

COCHINS INTERNATIONAL



NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 1, 2018



!! SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE !!
Meet the Candidates! • Sample Ballot Inside

**RESERVE ASIATIC &
CHAMPION LARGE COCHIN**
Dayton Fancy Feather Show
Greenville, OH
April, 2018
Large Fowl Black Pullet by
M & M Exhibition Poultry



CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Green Mountain Poultry Show
Tunbridge, VT
May, 2018
Bantam Black Hen by
Brenda Rosewarne

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CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

CHAMPION ASIATIC
United Poultry Fanciers
Avoca, IA
May, 2018
Large Fowl Buff Pullet by
Danny & Teresa Banks



JUNIOR
SHOW CHAMPION
Central Maine Bird Fanciers
Windsor, ME
May, 2018
Bantam Black by
Austin Hay



CHAMPION LARGE FOWL
Central Maine Bird Fanciers
Windsor, ME
May, 2018
Large Fowl Black by
Lisa & Mark Podgwaite





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION
Carrol Dean Memorial
Positively Poultry Club
Skowhegan, ME
June, 2018
Bantam Brown Red Hen by
Bill Mackowski

CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
Coulee Region Poultry Club
Galesville, WI
June, 2018
Bantam Black Hen by
Dan Schwandt



RESERVE CH. FEATHERLEG
Coulee Region Poultry Club
Galesville, WI
June, 2018
Bantam White Hen by
Robert Hardina





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

CHAMPION ASIATIC
Oregon Spring Invitational
Columbia River Poultry Exhibitors
Canby, OR
June, 2018
Large Fowl Black Hen by
Ciera Walters



**RESERVE SHOW
CHAMPION**
Oregon Spring Invitational
Columbia River Poultry Exhibitors
Canby, OR
June, 2018
Bantam Blue Hen by
Joe Mazur

**SUPER SHOW CHAMPION and
EDIE & ART ROCHETTE AWARD**
Connecticut Poultry Breeders
Durham, PA
June, 2018
Bantam Black by
John Beauchamp





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



CHAMPION ASIATIC
Buckeye Fancy Feather Club
Canfield, OH
June, 2018
Large Fowl Buff by
Ross Treffert

BEST OF SHOW
Oakland County Fair
Davisburg, MI
July, 2018
Bantam Black Pullet by
Ben Fritz



SHOW GRAND CHAMPION
Perry County Fair
Tell City, IN
July, 2018
Bantam Black Hen by
Penny James



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

SHOW GRAND CHAMPION
Cherokee County Fair
Columbus, KS
July, 2018
Bantam Black by
Hudson Asher



RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION
(Show A) and
CHAMPION FEATHERLEG
(Shows A & B)
Montana State Fair
Great Falls, MT
August, 2018
Bantam Black Hen by
Desiree Roth

BEST OF CLASS
Northern New England Bird
Fanciers Basket Show
Farmington, ME
August, 2018
Bantam Mottled Hen by
Joanie Fullerton





CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!



SHOW GRAND CHAMPION
Iowa State Fair
Des Moines, IA
August, 2018
Bantam Blue Hen by
Craig Hansen

CHAMPION ASIATIC
Missouri State Fair
Sedalia, MO
August, 2018
Large Fowl White Pullet by
Mindy Reid



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.

2018 Sandy Isler Legacy Award

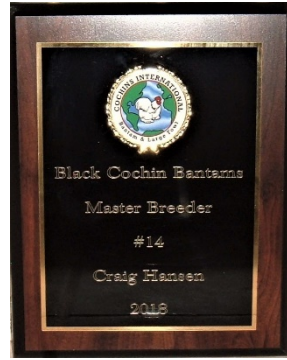
Awarded to **Matt McCammon** for the Best Bantam Blue at the North Central District Meet held at the Moon City Poultry Club Show, May 2018.



CELEBRATING EXHIBITION EXCELLENCE!

MASTER BREEDER is our highest honor. The Master Breeder title is awarded when a member earns 500 points in one Variety in no less than five years.

**CRAIG HANSEN
MASTER BREEDER
Bantam Blacks
April, 2018**



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



**WADE & KASEY COLLINS • Bantam Whites • December, 2017
JOE MAZUR • Bantam Blues • June, 2018**

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



**JUDY GANTT • Bantam Blues • March, 2018
CRAIG HANSEN • Bantam Columbians • May, 2018**

MEMBERSHIPS & MASTER BREEDERS

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Master Breeders & Milestones

The updated **Master Breeder Points** are now posted on the CI website. It has been updated for all shows that have reported to us as of August 8, 2018. The list of shows reporting is also on the website. If you see a show missing, please contact your District Director or State Rep immediately.

Congratulations to our four members that have earned their Silver and Bronze Certificates of Achievement! Keep up the great work!

Special Congratulations to **Craig Hansen**, who is our newest Master Breeder. Craig has earned his Master Breeder title In Bantam Blacks. We congratulate Craig on his hard work, commitment and well-deserved wins!

Welcome to our newest Members!

We're happy you have joined our Cochin Family!

Canada - Ontario

Roxanne Daley

Canada – New Brunswick

Holly & NoraLynn Carr

Billy DeLong & Shelby Lyons

Florida

Julia Morton

Bernie Murphy

Linda Murphy

Meghan Murphy

Illinois

Rick Baber

Indiana

Jenavieve & Amanda Carmack

Penny James

Louisiana

Verna Brashear

Ron Spencer

Michigan

Carmen Eddy

Missouri

Mindy Reid

Susan, Baylie, Cody & William Tucker

Oklahoma

James 'Bo' Garrett (*Welcome Back!*)

Oregon

Stephany Brandt

Virginia

Jamie Piziali

Washington

Becky Adams

Jeremy Westlake

Cochins International Membership Totals			
Type	8/17/17	8/15/18	Change
Single	115	147	+ 27.8%
Family	62	77	+ 24.2%
Junior	20	12	(40.0%)
	197	236	+ 19.8%

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**All other State and Canadian Province Representative positions are Open!
Please contact your District Director for more information or to apply.**



Open Position

★ YOUTH PROGRAM LEADER ★

Cochins International has an immediate opening for our Youth Program Leader. You will work with our current YPL thru the end of the year to transition in to the position, and take over January 1, 2019.

This position is appointed by the President and Board of Directors. As an appointed position, it is not a voting position on the BOD. You will report directly to the President and BOD. We are looking for a volunteer that is prepared to make a long-term commitment to the Club and our Juniors.

You will act as the resource for our Junior members and parents, focusing on activities, competition and education. You will be responsible for implementing and administering all Junior awards and programs, including but not limited to our Junior Master Exhibitor and Pin Programs. You will also work closely with Y.E.P.A. (Youth Exhibition Poultry Association) in administering our ACE (Activities, Competition, Education) Program. You are required to write articles for the Newsletters. The complete job description is detailed in the Club By-Laws.

**Applicants should email cover letter & qualifications to:
Gail Carlson, email: HappyHens1@hotmail.com**

*June 22, 2018 – Special note received from
Linda Tobia:*

Hi Gail, I hope this finds you well. I am doing ok.

Boy what a surprise did I have yesterday when I opened this box? A slate picture of my beautiful champion Barred hen. Jamie told me it from the club. I like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart, it is beautiful and almost life looking.

Take care,
Linda



CORRECTIONS TO THE MAY 1, 2018 NEWSLETTER:



Page 3: Best in Show at the NorCal Poultry Assn. by **Heidi Hylkema** was on a Large Fowl Black Hen (not Bantam).



Page 4: **Macy Michall** won Junior Overall Grand Champion at the National Western Stock Show (not Reserve).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Gail Carlson, President

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Greetings!

While most of us have enjoyed Summer watching our Spring hatches grow out, too many have had to deal with losses due to excessive heat and predators, flooding in the East, and fires in the West. In the midst of all this, it has been heartening to watch our Cochin community come together and help one another. I hope this finds everyone recovering, and anxious to get out and enjoy the fall show season.

Starting with this fall season, the BOD has made a new financial commitment to our District and National Meets, earmarking \$1,000 for the Directors to use at their discretion for awards at their respective meets. This is \$75 for each District Meet, and \$200 for each National Meet. The appropriation will be reviewed by the BOD annually.

While three of our 2018 District meets are in the books, we have five more District Meets between September 30 and Thanksgiving weekend. Our meets will culminate the first weekend in December with both the Eastern and Western Nationals. And don't forget the Self Blue Bantam Qualifying meet in November. I hope you will contact your District Director to volunteer your time, and to donate awards and raffle items.

Watch for our new table runners! ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡

The BOD received some excellent bids for our 2019 Nationals, and I am very happy to announce our selections:

Eastern National / Northeast District 1 / Twin Tier Poultry Club / Bath, NY / Sept. 8
Western National / Canada / Ontario Poultry Breeders / Grassie, ON / Oct. 19-20

We are very excited to introduce our new t-shirts! We want to thank everyone that asked for long-sleeve tees – we think they are a great addition to our line-up!



	<p>NEW STYLE!</p> <p>NEW COLORS!</p> <p>UPDATED GRAPHIC!</p>	
<p>Short Sleeve Tees in Heather Indigo</p>		<p>Long Sleeve Tees in Heather Navy</p>

There has been much conversation recently about revising our Master Breeder Program to award placements outside of the Breed. The Directors discussed this at length at our August BOD meeting. While we recognized the desire of some members to receive points for Class and higher wins, we also listened to those that want the MB program preserved for wins within the Breed. The unanimous decision of the BOD was to maintain the Master Breeder Program as written.

The Club election is this fall, and a new Board of Directors will take office in January. As there is only one contested position, only members in the Southwest District will be receiving a ballot. We hope you will make your voice heard and vote!

Wishing everyone a great fall show season, Gail

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Matt Lhamon, Vice President

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Dear CI Members,

This will be my last newsletter article as an officer or director of Cochins International. I was there the day the club was formed and we have come a long way. I have been involved in many breed clubs over the years as an officer, director, member, newsletter editor, etc. It is truly a thankless job and those that complain do the least amount of work. Be thankful and appreciative of your officers, directors and fellow members. The bridge you burn today, you may have to cross again someday!

Fair season is upon us and soon the fall show season will be here. Fall is my favorite time of year. It when all the years hard work comes to fruition whether it be in the breeding pens or show hall. I am thinking the only show I will be able to exhibit at will be the CI Nationals in Knoxville, TN in December. I always enjoy the Dixie Classic, whether exhibition or judging. The rest of the fall, I will be busy judging. I have a few on the schedule, The Dayton Fancy Feather Club First Annual Fall Show, The Ontario Poultry Breeders 25th Anniversary show in Grassie, ONT and the ABA National at the Ohio National. Lots of good birds to evaluate and looking forward to it.

I would like to thank all the outgoing officers and directors for their service to the club. I offer encouragement to the incoming officers and directors and free advice is only a phone call or email away. The Cochins fowl is making a comeback in the show hall thanks to all the dedicated breeders both new and old. **The points chasers have never done anything for the breed!** I hope to see and chat with everyone at the shows and have a great Fall show season.

Matt Lhamon

CI, VP-retired

TREASURER'S REPORT

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Hi all!!! Hope this newsletter finds everyone happy and healthy raising this year's cochins. This has been a rough year for me as far as predators go. Foxes and coyotes have plagued me during the day! I have lost over 50 birds easy. Very frustrating but it's just times changing. In my area less small farms and so I'm surrounded by brush lots that used to be hay fields creating cover. I ended up judging 11 fairs over the summer some county's up in numbers while others are down. It never gets old for me helping the youth of tomorrow. I see myself in them. I'm sure Gail will post the spreadsheet of our financial statement. She does a great job keeping track. Hope everyone has a nice autumn. Take care, Jamie

COCHINS INTERNATIONAL - ACCOUNTING OF CASH ON HAND

	12 Mo. Ended 12/31/17	2018 April	2018 May	2018 June	2018 July	2018 Year to Date
<u>Revenues:</u>						
Membership Dues	2,200.67	375.00	75.00	75.00	225.00	2,123.50
Membership Dues & Merchandise	1,152.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Merchandise	872.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	777.00
Less: Sale Discounts	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(27.90)
Merchandise Shipping Fees	17.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.00
Breeders Directory Ads	1,089.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Raffles & Auctions	317.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	103.00
Other - Merchandise Drive	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other - Key Chain Sale Donations	36.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	72.00
Total Revenues	5,783.67	381.00	75.00	125.00	225.00	3,071.60
<u>Expenses:</u>						
Advertising	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Breeders Directory	1,749.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COGS - ABA Cochin Book	88.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dues - YEPA	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.00
Junior Program Awards	190.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Member Memorial Donations	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	638.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.21	78.03
Office Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	118.40	118.40
PayPal Fees	9.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.91
Plaques	96.00	0.00	0.00	78.25	0.00	110.25
Postage & Shipping	453.54	0.00	0.00	15.90	152.62	380.92
Rosette Ribbons	1,128.60	422.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	422.25
Self Blue Qualifying Meet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Show Materials/Promotions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	488.61	488.61
Website	19.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	214.35	214.35
Total Expenses	4,574.55	422.25	0.00	94.15	1,037.19	1,906.72
NET CASH PROFIT (LOSS)	1,209.12	(41.25)	75.00	30.85	(812.19)	1,164.88
Beginning Cash on Hand	3,014.98	6,136.57	6,095.32	6,170.32	6,201.17	4,224.10
Net Cash Profit (Loss)	1,209.12	(41.25)	75.00	30.85	(812.19)	1,164.88
ENDING CASH ON HAND	4,224.10	6,095.32	6,170.32	6,201.17	5,388.98	5,388.98

★ ACCOUNTING BASICS ★

COCHINS INTERNATIONAL - ACCOUNTING OF INVENTORY ON HAND

Item	Retail Value	12/31/17 Inventory Count	12/31/17 Inventory Value	2018 YTD Sales Count	2018 YTD Sales Value	7/31/18 Inventory Count	7/31/18 Inventory Value
T-Shirts	20.00	37	740.00	2	40.00	35	700.00
Sweatshirts	25.00	59	1,475.00	9	225.00	50	1,250.00
Hoodies	35.00	61	2,135.00	10	350.00	51	1,785.00
Caps	10.00	16	160.00	4	40.00	12	120.00
Patches	5.00	94	470.00	5	25.00	89	445.00
Decals	9.50	9	85.50	6	57.00	3	28.50
ABA Cochin Book	10.00	8	80.00	4	40.00	4	40.00
			<u>5,145.50</u>		<u>777.00</u>		<u>4,368.50</u>

SECRETARY'S REPORT

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Hello Everyone,

Hope all has been good in the land of the Cochin breeders. By this time most should be finishing out those birds and getting ready for the fall weather and shows. But if you're like me and got off on breeding and hatching a little late, then your birds still have some growing to do. Either way it's the hobby and no one will stop us! Don't forget those older birds too. I love seeing young birds but there is something about being able to keep the older birds in condition that really shows me someone's dedication to the breed! I want to take the time to thank for you all for letting me serve as your secretary. I have decided not to run for another term for there have been some changes in my personal life, including a change in work, that have distracted me from giving the club my undivided attention that it deserves and not being able to attend as many shows or meetings, which I feel is important whether you be a director or an officer. I'm sure my replacement will be in the best interest if the club and surely better equipped for the workload right now. This does not mean I am walking away from showing just stepping back a little. I will see you all around to the shows I do attend and good luck to all those potential Cochin winners out there I don't get to see. Congratulations to all of the candidates who have considered being on the board and best of luck! Happy Fall!

Christopher Rob, Secretary

PRESIDENT EMERITUS' REPORT

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Sources of Birds, by Tom Roebuck

At one of the fairs I was judging this summer a lady asked me how she could go about getting a certain breed of chicken. She said that she had been at our show last fall and talked to a man there that had some but he wouldn't sell any of his birds. I asked her if she could remember his name and if she had gotten his number while at the show. She couldn't and didn't. I told her that in many cases persistence pays off and many breeders want to make sure you are serious before they let any birds go to you or anyone else. But it's more than that really. We are creeping our way toward fall and all of those young birds that were hatched this spring will wind up in the show halls, chicken swaps, auctions, sale areas at shows, or the cull pile.

So just how does someone new to this hobby find good birds to work with? Before we get too far down this path I think it important to set the stage and identify the types of sources. Everyone gets into a hobby (if they have one), for various reasons. I am by no means passing judgement on anyone for their reasons for being in the poultry fancy or minimizing their goals for their Cochin projects. Some people see this hobby as a way to make a quick buck, some love the thrill of having a bird on Champions Row and tallying up Master Breeder points to reach a certain level. Some are in it to breed birds that are as close to the standard as possible and get that ever elusive perfect bird. There are serious breeders and there are bird multipliers. The number of serious breeders in any breed of chickens can usually be counted on two

hands. Not all of these people frequent the show hall but on the rare occasion that they do, they are usually tough to beat.

Where you find your birds really depends upon what your goals are. If you are looking for top notch birds, that you can start a breeding program of your own with, then find a serious breeder. Where do you find them? You can ask other fanciers, you can look in the breeders directory, or you can go to a show and reach out to breeders right in the thick of things. I recommend a larger show though. Smaller shows with maybe one or two Cochin exhibitors may not give you as many options, especially if those exhibitors only hatch 10 or 15 birds a year. Strike up a conversation with the breeders. Most are very approachable and love to talk about their birds. If your intent was to pick up birds that very day, unless you have prearranged for delivery of birds, I wouldn't expect to go home with something out of their show cages. You might get lucky, but more often than not, the birds that are being shown aren't for sale. "So how do I get birds?" Patience and persistence. Ask if they have birds available. If they don't, ask if they could recommend another breeder that might, or if you are hard set on birds from this breeder then ask if you could be put on a waiting list for when they do have some available. Your successful breeders are not usually prone to bringing a bunch of extra birds to a show and throw them in sale cages at the shows. You have to put some effort into it. Call them, talk to them about what you are interested in. Ask questions. Expect to pay a decent amount for a good Cochin. If breeders were to take into consideration their time and effort, and all the little things that go into getting a bird to the point where it is show hall worthy or for use as a breeder, each bird would easily have a \$1,000.00 price tag on it, so when they tell you that a single bird will be \$75 to \$100, keep in mind how much work is behind what you are buying. You can shop around if you want, but your time is also valuable as well.

If you are looking for decent birds to start with but just don't want to pay top dollar that is okay too. At some of the larger shows, their sales area will harbor a gem or two and usually not as high on the price scale. Again, though, find out as much as you can about the background of the birds. Make it a point to get as much info as you can. As they say, knowledge is power.

In this day of instant gratification, nothing frustrates me more than when a parent contacts me for a bird or birds that their child can take to the fair and win the show with. What is the lesson there? Money can buy rewards?

Any hobby is supposed to be fun. Raise Cochins for the reasons that suit you. Just because it's pretty doesn't mean it's a good example of the breed. Read and know the standard. Again, knowledge is power. Ask questions. Find a mentor. You can be an adult and have a mentor. Patience, and watching the fruits of your labor grow, and seeing the improvements in your line over the years is the fun part; at least in my opinion it is. Do your homework and seek out a reputable breeder if your goals are also a long term breeding program. Above all else, don't take yourself or your hobby too seriously. That takes the fun out of it, and you won't be in the hobby long.



Drawing circa 1870
by Harrison Weir

NORTHEAST 2 DISTRICT REPORT

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Hello again from NE II! It has been one heck of a year for me this year. Earlier, I decided that I was going to delay and reduce my hatch this year and in retrospect, that decision turned out to be serendipitous as I tore a tendon in my left knee (the one that goes over your knee cap) and had to have surgery to repair it. Then after 4 weeks of recovery, I fell and re-tore the tendon, resulting in a second surgery. Needless to say, I was down and out for the count for a while. That second surgery was 9 weeks ago and while I'm still on crutches, things get a little better every day. Thank God for my wife who has been taking care of my birds including not only my cochins but some quail and waterfowl that I also raise.

I'm sorry that I won't have birds available this year as I'm in a bit of a regrouping this year. I did manage to get out about 35 but they are later hatch and I seriously doubt they will be as big as I would like them to be. That moves us on to Cochins International business. I would like to let everyone know that if you will have me, I am still willing to continue serving as the NE II District Director. I've enjoyed being on the board and working with the leadership in CI and I look forward to continuing to do so.

We are always willing to listen to suggestions and ideas to improve the club. I honestly feel that CI is one of the best breed clubs out there and we have a large membership to boot but along with numbers comes some differences in opinion. Rest assured that the Constitution and By-Laws (which can be found on the website) direct the decisions of the board. Those are the guiding rules of our organization and if you are unfamiliar with them you may want to take the time to review them. They spell out the purpose of our organization, our leadership positions and roles, points and awards system and our code of conduct. It also spells out how changes can be made to the Constitution and By-Laws, however members should realize that a lot of thought and effort has gone into developing these documents and while changes can come following the procedures indicated, they do not happen lightly.

One of the things that I feel is most important in our club is an active membership. If you are a Cochin International member, make yourself known to your district director and share your ideas. Your board does discuss ideas brought forth by the membership and typically meets by conference call several times per year. Sponsor an award at a district or national meet or even at a local show. Encourage new members, especially junior members and promote COCHINS!

Finally, a little NE II news. This year's 2018 District Meet will be at the Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers Club Show on October 13, 2018. I originally placed the meet at the Maryland State Poultry Fanciers Show in Frederick but unfortunately, that show will not happen this year. I try to place CI special meets at just about every show in the district provided the show report is returned to us. The board is paying close attention to shows who do not return our show report forms as this is a major disservice to our membership. If you would like to have the a special meet, or for that matter, next year's District meet (provided I'm still in this position), please contact me at your convenience.

Until next time, let's keep those Cochins up on Champion Row.

Predator Control Strategies For Poultry Keepers

By Rich Barczewski

Dealing with predators that prey on our poultry can be a frustrating experience. Who are the culprits that we are dealing with? How can we identify the specific predators? What can we do to prevent problems with predation? These are all questions that are important to consider when we want to control predators of our poultry yards.

For your information, I've gathered some photos and some brief descriptions of the species that most commonly cause problems for folks here on the Delmarva Peninsula. Some species, like weasels and mink are less common in some areas of the country but can cause a lot of damage in short order if you are ever unfortunate enough to come across one. Other species like foxes, raccoons, skunks and opossum are quite common in most rural or suburban settings.

The best way to avoid problems with predators is to properly construct your pens. You also need to realize that free range poultry are going to be more susceptible to predators than those that are penned. It is not unheard of for certain predators to attack during the daylight hours, but most species do their hunting at night.

When constructing a pen to exclude predators, make sure you leave no openings large enough for them to gain entrance. Snakes and weasels can squeeze through some very tight openings, often as small as $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in size and the selection of the proper sized wire is essential to keep them out. Door openings need to be fit together tightly. When possible, construct your pens so that an apron of wire can be buried coming out from around the base, of the pen to prevent predators from digging into the pen from the outside. If you suspect a climbing predator (raccoon, opossum) you may want to utilize an electric fence wire to discourage climbing. This is important even if the tops of your pens are covered with netting or wire as some predators may attempt to chew their way into the pens.

One possible deterrent is a solar electric fence charger that can be purchased for around \$100. If you install an electric fence, remember that the fence needs to be properly grounded if it is going to work dependably. The nice thing about solar chargers is that they are essentially cost free to operate and they can be placed in areas far away from an electric service. They do have to be maintained by keeping debris off of the fence wire which will cause it to ground out, and to make sure they are properly charging the fence.

As a last resort, predator control relies on trapping as a way of reducing predator numbers. Trapping can be done with live catch box type traps, leg hold steel traps, or kill traps. Box traps tend to be most effective for raccoons, opossum and skunks but do not work consistently well for foxes. If it is your intention to release live caught animals back into the wild, realize that you may be moving a problem from your area to someone else's back yard. Additionally, it may be necessary to move the animals 10 miles away or more from your present location or they may find their way back to your operation.

Be sure the box traps you use are sized properly for the animal you intend to catch. Raccoons can be quite variable in size and many box traps sized for raccoons may be too small for larger specimen. Larger traps prevent them from continually setting off the trap and removing the bait. One type of bait that works well for raccoons, opossum and skunks is canned sardines packed in oil. Just crack the lid on the can open so the predators can smell the contents of the can and place it inside the trap. Marshmallows are another good bait for raccoons.

If you capture one of your culprits, you may want to throw a large towel over the trap to calm the animal before transporting the animal to a new location. Even

skunks can be moved this way without spraying if you gently cover the trap completely before moving them.

If you decide to use steel leg hold traps or kill traps you need to be aware that there are many different types and sizes of these traps. Smaller animals like a weasel or mink can be caught with a number 1 trap, while foxes, raccoons, opossums and skunks are better caught with 1 ½ to 2 sized traps. It is best to find a local trapper or someone who has done this before to show you how to properly set these types of traps.

In the end, if you use leg hold traps, it is absolutely critical that you check your traps each and every day, preferably first thing in the morning. Animals that are caught need to be dispatched (killed) quickly. Surprisingly, experienced trappers can oftentimes release captured animals unharmed if they are caught in a leg hold trap but you really need to know what you are doing to avoid being bitten.

Before doing any trapping, be sure to seek out, read, and follow your states game laws as many predators, considered fur bearers, are protected by state regulations which dictate how and when these species may be trapped. You may also want to check into laws in your state specific to wildlife that are doing damage to poultry and livestock as the regulations may vary when damage is being done. The only way to be certain is to check first.

Hawks and owls can be a big problem if they start coming to your poultry yard. Great Horned Owls (which are a major predatory species in our area) typically hunt at night and tend to be a bigger problem for waterfowl left on open water in uncovered pens. If you pen up your chickens or ducks at night, you will rarely have a problem with Great Horned Owls. Coopers Hawks are a bigger problem for chickens allowed to roam in the yard or out on pasture. Both Coopers and Sharp Shinned Hawks look very similar and both will eat birds, however Sharp Shinned Hawks will typically only take smaller prey (birds up to the size of a pigeon), while the Coopers Hawks can kill an adult sized chicken. All birds of prey are protected species, the only recourse you have is to keep your birds in enclosures if you start having problems with them.

Black Rat Snakes are another potential predator of the poultry yard and in our area, one of the few species of snakes that will feed on eggs and chicks. Whenever possible make sure your pens tight enough to prevent snakes from gaining entry. Snapping turtles are another predatory species that can cause a problem for folks with duck ponds as they will capture and feed on ducklings and small sized ducks that they capture by pulling them underwater from below. Turtles can be captured and removed from farm ponds using large meat baited hooks or turtle traps.

Some of the major predatory species in our region of the country



Red Fox

Kills and carries off adult birds but will also take eggs and chicks.

Signs usually include just a few feathers remaining and birds missing.



Raccoon

Will kill adult birds and destroy nests. Usually feeds on birds right in pen leaving savaged carcasses but occasionally will carry off the carcasses

Can kill several birds at a time, especially if you are dealing with a family (mother and young)



Striped Skunk

Eats eggs and birds it can catch, especially young chicks and ducklings. Eggs are usually opened on one end

Less of a problem with adult birds.

Great diggers and will dig in under fences.



Weasel

Major killer, that feeds on blood. Makes multiple kills and will pile up the dead in the pen.

Less common in our area but they do occur.



Mink

Major killer of ducks and chickens if they gain access to pens. Big duck breeders in the Midwest report 50+ birds killed in one night by a single mink. Dead are usually piled up in the pen.

Less common in our area.



Opossum

Will eat eggs and birds it can catch.

Easiest to capture in a box trap.

Usually chews up egg shells leaving them mashed up and messy.



Great Horned Owl

Will kill and feed on ducks/small geese.

Best method of predator avoidance is covered pens.

Often removes and eats the head of any bird it kills



Coopers Hawk & Sharp Shinned Hawk

Coopers Hawk is much larger and can kill and feed on ducks/chickens

Sharp Shinned Hawk feeds on small birds.

Most hawks will pluck their prey before eating it so numerous feathers would be around the kill site.

Best method of predator avoidance is covered pens.



Black Rat Snake

Will eat eggs and chicks and sometimes kill and attempt to eat small adult birds.

Will often clean out entire nests of eggs at one time.

Non-poisonous species can be captured and removed easily.



Snapping Turtle

Predatory feeder on ducklings/small ducks

Best approach is to trap or capture with baited hooks.



Feral Cats and Dogs

Feeds on birds/mammals
Dogs can be quite destructive to pens.

Feral or free ranging dogs and cats can be quite destructive to both wild and domestic fowl and livestock.

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We invite you to join and support them, too!



SOUTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT

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Hello from SW District,

It's been a hot and dry summer here. Hope everyone had a great spring and hatching season. The Missouri State Fair's poultry show just ended. Champion Featherleg was a bantam blue cochin hen by Ethan Nuzum. There were lots of different colors of cochins in the bantam class. Several nice LF birds. We had lots of nice spring shows. Looking forward to fall shows. Hope to see larger numbers at them.

Bernita Miller

NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

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At the District Meet hosted by Moon City Poultry Club in May, **Matt McCammon** took BB & Overall Champion Cochin with his Bantam Black Cock (above right). His Bantam Blue Hen (above left) took RB & Overall Reserve Champion Cochin.



Michael Sayre and **Matt McCammon** manning the CI table at the North Central District Meet at Moon City, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Best and Reserve Cochins won hanging baskets and potted Geraniums!

CANADA DISTRICT REPORT

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Our sincere condolences and prayers go out to Kathy and her family with the passing of her father this month. As she spends time with her family, I would like to post an article she wrote for the website on the history of the Cochin breed:

The Sensational Story of the Cochin

The Cochin is an ancient breed originating in the far east, but further details about the early development of the breed have been lost in time. Although their distant past remains a mystery, their introduction to Europe and North America was perhaps the most significant and influential event in the history of poultry keeping.

Events surrounding the arrival of Cochins in England became rather muddled at the time, partly because people like to embellish stories about things that are exciting and new. But what's more surprising was the confusion that resulted from people applying the name "Cochin" to the wrong birds!

It all began in 1843 when the first Asian fowl to be branded as Cochins were brought to England by British naval officer, Edward Belcher. After Great Britain had acquired Hong Kong, Belcher reportedly returned to England bearing five hens and 2 roosters as a gift for the newly married Queen Victoria. Captain Belcher had acquired the chickens somewhere along his voyage that included stops in China, Sumatra and Vietnam.

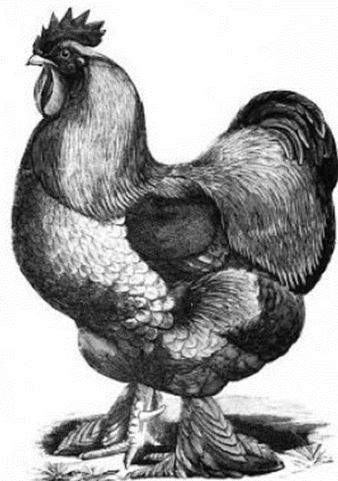
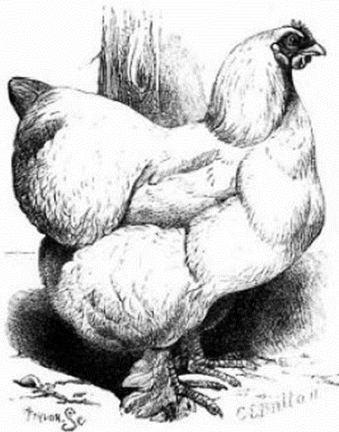
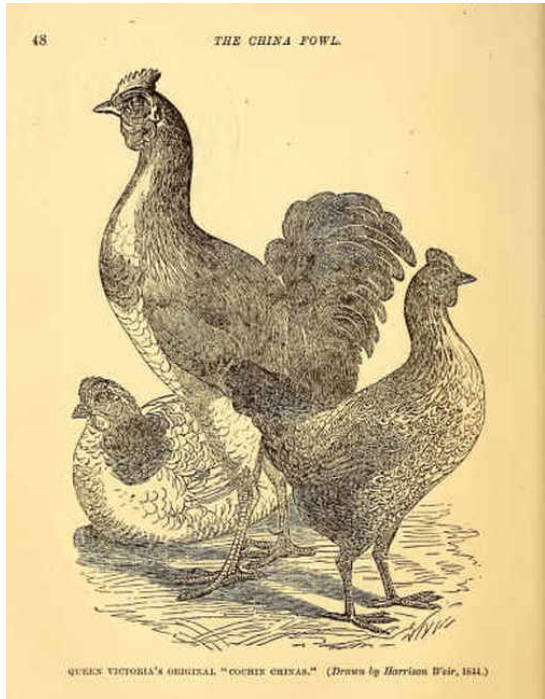


Figure 1 Royal Aviary

These elegantly tall, striking birds were curiosities, unlike anything that had been seen before. The royal couple were enthralled! They built an extravagant aviary at Windsor Castle where they could spend their time having tea while taking delight in their flock. They began breeding their "Cochin Chinas" and sending hatching eggs around to other European Royalty who quickly became enthusiastic chicken breeders as well. But other than their great size, these first arrivals had very little in common with the fowl that later came to be known as Cochins. These birds were orange/red with black

tails, and had hard, close plumage. Their extreme height, featherless shanks and lengthy, sloping back suggests strong Malay influence, a breed which was already widely distributed throughout the Orient by that time.

Just a few years after Queen Victoria received her Cochin Chinas, a new breed of imported fowl arrived from Shanghai – progenitors of our modern-day Large Fowl Cochins. Mr. Moody, in Hampshire, and Mr. Alfred Sturgeon, of Gray's, Essex, both acquired large, fluffy chickens with feathered shanks and began breeding their Shanghai Fowl. The name didn't stick though. The public had formed an attachment to the Cochin name, and insisted on calling these new imports Cochins as well. Despite the efforts of breeders and poultry writers who continued to classify them as Shanghai's, the Cochin name eventually took over and has endured to this day.



White Cochin hen and Buff Cochin cock in 1873. Note less foot-feathering then. Artists: unknown (cock) and C.E. Brittan (hen)

Offspring of these early imports hatched in a number of colour variations; so began the long process of selectively breeding for uniformity. Mr. Sturgeon and his friend Charles Punchard became leaders in Cochin breeding, developing the Buff and Partridge varieties.

“HEN FEVER” BECOMES AN EPIDEMIC

It was at the Birmingham Exhibition of 1850 that Cochins rocketed to fame. Exhibits of these wondrous, exotic new chickens had the place abuzz with rumours. Spectators

went home with wild tales of Cochins that could grow to an immense size; hens that could lay several eggs a day; cocks with a crow similar to the roar of a lion yet would make a gentle, loving house pet. This, plus the idea that breeding them could be very profitable, drove the price of breeding stock sky high. 'Cochin Craze' swept the country.



BUFF COCHINS TO DATE.

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Above: Reliable Poultry Journal, 1891

Ornamental chicken breeding had also taken a firm hold in the United States. America's first poultry show was held in Boston public gardens 1849 with over 1400 entries, followed by 12,000 birds being entered the next year! Chickens had previously been deemed quite insignificant, but suddenly wealthy fanciers were driving prices of select breeds to the modern equivalent of \$30 an egg and \$3,600 for a pair. The fascination with unusual and fancy chickens continued to expand, which fueled the development of highly focussed breeding programs. The result was a number of new chicken breeds that could pack on more muscle mass with a lower investment in feed. As the price of chicken dropped, it became a much more affordable food item. Eventually, chicken replaced other poultry breeds such as ducks, turkeys and geese as the meat of choice. Today, North Americans consume more chicken than any other meat. The US poultry industry is now valued at around \$48 billion. It's quite remarkable to realize that it all began with a few beautiful, exotic chickens that delighted and captivated people from all levels of society.

Kathy Stevenson, April 2017

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WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT

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Mid July and time to write West Central District report for the newsletter. Hope everyone had a good hatch and are doing well.

I attended the spring show at Avoca Iowa in May. Black Bantam Cochins were Champion Bantams in both shows and Best of Show in one show. A quality group of Large Fowl Cochins exhibited as well. Cochins were Champion and Reserve Asiatic in both shows. Exceptional group of Cochins at that show. Word is it may have been the last show for that club. If that is accurate that leaves the Montana spring show as the only spring show in this District.

County fair season started here in July a few weeks ago. I am preparing for the State Fair show August 13-14. Time will tell if the birds I entered will still have feathers by then.

District Cochins International meet for the West Central District will be at Eastern Iowa Poultry Association show November 24-25. There is one open show in Nebraska, Montana, Iowa and several open shows in Minnesota this fall. Hope you can make it to a show this fall.



Mark Your Calendars Now!

**Self Blue Cochin Bantam
Qualifying Meet**

November 10-11, 2018 • Columbus, Ohio

**2018 ABA National Meet • Ohio National
Hosted by the Ohio Poultry Breeders Assoc.**

Entry Deadline is October 10, 2018

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2018 CI DISTRICT & NATIONAL MEETS

Jan 13	Peachstate Poultry Assn.	Madison, GA	Southeast
Mar. 23-25	NorCal Poultry Assn.	Red Bluff, CA	Pacific
May 12-13	Moon City Poultry Show	Wapakoneta, OH	North Central
Sept. 30	Eastern NY State Poultry Assn.	Cobleskill, NY	Northeast 1
Oct. 13	Vernon Pigeon & Poultry Club	Armstrong, BC	Canada
Oct. 13	Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers	Lebanon, PA	Northeast 2
Nov. 17-18	North American Poultry Breeders	Shawnee, OK	Southwest
Nov. 24-25	Eastern Iowa Poultry Assn.	Davenport, IA	West Central
Dec. 1	Pacific Northwest Poultry Assn.	Ridgefield, WA	Western National
Dec. 1-2	Tennessee Valley Poultry Club	Knoxville, TN	Eastern National

***Please note change of date and venue for the Northeast 2 District Meet.*

Whether you go West or go East, all roads lead to a **Cochins International National Meet** the first weekend of December, 2018!!



The **2018 Western National** will be in the Pacific District, and is being hosted by the **Pacific Northwest Poultry Association, December 1, in Ridgefield, Washington.**

The **2018 Eastern National** will be in the Southeast District, and is being hosted by the **Tennessee Valley Poultry Club, December 1-2, in Knoxville, Tennessee.**

Now is the time to mark your calendars, and it's never too early to contact the District Director to volunteer your time at the show, or to donate premiums, auction and raffle items.

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Cochins Rule!

NATIONAL MEET ROTATIONS

EAST DISTRICTS

- 2018 – Southeast / Dec. 1-2 / Tennessee Valley Poultry Club / Knoxville, TN
- 2019 – Northeast 1 / Sept. 8 / Twin Tier Poultry Club / Bath, NY
- 2020 – North Central / Open
- 2021 – Northeast 2 / 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 / Open
- 2021 – West Central / Open

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT

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Happy almost fall!

Since I'm writing this in mid July I'm counting down the days till cooler weather.

Boy has it been a very wet spring and summer. And the heat has been terrible.

I hope everyone has had a great hatching season! I started sorting birds this wk. I'm super happy with the lemon blues and brown reds I have hatched.

I actually hatched more blacks this year than blues. But the blacks so far are what I'm impressed with. Tessa has hatched so many frizzles I'm not sure if we need to build a new barn or not? She will want to keep them all.

We've spent the summer meeting up with a lot of people from the southeast district. And even some from up North.

The fellowship with cochin people can't be beat!

It was also a awesome surprise to have Tessa's mentor Bruce Robinson stop by to visit. He helped get her started in white frizzles back in 2013.

I've been taking a break from social media this summer. I wanted to spend more time with my 2 youngest children. The older 4 girls are grown and moved out. And I realized I have a very short time left with them at home. I'm so involved with my birds I wanted to be more involved with them for summer break. We have a few trips still planned that I'm looking forward to.

I'm counting down the days till show season starts in the Southeast. I miss everyone so badly. And I'm going to try and visit more members before show season starts.

October can't get here fast enough. I would like to encourage everyone who shows to reach out to others who do. I struggle finding anyone to show with against in the lemon blues and brown reds. I always try to reach out to those who have these colors to make a class size at a show. It cuts cost on one person if you don't always have to bring 5. It would be great if we could get the rare color class numbers higher but the quality is for sure one of the best here!

This past show season the number of Cochins at the shows was at a all time high. I would love to see that carry on into the fall show season to! We have such a growing district now. It makes me so happy to see Cochins coming back so strong in the southeast. I'm so proud of everyone.

I want to remind everyone in Cochins international the Southeast is hosting the Eastern National at Knoxville TN December 1st & 2nd. I will need volunteers to help with everything! And if anyone is willing to donate towards any color or class please feel free to call me or email me.

Last but not least, elections are coming up. I would hope every member would return ballot on votes for club. I would hope it's on who will do the best job for this club. We have all tried to do what's best for memberships and club. We are all not perfect. I do feel I personally have tried to represent the people in the southeast the best and I could. I'm proud of the Southeast for pitching in to help me so much over the past almost 2 years.

I would also like to wish everyone a happy holiday season this coming year.

It's hard for me to think it's July and I'm saying Merry Christmas.

Thank you so much

Southeast director

Ivy Young

INTERNATIONAL REPORT

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AUSTRALIA - The Annual Australian National Pekin Club Show and Auction was held 22-23 July 2018 in Maitland, New South Wales (NSW), Australia. Show results should be available for the next Newsletter.

EUROPE - The Annual "International Cochins Day" Show is scheduled on Saturday, 27 October, 2018 in Tiel, Holland.

BELGIUM – Shows in Belgium have been cancelled until further notice due to several outbreaks of New Castle Disease (NCD).

ROMANIA - "Old is Gold" Interesting observations from Haralambie "Bobo" Athes on Aging in Large Cochins follows:

I would like to share a couple of thoughts on the longevity of Large Cochins. I have noticed, throughout the years, that Cochins tend to age better than e.g., Brahmas, not only preserving their "fitness level" better, but also preserving their type better, especially in the males. Also, from a structural and functional perspective, Cochins have proven to be more resilient. Usually, 4 year old Brahma males exhibit a decline in their overall health, whereas most of my Cochins males look better than they did when they were 2 years old, for example. I am certainly not implying that Cochins age exactly like fine wine, but close. This year I managed to get chicks from a 7 year old Buff Cochin male (well, the plural form might be a bit of a stretch) as I actually got one chick out of more than 60 eggs, but that chick turned out to be a cockerel, so I can continue the blood line. I usually keep my breeders until they die of old age, and I try to select future breeders based on the longevity of their grandparents and parents (of course, type, size and color are also factors in the equation, but longevity also means resistance to diseases, good functioning of internal organs, healthy joints and the potential of passing these traits on to their offspring).

Usually, in Europe, you do not see older birds at shows, at least not at important shows, at the national or international level. Breeders normally choose 1 year old birds, since they do not display prominent faults. I think that showing older birds as well would improve the general perspective on the breed, as well as the breeder's chance to choose the right birds to continue their respective lines.

Included are photos of 3 of my 7 year old Large Cochins.
Haralambie (Bobo) Athes



JUNIORS' REPORT

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Hi Juniors!!!

How are you all coming along with your hatching projects this year? I hope you are keeping good records and have begun to fill out your Breeding and Hatching Reports. Don't forget about the Hatching Contest being offered by our Junior Program. **IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO START!!!** Your reports and pictures are not due until November 30th, so any chicks you hatch this fall may be included!! If you didn't get around to taking pictures of the chicks you hatched this spring, you may still take pictures of your chicks now. Please label the pictures with the parents of the chicks and the approximate hatching date, and then attach the labeled pictures to the corresponding hatching report. The complete Contest Announcement as well as the CI Breeding and Hatching Report are available on the CI website in a printable format.

We have 4 **GREAT** sponsors for the gift certificates being awarded to the contest winners: Twin City Poultry Supplies, Youth Exhibition Poultry Assoc., Jeffers Livestock Supply, and Nutrena Feeds. I hope this encourages you to participate, and that these generous donations help you purchase something you need for your poultry projects. If you have any questions or concerns about the contest, please feel free to send me an email. I also plan to be in Columbus, Ohio at the Ohio National if you wish to hand your projects to me in person.

As always, Happy Hatching!!

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Owen & Eli Gessner ended up with three on Champion row! Reserve Grand Champion Large Fowl, Champion & Reserve Champion Feather Leg at the Hendricks County Fair in July. Proud Mom Stephanie Ann thanks Matt McCammon for helping her boys get their start in Cochins!

Cole Baumann
got Best Pair and Best Birds in
the Barn with his LF Black
Cochin pair at the Fowlerville
4-H fair in July.



Tessa Young gets a visit from
her mentor Bruce Robinson.
The reunion wouldn't be
complete without Farmie!

BEST IN SHOW
Platte County Fair
Platte City, MO
July, 2018
Bantam Birchen Cockerel by
Damien Webb



HISTORIAN'S REPORT

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Hello everyone I hope you got a lot of Cochins hatched this spring. We had an up and down year here a very good hatch in Black and Buff Bantams but an awful year in Large Fowl. We may have hatched enough for replacements here but not many extra. That is a first it was a very strange hatching season. While I usually send in articles that I have dug out of old books and leave it at that, I would like to do something a little different this time. Please have a read and I hope everyone takes my opinions and advice in the spirit it is intended. Thank you, Mike

DON'T GET LOST IN THE WEEDS

There seems to be a familiar theme when folks who have raised Cochin large fowl and Cochin bantams for any length of time come together either at a show or looking at the many pictures posted online and that is "What is happening to Cochins?"

With the advent of social media, like Facebook we now get to see many pictures of what is passing as Cochins both in Large Fowl and Bantams and worse yet reading the comments from other breeders and exhibitors that go something like this, "GORGEOUS", "WONDERFUL", "STUNNING", "etc, etc when in actuality the vast majority are pet quality at best. It seems that no one wants to invest in either the Bantam Standard or the Standard of Perfection. If they do have one or both of them they do not study the book! They worry about an off colored foot feather in a buff or black or a black not having butter yellow foot or leg coloring and ignore that the bird in question has either wonderful type or no type at all. I call that "getting lost in the weeds."

A breeder cannot improve or maintain a strain or breed by fixating on one minor trait if the type of the bird as a whole is not kept to standard. It is a balancing act, the Bantam Standard assigns 72 points to type on white birds with 28 assigned to color and 62 points to type for birds other than white and 38 to color, with those points being divided up in different sections of the bird. TYPE is KING my friends always has been and always will be , never, never lose sight of this fact.

Get the Bantam Standard or the Standard of Perfection or both and read them, study them, take them to the coop with you study,study, study. Be critical of your birds always look for something to cull off the bottom. When you mate birds up, have a mental picture in your mind of what you are striving for. Compensate mate, try and never mate birds together that have the same fault. Remember this order: TYPE, Balance, Feather Quality then Color. Keep trying, keep striving for improvement every year don't give up and remember "Don't get lost in the weeds." Until next time.....

Mike

PACIFIC DISTRICT REPORT

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Hello from the Pacific District!

This is my favorite time of year in our hobby. At times it seems like every weekend is consumed by what Joe Mazur calls the "brooder shuffle"- moving birds between facilities as they grow, cleaning up behind them. While we do this though there is so much excitement to be had in observing them. Watching for that cockerel that is noticeably wider than the others, hoping for a pullet to develop a particular color trait as she goes through her growing molts. This is especially true for me as I am working with a lot of unusual varieties; watching a young silver penciled molt through successively more defined sets of plumage is captivating.

We are in the slow season for exhibitors. I remain excited about our future because this is "fair season" and I see a lot of youth (and their parents/mentors) participating and wanting to expand to more serious levels of the hobby. Having the Western National in Ridgefield, WA has been great because it sounds like such a big event to the 4-H crowd! I know from my discussions that we are going to have a lot of novice cochin exhibitors at the show and I look forward to that.

With that being said, I ask that all members find a way to support a young, potential cochin breeder this fall. Our junior memberships are only \$7.50 and a pair of good quality birds costs only the feed you have in them. If you are able to make one of these accessible to a promising youth you will be repaid in appreciation; if their interest lasts more than a year we will all reap the benefits as support of our hobby and club.

To part- please consider a trip to Ridgefield, WA on December 1st for our Western National hosted by the Pacific Northwest Poultry Association. A great weekend will be waiting for you.

NORTHEAST 1 DISTRICT REPORT

CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT

Lisa Podgwaite, Director

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Hello from Vermont

This summer sure was a warm one. I hope everyone is ready for the fall shows, I know I am. I think I have some good looking birds from this years hatch.

I would like to remind everyone of the District show at Cobbleskill NY September 30th. Jamie and company always puts on a wonderful show, plus he raffles off some of his homemade pies. It would be great to see lots of Cochins there.

Get your birds ready for the Eastern National 2019 This will be held at the Twin Tier show in Bath NY. This is a well run show, plus the Buffalo & Western NY Club holds there show the day before; same venues, make a weekend out of it.

Looking forward to getting caught up with everyone at the shows.

Lisa Podgwaite, District 1

2018 ELECTION CANDIDATES

All Officers and Directors are elected by the General Membership to serve two-year terms. Current terms expire December 31, 2018. The below are the Candidates for the term January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

All Members vote for Officers and the International Director. District Directors are voted on by Members in the respective Districts. All Members vote for proposed Constitution and By-Law Amendments.

In the event that there is only one candidate running for a position, and/or a position is uncontested, and there are no Constitutional Amendments to be voted on by the General Membership, ballots will be mailed only to those respective Districts where there is a contest.

Ballots will be mailed via U.S.P.S. on October 1, 2018 and must be returned via U.S.P.S. mail and received no later than October 31, 2018.

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:

Gail Carlson

VICE PRESIDENT:

Jason Young

SECRETARY:

Emily Murphy

TREASURER:

Jamie Matts

DIRECTORS:

NORTHEAST 1:

Lisa Podgwaite

NORTHEAST 2:

Rich Barczewski

NORTH CENTRAL:

Ross Treffert

SOUTHEAST:

Ivy Young

WEST CENTRAL:

Craig Hansen

SOUTHWEST:

Bernita Miller

Magen Tow

PACIFIC:

Bryant Helvey

CANADA:

INTERNATIONAL:

John Burgess

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION / BY-LAWS:

None

MEET THE CANDIDATES!

OFFICERS:

PRESIDENT:

GAIL CARLSON:

Dear Members,

Stepping up to fill Linda's shoes this past year as your President has been a formidable challenge. I want to thank the Board of Directors and General Membership for your support, guidance and friendship.

Our membership continues to grow. With our new State Rep program, we are now seeing increased Club presence at shows around the country. The Board of Directors has committed new funding for District and National Meets. Our website has been upgraded, and we are now slowly building an instructional video library. We have been working with the APA and ABA Standards Committees to have printing oversights and omissions corrected in the respective Cochin Standards.

I hope you will consider allowing me the opportunity to continue on as your President. It is an honor and responsibility that I do not take lightly.

Thank you for your trust and confidence as we move forward, Gail Carlson

VICE PRESIDENT:

JASON YOUNG:

To the Members of Cochins International

My name is Jason Young and I am putting my name in the running for Vice President in the upcoming elections. I have been Secretary of the OEGBCA for going on 4 years and have a lot of experience with club business. I handle the points, newsletters, merchandise sales, yearbooks and all club business for the OEGBCA. I think I could be a valuable asset to Cochins International with my experience.

I have been working with and breeding bantam Cochins with my wife, Ivy Young, for many years now. Working with Blacks, Whites, Blues, Lemon Blues and Brown Reds. As a family, we attend many shows in the Southeast district and a few in other districts each year. We always try to attend at least one or two new shows each year. Cochins are a very big part of my family as each of us work on them to improve the breed we all love.

If voted in to serve as your Vice President, I will make myself available to each and every member to discuss your ideas and concerns for the club. I like to hear new ideas and will work with the membership to make a great club, even better. I will bring your ideas and concerns to the board and keep you informed of what is happening within the club. As a member of Cochins International, this is your club and you should always be kept in the know. I will work closely with the directors to help to keep improving that show reports are turned in promptly, district meets are setup and shows make a better effort to give Cochins the credit they deserve.

Thanks for your time, and I would appreciate your vote for the upcoming elections for the 2019-2020 term. Any questions you may have I can be reached at jasonyoung2433@gmail.com or you can message me on Facebook.

Thank you,

Jason Young
828-702-4248

SECRETARY:

EMILY MURPHY:

To whom it may concern,

My name is Emily Murphy and I am 19 years old from South Florida. For the last three years I have been raising, breeding and showing the best quality Cochins I possibly can. I have worked over these years as well to spread the love in my county and state for this amazing breed as well as breed club. For the last year I have also been lucky enough to be the state representative for Florida for Cochins International. I have helped multiple youth start their journey with this breed as well as encourage them to join this club. I am formally expressing my intent to pursue the position of secretary for Cochins International. I have the experience from traveling to different shows in state as well as out of state to gain a knowledge on how they work, as well as create ideas on how we could raise membership. I have a passion for poultry, Cochins in particular and I have ample experience between work and holding the position in different clubs I have been a member of. Also, I have worked in a position in which I was the individual who had to take meeting minutes as well as keep a clear line of communication between multiple people and clubs all at once. I am thankful for the opportunity and consideration for this position.

Sincerely,

Emily Murphy

TREASURER:

JAMIE MATTS:

I will continue to stay on as treasurer of Cochins international if the membership agrees. Over the years I have watched the club evolve and at the end of the day I want what's best for the breed and the hobby. Cochins have been a part of my life for 33 years now an integral part and I hope they are a part of my next 33!! Thanks for your continued support. Take care Jamie

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

NORTHEAST I (CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT):

LISA PODGWAITE:

I am happy to announce that I am seeking re-election as District 1 Director.

I have enjoyed representing Cochins International and have meet some wonderful folks during my term.

I breed and show Black & White Cochin bantams and show through out the east and selective mid western shows.

Your support in this endeavor is greatly appreciated. I look forward to the opportunity of representing Cochins International.

Thank You

Lisa Podgwaite

Northfield VT

NORTHEAST II (DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV):

RICH BARCZEWSKI:

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm writing to inform you that it is my intention to run for the NE II District Director position within Cochins International. As a breed club, I believe that CI is one of the larger and more active breed clubs in the Exhibition World. We have some differences of opinions being such a large group, however I believe it is critical that we continue to function, according to our constitution and by-laws and to openly consider new ideas as long as they do not go against our ruling documents. At 61 years of age and looking back to the first cochins I ever owned when I was 16, I cannot help but marvel at how far our breed has come. I look forward to continuing to serve the members of the NE II District in any way that I can.

Sincerely,

Rich Barczewski

NORTH CENTRAL (IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, WI):

ROSS TREFFERT:

Members of Cochins International,

My name is Ross Treffert and I am from a small town in Northeast Ohio; Cortland, Ohio. I am looking to run for the District Director in the North Central District. I have been raising poultry for the last 11 years. But four short years ago I got my first pair of Black Large Fowl Cochins from a breeder off the west coast and the rest is history. I currently raise Large Fowl Barred, Black, Blue, Buff, Mottled, Splash, and White Cochins. I also have Large Fowl Frizzle in many of those varieties as well. I recently added a small flock of Black, Blue, Splash, and Mottled Bantam Cochin. I started exhibiting three years ago to promote the breed in hopes of getting more people involved in exhibiting Large Fowl Cochins. I immediately started mentoring three youth with both bantam and large fowl Cochins in my area and eventually got them to join and get involved with with Cochins International last year; one who has now graduated to showing open class beside me. Some of my proudest moments don't come from within the show hall but helping educate and promote the breed to the others and most importantly our youth, the future of our fancy and our club. I was involved with our local 4H program for 5 years until "graduated" or aged out and then immediately became an advisor at the age of 19 and spent 4 years as an advisor until changes were made within our county and clubs were merged. In those 4 years I spent as the Advisor for our Poultry club I also sat on board for the small animal committee as well as the livestock committee. On the small animal committee I was in charge of all poultry related business; ordering the chicks and poults for our fair, the yearly theme for the barn, getting sponsors for our awards and trophies, and putting the show together. All with diligent time management as I am Store Manager for a Nationwide Rent to Own company and have been in management for the last 10 years. Although I have minimal experience placing meets with shows in these current days I am willing to learn and work beside my fellow district directors as well as the executive board if I am to be elected for the North Central District. I will do what I do best no matter the outcome and that is to promote and share the passion of Cochins with hopes of bringing new memberships. I enjoy being a part of this club and look forward to getting more involved.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Ross Treffert

WEST CENTRAL (IA, MN, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY):

CRAIG HANSEN:

I am Craig Hansen current district representative for the West Central District of Cochins International. I will serve again if the members of this district choose to vote me in. I would encourage others in this district to consider running if they have the desire to do this.

Thank You,
Craig Hansen

SOUTHWEST (AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX):

BERNITA MILLER:

Hi, I am Bernita Miller, your current SW director. I would like to be your director for the next 2 years. I raise barred and black bantam cochin. I enjoy talking to everyone about the cochins, this years at the county fairs that I have judged, so many great cochins. I like promoting the club and the breed.

Thank You,
Bernita Miller

MAGEN TOW:

To whom it may concern:

I am applying for the Southwest District Director position. A little about me: I reside in the magnificent Lone Star State, I am currently in nursing school, I have a passion for learning and helping others, and a new found passion for chickens! I am new to the world of Cochins but I think this position would put me in no better place to learn as much as I can so that I may apply that knowledge to the betterment of the breed. I am working on my first generation of home grown bantam Cochins at this time. It is my goal to help continue the good work Cochins International has already started by furthering my own knowledge, and in turn educating and welcoming others to this wonderful breed. I would love nothing more than to get more heavily involved in this great organization so that I may play a part in helping it grow.

Thank you for your consideration,
Magen Tow

SOUTHEAST (AL, GA, FL, MS, NC, SC, TN):

IVY YOUNG:

I would like to let everyone know after much thought and Input from so many. I will be running for re-election as District Director for Cochins International.

I feel we as a district have grown so much and have accomplished so much in the past almost 2 years. It has been a honor to represent the southeast. And be apart of such a great group of people. I feel as a whole we can grow even stronger. This term I focused on making sure all the reports were turned in and accounted for small or big shows. I've worked hard to get state reps to help make all the members feel like they have someone to go to at each show. If I couldn't attend. I've always tried to include members as far as where district meets are best. And will continue to do so.

And in my mind it's the people who run this district not just me. The members have made it a group effort to make the southeast strong again.

I would like everyone in the southeast to Vote in the upcoming election for the people who can do the best job.

Thank you for allowing me to be your DD this term. And I look, if re-elected to serving you for 2 more years.

Ivy Young

PACIFIC (AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA):

BRYANT HELVEY:

I am happy to request re-election as the Pacific District Director. Cochins International has stood the test of time with a great and diverse membership and I am glad to provide some continuity in the club leadership.

My focus will continue to be encouraging youth to take up the cochin breed and to join our club.

I am different than many directors in that I cannot attend many shows. However, in the past two years I have developed relationships with most of the show staffs on the west coast and have included the participation of some great state representatives. Together we can continue to place special meets at all shows attended by our members and move the district meet around the large region so that it can be enjoyed by all.

I will continue to promote the growth, development, and competitiveness of rare varieties of our outstanding breed.

Finally, I will continue to provide input to club decisions as if the club were a business-minimizing cost and maximizing the greatest benefit for the most members.

As club management, we will all continue to improve communication to the club members and transparency in decision making.

Thank you to all members for continued support of our outstanding breed and outstanding club.

Bryant

CANADA (ALL PROVINCES): *No declared candidates; the position will be appointed by the new BOD after the first of the year.*

INTERNATIONAL:

JOHN BURGESS:

I will willingly continue to serve as the International Director for Cochin International. However, if anyone else comes forward who expresses an interest in the position, I will step aside and support them any way I can.

I enjoy my bantam cochins and appreciate the direction of the Club which is toward helping any and all bantam, pekin and large fowl cochins world-wide.

Warm regards, John Burgess

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