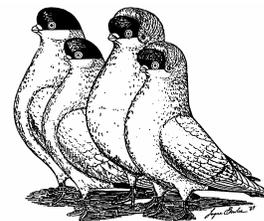


Helmet Happenings

Jan/Feb Issue

March 1, 2005



From the President

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- Revised Hall of Fame requirements

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Secretary's Report by Charles Dwight

Well show season is over, and it's time to start thinking about how to raise your champion for next year.

I did not make it to many shows this year, but the ones that I got to were great. The quality of the birds was good clear to the end of the classes. I did not see a bird at the National that I would not have put in my loft.

I had the pleasure of judging the short face at the National. It was the first time in quite a few years that we had a point show. We had 30 SFC. If all the SFC would have been shown with the A.H.A. there would have been 55. Some of the exhibitors from the east coast who are not A.H.A. members chose to show with the short face club that they belong to. It would have been great to have them all together.

News from DISTRICT 3

by **Lew Wescott**

Hi there, my name is Lew Wescott and I am writing just to say Hi and to tell you a little bit about myself.

This last year was my first year in fancy birds having changed over from eight years of flying racing Homers. I know I have met a few of you and I really am looking forward to meeting a lot more of you. This past year I only showed at a very few shows but plan on showing at a lot more this year. I am the President of our local all-breeds club, the Mid American Pigeon Club. Some of my friends and I started up this club this past June and at the present time we have about a hundred paid members.

As of right now I have four different breeds of pigeons. I have Modenas, Chinese Owls, Old Classic Frills, and the bird that puts me at ease when I sit and watch them, the Helmet (MFC). In my mind, there is just something about these little birds that you just have to love. Some do not like them because they require too much time to clean them up for a show. I personally find it relaxing and when I am done they really look like a different bird entirely. At the present time I have Blacks, Duns, Yellows, and Reds.

Next year my wife and I will be going to Savanna, Georgia for a family reunion. While I am out there, besides spending time with in-laws and seeing some of the local historical sites, I would like to visit some Helmet lofts and meet other Helmet breeders. If anyone would have time and would like some company please let me know.

Lew Wescott

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Thank you for your time.

**Sign us
up!**



2006 YOUNG BIRD FUTURITY

The AHA will have a Young Bird Futurity
at the National Show in California.

RULES:

1. You must register your bands by June 30, 2005
2. You may register as many bands as you wish.
3. You must specify what variety you are registering you bands for.
4. Cost to register you bands is \$5.00 each band.
- 5 All Helms in each variety will be shown in one class. No sex or color classes.
6. All registration fees will be paid back as premiums.

1st Place—50%

2nd Place—35%

3rd Place—15%

Registrations close June 30, 2005

News from DISTRICT 7

by Dennis Yatuzis

I read James Jensen's letter in the Nov/Dec issue and it sparked me to write. His challenge to have every member write and to get a new breeder started were the impetus of this letter. I have been a member of the AHA for two years. I bought a family membership because I feel it's important to support our clubs and especially our local clubs. We are a pigeon family. I have four children and every one of them had to be a dad-blame individual! Consarit!!

I raise Indian Fantails and Pouters; Barbara (15) raises Oriental Frills and Figuritas. Jacob (12) raises English Carriers and Homers. Caleb (10) raises Helmets. Sara (8) the youngest raises Indian Fantails and Homers like her big brother, and my wife raises Cain! Too many birds! Too much money! Too much time! She's right but we do have fun and spend a lot of time together.

Caleb is 10 years old and loves Helmets. We picked up some helmets from a show not knowing the quality but Caleb wanted them. Perhaps it is wrong to allow the kids to get the breeds they wanted; but there are pluses as well as minuses. Pluses include meeting and getting to know other great pigeon breeders including two of the best people you could meet, John Heppner and Frank Barrachino.

Now, getting down to new members generally, and juniors specifically. It's hard to get a good start with any of the breeds, but I think it would help the new members, and in the long run, the clubs themselves if they could help a little more with the new members and juniors. When I joined the AHA someone graciously sent me four back issues of the bulletin. This was very nice and appreciated. This past year an AHA member, Steve Brockett, gave my son a nice pair of stock birds. Steve can be tough and brutal. He told me my son's birds were "junk" "get rid of them". But he did something about it. He gave me a good pair of stock birds. I know sometimes it doesn't help to give or sell good birds to people but once in a while it does. I also bought a pair of helmets from Kevin Heppner at a reasonable price. He made the price reasonable when he knew they were for my son. I still haven't got rid of all my "junk" but I have culled down and now have Caleb off to a better start with two good pairs (maybe?)

Can we make better birds available to beginners at a reasonable price? Could clubs help with a pool or something to help beginners? Could you donate a cock and I donate a hen? Can we sell them to the beginner for a reasonable price and donate the money to the club? Could someone from the club contact new members and ask them how it's going? Can we meet up at the shows? These questions apply to all clubs not just the helmets.

Well I hope my letter stirs someone to spend a little time on a beginner. As for me I'm going to spend a little more time with the kids and try to get the kids more competitive. I hope and pray they stick with pigeons. It has been more rewarding to me than I ever imagined and I hope they find it so also. Thanks for hearing me out,

Dennis Yatuzis

News from District 8

by Curtis Oberhansly

I'm sad to report that Mark Etherington is getting out of the birds for awhile. He has been a real asset to the club and to District 8 as our Director. Just one example: when I judged the Utah Pigeon Club Premier Show a year ago, Mark presented me with a clock set in a hand-carved piece of burl walnut that he had made. It proudly sits on my desk as I write this. It is simply beautiful and reflective of the consideration that Mark has shown to the members of our district and the club. Good luck, Mark. We'll keep a light on for you, not to mention some top quality Helmets in reserve in hopes that someday we will have the opportunity to jump-start your loft back into action.

James Jensen had the duty of picking a replacement for Mark and I guess it's my turn, so I volunteered to be the District 8 Director. Being new to the job with 5 days to the Bulletin deadline, but also feeling that it is important to have something from the District in the Bulletin, I had to quickly cast about for something to write. I will have more District news to report in the next issue after I have had an opportunity to talk with our members and see how they are doing. In the meantime, I dusted off an article that I had been working on in years past. It's something I have been thinking about for many years. Now I'd be very interested in knowing what the members, especially the members in the west think about what follows.

I have felt for some time that we should logically chose the Pageant in LA to be the annual host site of our Western Sectional. For years now, I have observed that our attendance at the Western Sectional is up and down. Despite the good efforts of the host club, it is just plain hard to move a show around and develop any consistency that we can build upon year after year.

This is hardly a unique problem. Several other specialty clubs in the West have resolved it by institutionalizing the Pageant as their big annual show. Des Moines also hosts specialty clubs year after year. (See recent article in Purebred Pigeon Mag.) Another group, the Giant Homer Club holds a futurity show on their own every year in Oklahoma, drawing well over 600 birds to an extremely interesting format and auction. This has been going on for 20 years and they continue to build on that stability. (See another article in the latest issue of the Purebred Pigeon.) There are many other examples.

So club members in the West should ask themselves. Does our sectional always generate a buzz? It is always something to look forward to with great anticipation? Is it always accessible? Are the dates compatible with other local shows? And finally, why haven't we followed suit with these other regional specialty clubs so that we can give ourselves another great Helmet show to look forward to?

Part of my background is in publicity and promotion. (How can you run restaurants without thinking about promotion? It's not possible.) Two of the essential keys to any successful promotional effort are permanence and predictability. If you want to grow something, a key component is to do something well and then build on that success year after year. Here is some of what the members of other specialty clubs who show at the Pageant, Des Moines, or elsewhere every year will tell you:

First, the Pageant is extremely well done and a real highlight of the year. Like the National and Louisville and Des Moines and others, the participants have the opportunity to look at a lot of birds and a wide variety of birds. It is a big, fun show.

Second, regular attendees can count on hooking up with friends who are members of other specialty clubs every year. If they can't make it to the National back East or to Louisville, members from the West can look forward to at least one big, well produced show every year.

Third, by having an annual show become predictable, stable and in the same location every year, it is easier to get club members into a routine commitment. The ET fanciers always attend the Pageant and show their birds in big numbers. It would be much harder to sustain this momentum if the ET show started moving around.

Fourth, you don't have to reinvent the wheel every year. The show is already there. And members figure out the best way to travel, transport birds, where to stay, best places to eat, how to access the venues and all of the factors that reduce hassles and promote enhanced enjoyment. Familiarity actually breeds comfort.

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National Show Report Observations

by Bob Bollinger

February 2, 2005

I recently completed typing the show reports and color class reports for the Lancaster National. The reports will be included in this bulletin. (feel free to let me know if you see any typographical errors) When I started the process it was slow and tedious. However, the more I typed the more interesting and exciting the story became. You see, as we all watched the judging the judges were routinely making comments about the overall quality of the birds and the depth of the classes. I recall Bob Dunlap commenting over and over about how deep the class he found nice birds when he was judging the MFC's. The results reveal an even more telling story! You see, the depth of quality spanned many breeders, states, and districts!

Here are a few statistics to consider;

- The final line-up for MFC spanned; 8 of the 19 exhibitors, 6 states, and 4 districts
- The final line-up for MFP spanned; 7 of the 10 exhibitors, 6 states, and 4 districts
- The final line-up for SFC spanned; 5 of the 8 exhibitors, 5 states, and 5 districts

In the MFC final line-up the top 4 birds were shown by 3 people from 3 states. In MFP the top 4 birds were again shown by 3 people from PA to CA. The story becomes even more telling when you penetrate the color classes. Our biggest classes were Red Young MFC's with 20 and 19 shown for the YH and YC respectively. In the Red YH the top 4 birds were shown by 3 people and in YC the top 8 were all shown by different people from coast to coast.

This is such a great story to tell for our breed and our club. We have depth of quality in our birds, breeders, and regions. Sometimes people are intimidated when there is a dominant force or breeder. Here people can see that there is breadth of competition from coast to coast. We need to share this with all perspective helmet breeders. People can get stock, compete with quality birds, and compete with quality breeders from coast to coast. What better breed and club could a breeder join?

FUTURITY WINNERS

1st	Raul Delgado	#2795	57.50
2nd	Raul Delgado	#3735	34.50
3rd	Raul Delgado	#2731	23.00
MF Plainhead			
1st	Mike Crawford	#1941	37.50
2nd	Mike Crawford	#3397	22.50
3rd	Bob Bollinger	#332	15.00

NATIONAL WINNERS

Champion MFC	Raul Delgado
Champion MFP	Mike Crawford
Champion SFC	Dennis Bray
Champion SFP	Bob Dunlap
Champion Muffed	Charles Dwight
Breeder of the Year	Mike Crawford
Member of the Year	Charles Dwight
Presidents Award	T & C Farnsworth
Lifetime Achievement Award	Albert B. Flinn Lloyd L. Larghe
NPA Outstanding Service Award	Bob Bollinger
NPA Master Judge	Charles Dwight

Lancaster National color class winners

FUN AT THE NATIONAL

By Curtis Oberhansly

The Lancaster National is now in the history books, the winners rejoicing, the losers kicking the dirt, everyone mating up their birds and hopeful about next year. For the second year in a row, I traveled back east to a National, to Lancaster this year and Birmingham last, making my way through weather, Delta hubs, runway delays and credit card overload. Nothing unusual about any of that in particular, except for two things: At the time, I had no birds, and I had no loft (although both have now been remedied). Of course, being bird-less and loft-less didn't stop me from having a great time with all the helmet guys. I mean a really great time. We have some "personalities" in the AHA that I would put up against any of the other specialty clubs. For example, the other clubs would need to import laughing gas to compete with our boys from the Northwest. And Jim Garus wasn't even there!!

Anyway, it was all great fun, everything that one would hope for in a fine hobby like pigeons. Even after almost 20 years in the AHA, it is part of what keeps me going to the shows and looking forward to the next one. Hopefully, everyone will take advantage of the cheap fares and accessibility into the LA area for next year's National. If you have never been to that LA venue, (the same club that sponsors the Pageant each year will host the National in January '06) you owe it to yourself to attend this show. Only the Club at Louisville, Des Moines and a few other are able to match the LA club's effort and consistent results in terms of a quality pigeon show year after year after year.

Congrats to Raul Delgado who took Champion and Reserve Champion in the MFC, beating out 102 birds. Raul had some very nice birds in the show as did several other exhibitors. Also congratulations go to Mike Crawford and Bob Bollinger for Champion and Reserve in the MFP. Dennis Bray was thrilled to take Champ and Reserve in the SFC, beating out over 30 entries and 8 exhibitors. Bob Dunlap and Charles Dwight won in the SFP and MFCM respectively. Good job to all these exhibitors.

It was also interesting to look over the results and see how the winners were spread out. Bob Bollinger compiled the show results for the Bulletin (a big job very well done) and wrote an incisive article, which is included in this Bulletin, making some very interesting observation about how the winners are spread over 6 states. That is really a nice result, showing strong and diverse levels of competition. The total Helmet showing in Lancaster was 204 birds.

To create additional interest, I rounded up some photos of the MFC winners from the last two Nationals and told our editors I would sponsor a color page in the Bulletin just to spice things up. Raul provided some photos of his Champ OC and Reserve YH, some head and body shots so that you can see them standing and again in close-up. At the Birmingham National last year, I happened to take some photos of the MFC Champ and Reserve but didn't send them to the Bulletin. So they are included with Raul's birds. From now on I'll try to save and accumulate photos of the winners for specials, articles or retrospectives. Good luck in the breeding pens. See you in LA.



Lancaster Champion, Black Old Cock #03-2719
Owner, Raul Delgado



Lancaster Reserve Champion, Red Young Hen
#04-273 Owner, Raul Delgado

Lancaster



Birmingham Champion, Black Old Cock
#02-407 Owner, James Jensen



Birmingham Reserve Champion, Black Young Hen
#03-1660 Owner, Wayne Diviney

Birmingham



Birmingham



Lancaster



Congratulations to all !!

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District 6 Loses Outstanding Member

On February 23 Albert B. Flinn passed away. Al had been a member of the AHA since 1977. He served as AHA President for six years, as Eastern Vice President for two years, and as District 6 Director for six years. Al also published the AHA Bulletin from 1982 to 1992 at no cost to the AHA.

I first met Al in the early 1970's before I was a member of the AHA . I visited Al at his home many times. He would never sell me a Helmet, but I always came home with a box full.

Al started many Junior members with Helmets. He will be greatly missed by everyone.

Charles Dwight

Dear AHA,

To the members of The AMERICAN HELMET ASSOCIATION,

I am writing this letter to inform any members of the AHA who do not already know that my father Albert B. Flinn passed away on the morning of February 23, 2005. He had been fighting a battle with Transitional Cell Carcinoma commonly called Bladder Cancer. He first learned that he had it almost a month after he retired after over 52 years in the newspaper business. Dad was just ten days short of his Sixty-seventh Birthday.

Dad was one of the guys in the seventies who would not let the AHA die. He won his First National Champion in 1978 at Hershey Pa. Show. At that time he met with some other members for the first time and they were talking about whether the club should be dissolved, as there seemed to be little interest in the Helmet anymore. Dad thought that we should have a newsletter and volunteered to print it, and as the old saying goes the rest is history. He went on to become President (*Emperor*) for several years and eventually District 6 Director.

As the editor he received several midnight or later calls concerning what was in, or going to be in The Helmet Happenings, he enjoyed this to no end. It would give him a reason to keep stirring the pot, and get the members talking about what was going to happen next. We also had an Assistant Editor at that time named Jo Jo The Helmet. Jo Jo wrote several articles about what was going on in the loft or at shows and how to build the Helmet Hotel, the show crate that dad built.

The Helmet Handbook was co written by Dad and Fred Smith, and published by Dad. It was a good handbook and covered many Helmet topics, I haven't seen a copy in years but I would bet it would still be a good book for a Helmet Breeder today.

Dad liked to get kids involved in raising Helmets and even ended up giving some of his best birds to any child who seemed the least bit interested in Helmets. To this end one of the last things he did was to give all of his birds to his granddaughter Kayla Flinn. She says that she hopes to show them next year at the District 6 Show in Freemont Ohio.

Dad had a lot of friends in the club and I am sure I cannot name them all but I would like to thank a few. Bob Dunlap and Chuck Dwight thank you for bringing the Lifetime Achievement Award to Dad, as he could not get to the National to receive it. Thanks to all who signed the card that was sent from the Show. We would like to also thank the District 6 members for sending an arrangement to Al's funeral. It was one of the nicest and lasted the longest of any of the cut arrangements.

Once again thanks for the years of friendship and good times.

Sincerely,

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REVISED REQUIREMENTS FOR HALL OF FAME AWARDS

MFCL Crested and MFCL Plainhead:

- All requirements for Master Breeder point show will remain the same.
- 200 Master Breeder points for MFCL Crested will be required for Hall of Fame Award.
- 125 Master Breeder points for MFCL Plainhead will be required for Hall of Fame Award.

SFCL Crested and SFCL Plainhead:

- All requirements for Master Breeder points will remain the same.
- 70 Master Breeder points for SFCL Crested and SFCL Plainhead will be required for Hall of Fame Award.

SFCL Crested, SFCL Plainhead, and all Muffed that do not meet Master Breeder Point Show requirements will be awarded points for Hall of Fame Award only as follows:

Champion only	30 points for national shows
	20 points for sectional shows
	10 points for district shows
	1/4 point for each bird exhibited
	1/2 point for each exhibitor
	1 point for each district

70 points will be required for Hall of Fame Award.

These requirements were set by the AHA Board of Directors on January 13, 2005. They will be reviewed and revised, if needed, at the Board of Directors meeting at the National Show in 2008. All members must keep track of their own points and turn them into the points director for verification.

News from DISTRICT DENNIS BRAY

by Dennis Bray, Western Vice President

Another great National has come and gone. The Lancaster National was a great show for me.

We from District 2 arrived Wednesday. Vic Eshpeter and myself flew together hooking up later in the evening at the Hotel bar with Hank Ebbelaar, Dennis Manning and their sleeping companion "Big Walley". Vic and I had no idea who Big Walley was until the first morning, or evening. He would be discussed as a third party. Hank was very entertained with his new roommates this year. We had adjoining rooms so we talked all night. Up early in the morning for breakfast and then off to the pigeon show.

The one disappointment for me at the show was it was held in two show rooms apart from each other. The show was BIG, 7,000 entries, over 500 exhibitors. My second disappointment was after coming 6,000 miles to show SF Helmets with the Empire SF Club, I found out they did not want to have their Helmets Judged with the AHA. This is one of the biggest SF Helmet shows ever with more than 50 SF Helmets shown. Great display of SF Helmets. So without their birds and members we still had a great meet with over 33 SF shown with the AHA club. I enjoyed meeting Roger Gravel and trading a SF Helmet with him.

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**AMERICAN HELMET ASSOCIATION
2004 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

INCOME

Dues	\$ 1,115.00
Bands	\$ 1,224.25
Band Postage	\$ 62.50
Non AHA Band Registration	\$ 5.00
National Auction	\$ 734.00
2004 Futurity	\$ 35.00
Patches	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 3,190.75

EXPENSES

Postage	\$ 53.35
Supplies	\$ 83.10
2003 National Awards	\$ 268.00
National Auction	\$ 666.90
3500-2005 Bands	\$1,050.00
Bulletin Supplies	\$ 12.00
Bulletin Printing	\$ 285.34
Bulletin Postage	\$ 209.70
Stamps	\$ 205.20
Bulletin Advance to editors	\$ 200.00
Copies	\$ 15.42
2005 NPA Dues	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 3,069.01

TOTALS

2004 Starting Balance	\$3,272.46
2004 Income	\$3,190.75
<i>Total</i>	\$6,463.21
2004 Expenses	\$3,069.01
<i>Total</i>	\$3,394.20
 2004 Ending Balance	 \$3,394.20

**WHERE HAVE ALL THE
HELMET MEMBERS
GONE?**

DISTRICT	MEMBERS
1	18
2	16
3	19
4	23
5	6
6	53
7	25
8	16
9	4
10	4
11	19

Total Membership 203
AHA Junior Members 34

January 1, 2005 84
Junior Members 4

Send comments, suggestions or even a joke or two to us at:
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The next deadline for newsletter
articles is April 20.

Thanks,
Todd & Cathy Farnsworth, Bulletin Editors

Issue	Deadline	Mailing date
July/August	August 20	August 31
Sept/Oct	October 20	October 31
Nov/Dec	December 20	December 31
Jan/Feb	February 20	February 28
Mar/April	April 20	April 30
May/June	June 20	June 30

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Roger has been an AHA member from the east coast and breeder of the SF Helmet for more than 30 years.

Hank and I had both hoped to show our SF and place well against the east coast breeders. As it turned out I had the top 2 SF Helmets and Hank had the third bird in the final line-up. Great win for the West coast SF breeders. Many thanks from me to Myron Berger who has put many years into breeding the SF. My winners came from his family of SF Helmets. Thanks Myron. It is fun to be a champion winner especially when it is done in the SF area of the country. After

District 8 report continued from pg. 4

Fifth, it is one of the most accessible and affordable venues. Tickets into the LA area are always available at very reasonable prices. Many cross-country fares are so low that it might tempt other members from beyond the West. Driving is a very feasible option for many of the western fanciers. The weather is almost always cooperative. And there are a ton of activities for other family members (Disneyland, the beach, etc) so that they feel better about you going because occasionally they might want to tag along.

Sixth, Southern California has a huge pool of pigeon fanciers and the clubs are always on the move to convert some of these other fanciers over to their breed.

It is great to bring brand new people in, but the easiest way to build a breed is by drawing from within the existing pool of fanciers. How do you do that? You provide a big, exciting, well promoted show that is easy for them to attend. For instance, there are several hundred performance class fanciers in the southern half of California. Many might like to play around with some show birds (and, hey, they already have feeders). The Helmet is a great looking bird. It is similar in size and station and compatibility with the rollers they love. Our job is to create the excitement and put our best foot forward year after year, not only to attract new blood, but to treat ourselves to something we can all count on and look forward to.

The Western Helmet fanciers have long known we need to do something. In the mid-nineties, we were able to promote a Sectional in Salt Lake City into a substantial show of over 300 Helmets. However, it was hard to sustain that momentum, making the Sectional an up and down thing. Predictability and production values are the big factors. We are not Barnum and Bailey; we can't move from town to town and succeed. At least we haven't been able to. If the National Young Bird Show had to move around each year, it would not have near the success it enjoys in Louisville. Same with the Pageant. You will see this debate ever increasing in the NPA. The National suffers from it's annual move. Louisville regularly tops 7000 entries even though it limits the entries to 15 birds, I believe. The National, on the other hand encourages, almost begs for entries and generally draws just over half the number of entries as Louisville, even though everyone is highly motivated to support the tradition and attend our final NPA show. This statistic alone should tell us something very important about stabilizing any annual show.

Recognizing all of these factors, a few have suggested Salt Lake as a possibility for a permanent venue due to the airport and a central location. That would be fine for those reasons, but my response has simply been that we in Salt Lake just cannot possibly compete with the Pageant in terms of production values and all of the other assets of a full blown pigeon show. Coupled with the fact that airfares to SLC are the same as airfares to LA from most places. You can fly from New York to LA almost as cheaply as you can fly there from Seattle, Salt Lake or Denver. Transportation issues have more or less faded in importance.

Anyway, mull it over District 8 and the rest of the West. The Pageant is rolled into the National this year, so it would be November of 2006 for your earliest consideration. The Western Sectional is in Salt Lake this year and I really hope that everyone will attend, bring lots of birds, produce a wonderful show and have a great time. That will also give us a chance to discuss the future of our Western Sectional. Wishing you the best with your breeding pairs.

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judging we all met in our room for a Champaign toast to the west coast SF breeders and winners. Curtis Oberhansly was our Champaign delivery service. We had a toast and it was there or after the Champaign went dry that Hanks' roommates really came out. Dennis Manning and "Big Walley".

Those who attended, I am sure, enjoyed themselves as we all met for dinner one night. Then off to the bar to discuss judging & breeding programs. Most important, being together with your fellow Helmet members and good friends. Tony Patti & Vic Eshpeter kept the flow of drinks coming.

Something I would like western helmet breeders to consider—making the Pageant held in California our Western Sectional show permanent. Now it moves each year to a different district. I think we can put on a larger helmet meet if it were to be permanently held at the Pageant. This year it has already been decided on to be hosted by District 8 in Utah. This District will put on an excellent show. Speaking of District 8, I have asked Curtis Oberhansly to help District 8 Director with District activities in club assistance. Mark Etherington has been over active in our daily routines and caused his health to warn him to slow down, not put so much on his plate.

I have my Helmets all mated up. Our winter here in Washington state has been very warm so the birds are off to a great start.

There were lots of Helmets purchased or traded at this National so we should see some good competition at the summer Helmet meets. Good Luck to you all. As ever, Dennis Bray

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Jim Garus	1/1/05
Scott Gray	12/1/04
Tom & Malanie Kleiser	2/1/05
Ray Sanchez	1/1/05
Norman Edinger	11/1/04
Roy Hurst	11/1/04
Jonas Willie	1/1/05
Jim Elledge	11/1/04
Bob Kuzminski	1/1/05
Leonard Kuzminski	2/1/05
Galen Goshorn	2/1/05
Mark Etherington	2/1/05
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Gary Lein	9/1/04
Lenny & Donna Keller	1/1/05
Harold Jones	11/1/04
Ryan Grant	11/1/04

Treasurer's Report

January 2005

by Charles Dwight

INCOME

Dues	\$ 210.00
Bands	\$ 192.25
Band Postage	\$ 10.00
Patches	\$ 30.00
National Pins	\$ 110.00
Natn'l show rebate	\$ 168.75
Natn'l Auction	<u>\$1345.00</u>
Total	\$2,066.50

EXPENSES

National Awards	\$ 275.50
National Pins	\$ 200.00
Postage	\$ 8.67
Nov/Dec Printing	\$ 77.02
Nov/Dec Postage	\$ 47.25
2004 Futurity	\$ 190.00
Natn'l Auction	<u>\$1197.00</u>
Total	\$1,995.44

TOTALS

Starting Balance	\$3,394.20
Income	<u>\$2,066.50</u>
Total	\$5,460.70
Expenses	<u>- 1,995.44</u>
Ending balance	\$3,465.26

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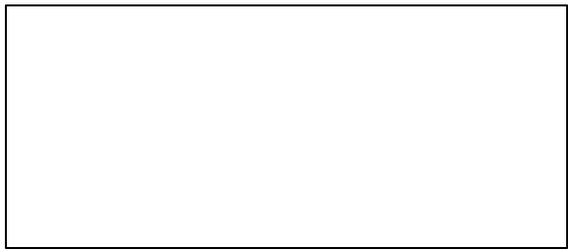
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Helmet Happenings

Special thanks to Myron Berger who sent us some interesting articles from past bulletins. This article is from the November 1969 bulletin and has some good advice--

SHOWS by Ray Sanchez

The Helmet breeding season is well underway and you should have plenty of youngsters to show this year. What? You kind of hate to show them? "Oh, this one doesn't have quite the head it should have", "and that one lacks a little station", "and the one over there ought to have a little better color". So who else has ever raised a perfect bird? All this shows me is you have become a good enough breeder to be able to recognize these little faults in your birds and in your competitor's entries too. Show your Helmetts and compare them with your friend's Helmetts. Ask the judge questions. This is what the A.H.A. sanctioned shows are for -- to learn, to compare, and to study and practice judging. Thanks Ray, for helping us realize that there will probably never be a "perfect" bird -- keep on trying & don't be afraid to show the birds you do raise. One day you may be surprised!