



# Official Newsletter of Cochins International

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## 2017 Western Nationals

By Craig Hansen & Angela Mills

The Eastern Iowa Poultry Association Show hosted the 2017 Cochins International Western National in Davenport, Iowa and **Robert Hardina** had BB with White Hen and **Dan Schwandt** had RB with a Black Cock bird. **Rick Kleher** won Champion Asiatic, BV & BB with a black pullet. **Danny & Teresa Bank** won Reserve Asiatic, BV, RB with a white hen. The CI table was manned by club President **Gail Carson** who conducted a raffle fundraiser, sold merchandise and registered new & renewing members. EIPA would like to thank Danny & Teresa Banks, Richard Barczewski, Gail Carson, Michelle Geer, Craig Hansen, Bill Kramel, Tony & Angela Mills, Christy Ross & Linda Tobia for their donations.

### Open Show Bantam Results:

Birchen BV Robert Hardina P RV Mary Webb K  
Black BV Dan Schwandt C RV Dan Schwandt H  
Blue BV Rita Koch H RV Christie Ross P  
Brown Red BV R. Hardina K RV Christie Ross P  
Buff BV D & Teresa Banks P RV Richard & M. Andree C  
Buff Columbian BV Tony & A. Mills C RV C Hansen H  
Columbian BV Kevin Watts P RV Craig Hansen H  
Frizzle Black BV P RV & Richard Stecker K  
Frizzle White BV & RV H Tony & Angela Mills  
Lemon Blue BV Christie Ross RV Gail Carlson K

Mottled BV Dale Dionne H RV Ken Splett P  
Partridge BV Dan Schwandt P RV Craig Hansen H  
Red BV Richard Stecker C RV R. & Margaret Andree K  
Silver Laced BV Craig Hansesn P RV Craig Hansen K  
White BV Robert Hardina H RV Robert Hardina P  
Self Blue BV Richard Stecker H RV Dale Dionne C  
Blue Brown BV Robert Hardina P  
Silver Blue BV Robert Hardina P  
Chocolate BV Richard Stecker P  
Butterscotch BV Richard & Margaret Andree K RV  
Richard & Margaret Andree K

### Large Fowl Open Show Results:

Barred BV Rick Klehr P  
Black BV BB Ch Asiatic Rick Klehr P RV Britt & Fuller P  
Blue BV Rita Koch H RV Rick Klehr P  
Buff BV Rick Klehr P RV Rick Klehr K  
Golden Laced BV Larry Schrage P RV Larry Schrage K  
Partridge BV Larry Schrage P RV Larry Schrage K

Silver Laced BV Larry Schrage P RV Larry Schrage K  
White BV RB R Ch Asiatic Danny & Teresa Banks. RV  
Larry Schrage P  
Splash BV Larry Schrage P RV Rick Klehr P  
Red Brown BV Larry Schrage K RV Larry Schrage P



Robert Hardina, White Hen  
Best in Breed



Dan Schwandt, Black Cock  
Reserve of Breed



Danny & Teresa Banks, BV, RB  
Champion Asiatic

# PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

by Gail Carson

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, and a blessed holiday season!

First and foremost, please join me in thanking **Linda Tobia** for her years of service and dedication to Cochins International. In her retirement as President, she leaves huge shoes for me to fill. I would like to thank the Board of Directors for placing their trust in me to finish her term. I hope I do Linda, the Board and Membership proud by continuing the tradition of keeping Cochins International the Premier Breed Club of the poultry fancy.

As I step up to President, I want to welcome **Matt Lhamon** as our new Vice-President. Matt and I already have a good working relationship, and I look forward to working with him in our new roles.

Please welcome **Dustin Drake** of Ohio as the new Director for the West Central District. He has been working closely with **Matt Lhamon** to insure a smooth transition in the District as he assumes Matt's duties.

I am happy to announce that **Mike Sayre** has been appointed our Club Historian. Mike has been involved with the Club since its early days as the World Cochin Family. I look forward to his recollections not only of the Club and the history of the Breed and Varieties, but also learning more about our legendary breeders and exhibitors whose paths we all follow today.

I would like to congratulate **Jodi Frye** on her completion of the Junior Master Program, and earning her status as Junior Master Exhibitor.

We were all shocked and saddened with the passing of **Sheryl Butler** in November. We were privileged that she considered Cochins one of her great passions, along with her horses and Silkies. Sheryl had just recently earned her CI Master Breeder status in Black Bantams. She was a great friend and mentor to so many. Our condolences to her family and to all who called her Friend.

As we put our 2017 Nationals to bed, I want to thank **Richard Barczewski** (Eastern) and **Craig Hansen** (Western) for putting on such successful Nationals for everyone to enjoy. Special thanks to the Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers (Eastern) and Eastern Iowa Poultry Association (Western) for hosting our shows. Many thanks to **Mark Camilleri** (Eastern) and **Dwight Madsen** (Western) for judging. Thank you to all who traveled to exhibit, as well as those who just came to visit and support the Club. But most of all, thank you to our many members who donated premiums, awards, and auction/raffle items to help make the shows successful.

And now we look forward to our 2018 Nationals! The Eastern National will be in the Southeast District, and is being hosted by the Tennessee Valley Poultry Club, December 1-2, in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Western National will be in the Pacific District, and is being hosted by the Pacific Northwest Poultry Association, December 1, in Ridgefield, Washington. 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. Director Ivy Young is your contact for the Eastern National, and Director **Bryant Helvey** is your contact for the Western National.

Our Rosette Awards remain as the Club's National Meet Awards. Anyone wishing to write a proposal for a new National award program for the Board's consideration is welcome to submit one. Proposals should include the type of awards, placement levels for the awards (including Bantam & Large Fowl for Open, Junior & Overall), and the cost estimate for two Nationals per year.

I am pleased to announce that we are initiating a State Representative Program. State Reps will work directly for their District Directors to provide more localized involvement and input to/from our members. Please look for more program details and how to volunteer in this Newsletter. 2018 is an Election Year! The current two-year term for all Officers and Directors will end December 31st. Complete details on how to make nominations and how candidates should make their declarations are in this Newsletter, along with the Election Calendar for the entire year.

I want to thank Matt Lhamon for his follow-thru with the APA and ABA Standard Committees regarding my initial requests for Standard corrections regarding Brown Bantams, Silver Penciled eye color, and Bantam weights. Both Standard Committees have now recommended approval of our revisions. He is also now working with Walt Leonard of the APA Standard Committee to come to some resolution regarding our 'hanging' Varieties – those that are recognized by the ABA, but were never recognized by the APA. It is our hope that we will soon see Black Tailed Red, Buff Columbian, Lemon Blue and Silver Penciled achieve APA recognition.

Our Merchandise Store on the website is open 24/7, and PayPal orders are accepted! Don't be left out in the cold this winter at the shows without your Club sweatshirt or hoodie!! We are always looking for ideas for more items to add to our store. Suggestions I have received include different colored tees, long-sleeved tees, zip-

front hoodies, and hat/lapel pins. We are also entertaining marketing ideas to not only promote our merchandise, but also to enable us to carry more items while not having the excessive cost of carrying the inventory on-hand or transporting it back and forth across the country to shows.

Our website, [www.CochinsInt.com](http://www.CochinsInt.com) continues to be popular with guests as well as members. If you haven't visited it lately, we hope you will take a few minutes and check it out. It is your online source for current information on District and National Meets, Merchandise and Memberships, News and Education, and Open and Junior Award Programs.

Memberships will expire on December 31st (unless you prepaid in advance for multiple years). Your Directors remain committed to not only the advancement of exhibition Cochins, but also to helping you as a member fulfill your potential as a successful breeder and exhibitor. The Comradery of the Cochin Family in the show aisles is unequalled. Our passion for this fancy binds us, and our commitment to help one another succeed keeps us strong. Thank you for taking the time now to renew!

I hope everyone had a great fall show season! After taking a year off to tend to my Mother's estate and my move from Colorado to Missouri, I (very gingerly!) got back in the game this fall, adding Brown Reds and Lemon Blues to my small repertoire. First stop in October was the Missouri State Poultry Association show in Sedalia, MO. Last stop was in November at the Western National in Davenport, IA. If making new friends is what this fancy is all about, then I was truly blessed this fall. We can chat on the phone and online with people for years, but nothing seals the deal until you can finally meet face to face. If I start naming names, I will surely miss someone, so please just let me say thank you to everyone who took the time out of their hectic show day to introduce themselves and spend a few minutes talking about Cochins and the Club with me.

Best Wishes to Everyone for a Healthy, Prosperous and Happy New Year!!



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## *Vice-President Letter*

*Dear Members,*

By now, I am sure everyone has heard of the retirement of **Linda Tobia** as President of Cochins International. We wish Linda all the best and know we will see her at the shows!

I decided to help out and fill in as Vice President until the next election. **Gail Carlson** has jumped right in as President and is keeping everything running smoothly! I asked that **Dustin Drake** be considered to replace me as District 3 Director and the Board concurred.

Our District 3 meet at the Ohio National was a success and I was honored to also get to judge the Cochin Bantams and most of the Featherlegs! A Black Cochin cock made it to Champion Featherleg. The Reserve Cochin Bantam was a Black female and they were very close and it came down to who showed the best when I had them all side by side comparing them. Champion of the Junior show was a Partridge Cochin Large Fowl hen that was a site to behold! I seen several nice Large Cochins in both the open and juniors!

I hope everyone has a joyous Holiday Season and you have those breeding pen ideas in the works.

Yours in Cochins,  
Matt Lhamon  
Vice President,  
Cochins International

# **West Central District Meet**



**Christie Ross**  
**Champion Featherleg**  
**BB & BV Blue Pullet**  
**Blue Card Show**

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**Reserve Featherleg**  
**BV & RB**  
**Yellow Card Show**



**Craig Hansen, BV & BB**  
**Grand Champion, BV**  
**Yellow Card Show**



**Danny & Teresa Banks**  
**Champion Large Fowl, BB & BV**  
**Yellow Card Show**  
**Reserve Asiatic, RB & BV**  
**Blue Card Show**



**Danny & Teresa Banks**  
**Reserve Asiatic, BV & RB**  
**Yellow Card Show**



**Nancy Compton, Birchen**  
**RV Blue Card Show**  
**BV Yellow Card Show**



**Bill Kramer Splash**  
**RV Yellow Card Show**  
**RV Blue Card Show**



**Annamay Carlson**  
**Golden BV Blue Card Show**  
**BV Yellow Card Show**

# North Central District Meet

**Craig Hansen  
Super Grand  
Champion**

at both shows  
Black Cochin  
Bantam Cock

**Ohio Nationals**



**Show Business**

## Canada District Meet & RAW Meet



**The Bennett Family Black Cockerel  
Champion Featherleg & Reserve  
Champion Bantam**



**Joe Mazur Blue Champion Pullet  
APA Canadian National Show**



**Bennett Family Black Pullet  
Cochins Int. Champion Bantam**



**Adam Scanlan Champion  
Featherleg Pullet · CHB Fall Show**



**Alan Bennett Black Pullet Jr. Show  
Champion · CI Canada District Show**



**Kathy Stevenson  
Champion Asiatic  
CHB Show**

# Eastern Cochin International

By Mark Camilleri

It was very much an honor to be asked to judge the Cochin International in Lebanon Pennsylvania this October 14th, 2017.

The club does a tremendous job and I would like to thank you for your efforts in promoting the advancement of the Cochin breed in the show room.

The standard fowl class was not very well represented with only a few birds in the varieties and a complete absence of my favourite variety the buff. The best standard was a well conditioned white pullet

of very good type and feather quality, she was well positioned on her legs with the appropriate forward Asiatic tilt. She had a nice amount of skull and bone for a pullet and will mature into a very nice hen with age. I know how much time and effort goes into raising large fowl and she was definitely worthy as my choice of pick for reserve Cochin (bantam & standard) of the show. The blacks were a very small group of 3 birds with a well conditioned black hen as best and reserve of breed. There was a very nice mottled hen that had very good coloring and nice size, something I felt many of the other birds were lacking. Hopefully as a club you can work on getting this variety into the Standard of perfection. It was great to see some partridge standards being shown and all of them had good size and feather quality. A nice big pullet was best of variety. The challenge will be perfecting the color pattern on this beautiful variety.

The bantam classes were very strong with some beautiful birds being exhibited. As in most classes and breeds the different varieties are somewhat inconsistent in their type and style. I was happy to see that most birds were not oversized. The whites were well represented in females with the first and second hens being exceptional birds. The pullets in this variety were also beautiful. The white hen was best of breed and represented cochin type in all ways. Her silhouette profile was perfect but more

importantly when viewed from above she also had body width and roundness. This hen excelled in feather quality. From the outside of the cage she may have looked large but when handled she was all feather. Nice wide feather everywhere on her with abundance of underfluff. It is the downy underfluff that makes the feathers stand out and gives an otherwise small bird the look of massiveness. Her other outstanding feature was her wing carriage, nice short wings tucked up to the sides of her body. Color wise she could not be faulted as she was silvery white everywhere with great yellow beak and legs and the proper red eye required in the breed. This female was also active and bright and in immaculate condition, a real credit to the breeder. She was chosen by the rest of the panel of judges to go on to be reserve of show.

The blacks were a very big class with a good cock of beautiful type, and wonderful profuseness of feather winning reserve of breed. Again, this bird possessed the cochin attributes of importance, but was also the best colored bird in the class. Black birds should show beetle green sheen and this bird excelled in color richness. His feather width was tremendous but perhaps a bit long in his wings resulting in a style that could not compete with the white hen. The hen class was rather weak with only one bird in good feather and condition. The cockerel class was very deep with a nice cockerel being reserve of variety. The top 4 cks were almost cookie cutter images in profile and had beautiful silhouette images and depicted cochin type very well. They did not have very strong heads and most were rather longer in the beak than I would prefer on a top cochin bantam. Where all these cockerels excelled in the same areas they also had the same weakness of low wing carriage. My clerk noticed they all seemed rather dull in color which was made more noticeable when we compared them to the cock bird. The black pullet class was the largest group of birds but the top birds needed more time to fill out and redden up in combs and lobes which seemed very pale. Again, in the pullet class the top birds lacked brilliance of sheen. Some of the blacks being shown are

also weak in leg color and even eye color is not right. These are small in the scheme of points 2 pts for eye color 1 pt for beak color but they add up when you are against top quality white birds.

There were again no buffs in the bantam class which I found very disheartening but there were some good quality barred bantams of very nice type. The barred cockerel had great wing set and nice barring. The classes of AOV all have very different styles and there is a long way to go to have these other varieties in sync with the type of the best whites and blacks. There were also some nice blues but most birds were not in feather in this class. There was also a very good self blue cock and a nice group of splash.

The mottled class had a nicely marked mottle hen. Although larger than I like and too profuse in feather her mottling was ideal. The marking should be V-shaped and in a pattern not just blobs of white on a black bird. I hope everyone appreciated the beauty of this bantam, a very difficult pattern to raise.

I had a great time judging the birds and appreciated all the breeders that came up to me and discussed the classes after judging. I would also like to thank my clerk Sue Reed who kept me focused and on track.



Show Business

Rhonda Smith  
BB, BV Reserve Featherleg  
ABA/Dixie Classic

*Congratulations!!*



Ashley Malone  
Champion Featherleg &  
Reserve Bantam  
Emerald Coast Poultry Show



Kim Breakfield BB, BV  
Reserve Champion Featherleg  
Emerald Coast Poultry Show

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# Cochins International Show Report

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| <b>LARGE FOWL VARIETY</b>   | <b>NO. IN CLASS</b> | <b>BEST OF VARIETY</b><br>(enter Exhibitor's name) | <b>SEX</b><br>c-h-k-p | <b>RESERVE OF VARIETY</b><br>(enter Exhibitor's name) | <b>SEX</b><br>c-h-k-p |
|---|---------------------|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------|
| Barred  |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Black   |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Blue  |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Brown   |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Buff  |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Frizzle: Black  |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Frizzle: White  |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Frizzle:  |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Frizzle:  |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Golden Laced  |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Partridge   |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| Silver Laced  |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| White   |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
| <b>Additional Large Fowl Varieties not listed above:</b> (Please attach additional sheet if necessary.) |                     |  |                       |   |                       |
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|                            | <b>VARIETY</b> | <b>SEX</b><br>c-h-k-p | <b>EXHIBITOR</b> |
|----------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Bantam Cochins:</b>     |                |                       |                  |
| Best of Breed              |                |                       |                  |
| Reserve of Breed           |                |                       |                  |
| Best AOV*                  |                |                       |                  |
| Reserve AOV*               |                |                       |                  |
| <b>Large Fowl Cochins:</b> |                |                       |                  |
| Best of Breed              |                |                       |                  |
| Reserve of Breed           |                |                       |                  |
| Best AOV*                  |                |                       |                  |
| Reserve AOV*               |                |                       |                  |

\*Cochins International defines AOV as: "AOV awards should not include birds from the following varieties: Black, White, or the Varieties from which the Best of Breed or the Reserve of Breed have been determined."

| <b>Other:</b>           | <b>Bantam or LF</b> | <b>VARIETY</b> | <b>EXHIBITOR</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Best Trio of Cochins    |                     |                |                  |
| Best Display of Cochins |                     |                |                  |

**The following are REQUIRED placements for National & District Meets. Bantams & Large Fowl compete against each other.**

|                                 | <b>Bantam or LF</b> | <b>VARIETY</b> | <b>SEX</b><br>c-h-k-p | <b>EXHIBITOR</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Overall Champion Cochin         |                     |                |                       |                  |
| Overall Reserve Champion Cochin |                     |                |                       |                  |
| Champion Junior Cochin          |                     |                |                       |                  |
| Reserve Champion Junior Cochin  |                     |                |                       |                  |

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## Show Snaps



**Say Cheese Ladies!**  
Jodi Frye selfie  
with her Large Fowl

## Selling Shirts!



**Congratulations**  
Rita Koch  
on your wins!



***Cheers!***  
to winners Robert Hardina &  
Dan Schwandt at the Western Nationals in  
Iowa with award cups donated by  
Danny and Teresa Banks

# President's Report

!!! THANK YOU LINDA TOBIA !!! By Gail Carlson

**Linda Tobia** has been President of Cochins International since January of 2011. As our Ambassador over the years, she has put on literally thousands upon thousands of miles traveling to shows, promoting this Club in which she so strongly believes, manning the Club table to greet members with her welcoming smile, and always eager to talk about her passion - Cochins!

Linda has been instrumental in laying the solid foundations on which many of our Club programs are built. She has brought in many great volunteers to serve on the Board of Directors, and to serve as Program Chairpersons. Throughout most of her tenure, she has been Editor of the Cochins International Newsletter. She has also provided most all the show photographs for the Newsletters and Website over the past several years.

Over the years, Linda's passion has been with Black, Blue, Birchen and Brown Red Bantam Cochins, and Black, Blue and Barred Large Fowl Cochins. She has won Variety awards with every Variety she raises! But she has earned so many more awards of excellence during the past few years:

October, 2012: BB/Reserve Champion Asiatic on a Barred Pullet at the Central Indiana Poultry Show in Lebanon, IN.

November, 2012: RB on a LF Barred Pullet at the CI Eastern National/Maryland Sate Poultry Fanciers Association in Frederick, MD.

March, 2013: BB/Champion Asiatic on a Blue Hen, RB/Reserve Champion Asiatic on a Black Pullet, and RB/Reserve Champion Feather Leg on a Blue Hen at the Magnolia Classic in Leesville, Louisiana. September, 2013: BB/Champion Asiatic on a Barred Pullet, and RB on a LF Black Cock at the Buffalo & Western NY Poultry Show in Bath, NY. September, 2013: BB/Champion Asiatic on a Barred Pullet, and RB on a LF Black Cockerel at the Twin Tier Poultry Club in Bath, NY.

October, 2013: BB/Reserve Champion Asiatic on a Barred Pullet at the Southern Ohio Poultry Association in Lucasville, OH.

May, 2014: RB on a LF Blue Hen at the Southern Ohio Poultry Association in Lucasville, OH.

August, 2014: RB on a LF Black Cock at the White River Poultry Club in Spencer, IN.

October, 2014: RB on a LF Blue Hen at the Southern Ohio Poultry Association in Lucasville, OH.

April, 2015: RB on a LF Barred Hen at the Southern Indiana Poultry Show in Bloomington, IN. May, 2016: BB/Reserve Overall Champion Cochin on a LF Barred Hen at the CI Eastern National/Southern Ohio Poultry Association in Lucasville, OH.

Linda was also Cochin International's 2016 Exhibitor of the Year in Large Fowl Barreds, awarded to the exhibitor earning the most Club Master Breeder points in their respective Variety.

On September 9th, Linda retired and resigned her position as President of Cochins International to focus on her health. Please join us in thanking Linda for her years of dedication, commitment and service to our Club! We wish her only the best of luck in all her future endeavors, and we hope to make her proud as we move forward.

We look forward to seeing Linda in the show aisles for many years to come!

Club News

## **MOVING FORWARD** By Gail Carlson

At a Special Cochins International Board of Directors Meeting held September 17, 2017, elections were held in accordance with the Club Constitution & By-Laws to fill the following vacant positions for the remainder of the terms, which expire December 31, 2018:

President: Gail Carlson    Vice President: Matt Lhamon

Director/North Central District: Dustin Drake

All other Board position remain unchanged. Please join us in congratulating and supporting the Officers and Director in their new positions!

## Northeast 2 District Report

**Rich Barczewski**

I hope that you and your families have had a fantastic Holiday Season and I wish you all a prosperous and healthy New Year. Greetings from the North East II District of Cochins International. We had a very nice Eastern National at the Fall show of the Lebanon Valley Poultry Fanciers. Champion bantam was a white hen by P and G Silkies, Judy Gant and Champion Large Fowl was a white pullet by Tom and Sandra Roebuck. Two nice birds as you can see below.



Both of these birds were awarded an embroidered director's chair and an antique silver-plated bowl. The chairs were donated by yours truly and the bowls were a gift by **Elton Minnich**. For those few of you who have been around the Cochin world for a long time, they were the awards that used to be given by the World Cochin Family, the cochin club which preceded our current organization.

I'd like to go on record to thank the Lebanon Valley Poultry Breeders for hosting our national and doing an excellent job in setting up and running their show. If you have never attended this show, be sure to put it on your calendar for the future. They do a great job.

The Cochin club continues to move forward. I like to thank Linda Tobia for all her efforts on behalf of the club as she sets aside her role as president and to welcome Gail Carlson in as our new president. I've always felt that change is a good thing and hopefully our club will continue to grow and prosper.

We in the Northeast II district have continually dealt with some extra testing constraints that have made our hobby a bit more difficult than it is in some of the other districts. Part of this is because of the size of our commercial poultry industry and a lot of

efforts that are in place to protect it. I recently had a opportunity to attend a meeting of mainly commercial, state, federal and regional folks to lay the groundwork for a what if scenario of an Avian Influenza outbreak were to occur. Folks from our Department of Transportation, State, Federal and commercial veterinarians, University folks, Environmental folks, public health folks and individuals from our Department of Agriculture all shared their plans for dealing with a major A.I. outbreak. I was around when this was done back in 2003-2004 and surprisingly only a few of the 30-40 folks who attended the meeting were at the original meeting. This made it clear of a need to hold these gatherings more frequently.

## Pacific District Report

**Bryant Helvey**

Happy Holidays from the Pacific District!

This is a hard time of year to raise cochins in the Pacific Northwest they all wish they were ducks! A lot of moisture makes good housekeeping a challenge this season.

Most are aware that we lost one of our district's greatest breeders, exhibitors and supporters this fall, **Sheryl Butler**. This is an immediate loss to our breed and her many friends, and will be a longer impact to the number and quality of cochins showed on the west coast. One thing that Sheryl excelled at was helping people with a budding interest in cochins. Because of this, we have a number of members, young and old, that will be exhibiting her bloodlines and telling her stories for years to come. My favorite story of Sheryl has become that she won best of show at the final show she exhibited at in early October 2017. She also sponsored numerous cash awards for juniors at this show. She was a positive example for all.

I was fortunate to attend the Washington Feather Fanciers Winter Brisk Show in Chehalis, WA in November. **Ciera Walters** had Reserve Champion of Show with an outstanding black large cochin hen! There was a good-sized class of large cochins, dominated by blacks. On the bantam side there was a great showing of unusual varieties. **Joe Mazur** took the best of breed award with his blue pullet that has had great success this season. Joe also exhibited the best class of brown red bantams that I have seen. Other members brought splash, red, and blue mottled cochins for a great exhibition.

The Pacific District is very excited to host the

club's Western National in 2018. We sought to have the show located in the northern half of the district, late enough in the year for young birds to be in full feather, and judged by someone who knows the breed. We have chosen the Pacific Northwest Poultry Association to host the show on December, 1, 2018 in Ridgefield, WA. On top of the goals above they are offering a double show, conveniently located near I-5 and the Portland Airport. Several members have committed to donating unique awards and the hosting club has offered generous premiums.

We would like to see some members travel from outside of our district and pull together 250 top quality cochins at this event. Plan a trip to the west coast to support our breed and Cochins International next December!

## Southeast District Report

### Ivy Young

Happy New Year

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. Fall show season was a great one for cochins! I didn't realize how much I missed showing until I got to a show! I miss the fellowship of some good friends.

This November we had the Southeast district meet in Barnwell SC. Had a great turn out of bantams. Sadly, no LF at the show. Congrats to all the winners!

The **2018 Southeast district meet will be January 13th** At the Just Peachy premier show in Madison, GA. Contact Rhonda Smith for info [Peachstatepoultryassociation@gmail.com](mailto:Peachstatepoultryassociation@gmail.com). I hope we have a great turn out for it!

I would like to say thank you to all the CI members in the Southeast for all the support and love you have shown me in my first year as director. It's been a learning process for me. I've had a lot of you help and offer to help me with a lot of things over the past 12 months. I welcome any ideas any member has to help with club and shows. A special thanks to **Rhonda Smith** for sponsoring some of the awards for the 2017 district meet. You were a huge help. I would also like to speak about the sportsmanship I've seen in my district. We all have a competitor side to us, we all love to win, but seeing others cheer on others at shows and jumping up and down when others win. The hugs & high 5's to those that win is amazing! It shows what an awesome group of breeders we have! The number of breeders helping Jr's get started is also awesome!

I just attended the ABA national in Knoxville, TN. That was a great group of birds! I'm proud to

announce the **Eastern National will be held there in Dec of 2018!!** Make plans to attend. Anyone who is willing to sponsor an award for it, please feel free to contact me. I really would like to cover all colors open and Jr show. I have missed a lot of shows this fall but will back in full swing the start of the year. I'm excited to finally get to showing again. It was not easy sitting back and watching. But it was fun going and supporting the people who were. And with January here that's when I start hatching.

I'm so excited to see what this year brings me. So excited to see the new and excited to see the past years birds mature. But with hatching comes tons more work keeping chicks clean, fed and cared for. My advice, don't over hatch. Remember food, care and space are required to keep healthy chicks. If in the market for an incubator, ask around, you get what you pay for. Hatching chicks is a learning process. It's not hard, use common sense and try not to take 3,000 online experts advice on hatching. It takes 21 days to hatch an egg. They need temps of 99.9-100 to incubate. I keep mine at 100 all the time, point down and candle after 7 days, if clear not good. I set eggs on Mondays hatch on Mondays. (It makes Mondays not so bad) I also never worry about humidity in incubator until I take eggs out of turner on Fridays. I add a little water to tray and shut door and be done, I don't worry if humidity gets low at all. After all the hen don't sit there with water spraying eggs to get them to hatch. Once they start hatching the humidity will rise too. I'm a little old school when comes to hatching. Strong survive and come out of shells, the weak will always be weak. I help nothing out of shell, I fix no spay legs, I vaccinate nothing. The strong will survive. I do give corrid to chicks to prevent cocci. But no medicated feed. But I am sure we will all help each other if need help or advice. My way isn't everyone's way and I'm sure it's not perfect, but I figured out what works for me.

Lastly, I would like to mention the loss I had a huge one. As many of you know Blue cochins are my passion. I had one that was more special than most, Blue Baby, the winningest bird I've ever owned. She was old and tired and as the years went on it showed. I couldn't even imagine not having her in my barn. I held her when she passed, and the tears didn't stop for days. It took me 8 days to go back out to my barn after that, I'm getting tears as I type this. I may seem like I am really hard-core about stuff in

poultry world sometimes, but I can say losing Blue Baby brought me to my knees. It broke my heart. My blues will be ok I knew how to breed and I hatched no matter what time of year she laid an egg, but who knew a Blue chicken could break your heart when she died. The Monday after she died I had an incubator full of babies from her, so life does go on. On to 2018 let it be a blessed year for you all, in and out of the show halls.



May you treat others with respect, and may we all help each other, support each other and always remember *COCHINS RULE!!!*

Ivy Young  
Southeast Director

## West Central Craig Hansen

The West Central District Meet was held in Hutchinson Minnesota on October 28 & 29. Best Cochin and Best Bantam was won by **L & M Peterson** with a black pullet. **Rick Klehur** won Best Large Fowl with a Black Pullet. *Congratulations!*

The Eastern Iowa Poultry Association hosted the Cochins International Western National November 25 & 26 in Davenport, Iowa -- probably as far East as the Western National could possibly be held. 21 people exhibited Open Show birds from 9 states. 197 birds judged in Open Show and 26 in Jr. show. 144 birds in 15 recognized varieties in Bantam and 5 other Bantam varieties exhibited. 53 Large Fowl were exhibited in 8 recognized varieties and 2 not yet recognized varieties.

Overall Champion Cochin was a White bantam hen by **Robert Hardina** and Reserve Overall Cochin was a Large Fowl Black pullet by **Rick Klehr**. *Congratulations!*

## Canada - Kathy Stevens

The Cochins Int. District Meet for Canada was hosted by **Ontario Poultry Breeders** on October 21<sup>st</sup> in Grassie, Ont. There were 56 Cochins exhibited and judged by Tom Roebuck.

The Bennett family has had an excellent 2017 show season, and their Black Bantam pullet won Reserve Champion Feather Leg in the Open Show. **Alan Bennett's** bantam Black Pullet was awarded Champion of Junior Show! The Bennett family's strong winning streak continued at the **95th Royal Agricultural Winter Fair**, where they were awarded Champion Feather Leg, and Reserve Champion Bantam with an excellent Black Cochin Cockerel.

Congratulations to the Bennett's for these prestigious wins resulting from their diligent work with this breed.

Cochins have also been taking top honours in western Canada shows this fall. The APA Canadian National show was held in Armstrong, BC on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. This was a large and well-attended show hosted by the Vernon Pigeon and Poultry Club. Joe Mazur once again demonstrated his Cochin breeding expertise with an exceptional bantam Blue pullet which was awarded Grand Champion of Show! Joe's Black bantam hen won reserve of Breed, and his striking display of Brown-red bantams were the subject of many positive comments and admiration. In the Large Fowl class, Kathy Stevenson's Blue pullet was awarded Best of Breed and Reserve Champion, Asiatics. It's very encouraging to see the Blue variety competing successfully at Class Champion level and beyond!

In Lacombe, Alberta, the annual CHB Fall Show held a CI special Meet. Champion and Reserve Champion Feather Leg went to Adam Scanlan with a black pullet and black cockerel respectively, both demonstrating beautiful form and condition. Large fowl winners were Kathy Stevenson with her Blue Pullet, which went on to take Champion Asiatic, and Colin Brown's Black hen won reserve Breed, and reserve Champion Asiatics.

I hope to see many fellow Cochin fanciers at the first Alberta shows of 2018 in January and February. I'll leave you with a sincere wish that 2018 is filled with happiness, success and most importantly, good health (for you and your birds!)

Kathy Stevenson, Director Canada

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The PNPA is proud to be hosting the  
2018 Cochins International Western National  
and the ABA & APA District Meets on

**December 1st 2018**

**Double Show, Youth Show, Serama Table Top Show, & Egg Show**

Judges: Donald Barger, Steve Beaty,  
Walt Leonard & Terry Britt

**Clark County Fairgrounds  
Ridgefield, WA**

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## Historian Report by Michael Sayre

Good Day! I am very excited to be appointed to be the Official Historian of Cochin's International and will attempt to write and present articles and stories from the past that hopefully will educate and enrich our hobby and your knowledge of the Majestic Cochin Fowl both Large and Bantam.

I would like to start this session with my history and going forward I will presenting various articles from the 1800's through the present. If anyone has any questions or comments or if there is anything I can do to help anyone in the club please feel free to email me at michaelrsayre@gmail.com or I can be contacted through the clubs Facebook page. Please make sure when emailing me that you do not forget the r between my first and last names or the email goes to another Michael Sayre who it seems does

not share my enthusiasm for Exhibition Poultry. I will open another email account in the future to deal with questions if the need arises.

I have raised and shown Cochin's both Large and Bantam since 1974. I have remember seeing **Mark Peterson** Buff Cochin Cockerel that he won the 100th Anniversary Show of the American Poultry Association in 1973 at The Ohio National Show..... I was hooked at 13. I am a General Licensed APA and ABA Judge and enjoy judging very much. When I was in my late teens I had my first Grand Champion of Show on a Black Cochin Cock bird I had purchased the year before from the legendary cochin breeder **Mr. Bob Enslen** of Marion Indiana. If I wasn't totally hooked before I was then. I have had the great pleasure of knowing and learning from many master breeders, real cornerstones of the Modern cochin. I am indebted to them for not only the birds they shared but of the vast amount of knowledge they shared with me, to name a few, **Ed Miller, Alex Duffy, Marcus Davidson, George Priest, Gary Wilson, Robert Anderson, Mark Peterson, Joe Shabert, The Minnich's, Roland Doerr, Bob Enslen, Keith LeGrand, D. Ross Blanford, Paul Meisky, Merle Keaffaber, Ed Turpin, Tom Roebuck, A.L Love, Marty McGuire, Matt McCammon**, and others whom have slipped my mind at this moment and last but not least my lifelong friend and show partner **Matt Lhamon** who has always been there to lend support and advice even when I don't want to listen. Many of these folks are no longer with us and I truly treasure the time they took to teach me a thing or two Thank you all.

My last word of advice for new fanciers is to make friends, listen intently, speak little and appreciate those who have went before you. We all stand on the shoulders of those who built the breed into what we have today. Respect even if you do not agree Respect.

More on the Greatest breed there is next newsletter!  
Keep Smiling,  
Mike

## 2017-2018 BREEDERS DIRECTORY

By Gail Carlson

I hope everyone is enjoying (and using!) their Breeders Directory. They were mailed to all current members August 23rd, and new members have been receiving them in their welcome packets.

To our many advertising members – your generosity has helped defray the Directory printing costs, and we thank you so very much!

I am especially indebted to the many special contributors who have made the Best Tips & Advice section a success! Your generosity in sharing your expertise and years of experience is unequalled.

The Breeders Directory is only as good as our membership participation,

and we appreciate the time members have taken to submit their breeder information to make this Directory a success!

Below is the final recap of the Directory costs, as compared to prior years.



| Cochins International<br>Breeder Directory Costs | Color Center<br>2017 | Color Center<br>2015 | Color Center<br>2013 | Black/White<br>2011 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Fed Ex - Printing Directories                    | 1344.26              | 1036.42              | 1318.84              | 816.56              |
| Office Max - Envelopes/Labels                    | 43.57                | 46.00                | 42.00                | 49.87               |
| Postage - Domestic/Foreign*                      | 361.65               | 443.58               | 772.60               | 296.00              |
| Subtotal   | 1749.48              | 1526.00              | 2133.44              | 1162.43             |
| Less: Ad Revenue                                 | (1089.00)            | (860.00)             | (720.00)             | (445.00)            |
| NET TOTAL COST                                   | 660.48               | 666.00               | 1413.44              | 717.43              |
| *2011 - Does not include Foreign Postage         |                      |                      |                      |                     |
| Cost per Directory (500)                         | 1.321                | 1.332                | 2.827                | 1.435               |
| Cost per Page - 2017 / 72 pages*500              | 0.018                |                      |                      |                     |
| Cost per Page - 2015 / 68 pages*500              |                      | 0.020                |                      |                     |
| Cost per Page - 2013 / 96 pages*500              |                      |                      | 0.029                |                     |
| Cost per Page - 2011 / 60 pages*500              |                      |                      |                      | 0.024               |
| Cost per Member - 2017 / 193                     | 3.422                |                      |                      |                     |
| Cost per Member - 2015 / 244                     |                      | 2.730                |                      |                     |
| Cost per Member - 2013 / 228                     |                      |                      | 6.199                |                     |
| Cost per Member - 2011 / 286                     |                      |                      |                      | 2.508               |

## 2018 ELECTION CALENDAR

By Gail Carlson

All Officers and Directors of Cochins International are elected by the General Membership to serve two-year terms. The current term for all positions is January 1, 2017 thru December 31, 2018.

In accordance with the By-Laws, elections are to be held by mail-in vote on or before November 1st of even numbered years, and the officers will take office on January 1st of the following year. The President shall acquire nominations for Officers and Directors from the general membership for the following term and disseminate biographies/letters of intent to the general membership for vote. The following is the calendar we will follow in 2018 for the elections:

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| April 7         | Early Nominations and/or Candidates should submit Letters of Intent to President for publication in the May 1st Newsletter                 |
| April 10        | Deadline for any Letters of Support for Candidates to be submitted to Newsletter Editor.   |
| May 1           | Early Nominations and/or Letters of Intent from Candidates will be published in May 1st Newsletter   |
| August 7        | FINAL DEADLINE for Nominations and/or Candidates to submit Letters of Intent to President for publication in the September 1st Newsletter. |
| August 10       | Deadline for any Letters of Support for Candidates to be submitted to Newsletter Editor.   |
| September 1     | All Nominations and/or Letters of Intent from Candidates will be published in September 1st Newsletter                                     |
| October 1       | Ballots will be mailed to all current members  |
| October 31      | Ballots must be postmarked by October 31st and mailed back to Election Commissioner  |
| November        | Results will be announced when tallied and verified  |
| January 1, 2019 | New Officers and Directors assume responsibilities   |

All Nominations and/or Letters of Intent will be published in both the May 1st and September 1st Newsletters. You have the option to declare early, but the final deadline for declarations and submissions is August 7th. All Nomination and/or Letters of Intent are to be submitted directly to the President.

Anyone is welcome to write a letter of support for the candidate(s) of their choice for publication in the Newsletters. Submission dates are noted above, and should be sent directly to the Newsletter Editor.

An Election Commissioner will be appointed – if anyone wishes to volunteer, please contact the President. Anyone affiliated with any Officer, Director, Chairperson, or Candidate will NOT be considered for Election Commissioner.

# Treasurer's Reports by Jamie Matts

## COCHINS INTERNATIONAL

### Balance Sheet

As of November 30, 2017

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Cash on Hand - Checking                 | 2,023.26   |
| Cash on Hand - Paypal                   | 1,629.68   |
| Cash on Hand - Savings                  | 25.00      |
| Total Cash on Hand                      | 3,677.94   |
| Merchandise Inventory (at Retail)       | 4,936.00   |
| TOTAL ASSETS                            | 8,613.94   |
|   |            |
| Inventory Commitment - Membership Drive | 100.00     |
| Total Liabilities                       | 100.00     |
|   |            |
| Current Earnings                        | (1,031.46) |
| Retained Earnings                       | 9,545.40   |
| Total Equity                            | 8,513.94   |
|   |            |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY              | 8,613.94   |

## COCHINS INTERNATIONAL

### Income Statement

For the Four Months Ended November 30, 2017

|                                    |            |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Memberships                        | 675.00     |
| Merchandise                        | 498.00     |
| Shipping Fees                      | 15.00      |
| Raffles & Auctions                 | 209.00     |
| Other - Merchandise Drive          | 100.00     |
| Total Revenues                     | 1,497.00   |
|                                    |            |
| Breeders Directory                 | 1,749.48   |
| Postage & Shipping                 | 460.79     |
| Merchandise Inventory / Promotions | 85.00      |
| Ribbons                            | 41.45      |
| Advertising                        | 95.00      |
| Plaques                            | 96.00      |
| PayPal Fees                        | 0.74       |
| Total Expenses                     | 2,528.46   |
|                                    |            |
| NET REVENUE                        | (1,031.46) |

## COCHINS INTERNATIONAL MERCHANDISE INVENTORY

All Numbers at Retail

|                           |        | 9/13/17             |          | 9/13/17 - 11/30/17 |        |                 |       | 11/30/17         |          |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|-------|------------------|----------|
| ITEM                      | Retail | Beginning Inventory |          | Sales              |        | Other Non-Sales |       | Ending Inventory |          |
|                           |        | Count               | Value    | Count              | Value  | Count           | Value | Count            | Value    |
| Sweatshirt / Gold back    | 25.00  | 44                  | 1,100.00 | 3                  | 75.00  |                 |       | 41               | 1,025.00 |
| Sweatshirt / Gray back    | 25.00  | 20                  | 500.00   | 2                  | 50.00  |                 |       | 18               | 450.00   |
|                           |        |                     |          |                    |        |                 |       |                  |          |
| Hoodie / Gold back        | 35.00  | 42                  | 1,470.00 | 1                  | 35.00  |                 |       | 41               | 1,435.00 |
| Hoodie / Gray back        | 35.00  | 21                  | 735.00   | 1                  | 35.00  |                 |       | 20               | 700.00   |
|                           |        |                     |          |                    |        |                 |       |                  |          |
| T-Shirt / Gold back       | 20.00  | 37                  | 740.00   | 8                  | 160.00 | 1               | 20.00 | 28               | 560.00   |
|                           |        |                     |          |                    |        |                 |       |                  |          |
| Cap / Green               | 10.00  | 4                   | 40.00    |                    |        |                 |       | 4                | 40.00    |
| Cap / Blue                | 10.00  | 5                   | 50.00    | 1                  | 10.00  |                 |       | 4                | 40.00    |
| Cap / Pink                | 10.00  | 8                   | 80.00    |                    |        |                 |       | 8                | 80.00    |
|                           |        |                     |          |                    |        |                 |       |                  |          |
| Patches / Logo            | 5.00   | 108                 | 540.00   | 5                  | 25.00  | 13              | 65.00 | 90               | 450.00   |
| Decals / Cochins Rule     | 9.50   | 12                  | 114.00   | 4                  | 38.00  |                 |       | 8                | 76.00    |
| Cochin Bantams / ABA Book | 10.00  | 10                  | 100.00   | 2                  | 20.00  |                 |       | 8                | 80.00    |
| Aprons                    | 25.00  | 2                   | 50.00    | 2                  | 50.00  |                 |       | 0                | 0.00     |
|                           |        |                     |          |                    |        |                 |       |                  |          |
|                           |        | 5,519.00            |          | 498.00             |        | 85.00           |       | 4,936.00         |          |

# New & Renewal Members

By Linda Lucas, Membership Chair

## Canada

Rico Sebastianelli-Alberta  
Rebecca Mosher-Alberta

## North Central

Mike Boyle-Illinois  
Isaac\*, Nathalie\*, Nathaniel\*, Victoria\*  
& Donna Zwilling-Illinois  
Dale Dionne-Illinois  
Cullen Santino Le Roy\*-Indiana  
Owen Gessner\* - Indiana  
Lucas Haviland — Tobia — Michigan  
Cole Baumann\*-Michigan  
Eliot Hunter — Ohio  
Allie Tieben\* - Ohio  
Cooper\*, Gracee\*, Masson, Joe & Julie Sanders — Ohio  
Hanna Lichty — Ohio  
Ben Sayre\* - Ohio  
Wyatt Alton\* - Wisconsin  
Daniel\*, Delaine\*, Samantha, Theresa &  
Dan Schwandt — Wisconsin

## Northeast 1

Cathy Waldren — Maine  
Austin Hay — Maine  
Kaiden Hill — New York  
Carlee Luckenbach — New York  
Penny Reusch — New York

## Northeast 2

Brittany Flick-Maryland  
David Smith\*-Pennsylvania  
Andrew Sholtis — Pennsylvania

## Pacific

Chole Sherman\*-California  
Kirsten\*, Mykenzie\*, Josh & Tracie Franks-California  
Kallie\*, Kendra & Francis Gill-California  
Ken Feaster — Eytchison — Idaho  
Daytona Marie Tracy\*-Oregon  
Anita J Hunsperger — Bailey — Oregon  
Virginia Prosenick — Oregon  
Cora Shieder\* - Washington  
Kathryn Denkenwalter\* - Washington  
Michellene Bouvier — Washington

## Southeast

Tracy Jenner - Florida  
Courtney Crowson & Jonathan Stone - Florida  
Beau\*, Bristol\*, Channing\*, CJ\*, Chase\*, Sydney & Guy Roper  
Bruce Auger - Georgia  
Savanna\*, Kenna, Kenneth & Angela Bright-Georgia  
Ben Porter - Kentucky  
Ashley Malone - Mississippi  
Lisa Lillis - Mississippi  
Daytona Young — North Carolina  
Darrell Garland — North Carolina  
Kathy Barba & Ginny Moench — North Carolina  
Landon Proctor — North Carolina  
Balsam Mountain Cochins & Jimmy Sorrells — North Carolina  
Taryn\*, Andy & Gaylan Weavil — North Carolina  
Rhiannon Williamson — North Carolina  
Ty Atchley\* - Tennessee  
Bruce & Barbara Bell Double B Egg Co. - Tennessee

## Southwest

Renae & Willow Bloomer - Colorado  
Jim & Patti Zimmerman - Kansas  
Jacob\*, Amanda & Randall Talarchyk - Louisiana  
Damien\* & Mary Webb - Missouri  
CJ\*, Mason\* & Clinton Oakley - Oklahoma  
Brighton\*, Emmeline\*, Marcy & Andrew Oberbreckling - OK  
Dustin & Ric Hunter - Texas  
Timm Zitz - Texas  
Chase & Patrick Austin - Texas  
Myranda\*, Kian\*, Bryeleigh\*, Tracy & Ian Reed - Texas  
Howard Davenport - Texas

## West Central

Britt/Fuller Poultry - Iowa  
Philip\*, Lynden\* & Sheridan\* MacGillivray & Kathryn Cox - IA  
Alex Dornseif\* - Minnesota  
Justin Biren - Minnesota  
Catrina\*, Dawson\*, Richard & Margaret Andree - Minnesota

## International

Ardjan Warnshuia - Germany

Membership

*Welcome!*

# 2017 MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

## *There is still time!!*

At the time of this newsletter's printing, the Membership Challenge is close, but to allow for the December 31 deadline, the winner won't be announced until the next issue of the newsletter.

To remind everyone, the member who has the most new member referrals wins \$100 worth of CI merchandise!

The first Challenge is sponsored by Country Road Bantams. To sponsor the next quarter's Challenge, contact Lucas at

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## *2017 Legacy Awards*

By Gail Carlson

The Annual Legacy Awards are made in honor of our Master Breeders who have passed or retired from showing. The award is given at their home District Meet and in their specialty Variety. Certificates were awarded in 2017 to the following recipients:

**Bill Ziehm** Legacy Award – for the Best Bantam Black at the Northeast 1 District Meet, to **Lisa Podgwaite** at the Central Maine Bird Fanciers Show on October 1, 2017.

**Otes Ray, Sr.** Legacy Award – for the Best Bantam Black at the Southeast District Meet, to **P & G Silkies/Judy Gantt** at the HFA Sweetwater-Low Country Classic on November 4, 2017.

**Maxie Chastain** Legacy Award – for the Best Bantam White at the Southeast District Meet, to **P & G Silkies/Judy Gantt** at the HFA Sweetwater-Low Country Classic on November 4, 2017.

**Jimmie Currens** Legacy Award – for the Best Bantam White at the North Central District Meet, to **P & G Silkies/Judy Gantt** at the Ohio National on November 11, 2017.

***Congratulations to the 2017 awardees!***

# Cochins International Membership Application

## Join Cochins International by mail:

1. Print this form
2. Complete (type or print) all the required information
3. Make your check payable to Cochins International
4. Mail form & check to  
Linda Lucas, CI Membership Chairperson  
11625 Moyer Road · Webberville, MI 48892
5. Canadian & International members - send a money order or cashier's check in U.S. dollars

## Join Cochins International online:

*PayPal account Required*

1. Input the fields on this online form & save to your computer
2. Send as an attachment to [LSLACL421@gmail.com](mailto:LSLACL421@gmail.com)
3. Open the PayPal site at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)
4. Use "Send Money To Friends or Family In the US"
5. Pay to [cochinsint@gmail.com](mailto:cochinsint@gmail.com)
6. Type your name as it appears on your CI form & send



## Membership Dues (Check only one):

All Dues Expire December 31<sup>st</sup> of Each Year

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL<br>\$15.00/year | <input type="checkbox"/> JOINT or FAMILY<br>\$15.00/year | <input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR<br>\$7.50/year |
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## Cochin Community Unite

By Angela Mills

The Cochin family joined together this past August to bring aid to those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Texas breeders from Refugio to Orange and in between experienced various levels of devastation, but received clothing, shelter, food, water, cleaning supplies, financial and other types of aid from other Cochin breeders.

Still in varying stages of recovery, breeders are rebuilding their homes and lives as well as continue their love of growing and showing their beloved Cochins. All of those who received help during this horrible time appreciate everyone who gave. This is a great example of a strong Cochin Community.

### *Remembering Master Breeder Sheryl Butler, 1957-2017*

The Cochin family said goodbye to one of its own this year. Master Breeder Sheryl Butler passed away on November 1 after her battle with cancer.

Sheryl's Cochins won many notable awards including Best of Show at the APA Semi-Nationals and at the Pacific District Meet in 2013. That same year, she won Best AOV at the Cross Road Show and Best Featherleg in Montana.

Sheryl earned the ranking of APA APA Grand Master and ABA Master Breeder in black Cochins. She was also named the 2016 Exhibitor of the Year for Black Frizzle Bantams by Cochins International. Sheryl, you are greatly missed.



**Breeder Spotlight**

Judy Gnat, is the first breeder in The Newsletter Spotlight. Judy is from North Carolina and joined CI in 2000. Her parents raised chickens for eggs and meat, but she had a pet chicken named Sydney. Her first memories include Sydney flying-up on her while she is on her horse and the horse backing-up to escape it. Judy would open the door for Sydney to lay her first clutch of eggs. She acknowledges that Keith Procter got her involved in chickens as there was no FFA around at that time. Judy had always admired the different breeds of show chickens he had.

Her passion comes from within and believes that her dedication and hard work are the keys to her success. She learned most of skills from watching and listening. She notes that Marty McGuire was always willing to share and she looked-up to Jimmy and Otes Ray. Judy salutes all the judges that judged in the south that are no longer with us such as Don Juenk, W.D. Jones, Donny Jones and Ralph Sheriff.

Currently Judy raises splash, black, white, blue, mottled, blue mottled Cochins as well as frizzles in blue, black and mottled. Even though all have been successful, her white Cochins have been the most successful of all. Judy stays busy raising 300 birds a year including Silkies and attends at least 10 shows a season. Her first win was at Newport with a White and was Show Champion. Show Champion is the highest honor she has won, and her favorite win was in 2007 at Delaware ABA Nationals where she won Champion Bantam.

Judy holds Master Breeder in black, white and mottled Cochins. She advises beginning breeders to get the best birds you can afford in a solid color.

# JUNIOR NEWS



## **CONGRATULATIONS to Jodi Frye**

*of Baxter, TN* for being the third junior member of  
Cochins International to complete the

## **Junior Master Exhibitor Program!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Tom Roebuck, Linda Tobia, and Matt Lhamon presented Jodi with a monogrammed fleece jacket and certificate of completion on November 11, 2017 at Ohio National in Columbus, Ohio. Jodi would like to send a special "Thank You" to Tom Roebuck, Becky Salinger, DVM, and Judy Gantt, for all of their advice, assistance, and encouragement over the past several years. I hope everyone has a blessed holiday season!

Teri Frye, Junior Program Director



## **Jr. Winners ABA/Dixie Classic**

**Emily Murphy**



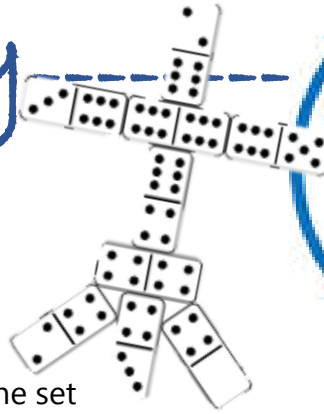
**Rihana Smith**



**Tessa Young**



# Fowl Play



Chickens are stepping-out and doubling-down players as part of this classic domino game. Chicken Foot is played in rounds, one round for each double domino in the set

and is normally played by 2 to 8 players using any of the common sets (double-six, double-nine, double -twelve, double-fifteen or double-eighteen). Any time a player plays a matching double on an endpoint, the player Calls "Chickie (Number)" to indicate they have started a new "chicken foot." The end result will look like a chicken foot with the double having one domino laid perpendicular to one side, and three more dominoes on the

Opposite side, the middle being perpendicular and the other two at 45 degrees to perpendicular. Any player who does not have a domino matching the played double must draw a domino from the bone pile and then play it if it matches or pass. Once three matching dominoes are played to finish the chicken foot, the next player may play a domino on any matching endpoint, including any of the three branches of the new

## Chicken Cocina--

### Chipped Chicken Lollipops

Recipe by Drumwright

Great for parties! Serve with an assortment of dipping sauces.

#### Ingredients:

4 boneless, skinless chicken halves cut into ½" cubes

1 egg

2 tablespoons milk

2 cups crushed potato chips

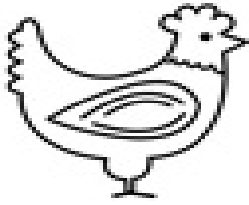
Lollipop sticks from a craft or party store

#### Directions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease a baking sheet

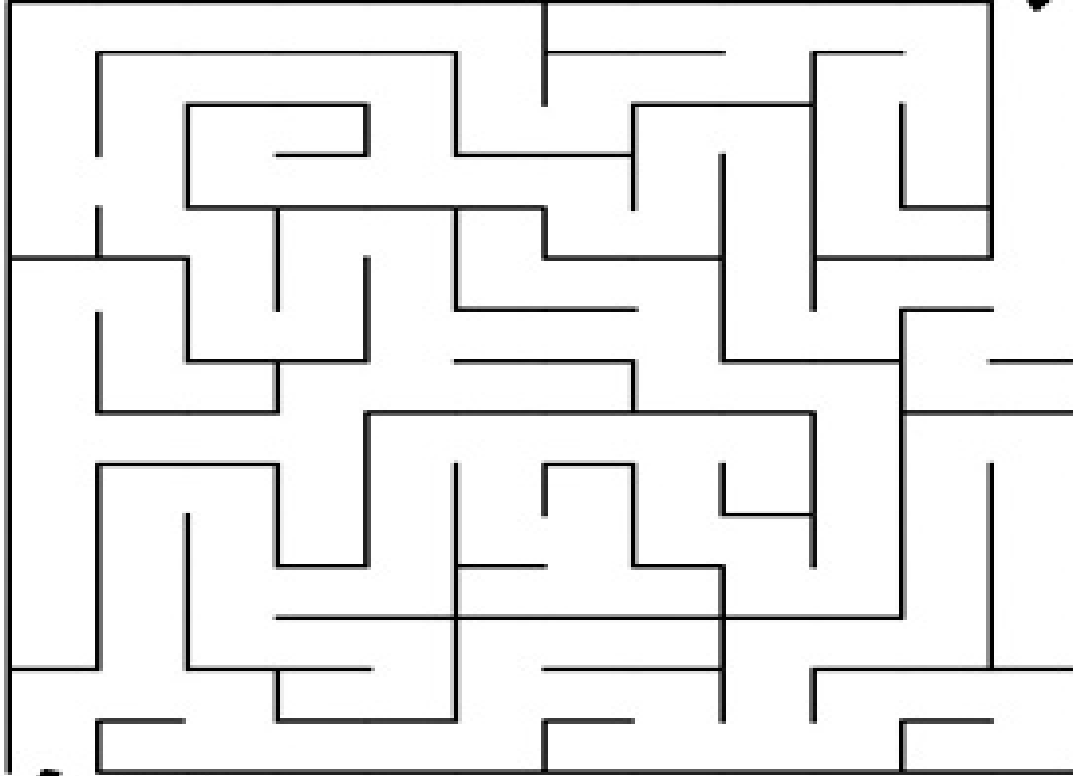
Put crushed potato ships on a plate. In a large bowl, whisk together egg & milk. Dip the chicken cubes into the egg mixture, then coat well with potato chips. Spread the nuggets onto the baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. Turn nuggets over and bake for 10 minutes more, until golden brown. Remove baking sheet from oven and insert a lollipop stick into each nugget.





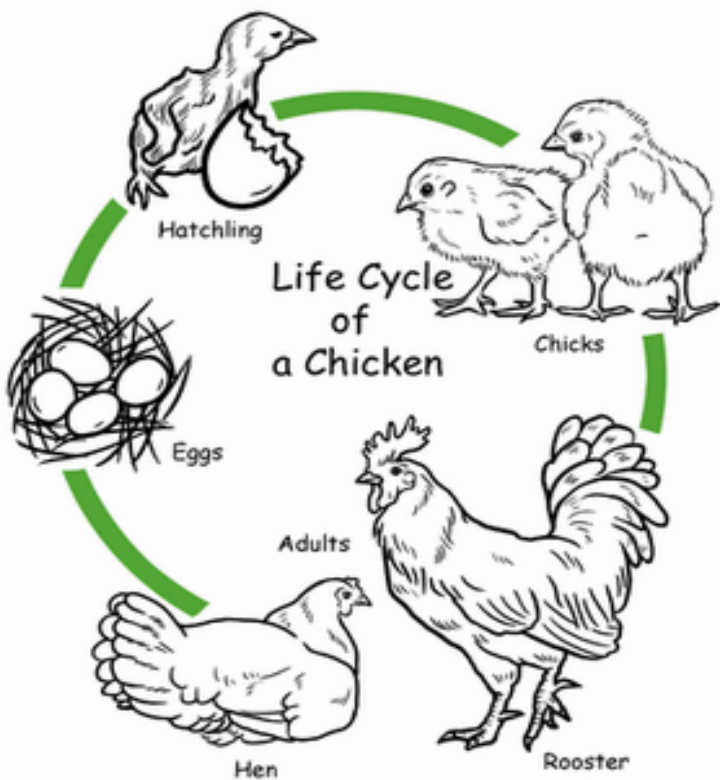
Help little Betty  
find her way home

start



finish

At the Coop



# COCHIN BREEDING

Adaptation for Poultry/Cochins by Gail Carlson  
(from promotional material received for a Breeder  
Symposium)

"It is no use breeding a beautiful Cochin if it is not healthy and it is no use breeding a healthy Cochin if it is not beautiful and correct." This bit of wisdom is a reminder that producing purebred birds that are both correct and healthy, requires a combination of science and art. Working with this difficult combination requires knowledge and skill in both areas. Few of us are born with an abundance of both of these qualities and acquiring them takes time and a passion to learn.

It is important that we encourage and promote the breeding of purebred Cochins, to do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection. This includes not only evaluating their lineage, but also understanding the importance of their genotype vs. phenotype.

Good health in birds is not just the absence of specific diseases. Armed with the knowledge that good health as well as bad health is controlled by genes, breeders can learn how best to produce Cochins that have vigor and good health. The principal that "we will lose what we don't select for" when breeding applies to all aspects of the pursuit.

Hand in hand with science, specific skills are needed to produce beautiful and correct birds. The best way to learn these skills is by talking to and learning from experienced breeders and asking questions.

There is always something to be learned from the experiences of others, however long we've been involved in breeding. Long conversations on these very subjects are taking place in peoples' homes, in barns and brooder rooms, and in hotel rooms during a show weekend. I'm hoping we can encourage that sort of learning environment in which we got ideas, learned from others and made friends.

# STATE REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM

By Gail Carlson

In order to allow for more localized involvement and input from our members, the Board of Directors is proud to announce we are initiating a State Representative Program. We are looking for volunteers to apply for these appointed positions. State Reps will serve directly under the leadership of their respective District Director, and assist locally within their respective states with Directors' functions as defined in the ByLaws, i.e. promoting the Club and memberships, being a conduit of information and concerns, helping place meets and soliciting awards, securing show reports, and being available to assist members as needed.

As these are appointed (not elected) positions, State Reps will not serve on the Board of Directors, will not attend Board meetings, and will not have any Board voting rights.

If you are interested in representing your state, we hope to hear from you! Please send your letter of expressed interest to your District Director. Please include how long you have been raising/breeding Cochins, your exhibition experience, as well as any experience you have with meet placement, soliciting awards, and show reporting. Being available by both phone and email is a definite plus!

Final recommendations/appointments will ultimately be the decision of the respective District Directors, but all appointments will be reviewed by the BOD Executive Committee for final approval.

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