

American Helmet Association

Helmet Happenings

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President's Update

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2011 AHA BOD and General Membership Meeting
San Diego, CA National

Our club is doing well! Our core membership is holding steady and our show events are doing great. This year we had sectional meets in all three sections with 8 point shows overall in 5 districts. Thanks go out to everyone who worked to hold and attend our events. As always, our members had a good time at the events and people took notice of our great club and group of people.

We had a great club election this year with nearly a full slate of officers on the ballot and numerous nominations for judges. It was especially noteworthy that we had many people step up to take on roles in the club. There was even some lobbying as people aspired to hold roles. This is a far cry from some years in the past where we had to go out and beg people to hold office and judge. We had a good number of our members vote in the election and a number of close votes. For the roles without nominations, several people accepted appointments to the open District Director roles.

I am especially pleased to report that we had several volunteers to take on our Secretary / Treasurer role. Chuck has done an outstanding job over the last 18 years and the AHA owes him our deepest thanks. Greg Bliven won the role and I have been in contact with both Chuck and Greg. We have started shifting club business to Greg and we have also created a number of check lists to help ensure a smooth transition.

This year I appointed a committee to review our current Master Breeder rules and recommend any changes required in light of changes in the hobby over the last few decades. I was very impressed with the level of passion and enthusiasm of the committee members. It looks like everyone is mostly happy with the program but we may see some minor tweaks to help support smaller districts and tidy up administrative changes over the years.

Special thanks are in order for many of our members who stepped up to help the club this year; Bob L for accepting the Central VP role and coordinating the first Central Sectional in many years. Our Master Breeder update committee.

Everyone who accepted appointments to roles and accepted nominated for club service. This coming year I would like to see our membership increase. Let's all work to be more evangelical and "sell" our breed and our club to potential new members. This could look like having "Join the AHA" forms available in our judging areas to purchasing a years' membership for new people who buy birds from you. We also need to work hard to raise more helmets. In the East there is a definite demand for "good" birds and we are having to turn potential new members and breeders away. There is a lot of background interest in helmets and with a little work we can really drive our club even further ahead!

Secretary's Report

by Charles Dwight

This is my final report as secretary of the AHA. I am already feeling some regrets about resigning, but feel that I don't have the time at the busiest time of the year to divide between the AHA and my sheep.

I have enjoyed all of the time that I held the office of secretary. I have met and worked with some of the great members and officers of the AHA.

We have had some good times and a few bad times while I was Secretary. Our membership has dropped a lot over the years. I think that the economy and the change in our Helmets have had a lot to do with this. Our shows have stayed strong and the quality of the birds keeps improving.

The one thing that I would like to see in our Helmets is that we could get them back to feeding and raising their babies by themselves. A lot of us don't have the time or space to keep a lot of feeders. I think this is the biggest cause of the drop in our membership.

I want to thank all of the great friends I have made over the past 18 years for the support you have given me.

Hope you have a great show.

Chuck

New Member - Bill Harnet
1109 Globe Street
Fall River, MA 02721

SHOW RESULTS

Central Sectional

Des Moines, IA

Show / Club: Iowa State Pigeon Assn
Location: Des Moines, IA
Date: December 11, 2010
Judge: Rick Tucker
District Director: Bob Lien (Central VP)
District: 3 **Event:** Sectional
Total Number Shown: 71 **Points for event:** 20

(50 total required for points)

	<u>MFC</u>	<u>MFP</u>	<u>SFC</u>	<u>SFP</u>	<u>MFM</u>
Birds reqd for points:	25	20	15	10	10
Number of Birds:	47	23	1		
Number of Exhibitors:	6	3	1		
Number of Districts:	4	2	1		
Event Points:	20	20			

Place

1	38.75	29.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	29.06	21.94	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	23.25	17.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	19.38	14.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
5	15.50	11.70	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	11.63	8.78	0.00	0.00	0.00
7	9.69	7.31	0.00	0.00	0.00
8	7.75	5.85	0.00	0.00	0.00
9	5.81	4.39	0.00	0.00	0.00
10	3.88	2.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	1.94	1.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
12	1.55	1.17	0.00	0.00	0.00
13	1.16	0.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
14	1.16	0.88	0.00	0.00	0.00
15	1.16	0.88	0.00	0.00	0.00

Medium Face Crested

Show / Club: Iowa State Pigeon Assn
Location: Des Moines, IA
Date: December 11, 2010
Judge: Rick Tucker
District Director: Bob Lien (Central VP)
District: 3 **Event:** Sectional
Number Shown: 47 **Total in Event:** 71
Number Exhibitors: 6 **Number Districts:** 4

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	817	Blue	OH	Gary Lien bred by Gary Parsons	38.75
2	413	Yellow	YH	Bob Bollinger	29.06
3	426	Yellow	OH	John Hoekstra	23.25
4	1505	Red	YH	Mike Crawford	19.38
5	108	Red	OC	Bob Bollinger	15.50
6	416	Red	YC	Bob Bollinger	11.63
7	497	Blue	YH	Gary Lien bred by Gary Parsons	9.69
8	1327	Black	OC	Mike Crawford	7.75
9	1521	Black	YC	Mike Crawford	5.81
10	1505	Red	OH	Mike Crawford	3.88
11	1532	Black	YH	Mike Crawford	1.94
12	420	Yellow	YC	Bob Bollinger	1.55
13	1334	Yellow	OC	Mike Crawford	1.16
14	2007	Blue	OC	Bob Lien	1.16
15	384	Silver	YH	John Hoekstra	1.16
16	1015	Silver	YC	Mike Crawford bred by Galen Goshorn	1.16
	1322	Blue	OH	Mike Crawford	Brought back 2nd to champion

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Exhibitors:

Bob Bollinger
Mike Crawford
Bob Lien

Districts:

7
7
11

Exhibitors:

Wes Pfadehauer
Gary Lien
John Hoekstra

Districts:

3
11
10

Medium Face Plainhead

Show / Club: Iowa State Pigeon Assn
Location: Des Moines, IA
Date: December 11, 2010
Judge: Rick Tucker
District Director: Bob Lien (Central VP)
District: 3 **Event:** Sectional
Number Shown: 23 **Total in Event:** 71
Number Exhibitors: 3 **Number Districts:** 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	1512	Silver	YH	Mike Crawford	29.25
2	2327	Blue	OH	Mike Crawford	21.94
3	1307	Blue	OC	Bob Bollinger	17.55
4	1501	Silver	YC	Mike Crawford	14.63
5	1517	Blue	YC	Mike Crawford	11.70

6	379	Yellow	YC	John Hoekstra	8.78
7	119	Red	YC	John Hoekstra	7.31
8	1261	Yellow	OH	Bob Bollinger	5.85
9	123	Black	YC	John Hoekstra	4.39
10	493	Black	YH	Bob Bollinger	2.93
11	1344	Dun	OH	Bob Bollinger	1.46
12	380	Red	YH	John Hoekstra	1.17
13	421	Yellow	YH	Bob Bollinger	0.88
14	328	Blue	YH	John Hoekstra	0.88
15	444	Black	OC	John Hoekstra	0.88
	497	Silver	YH	Bob Bollinger	Brought back 2nd to champion

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Exhibitors:

Bob Bollinger
Mike Crawford

Districts:

7
7

Exhibitors:

John Hoekstra

Districts:

10

Short Face Crested

Show / Club: Iowa State Pigeon Assn
Location: Des Moines, IA
Date: December 11, 2010
Judge: Rick Tucker

District Director: Bob Lien (Central VP)
District: 3 **Event:** Sectional
Number Shown: 1 **Total in Event:** 71
Number Exhibitors: 1 **Number Districts:** 1

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	2207	Yellow	YC	Danny Revolinsky	

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Exhibitors:

Danny Revolinsky

Districts:

3

Exhibitors:

Districts:

Upcoming AHA Events 2011 Season

Updated: January 2011

June 2011

EHPC Summer Show

No Meet

(just a fun gathering of AHA members)

June 2011

Waynesboro, PA

Judge: TDB

Contact: Vic Cline

NYBS

District 6 Meet

October 29, 2011

Louisville, KY

Contact: Chuck Dwight

Likely Judge/s:

Don Phy - MFC

Mike Crawford - MFP

mrsd@wcnnet.org

NYBS Color Classes

Woodstock, Ontario

Winter Show

CHC National Meet

AHA District 10 Meet?

Woodstock, ON

Judge/s: TDB

Contact: Giulio Marcoccia

or Paul McRae

August 2011

WRPA Summer Show

No Meet

(just a fun gathering of AHA members)

August 7, 2011

Emigsville, PA

Judge: TDB

Contact: Bob Bollinger

November 2011

WRPA Fall Show

District 7 Meet?

November 13, 2011

Emigsville, PA

Judge/s: TDB

Contact: Ray Kolinski

December 2011

Iowa State Pigeon Assn

Central Sectional?

Des Moines, IA

Judge/s: TBD

Contact: Bob Lien

huskerhelmets@hotmail.com

October 2011

Reading Young Bird Show

District 7 Meet

(let's try to get enough birds for a meet here!)

October 2011

Reading, PA

Judge: TBD

Contact: Ray Kolinski

Florida Gulf Coast Pigeon Club

Orange Blossom Classic

District 5 Meet ???

November 2011

Florida

Contact: Steve Petito

NPA Grand National

January 2012

Judge/s: TBD

EHPC Fall Show

District 14 Meet

October 2011

Waynesboro, PA

Judge/s: TDB

Contact: Vic Cline

LAPC Pageant of Pigeons

Western Sectional

Riverside, CA

November 10-12, 2011

Judge/s: TDB

Contact: Mike LaCom

Reading Pigeon Assn Winter Show

District 7 Meet

Lancaster, PA

January 2012

Judge/s: TBD

Financial Report

Calendar Year 2010

INCOME

DUES	\$ 720.00
BANDS	\$ 855.65
BAND POSTAGE	\$ 76.00
SHIRTS, CAPS, PINS	\$ 83.00
NATIONAL AUCTION	\$1,192.00
NATIONAL SHOW REBATE	\$ 152.00
DONATIONS	\$ 11.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,089.65

EXPENSES

BULLETIN PRINTING	\$ 263.20
BULLETIN POSTAGE	\$ 202.88
POSTAGE	\$ 53.77
SUPPLIES	\$ 186.03
2009 NATIONAL AWARDS	\$ 280.00
SHIPPING	\$ 20.00
NATIONAL AUCTION	\$1,072.80
WEB SITES	\$ 129.14
2011 BANDS	\$ 900.00
STAMPS	\$ 57.05
2011 NPA DUES	\$ 20.00
2010 NATIONAL AWARDS	\$ 266.00
2010 NATIONAL AWARDS	
SHIPPING	\$ 34.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,484.87

TOTALS

JAN 2010 STARTING BALANCE	\$1,759.91
2010 INCOME	<u>\$3,089.65</u>
TOTAL	\$4,849.56
2010 EXPENSES	<u>\$3,484.87</u>
DEC 2010 ENDING BALANCE	\$1,364.69

SHOW RESULTS

Western Sectional

Rickreal, Oregon

Medium Face Crested

Show / Club: AHA Western Sectional
Location: Rickreal, OR
Date: November 13, 2010
District Director: Dennis Manning
District: 2 **Event: Sectional**
Number Shown: 90 **Total in Event:** 139
Exhibitors: 9

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>
1	205	Red	OC	Jim Garus
2	1919	Yellow	OH	K. Mike LaCom
3	359	Black	OH	Jim Garus
4	309	Yellow	OC	Jim Garus
5	1262	Red	YC	Jim Garus
6	374	Red	OH	Jim Garus
7	1222	Yellow	YC	Otto Schenck
8	1298	Red	YH	Otto Schenck
9	1229	Dun	YH	Otto Schenck
10	1979	Black	OC	Dennis Manning
11	322	Blue	OC	Greg Bliven
12	1233	Black	YC	Otto Schenck
13	1225	Black	YH	Otto Schenck
14	1263	Blue	YH	Jim Garus
15	1322	Yellow	YH	K. Mike LaCom
16	1238	Dun	YH	Otto Schenck
17	1475	Dun	OH	Greg Bliven
18	1232	Blue	YC	Otto Schenck
19	1208	Blue	YH	Otto Schenck
20	64	Spread Ash	YC	Dennis Bray
21	308	Ash Red	OC	Greg Bliven
22	3600	Ash Red	YC	Greg Bliven
23	1207	Silver	YH	Otto Schenck

Medium Face Plainhead

Show / Club: Western Sectional
Location: Rickreal, OR
Date: November 13, 2010
District Director: Dennis Manning

District: 2
Number Shown: 30
Number Exhibitors: 4

Event: Sectional
Total in Event: 139

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>
1	1900	Red	YC	Dennis Manning
2	1213	Yellow	OC	Leonard Petitto
3	1945	Red	YH	Dennis Manning
4	1954	Yellow	OH	Dennis Manning
5	1630	Red	OH	Dennis Manning
6	1950	Yellow	YH	Dennis Manning
7	813	Red	OC	Dennis Manning
8	1998	Blue	OC	Dennis Manning
9	1235	Silver	OC	Leonard Petitto
10	189	Black	OC	Leonard Petitto
11	1932	Yellow	YC	Dennis Manning
12	700	Blue	OH	Leonard Petitto
13	1937	AOC	OC	Dennis Manning
14	1692	Ash Yellow	OC	Dennis Manning
15	1942	Ash Red	YC	Dennis Manning

Short Face Crested

Show / Club: Western Sectional
Location: Rickreal, OR
Date: November 13, 2010
District Director: Dennis Manning
District: 2
Number Shown: 14
Number Exhibitors: 4

Event: Sectional
Total in Event: 139

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>
1	616	Red	YC	Dennis Bray

Short Face Plainhead

Show / Club: Western Sectional
Location: Rickreal, OR
Date: November 13, 2010

District Director: Dennis Manning
District: 2 **Event:** Sectional
Number Shown: 3 **Total in Event:** 139
Number Exhibitors: 2

<u>Place</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Exhibitor / Breeder</u>
1	1934	Black	YC	Dennis Manning
2	1609	Black	OC	Dennis Manning

Muffed

Two birds shown by 1 exhibitor - Dennis Manning
 Champion was # 207 Yellow OH.



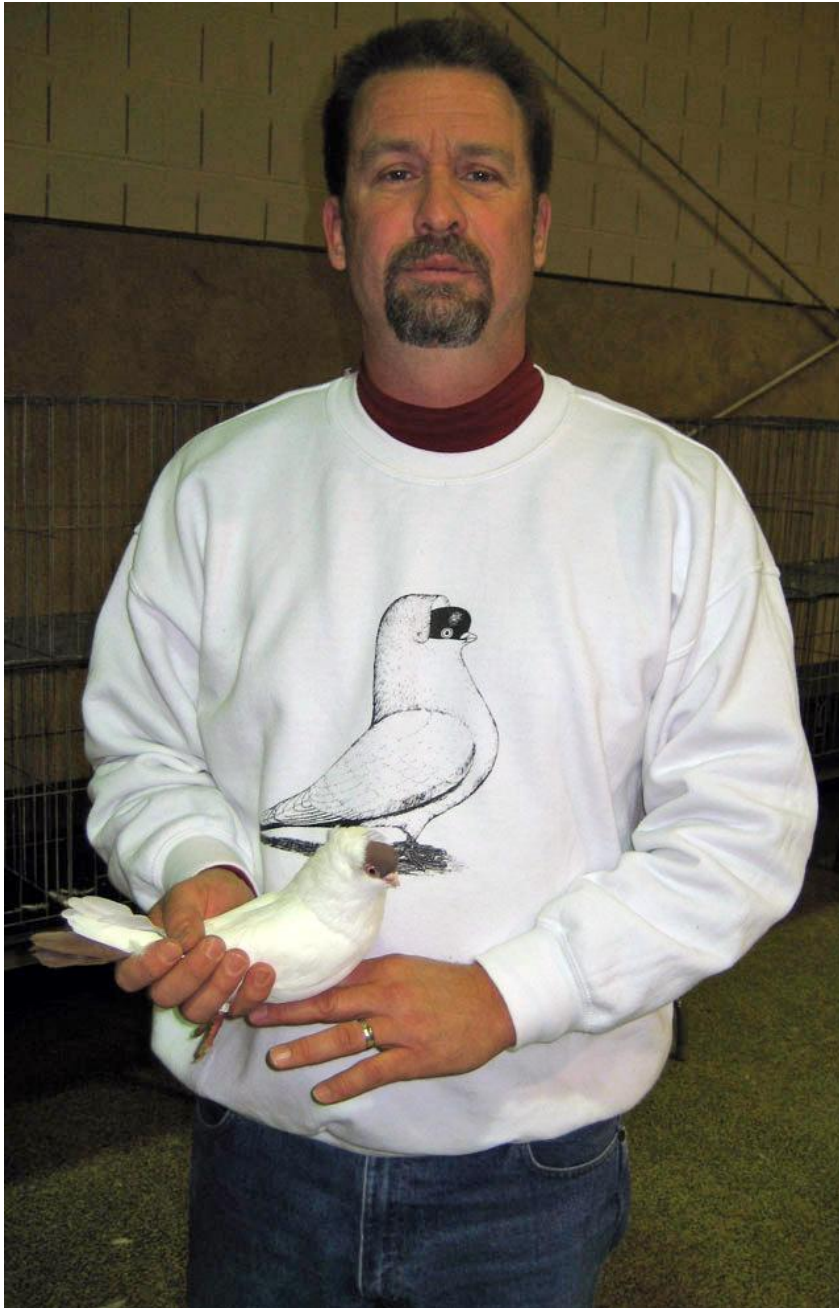
K. Mike LaCom (left (reserve)) and Jim Garus with their reserve and champion MFC birds at the Western Sectional.



Western Sectional attendees: From left- Otto Schenck, Mike LaCom, Leonard Petitto, Jim Garus holding champion trophy, Dennis Manning, Vic Eshpeter, Chet Edmonds, Judge John Raposo, Hank Ebbelaar behind John, Dennis Bray, Myron burger



Eastern Sectional attendees: From left- Harold Strawniak, Bob Bollinger, Mike Crawford, Victor Cline, Vic Cardillo, Steve Combs, Danny Garling



Mike Crawford with his Champion bird at the Eastern Sectional Vic Cline with his first and second reserve birds at the Eastern Sectional

Proposal for Change American Helmet Association By-Laws

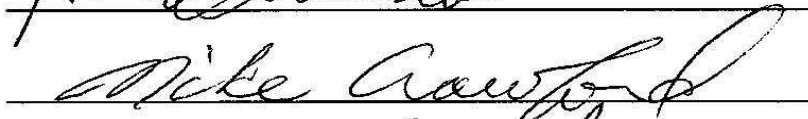
November 27, 2010

Committee:

Harold Strawniak



Mike Crawford



Victor Cline



Change the wording in the outstanding breeder of the year award rule to clarify the original intent of the 2004 revision. As worded, the award would almost exclusively be given to a MFC breeder as they routinely have the most total points. This proposal will change the wording to state the Outstanding Breeder of the Year will be awarded "by variety". This change will be retroactive to the 2008 show year. (Members may request recognition back to the 2005 show year on a case by case basis)

Existing Wording

Section C. Awards Recognition:

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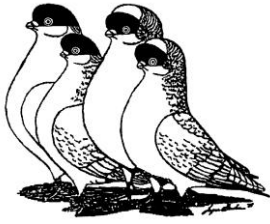
2. *Outstanding Breeder of the Year:*
This annual award will be provided based solely upon the total number of AHA Master Breeder points that a member acquires with young birds in the preceeding year.

Proposed Wording:

Section C. Awards Recognition:

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2. *Outstanding Breeder of the Year:*
This annual award will be provided based solely upon the total number of AHA Master Breeder points that a member acquires, by variety, with young birds in the preceeding year.



Join the AHA!

www.americanhelmetassn.com



The American Helmet Association is devoted to the promotion, breeding, and exhibition of all varieties of helmet pigeons. Whether you've been breeding Helmets for years, or if you're just starting out, the AHA is the club to belong to!

Order Form for AHA Stuff

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____
 Email: _____

Membership Dues

Adult \$15.0
 Juniors\$ \$5.00 /yr
 Family \$20.00 /yr

Membership Cost \$ _____
 Number of Years x _____
 Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please note that your membership begins the day you pay your dues. Your bulletin address label reflects your current membership term.

Bands

\$0.35 per band
 Plus \$2.00 for postage per order

Number of Bands _____
 Year _____

(min order = 25 bands) X \$0.35

Please order in increments of 5 (25, 30, 35 etc.)

Cost of Bands \$ _____
 Plus Postage \$ _____
 Total Enclosed \$ _____

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 951 SE Academy St.
 Dallas, OR 97338
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 grabliven@yahoo.com

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