feathers is *not* like in Booted bantams. The feathers are brown with black and white markings.)

In the years from 1994 to 1996, they were exhibited and judged and, finally, in 1997 they were a recognised variety.

Ardjan Warnshuis