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President's Message

Another breeding season is upon us and lots of people I've talked to are gearing their breeding and hatching around the Crossroads Show dates. I hope to see lots of you and your Cochins there this fall. It should be fun!

This will be my last article as your President. I've enjoyed my time at the helm, but it's time for me to move on and for someone else to lead the club. Cochinchin numbers are strong at the shows and Cochins are consistently taking Class Champion honors and beyond. It's really nice to see some bigger

classes of Large Cochins. Still not enough of the Large Fowl in the show halls. Yes, they take up space, and yes they eat more than their bantam counterparts, but I certainly enjoy my big Cochins. If I had to choose between Large Fowl and Bantams, I'd take the Large Fowl.

Some of the things I think the club needs to tackle under the new Board of Directors are as follows:

Club Website: I host the current club website on my domain. I will keep it up and running, but I won't be making any updates to it. I

would recommend hiring someone skilled at developing a website, and then you have someone that you can send routine updates and such to, and you are paying him for his services, so you should get what you pay for.

Cochin Forum: Again, this is something I set up. I am going to contact Matt Lhamon and ask him if he'd be willing to host our Cochinchin Forum under his various Forums that he's got set up. I don't have time to monitor ours for the occasional offer for new and exciting vitamins or the latest designer drug SPAM at-

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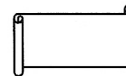
on these things and maybe the club needs an awards chair. The tricky part in all that is that the results have to make it to the awards chair or they won't be able to take care of the awards. A little coordination with the Master Breeder Points Chair should do the trick.

Thanks to Lisa for taking on the newsletter. It's a thankless task, but the key to

keeping a breed club going. Send her your photos, send her some articles. You have no room to complain if you don't contribute.

See you in the Cochin Aisles.

Tom



Jamie's Notes

Well Happy 2011 Everyone !!!! Hope everyone has their mating pens set up and are hatching numbers in preparation for this falls Crossroads show in Indiana. The last time this show was held the cochin aisles were so impressive and I look forward to seeing them again. This fall has been a whirlwind for me. I judged all over and had a great time. In Vancouver I got to see a string of Joe Mazur's birds which are always impressive. In Washington I got the opportunity to meet Doddie, Marjorie and Sheryl which was great. Along with seeing a bunch of nice birds the best araucana's I have ever seen were at the show in Chehalis. In Oklahoma I had the pleasure of judging the APA National. And to top it off Champion Featherleg was a Black Cochin Cockerel that went on to be show Champion. That was a great thrill

for me along with judging a qualifying meet for self blue silkies. The flights were long and I got to spend the night in Detroit in December but it was worth it. I met so many nice people who now I consider friends and spent time with cochin friends that I don't get to see that often. Meeting Bob Anderson and Shari McCullough were definitely highlights they are a couple people that will be forever friends. To me that's what this hobby is about its not about points or starred wins its about the relationships made and the friends that you will have for life. My best friends are in this hobby and I don't know what I would do without them. But anyway enough of my soap box about friendships. Our club needs more volunteers to promote our breed. if you are attending a show and need some-club applications email me and I will mail them to you. If anyone wants t-shirts email me as well and I

can help or Linda can as well. Linda Tobia and Debbie Carlson need a pat on the back for all the work they did at Columbus they are two great lady's in this club. Also Matt McCammon deserves a thanks a lot !!! for all he does for this club. Our new newsletter editor as well Lisa deserves a big thanks for taking this on. Each one will get easier I promise just thanks for your devotion to the club as well. And on a final note to Mr. Tom Roebuck Jr you have added so much to this club over the years that Thanks just doesn't seem to be enough. All your time and dedication in promoting this hobby and breed is appreciated and applauded. Thanks for all your time but most of all thanks for personally being a really good friend.

Well on that note if anyone needs anything related to the club don't hesitate to contact me at mattsjt@aol.com or 607-725-7390 607-725-7390 and I will do my best to help.

Take Care and happy hatching Jamie

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| Beginning Balance | \$5867.50 | | |
| | | \$3736.92 | \$110.00 renewals and t-shirt sales |
| 567.78 payment to Jay Smith for two newsletter expenses | \$5299.72 | \$710.00 T-shirt sales and due renewals at Columbus | \$3734.08 |
| | | \$4446.92 | \$95.50 t-shirt and dues renewals |
| 5.00 Poultry Press Ad Breed club listing | \$5234.72 | \$169.26 postage for fall newsletter | \$3829.58 Balance as of December 2010 |
| | | \$4277.66 | |
| \$1372.80 T-shirts | \$3861.92 | \$653.58 printing cost of fall newsletter | |

Congratulations Bill!

New Hampshire Poultry Fanciers Association (10/10) 40 total cochins. B: BB **Donna Lamb** white pullet, RB **Linda Blackman's** black hen; LF: BB and RB **Johnathon Fones** with a black pullet and black hen. Jr: BB white cock by **Cody Schwieger** and RB went to Cody on a black pullet.

Boston Poultry Expo. 11/10 (41 Cochins). B: BB to **Bill Serrine's** white cockerel and RB to **Linda Blackman's** black pullet. LF: buff cockerel and black pullet both by **Bill West**. BB Junior to **Megan Silva** with a White Hen.

New England Bantam 11/10 (42 Cochins) BB Bantam to **Bill Serrine** with a white cockerel and **Donna Lamb** received RB with a white pullet. LF: BB went to **Stephen Blash** with a black hen and RB to **Richard Nordahl** with a black pullet. Jr: white hen by **Megan Silva** and RB black cock by **Chris Miranda**.

I'm in the process of placing CI meets for the spring shows. This year's NEI CI District meet will be held at either CT or ME. Please let me know your thoughts on where you would like it held.

I'd like to welcome new members to CI district 1: Dan Sidor, Stephantown, NY; Kathleen Gallagher, Derry NH; and Marilee Lobdell, Chatham, NY.

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 - 978-374-2481. Wishing you all much success with this year's hatch. - Donna Lamb NEI

Director Reports

Cochins International NE District 1 News Donna Lamb

Hello NE District 1 - I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday season. Now it's time to think about next year's champions. I will be starting my bator this weekend, New Year's Day. I was fortunate to get a pair of Mark Peterson's buff bantams and the female is the best layer I've had so her eggs will be going in there as well as eggs from a millie fleur cochin project I'm working on; my whites haven't started to lay yet. I wish you all a successful hatch season.

At this point, I'd like to change subjects. As many of you know, I lost my husband in October. I'd like to thank all the poultry community who attended his wake, sent a card, or just wished me well at a show. Your support has been greatly appreciated and the major reason I will try to continue to be active in the hobby, even though it will be challenging. I'd like to take a moment

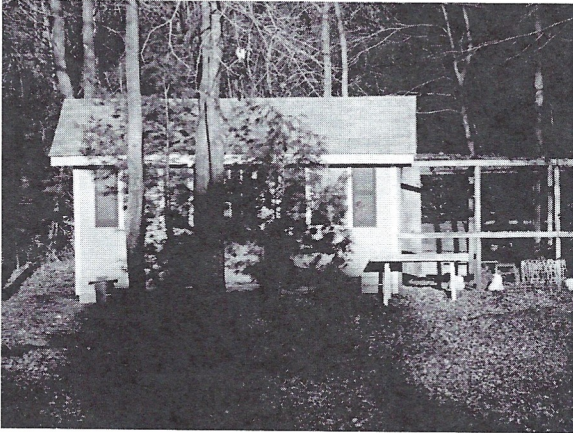
to thank my husband, and all our significant other's who support us in this hobby; perhaps everything from building a coop, feeding them when we are not able, driving us to a show, or just listing to us go on about any aspect of chickens. During his wake, Ken's granddaughter spoke and said the "grandpa loved chickens". In actuality, Ken loved me who loved chickens but he was such a supportive spouse and did so much to help me in my hobby that other's saw him as a fancier!

This year's CI District 1 Meet was held at the Twin Tier Poultry Club in Bath, NY on September 12. I thank **Bill Ziehm** who oversaw the district meet in my absence. I'd also like to thank those who contributed awards for this show: **Dorothy Dickinson, Bill Ziehm, Bill Serrine, Jamie Matts, Tom Roebuck, Jr.** and myself. Here are the results: There were a total of 61 cochins in the open class. B: BB and RB went to **Bill Ziehm** with a black pullet and black cockerel, which went on to win Overall show Champions. In

Large Fowl, BB was won by **Robin Lewis (jr)** with a black pullet, and RB to **Kay St. Amour** with a white pullet. Champion Jr. was won by **Bryce Chapman** with a white bantam and RB to **Kacie Cas-sar** with a LF blue - congratulations to all the winners.

Eastern NY State Poultry Assoc. Cobleskill, NY (9/10) 53 total cochins. B: BB black pullet by **Jim Photiou**, RB white pullet by **Donna Lamb**. LF: black hen by **Dan Sidor** and RB white hen by **Kay St. Amour**. Jr: white hen by **Megan Matts** and RB **Alyssa Grocott** with a black hen.

Central Maine Bird Fanciers (10/10) 14 total cochins. B: BB/best featherleg **Bill Serrine** with a white cockerel, RB/Res Featherleg **Bob Hawes** buff pullet. At the fall show of CMBF **Bill Serrine** won the Forrester Hooper memorial trophy. The trophy was handmade by Charlie Devine and donated by Dennis Potter and Charlie Devine. To earn it, an exhibitor had to win Grand Champion at 3 CMBF shows -



Here's a photo of the beautiful coop built for Donna Lamb by her late husband, Ken

Southwest

Judy Gantt

Happy New Year from the Southwest. Hope you raise some champions in 2011 and meet new friends along the way. Poultry friends have definitely been blessed by the friendships we've made, new places we've visited, and the good times we've had. I went to 5 shows this fall 4 of them were local and the Ohio National. I had a grand time at the Columbus show. Congratulations to Joe Mazur for winning Champion FFL with a nice black

hen. A big thank you goes to Linda Tobia and Diana Delaney for arranging the sale of the CI T-shirts and providing refreshments. Beautiful choice of colors and design. Be sure and get one because you'll enjoy wearing it. The Local shows were very competitive this fall, my area has some of the top breeders as exhibitors. I compete with Doug Bishop, Max Chastain and Otes Ray. Steve Garrison and Heyward his father showed at Hartwell, GA they have been raising cochins for 40-50

years, it was great to talk cochins with Steve. Show results were: Friendships Poultry Club: BB and RB went to Judy Gantt on a black Pullet and white Pullet, Anderson Bantams Club: BB and RB went to Judy Gantt on a white hen and mottled pullet, Jorsyth Fowl Fanciers: BB and RB went to Judy Gantt with a white hen and black pullet. Hartwell Bantam Club: BB went to Max Chastain on a black cockerel and RB went to Max on a white cockerel. The weather was pleasant for all the shows and family and fellowship were enjoyed by all. I'm really looking forward to the Indy Show in October, I believe it will be a big success like the first one. My incubator is on and I have a setting of eggs due out Jan 3rd. My males take so long to develop. I'm sure

everyone else is planning accordingly also. A big reason I am looking forward to the Indy is that my friends from the west coast are coming. Marge Best and Doddie Truedson from Oregon and Sheryl Butter from WA are coming. The Fleather-leg Four will have a splendid time. I hope everyone has a successful hatching season and Show Season. Until next time..... Keep Chirping Cochins Rule!! Judy

This Just in... Hello from Warm and sunny Florida!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Yes, it was sunny and bright for the Florida Sunshine Classic held Jan.8-9. A cool breeze and temperatures in the 50's made most bundle up. For those that have never been, it is a friendly welcoming show that is very organized and

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well run. On Saturday, Danny fixes his famous chicken and rice stew, barbecue beef and pork, green beans with whole potatoes, and corn to be enjoyed by all the exhibitors.

There was a large class of featherlegs exhibited---- in fact all the breeds were represented. In cochins , BB went to Judy with a black pullet and RB went to a black hen owned by Maxie Chastain.

Hope everyone is planning and preparing for next years show season. Good luck hatching those champions and to all Happy Belated New Year for 2011.



North Central Matt McCammon

Hello again to all Cochin fanciers! As I write this it is freezing outside and snow is blow-

ing. School is cancelled, so I am trying to take care of a few jobs I haven't had time to accomplish. Writing this article is one of those jobs. The fall show season is past us now, and I was able to attend several shows in the area. Cochin numbers were down at most of these shows. A hot summer and fall and dry weather left the birds in less than desirable show shape. I don't have a lot of details about fall shows in Wisconsin or Michigan. But I do know that a white cochin bantam female won at Frankenth. At the shows here in Indiana, good cochins were on champion row here and there also. The largest display of cochins was at Columbus OH. There were around 250 bantams and 50 large fowl. Champion

Featherleg was a black female by Joe Mazur. Champion Asiatic was a white female by Tom Roebuck and Reserve Asiatic was a buff female by William West. There were several varieties shown in bantam and large fowl. A nice time was had by all. The club hosted a social hour and a meeting was held to discuss a few happenings. It was a very nice time to sort of refocus the club agenda and plan for the future.

As winter blows outside, I am happy to say all my birds are comfortably nestled in their buildings. I was able to sell all the extra birds I had at Columbus and a few other shows. That left me with some extra feed money, and we all could use that. It also allowed me to minimize the pens and buildings I use to house the

birds in the winter. That saves me time and daylight. I have gotten dangerously low in numbers in some varieties, but I just can't make myself keep a bird I don't like. I don't sell those either. I just cull them. I have a lot of cochin friends who don't like to cull birds, but I don't have a problem with it. If I don't think it will help someone else's flock, I won't sell it. I have just a few buff Columbians and brown reds. If something happens, I might have two fewer varieties! But, as I have mentioned before, I can just call a few of my cochin friends and they will have a bird to share here and there. That is why I enjoy networking with the breeders of the rarer varieties. None of us can ever keep enough under one roof, but if we all keep some our genetics are

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diversified and our possibilities are limitless.

I have decided to place the Spring district meet at the Dayton Fancy Feathers club show in Greenville OH. They are next in rotation and always have a fine showing of cochins. I see that they will have only a one day show due to Easter being the Sunday of that weekend. I don't feel that will be a problem and with the economic situations many fanciers are facing, that might just allow more to exhibit and attend. I haven't sent in the official request, but if any district members object or see conflicts let me know. We can always make adjustments if necessary.

I hope everyone has a relaxing and rewarding winter season. I realize that southern exhibitors keep showing through the winter, but those of us in the North Central district are done for the year. So keep in touch and call if you need anything. I will be itching to show in April at the Gateway show in Bloomington, Indiana. Hope to see many exhibitors there. Don't forget to hatch early and get those birds ready for the Crossroads show in October 2011. That will be our Eastern national. We will be hosting it in the North Central district and we will show you lots of hospitality. Make plans to attend. God Bless~~Matt

Southwest Bernita Miller

Hi from the southwest district. Weather had been pretty good here until Sunday Night. We now have at least 6 inches of snow on the ground. Put lights on the Hens to get them in notion to start laying. I am ready for the shows to start. The first shows are here are Hutchinson, Ks April 9, 2011, Sedalia, Mo April 16, 2011, Scribner, Ne, Cornhusker show April 23, 2011. El Dorado, Ark in April, Cape Girardeau, Mo in March. Avoca, Ia in May.

Looking forward to see everybody again. I am getting cabin fever and ready to get out.

We had a great show in Sedalia, Mo

last Oct. People from Wi, Mn, and many other states were here. Had lots of fun and very good birds were shown. We had several new exhibitors starting to show, among them was my young son and his 2 boys, the seven year old was very wide eyed looking at all the birds. They are just getting starting to enjoy the birds. When you see the youth looking at your birds, explain all that you can to them. Remember they are the future of the shows.

See you at the shows.
Bernita Miller



Membership update by Matt McCammon

It's 2011 and it's time to renew your club dues. Please send in \$15 for adult dues and \$7.50 for Junior dues to MY address found elsewhere in the newsletter. If you wish to pay for more than one year, that would save everybody a little extra paperwork. Check your address labels. If it says "2010" then you need to renew. If any other year is listed, then you have paid and renewing is up to you. If you have any questions, e-mail me at jackie@wispaninternet.com or call at 812-384-3777 812-384-3777

We hope many of those who did not renew in 2010 will decide to do so after receiving the newsletters. We re-

alize that the newsletter issue in 2010 was a problem, and all members had their dues renewed in 2010. Our membership is nearly 250 members and that is an all time high. We hope to keep it above 200 throughout the year. If possible, please refrain from paying show secretaries or district directors at shows.

Many times they forget what that money was for and confusion results. Just send it to me. It can't be any easier than that. I will keep your check until I get a few in the envelope, then I send the monies to Jamie Matts. He is the treasurer and is the only one with the authority to cash

the checks.

Make checks out to Cochins International. Don't make them out to me. I just have to take them to the bank and cash them. Again - contact me with any questions. I hope to see many of you at shows I attend. ~~Matt



A Cuckoo Female From Germany

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT

Recently, while browsing the PekinBantams.Com Website maintained by Simon Gambling in the UK, I noticed in the section on breeding pekin (cochin) bantams, an article on "Blue Pekins" by David Plant (Australia). If you breed blues or are interested in breeding them, this article contains a simple, universal chart, in matrix format, which answers the questions about percentages of offspring you can expect when crossing blues, blacks and splash at a glance. This chart would be a very useful reference for those interested in breeding/crossing these three (3) varieties. These questions arise fairly frequently among 4 H'ers, newer breeders and exhibitors and occasionally by some of the "old timers" at shows, club meetings and swaps and thus should serve as a useful reference tool.

Figure out your expected results by color variety by matching your breeding combo, i.e., breeding splash (top row) to black (left column) will give you 100% blue offspring.

MATRIX OF EXPECTED RESULTS

| VARIETY | BLUE | BLACK | SPLASH |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| BLUE | 50% BLUE, 25% SPLASH 25% BLACK | 50% BLUE, 50% BLACK | 50% SPLASH/ 50% BLUE |
| BLACK | 50% BLUE, 50% BLACK | 100% BLACK | 100% BLUE |
| SPLASH | 50% SPLASH, 50% BLUE | 100% BLUE | 100% SPLASH |

Another very interesting article on breeding "Black Pekins" by Alan Featherstone (Australia) provides insight into the art of "double mating" and the advantages of this approach to obtain show quality cockerels and pullets. After you read this article, you will have a much better understanding of the relationship between "yellow legs," white undercolor, bright reddish eye color and purple sheen when breeding black pekin (cochin) bantams.

This website also contains articles on breeding mottled and white varieties as well as a wealth of other information for pekin (cochin) bantam breeders, exhibitors and poultry enthusiasts in general and is well worth browsing from time to time. A special "Thanks" goes to Simon Gambling (UK) for making this site available and to David Plant and Allan Featherstone respectively for producing the articles referenced above.

Other International News is provided where indicated throughout the CI Newsletter as received from our Overseas Members.

I hope everyone has a healthy and prosperous New Year with lots of great chicks and success at the shows!
- John Burgess



COCHINDAY 2010 GREAT SUCCES

What started as a small private initiative of Gerrit Bosch and myself has grown to a real international event. This year there were 278 birds entered for the show and some 150 birds were for sale. Breeders from seven countries came to Zeddam. Also, this year the birds were judged by experienced breeders in front of the public. Next to the standard colours there also were some new varieties present, such as buff-mottled and porcelain and silver-wheaten in frizzle.

Twenty-two Cochins in all colors except partridge. Very nice birds in black, white and blue. Also a good pullet in mottled. Best Cochin was a white pullet from Vanderzande (B). Best opposite sex a buff cockerel from Michiels, also Belgium. Very nice, also, two white pullets bred by B.Molderman (NL). These birds were very large.

What to think of 256 bantams in 22 colors, from which seventeen in frizzle.

Silverpartridge (9-13) in very good quality. Best male Nico Anthoni (B) Zg 95. In the females F 96 for Alan v.d.Bogaert (B) and Ulrich Opitz (D). In partridge good quality overall. The birds entered as "goldhalsig" were also partridge. Best in both sexes Freddy Hannes (B). Silver-wheaten with nice birds F 96 for v.d.Bogaert.

A large group in black (12-20). In the cockerels the winner was Gerrit Bosch (NL) 1ZG 95 and in the females 1F 96 for Bosch en 2F 96 for Kurt Sneyers (B). The whites were superb. First of all an old cock with 1F 96 from Henk Don (NL). In the nineteen cockerels F 96 for Don and Schulte/Thelen (D). In the pullets two times F 96 for H.Don and also for birds of v.d.Bogaert and Schulte/Thelen. A nice pullet with 1F 96 in birchen of Gregorzuk (D). Eleven in porcelain with winner in both sexes Mrs.Croon. A nice buff mottled pullet from Anthony Ré (F). The

mottled group was smaller than last year. This time three males and six females. Winner in the males Emily Sprute (juvenile D) with Zg 95. In the females Kurt Sneyers with ZG 95. Three birds in columbia. Zg 95 for Gregorzuk. The same breeder had 1Zg 95 in columbia-blue marked. Twelve birds in blue. Hannes was winner in both sexes with Zg 95 and F 96. Simone Cepollina had come all the way from Italy with his barred bantams. He got Zg 95 in both sexes. In lavender five males (Zg 95 Sneyers) and twelve females. Here also the winner Sneyers with F 96. A large group in buff. Thirteen males with the winner with F 96 of Bakker (NL). Then eighteen pullets where a bird of Rikie Bosch (NL) got 1F 96. The not yet recognized color bobtail with five males and five females from three breeders. This summer a standard prescription was made for this color. This was already the base for judging them on this day. In both sexes the winning birds were from N.Anthoni

with Zg 95. Wheaten with thirteen birds. Winner was H.Winkel (D) in both males and females. Buffcuckoo where the females were better than the males. Here F 96 and Zg 95 for Hannes; K.Wijnen (NL) also got Zg95. In frizzle the best birds were from A.Ré and Rosemarie LutHardt (D). Anthony Ré showed two frizzle pullets in porcelain with outstanding markings. In lavender cuckoo Bart v.d. Bosch had F 96.

Overall winner of the day were a white Cochin pullet from Vandezande and a silverpartridge Cochin bantam pullet of Alan v.d.Bogaert. They won the Cochinday rosettes and a prise of € 50,- Best juvenile was Emily Sprute with a mottles bantam cockerel. She won a cup and a rosette. The number of the visitors on that day was remarkably large. Numerous birds were sold, and quality was the main criterium, so that the lesser quality birds remained. Among the judges two new faces. "Good old" Wim Nagels judged the Cochins and Hub Maar did the same with the buff and wheaten bantams. They both did their job well. The whole day had a good atmosphere. People of different nationalities shared their knowledge and also the tables at lunch.

Cochin Days (con't)

. I think Gerrit and I can look back upon a successful day. This day could never have taken place without the help of the Bosch family and some fellow breeders of Gerrits local club. Many thanks for that. At the end of March preparations for the seventh Cochinday start again. That will be

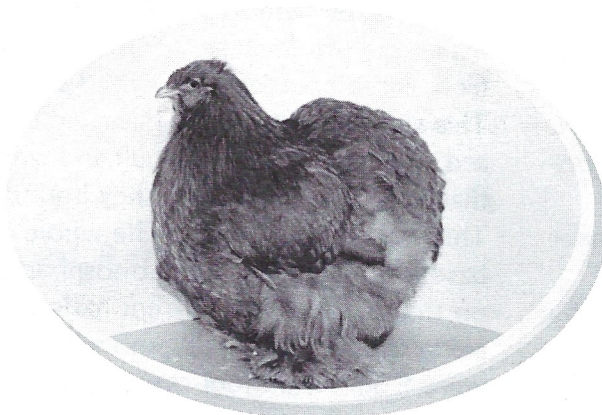
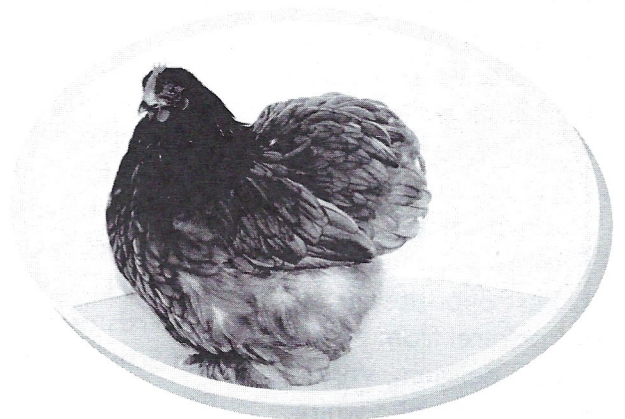
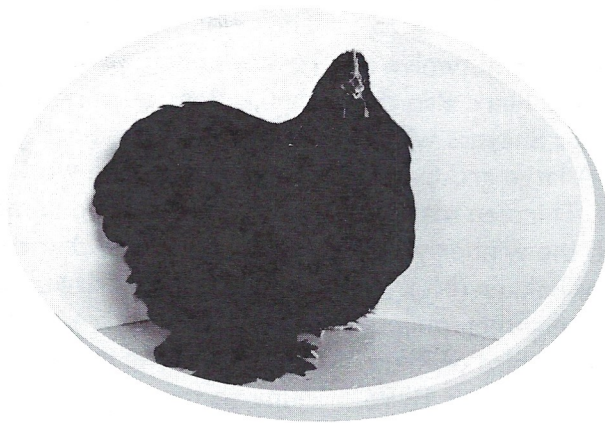
on the 10th of September 2011. See to it that you are there with your birds.

Ardjan Warnshuis



The People of Cochin Days

The Birds of Cochin Days

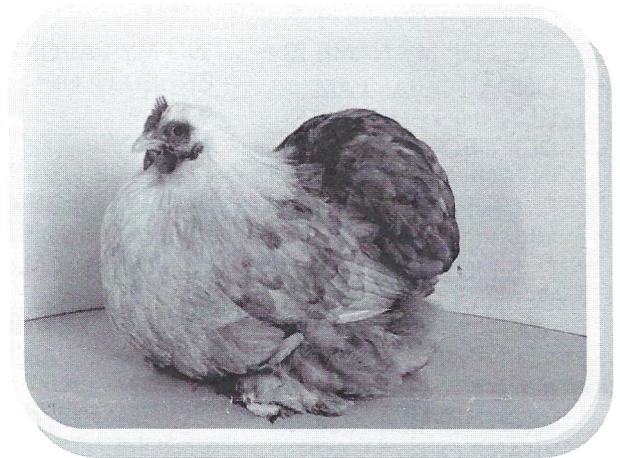
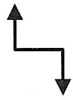


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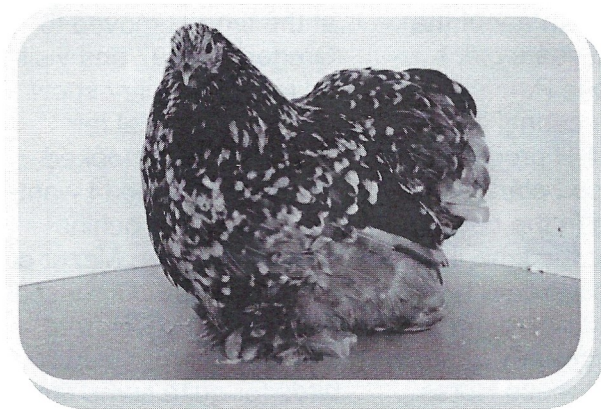
Standard Black Hen

Bantam Blue Hen

Standard Buff Hen



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Top To Bottom
Standard White Hen
Bantam Lavender Pullet
Bantam Mille Fleur Hen
Bantam Mottled Cockerel

Election time is upon us with several folks stepping up to the dish offering to serve in a variety of capacities from President to Director. Many have send in overviews of there intrerast and qualifications which are printed here.

All members will recive a ballot in the mail soon after reciet of this newsletter with voting instructions.

Good luck to all the candiadtes!

President

HELLO! MY NAME IS LINDA TOBIA. I AM RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT FOR COCHINS INTERNATIONAL. I AM FROM WEBBERVILLE, MICHIGAN. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER OF A 33 YEAR OLD SON. I ADOPTED HIM FROM CALI, COLUMBIA SOUTH AMERICAN WHEN HE WAS SEVEN YEARS OLD. I HAVE THREE WONDERFUL GRANDSONS THAT I AM CRAZY ABOUT. THIS YEAR IN INITIATED THEM TO SHOWING AT LICENSED SANCTIONED SHOWS, SHOWING THEIR CHICKENS AND DUCKS.

I WAS A 4-H POULTRY LEADER IN MICHIGAN FOR 12 YEARS. I HAVE BEEN SHOWING COCHINS SINCE 1998.

I HAVE RECENTLY RETIRED 35 YEARS FROM THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, THE DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES. NOW I CAN NOW DEDICATE MORE TIME TO MY CHICKENS, CHICKEN SHOWS AND ASSIST-

ING MY FAVORITE BREED CLUB!

THE VARIETY OF COCHINS I RAISE AND SHOW ARE BIRCHEN, BARRED AND BLUE BANTAMS. I ALSO ENJOY MY LARGE FOWL BARRED, BLACKS, BLUE AND PARTRIDGE.

THIS FALL, I WAS INSTRUMENTAL WITH ASSISTING THE CLUB WITH OBTAINING COCHIN T-SHIRTS. IN COLUMBUS AND CONNERSVILLE, I SOLD T-SHIRTS, PATCHES, RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS, AS WELL AS ENROLLED NEW COCHIN MEMBERS.

IF ELECTED AS PRESIDENT I WILL CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE COCHIN BREED, PROMOTE THE ORGANIZATION, PUSH TO RECOGNIZE OUR MASTER BREEDERS, UPDATE OUR WEBSITE AND PROMOTE TIMELY COMMUNICATIONS AND BE ACCESSIBLE!

Vice President

Heidi Hylkema

Hi ~ I would like to introduce myself, My name is Heidi Hylkema. I would like to run for Vice-President of the Cochins International Club. I have been raising and showing poultry from about the age of 5 years old. I grew up in Pennsylvania, our county did not have a 4-H program for poultry so I started showing in the open class. At the time, I had purchased some bantam cochins from a local breeder. My father was a Harness Horse trainer so in the summer we would travel the fair circuits in Pennsylvania and Ohio. Along the way, I would pick up new birds here and there, eventually showing them at the fairs. Over the years I had acquired various breeds and birds. On our farm we had all sorts of poultry and wa-

terfowl. We had geese, ducks, turkeys, and chickens. At one point we even acquired a few Guineas... I was always very fascinated with all of the birds, especially the chickens. In 1984 we left our farm to move to the Netherlands, I lived there for 13 years and was not able to have any poultry at the time. I moved to Oregon in 1997 and visited my first poultry show again at the local fairgrounds. I was hooked for sure, I decided I wanted to get into Cochins again. I met Joe Mazur at that show and purchased 6 bantam cochins from him. I had around 12 birds for quite some time and due to the lack of space I was unable to raise more than that. However I knew at one point I would start to raise more birds. I moved to Central Oregon in 2001 and that is when I started to really work on my own bloodlines.

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. I worked with several different outcross lines from Jamie Matts, Beth & Jerry Smith and Richard Schroeder from California. The combination seemed to work very well and I now have my own lines that are pretty successful at shows. I breed and raise, large fowl cochins in black, blue, mottled, partridge and splash. I breed and raise bantam cochins in blue, mottleds and splash.

I'm currently involved with a few local clubs in Washington and would love the opportunity to serve in the role of Vice-President of the Cochins International Club. Thank you for your time. Heidi

Judy Gantt

Hi to all Cochin members from near and far. I would like to introduce myself to those that don't know me or those new to the club. The reason I'm running for Vice President of our

cochin club. I plan to work with our president and be visible and available to all.

I am 60 years old. I grew up on a farm in North Carolina. We were self-sufficient in that we raised our own hogs, cows and chickens, at one time my Mom sold milk to a dairy, by placing the metal cans beside the road to be picked up by them.

This was also when cotton was king. I picked cotton in the fall to get enough money to go to our County Fair. My dad was a hunter and fisherman. He especially enjoyed quail hunting. To make a long story short I said to myself that I would never have chicken when I grew up and I remember the squish and smell of going out-

side bare foot in the summer and you know the rest of the tale.

Flash forward 40 years into the future and chickens appeared again, I didn't know about showing chickens until 2001, and I was hooked.

I was fortunate to start with good stock and committed myself to raising and showing the best birds possible.

I am a Cochin International Master Breeder in whites, blacks and Mottles. I'm an ABA Master Breeder in blacks and whites. I'm a lifetime member of ABA and a member of the APA, I 'm also CI Southeast Director.

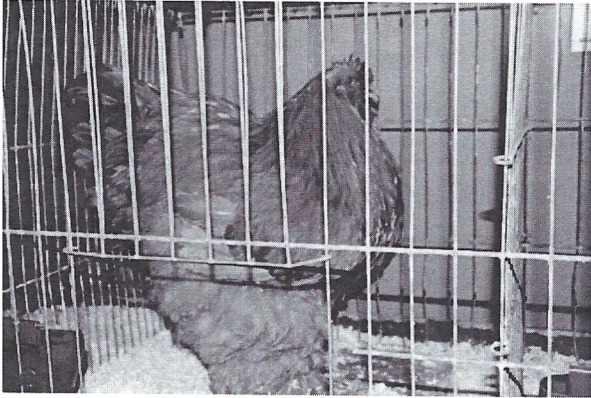
I would like to represent Cochins International as being a server to the club and others. Do not hesitate to

contact your directors and officers if you have any questions or comments. Together as a team we can make a CI the best breed club anywhere.

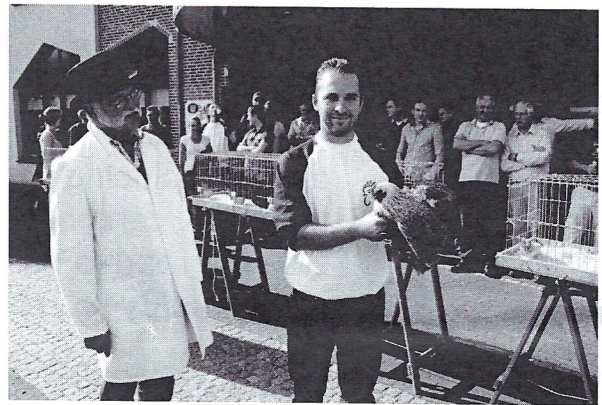
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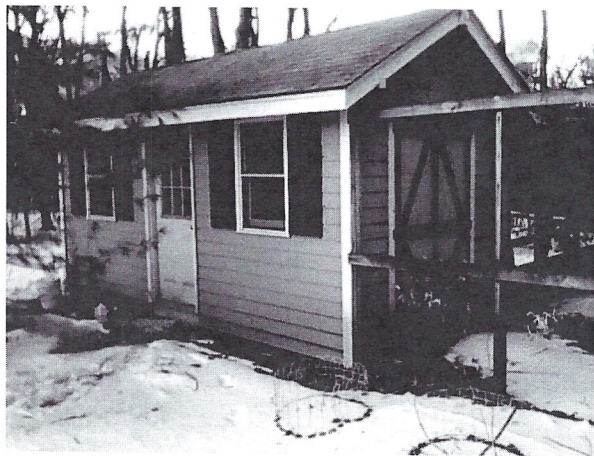
My name is Tim Johnson and I am running for the position of Pacific Director for the cochin club. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My sons, Zach 15, Noah, Isaiah 10, and I started showing exhibition poultry together about five years ago. It has been a very positive family experience that we plan on continuing for a long time to come. We raise primarily black bantam and white frizzle bantam cochins, but also keep a few white and mottled as well. My family and I really enjoy raising and showing bantam cochins and I am looking forward to serving as the Pacific Director, if elected, and doing my part for the cochin club.



Standard Buff Male -2010 Cochin Days



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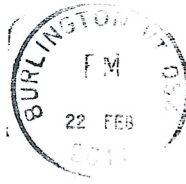
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