

Helmet Happenings



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From the Editor

I hope everyone had a good holiday season and everyone is all revved up for the next big show. This time for real it is the National. I was rightfully corrected by several members about my statement in the last issue. Apparently I forgot about some sectionals. Specifically the Western Sectional at the Pageant of Pigeons show in California. It was a very big show. More information on its results follows.

In this issue you will also see the amendments Bob Bollinger made to the constitution. Thank you to Bob and all others involved for all the hard work to make these changes happen. It will also be posted as required for review in the next bulletin. It will also be discussed at the meeting to take place at the National. My understanding is that the corrections were more of the clarification type and we aren't really changing anything. I left in the program insertion and deletion notes so you could easily see what changes were made.

From the President

Hello, I am your new President. No you didn't miss voting for me. You weren't given a chance. Our elected President resigned and no replacement was to be found. Chuck, our club secretary treasurer (who is also looking for a replacement so he can retire from office) asked me to fill the vacancy.

This job will require you members to help me make this a better, active club. It needs your participation so please help when asked. The National is coming soon. It is being held on January 24-26, 2008 in Mt Clemens Michigan. Our Judges will be:

SFC Gary Parsons
MFPH Dennis Bray
SFPH Toni Patti
Muffed Dennis Bray
MFC Toni Patti

This could be a record breaking Helmet show with the added support from Districts 9 & 10 in Canada as seven of the top ten in Louisville were from one Canadian breeder. For this show I think we will see

some very good Helmets from all over North America. Don't miss your opportunity to compete with the Canadian breeders.

With a correction to our editor the next big show was the Western Sectional held in California at the Pageant of Pigeons. Seventeen breeders from Oregon, Utah, Washington and California exhibited 151 MFC, 25 PH and 8 SF. The California members with the help of Jim Garus did a great job promoting this Western Sectional meet. Bob Bollinger did a good job judging all varieties of Helmets.

James Jenson returned once again to show who in the West breeds the best. James won best MFC and best Plainhead. Both were very good Helmets. Hank Ebbelaar won best SF with an old red cock. This SF has won many shows.

We held the annual futurity auction. This was only for MFC young placing first thru third place. These birds are auctioned off unless their owner chooses to protect them by bidding a higher amount than they are protected. In this event four birds were sold. This was followed by an open class auction with success in selling some good stock birds and show birds. We gained two new members because of our auctions.

We also held a meeting. Discussion was regarding Bob Bollinger finishing the constitution amendments. Thanks to all who helped make these changes. It will be in this and the next bulletin then voted on by all members. We also discussed how to improve our auction. We will be holding an auction at the upcoming National so bring your extra Helmets. Any selling in the aisle before the auction will only hurt. Try and wait for the auction to sell these extra birds. This is a great way to get quality Helmets to old and new breeders, plus bring in new members.

One final thing, anyone shipping Helmets to the National be sure to bring with you the letter by Dr Kevin Zollars you can obtain online. This letter describes conditions pigeons can handle or tolerate in cold weather climates. You may need it this winter going to and from this year's National in Michigan. Hope to see you there. Good Luck

As Ever
Dennis Bray

Secretaries Report

By Chuck Dwight

We had another poor response to the ballot to elect our National show judges. Only 13 ballots were returned on time. Two more came about 2 weeks late. Sorry guys, but if they are not in by the deadline they don't count.

Our membership is still dropping. Seventy nine members as of this mailing. We have a long list of members (24) whose dues are either due or past due. Please check the list or your mailing label.

Our revised constitution has been approved by our Board of Directors and will be included in this bulletin and the next one for your review and comments. A special thanks to Bob Bollinger for all the time and work he has put into this.

Hope to see a lot of you at the National.....Chuck

National Show Judges

MFC	Toni Patti	MFPH	Dennis Bray
SFC	Gary Parsons	SFPH	Toni Patti
Muffed	Dennis Bray		

National Show Schedule

Thu Jan 24	Judge small varieties Board of Directors meeting
Fri Jan 25	Judge remaining classes
Sat Jan 26	General membership meeting. Awards Helmet Auction

Times will be posted in the show hall

District 8 Report

By James Jensen

It has been quite some time since I have reported from district 8. 2007 has been a bit different year. Here in Utah we all seemed to have a late start to the breeding season and therefore the young birds have been slow to develop and it has been difficult to show. Steve Mitchell moved this year and didn't even mate up until June.

We enjoyed a great lawn show and barbeque in September with about 30 birds entered. James Jensen had the bird with the most feather and won that show. At this particular show each year, everyone who enters gets to help judge. It is a lot of fun and it is very educational when you have to critique your birds against everyone else's.

The first week of November was the Salt Lake premier show. The show was small this year with only 29 helmets entered. Steve Mitchell did the judging. He was very thorough in looking over the birds. Todd and Kathy Farnsworth had best MFC with a beautiful young red hen. James Jensen had best MF Plainhead.

We are delighted to have a couple of new breeders in Utah this year; Kurtis Hogan and Brett Harmon. We are also pleased to welcome back Mark Etherington into helmets.

We all went to the western sectional at the Pageant of Pigeons in San Bernadino California. This was a great show. 148 birds were shown by 14 exhibitors. We would like to thank Bob Bollinger for judging. He did a very good job. Dennis Manning had best SF Plainhead, Hank Ebbelaar had best SFC, James Jensen had champion MF Plainhead with Dennis Manning winning reserve champion. James Jensen had champion MFC with a powerful young red

cock and also had first reserve champion with a red old hen. Brian McCormick had second reserve with a red young hen. It was a day for the reds.

We also held our futurity auction in which all the class winners in young birds go into the auction. The owner is allowed to bid to keep his birds and therefore only four birds actually changed hands but when we followed it with an open auction where about thirty birds changed hands. Both were successful for the club and there were a lot of good birds going to a new home for very reasonable prices. I was pleased to bring home a nice pair of yellows from Mike La Com.

As always, much of the best part of the show was the evenings out with good friends, good food and good conversations.

The first Sunday in February will be our district 8 meet held in conjunction with the Grand Circle Pigeon Club in Hurricane, Utah. This is always a fun show. We in Northern Utah enjoy the break from the cold and snow and enjoy the warm desert weather. I expect that we will have about 70 or 80 helmets at this years show. I am looking forward to showing some of my late hatches that have not been ready for earlier shows.

New Member

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Your Dues are Due

District 1- John DeCarlo, John Heppner, Edward Verdugo
District 2- Gary Lien, Steve Gelhausen
District 3- Donna Johnston, Aron Lorton, Lew Wescott
District 4- Hugh Rynn
District 6- Nelson Eylander, Bob Dunlap, David Henshaw, Gary Wendholt
District 7- Galen Goshorn, Joe Powers, Gregory Munch
District 8- Dennis Craynor, Todd Farnsworth, Keith Edwards, Guy Rainey
District 12- James Evans, Harold Jones, Tony Patti, Vincent Pellegrino

**Final Line Ups
Western Sectional, Pageant of Pigeons
San Bernadino, California
November 16, 2007**



MEDIUM FACED CRESTED

114 MFC shown

Judge: Bob Bollinger

13 exhibitors, 3 districts represented; Mike La Com, Leonard Petitto, Dennis Manning, Dennis Bray, Hank Ebbelaar, Vic Eshpeter, Jim Garus, Mike Larson, James Jenson, Steve Mitchell, Todd & Kathy Farnsworth, Kurtis Hogan, Brett Harmon

PLACE	BAND #	CLASS	COLOR	EXHIBITOR	POINTS
1	717	yc	red	James Jensen	66.50
2	658	oh	red	James Jensen	49.88
3	593	oc	red	Brian McCormick	39.90
4	1100	oc	black	Todd & Kathy Farnsworth	33.25
5	649	yh	red	Todd & Kathy Farnsworth	26.60
6	121	yc	dun	Jim Garus	19.95
7	2504	yc	yellow	Karl Mike La Com	16.63
8	577	oh	blue	Brian McCormick	13.30
9	1282	oc	blue	Brian McCormick	9.98
10	1046	oh	yellow	Todd & Kathy Farnsworth	6.65
11	778	yc	black	James Jensen	Jensen
12	2414	oc	yellow	Karl Mike La Com	2.00
13	593	oc	red	Brian McCormick	2.00
14	103	oc	ash red	Dennis Bray	2.00
15	3389	oh	dun	Karl Mike La Com	2.00

PLACE	BAND #	CLASS	COLOR	EXHIBITOR	POINTS
16	614	yh	dun	Todd & Kathy Farnsworth	2.00
17	1315	yc	dun	Karl Mike La Com	2.00
18	180	yc	blue	Brian McCormick	2.00
19	664	yh	black	Todd & Kathy Farnsworth	2.00
20	1147	oh	black	Todd & Kathy Farnsworth	2.00
21	1005	yh	ash red	Dennis Bray	2.00
22	1001	oc	black	Dennis Bray	2.00
23	705	yh	silver	James Jensen	2.00

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MEDIUM FACED PLAINHEAD

26 MFPH shown

Judge: Bob Bollinger

4 exhibitors; Leonard Petito, Dennis Manning, Vic Eshpeter, James Jensen, Jim Garus

PLACE	BAND	CLASS	COLOR	EXHIBITOR	POINTS
1	720	yc	black	James Jensen	31.5
2	1852	oc	red	Dennis Manning	23.63
3	2265	oh	yellow	Dennis Manning	18.90
4	2202	yh	red	Dennis Manning	15.75
5	634	oh	silver	James Jensen	12.60
6	700	yh	blue	James Jensen	9.95
7	2234	yc	red	Dennis Manning	7.88

PLACE	BAND	CLASS	COLOR	EXHIBITOR	POINTS
8	1727	oh	red	Dennis Manning	6.30
9	1594	oc	blue	Leonard Petito	4.73
10	816	oc	black	Leonard Petito	3.15
11	2294	oc	red	Leonard Petito	1.58
12	2409	oc	silver	Leonard Petito	1.26
13	187	yc	blue	Leonard Petito	0.95
14	182	yh	silver	Leonard Petito	0.95
15	2456	oh	Blue	Leonard Petito	0.95



Short Face Crested

4 SFC shown

Judge: Bob Bollinger

2 exhibitors

Exhibitors: Hank Ebbelaar, Dennis Bray

PLACE	BAND	CLASS	COLOR	EXHIBITOR	POINTS
1	1846	oc	red	Hank Ebbelaar	
2	268	oh	red	Hank Ebbelaar	
3	1003	yc	red	Dennis Bray	
4	2246	yh	red	Dennis Bray	

Short Faced Plain Head

3 SFPH shown

Judge: Bob Bollinger

2 exhibitors

Exhibitors: Dennis Manning, Vic Eshpeter

PLACE	BAND	CLASS	COLOR	EXHIBITOR	POINTS
1	2248	yc	black	Dennis Manning	
2	2260	oh	red	Dennis Manning	
3	1040	yh	yellow	Vic Eshpeter	