

# Helmet Happenings

July/August Issue

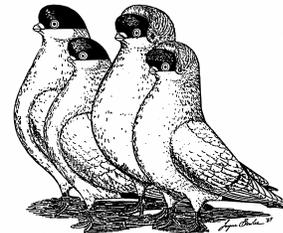
September 1, 2004

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## From the President

It's now the end of August. The feathers are getting deep in the loft. Where is that bird that I was so excited about when it first left the nest? The lawn show is just four weeks away and I've got nothing to show.

Does this sound like your loft? I find that this can be the most frustrating time of the year. There are too many birds in the loft, but the young birds aren't mature enough to tell whether I want to keep them, show them, or get rid of them. What is a fellow to do?

Probably the most exciting thing about this time of the year is when you go into your loft one day and all of a sudden there is a beautiful helmet sitting there that didn't seem to be there yesterday. Where did that bird come from? Isn't that fun? Now you can get excited about giving the other guys a little competition at the shows.

It is important to keep your birds healthy this time of year. Going through the molt is very stressful. If you want to have a bird in good feather at the shows, you've got to make sure that they grow those feathers properly now. Be certain that they get some extra vitamins and minerals, and keep grit in front of them. I like to increase the oil seeds in my mix this time of year to aid in feather development. Baths are helpful too.

In our last bulletin there were two constitutional changes presented for you comment before we have an official vote. Please examine them and then vote when the ballot comes out.

I hope you have voted on the elections ballot. I must admit that I was disappointed to see that of our fourteen districts, there were directors nominated in only seven. I wondered if we were only half a club. If you are a

member of a district where no director was nominated, why don't you take a turn at being director? I have also wondered if there should be some consolidation of districts. In the past 12 years, the club membership has dropped from around 250 to about 80 members now. What is happening to our club? I personally think that we all need to do a better job of promoting the helmet and also encouraging helmet breeders not in the club to join. There are a lot more fun things that could be done, but we need people willing to step forward and help. I would be delighted to hear your comments on ways that we can improve the A. H. A. and get it back to what we enjoyed in the early 90's

Hope to see you at the shows.

James P. Jensen

## Comment on Proposed Constitution Changes

At our annual meeting it was suggested that there should be a breeder of the year award for each of the different varieties.

Currently if we make the change in proposal #2 it will be nearly

impossible for someone breeding anything other than M.F. Crested to receive this award. I do believe that the award should be based on points earned as described, however, I feel that some

allowance for the other varieties should be made.

Any suggestions?

James Jensen

More on the Constitution—pg. 3

# DISTRICT 2 REPORT

by Hank Ebbelaar

So far in District 2, we have had another very slow season. Checking with some of the other breeders none of us have any real champions. However the last time I talked to Myron Berger (of district 13 or 14) & National Short Face fame, told me he had raised one of the best short face in a long time. So time will tell. I also have raised a very promising short face. It doesn't have the frontal that we all like to see but as a baby it has two very distinctive rosettes and a very nice crest not halfway down its neck. So I am hoping.

Last October we held the Western Sectional in Great Falls Montana. We did get the results of the final lineup but not the rest of the placings. The list is not complete, but it's all I've been able to get a hold of. Better late than never.

As you can see by the number of birds shown at the Western Sec. (57 total), we in the Pacific Northwest do not have too many point shows. We will be showing at the Young bird show in Portland in October & also with the Puget Sound Pigeon club in November.

As most of you probably know Jim Garus has helmets again, so maybe our numbers will come up.

There is not too much going on in the 2nd District, but we will keep "trucking".

'Til next time,

Hank Ebbelaar

***We would like to spotlight each District in the Helmet Happenings Bulletin.***

***Encourage other members to write something about themselves or their district.***

***We'd be interested to hear from you!***

## MT Pigeon Fanciers Association

Fall Show Report

October 2003

### American Helmet Assoc. Western Sectional Meet results:

#### **MF Helmets**

**Total # of birds entered: 57**

BOB-Yellow YH #532 James Jensen, Kaysville Utah  
RBOB-Red YC #534 James Jensen, Kaysville Utah  
3rd Yellow OH #3432 Wayne Diviney, Layton Utah  
4th Black YC #1450 Wayne Diviney, Layton Utah  
5th Red YH #500 James Jensen, Kaysville Utah  
6th Blue OC #412 James Jensen, Kaysville Utah  
7th Black OH #3720 Mark Etherington, Morgan Utah  
8th Red OC #2958 Mark Etherington, Morgan Utah  
9th Red OH #1832 Henry Ebbelaar, Outlook Washington  
10th Black YH #502 James Jensen, Kaysville Utah  
11th Blue YH #544 James Jensen, Kaysville Utah  
12th Silver YH #555 James Jensen, Kaysville Utah  
13th Blue YC # 2740 Mark Etherington, Morgan Utah  
14th Black OC #308 Vic Eshpeter, Greenwater WA  
15th Silver YC #524 James Jensen, Kaysville Utah  
16th Yellow YC #2831 Mark Etherington, Morgan Utah  
17th Silver OH #2966 Mark Etherington, Morgan Utah  
18th Dun YH #503 James Jensen, Kaysville Utah  
19th Blue OH #2135 Scott Gray, Great Falls Montana

#### **PH Helmets**

**Total # of birds entered: 11**

BOB-Silver YC #632 Dennis Manning, The Dales OR  
RBOB-Red YC #2505 Dennis Bray, North Lakewood WA  
3rd Blue YC #633 Dennis Manning, The Dales OR  
4th Ash Red YC #634 Dennis Manning, The Dales OR  
5th Black YC #629 Dennis Manning, The Dales OR  
6th Blue YH #631 Dennis Manning, The Dales OR  
7th Black OH #611 Dennis Manning, The Dales OR  
8th Black OC #363 Vic Eshpeter, Greenwater WA  
9th Yellow YH #2502 Dennis Bray, North Lakewood WA  
10th Black YH #637 Dennis Manning, The Dales Or  
11th Red YH #2507 Dennis Bray, North Lakewood Wa

#### **SF Crested Helmet**

**Total # of birds entered: 4**

BOB-Blue YH #574 Myron Berger, Spokane WA  
RBOB-Blue YC #2996 Henry Ebbelaar, Outlook WA  
3rd Red YC #580 Myron Berger, Spokane WA  
4th Red OC #361 Vic Eshpeter, Greenwater WA

"Top 4" placing listed on page 6 ---

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## Proposed Constitution Changes For Review & Comments

by Charles Dwight, Sec. AHA

Proposal #1 Hall of Fame Award  
by Henry Ebbelaar, Dennis Bray & Leonard Petito.  
January 17, 2004

Section 4, Sub-section D reads:

The Hall of Fame program may be amended at any time by a majority of the senior membership votes after compliance with the provisions of Section A through E of article V of the Constitution, except that under Section D only one news bulletin review is necessary.

Change to:

Section 4, Sub-section D

The Hall of Fame program shall be reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors who have the responsibility to set the points for the award. The points required shall be based on the intent to keep the award challenging but reachable and will not be changed more often than once every three years.

Proposal #2 Breeder of the Year Award  
by Robert Bollinger, Victor Cline & Mike Crawford.  
January 16, 2004

Section C, Awards Recognition, Sub-section 2 reads:

This annual award will go to the member selected by popular vote of the membership on the basis of: (a) AHA show record for the past year, (b) results of his or her breeding stock in other lofts, and (c) genetic improvement of the Helmet Pigeon.

Change to:

Section C, Awards Recognition, Sub-section 2

Provide the award solely on the total number of AHA Master Breeder points that a member acquires with young birds in the preceding year.

Or – This annual award will be provided based solely upon the total number of AHA Master Breeder points that a member acquires with young birds in the preceding year.

***Club officers have edited the wording of the two proposals for grammatical correctness & clarity.***

***Please see the underlined sections for corrections.***

***Contact James Jensen or Chuck Dwight if you have questions.***

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# Letter from the Editors

by Todd & Cathy Farnsworth



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## Membership changes—

*No membership changes to be reported at this time but if you know of someone interested in receiving a newsletter from the AHA please forward their name and address to Charles Dwight or Todd and Cathy Farnsworth.*



## Bulletin Deadline

Is there anything YOU would like to see in this newsletter??

Please send comments, suggestions or a joke or two to us at:

528 N. 660 W. West Bountiful, UT 84087 or e-mail us at [loftsoffun@highstream.net](mailto:loftsoffun@highstream.net).

Note that the next deadline for newsletter articles is October 20th—but send items anytime and we'll get your information in the next issue!

Thanks,

Todd & Cathy Farnsworth

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

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### District 2 MT Pigeon Fanciers Association Fall show report, October 2003

#### The following are placed to the top 4

MFC Red Young Hen  
1st #500 James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
2nd #552 James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
3rd #507 James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
4th #1454 Wayne Diviney, Layton, UT  
    #2519 Dennis Bray, North Lakewood, WA  
    #2997 Henry Ebbelaar, Outlook, WA  
    #2841 Mark Etherington, Morgan, UT  
    #540 James Jensen, Kaysville, UT

MFC Red Young Cock  
1st #508 James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
2nd #1451 Wayne Diviney, Layton, UT  
3rd #511 James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
4th # Henry Ebbelaar, Outlook, WA  
    #628 Dennis Manning, The Dales,  
    #2844 Mark Etherington, Morgan, UT

MFC Red Old Hen  
1st #1832 Henry Ebbelaar, Outlook, WA  
2nd #2964 Mark Etherington, Morgan, UT  
3rd #2126 Scott Gray, Great Falls, MT  
4th #2147 JR Tallor Gray, Great Falls, MT

MFC Red Old Cock  
1st #2958 Mark Etherington, Morgan, UT  
2nd #18174 Henry Ebbelaar, Outlook, WA  
3rd # JR Tallon Gray, Great Falls, MT  
4th #2107 Scott Gray, Great Falls, MT

MFC Black Young Hen  
1st #502 James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
2nd #536 James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
3rd #2512 Dennis Bray, North Lakewood, WA  
4th #2604 Scott Gray, Great Falls, MT

MFC Black Young Cock  
1st #1450 Wayne Diviney, Layton, UT  
2nd # James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
3rd # James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
4th #505 James Jensen, Kaysville, UT  
    #2601 JR Tallon Gray, Great Falls, MT  
    #2602 JR Tallon Gray, Great Falls, MT  
    #2600 Scott Gray, Great Falls, MT



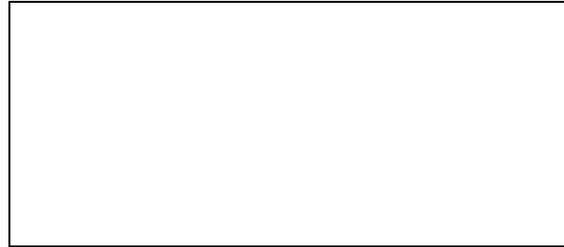
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c/o Todd Farnsworth, Bulletin Editor  
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**American Helmet Association**

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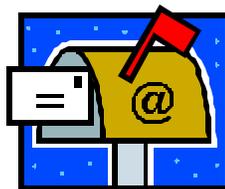
**National Young Bird Show  
Louisville, KY  
October 23, 2004**

Entries must be postmarked by the  
29th of September, 2004

\$5.00 per bird entry fee

\$20.00 "For Sale" pen—Limit of 8  
birds in each pen

If you need an entry form contact  
the editors of this newsletter.



**We'd love to hear  
from you!!**

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**NOTICE-**

**BAND PRICE INCREASE**

Due to NPA raising the  
price of bands,  
2005 bands will be  
.35 cents each.  
Minimum order is 25  
bands. Bands must be or-  
dered in increments of 5  
(20-25-30-35) etc.