# COCHINS INTERNATIONAL



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RESERVE FEATHERLEG (Blue Card Show) Florida Sunshine Classic Lake City, FL January, 2019 Bantam Black Cock by Judy Gantt





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RESERVE FEATHERLEG Peachstate Poultry Association Perry, GA January, 2019 Bantam Black Hen by Justin Harper





RESERVE ASIATIC Northeastern Poultry Congress West Springfield, MA January, 2019 Large Fowl Black Pullet by **Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.** 

CHAMPION FEATHERLEG CHAMPION COCHIN Fort Worth Stock Show & SW Exposition Fort Worth, TX January, 2019 Bantam White Pullet by **Timm Zitz** 





RESERVE ASIATIC RESERVE CHAMPION COCHIN Fort Worth Stock Show & SW Exposition Fort Worth, TX January, 2019 Large Fowl Black Pullet by **Timm Zitz** 





CHAMPION FEATHERLEG OVERALL CHAMPION COCHIN Pearl River Classic Columbia, MS January, 2019 Bantam White Pullet by Tessa Young

CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Canadian Valley Poultry Club Norman, OK February, 2019 Bantam Black Cockerel by Christie Ross





CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Heart of Dixie Poultry Club Fort Payne, AL February, 2019 Bantam Black Hen by Savanna Bright

RESERVE CHAMPION OF SHOW CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Chattahoochee Valley Poultry Assn. Newnan, GA February, 2019 Bantam Black Cock by Rhonda Smith





RESERVE ASIATIC Chattahoochee Valley Poultry Assn. Newnan, GA February, 2019 Large Fowl Black Hen by Jodi Frye





SHOW CHAMPION Cape Fear Poultry Association Smithfield, NC February, 2019 Bantam Black Cock by Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.

RESERVE ASIATIC Cape Fear Poultry Association Smithfield, NC February, 2019 Large Fowl Black Pullet by **Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.** 





CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Unifour All Breeds Show Salisbury, NC March, 2019 Bantam Mottled Pullet by Darrell Garland





RESERVE FEATHERLEG Unifour All Breeds Show Salisbury, NC March, 2019 Bantam Black Hen by Darrell Garland

RESERVE CHAMPION OF SHOW CHAMPION BANTAM CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Orange Blossom Special Bell, FL March, 2019 Bantam Black Hen by Rhonda Smith





SHOW CHAMPION CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Friendship Poultry Club Show Morganton, NC March, 2019 Bantam White Hen by **Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.** 

RESERVE LARGE FOWL Washington Feather Fanciers Show Monroe, WA March, 2019 Large Fowl Black Cock by Heidi Hylkema





# Celebrating Exhibition Excellence!



Washington Feather Fanciers Show Monroe, WA - March, 2019

SHOW GRAND CHAMPION SHOW RESV. CHAMPION Large Fowl Black Hen by Heidi Hylkema

Bantam Black Hen by Joe Mazur

RESERVE FEATHERLEG (1<sup>st</sup> Show) CHAMPION FEATHERLEG (2<sup>nd</sup> Show) Northwest Georgia Bantam Club Calhoun, GA March, 2019 Bantam Black Hen by Sam Bright





RESERVE FEATHERLEG (2<sup>nd</sup> Show) Northwest Georgia Bantam Club Calhoun, GA March, 2019 Bantam Black Frizzle Hen by Jodi Frye





RESERVE SHOW CHAMPION CHAMPION LARGE FOWL CHAMPION ASIATIC Southeast Ohio Poultry Breeders Assn. Marietta, OH March, 2019 Large Fowl Black Cockerel by Jeannie Jarvis

BEST IN SHOW CHAMPION CHAMPION BANTAM CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Southeast Ohio Poultry Breeders Assn. Marietta, OH March, 2019 Bantam Mottled Pullet by Matt McCammon





RESERVE LANDFOWL (3<sup>rd</sup> Best in Show) CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Caddo River Classic Glenwood, AR March, 2019 Bantam Black Pullet by Will Bryles

RESERVE BEST IN SHOW CHAMPION FEATHERLEG White River Poultry Club Spencer, IN April, 2019 Bantam Black Hen by Matt McCammon





RESERVE ASIATIC White River Poultry Club Spencer, IN April, 2019 Large Fowl Buff Cockerel by Jonathan Patterson





SHOW CHAMPION Oregon Spring Invitational McMinnville, OR April, 2019 Bantam Black Pullet by Joe Mazur

RESERVE ASIATIC CHAMPION Colorado Poultry Association Longmont, CO April, 2019 Large Fowl Black Hen by Willow Bloomer





CHAMPION ASIATIC (Both Shows) Missouri State Poultry Assn. Sedalia, MO April, 2019 Large Fowl Black Hen by Steve Dixon





CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Missouri State Poultry Assn. Sedalia, MO April, 2019 Bantam Black Hen by Ken & Bernita Miller



### ANNUAL LEGACY AWARDS

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

#### 2019 Otes Ray, Sr. Legacy Award

Awarded to **Jonathan & Thomas Peters** for the Best Bantam Black at the Southeast District Meet held at The Pearl River Classic, January, 2019.

#### 2019 Maxie Chastain Legacy Award

Awarded to **Tessa Young** for the Best Bantam White at the Southeast District Meet held at The Pearl River Classic, January, 2019.

# Master Breeder Program

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# Master Breeder Milestones

The updated **Master Breeder Points** are now on the CI website. The FINAL MB Points Report for 2018 is posted. In addition, the 2019 MB Points Report is also posted, reflecting all shows that have reported to us as of April 6, 2019.

The respective lists of shows reporting are also on the website. If you see a show missing, please contact your District Director or State Rep immediately.

The **MASTER BREEDER TITLE & PLAQUE** is awarded when a member earns 500 points in one Variety in not less than 5 years.

Will your name be here in 2019? Many members are so close!!

The **<u>SILVER CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT</u>** is awarded when a member earns 250 points in one Variety:

SCOTT C. ADAMS • Bantam Blacks • May, 2018

The **<u>BRONZE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT</u>** is awarded when a member earns 100 points in one Variety:

CHRISTIE ROSS • Bantam Whites • November, 2018

JIM & PATTI ZIMMERMAN • Large Fowl Blacks • November, 2018

RHONDA & RIHANA SMITH • Bantam Whites • December, 2018

CIERA WALTERS • Large Fowl Blacks • December, 2018

PILOT MOUNTAIN POULTRY • Bantam Lemon Blues • January, 2019

TESSA YOUNG • Bantam Whites • January, 2019

JODI FRYE • Large Fowl Blacks • January, 2019

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

# Celebrating Exhibition Excellence! 2018 Annual Exhibitor Awards

The Cochins International Annual Exhibitor Awards were established to recognize and reward, on an annual basis, those members who have earned the most Master Breeder points in their respective (recognized) Variety for the calendar year. Master Breeder points are earned based on the number of Cochins exhibited at shows which host Cochins International meets. Winners are awarded with Certificates documenting their achievements.

Please join us in Congratulating the 2018 Exhibitors of the Year:

#### **BANTAMS:**

DANI	ANIS:
Barred:	E.A.C. Exhibition Poultry (tie)
	Annamay Carlson (tie)
Birchen:	Sarah Batz
Black:	
Black Frizzle:	Tessa Young
Blue:	Ashley Malone
Blue Frizzle:	Tessa Young
Brown Red:	Bill Mackowski
Buff:	Donna Lamb
Buff Columbian:	Tony & Angela Mills
Columbian:	Craig Hansen
Lemon Blue:	Pilot Mountain Poultry
Mottled:	Matt McCammon
Mottled Frizzle:	Kim Breakfield
Partridge:	Dan Schwandt
Red:	Joan Fullerton
Self Blue:	Tom & Sandra Roebuck, Jr.
Silver Laced:	Craig Hansen
Silver Penciled:	Craig Hansen
Splash:	Bill Mackowski
White:	Judy Gantt
White Frizzle:	Tessa Young
Overall Bantam:	Judy Gantt
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#### LARGE FOWL:

Barred:	Linda Tobia
Black:	Jim & Patti Zimmerman
Black Frizzle:	Treffert Exhibition Cochins
Blue:	Jodi Frye
Buff:	Danny & Teresa Banks
Partridge:	M & M Exhibition Poultry
White:	Danny & Teresa Banks
Overall Large Fowl:	M & M Exhibition Poultry

### MEMBERSHIPS

Gail Carlson, Interim Membership Chair

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Welcome to our newest Members!

Were happy you have joined our Cochin Family!

<u>Arkansas</u> Addison Bryles Roy Micheal Tarvin Canada - Manitoba Kylie Wasiuta Canada - Ontario Diane Gross-Chenard Florida Ryan Daymude Adam Smith & Lolly Sumner Jake Jansen Family Kelly Nienburg Jackie Minton (Welcome Back!) Alicia Newcomb Robert & Serena Winney Georgia Amanda East Erin Woodcock David & Gwen Driggers Miriam Pendleton Indiana Deuser Family Poultry Chris Wright Le Roy Farms Iowa Todd & Kade Pekarek Kansas Landon Schmucker Louisiana Dennis Wollard (Welcome Back!) Jonathan & Thomas Peters Preston Aguillard

Michigan Amber Bilinsky Joanna Griffin Mississippi Ashley Logan Maycie Logan Missouri Morris Payne Michael Ouart Cheryl A. Jenkins Steve & Rob Dixon (Welcome Back!) Nebraska Gerald & Barb Church (Welcome Back!) Nevada Michelle & Kyliegh Butler & Gail Strohl Ohio Cooper Sanders Gracee Sanders Terry Staugler Oregon Summer & Leo Price Don Bishof Pennsylvania Tony Nefstead South Carolina Imogene Frazier South Dakota Stephanie & Clifford Wollman Texas Boisseranc Family Kathryn Roberts Wisconsin Laylah Ward

C	ochins Internationa	al Membership Tot	als
Туре	4/22/18	4/21/19	Change
Single	129	157	+ 21.7%
Family	72	84	+ 16.7%
Junior	12	18	+ 50.0%
	213	259	+ 21.6%

## WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU!

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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.

# President's Report

#### Gail Carlson, President

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Spring has finally arrived! Bulbs are blooming, redbud trees are bursting with color, and the scent of lilacs and freshly mowed lawns fills the air. But for many, Spring only meant devastating floods and livestock lost. Our hearts are with you, and for those that have suffered loss, we pray for your recovery.

Congratulations to our 2018 Annual Exhibitor Award recipients!! 31 certificates were mailed April 8<sup>th</sup> to 23 different members. In addition to the individual Variety awards, Overall point leaders were **Judy Gantt** (Bantams – 520 points total) and **M & M Exhibition Poultry** (Large Fowl – 109 points total).

The <u>2019-2020 Breeders Directory</u> will be published late this summer. Breeder forms were mailed to everyone April 10th. Breeder listings are **FREE**, but you MUST complete and return your listing to be included. This is the best way to get your information to other members about who you are, where you are, and what Varieties you raise. Information regarding purchasing advertising space was also included in the packets that were mailed to you. We hope you will consider purchasing an ad, which helps defray our printing cost. All ads purchased will also run on the Cochins International website for the next two years. Please remember to return your Breeder forms by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

I hope you have your calendars marked for our <u>2019 National Meets</u>. The Eastern National (Northeast 1 District) is being hosted by the Twin Tier Poultry Club in Bath, NY, on September 7-8. The Western National (Canada District) is being hosted by the Ontario Poultry Breeders in Grassie, Ontario, on October 19-20. The Board of Directors voted on the (Open) Cochin Judge for each National Meet from the lists of judges submitted to us by respective the host Clubs. **Jamie Matts** was selected to judge both the Eastern and Western Nationals this year!

We are currently taking bids from host Clubs for our <u>2020 National Meets</u>. The Eastern National will be held in the North Central District, and the Western National will be held in the Southwest District. If your Club would like to host one of our Nationals in 2020, the National Bid Sheets can be found on our website. The deadline for bid submissions is July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding discussions we have had recently regarding our National Meets, as you are aware, we are currently bound by our Constitution as to how many Nationals are held annually, and how they are rotated among Districts. The majority of responses we received from members were to retain the current status. As all changes to the Constitution must be approved by a vote of the General Membership, the BOD will review this issue, among other Constitutional items, on a bi-annual basis in the future to coincide with our bi-annual elections of Officers and Directors.

Only one show on my calendar this spring, and that was the MSPA show in Sedalia, MO. It was great to see old friends and catch-up. But it's invaluable when you can finally put a real face to a name you've only communicated with thru social media, and make new true, real friends!

I am truly grateful for this Club, it's members, and how you all have enriched my life. I hope this fancy brings you much joy, and that you can find a small way to pay it forward.

Happy Hatching! Gail

### 2019 – 2020 Breeders Directory

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# Vice President's Report

Jason Young, Vice President

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Hello everyone,

Here we are in the middle of April practically. I hope you all are hatching a bunch of chicks and growing out those future champions. For us, it's been an ok season so far. We have had good hatch rates and are pleased with what we have so far. We definitely aren't hatching as many as normal, due to some personal reasons, but I think we will still have plenty.

As for the club, I have spent a lot of time getting to know several people I had only passed in the show isles in the past. Everyone in this club is so easy to talk with and have wonderful ideas. Please keep them coming in as the only way to make the club better, is with your input. Reach out to me anytime with ideas and concerns and I will get your voice heard. I am also here anytime to help with questions or to just talk chicken with anyone.

Thanks to everyone that renewed their membership this year. Without you, there would be no club. Just a reminder, this year, the breeder directory comes out. Contact your district representatives if you want to get something in there. I'm looking forward to this year's for sure.

Until next time, Jason

# TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Jamie Matts, Treasurer

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Hi all! I hope everyone had a great spring and hatch!! It is by far my favorite time of year. Not only for hatching but I love watching the yard come alive with flowers. I have been busy with the birds hatching as many large fowl mottleds as I can. I made some really good improvements last year. With the mottled variety I have found the two and three-year old birds are the ones to watch blossom. The treasury is in good shape and thanks to Gail you all get a very detailed report. On another note it is truly an honor to be selected to judge both the Eastern and Western Cochin Nationals this fall. I am looking forward to handling the best birds in the country for 2019. Until next time have a great summer and enjoy every Cochin memory! Jamie

# ★ ACCOUNTING BASICS ★

COCHINS INTERNATIONAL - ACCOUNTING OF CASH ON HAND							
	12 Mo. Ended 12/31/17	12 Mo. Ended 12/31/18	3 Mo. Ended 3/31/18	3 Mo. Ended 3/31/19			
Revenues:							
Membership Dues	2,200.67	3,548.54	1,373.50	2,147.50			
Membership Dues & Merchandise	1,152.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Merchandise	872.00	2,512.00	727.00	85.00			
Less: Merchandise Sale Discounts	0.00	(95.90)	(27.90)	0.00			
Merchandise Shipping Fees	17.00	132.76	24.00	5.00			
Breeders Directory Ads (Bi-Annual)	1,089.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Raffles & Auctions	317.00	759.00	103.00	0.00			
Other - Merchandise Drive	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Other - Non-Inventory Merchandise Sales	36.00	109.50	66.00	29.00			
Total Revenues	5,783.67	6,965.90	2,265.60	2,266.50			
Expenses:							
Advertising	125.00	95.00	0.00	0.00			
Breeders Directory (Bi-Annual)	1,749,48	0.00	0.00	0.00			
COGS - ABA Cochin Bantams Book	88.55	0.00	0.00	0.00			
COGS - AmeriTee T-Shirts	0.00	1,654.00	0.00	0.00			
Dues - YEPA	25.00	35.00	35.00	0.00			
Junior Program Awards	190.80	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Member Memorial Donations	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Newsletter	638.61	150.31	14.82	96.41			
Office Supplies	0.00	341.38	0.00	171.31			
PayPal/Bank Fees	9.02	45.27	8.91	7.09			
Plaques	96.00	142.25	32.00	0.00			
Postage & Shipping	453.54	983,99	212.40	451.90			
Rosette Ribbons	1,128.60	464.25	0.00	0.00			
Self Blue Qualifying Meet	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00			
Show Promotions / Awards	0.00	1,163.61	0.00	75.00			
Website	19.95	214.35	0.00	0.00			
Total Expenses	4,574.55	5,339.41	353.13	801.71			
NET CASH PROFIT (LOSS)	1,209.12	1,626.49	1,912.47	1,464.79			
Beginning Cash Balance on Hand	3,014.98	4,224.10	4,224.10	5,850.59			
Net Cash Profit (Loss)	1,209.12	1,626.49	1,912.47	1,464.79			
ENDING CASH BALANCE ON HAND	4,224.10	5,850.59	6,136.57	7,315.38			

		COCHINS IN	COCHINS INTERNATIONAL - ACCOUNTING OF INVENTORY ON HAND (at Retail Values)	NL - ACCOU	INTING OF IN	VENTORY (	DN HAND (at	Retail Value	(se		
	Retail	12/31/17	12/31/17 Inventory	2018 YTD	2018 YTD Purchases	2018 Adj	2018 Adj. / Promos	2018 Y	2018 YTD Sales	12/31/18	12/31/18 Inventory
Item	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value
T-Shirts - Green	20.00	37	740.00					19	380.00	18	360.00
T-Shirts - Blue	20.00	0	0.00	75	1,500.00			23	460.00	52	1,040.00
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve	25.00	0	0.00	72	1,800.00	7	(25.00)	27	675.00	44	1,100.00
Sweatshirts	25.00	59	1,475.00			-50	(1,250.00)	თ	225.00	0	0.00
Sweatshirts	30.00	0	0.00			49	1,470.00	2	60.00	47	1,410.00
Hoodies	35.00	61	2,135.00					15	525.00	46	1,610.00
Caps	10.00	16	160.00					4	40.00	12	120.00
Patches	5.00	94	470.00					80	40.00	86	430.00
Decals	9.50	ი	85.50					9	57.00	ი	28.50
ABA Cochin Book	10.00	80	80.00			1		ן 2	50.00	с С	30.00
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Item	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value
T-Shirts - Green	20.00	18	360.00							18	360.00
T-Shirts - Blue	20.00	52	1,040.00							52	1,040.00
T-Shirts - Long Sleeve	25.00	44	1,100.00					2	50.00	42	1,050.00
Sweatshirts	30.00	47	1,410.00					~	30.00	46	1,380.00
Hoodies	35.00	46	1,610.00			7	(35.00)			45	1,575.00
Caps	10.00	12	120.00							12	120.00
Patches	5.00	86	430.00					~	5.00	85	425.00
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### SECRETARY'S REPORT Emily Murphy, Secretary

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No Report Received.

### IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT **Tom Roebuck, Jr.**, Immediate Past President 540-661-9530 goldenfeatherfarm@gmail.com

#### SUMMER PREP - LARGE COCHINS AND HOT WEATHER by Tom Roebuck; May, 2013

Summer is just around the corner and Large Cochins can drink a lot of water, which in turn is passed through the body and out the other end, quite frequently with a lot more moisture added to the droppings. With all of the fluff the big Cochins have they sometimes get pretty messy around and under their vents. In the course of a single day flies can lay eggs in this area and overnight you have an infestation of maggots. I've learned this the hard way, and I pride myself on attention to detail, but there is nothing worse than finding one of your birds like this. As a preventative measure, I clip below the vents of all my Large Cochins for the summer. Keeps them cleaner and it's a good preventative measure. Maybe not an issue if you're in a less humid climate, but I thought I'd pass it along.

#### SUMMER HEAT AND COCHIN CARE by Matt McCammon, originally published in the July, 2011 Poultry Press

Some practical advice on keeping Cochins healthy in hot weather. Cochins are not a hot weather bird as one could notice by looking at them. I find that Cochins can deal with hot conditions better if the following suggestions are followed.

First, females seem to be stressed by heat worse than males. I make sure my females can get on the ground. I have very sandy soil, and the females will dig down in the sand and lay there to get cooled off. Most of the time they won't leave the barn, but if they do there are several places they can go for shade and protection in the chicken yard.

Clean cold water is a must and often will need to refreshed several times per day if possible. Although Cochins aren't very reproductively aggressive, it is best not to have a male running after the females all the time. It makes for stress that is compounded in the heat.

I do back off of the feed a little. My feed is heavily corn, so I back off that a little and supplement with greens and garden produce. They love tomatoes, and I plant them just for the chickens. My wife and I can't eat nearly what the chickens eat in a week! Cucumbers and other succulent treats also add lighter foods to the diet that will aid in the cooling process.

Keep a good breeze blowing through your buildings. Use fans if necessary. This will help deter insects, especially flies. Cochins may build up quite a collection of manure on the feathers near the vent. That is a disaster waiting to happen. Flies are drawn there and maggots may even develop. I have had this happen in the period of just a day. If you keep an eye out for it, you can usually wash them away and everything is fine. Watch for females that droop their tail and stand awkwardly. They may be infested.

Males are housed individually in pens. That way they aren't using up energy showing off or picking fights. They don't have access to the sand, but they seem to do alright. They still get the same treats I give the females and have access to cool water and a nice breeze if one is blowing.

Don't overcrowd developing chicks. Keep a light bulb on at night. Not a bigger bulb for heat, but one that will keep them from piling up. Low voltage rope lights work great. Cochins are bad about piling. If they pile in the dark on a warm night, several promising youngsters will be suffocated quickly. It's always the promising ones too, right? I burn a small bulb in my growing buildings throughout the summer. Better to be safe than sorry.

#### **Cochin Numbers in the Showhalls**

If you are a numbers nerd like I am, you may be interested to see where the <u>Master Breeder Points</u> have been awarded over the past three years. A few takeaways from these numbers: 1) The overall number of Cochins being exhibited continues to increase every year; 2) Varieties other than Black and White continue to see their numbers increase; 3) While overall numbers have increased, this increase is reflected only in the Bantam numbers – Large Fowl numbers have declined.

We have made serious efforts in the past few years to promote our rare varieties. We see these efforts now paying off in the showhalls.

Raising Large Fowl takes a very special commitment from our breeders – and we applaud those that are striving to preserve and advance their numbers. I hope going forward that we can all do more to help promote our Large Fowl.

~Gail Carlson, President

Master Breeder Points	201	6	201	7	201	3
Bantam Blacks	1,113	46%	1,381	48%	1,497	41%
Bantam Whites	605	25%	613	21%	912	25%
All Other Varieties	681	28%	858	30%	1,235	34%
Total Bantam Points	2,399	100%	2,852	100%	3,644	100%
Large Fowl Blacks	535	66%	345	62%	353	61%
Large Fowl Whites	46	6%	53	10%	43	7%
All Other Varieties	232	29%	156	28%	179	31%
Total Large Fowl Points	813	100%	554	100%	575	100%
Total MB Points Awarded	3,212		3,406		4,219	
Total Bantams	2,399	75%	2,852	84%	3,644	86%
Total Large Fowl	813	25%	554	16%	575	14%
Total MB Points Awarded	3,212	100%	3,406	100%	4,219	100%

# 2019 CI DISTRICT & NATIONAL MEETS

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

- Jan. 26 The Pearl River Classic April 20 Missouri State Poultry Ass
- April 20 Missouri State Poultry Assn. Sept. 7-8 Twin Tier Poultry Club
- Oct. 5-6 Columbia River Poultry Exhibitors Stevenson, WA
- Oct. 19-20 Ontario Poultry Breeders
- Oct. 26 Sussex County Poultry Fanciers
- Oct. 26-27 Minnesota State Poultry Assn.
- Nov. 2-3 Boston Poultry Exposition
- Nov. 2-3 Canadian Heritage Breeds
- Nov. 16 Appalachian Classic

Columbia. MS Southeast Sedalia, MO Southwest Bath, NY East National Pacific Grassie, ON West National Augusta, NJ Northeast 2 Hutchinson, MN West Central North Oxford, MA Northeast 1 Olds. AB Canada North Central Morehead, KY



### 2019 Western National Meet

October 19-20, 2019 Ontario Poultry Breeders *https://ontariopoultrybreeders.webs.com* Grassie, Ontario



# NATIONAL MEET ROTATIONS

### EAST DISTRICTS

2018 – Southeast / Dec. 1-2 / Tennessee Valley Poultry Club / Knoxville, TN 2019 – Northeast 1 / Sept. 7-8 / Twin Tier Poultry Club / Bath, NY 2020 – North Central / 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



# Cochins International

Cochins International is seeking Bids from Host Shows for our 2020 Eastern and Western National Meets. *Deadline for Bid submission is July 30, 2019.* 

Our <u>2020 EASTERN NATIONAL</u> will be held in our North Central District, which includes: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio & Wisconsin. District Director: Ross Treffert, email: Ross.treffert@outlook.com

Our <u>2020 WESTERN NATIONAL</u> will be held in our Southwest District, which includes: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas. District Director: Bernita Miller, email: bmiller@iland.net

NATIONAL MEET BID SHEETS are available on our website: www.CochinsInt.com. Bid Sheets MUST be completed and submitted to President for consideration by the Board of Directors.

President: Gail Carlson, email: HappyHens1@hotmail.com

Celebrating Exhibition Excellence in both Bantam and Large Fowl Cochins!

### EDMUND JAMES "ED" THOMPSON October 12, 1925 - December 9, 2018 Special Tribute by Don Stephenson

It is an honour to be asked to write a tribute to my good friend Ed Thompson. I met Ed in 2003 when I purchased my 1st buff cochin bantams from him. We immediately became friends sharing a common bond breeding, raising and exhibiting buff cochin bantams. Ed was committed to this breed throughout his life in the chicken world, having first chosen this variety in 1933. Ed was a true gentleman, and for many of us in the hobby he was also a role model, always ready with a friendly smile, a story or a joke. Always willing to provide advice or an opinion when asked by a fellow fancier, Ed became an advisor to many. Ed enthusiastically gave his time and energy to the fancy hobby. His charming personality, his wit and sage wisdom garnered him the greatest respect among his peers and countless friends within the hobby.

Chickens were very special to Ed but that was only one segment of his life. Ed grew up on the family farm, built by his grandfather, in Aylmer, Ontario. He received his primary & secondary school education in Aylmer. Like many children growing up in a farming community, Ed assisted his father on the farm with chores and milking their jerseys. Later, while attending university, during the summers he primed tobacco and continued to help his father with the chores. Ed graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in civil engineering. He also served in the armed forces reserve during his time at university.

After graduation from U of T in 1947 Ed went to work for Bell Canada, where he remained for his entire working career until his retirement in 1983. Various assignments & promotions with the company resulted in him moving to numerous communities throughout the province of Ontario. In 1951 Ed married Betty Thompson (nee Lamb). Ed & Betty were the proud parents of six children (3 boys & 3 girls). And at the time of his death Ed had 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. His last move with Bell was to Barrie, Ontario. Recognizing the importance of a stable environment for his growing family he turned down further promotions and opportunities that would require moving. He wanted to allow his six children to have an uninterrupted high school experience in Barrie.

Commitment to community was a corner stone of Ed's life as it was Betty's. Ed's poultry interest was always a constant, and he always had Betty's unfailing support in his passion. Most of us knew Ed through his participation and contribution to poultry but throughout his entire life he made this same enthusiastic commitment to family, community and friends, making significant positive contributions that will be remembered by many. In Barrie Ed and Betty would also become involved in local politics, Betty as school trustee, and Ed, as a Barrie alderman. Ed was also on the Barrie fall fair board for 25 years, including a term as president. He was chairman of the Barrie farmer's market and he always ran the Barrie poultry show. His long residency in Barrie resulted in the city benefiting from Ed and Betty's generalist and community spirit but in every community that Ed made his home he was always making a contribution to the community.

Throughout Ed's journey in life he had numerous additional achievements... a free mason from 1958 until his passing (over 60 years), a Sunday school superintendent at 2 churches, a regional councilor on the association of professional engineers in Ontario, a fellow in the order of engineers of Canada, a member on the advisory council for the civil technology program at Georgian college of applied arts and technology, and of course Ed was involved in numerous poultry organizations from his earliest years.

Betty, the love of Ed's life, passed away in 1994, and after some serious contemplation Ed decided he needed a change. After 33 years in Barrie, and 58 years after he had moved away to pursue a university education, Ed moved back to the family farm in Aylmer, in 2000. Upon moving back to Aylmer, Ed remarkably rekindled friendships with many friends of his childhood and teen years. It was as if he had not been away. He also developed many new friendships. I was fortunate to be one of the numerous new friendships. It was incredible to visit Ed at the farm. The phone would ring frequently and numerous friends would drop in for a visit. Ed always had time, or made time, to welcome guests upon their visit. Ed's charms weren't lost on the ladies, and Ed found a lovely companion to bring companionship to his retirement, Marion Kiddie. Both Marion and Ed had lost their loving spouses some years earlier. They enjoyed their time together and were frequent travel companions.

For those of you reading who never had the pleasure of meeting Ed in person let me share a brief personal story from Mark Camilleri that tells you a lot about Ed Thompson. Mark wrote... I was about 16 years old and had entered some black tailed white Japanese bantams in the Richmond hill poultry show. I had been instructed by my peers to use black magic marker to enhance the lacing and sickle color of the birds I showed. I did this, but not very well. You see the birds were still damp and the marker smeared along their backs so when they came to be judged they were a mess of color, almost skunk like in pattern. I was disqualified of course and felt humiliated and ashamed. Judge Cliff Pepper even commented that I should have all my birds thrown out, pretty devastating for a kid getting started. Ed had only a few words for me that day, they were both kind and poignant and made a huge impact on me, shaping the rest of my show career from that point on. Ed said to me, "Mark, you must have really wanted to win bad to do what you did. You could get better and fool them next time but I suspect it would be an empty win that way. You don't want to win like that, and you don't need to."

Mark Camilleri is now an ABA/APA judge and co-editor of the Exhibitor, a Canadian publication for poultry enthusiasts. The following is from Mark's editorial... the hobby has lost many wonderful exhibitors and mentors in the last few years and it is with a very heavy heart that I report on the passing of my good friend Ed Thompson. I am so grateful to him for his guidance and mentoring as without his influence and wise, kind words I am almost certain I would have left the hobby as a teenager. I was fortunate enough to speak about Ed Thompson while he was alive and well both in the exhibitor and years before at the Canadian International Classic where he was being honored. He had a wealth of friends because he was genuinely honest, caring, positive and a considerate person. His smile and sense of humor were infectious and anyone who met him was captivated and charmed by his warmth and disarming manner. I will miss him greatly and will think about him every time I judge a class of buff cochins.

At the funeral Ed's son John delivered his eulogy. He noted that there are a multitude of memorable events and stories centered around Ed with the large majority including some level of humor - John could easily have drawn upon a vast repertoire of stories but he chose instead to suggest to those gathered to bid farewell, that they search their own minds and enjoy some of the many happy memories he was sure they had of their time with his dad. In writing this my mind is vivid with memories of my good friend, but beyond the brief one I have shared from Mark and his editorial, I will take a page from Ed's son and suggest to any of you reading this that knew Ed, to think of a story or an event with Ed that stood out in your mind.... We lost a good friend but we are so fortunate that we had the opportunity to know Ed Thompson.



Picture of Ed & his horse 'Dale' – taken in 1937

Picture of Ed at 90 years young and his Welsh pony 'Tux' – a 2-year old gelding - picture taken in 2015

Picture of Ed & Tux in 2015 – Ed 90 years young & Tux 2 years old. Ed with the assistance of a friend broke Tux for use in this cart.





Ed as we remember . . . A winning smile with his winning buff cochin cockerel.

Did you know that 20 Varieties of Bantams and 9 Varieties of Large Fowl Cochins are recognized by the APA and/or ABA? And of course, every Variety can be shown in Frizzle!

We have something for Everyone!



### NORTHEAST 1 DISTRICT REPORT CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, RI, VT Lisa Podgwaite, Director

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Well I think we may have turned a corner and spring is starting. Most of our snow is gone and the birds are able to get outside.

Breeding is going quite well with the bantams. I have just started with the large fowl due to a loss of two good hens this winter.

I hope everyone else is having a successful hatching season.

I have placed meets at Little Rhody in RI, Central Maine, Eastern New York, Northern New York, Green Mountain Poultry show, New Hampshire Poultry Breeders and Connecticut Poultry Fanciers.

The District Meet will be at Boston Poultry Exposition

Looking forward to our National at Twin Tier in NY in September.

We are exploring the idea of holding a banquet Friday night with the possibility of inviting the silkie and Langshan club to join us, it will be their National as well.

Look for more information about the National on the website. Lisa Podgwaite , District 1 Director

We congratulate **Bernita Miller** for her "With Appreciation for many Years of Service to the Poultry Fancy" award given by the APA at their Semi-Annual Meet in Hutchinson, KS in April.



### NORTHEAST 2 DISTRICT REPORT DE, MD, NJ, PA, VA, WV Rich Barczewski, Director 302-659-1211 richbar302@gmail.com

I hope all your hatches are going well and that you have those future champions growing and developing for that special day. As many of you are aware, we are currently faced with a couple of health issues in the country. Our friends in California are dealing with issues surrounding Exotic New Castle Disease and some of you have mentioned to me that the unavailable nature of the pullorum testing antigen is preventing some folks from being able to get their birds tested. I even heard of one person who couldn't make it to a show because one of their birds falsely tested positive for pullorum due to old antigen! Thank goodness they basically just put the flock under quarantine until the bird could be retested as there have been no outside additions to the flock in a number of years. Additionally, it seems like a greater number of states are now offering AI testing on the every 6 month program for AI certification for NPIP. I think folks involved in the fancy are going to have to stay on top of poultry disease issues as we move forward and since the vast majority of fanciers do an excellent job with their birds, hopefully we can do our part to prove to USDA that we are not part of the problem associated with poultry disease spread.

Things are going well in NE District II as we see a couple of the shows in Pennsylvania coming back. I've notice that the York show will be back in the fall and that is great to see as that was one of the first shows that I remember attending when I was a kid (many moons ago). For district members information, I have placed the 2019 District meet at the Sussex County Poultry Fanciers Fall show on October 26 in Augusta, New Jersey. I try to move the District meet between the four states and it is time for it to be in New Jersey so I hope you will get out and support this District meet.

Finally and perhaps most importantly, many of you know that I have taken over as the Points Chairman for our club and I have the meet reports up to day as of today. Gail has been working closely with me to bring me up to speed and I greatly appreciate her help with that. One thing that I have noticed that would be helpful in this process is please make sure you enter your birds in the same way that you have your membership. If you have your membership in a farm name, and you enter your birds under your individual name, there is always a chance that it may be missed. Also, if you are at a specific show and talk to the show management, please ask them to send along an exhibitors list with their show report sheet. It isn't always needed but at times it can be helpful in figuring out some poor handwriting on the show report forms.

As always, if you have any questions about a particular show or you think that something may be missed, please feel free to shoot me an email at <u>richbar302@gmail.com</u> and I'll check it out and get back to you and let's remember to keep those cochins up on champion row!

# BIO-SECURITY FOR THE HOME POULTRY FLOCK by Rich Barczewski

You may have heard the term bio-security before but do you know what it means? Bio-security refers to the practices employed to protect your birds from biological disease organisms. Essentially, the process involves setting up a plan to minimize the potential for disease organisms getting into your flock.

Disease organisms can gain entry into your flock in several ways. They can be carried by people, animals, insect pests, in the air or even on vehicles traveling onto your property. The way disease organisms are transported depends on the particular disease that we are talking about. Additionally, it is important to realize that some disease organisms are fairly stable in the environment while others do not persist very long. Regardless of this fact, a bio-security plan should take into account the best way you can avoid bio-organism contamination on your property.

The first step in developing a bio-security plan is to evaluate your facilities. It is going to be easier to minimize disease organism entry onto your property if you have enclosed facilities. Enclosed buildings generally prevent unwanted wild birds, animals, and people from coming into contact with your flock. However, we all realize that this may not be possible in all situations and many of us in the exhibition hobby have seen some health and condition benefits to allowing our birds to be outside on a regular basis.

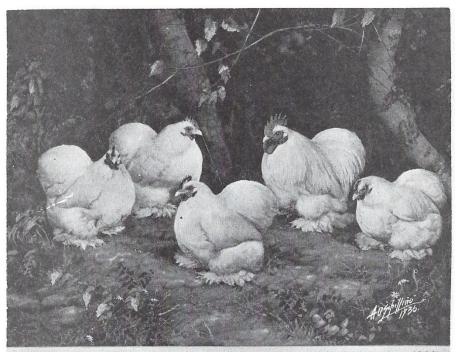
One thing that we can control is the people who come onto our property and have contact with our birds. Many commercial producers of poultry and livestock limit outsider contact to their poultry and animals. Additionally, when contact must be made, it is generally recommended that the individuals coming onto the property have not been around any other birds that same day. They should also be wearing shoes and clothing that is cleaned and has not come in contact with any other birds. This may sound extreme, but you need to realize that disease organisms can easily be carried from one place to another on clothing and especially on shoes. Some individuals wisely incorporate the use of disinfectant foot baths and require that anyone entering their facilities step into those foot baths prior to being allowed into the buildings. As a rule, minimize outsiders coming into your facilities whenever possible.

Another often neglected area of bio-security involves the potential exposure of organisms that older birds may have to younger birds. Special concern needs to be given to young chicks that do not have a developed immune system and require much cleaner and more sanitized pens than older birds. Never, co-mingle older birds with just hatched or young chicks. It is usually a bad idea anyway, but realize that older birds have established immune systems and have been exposed to environmental organisms that the young chicks have not. Additionally, be sure to clean and disinfect your pens (allowing them to air out for a couple of days if possible) before moving younger birds into them. What should you use for a disinfectant? Anything is better than nothing, but there are several good quality disinfectants on the market and available from poultry suppliers. Even household disinfectants are acceptable provided you allow the pens to air out before putting younger birds in the pens. The key to properly using a disinfectant is to thoroughly clean the pens before you disinfect them. Caked manure or adhering dirt cannot be disinfected so do a good cleaning job first, and then spray on the disinfectant.

It is important to be especially careful when you travel to shows or swap meets and return home. Never wear the same clothes to your barn after you've attended a show or swap meet. We often come in contact with many other birds from many other sources at a show or swap and we need to avoid bringing home disease organisms with our birds when we return. Again, be especially concerned about shoes that can hold manure and dirt longer than most other articles of clothing. Many of us can specifically think of situations where we returned from a show and within 7 to 10 days, our birds were sick. It is not uncommon to bring back some mild respiratory diseases when we travel to shows or other poultry gatherings and for that reason we need to be especially careful during these times. If possible, birds that travel to shows should be isolated for 2 weeks before putting them back in the same facilities as your other birds. This is not always possible due to pen space restrictions however, it is an ideal situation. That way, if a bird that was at a show comes down with an illness, it has not exposed all your other birds to that disease. In cases where you cannot isolate returning birds, be extra diligent in looking out for a disease break and be prepared to treat your birds if a problem arises.

Currently, the United States Department of Agriculture is dealing with a reportable, contagious disease in California and Arizona. The disease is called Exotic New Castle Disease. While this situation may seem a world away, be aware that you should not be shipping birds to or from that area of the country in an effort to prevent the spread of this disease. The most recent case in Arizona was in a backyard poultry flock so that is particularly troubling. All bird keepers need to be aware of how this disease is progressing and avoid contact with this area until the disease is eradicated.

We don't live in a perfect world and it isn't always possible for us to do everything that we would ideally like to do to prevent disease outbreaks, however I hope I gave you a few ideas on how to protect your birds from disease organisms.



Grand Champion Pen, All Varieties, Great Allentown Fair September 1935. First Prize White Cochin Bantam Pen. Bred And Owned By, Philip M. Plant, Oswegatchie Farm, Waterford Conn.

### NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT IL, IN, KY, MI, OH, WI Ross Treffert, Director

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Greetings from the North Central. Hope everyone's spring and new year has been off to a good start. I know things have not gone the way I was hoping for in 2019. But, that's life and we have to adapt and overcome all obstacles in the way of our goals. With that being said hope everyone has their incubators or brooders full and getting ready for the spring/summer show season as well as our Eastern National in September. I know it's going to be busy her in the North Central area in the coming months.

I want to give a huge shout out to Matt McCammon with his Best in Show win with a Bantam Mottled Cochin pullet and Jeanne Jarvis with Reserve Best in Show with A LF Black Cochin Cockerel at the Southeast Ohio Poultry Breeders Club Show. Both great wins coming out of our district!!!! Congratulations!!! Sorry I couldn't be in attendance to celebrate the win with you all. But, I hope to see everyone soon at some of the upcoming shows.

Congratulations to the 2018 Exhibitors of the Year and Master Breeder achievement recipients!!!

Just a reminder that our District Meet will be November 16th, 2019. So save the date, hope everyone can make it down

Appalachian Classic Hosted by the Eastern Kentucky Poultry Association Morehead, KY

In Closing, I just want to share a simple yet very meaning full quote that I have held near and dear to my heart for the past few weeks. But More importantly I think it is perfect for OUR fancy. Choose to Continue and support one another!

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around." *-Leo F. Buscaglia* 

Have a Great Summer, Ross



### SOUTHWEST DISTRICT REPORT AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX Bernita Miller, Director

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### WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT REPORT IA, MN, MT, NE, ND, SD, WY Craig Hansen, Director

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Not much happening with no Spring shows in our District. I will attend spring shows in Indiana and Missouri in April this year then nothing until the Iowa State Fair in August. State and County fairs will be starting in June around here and wrapping up in September.

West Central District meet this year is in October at the Minnesota State Poultry Association show in Hutchinson. Hoping everyone has a great hatch.

Craig Hansen

Looking for ideas to display your rosette awards? How about a wreath?



### SOUTHEAST DISTRICT REPORT AL, GA, FL, MS, NC, SC, TN Ivy Young, Director

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Happy Spring y'all!

Seems like this has been the winter that won't give up in the SE!

This past January Jason and I traveled down to Mississippi. To have the SE district meet for 2019. Boy it was a long trip to make. I must say I enjoy going to shows that we've never been able to attend in the district. Tessa won BB and champion FL with a white pullet I was RB with a Lemon Blue pullet.

Tessa also took home the awards in JR show with BB and res FL and RB both with whites.

Sadly there was no LF at the meet. Which I realize there are not a lot of LF breeders in this district. I would encourage those LF breeders to try and make the next district meet in 2020. Which I'm planning to announce very soon the dates and location. I understand traveling to locations for a meet is a issue. And my thoughts are still this is the SE district everyone in this district no matter what state and how many members are in that state are all in titled to Host a District meet. So plan on it being in a state that hasn't hosted one lately.

This winter Tessa and I also attended The Heart of Dixie Show in Fort Payne Al. They moved the location from Anniston AL to Fort Payne. And I must say the building and location was amazing. We also attended Friendship Poultry club in Morganton NC. Great class of birds at this show.

I haven't made it to as many winter shows as normal this winter. I'm recovering from major surgery. Which has been very ruff on my family and I. I'm not able to use my right hand at all. So the responsibility has been up to my family to care for them on a daily basis. Of course it's been hatching season to. And without the help of a dear friend Darrell Garland coming every week and helping AI the birds, I'm not sure anything would be hatched. I planned on hatching not as much as we have. In 2 more weeks my incubator will be off till December. And without being able to help and care for them full time I'm relieved. It's a lot of work to care for chicks. Now to watch what we have grow and hopefully in them we'll have a few keepers. So far we are all liking what we are seeing.

One more subject I would like to touch on. We as a board have discussed the Nationals a lot. And what is best for the club.

As with every concern I would encourage every member in every district to speak up voice your thoughts in any matter. We as a BOD can't read minds or move forward in this club without input on any matters. Check the website for updates and news info.

Get involved I don't know any director that will turn down any help. Everyone is a volunteer and we all have a life outside of Cochins.

I would also like to say Thank You to my husband Jason and family for working so, so hard to make sure the birds were cared for the past couple months. And all the members who have sent cards, called and text. And to the members who have even brought meals to help out. I'm so blessed to have a poultry family like this.

I hope everyone has a healthy and great summer! Looking forward to seeing everyone this fall show season! Ivy Young

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#### Photos from the Southeast District Meet The Pearl River Classic • Columbia, MS • January 26, 2019

#### **Open Show:**



Junior Show:



### PACIFIC DISTRICT REPORT AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, UT, WA Bryant Helvey, Director

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Happy hatching from the Pacific District! I've decided to take the 2019 hatching season off due to other personal commitments, but hope that everyone else is enjoying hatching and culling, my favorite parts of the hobby.

From show results and group discussions this year, I've noticed several trends that make me consider the (bright) future of our breed:

- Black is dominant. It seems that black cochins, large or bantam, are taking top accolades (best or reserve of show) more than any other breed, and certainly more than any other Asiatic or Featherleg breed. This tells me that our top breeders are executing at the highest levels of reproducing and conditioning and that many people are dedicated to black cochins.
- 2. Other "common" varieties seem to be less numerous but retain high quality. White, mottled, and blue cochins have won some shows in the past twelve months, but class sizes seem to be diminished. White bantams seem to be shown in significantly lower numbers than in the past, at least on the west coast. I'm not sure if buff has been a "common" variety in my life, but most shows now don't have more than one or two birds exhibited. This tells me that some top competitors are excelling with these varieties, while others are foregoing the greater breeding and conditioning challenges that these birds pose.
- 3. There is resurging interest in rare, standard varieties. I like to credit Cochins International and the individuals that marketed the "rare variety challenge" over the past five years, but the results are clear and impressive! I have seen classes of brown red, red, birchen, barred, lemon blue and columbian cochins that significantly outnumber the varieties mentioned in point #2 above. Some of these varieties are quickly catching up in confirmation and entering the best/reserve of breed conversations, while others will soon if bred in current numbers.
- Some varieties remain so unusual that it seems difficult for people to find quality stock to work with. Partridge, silver penciled, the laced varieties, and buff columbian come to mind; perhaps even buff bantams have slipped to this category.

These are my conclusions:

- 1. We have an exceptionally strong breed club. I believe the constant show wins by our breeders and the increased number of varieties exhibited at many shows are attributable to our master breeder program, marketing efforts like the rare variety challenge, and general club engagement.
- 2. There is opportunity for youth and newcomers in the "intermediate" varieties. I now suggest mottled, brown red, birchen, and barred to 4-H families and other newcomers. There are birds available in these varieties that can win many fairs and youth shows, and give the exhibitor the reward of BV/RV and a legitimate chance to complete for best of breed at any show. These varieties can be reproduced with predictable quality. There is a balance of

success and challenge here that I feel is important to encourage people to continue the pursuit.

3. There is still room for improvement to ensure the future of both bantam and large varieties. Buff cochins are iconic; it is a shame that there are not more of them in the show halls. A lot of discussion surrounds the penciled and laced varieties, but it will take another five to ten years to know if multiple breeders will remain dedicated to multiplying and improving these colors or if current interest will fade and they will remain in the hands of very few people at the risk of being lost.

Share your thoughts on these topics with me and other Cochins International members!



# Canada District Report

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In Canada, as usual winter seems to be stubborn in releasing its grip! With hints of warmer weather to come we look forward to raising our hatches anticipating eagerly that we've made improvements in our flocks. Some of us are trying to improve color, for some it's type, size, temperament, feather quality and the list goes on... but whatever your reason and whatever the variety you keep just keep enjoying your Cochins because it's the pleasure they give you that matters the most! Don't ever lose sight of that!

The Western National will be upon us in approximately 6 months, being held at the Ontario Poultry Breeders show this upcoming October 19/20 in Grassie Ontario. Jamie Matts will be judging. I am very thankful for the financial support as I've received 700+ dollars in pledges! In addition to prizes awarded by CI we're looking towards a fruitful competition! I'm looking forward to seeing a great representation of the Cochin breed and chatting with exhibitors at this 2-day event which also boasts the being largest poultry show in Canada. It is advised to book your accommodations in advance as they do sell out quickly being such a well-attended show! Information for booking at a special rate can be found on the OPB Facebook page and website <u>www.ontariopoultrybreeders.webs.com</u> and entry forms can be found there as well. I've also placed the District Meet thanking Callum McLeod for contributing the following

article regarding the Canadian District Meet...

Cochins International District Meet

Canadian Heritage Breeds is thrilled to be hosting a district meet for Cochins International as part of our Annual Fall Show in Olds, Alberta. The first weekend in November we are honoured to be hosting the 2019 APA Canadian National Show, and having the Cochin Meet as part of that will be a great addition.

Alberta is large fowl country, and large cochins are a fixture and a favourite among many of our local exhibitors. Western Canada has also for a long time been home to some very high calibre bantam Cochins, with some of the less common varieties such as Brown Red making great strides in recent years. As this show is an APA National, we are excited to be welcoming exhibitors from all parts of the country, and maybe even have some of our southern neighbours make the trip up to get a taste of our western hospitality.

For more information, you can contact the Show Secretary, Callum McLeod or long-time CI member and former director Kathy Stevenson. We have a Facebook event up and running and will be posting all updates there and on the Canadian Heritage Breeds website <u>www.canadianheritagebreeds.ca</u>

Don't be shy to offer your time and volunteer to help out with either of these Meets! Feel free to contact either Callum or myself to see how you can help out!

For both events I urge & invite our USA neighbors to exhibit in our District. You may review the article about crossing the border to exhibit in Canada published in this newsletter!

Membership renewal time has come and passed, and I'm glad to see that we've retained the majority of our members and added a few new ones! I would love to see the Canadian membership grow so if you have any Cochin fancier friends please encourage them to consider joining the community and purchase a membership. It's a great way to expand your knowledge by joining a breed Club! Wishes of warmer weather and dry grassy grounds to keep those feathers clean! If you're like me, you appreciate being outside with your birds...'til next time, Roxanne

### A GUIDE ON HOW TO CROSS THE BORDER TO SHOW IN CANADA By Troy Laroche, Ontario Poultry Breeders (2019)

Many American fanciers have asked the question, "what do I have to do to show birds in Canada". With many breed club national meets being in a rotation for equal access to its members, as well as the APA Canadian National meet that is rotated around the Canada, the interest by US fanciers on how to come across the border to show birds in Canada has never been so great. This article is meant to be a guide to help you in your quest as an US Fancier to come over the border to compete in Canada.

First off, your birds must originate from a pullorum-typhoid free flock. Which is standard for most shows everywhere. If you are part of NPIP you are more than likely already tested for pullorum-typhoid. If you are not, you must have a pullorumtyphoid test performed with negative results. You should then contact your local veterinarian to let them know of your intentions of wanting to show your birds in Canada and that you will be requiring a health certificate. The form you will require is the standard USDA APHIS VS Form 17-6. Your Veterinarian should have access to this form and it is available on line on the APHIS /USDA website by typing in VS Form 17-6. Your veterinarian will do a flock inspection to ensure the health of your flock. You will need to give your veterinarian a list of the breeds and leg bands of the birds you intend to show in Canada to be listed on this VS Form 17-6. The leg band numbers need correspond to the breed. Any type of band is fine, but must be numbered (duplicate numbers should be avoided, if at all possible) Once this form is filled out it will need to be sent to your states AG office for stamping and endorsement which your local vet should be able to arrange. This is a must to make this document official. Also, you must present the original of the VS Form 17-6 at the border. No photocopies, carbon copies or duplicates of any type will be accepted by the border Veterinarian upon your arrival into Canada. This paperwork takes approximately 2 weeks to get stamped and endorsed as well is only good for 30 days after the stamp has been affixed to the documents, so plan accordingly.

Once you have your VS Form 17-6 stamped by the state & endorsed by your state official & local Veterinarian (make sure you have the originals), you are all set to head for the Canadian Border. The Canadian Border Veterinarians (Canadian Food Inspection Agency aka CFIA) are on duty between the hours of 8 AM and 4 :30 PM Monday through Friday. Not all borders have CFIA veterinarians on duty, please check with the show you intend to travel to for some direction on which border point to cross. With that you must plan your trip accordingly as they do not stay past the set hours listed above. Out side of these hours of operation the CFIA Border Veterinarian may extend their hours or work on a call out situation, but this must be arranged prior arrival with in the hours listed above and is subject to an over time fee. CFIA crossing points can be found on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website www.inspection.gc.ca under animal health offices.

When you line up at the Canadian border crossing, once at the inspection booth, declare that you have live poultry on board and that you need to see the CFIA Veterinarian. They will then send you to secondary inspection or may just direct you to the CFIA inspection station. This is at the customs agents' discretion on how you are handled. Once at the CFIA Veterinarians office they will process your paperwork and will inspect your birds. Make sure the number of birds listed and the band numbers match your paperwork. You can have less birds but not more. If less birds make sure you know which ones you did not bring. Some times they count. There is a charge for this service payable with a credit card. Once you are processed you are on your way to the show.

On your return to the US, you may have less birds on your paperwork (sales, etc.) but not more. And yes some times they count. It is much easier if you can stay over until the Monday to cross back to the US, but, if you are crossing on the weekend the US vet will need to be called out for an inspection. Appointments are appreciated, and in most cases required for weekend crossings. A full list of USDA border office's with phone numbers and contact info for setting up an return appointment can be found at www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\_health/downloads/nies\_contacts/ps/pdf and there is a charge for this service . Once released you are on your way.

We hope you consider coming to a Canadian Show. Although it is a bit of paperwork and planning, it is a great experience to show in Canada. We treat you like family and will show you a great time! Currently with the exchange rate at \$1.30, i.e. 1 US dollar is equal to \$.70 Canadian - your show expenses are 30 % less than when you are in the USA. Some thing to consider.



# INTERNATIONAL REPORT

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Above Left to Right: Silver Penciled Female Silver Laced Female Mottled Female





Above Left to Right: Brunno Picasso (Italy) holding a pair of Silver Wheaten Females Black Female Blue Female Large Fowl



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Above Left to Right: Black Male Large Fowl Show Hall

## FROM OUR HISTORY ARCHIVES

### FOREVER COCHINS By E. H. Miller, 1953

It was during the last week of October, away back in 1910, while attending a Halloween party at the home of a school chum, that I saw and became infatuated with Cochin bantams. The following week a pair of Black Cochin bantams had found a new home in our back yard.

During the 43 years since then, I have bred and shown fifteen varieties of chickens, and during that time I have never been without Cochins, either large or bantams. I have had all four colors in both the large fowl and bantams, yet the blacks and whites are my favorites, with the Partridge next in line. In fact, the entire Asiatic family as described in the Standard of Perfection is my choice for chickens.

At present I have some three hundred Standard White and Black Cochins, mostly Whites. They roam about as they please on a half-acre of grass, and their bodyguard happens to be a pair of Blue



Peafowl. "Old Toby", the big Blue Peacock, who is twenty years old, looks after them very well, night and day, and strange as it may sound, at any time of the day or night, should any dog, cat, or stranger invade the poultry yard, he gives out one of those weird jungle-like calls, which can be heard for half a mile. After hearing that cry, it is best to investigate, for he knows when all is well.

Some breeders have said that a Cochin does not lay very well. I don't quite agree with that statement. I have had a few females who did not lay but a very few eggs and that might have been my fault. I do not use females who are not good layers.



It is a fact that we have eggs and plenty of them the year around, for they are fed for eggs also. While I have never trap-nested any of my Cochins, yet from an observation, I am certain that some of my hens laid as many as 180 eggs in their first year, and the production diminishes as they grow older. I have seven hens all of whom are five years old, and two of them are laying now. My pullets at the age of six months began to lay in September. So a Cochin is not a poor layer.

And as for fertility, my hatching some two hundred youngsters will attest for the fertility angle. I did not trim a Cochin this year and with six matings, some two of them, stud matings and two more with the blacks,

I have again had excellent hatchability.

In mating, on Cochins much can be said, and many will not agree with you on the subject, so there is no use taking up too much time with that, for mating any chicken, half of the success depends solely on your definite knowledge of the background of those chickens you want to mate.

How can someone else tell you how to mate your pens? It just can't be done.

In my matings and in Whites only, I have kept three distinct families and each of these families have been mated each year for a certain purpose, or rather there is one real objective in that family. Yet the matings in those families are mated by considering the past ancestry and present qualifications.

All of my Cochins have a toe mark, or other identification, showing which family or pen they came from. If you were to point out one of these youngsters and were to ask me the mating, I could give it to you without looking at the toe mark, for I know the parents of all the chickens in the yards.

The reasons are obvious, for every offspring will definitely possess an outstanding characteristic of the parents and whichever characteristic is most pronounced in the parent will be intensified in the offspring of that family.

From my observation and matings, I have divided each male and female into ten sections, using those as the basis for matings, and where one may fail, the other must excel in that section to offset it.

I like to mate good old aunts with a good looking nephew, or an old uncle with a good looking well-formed niece. Those are good matings.

In the Black Cochins, it is difficult to maintain that sound black with a green sheen which is free of purple or plum color in certain sections. I find in the Blacks a long narrow feather in body and a pointed feather in the primaries, you can look for heavy hock feathering and sometimes stiff feathers – they are congruous.

In the White Cochins, we are able to get that good basic white with a silvery overcast on the females. However, the males still come with straw color, and from my observation, sun, shade, yellow corn and green grass have nothing to do with it.

In closing, please remember that there is no finer chicken dinner ever been served unless the chicken was a good big Cochin. We eat 'em and if you will raise some you will like 'em, too.



[Editor's Note: Over the years, winning Cochins by E. H. Miller (Cochin Corners) of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, were frequent subjects of Arthur O. Schilling.]



#### JUNIORS' REPORT **Ross Treffert**, Junior Program Chair 330-397-6385 Ross.Treffert@outlook.com

I hope all is well and everyone is hatching and has some chicks in the brooders and some of you may have even started on conditioning the young ones for upcoming shows. I am working on a few small contests in the coming weeks and months so be on the lookout on the Facebook page and junior section of the website. I am also working on a new program that will hopefully be up and running by the time fall shows hit. This program will be available to JUNIOR Members only. All details will be available and program announced in time for the next newsletter. I'm really excited for this program and I hope you all will be as well. It will be a great way to get rewarded for getting those birds in the show hall. We have been putting a lot of hard work and thought into this program and are getting the final details worked out. In the meantime don't forget to get those coop cards sent over to me to get your lapel pins. They look great on those lab coats. The pin program is available to ANY youth under the age of 18 years old no matter what type of membership you're under. Here are the details for the pin program.

Pin Program for Junior(18 and under) Exhibitors.

Juniors may earn achievement pins for Best of Breed and Reserve of Breed wins in either an Open or Junior APA/ or ABA sanctioned show. These pins look great on the lapel of a showmanship coat, show apron or hat! Please submit copies of your coop tags or show report showing the name of the poultry show, date, bird placing and signature of an adult, along with your name and address to the CI Junior Director. This can be done via mail, email, or private messaging me. My info can be found on the Junior Page on the CI Website. \*\*\*Please remember when sending over the coop cards please provide youth exhibitors name and address where pins will be mail. https://www.cochinsint.com/junior-page.html

I am completely caught up on getting pins sent out, so those whom have sent over cards should have received them by the time you're reading this. Thank you for being patient with me as I send out the pins. If you have not received them or have questions please feel free to reach out to me.

Keep up with all upcoming contests and junior info on the Facebook page or website. Best of luck hatching and raising those champions and enjoy your upcoming summer!

Ross





# CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!



JUNIOR RESERVE FEATHERLEG Peachstate Poultry Association Perry, GA January, 2019 Bantam White Cockerel by Jessica McDaniel

JUNIOR RESERVE ASIATIC JR. OVERALL CHAMPION COCHIN Fort Worth Stock Show & SW Exposition Fort Worth, TX January, 2019 Large Fowl Black Hen by Clarabelle Galbraith





JUNIOR RESERVE FEATHERLEG JR. OVERALL CHAMPION COCHIN Pearl River Classic Columbia, MS January, 2019 Bantam White Cock by Tessa Young

JUNIOR RESERVE FEATHERLEG Heart of Dixie Poultry Club Fort Payne, AL February, 2019 Bantam Blue Hen by Savanna Bright





# CELEBRATING JUNIOR EXCELLENCE!

JUNIOR SUPER GRAND CHAMPION Chattahoochee Valley Poultry Assn. Newnan, GA February, 2019 Bantam Black Hen by **Rihana Smith** 





JUNIOR CHAMPION FEATHERLEG Carpet City Bantam Club Show Dalton, GA March, 2019 Bantam Black Hen by Savanna Bright

JUNIOR SHOW CHAMPION Alabama Bantam Club Clanton, AL March, 2019 Bantam Mottled Pullet by Jodi Frye





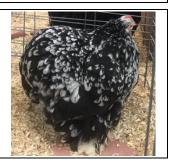
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JUNIOR BEST IN SHOW **BEST BANTAM** White River Poultry Club Spencer, IN April, 2019 Bantam Black Cockerel by Jenny Carmack

JUNIOR RESERVE FEATHERLEG Colorado Poultry Association Longmont, CO April, 2019 Bantam Mottled Hen by Willow Bloomer



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We encourage you to visit our Club website. There you will find everything from Club Meet information to Club Merchandise, current Club News (including minutes of BOD meetings), an extensive library of Education articles, Breed Standards, Variety photos, and information on our Master Breeder and Junior Award programs.

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