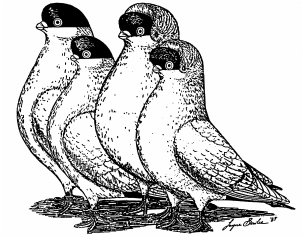


Helmet Happenings



Sept/Oct Issue

November 1, 2004

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From the President

The show season is now upon us. Hopefully you have a few good prospects to take to the shows. As I have talked to helmet fancier's around the country, it appears that the popularity of our helmets is on the rise. Make sure you support your local district shows and sectional shows. If we can make a good display of helmets, others will become interested.

A number of years ago I attended a show where there were probably 800 birds of a particular breed shown that I had some interest in. I went over to watch the judging to see if I could learn something. I even asked a few questions. After sitting there for over an hour and being totally ignored, I decided that they surely didn't need me in their

breed and I left. I was prepared to buy some birds at that show, but because of the coldness of the fanciers, I decided it was not the breed for me.

I tell you this just to encourage you to be aware of interested persons at our shows. Be sure to talk to them and help them to understand what a good helmet looks like. I hope you will take a few good pairs of breeding stock to sell and help get a new fancier started right in helmets. While you're at it see if you can get them to join the American Helmet Association. They will then be able to get the full helmet experience. We also have recently new fanciers. See if you can't help them along also. A little help in showing them how to prepare their birds for show

can reap great dividends. In district 8 this year we had a junior fancier show at our lawn show for the first time. He had a beautiful black hen that he had raised that needed to be trimmed. A senior fancier showed him how to prepare his bird properly. You should have seen the excitement in that boy's face and his fathers when he won reserve champion of the show. Hopefully we will have a helmet fancier for life because of a little help from a new friend.

Good luck to you in the shows. I hope to see many of you this year. I look forward to looking over the best helmets in the world at the national this year. Hope you can be there.

James P. Jensen

Secretary's Report by Charles Dwight

Well the sheep shows are over and it is time to try to catch up on all the farm work that doesn't get done while I am gone. We did not have any outstanding sheep this year, but over-all they were a little above average. I guess I had better check the loft and see if any champions have shown up while I was gone. (Haven't found any yet.) It seems like when someone else is taking care of things, they don't get done quite like when

you are doing it yourself. I guess I better not complain too much, the help was free. The election of officers is done. The results are in this bulletin. Also a ballot has been sent out and the results should be in by the time you get this bulletin for two constitution changes. These are changes that have been needed for a long time. Hopefully everyone will vote and they will pass. I was a little disappointed that there was not more

comments about this in the last bulletins. Under the way the Hall of Fame Award is now no bird has met the requirements since 1992, and the breeder of the year award has become nothing but a popularity contest. We are planning to have all the changes made to the constitution made before the National show, and a copy will be sent to everyone.

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DISTRICT 8 REPORT

By Mark Etherington

Hello Everyone. We have been having some fun lately in our District. We have completed two shows and are looking forward to our Premier Show on November 5th and 6th in Salt Lake City.

On September 18 we had our annual Young Bird Show. We had 8 exhibitors showing 77 young birds in 11 classes. Most birds had some feathering still to complete but it still gave us some ideas of things to come. James Jensen won the Champion Helmet with a beautiful little Dun Hen. The 1st Reserve Champion Helmet went to Zach Jackson with a beautiful little Black Hen. Zach is Junior Exhibitor and this was his first show, so we were all excited for him. The 2nd Reserve Champion Helmet went to Todd and Cathy Farnsworth with a beautiful Red Hen. Congratulations to our show winners. After the show we had a great hamburger barbeque lunch together. What a great activity. We also had two gentlemen come to the show who will be joining our group showing Helmets. They are Dennis Craynor and Tom Newman. We are getting them set up now with some fine show stock.

On October 9th we had our young bird and yearling show in conjunction with the Utah Pigeon Club. In this show we had 7 exhibitors enter 63 Helmets in 17 classes. We appreciated Bob Lien joining us from District 11 as one of our exhibitors. Tom Allen was our judge who has just moved back to Utah. We hope to have him join us soon as an exhibitor. The Champion Helmet at this show was a beautiful little Black Hen raised by Wayne Diviney. This helmet is going to be a challenge for anyone in our group to beat. The 1st Reserve Champion Helmet went to a beautiful Red Hen raised by James Jensen. The 2nd Reserve Champion went to a yearling Black Cock raised by Todd and Cathy Farnsworth. Congratulations to our show winners.

On behalf of District 8 I would like to thank Todd and Cathy Farnsworth for the great job they are doing publishing the Bulletin. They are doing a great job.

Last month my brother Gary and I got a chance to go to Utah for there young bird show. We first stopped over at James Jensen's place to see his new home and loft. I see why his kids named it the pigeon palace. Very nice loft with a lot of good quality birds. James had a good breeding season. After having dinner with him and his wife Donna, we went to the loft of Todd and Cathy Farnsworth. Again a very nice loft; looked like they had a good breeding season also, they must have had a 150 helmets in the loft. On Saturday we went to the show. They had a good display of helmets there, around 60 birds shown from seven AHA members. What a great bunch of people.

Thanks to Steve Mitchell, Todd and Cathy Farnsworth and James Jensen we went home with more birds than we went out with.

Congratulations to Wayne Diviney for having champion helmet, real nice bird. Good luck to all of you the rest of the show season. Hope to see you all at the shows.

Bob Lein



Wayne Diviney and his Champion MFC Black Young Hen at the Young and Yearling show.

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Don't forget, when you send your band orders, the price of bands is .35 each now. I will mail the bands on December 27. No bands will be mailed unless they are paid in full. I have received some orders that were still sent at .30 each. They will not be sent until I receive the difference.

SHOW RESULTS

Dist. 8 lawn show & Utah Pigeon Club Young & Yearling Show

DISTRICT 12 REPORT
By Raul "The Trained Eye" Delgado

It is now officially fall and here in the East, the cool nights are causing the foliage to take on there autumn colors. My Helmets are still in the porcupine stage and my optimism is still in "Let's see what happens".

I have spoken to a few of the District 12 members, namely Tony Patti, which said, "I only raised a few!" and Joseph Corradino, who's health is not well. His mobility is limited yet he's not a quitter and will not give up. My hat is off to this fine gentleman. He is still raising MFC Helmets with the assistance of his sons. We wish him well!

On November 21, 2004, District 12 will hold its District meet in Rochester, NY. The Rochester Pigeon Fanciers Club is hosting our meet and is also offering a cash prize for the best decorated exhibition area which we (AHA) won last year when we held the Eastern Sectional in conjunction with them.

Last year's exhibitors:

Chuck Dwight	Dist. 6	Harold Strawniak	Dist. 7
Bob Bollinger	Dist. 7	Raul Delgado	Dist. 12
Mike Crawford	Dist. 7	Gordon David	Dist. 12
Galen Goshorn	Dist. 7	Victor Cline	Dist. 14

Judge: Guido Madrusan, Canada

Total in event: 106 Helmets

Champion MFC #2719	Black	YC	Raul Delgado
Reserve MFC #2723	Red	OH	Raul Delgado
Champion MFPH #64	AORC	OC	Mike Crawford
Reserve MFC #82	Ash Red	OC	Mike Crawford

This year we hope to have the same support and some. Those of you interested in participating, feel free to contact me. Those of you that are participating, load up your fall deco so that we can win the deco contest.

Good luck fellas and bring the noise!

Sincerely in the fancy,
Raul Delgado, District 12 Director



AHA 2004 EASTERN SECTIONAL MEET

Will be held in conjunction with the STURBRIDGE WINTER CLASSIC PIGEON SHOW on Friday, December 10 & Saturday, December 11, 2004. Judging will start Saturday at 10 a.m.

JUDGE: MR. ANDY TERRACIANO

CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

CONTACT: MIKE CRAWFORD E.V.P./RUAL DELGADO DISTRICT 12 DIR.

ENTRY DUE: DECEMBER 3, 2004

AHA DISTRICT 12 MEET

Will be held in conjunction with the ROCHESTER PIGEON FANCIER CLUB on Sunday, November 21, 2004.

JUDGE: TO BE ANNOUNCED

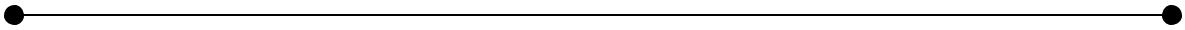
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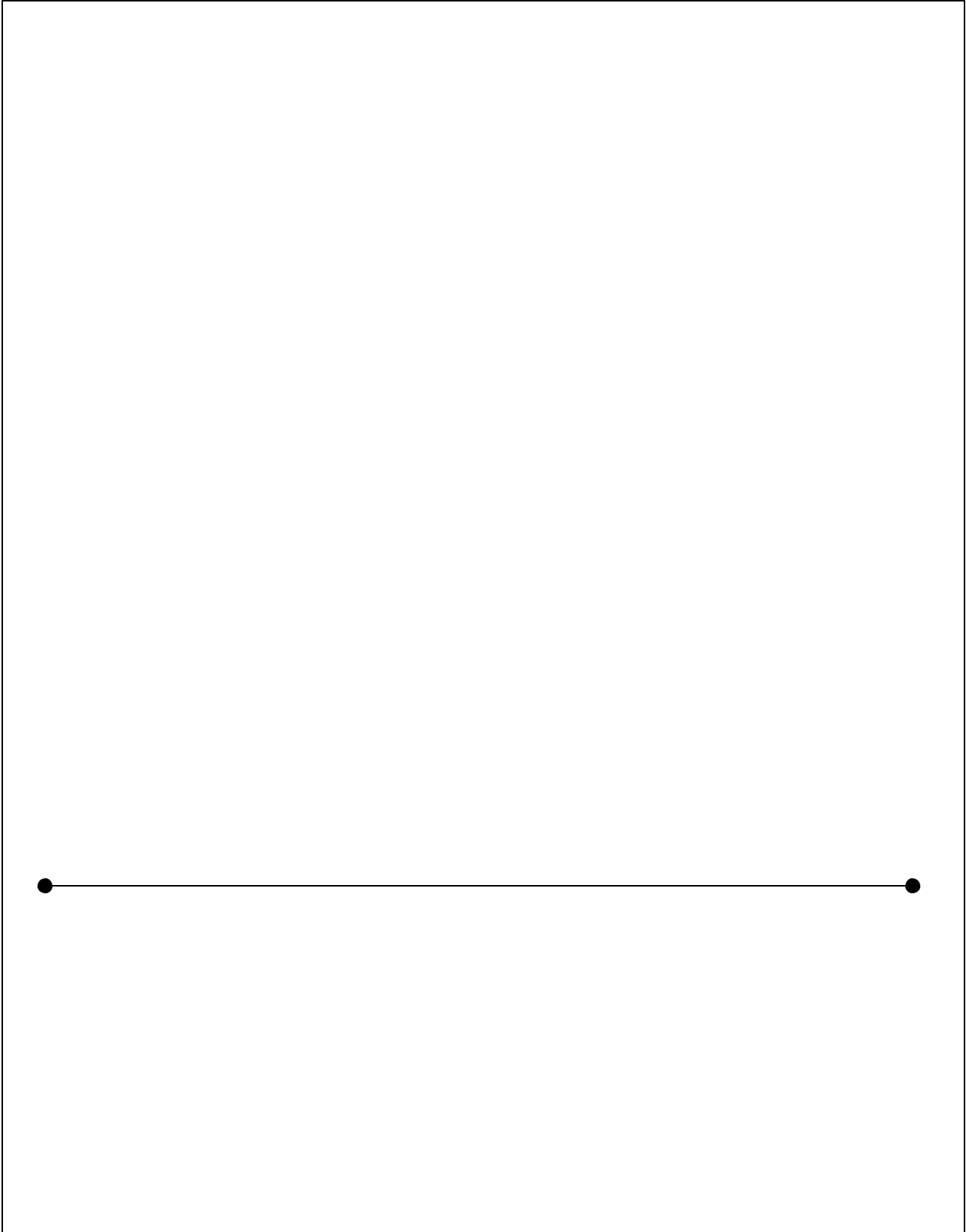
THANK YOU.....RAUL

DISTRICT 14 REPORT

By Victor Cline



DISTRICT 14 REPORT continued



2004 ELECTION RESULTS

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MFP Toni Patti
SFC Charles Dwight
SFP Charles Dwight
Muffed Mike Crawford

Breeder of the Year:

Mike Crawford

Member of the Year:

Charles Dwight

Membership changes—

No membership changes to be reported at this time. If you know of someone interested in receiving a AHA newsletter, please forward their name and address to Charles Dwight or



Are your dues past due?

Please check your mailing address label on this newsletter—
If highlighted, your membership is due for renewal.

BAND ORDERS

It's time to order your 2005 bands.

If you want a certain series or just want low numbers you need to get your orders in soon.

Bands are .35 each, with a minimum order of 25 plus \$1.00 for postage.

See order form inside.



GOOD LUCK
at the shows !

Treasurer's Report

May/Sept 2004

by Charles Dwight

INCOME

Dues	\$110.00
Bands	\$ 80.75
Band Postage	\$ 9.00
Futurity	\$ 35.00
Patch	\$ <u>7.50</u>
Total	\$242.25

EXPENSES

Postage	\$ 17.25
Stamps	\$ 83.20
Bulletin Advance	\$200.00
Ballot Copies	\$ 10.28
Bulletin Printing	\$101.71
Bulletin Postage	\$ 98.41
Supplies	\$ <u>8.30</u>
Total	\$519.15

TOTALS

Starting Balance	\$3,177.54
Income	+ <u>242.25</u>
TOTAL	3,419.79
Expenses	- <u>519.15</u>
Ending balance	\$2,900.64

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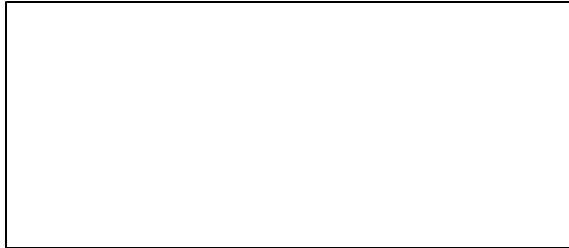


The next deadline for newsletter articles is December 20.

Thanks,
Todd & Cathy Farnsworth, Bulletin Editors

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Paste order forms here



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GOING TO THE VETS
A real Groaner....

A woman brought a very limp pigeon into a veterinary surgery. As she lay her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the birds chest. After a moment or two the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm so sorry, the pigeon has passed away."

The distressed owner wailed, "are you sure?" "Yes, I am sure. The pigeon is dead" he replied. "How can you be so sure?" she protested. "I mean, you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might just be in a coma or something."

The vet rolled his eyes, turned around and left the room, and returned a few moments later with a black Labrador Retriever. As the pigeon owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the bird from top to bottom. He then looked at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet patted the dog and took it out, and returned a few moments later with a beautiful cat. The cat jumped up on the table and also sniffed delicately at the bird. The cat sat back on his haunches, shook his head, meowed softly and strolled out of the room.

The vet looked at the woman and said "I'm sorry, but as I said, this is most definitely, 100% certifiably, a dead pigeon.

The vet turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill which he handed to the woman. The pigeon's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150.00," she cried. "\$150.00 just to tell me my bird is dead!"

The vet shrugged. "I'm sorry, If you'd taken my word for it, the bill would have been only \$20.00, but with the Lab Report and the Cat Scan...."