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CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

RESERVE CHAMPION BANTAM
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN • August, 2019
Bantam Black Cockerel by
Mark Peterson



RESERVE CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN • August, 2019
Large Fowl White Pullet by
Rick Klehr

3rd OVERALL LARGE FOWL
CHAMPION ASIATIC
White River Poultry Club
Spencer, IN • August, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Coomer Farm / Stephanie Coomer



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
White River Poultry Club
Spencer, IN • August, 2019
Bantam Blue Hen by
Matt McCammon



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



RESERVE ASIATIC
White River Poultry Club
Spencer, IN • August, 2019
Large Fowl Black Cockerel by
Coomer Farm / Stephanie Coomer

RESERVE FEATHERLEG
White River Poultry Club
Spencer, IN • August, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Shari McCollough



OPEN SHOW RESERVE CHAMPION
JUNIOR SHOW CHAMPION
Northwest Georgia Regional Fair
Calhoun, GA • September, 2019
Bantam Black Cochs, both by
Savanna Bright

RESERVE ASIATIC
Twin Tier Poultry Club Show
Bath, NY • September, 2019
Large Fowl Partridge Hen by
Rich Barczewski





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

SUPER GRAND SHOW CHAMPION
Twin Tier Poultry Club Show
Bath, NY • September, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.



CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
CHAMPION ASIATIC
Twin Tier Poultry Club Show
Bath, NY • September, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Bob & Paul Monteith

RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION
CHAMPION BANTAM
Tennessee Valley Fair
Knoxville, TN • September, 2019
Bantam Black Pullet by
Arthur Baham



SHOW GRAND CHAMPION
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Northern New York Poultry Fanciers
Gouverneur, NY • September, 2019
Bantam White Pullet by
Dog River Bantams
(Lisa & Mark Podgwaite)



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Farmington Fair
Farmington, ME • September, 2019
Bantam Brown Red Pullet by
Bill Mackowski

GRAND CHAMPION BANTAM TRIO
Kansas State Fair
Hutchinson, KS • September, 2019
Bantam Black Trio by
Trevor Simmons



BEST OPEN SHOW
CHAMPION ASIATIC
Eastern Iowa Poultry Association
Iowa City, IA • September, 2019
Large Fowl White Hen by
Larry Schrage

3rd IN OPEN SHOW
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Eastern Iowa Poultry Association
Iowa City, IA • September, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Craig Hansen





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

RESERVE ASIATIC
Eastern Iowa Poultry Association
Iowa City, IA • September, 2019
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Larry Schrage



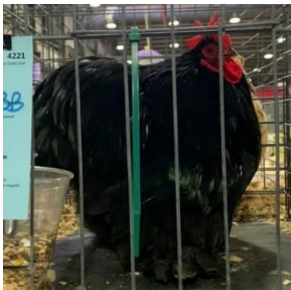
RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Rocky Mountain Poultry Association
Great Falls, MT • September, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Desiree Roth



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Wisconsin International Poultry Club
Portage, WI • September, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Dan Schwandt



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Tulsa State Fair
Tulsa, OK • September, 2019
Bantam Black Cockerel by
Wade Collins





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



SHOW GRAND CHAMPION
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Eastern New York State Poultry Assn.
Cobleskill, NY • September, 2019
Bantam White Pullet by
Dog River Bantams
(Lisa & Mark Podgwaite)

CHAMPION ASIATIC
(Show #1 and #2)
Dayton Fancy Feather Club
Greenville, OH • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Coomer Farm / Stephanie Coomer



RESERVE ASIATIC
(Show #1)
Dayton Fancy Feather Club
Greenville, OH • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Cockerel by
Coomer Farm / Stephanie Coomer

RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Rochester Poultry Association Show
Mumford, NY • October, 2019
Bantam White Cockerel by
Jamie Matts





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

RESERVE ASIATIC
Rochester Poultry Association Show
Mumford, NY • October, 2019
Large Fowl Mottled Hen by
Jamie Matts



RESERVE CHAMPION BANTAM
Topsfield Fair
Gloucester, MA • October, 2019
Bantam White Cock by
Donna Lamb

RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Calhoun Expo Show
Anniston, AL • October, 2019
Bantam Black Cockerel by
Tonya MacRae



RESERVE CHAMPION BANTAM
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers
Lebanon, PA • October, 2019
Bantam White Pullet by
Dog River Bantams
(Lisa & Mark Podgwaite)



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Newcastle Poultry Show
Newcastle, OK • October, 2019
Bantam Blue Hen by
Christie Ross

CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Cape Fear Poultry Association
Smithfield, NC • October, 2019
Bantam Black Cockerel by
Darrell Garland



RESERVE FEATHERLEG (2nd Show)
All Bantam Fall Classic
Atoka, OK • October, 2019
Bantam Black Pullet by
Roy Micheal Tarvin

RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Alabama Bantam Club
Clanton, AL • October, 2019
Bantam Mottled Pullet by
Kim Breakfield





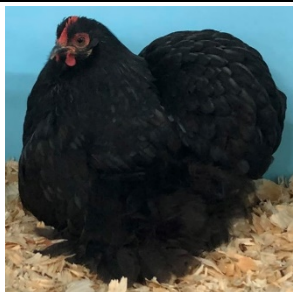
CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

RESERVE CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
CHAMPION ASIATIC
Rocky Mountain Feather Fanciers
Brighton, CO • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Jim & Patti Zimmerman



RESERVE ASIATIC
Rocky Mountain Feather Fanciers
Brighton, CO • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Jim & Patti Zimmerman

RESERVE FEATHERLEG (1st Show)
All Bantam Fall Classic
Atoka, OK • October, 2019
Bantam White Pullet by
Sasha Hanson



RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Heart of Dixie Poultry Club
Ft. Payne, AL • October, 2019
Bantam Black Hen by
Savanna Bright



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Abilene Poultry Association Show
Abilene, TX • October, 2019
Bantam Black Hen by
Jennifer Etheridge-Robertson

CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Missouri State Poultry Association
Sedalia, MO • October, 2019
Bantam Blue Hen by
Christie Ross



CHAMPION ASIATIC
Missouri State Poultry Association
Sedalia, MO • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Jim & Patti Zimmerman

CHAMPION ASIATIC
Ontario Poultry Breeders
Grassie, ON • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Bob & Paul Monteith



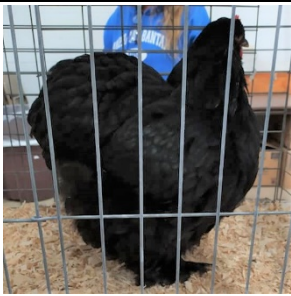


CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Ontario Poultry Breeders
Grassie, ON • October, 2019
Bantam Mottled Hen by
S & B Gamebirds & Poultry



CHAMPION ASIATIC
Minnesota Stata Poultry Assn.
Hutchinson, MN • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Rick Klehr



SHOW GRAND CHAMPION
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Minnesota Stata Poultry Assn.
Hutchinson, MN • October, 2019
Bantam Black Pullet by
Mark Peterson



RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Central Florida Poultry Breeders
Citrus Classic
Fanning Springs, FL • October, 2019
Bantam Blue Pullet by
Kelly Nienburg





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



RESERVE CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
CHAMPION ASIATIC
Heart of Dixie Poultry Club
Ft. Payne, AL • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullets by
Teri & Jodi Frye

RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Alabama Bantam Club (Red Card Show)
Clanton, AL • October, 2019
Bantam Black Pullet by
Judy Gantt



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Canadian Valley Poultry Club
Norman, OK • November, 2019
Bantam White Pullet by
Christie Ross

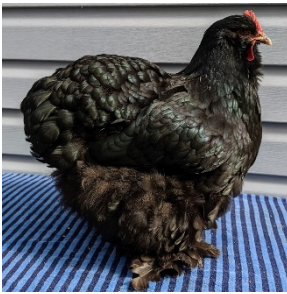
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Assn.
Fayetteville, AR • November, 2019
Bantam Black Pullet by
Jason Mayeaux





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Canadian Valley Poultry Club
Norman, OK • November, 2019
Bantam Blue Hen by
Christie Ross



RESERVE CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
CHAMPION ASIATIC
Boston Poultry Exposition
North Oxford, MA • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.

RESERVE BANTAM
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Boston Poultry Exposition
North Oxford, MA • November, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.



3rd BEST BANTAM
RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Boston Poultry Exposition
North Oxford, MA • November, 2019
Bantam White Pullet by
Dog River Bantams
(Lisa & Mark Podgwaite)



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



RESERVE ASIATIC
Boston Poultry Exposition
North Oxford, MA • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.

CHAMPION BANTAM
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Canadian Heritage Breeds
Olds, Alberta • November, 2019
Bantam Black Pullet by
**Rico Sebastianelli
(C-R Ducks)**



CHAMPION ASIATIC
Ohio National
Columbus, OH • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Cockerel by
Rick Klehr

RESERVE FEATHERLEG
(Blue Card Show)
Anderson All Breed Bantam Club
Clemson, SC • November, 2019
Bantam White Frizzle Cock by
Tessa Young





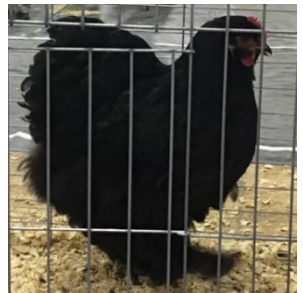
CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

RESERVE CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
CHAMPION ASIATIC
EKPA Appalachian Classic
Morehead, KY • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Coomer Farm / Stephanie Coomer



CHAMPION ASIATIC
The South Mississippi Standard
Columbia, MS • November, 2019
Large Fowl Blue Hen by
Verna Brashear

RESERVE ASIATIC
The South Mississippi Standard
Columbia, MS • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Verna Brashear



RESERVE FEATHERLEG
(White Card Show)
Anderson All Breed Bantam Club
Clemson, SC • November, 2019
Bantam White Pullet by
Sam & Savanna Bright



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



RESERVE FEATHERLEG
EKPA Appalachian Classic
Morehead, KY • November, 2019
Bantam White Hen by
Treffert Exhibition Cochins

CHAMPION OF SHOW (Both Shows)
Colorado Poultry Association (Show #1)
Pikes Peak Regional Poultry (Show #2)
Longmont, CO • November, 2019
Bantam Black Hen by
Renaë Bloomer



RESERVE ASIATIC
Colorado Poultry Association (Show #1)
Pikes Peak Regional Poultry (Show #2)
Longmont, CO • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Willow Bloomer

CHAMPION OF SHOW
Fraser Valley Poultry Fanciers
Abbotsford, BC • November, 2019
Bantam Black Hen by
Joe Mazur





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

GRAND CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
Nebraska State Poultry Association
Lincoln, NE • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Cockerel by
Scott Adams



CHAMPION ASIATIC
Heart of America Mini-Mega Show
Hutchinson, KS • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Patti & Jim Zimmerman

RESERVE ASIATIC
Heart of America Mini-Mega Show
Hutchinson, KS • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Patti & Jim Zimmerman



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Red Hill Bantam Club
Mt. Carmel, IL • November, 2019
Bantam Mottled Hen by
Matt McCammon



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

RESERVE LARGE FOWL

Forsyth Fowl Fanciers

Winston-Salem, NC • November, 2019

Large Fowl Black Hen by

Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.



CHAMPION ASIATIC

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation

Shawnee, OK • December, 2019

Large Fowl Black Pullet by

Patti & Jim Zimmerman

ANNUAL LEGACY AWARDS

are given in honor of our Master Breeders who have passed or retired from showing. The award is given in their home District and in their specialty Variety.

2019 Bill Ziehm Legacy Award

Awarded to **Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.** for the Best Bantam Black at the Northeast 1 District Meet held at the Boston Poultry Expo, November, 2019.

2019 Jimmie Currens Legacy Award

Awarded to **Treffert Exhibition Cochins** for the Best Bantam White at the North Central District Meet held at the Appalachian Classic, November, 2019.

2019 Sandy Isler Legacy Award

Awarded to **Christopher Rob** for the Best Bantam Blue at the North Central District Meet held at the Appalachian Classic, November, 2019.

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Master Breeder Milestones

The Master Breeder Points are on the CI website, reflecting all shows that have reported to us as of **November 16, 2019**. The respective list of shows reporting is also on the website. If a show is missing, contact your District Director or State Rep. Congratulations to our Milestone recipients! Keep up the great work!

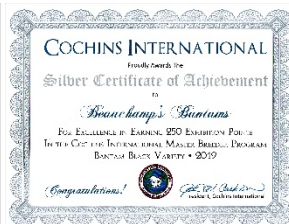
MASTER BREEDER is our Club's highest honor.

The Title and Plaque are awarded when a member earns 500 points in one Variety in not less than 5 years.



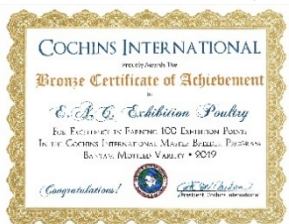
DONNA LAMB
MASTER BREEDER
Bantam Whites
September, 2019

The **SILVER CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT** is awarded when a member earns 250 points in one Variety.



DONNA LAMB • Bantam Buffs • June, 2019
LINDA BLACKMAN • Bantam Blacks • August, 2019
BEAUCHAMP'S BANTAMS • Bantam Blacks • October, 2019

The **BRONZE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT** is awarded when a member earns 100 points in one Variety.



E.A.C. EXHIBITION POULTRY • Bantam Mottleds • June, 2019
BILL MACKOWSKI • Bantam Brown Reds • September, 2019
KIM BREAKFIELD • Bantam Mottleds • October, 2019

FEEDING YOUR CHICKENS

By Rich Barczewski

For those of you who do not know my history, I am a soon to be retired faculty member from a Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources. In preparation for my career, I spent a lot of time in school studying animal science, including monogastric nutrition. That said, I thought it might be helpful to share some of my thoughts on feeding poultry. My reason for doing this is that there is far too much bad information on the world wide web and unfortunately, some folks are actually hurting their birds by the choices they make.

The vast majority of folks who raise chickens depend on commercially available feeds obtained from a local feed store. This is perfectly fine but mistakes happen when people decide to supplement these balanced feeds with extra "treats". The reason I say this is because most commercially available poultry feeds are formulated to be the sole source of nutrition for the birds being fed. That means, it is intended to be the only feed fed. There are obviously some differences amongst the various brands especially regarding ingredients used, however, most feeds are formulated to meet the needs of the class of bird being fed based on the label.

Other things that are unfortunate misnomers among the masses is that chickens are vegetarians, that corn is bad and that soybeans are bad. All of these misconceptions need to be put to bed.

First and foremost, chickens are not vegetarians. They are omnivorous and evolved to eat both plant and animal products in their diets. Peta and the other animal rights groups have done a great job of convincing the masses to believe that it is bad to feed chickens animal products. This view has reached the point that most major feed companies, including many of the commercial poultry companies to stop putting animal products (such as meat and bone meal, fish meal or even animal fat) in their diets. Personally, I see this as a great mistake and I believe it is partially responsible for some folks having more problems with fertility, hatchability and chick vigor in their genetic lines.

Another misnomer is that both corn and soybeans are bad. The truth be told almost all commercial poultry feeds are corn and soybean meal based. The commercial poultry industry relies on both corn and soybean meal for the foundations of their poultry diets. Neither corn nor soybeans are harmful to chickens provided you do one thing. And that is, to use them as parts of a properly balanced ration. Some feed companies have gone as far as listing "grain products" on their label so they do not have to mention corn specifically but rest assured, most poultry feeds contain corn and may contain other grains as well in varying amounts.

Corn is used in feeds as a major contributor of carbohydrates in the diet. Carbohydrates provide the birds with the energy they need to function. Soybean oil seed meal is used to provide proteins which in turn provide the bird with the necessary amino acids to grow and repair tissues and to produce meat. This is a little oversimplified but you get my point.

It would be very difficult (but not impossible) to come up with an affordable ration without these two ingredients. Where people make mistakes is when they decide to feed an overabundance of corn or soybeans as "treats" to their birds. As a matter of fact, feeding treats in appreciable amounts is never a good idea. Let me take a moment to put this in perspective.

Most birds (I'm talking large fowl here) consume about a quarter of a pound (4 oz) of feed per day. Some a little more and some a little less depending upon their physical size. If you are continually feeding treats, in addition to a commercial ration, you are essentially watering down the nutrients in the commercially prepared ration

with the treats. Think of it this way. If your commercial feed contains 16 percent crude protein (plus some Methionine and Lysine which are added amino acids), and you feed your bird a half a handful of cracked corn, or oats, or wheat, as a treat, that half a handful of additional grain changes the amount of commercial feed that the bird can eat. They only have so much capacity for feed in a given day. Now let's assume that that half a handful of cracked corn weighed 1 oz. Cracked corn has at most 9 percent crude protein in it. Because the bird at an ounce of cracked corn, it will most likely now only eat 3 ounces of the commercial feed.

That treat would end up reducing the amount of protein in the overall diet to 14.25 percent. That might not sound like a lot but it could make the difference between meeting the birds' nutritional needs and not meeting it. What are the implications of not meeting the nutritional needs of your birds? It can be reduced growth rate. It could be reduced mature size. It could be lower egg production, lower fertility, etc. Ultimately it is important to make sure you are providing your birds with a well-balanced, properly formulated feed.

I know many folks in the fancy have birds that they consider to be pets. That is fine, but if you want to remain competitive, limit supplemental treats to very small amounts on an infrequent basis. Feed properly formulated feeds to your birds along with clean, fresh water as that is all they really need to be healthy and productive.

Editor's Follow-up Q&A:

**Should your commercial feed be a "layer" feed?* RB: Most available commercial feeds are layer feeds. Different companies have different feeds available, but in my situation, I currently feed a layer to all my adult birds.

**Is adding supplemental grit and oyster shell necessary if you are feeding a [good] commercial layer feed?* RB: There is nothing wrong with feeding grit or oyster shell but in the case of oyster shell, the additional calcium is just not needed if the birds are already on a layer. Grit is helpful only if the birds are given whole grains. If you are feeding a pellet or crumble, or even a mash, it is not necessary.

**Can commercial layer feed also be fed to males as their staple feed?* RB: Some might argue that the calcium levels are too high for males but as long as the birds are healthy and do not have any genetic problems, they should be able to handle it.

**For those that don't have availability to commercial feed containing animal protein, how do we add it to their diet? Are bugs on the ground in summer adequate? What about the winter months?* RB: There are several ways to include animal protein if you want to. Basically, I have ignored it but sometimes I think it would be better if I included some in the diet. It doesn't have to be a lot. Cat food is one way and giving even a few kibbles a couple of times a week would be helpful. You could also give just a very small amount of fishmeal if you can find it. I've even heard of folks giving a small amount of ground meat but personally I think the feed companies haven't done us any favors by taking these ingredients out of the diet. In many cases, the amounts were very small anyway, less than 5 percent of the total ration.

**At what age should you stop feeding "starter", and wean them to adult feed? Is it necessary to use a "grower" in-between the starter and adult/layer feed?* RB: Finally, as far as when to stop feeding starter? Most commercial companies have specific instructions on that. I know Purina recommends that their starter be fed until the birds are 18 to 20 weeks of age or just before you need to put them on layer. Their Start and Grow feeds are about 18 percent crude protein. Other companies may have starter for the first 4 to 5 weeks and then move to a grower. Again, I try to follow their specific programs.

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We're happy you have joined our Cochin Family!

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Bob & Paul Monteith

David Stuart *(Welcome Back!)*

Frank Goodfellow

Jennifer Parr & Darrien Mieske

Colorado

John Baker

Florida

LeeRidge Farm

Chad Peets

Georgia

Kerry Chastain

Indiana

Amber Johnson

Destiny Sherfield

Emma Balle

Kentucky

Mary Donovan

Michigan

Kathy Poll

Minnesota

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Cochins International Membership Totals

Type	12/21/18	12/21/19	Change
Single	164	181	10.4%
Family	85	99	16.5%
Junior	19	26	36.8%
	268	306	14.2%

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YOUR MEMBERSHIP
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Happy New Year!

What a wonderful year 2019 has been for Cochins across the United States, in Canada, and around the world! Showhall numbers are up, as is the quality. Diverse Varieties are now being seen on Champions Row. Juniors are exhibiting birds to rival their Open counterparts.

I want to thank **Rick Klehr**/West Central and **Christopher Rob**/Northeast 2, for stepping up and assuming the vacated District Director positions.

Please join me in welcoming our newest State Reps: **Micheal Tarvin** of Arkansas, **Alinza Deuser** of Indiana, **Scott Adams** of Nebraska, **Donna Lamb** of Massachusetts, and **Jason Meyeaux** of Louisiana.

What a wonderful fall show season this has been for our District and National Meets!! A huge thank you goes to our District Directors, State Reps, and many Club member volunteers for the marvelous job you have all done promoting our Breed and Club around the country.

I hope you all have your calendars marked for our 2020 Nationals:

EAST: Eastern Kentucky Poultry Assn. / Morehead, KY / November 21, 2020

WEST: Oklahoma State Poultry Federation / Shawnee, OK / December 12, 2020

I had a great time when I traveled down to Fayetteville, Arkansas for the HOTOPA show in early November. It's very true what they say about the warm Southern hospitality! I met many new friends, and was very pleasantly surprised to see my good friend from Colorado, John Baker, who was there to judge the Junior Showmanship. Unfortunately, there is no Variety competition when you are showing Golden Laced bantams, but the words from other exhibitors who had never seen them was very supportive and encouraging.

October probably wasn't the best time for me to be hatching, but I was able to hatch a few Golden Laced chicks. When you are rebuilding your numbers, you gladly welcome every little one! I'm hoping for a mild winter, so I can get them out of the brooders in the basement in time to welcome some new Spring chicks!

Watching our Cochin community unite and grow, and our members not only prosper but excel, has been a joy to watch, and is a treasured and rewarding memory that will stay with me forever. Wishing you and your family all the blessings of the holiday season and New Year!

Bantam Golden Laced chicks at 7 and 8 weeks of age.



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jason Young, Vice President

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Hello members,

I hope you all are doing well and all had a great holiday season. I also hope you all have a very successful and prosperous New Year. Now that 2020 is upon us, it's almost time for us, here at our house, to start hatching again. We have had a slow year from 2019 with the young ones finishing. Not sure as to what caused it, but now they are ready for the show room. Not sure how many I will get to attend this year, but my wife and daughter will get to show some. We had a great 2019 with some of our varieties and hoping 2020 brings even more success. Ivy will be back to helping this year with breeding after missing most of it last year. Good luck to everyone with the upcoming hatching season and hope you all raise champions.

2020 will be an election year. Now is the time to start thinking if you would like to run for a position to help your club. Whether you chose to run for a board position or volunteer to help in another way, your help is always welcome and appreciated. I have enjoyed being a part of the club board this past year and will announce my intentions for the next term, soon.

I'd also like to ask each one of the members to try and help the club grow. You don't have to be on the board or in office to solicit memberships. This club is growing and growing and with all of you helping, CI could turn quickly into one of the largest breed clubs out there. There is so many good members here in this club and the future is looking bright. Also, remember to reach out to the youth at your shows and offer advice and information to help them. Without them, we will be going nowhere in the future.

Show room etiquette is another place I'd like to touch briefly on. Remember to congratulate others on their hard work when they win. Cochins folks are great when showing sportsmanship. Post pictures to the site of your wins and let us all see and enjoy the beauty of the birds we all love.

That's all for now, back to the barn I go. If I can ever help anyone with any questions or anything, please let me know. And always, keep those birds looking their best!

Jason Young

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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Hi All,

What a year this has been!! I was fortunate enough to judge both the Eastern and Western National Cochin meets. I am grateful for the opportunity and appreciate being able to handle some of the best of the best this year. I had a fun time and got to see some very nice birds.

The fall is always such a busy time of year for me between running the show in Cobleskill, judging and getting birds ready for the winter I feel the time just flies. My one GQF incubator has not shut off in almost 8 years. I have five of them - just love those units!!

I have had a great year with the large mottled cochins as most of you know as they age, they just get better as far as color. I have always wanted to raise a nice size flock of quality mottled birds. The bantams are easier to come by but I think the large fowl will be so impressive as a flock. I am looking forward to continuing this endeavor of getting this variety in the standard.

I hope everyone has a great winter and 2020 starts off with a bang!! A new decade - hard to believe. Keep and hatch a bunch, be kind to your fellow exhibitor, help the youth and make some great memories, because this is what this hobby is about.

Take Care Jamie

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Hello everyone!

I hope everyone is doing well and everyone's birds are doing well. We are a few months into the show season and I know it's as if my birds know show season is starting because they instantly blow all their feathers. I've been able to make it to one show so far this season but I was able to meet a lovely new person who is going to be up and coming in the breed, it is always so amazing getting to see someone with so much passion for this breed! I have got to see all the photos from the many shows we've had so far this season and I must say I'm so impressed with the quality that everyone has been able to produce. I've seen some dang good birds and everyone should be proud of the hard work that they put into them! I can't wait to see how everything progresses as we all start to think about breeding pens and plans as the spring comes. I wish I everyone the best of luck!

Emily Murphy
FL State Rep
CI Secretary

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Show Hall Etiquette and Respect for Fellow Exhibitors

By Tom Roebuck

This is probably one of those "if the shoe fits" type articles, but I've noticed a bit of a trend lately that is quite frankly, disrespectful to our fellow exhibitor. While many of us that are familiar with southern shows are used to the Old English Game bantam breeders cooping out early, that doesn't mean we like it, or that it is okay to do so. The southern shows tolerate it because generally they are smaller shows and the OEG class makes up a good percentage of their total entries. When an 800 bird show has 200 OEG bantams (25% of their exhibit), that is a significant portion of the revenue that provides the capital with which the show management puts on the show. So what does this have to do with Cochins? I will use our most recent Eastern National as an example. Hosted by the Twin Tier Poultry Club this past September, our Eastern National had a fairly robust Bantam Cochin Class, and also a fair number of large Cochins on exhibit. The featherleg class was the largest class in the show and our Judge, Jamie Matts was kept on task in the featherleg class all day. It was a two day show, and the Cochins International District Director, had a table set up, raffle baskets, special awards and the whole shebang. The Cochin bantams were the first class judged that morning, and by mid-afternoon, the rest of the featherleg class was finished and the Class Champions selected, a Cochin and a Silkie. By the end of the afternoon on Saturday (keep in mind this is a two day show), a good number of the Cochin entries had been cooped out and were no longer on display for the rest of the exhibitors or visitors to the show. There were glaring holes in the classes when I went to record a video to post on the CI Facebook page. This is not the first time I've seen this happen.

While I certainly understand that emergencies arise and sometime exhibitors need to leave a show unexpectedly, but cooping out early and heading home just because you don't want to spend the money on a hotel room for another night, or you are unhappy with the days' results, is disrespectful to the show management, their time and effort in putting on the show, and your fellow exhibitors. I know there are plenty of fanciers that do not like 2 day shows and each of them have their own reasons for that. I for one love two day shows because it affords me the opportunity to visit with friends, look at the different classes of birds and enjoy my hobby. A hobby is supposed to be enjoyable. When planning your attendance at a show, perhaps take into consideration your commitment to the event. Especially if it is a National Meet. If you can't commit to the two days, evaluate your desire to attend and think how jetting home early looks to your fellow exhibitors and the show management. Preachy? Maybe, but as I said at the beginning . . . if the shoe fits . . .

★ ACCOUNTING BASICS ★

COCHINS INTERNATIONAL - ACCOUNTING OF CASH ON HAND

	YEAR ENDED 12/31/17	YEAR ENDED 12/31/18	11 Mo. Ended 11/30/18	11 Mo. Ended 11/30/19
Revenues:				
Membership Dues	2,200.67	3,548.54	2,798.54	3,767.27
Membership Dues & Merchandise	1,152.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Merchandise	872.00	2,512.00	1,872.00	829.00
Less: Merchandise Sale Discounts	0.00	(95.90)	(95.90)	(57.54)
Merchandise Shipping Fees	17.00	132.76	132.76	31.54
Breeders Directory Ads (Bi-Annual)	1,089.00	0.00	0.00	835.00
Premiums from Host Shows	0.00	0.00	0.00	262.00
Cash Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00	15.00
Raffles & Auctions	317.00	759.00	103.00	304.00
Other - Merchandise Drive	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other - Non-Inventory Merchandise Sales	36.00	109.50	72.00	74.00
Total Revenues	5,783.67	6,965.90	4,882.40	6,060.27
Expenses:				
Advertising	125.00	95.00	95.00	30.00
Breeders Directory (Bi-Annual)	1,749.48	0.00	0.00	1,964.32
COGS - ABA Cochin Bantams Book	88.55	0.00	0.00	81.12
COGS - AmeriTee T-Shirts	0.00	1,654.00	1,654.00	0.00
Dues - YEPA	25.00	35.00	35.00	0.00
Junior Program Awards	190.80	0.00	0.00	0.00
Member Memorial Donations	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	638.61	150.31	150.31	256.90
Office Supplies	0.00	341.38	288.37	897.15
PayPal/Bank Fees	9.02	45.27	43.79	24.45
Plaques	96.00	142.25	142.25	0.00
Postage & Shipping	453.54	983.99	684.54	955.37
Rosette Ribbons	1,128.60	464.25	464.25	182.10
Self Blue Qualifying Meet	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00
Show Promotions / Awards	0.00	1,163.61	1,163.61	430.50
Website	19.95	214.35	214.35	19.95
Total Expenses	4,574.55	5,339.41	4,985.47	4,841.86
NET CASH PROFIT (LOSS)	1,209.12	1,626.49	(103.07)	1,218.41
Beginning Cash Balance on Hand	3,014.98	4,224.10	4,224.10	5,850.59
Net Cash Profit (Loss)	1,209.12	1,626.49	(103.07)	1,218.41
ENDING CASH BALANCE ON HAND	4,224.10	5,850.59	4,121.03	7,069.00



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Item	12/31/17 Inventory		2018 YTD Purchases		2018 Adj. / Promos		2018 YTD Sales		12/31/18 Inventory	
	Retail Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count
T-Shirts - Green	20.00	37	740.00				380.00	19	360.00	18
T-Shirts - Blue	20.00	0	0.00	75	1,500.00		460.00	23	1,040.00	52
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve	25.00	0	0.00	72	1,800.00	-1	675.00	27	1,100.00	44
Sweatshirts	25.00	59	1,475.00		(1,250.00)	-50	225.00	9	0.00	0
Sweatshirts	30.00	0	0.00		1,470.00	49	60.00	2	1,410.00	47
Hoodies	35.00	61	2,135.00				525.00	15	1,610.00	46
Caps	10.00	16	160.00				40.00	4	120.00	12
Patches	5.00	94	470.00				40.00	8	430.00	86
Decals	9.50	9	85.50				57.00	6	28.50	3
ABA Cochlin Book	10.00	8	80.00				50.00	5	30.00	3
			<u>5,145.50</u>		<u>3,300.00</u>		<u>195.00</u>		<u>2,512.00</u>	
										<u>6,128.50</u>
Item	12/31/18 Inventory		2019 YTD Purchases		2019 Adj. / Promos		2019 YTD Sales		11/30/19 Inventory	
	Retail Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count
T-Shirts - Green	20.00	18	360.00				100.00	5	260.00	13
T-Shirts - Blue	20.00	52	1,040.00				140.00	7	900.00	45
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve	25.00	44	1,100.00		(25.00)	-1	250.00	10	825.00	33
Sweatshirts	30.00	47	1,410.00		(35.00)	-1	60.00	2	1,350.00	45
Hoodies	35.00	46	1,610.00				140.00	4	1,435.00	41
Caps	10.00	12	120.00				20.00	2	100.00	10
Patches	5.00	86	430.00		(5.00)	-1	40.00	8	385.00	77
Decals	9.50	3	28.50				19.00	2	9.50	1
ABA Cochlin Book	10.00	3	30.00	12	120.00		60.00	6	90.00	9
			<u>6,128.50</u>		<u>120.00</u>		<u>(65.00)</u>		<u>829.00</u>	
										<u>5,354.50</u>

2020 DISTRICT & NATIONAL MEETS

(Below are confirmed Meets placed as of this publication date.)

March 7	Unifour All Breeds Show	Salisbury, NC	Southeast
April 25-26	Dayton Fancy Feather Club	Greenville, OH	North Central
Nov. 21	Eastern Kentucky Poultry Assn. Morehead, KY		East National
Dec. 12	Oklahoma State Poultry Fed.	Shawnee, OK	West National

2020 EASTERN NATIONAL MEET

November 21, 2020

Eastern Kentucky Poultry Association
Morehead, Kentucky

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COCHINS INTERNATIONAL

2020 WESTERN NATIONAL MEET

December 12, 2020

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation
Shawnee, Oklahoma

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NATIONAL MEET ROTATIONS

EAST DISTRICTS

2018 – Southeast / Dec. 1-2 / Tennessee Valley Poultry Club / Knoxville, TN

2019 – Northeast 1 / Sept. 7-8 / Twin Tier Poultry Club / Bath, NY

2020 – North Central / Nov. 21 / Eastern Kentucky Poultry Assn. / Morehead, KY

2021 – Northeast 2 / Open

2022 – Southeast / Open

WEST DISTRICTS

2018 – Pacific / Dec. 1 / Pacific Northwest Poultry Assn. / Ridgefield, WA

2019 – Canada / Oct. 19-20 / Ontario Poultry Breeders / Grassie, Ontario

2020 – Southwest / Dec. 12 / Oklahoma State Poultry Federation / Shawnee, OK

2021 – West Central / Open

2022 – Pacific / Open

[Editor's Note: As we enter hatching season, I thought this was a perfect time to reprint one of our most popular articles, and Matt was kind to write some updates for us.]

YOU DO KEEP A "BOOK", DON'T YOU?

By Matt McCammon

Originally published in the October, 2012 Poultry Press

If you hatched in April and May like I did, you have a lot of little ones running around now and they are eating quite a bit. Hopefully you have gone through them weekly and gotten rid of those that are not up to your standards. At least for Bantams, there are several items I look for as the young birds are growing. I thought I would share a few of them, especially for the new breeders and members. Cochins take quite a while to mature, so knowing what to cull for in the developing months will help you keep only what are going to be the most promising individuals.

First, I always check feet and toes. There are allowances in the standard for feather legged breeds when it comes to short toes, etc., but I have made it a policy to cull those that do not have four fully formed toes. Others do not do this, but that is something that I have completely bred out of my birds now. I look for it, but I do not have this genetic issue anymore. I did have one bird this year that had two toes attached with too tight of webbing between the toes. I used a sharp pair of scissors and separated the toes. The foot spread out like it should and the bird is fine. Don't cull for foot color or maybe not even for feathering all the way down the middle toe at this point. You will get to know your lines and whether the birds will feather down the toe later, but if you are new to it don't cull too early for the foot feathering. If the chick does not have the feathering down the middle toe at all by the fourth month, I would say they won't get it. Exercise discretion here.

Next, I turn to combs. I like neat combs that are not overly done. I like combs that are not coarse, and I absolutely hate a large lobe in the back growing down the back of the head. So early on I check for side sprigs. On single combed breeds, this is generally a protuberance off the side of the comb that is like an extra point. It usually is in the back. Do not keep any birds with this. It is a disqualification in the show hall and should be in your breeding pens. Remember, what you allow in the breeding pen will show up in the show hall. Watch for wrinkles or twists in the comb, especially in the males. I had a wrinkle in the lobes of males for several generations. After fixing some of the issues, I decided to make this a priority. I culled males with this problem and rarely do I see this now. I culled some good birds otherwise, but this trait bothers me when I see it so I made sure I didn't see it anymore. The number of points on the comb and their spacing is another issue to consider. I honestly pay more attention to the spacing of the points than I do the number. I will keep birds with four or five points. I never keep a three point comb in the flock and more than five tends to make the head look snakey and long. Sometimes you have to wait until they are about 5 months old to fully appreciate the symmetry of the comb, or lack thereof. It takes a while for it to redden up and be on scale with the rest of the head.

If you don't have a nice, high forehead and a circular, round head then don't keep the bird. Crow headed Cochins look like that from the get-go so don't tolerate it.

Now for the wattles. Sometimes one wattle will be larger than the other or the bottom will not be nice, full and rounded. This is a pretty particular trait to cull for and I would not consider it if I was just trying to improve a rare Variety, but with Varieties that are highly developed and competitive in the show halls, this trait is one of the fine tuning aspects we should consider.

Don't cull for eye color too early. Rarely will developing chicks have properly colored eyes. So give them time. Different Varieties mature at different rates. Pay particular attention to the age at which your better specimens begin to develop eye color and write it in your book. (You do keep a "book", don't you?) That will help you hold successive generations to the same standard.

Beak color can be culled for now, and you should check the standard to see what is allowable for your Variety.

As birds grow, you should see their cushions beginning to take form and their back ends often overpower their front ends. It's that way with people, too!! Birds that have remained narrow in the fifth month probably are not going to develop a great cushion.

I never like to keep birds that mature slowly. I don't have much hope in a bird that matures quickly either. Birds that lack thriftiness and seem to stand around and do nothing will end up as nothing, in my opinion. Also, a young cockerel that seems to be the cock-of-the-walk with a large comb and wattles will often slow down and end up with everyone else when they finish out, or he will have every other bird pass him up when the growing is done. Kind of like that kid in Jr. High gym class that was bigger than everyone else, but was only average height upon graduation.

Watch wing growth at this stage. There will be molting of the narrow pointed juvenile feathers and the growth of wider, shorter, rounded adult feathers. Check for the appropriate color for your Variety. With the Mottled, I never keep a cockerel with a white primary. As two year old males, I will do that as I can't keep them black thru the second year. But cockerels that are too light are not good.

Check for other colors in the plumage that are foreign to the standard. This year I had some Mottled males get red in the hackle. The hackle will be one of the first places discoloration will show up in developing birds.

It is harder to **check the combs of the females**, but a magnifying glass or some such device will help you check for the quality of combs your females are carrying. What you allow on your females will end up in the males eventually. So watch for sprigs and point placement in them, too. Sometimes you have to wait a little longer for the comb to grow and swell.

My birds are about five months old, and they are changing a lot right now. For a while they go through and just seem to be at a stand-still. I think that is when they are putting on feathers. Then they seem to grow and build type. That is what mine are doing now, and I love to watch them change by the week. If you have birds together that were not all hatched at the same time, keep this in mind. Don't require of the younger ones the same thing you are culling for in the older ones.

Of course, you must keep them well fed with plenty of clean water. If you have several pens or if you have mixed the sexes together, you should be sure you have plenty of places for them to eat. Sometimes the more developed ones will run the others away.

I have hatched about 100 Mottleds and most of my males are in individual cages now. Some of the younger males are still with the females on the floor. But when the males are in show cages, you can compare them with each other so much better. Then the finer points of balance, temperament (Cochins should be an easily handled, temperate breed), and feather quality can be assessed on an even playing field.

This may sound like a lot of work, but it is a labor of love for those of us who enjoy the endless quest for the perfect bird, or at least the challenge of perfecting them more and more with each generation. I hope you enjoy the show season and the time sorting through your birds. I hope these hints have added some insight to your breeding program.

YOU DO KEEP A "BOOK", DON'T YOU? – DECEMBER, 2019 EPILOGUE

I was asked to add a few updates to the article concerning when and what to cull for. I will preface this by saying that the following comments pertain to my Cochin bantams, not necessarily the whole breed. I would think there would be quite a bit of correlation, but please keep in mind that the following are suggestions. I have rarely added new lines into my bloodlines, so I have certain traits stamped into the genetics of my line. However, if you are working with a volatile line, that is one with a lot of different genetics battling it out, your experiences might not match those described below.

One of the traits often asked about is **vulture hocks**. It seems many breeders are noticing those hock feathers that begin growing before a lot of the other body feathers. Because they get long and lack fluffiness at first, some think they are vulture hocks. My advice would be not to cull for vulture hocks until the bird has all of its body feathers grown in and has that classic round shape of a Cochin. Very few Cochins have vulture hocks, save some of the rare varieties. I do not even look for culture hocks, and I am very picky. That is not to say that you shouldn't, just don't jump in and cull youngsters that might end up as good birds.

I hesitate to include time frames, but it was requested that I do so to make some of the original suggestions clearer. Keep in mind that not all birds mature similarly. Not everyone feeds their birds the same feeds. Housing conditions and husbandry have a huge effect on the growth and development of animals. These time frames are applicable to my lines only. We will start with **foot color**. Foot color means the color of the pads on the underside of the foot and usually on up the shank. White Cochins can have a greenish-willow pad color which is a definite disqualification. Partridge can have a similar color. These should be avoided. The standard suggests that the primary color be yellow. It doesn't have to be completely yellow, as the standard says a complete absence of yellow in all varieties is a disqualification. I see pictures of birds' feet posted to show their complete yellow pigmentation. That is all fine and dandy, but if I had a bird that was knock-out in other areas, I would certainly not cull it because it has some black in the color of the pads. Don't go overboard on this. There are some genetic correlations with other traits, and I won't get into that here, but I would give a youngster 5-6 months at least to exhibit foot color within the permissible limits of the standard.

When the young birds are fully feathered and exhibiting roundness, one can begin assessing **head structure and beak color**. This could be in the 6-8 months of age time frame. Pertaining to head structure, the bird should begin developing a nice round skull with a pronounced brow. A bird that has a narrow, snakey head with little rise of the skull where the skull meets the nostrils is not fit to keep. Often the beak is long and placed higher on the skull than need be. Nothing, and I repeat, nothing ruins the appearance of a Cochin Bantam more than a narrow crow-shaped head. If you have high hopes you can give the bird a while to mature, but my experience says it probably won't improve. Beak color has also developed by the 6 month point, in my opinion. Most Cochins have yellow or swarthy yellow beak colors. A few exhibit horn or reddish horn. Beak color seems minor and there are lots of variable shades, but try to keep the beak the correct color, within limits. I know if I allow for a yellow beak in my mottleds, there are going to be a heap of other problems that go along with that. Traits don't come along in isolation. Allowing one little variation will often bring with it more variations that might not be so small in the next generation.

The last trait I will discuss is **wing development**. I think this has to be given the most time to present itself. My birds take a very long time to show complete wing development. I am sure others' birds develop faster. I allow a year to see the whole wing and a nice flat presentation when the wing is opened wide. I think this is the most

difficult issue facing Cochin bantams of all varieties. Weak wings are extremely hereditary, so give the issue the attention it requires.

So, as you can see, it can take up to a year to fully assess a Cochin Bantam. It takes longer than that for large fowl. Perhaps a large fowl breeder can give some advice in a future article. Plan accordingly, don't hatch more than you can comfortably house, and prepare to feed them awhile. They are slow growers, but the results are worth the wait!

COCHINATION

NORTHEAST 1 DISTRICT REPORT

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Greetings to Everyone

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday.

The fall show season is under wraps for our new England shows. My first show was Bath New York for the Eastern National. We had a great showing of birds. Tom Roebuck had a beautiful bantam black male which went onto best of show, Rich Barczewski had reserve Asiatic with a LF partridge female and Paul Monteith had best Asiatic on a LF black female. I can't thank Rich enough for all his help that day. The day was filled with lots of chicken talk and we joined up with many of the feather leg breeders at a dinner Saturday evening for some great food and an evening of some wonderful folks. This was a great weekend.

We did make it out to Ohio this fall and I was very happy to have gone because I rarely see other Cochin breeders from out that way, so it was great to chat with them.

To my surprise Ivy was there so we now have meet face to face.

Boston Poultry Expo was the District Meet for 2019 the cochin numbers were down for this show, however, we did get some great breeders there. Tom Roebuck did very well with a LF black hen for Best Asiatic as well as 2nd best bantam on black male and I had 3rd best bantam on my white pullet.

Here we are starting hatching season, our incubator is not full, but we do have a bunch of eggs in there.

Time to get your birds ready for the Northeastern Poultry Congress coming up in January. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Hope all you breeders have a very successful hatching season.

Lisa Podgwaite

District 1 Director

2019 Eastern National – Best of Variety Photos



LF Barred Frizzle P by Sarah Batz



Btm Birchen K by Sarah Batz



Btm Black C by Tom Roebuck, Jr.



LF Black P by Bob & Paul Monteith



LF Black Frizzle P by Ross Treffert



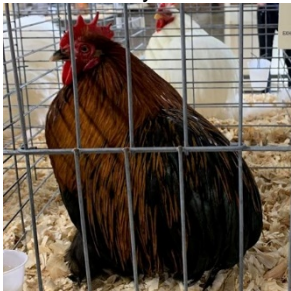
Btm Blue P by Quacky Acres



LF Blue P by Bob & Paul Monteith



Btm Blue Frizzle P by Ross Treffert



Btm Brown Red C by Robert Martell



Btm Buff C by Linda Blackman



LF Buff H by Jonathan Patterson



Btm Lemon Blue C by Robert Martell

2019 EASTERN NATIONAL – JUDGE'S SYNOPSIS

By Jamie Matts

First off, I would like to thank Twin Tiers Show for hosting this year's Eastern National and thank you to the club officers for selecting me to judge.

The day started off with the large fowl there really wasn't that many at the show the blacks were the largest group. The hens were still coming off a molt and were missing quite a few feathers. There were three pullets that looked very promising. Good width of feather, nice beetle green sheen, yellow feet and a nice reddish bay eye. They were good size birds just needed a bit more time to fill in. There were a few buffs that were older birds, nice size birds with a few color flaws as far as multiple shades of buff. The partridge class had a couple really nice hens with a nice pattern and type. The cock bird was in a molt so condition played a role. The barred frizzles were small in size. The blue was nice size and type but light in color. The black frizzles were typey but on the smaller size. Overall the blacks and partridge were the best representation of the breed in my eyes with the black pullet going on to become Champion Asiatic and Champion Large Fowl of the show.

When it came to the bantams same held true with a lot of birds just coming out of a molt or the young birds were just not quite ready. The birchens looked like they would develop into nice birds just a little young. The blacks had a bunch of birds out of condition with wing issues and dark eyes and just quite not ready for the youngsters. The black cock bird was a show stopper beautiful type, condition, foot coloring, sheen his only fault was weak in the eye but so many great qualities with foot feathering that was impeccable. The white class had some nice birds but they needed those final touches. Cleaning feet, blemishes on the birds and such. The best of the whites was a pullet with great yellow beak and feet and constantly showed herself but she needed some touch ups as far as dirty feet and such. Her type was great a perfect volleyball shape but with whites you have to be more diligent. The blue class had birds with a couple DQ's in the form of side sprigs and the older birds were just missing wing feathers and the lacing was weak. The self blue class was lacking type and color was what I call brassy or yellowish on the male. Then mottled class was on the smaller side with only four birds with two being really mottled and two being on the dark side. The mottled up hens had wings not completely in. The frizzle class had a very nice splash frizzle her secondary wings weren't completely back in. The pair of splash were nice type birds but the male was brassy and the hen had an ear issue.

There were few junior birds and I was quite disappointed with the overall condition the best were two whites that had great type but filthy feet. It's the little things that in the end will help your bird move farther.

As a judge it is my job to find the bird that when it makes it to champion row, he or she will have the least points deducted by my fellow judges. In the case of the black bantam cock bird, he went on to be champion featherleg, champion bantam and champion of the whole show. At the end of the day I was a tired man judging almost 500 birds from 9-4 I not only judged the Cochin national I but also the Silkie National. It was an honor to judge the nationals.

Thank you, Jamie

2019 Eastern National – More Best of Variety Photos



Btm Mottled H by Jay & Kim Yobst



LF Partridge H by Rich Barczewski



Btm Self Blue K by Phantom Feathers Farm



Btm Silver Blue P by Sarah Batz



Btm Splash C by Linda Blackman



Btm Splash Frizzle H by Ross Treffert



Btm White P by Jim Photiou



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NORTHEAST 2 DISTRICT REPORT

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Dear District Northeast District #2 Members,

Seasons Greetings to all. Hoping all had a good year of rest or showing and now looking onward. Now is time to rest, start looking to the new year and the hatching of the next generation. I know personally we have started working on the upcoming year but refuse to have anything on the ground until after January 1st. We are currently getting snow here in PA and though I know it will be the unpopular opinion, I really love snow. It's just so nice to see the white picturesque scenes right outside the window.

Just a reminder to all to renew your membership if you are due just as I am. Remember it makes a nice holiday gift to yourself!

Next, I have an important question regarding the shows this upcoming year. Currently the Northeast District #2 hosts 4-6 shows, and for will be the same this coming year unless another club chooses to start in that time, I would like to ask the members in this district their preference on a show for District Show. Currently there is Delmarva in the Spring and 3 shows in October that are all in Pennsylvania. The only shows in question are the VA Poultry Breeders & Sussex Co. Breeder of NJ as they both had cancelled this past year but may be back in the next. All I want to ask is where the members within Northeast District #2 would prefer to see the district show? I want to hear from you and would like to place it where the members want. Remember we want there to be as many Cochins there as possible! I have personally never been to Delmarva and typically do not attend spring shows due to my birds being out of condition but others may have their best birds then which is why I'm asking. You can email me at silkies.r.awesome@gmail.com. I'd like to get the shows placed and sanctioned by February 1st so I would like to hear from anyone who has a recommendation by January 20th so it can be posted on the Cochin Site for all to preplan their shows this year like I have already begun to do so for 2020. Remember we can still place special meets so all shows will be able to be Cochin Sanctioned.

I now want to say at this time, how nice it was to see everyone this past fall season at the shows and those I had not, you were missed and sure wish I had. Now knowing we are heading into the holidays I want everyone to remember that Cochin Accessories are enjoyed by all who love Cochins and I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year! Till next time and enjoy the season!

Happy Holidays, Christopher Rob

Cochins Rule!

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

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Hello from Missouri! Weather is cold here today. I am ready for summer, Missouri had a great show in Oct. Open show had around 240 birds. Scott Adams had LF with a blue cockerel; Christie Ross had blue bantam hen; Jr. was Peyton Frauendofer with a LF white cock. We had 1250 birds, 2 specials, several new exhibitors.

Went to Hutchinson, KS: Brent Warner family had the champion featherleg with a black hen. Jim & Patti Zimmerman had champion LF with a black pullet. Lots of nice birds at both shows. Had a great time there.

Help the new exhibitors and welcome them to showing. Hope to see everyone at the shows in the spring.

Bernita Miller, SW District Director.



NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

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As the end of the year draws near and I head into hatching season, I personally always take a step back and look at all the accomplishments that I/we have achieved over the year along with areas that we fell short in our goals. With that being said I am content with this years hatches and grow outs at best. It could be better but everything could always be worse. From those I spoke with this year at various shows it was a mediocre kind of year for hatching. I must admit, I'm the first to have a meltdown over things I cannot control. Mother Nature was definitely a surprise this past year. We had a freak minor F1 tornado in January that caused mostly wind damage to the area. Here in Northeast Ohio, we had some of the worst flooding that

this area has witnessed this spring and early summer in over 15+ years. But my mentors always taught me, “persistence beats resistance,” and you must push forward. While writing this in the holiday season we all must find positive things to be thankful for and push the negative out of our lives. Justin and I were lucky enough to finish out our 2019 show season with Best of Breed and Reserve Feather Leg with one of our Bantam White Hens at our North Central District Meet. That was the reassurance we all look for when we have had a rough year.

Now on to our North Central District Meet....

Last year upon entering my term as the New District Director, I decided I wanted to rotate where the meets were held. I truly feel this is important as District Director so you can give everyone an equal chance to partake. For 2019 I held our district meet at the Appalachian Classic in Morehead, Kentucky. This was also my first ever experience with a double-show, and let me tell you, it was quite the first experience as District Director. To pull off what we did as a District could not have been done without all the help from our club members. A special shout out to Stephanie Coomer, Sarah Batz, my partner Justin, and friend Nakol whom all took the time to run the tables as I ran around completing show reports to help show staff. Our district meet brought in almost \$500 for the club. It was so nice to meet current members I haven't met yet, get new members signed, and see the excitement in everyone's faces at the meet. I hope everyone that was able to attend enjoyed themselves and the display our club put together.

We had a total of 99 Bantam Cochins and 28 Large Fowl Cochins in the show with Open and Junior for our 2019 District Meet. Congratulations to Treffert Farm (Ross & Justin) on Overall Champion Cochin with a Bantam White Hen. Coomer Farm (Stephanie Coomer) on her Overall Reserve Champion Cochin with a LF Black Cochin Pullet. Destiny Sherfield with her Junior Overall Champion Cochin with a Bantam Black Cockerel. Jasmine Borland with her Junior Reserve Overall Champion Cochin with a Bantam Blue Hen. Congratulations to Christopher Rob on receiving the Sandy Isler Legacy Award for Best Bantam Blue Cochin and Treffert Farm for Receiving the Jimmie Currens Legacy Award for Best White Bantam.

This coming year I have quite the workload as I have our District meet and also the 2020 Eastern National in our district. **So we will have our North Central District meet in the spring at the DAYTON FANCY FEATHER CLUB SHOW in Greenville, Ohio April 25th & 26th and our 2020 Eastern National will be held at the Appalachian Classic in Morehead Kentucky on November 21st, 2020. Hope to see everyone there.**

In closing, as many of you know this coming year is an Election year for the club. I have proudly served as your District Director for a full year now. I hope I have helped in every single way possible, displayed excellence in our club meets—and most importantly—made you proud to be part of this district and Cochins International. I know I am proud to say that this is the only breed club I belong to. But, if you as a member are not happy with how things go within your district or our club, you and other members have the voice and power to change that. With that being said, you must vote to make your voice heard!! Too many times people sit back and hope for things to change. Guess what, they won't unless you take charge! Take the initiative and run for Office. George Carlin once said “If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain.”

Happy Holidays and Here's to the New Year!!

-Ross

Photos from the North Central District Meet at the Appalachian Classic



Colton Deuser
takes 1st Place in the art contest.

Champions (l to r):

Bantam: **Ross Treffert**
Large Fowl: **Stephanie Coomer**
Junior: **Destiny Sherfield**



WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

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Greetings from the West Central District! It's the first of December and already have a foot of snow on the ground in Minnesota.

In Minnesota and the Midwest, the show season is winding down. Nobody wants to be on the road with chickens in subzero weather and slippery roads. Now we start thinking of starting all over, putting together breeding pens and getting that incubator running.

Before we do that maybe just take a moment and reminisce about the past year. How did it go this past year? The hatching, the growing, the shows we went to? How we can improve fertility, grow healthier chickens, but most of all, promote this wonderful breed of chickens called Cochins. Also take a moment to look at ourselves, our attitudes? I know this past year I missed some opportunities to help those seeking help in growing cochins. It's good to just be aware, and try to do better. Everybody likes to look at a beautiful cochin, whether it's the first you have raised, or the 1,000th. Yes, raising cochins is a challenge. Their good health, type, color, are a goal, but also a goal should be having fun, being a good sport, and doing our best.

Happy Hatching my friends and may 2020 be a year of growing cochins and all of us growing in our hearts just a little!!!

Photos from the West Central District Meet at the Minnesota State Poultry Assn. Meet in Hutchinson in October:



SOUTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT

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Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a blessed and safe holiday season. With the new year comes a new start to show season. The SE is packed with shows every weekend. And I'm sure everyone is planning on going to one of many in this district. Peach State show in Perry GA is always a huge cochin show. Along with Fort Payne AL and Newnan GA.

It's also the time of year everyone is starting to have plans for breeding and hatching. Myself I make plans every year to hatch so many of this and that and I fail every year on sticking with it. Last year I was unable to play a big part in my breeding due to my thumb but this year I'm actually looking forward to doing the breeding.

I will not hatch as much as I've done in the past. Due to the rising costs of shipping birds and the crack down on social media on selling birds. If I can't get what I need with 1/4 of what I'm hatching then I need a new plan with my birds.

This past year was ruff I was late sorting birds on what was to make my cut and what needs to go and it made my feed bill skyrocket. Then the lack of people willing to pay shipping on birds. Which I can honestly say I can't blame anyone.

Back years ago, the only way someone had a chance to get birds, was to go to a show which means traveling. Or picking up the phone and calling breeders and talking to each other. It's becoming that way again.

I say this every year to myself. Breeding, hatching and raising are all different things. Keep this in mind when you start breeding.

I'm excited to say this fall I got to finally go to Ohio as a spectator. I think I had more fun seeing people I've not seen in a while and meeting people I've talked to and became friends with over the years. I surprised a lot of them by showing up unannounced.

It was great to see how birds in different areas look & compared to what I'm use to seeing in the SE the number of LF in the north is by far way above what I've seen in SE. I would love to see more LF breeders in this area. They are truly beautiful.

Raising them in the SE is not the easiest due to weather and heat. I understand this. LF breeders I believe are a dying thing with Cochins. And I would encourage more members to consider them.

Tessa and I were able to make it to the Anderson show in November. We struggled to find birds in good feather condition this fall. The weather has been too warm too long. But it's always a great show. I enjoyed seeing everyone.

I've seen a lot more Cochins winning then say 5 years ago. Along with the # of Cochins shown skyrocketing. I'm so proud of all of this. Keep it up.

One thing I would like to touch on and I've thought long and hard on how to word this. Show etiquette and sportsmanship at a show.

When a judge is judging they don't need input from anyone. Like it or not it's that judge's thoughts on your bird. Some would say it should be the standards thoughts on that bird. Well I can read the standard and take it one way and they can take it another. It is not ok to call out a judge at a show or on social media no matter who you are. It's 1 person's judgment on that bird. It's not ok to walk down a row that is marked off and start talking to a judge unless you are offering to get that clerk or person a drink or need to respectfully draw attention to something the show needs.

It's not good show etiquette or manners to sit and publicly trash someone's bird if won or didn't win!

If you can't handle a loss then do not come to a show! Be the bigger person and shake someone's hand, hug them or pat them on the back saying congrats. Keep your thoughts in head and mouth shut! I've seen and heard too many bad sports lately when they lose or even if they win. I sat back on this for a while and I cannot anymore. This is a hobby it's supposed to be fun. We all love birds we spend money to do the same thing. When did this hobby drop to the level I've seen??? Not only finding the attacks at the shows it's spilling over to personal attacks. As my mother always told me loose lips sink ships. I've heard over and over how so many have been stepping out of showing due to the hateful spiteful things people say and do. I myself have over heard things and I myself have left a show in tears because of the words people say. And or actions. We have to stop this!!! One day you'll realize some of the greatest breeders are gone. And it will be the poultry worlds loss. And sooner or later that loss will be seen in more ways than one.

While I may also be guilty of personally not liking someone at a show I try and avoid letting that become an issue. I'm not saying everyone has to be friends with everyone. I am saying we have to show everyone respect even if respect isn't given. Respect the judges NO MATTER WHAT! If you do not care for that judge do not go to that show. Plain and simple. Judges aren't nearly paid enough to listen to rude comments or personal attacks. Yes, they can mess up they are humans! Except the win or loss and move on! Most judges become judges because they love poultry not because the make a living off of it.

If we want this hobby to be the best and stay around for years to come, we ALL have to stop and think before we speak or act.

Now on to what 2020 holds for the SE district. I've mentioned this before and I will again. I as a DD have tried to move the District meets around the district. This is to ensure everyone has a chance to show at a district meet. **This year it will be in NC the first Saturday in March. The Unifour all breed show. In Salisbury NC at the Rowan County Fairgrounds. I will be posting deadline dates along with address on fb and website closer to time.**

This will be a single show. You must be NPIP and AI tested to come to NC. You must have all paper work at the show. NC has been known to be very strict on out of state birds. But if you bring required papers this will not be an issue. You cannot sell birds in the lot without a green card for showing. So, if anyone is planning on selling birds, I would encourage pre selling only. Anyone willing to donate any special awards for the district meet please feel free to contact me. We will have awards for overall champion and Res champion in open and Jr show.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone in the SE for letting me be the DD. I would like to think I've worked hard for every member. 2020 is an election year. So, this would be the time to step up for any office in CI. I enjoy being the DD for the SE. and would like to think I've helped all and represented members in their best interest along with the club. I will be announcing my intentions as far as CI office within the next few months.

Thank you
Ivy Young

PACIFIC DISTRICT REPORT

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Happy Holidays from the Pacific Northwest!

It is an interesting show season on the west coast. In California, each show seems to be week-to-week as the club managements determine if they can hold an exhibition coming off the outbreaks of early 2019. Some clubs have confirmed they will be sending out show catalogs (for now.) Further north, clubs continue to combine resources in order to have larger events that cost less. Cochins continue to place well and junior exhibitors continue to show birds that are competing in the open classes.

Undoubtedly people are looking forward to the holiday season and the breeding season to follow shortly. In these joyful times, please take time to spread kindness in the show halls, on our online forums, and in the communities in which you live.

Bryant

Pearls of Wisdom – Breeding Tip

The best time of day to AI females and to assure passage of semen up the tract is about 2PM. This is the time of day when the oviduct is most apt to be empty -no ovum coming down so sperm can pass up more easily. Males can be collected most any time but I would only use an individual male once every 48 hrs. for best results.

– **Robert Hawes**



CANADA DISTRICT REPORT

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Greetings from Canada!

I must say Cochins are a great breed to manage through our Canadian winters! All the best to you and your flock over these next few months of unpredictable but predictably cold weather!

Welcome to our 7 new members since September! Current members . . . Renewal time is upon us! DON'T DELAY! Remain an active member of our Cochin community!

Let's talk about 2 Meets we recently had here in Canada!

The Western National was held October 19th through 20, 2019 hosted by the Ontario Poultry Breeders in Grassie, Ontario. They boast a beautiful large building with

great lighting and single stacked displays. With close to 100 entries and 84 birds actually shown, it was a healthy representation of breed. LF varieties were shown in Black, Blue and Buff. BTM varieties were represented in Black, Blue, Self Blue, Mottled, White and Splash with White, Black and Blue shown in Frizzled. Bantam Black had the highest number of entries followed by White and Blue. In Large Cochins Black again dominated followed by Buff and Blue. I've posted 2 videos on the CI Facebook page walking the lineup of both the LF and BTM classes. (scroll back into Oct. Posts)

The Club table was well attended by folks stopping by to chat and purchase Club merchandise or check out the books and literature. It's always nice to meet our members or talk shop with those interested in the breed!

Judge Matts did a great job assisted by Clerk Shane Cramp and shared his time and knowledge answering questions and chatting with exhibitors while at the show. It was a fun and exciting show although exhausting for all involved. I've shared some photos taken throughout the show although the birds were cranky and uncooperative under pressure to show off and the high amount of foot traffic throughout the aisles I'm certain tired them out! Ahhhhh...the glamorous life of exhibition poultry!

Now here's the placings..

Overall Champion, BOB LF, Black Pullet by Bob & Paul Monteith
Reserve Champion, BOB, BTM, Mottled Hen by S & B Gamebirds
Champion JR., BTM Black Hen by Alan & Jacob Bennett
Reserve JR., BTM White Cockerel by Alan & Jacob Bennett
ROB LF, Black Hen by Frank Goodfellow
ROB BTM, Black Pullet by Laura Bennett
Best AOV LF, Buff Cockerel by Bob & Paul Monteith
Reserve AOV LF, Buff Pullet by Dave Stuart
Best AOV BTM, Blue Pullet by Jenn Parr
Reserve AOV BTM, Mottled Hen by S & B Gamebirds
Congratulations to all and a huge thanks to all who sponsored our Specials!

I would like to thank Past Director, Kathy Stevenson and also Callum McLeod for their work at the District Meet held in Olds Alberta, Nov. 2-3, 2019 and share here an article and photos composed by Kathy!

CI District Meet November 2, 2019 Olds, Alberta

Canadian Heritage Breeds hosted the APA Canadian National Meet which included a CI District meet at their annual Fall Show in Olds Alberta on November 2nd-3rd. This is the second year the Fall Show has been held in this excellent facility. Exhibitors were impressed with the easy access to the building, free parking and excellent lighting. Plenty of space meant wide aisles and no double stacked cages in any class. Every row was beautifully skirted and exhibitors appreciated the many extra perks that made this show one to remember. A nice CI display promoted the CI Club along with general Cochin facts and photos.

Cochins were well represented in both Bantam and Large classes. Feather Leg Champion went to CI Member Rico Sebastianelli of C-R Ducks with his stunning Black Cochin Pullet, which also went on to win Champion Bantam. A highlight was a Best of Breed win by a junior exhibitor with his LF Black Cochin Pullet, which he had bred and raised himself. It then went on to be awarded Reserve Champion Asiatic! This junior exhibitor, Masen Grover, has since joined CI as a junior member and hopefully his great enthusiasm with Cochins will continue for many years.

2019 Western National – Best of the Best Photos



Bantam Best of Breed
Reserve Featherleg
Overall Resv. Ch. Cochin
Mottled Hen by
S & B Gamebirds



Large Fowl Best of Breed
Champion Asiatic
Overall Champion Cochin
Black Pullet by
Bob & Paul Monteith



JR. Champion Featherleg
JR. Champion Cochin
Bantam Black Hen by
Alan & Jacob Bennett



Bantam Reserve of Breed
Black Pullet by
Laura Bennett



Large Fowl Resv. of Breed
Black Hen by
Frank Goodfellow



JR Resv. Champion Cochin
Bantam White Cockerel by
Alan & Jacob Bennett



2019 WESTERN NATIONAL – JUDGE'S SYNOPSIS

By Jamie Matts

I had the honor to judge the Western Cochin National for 2019 that was held by the Ontario Poultry Breeders on October 19-20, 2020. The show was held at the west Niagara Fairgrounds in Grimsby, Ontario. The building was very nice, well-lit and single tiered.

The large fowl had some very nice birds with black, buff and blue represented. The blacks came out ahead with a very nice pullet and hen as reserve of breed. The pullet went on to be reserve large fowl of the show. The buffs had nice type but the color was a little all over the board with three to four shades of buff on one bird. The blues had nice type but were one solid shade without much lacing and were rough in the cushion. The birds overall had very nice characteristics of the breed with good eye and foot color and type but condition plays such a major role. Some birds weren't finished and others were starting to molt.

In the bantams, black, blue, white, mottled and self blue were represented. A mottled hen came out on top as best of breed with reserve going to a black pullet. The mottled had very nice wing carriage, eye color, foot color, head size and overall type but her color was a bit weak and she was starting to lose feathers. The reserve mottled had better color but her wings were not finished and were carried low. The blacks as a group had issues with very dark eyes, weak wings, narrow heads and overall lacking in type. The whites had a few birds possessing great type just light in beak and foot color. Best of variety in the blues had very nice type a narrower width of cushion feather and both wings had issues but a type bird. The self blue was decent type but there was only one.

Overall champion cochin was the black large fowl with reserve going to the mottled.

In the juniors there were no large fowl and very few bantams. The best of breed in the bantams was a nice black hen. She went on to be best featherleg. A nice bird just didn't want to show as much.

All in all, I had a nice time discussing the breed with the exhibitors. I get to look at a bird for less than a minute, in that minute I have to assess their quality's and then that bird needs to show itself. A champion bird knows it's a good bird I always say they have an attitude like " Look at Me!!! ". I was honored this year to judge both Nationals I hope I did the breed and the club proud. I have thoroughly enjoyed raising cochins for over 30 years now, until the next show take care keep making the memories and enjoying this wonderful Cochin breed.

Take care, Jamie



INTERNATIONAL REPORT

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On the 9th of November the International Cochinday was in Tiel (Holland).

There were 51 [Large Fowl] Cochins entered. Six mottled in very good quality. Winner J.D. Nijkamp, Holland. Fourteen in black: Winner B. Molderman, Holland. Two birds in blue, but not yet ready. Seven birds in white with very nice types. Winner B. Molderman, Holland. Fourteen birds in buff with winner Sebastian Seculici from Rumania with a cockerel with the highest possible score. Seven birds in cuckoo with winner Bernd Dahlmann from Germany. Best was the buff male from S. Seculici. Best opposite sex a white pullet from Molderman.

In bantams many colors were shown. Blue partridge, silver partridge pile. Cuckoo partridge, partridge, birchen, red mille fleur, splash, mille fleur, mottled, chocolate cuckoo, white, black, blue, lavender, buff, cuckoo, buff cuckoo, lavender cuckoo, blue red, black red and braungebändert some birds in frizzle among them. Total 144 birds.

Best bantam was a lavender pullet from Mike Gallasch, Germany. Best opposite sex a white male from Henk Don; Holland.

A great day with many who participated and many visitors from seven different countries.



Text and photos courtesy of Ardjan Warnshuis.

More Photos from Cochindag 2019 • Tiel, Holland



FROM OUR HISTORY ARCHIVES

Editor's Note: The year was 1874. Black, Buff, Partridge and White Cochins, in both Bantam and Large Fowl, were the first Varieties to be recognized by the APA and ABA. Buff and Partridge were the popular varieties; Whites and Blacks were considered 'rare' varieties! It would be 91 years until the next round of Varieties were recognized in 1965.

["Part One - Large Cochins", was published in the September 1, 2019 Newsletter.]

Origin and History of Cochins **Frank L. Platt (1925)**

PART TWO - BANTAM COCHINS

Cochin bantams are bred in four varieties, Buff, Partridge, White and Black, and they should be replicas in miniature of the large Cochins of those same varieties, except the Cochin bantam appears to have a comb that is somewhat larger in proportion to its total bulk – an accentuated characteristic of a bantam. For a description of the Cochin breed, its characteristics, type, etc., see Large Cochins. These bantams should weigh not more than 30 oz. for cock, 26 oz. for hen and cockerel, and 24 oz. for pullet.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS

The Buffs are the oldest of the Cochin bantams. It is supposed that they have been bred in China for not less than ten centuries. They were first imported to England from China about 1860, when they were known as Cochin-China bantams, and later as Pekin bantams. The original Pekins, like the early Shanghais, were longer in leg, less profuse in feather and hotter in color than the modern bird. Louis Paul Graham and Thos. F. McGrew were the first American fanciers to tone down the color of Buff Cochin bantams; this they did by crossing their reddish buff bantam males with White Cochin bantam females, back in the nineties of the past century.

In the show season of Oct. 1912 to Feb. 1913, there were 2,131 Cochin bantams exhibited at poultry shows in the United States, according to the official report. Cochin bantams were the most popular breed in the American fancy at that time, and Buffs lead the four varieties of Cochins.

There were two types of Buff Cochin bantams, which contended for position early in this century, the winning type which was small with soft buff surface color, but usually showing some white in wings, and the older fashioned, short legged, long feathered bird that had some reddishness on wing bows. The latter had the long foot feathering. A pure buff wing and tail were seldom seen. These two types were then amalgamated, the soft buff color being preserved and improved, while the long, loose, feather was developed in the same blood lines. By 1915 wonderful Buff Cochin bantams were being shown. Frank F. Conway of Canada, Chas. Smith of Long Island, and Bruno and Arthur Schilling of New York, having three of the best strains. Producing even, sound true buff color has gone on apace, while the type has been developed to a point of high perfection. For mating, etc., see (large) Buff Cochins.

PARTRIDGE COCHIN BANTAMS

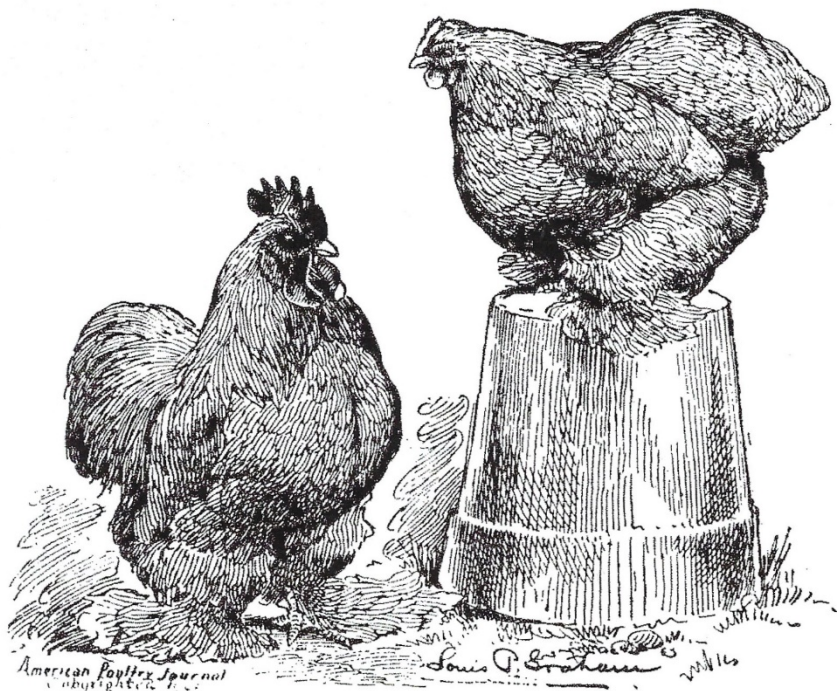
The Partridge is the largest of the Cochin bantams. It usually has longer legs than the Buffs or Blacks. A large, leggy Cochin bantam is not typical of the breed, and the aim of breeders is to modify and correct these two faults. One difficulty of the Partridge color in a bantam results from the size of individual feather in the female's back, which is hardly large enough to carry triple penciling to the best advantage. The beautiful color of the large Partridge Cochin has not been successfully duplicated in the bantam species of this race. For mating, etc., see (large) Partridge Cochins.

WHITE COCHIN BANTAMS

This variety is bred quite small, especially by English breeders. One criticism of English bantams is that they are frequently too small to be useful. Very small size may reduce vitality, and it usually does reduce length and wealth of feather. This is sometimes made up by long toe feathering and stiff hock feathering, points to guard against in White Cochin bantams.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS

In point of popularity, Black Cochin bantams follow the Buffs. They should be of true Cochin type and greenish black in color. David A. Nichols of Connecticut was one of their principal improvers. In mating, special attention should be given to length and softness of feather. Stiff hock feathers are very objectionable. For mating, etc., see (large) Cochins.



Buff Cochin Bantams

JUNIORS' REPORT

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Cochin Cash program is here!!!!

I'm really excited for the coming year with our junior program. I am working with sponsors for big rewards with our new program. It's been quite the time and work to get this up and running. But it's here and I hope you all are as excited as I am.

Starting January 1st, 2020 Junior members can begin to earn Cochin Cash for achieving Best and Reserve of Variety as well as Best and Reserve of Breed. Every win will be recorded with the junior program director within 30 days of the show using the form provided on the junior section of the website or by submitting the coop cards by mail or email. The entire outline of the program as well as the store to redeem your Cochin Cash in will be on the website come January 2020. This new Cochin Cash program will NOT replace the current pin program we have in place. Full details of the program and as well as merchandise will be available once the program goes live on the website.

As always, I'm always available to answer questions via a phone call or email.

Cochin Cash Program– Junior Awards Program

Objective:

The objective of this new program is to not only incentivize juniors and accelerate junior exhibitor numbers, but to also promote Junior exhibition excellence.

Definitions:

For the purpose of this program, "Juniors" are defined as a member of Cochins International under the age of 18 years old, with a JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP or part of family membership. To qualify for the program the junior must be on their own junior membership or a junior listed on a family membership but can be shown in open or junior show to earn Cochin Cash.

For the purpose of this program, "Meets" are defined as any APA/ABA sanctioned show.

For the purposes of this program, "Cochin Cash" is defined as coupons awarded for designated placings at meets, and are redeemable only in the Junior Store on the Cochins International Website and hold no cash value.

For the purposes of this program, "Junior Store" will be placed on the club website, and items in the store will only be available for redemption with Cochin Cash.

Program:

1.) To earn Cochin Cash the junior must Place; Reserve of Variety, Best of Variety, Reserve of Breed or Best of Breed with a recognized variety of Bantam of Large Fowl Cochin with a Minimum of 5 birds in the Class.

2.) Copies of coop tags must be provided to Junior Program Chair, by either mail or email. Name, Date, Show, and city of meet must also accompany the coop tags on "Show Results" form provided in the Juniors area on the website.

3.) Cochin Cash will be paid out and mailed as follows:

Best of Breed- \$5.00 + Gold Pin (From Current Pin Program)

Reserve of breed- \$4.00 + Silver Pin (From Current Pin Program)

Best of Variety- \$2.00

Reserve of Variety- \$1.00

4.) Original Cochin Cash coupons must be submitted with Merchandise order from the junior store. Coupons Must cover the cost of merchandise as well as the cost

of shipping.

5.) If Cochin Cash coupons redeemed exceed the amount of order, coupons will be returned with the difference in amounts to the nearest dollar.

*This program does not replace the Cochins International Pin Program. It is a separate and independent program.

Program is subject to change within 30-day notice of newsletter per Junior Program Director or B.O.D.

★ ★ Preview – Junior Cochin Cash Store ★ ★



Drawstring Bag
\$15.00 + s/h



Journal/Notebook
\$12.00 + s/h



Lunchbox/Cooler
\$26.00 + s/h



Fleece Blanket
\$35.00 + s/h



Chair w/Logo
& Your Name
\$33.00 + s/h



Sling Backpack
\$21.00 + s/h



Stainless Steel
Bottle
\$18.00 + s/h



Large Duffel Bag
\$28.00 + s/h



Fleece Jacket w/ Logo & Your Name
\$42.00 + s/h



(Items in the Junior Cochin Cash Store can ONLY be purchased by Juniors redeeming Cochin Cash.)



CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!



GRAND CHAMPION BANTAM
Northwest Missouri State Fair
Bethany, MO • August, 2019
Bantam Splash Cock by
Damien Webb

JUNIOR CHAMPION BANTAM
Permian Basin Fair & Expo
Odessa, TX • September, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Raquel Ramos



SUPER GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW
CHAMPION BEST BANTAM
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Mayes County Fair
Pryor, OK • September, 2019
Bantam White Cock by
Addisyn Brixey



JUNIOR SHOW CHAMPION
Northwest Georgia Regional Fair
Calhoun, GA • September, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Savanna Bright





CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!

RESERVE CHAMPION BANTAM
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Wisconsin International Poultry Club
Portage, WI • September, 2019
Bantam Black Cockerel by
Samantha Schwandt



GRAND CHAMPION OF SHOW
Webster Parish Fair
Minden, LA • October, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Jacob Talarchyk

CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
5th BEST JUNIOR BIRD IN SHOW
Northwest Georgia Bantam Club Show
Calhoun, GA • October, 2019
Bantam Black Cock by
Savanna Bright



JUNIOR SHOW CHAMPION
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Red River Bantam Club Show
Marietta, OK • October, 2019
Bantam White Hen by
Maggie Hanson



CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION JR.
BEST JUNIOR STANDARD
Maritime Poultry Meet
Bonshaw, P.E.I., Canada
October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Cockerel by
Holly Carr

JUNIOR RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION
CHAMPION BANTAM

Michigan Poultry Fanciers Fowl Fest
Birch Run, MI • October, 2019
Bantam Black Frizzle Cock by
Ben Fritz



CHAMPION ASIATIC
Central Indiana Junior Poultry Show
Lebanon, IN • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Colton Deuser-Chandler

JUNIOR CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
All Bantam Fall Classic
Atoka, OK • October, 2019
Bantam White Hen by
Maggie Hanson





CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!

JR. RESERVE CHAMPION BANTAM
JUNIOR CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Rocky Mountain Feather Fanciers
Brighton, CO • October, 2019
Bantam White Cock by
Willow Bloomer



JR. RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Rocky Mountain Feather Fanciers
Brighton, CO • October, 2019
Bantam Splash Hen by
Willow Bloomer

JUNIOR SHOW CHAMPION
Ontario Poultry Breeders
Grassie, Ontario • October, 2019
Bantam Black Hen by
Alan & Jacob Bennett



JUNIOR BEST IN SHOW CHAMPION
CHAMPION ASIATIC
Minnesota State Poultry Assn.
Hutchinson, MN • October, 2019
Large Fowl Black Cockerel by
Miranda Thiel



CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!



JUNIOR RESERVE FEATHERLEG
(Both Shows)
Anderson All Breed Bantam Club
Clemson, SC • November, 2019
Bantam Black Hen by
Savanna Bright

JUNIOR RESERVE FEATHERLEG
Ohio National
Columbus, OH • November, 2019
Bantam Black Hen by
Braiden Wade



JUNIOR RESERVE ASIATIC
Canadian Heritage Breeds
Olds, Alberta • November, 2019
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Masen Grover

JUNIOR RESERVE FEATHERLEG
TVPC Dixie Classic
Knoxville, TN • December, 2019
Bantam Blue Pullet by
Savanna Bright





CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!

JR. RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION
 CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
 CHAMPION ASIATIC
 TVPA Dixie Classic
 Knoxville, TN • December, 2019
 Large Fowl Black Pullet by
Jake Henderson



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