

# Helmet Happenings

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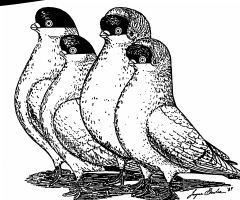
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## From the President



Here it is, the middle of October. The show season is in full swing. If you're like me, you're wishing that those late hatches would grow some feathers so that you would know what you had to work with.

Yesterday I managed to get my birds vaccinated. It's a job I don't enjoy, but due to a very bad experience a few years ago, I know that it is necessary. I brought a bird home from the national a number of years ago that hadn't been vaccinated for PMV and it brought the disease into my loft. I had some rollers that were used as fosters that never left the loft that I hadn't vaccinated. The disease went from the new bird to the fosters to my young helmets in the new breeding season. That wasn't a very good year. Please vaccinate your birds before you show them. You wouldn't want your birds to become infected and you wouldn't want to be the cause of someone else taking the disease home. By now I expect that you've got a couple of hopefuls to show. Good luck to you in the showroom.

You have not seen a ballot for the elections this year. The reason is that there were only a few nominations that came in and as luck would have it, when Chuck contacted those nominated, there was only one nominee for each variety that accepted the nomination. We also only had one nomination for member of the year, therefore the results were automatic. The list should be published elsewhere in this bulletin. I would like to thank each of those who accepted this nomination to judge, and all those who are willing to step up and take a turn judging at any of our shows. We all work hard each year to breed that show champion and I appreciate anyone who will forego showing to give the service of judging our birds. It is often a thankless job. I don't always agree with the way a judge places the birds, but if a judge will give the birds a thorough look over and do his best to judge according to the standard, then I thank him for his efforts. We don't always see what the judge sees up close and personal. I have found many times that a judge has pointed out something to me that I have overlooked and I have learned from it. Thanks to our judges.

It's show time!! Make sure you do your part in preparing and conditioning your bird for the show. He'll do his part. I hate to see an otherwise outstanding helmet get placed down for pin holes or poor condition or because a few foul feathers haven't been removed by his owner. Win or lose, I'm always pleased when I can set down a show team that are prepared as well as possible and look the best they can. It's a beautiful sight.

See you at the shows.

James Jensen

## **Secretary's Report**

by Charles Dwight

We are finally back home from showing our sheep. We started on July 23rd and finished on September 16th. It has been hard to keep up with things, only being home from one to three days between fairs.

I want to thank Todd and Cathy for being patient with me for not being on time and not getting much to them to print.

After a very low return on National Judge nomination ballots, our National Judges have been selected. There will be no election ballot sent, due to one person agreeing to judge in each variety. Results are elsewhere in this bulletin.

Show season is here. I will be leaving in just a few days for the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, KY. I am looking forward to seeing a lot of friends that I only get to see once or twice a year. I will not be making it to many other shows this year. I will not be at the National show.

Chuck

## **Grand National Show Schedule San Bernardino, CA January 19, 20 & 21, 2006**

- Thursday January 19, 3:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting.
- Thursday January 19, 4:00 p.m. All birds must be cooped.
- Thursday January 19, 7:00 p.m. N.P.A. General Meeting.
- Friday January 20, 9:00 a.m. Helmet judging begins.
- Saturday January 21, 9:00 a.m. Annual A.H.A. General Membership Meeting.
- Saturday January 21, A.H.A. Awards—after general meeting.
- Saturday January 21, Helmet Auction—after awards.
- Saturday January 21, 5:00 p.m. Birds released.

Entry form included in this newsletter

**National Judges  
San Bernardino, CA  
January 19, 20 & 21, 2006**

Due to only five nomination ballots being returned, (only three were completely filled out) and most of the nominees declining, no election ballot will be sent out.

Nominees were:

Medium Face Crested

Jim Garus -	Declined
Myron Berger -	National Judge
Dennis Bray -	Declined

Medium Face Plainhead

Dennis Bray -	Declined
Tony Patti -	Declined
James Jensen -	Declined
Mike Crawford -	National Judge

Short Face Crested

Bob Dunlap -	Declined
Leonard Patito -	Declined
John Heppner -	National Judge

Short Face Plainhead

Bob Dunlap -	Declined
Leonard Patito -	National Judge

Muffed

Leonard Patito -	National Judge
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Member of the Year

Todd and Cathy Farnsworth

It seems to me that anyone who is going to show at the National would be interested enough in who is going to be doing the judging to send in their nomination form.

It would also be a good idea to check with the people you are going to nominate to see if they are willing to do the judging.

Charles Dwight, Secretary, AHA

**Special Thanks to Myron Berger for Judging  
the Utah State Fair 2005**

## **News from DISTRICT 7**

by Bob Bollinger

We have been blessed with a great start to the show season here in Pennsylvania. The season started with the local fair where 54 helmets were shown. There were 840 pigeons in the event. The York fair is a very large event with big name stars in the grandstand and many 10's of thousand of visitors. The public had the opportunity to view all types live stock and pigeons. This is always great PR for the animal hobbies.

The competitive portion of our season started at the Reading, PA young bird show on October 2. We had 27 helmets shown by 5 exhibitors. Victor Cardillo graciously offered to judge this event where Bob Bollinger took top honors in both the MFC and MFP categories. Since this was still early in the season there were a lot of birds that were simply not finished. Many stellar birds were shown by all the exhibitors. This year's competition will be tough!

Our first District 7 meet was held at the WRPA show in Emigsville, PA on October 16, 2005. We had a nice turn out for this show. It was refreshing to see the continued support of our local breeders. You see in October we had 4 big shows on 4 back to back weekends. This one was the third show laying between the District 14 meet and the NYBS. Thank you all for your support! At WRPA we had 65 helmets shown. In MFCs champion was won by Bob Bollinger and reserve was won by Mike Crawford. In MFPs Bob Bollinger won both champion and reserve. I would like to thank Joe Powers for judging both MFCs and MFPs.

The full results of the show will be posted on the web site in a few weeks and should appear in our next bulletin.

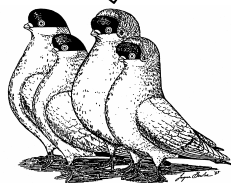
### **District 3**

#### **Upcoming shows and events:**

Sent in by Wes Pfadenhauer

- Saturday, November 5th at Deer Grove Illinois with The Mid-American Pigeon club. Contact Melburn Bonnell 528 Assembly Place Dixon, IL 61021
- Saturday, December 10th at Des Moines Iowa with the Iowa State pigeon Association. Contact Jan Nyhus 412 E. 1st St. Huxley, IA 50124-9444

**Please  
join us if  
you can!**



### **District 12**

#### **Upcoming shows and events:**

Sent in by Raul Delgado

- November 20, 2005  
Rochester Pigeon Fanciers Club  
District 12 Meet Rochester, NY  
Contact Raul Delgado
- December 9 and 10, 2005  
Sturbridge Winter Classic  
District 12 Meet Sturbridge, Mass  
Contact Raul Delgado

## News from DISTRICT 14

by Victor Cline

The show season has finally begun and things are shaping up well here. Many of us have been attending the local shows and we always have a good time.

We held our District 14 meet on October 9, 2005 in Waynesboro, PA. The show was another success for us here in District 14. We had 91 birds shown with exhibitors from 4 states attending. There were 67 MFCs shown with Galen Goshorn taking champion and Victor Cline winning reserve champion. Both of the top birds were raised by Victor Cline. There were 24 MFPs shown with Bob Bollinger taking champion and Mike Crawford winning reserve. I would like to thank everyone who entered birds in the show! Even more importantly I would like to thank Victor Cardillo for judging the MFCs. We are just getting back into having meets here in District 14 and we appreciate all your support!

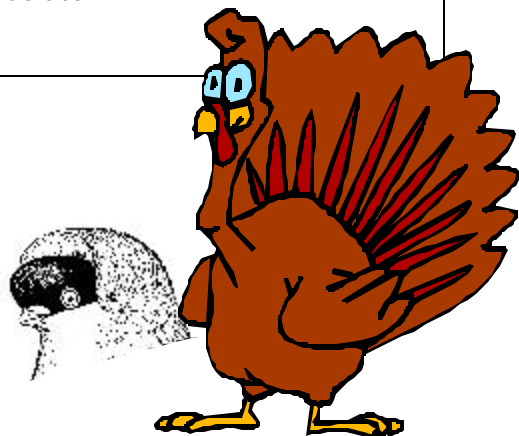
The full results of the show will be posted on the web site in a few weeks and should appear in our next bulletin. I look forward to seeing everyone at the shows this season.

## **New AHA Web Site**

By Bob Bollinger

It's finally here! We now have a new and updated AHA web site. Please go out and check it out: [www.americanhelmetassn.com](http://www.americanhelmetassn.com)

I tried to include information and resources relevant to the club. At the site you will find general information as well as show reports, club documents, pictures and other things. I would appreciate your comments on how to improve the site. It would also be nice to include information from other areas. Please send me materials that you would like posted. I have software to convert most files and I would appreciate your info in digital format.



Maybe no one will recognize me  
if I put this mask on.

## News from Australia -

Submitted by Charles Dwight

Col Campbell  
5 Cottonwood Close  
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NSW 2650  
Australia

Dear Charles,

I am a Helmet breeder in Australia and I am planning to attend the San Bernardino National Show in January 2006.

There will be four of us traveling as a group, the others are Jacobin breeders.

I am writing to you hoping that you might be able to help me with the names and addresses of Helmet breeders that live around the Los Angeles area.

Our plans at this time are to arrive in Los Angeles on Sunday the 15th and just go sight seeing around Los Angeles till the show. Attend the show the 19th, 20th and 21st and hopefully see lots of good Helmets. After the show we are going to drive to Las Vegas and end up in San Francisco. We fly out of San Francisco around about the 31st

Hoping to hear from you.

Yours in Pigeons,  
Col Campbell

## From the Archives -

Submitted by Myron Berger

Article by Elmet Walker/Year??

As you may or may not know, the N.F.L. College Football Draft was recently held. I follow football, and watched as each team picked new players for this season. While this was going on, I started thinking how it would be to own and /or coach a pro team and how it would be to make all the decisions about new player and such. Then, it dawned on me that raising Helmets is a lot like having your own team.

To start with, you are the coach. You pick the team. Starting a **Season**, you look at your **vet-eran** breeders from last season. You look at their performance and see what your goals are. What does your **Team** lack? Your **Rookies** are all the young you raised last year. By **Cutting**, you have gotten down to only a few of the best (which I call my **Draft Picks**). Are any of these able to break into the **Line Up**? Can they bump a veteran out and make the **Roster**? I limit my team to twenty pair so only forty birds can be kept. I do have a **Taxi Squad** of three extra hens and three extra cocks. I can use these as feeders, or if I lose a bird, I can put a **Taxi Squad** member on the **Active Roster** as a replacement and still maintain a full team.

About the time I have my **Roster** set, I go to a swap meet or a fellow Helmet Breeder's loft and see that one **Free Agent** that could **Turn the Team Around**. This bird has the one thing the team lacks and has possibilities of being a **Super Star**. It could produce some **All Pros**. I have to have the bird, so I **Try to Sign it**. I work hard for a **Trade**. It costs two red M/F cocks and a **Third Round** pick from it's first mating.

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## BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Breeder of the year will be awarded to the breeder of each variety who earned the most master points with young birds in 2004.

You must keep track of your own points and send them to the secretary by November 30, so the secretary has time to verify them. They will only count if the show reports have been turned in thru the proper channels.

All show reports are to have been sent to the Points Director, the Secretary and the Bulletin Editor. This is the only way we have to verify them.

Deadline: November 30, 2005

Charles Dwight, Secretary A.H.A.

### From the Archives continued from pg. 7 -

Submitted by Myron Berger

Article by Elmet Walker/Year??

As the **Regular Season** comes to a close, it's show time and the **Playoffs** begin. The local shows decide a lot. You check the **Standings** and wonder if your team will **Go All The Way**—The eastern and western Sectionals and National Young Bird Show. Then it's on to the **Super Bowl**—The N.P.A. Grand National. Maybe, later on, your bird will enter the **Hall of Fame**.

You're not only the owner of your team, but also the coach. You call the shots. You determine whether you win or lose. You make the **Trades**, do the **Drafting**, and decide on the **Cuts**. You are team trainer. Coop Training and handler are so important. You are also the Team Doctor. Sickness or injuries could keep a bird **Out For the Season**, and you out of the **Playoffs**. Be on your toes and watch their health and **Training Table Diet**. You're also the equipment manager. Judging sticks, coops, carrying cases, waterers, nest bowls, etc. all have to be maintained and kept clean.

All in all, Helmet Breeding and pro Football have a lot in common so, Good Luck to everyone and hope to see many of you in the **Championships!**

Send comments, suggestions or even a joke or two to us at:

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The deadline for articles in the  
next newsletter is December 20.

days!

Happy Holi-

Issue	Deadline	Approx. mailing date
Jan/Feb	February 20	February 28
Mar/April	April 20	April 30
May/June	June 20	June 30
July/August	August 20	August 31
Sept/Oct	October 20	October 31



## New Members

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## Are your dues past due?

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

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Tracy Tran District 4  
Mik Geis District 4

Cassandera Seek District 6

## Treasurer's Report

Mar/Sept. 2005

by Charles Dwight

### INCOME

Dues	\$ 185.00
Bands	\$ 106.75
Band Postage	\$ 9.25
Futurity	\$
Bulletin Pictures Pg.	\$ 90.13
(pd. by C. Oberhansly)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 391.13</b>

### EXPENSES

Postage	\$ 23.03
Bulletin Printing	\$ 385.73
Bulletin Postage	\$ 156.99
1/2 2006 Bands	\$ 525.00
NPA Bulletin AD	\$ 50.00
Supplies	\$ 32.16
Pigeon Debut Ad	\$ 50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,222.91</b>

### TOTALS

Mar. starting bal.	\$3,699.91
Income	\$ 391.13
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,091.04</b>
Expenses	- 1,222.91
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,868.13</b>

## Postal Service Seeks to Expand Live Animal Shipping Opportunities

Article printed in the Sept/Oct 2005 A.D.A. DoveLine

The U.S. Postal Service, at the urging of U.S. Senator Grassley (R-Iowa), has written FedEx stating that as it appears that FedEx regularly and commonly ships all types of live animals, it can no longer invoke an exception in the law that allows it to refuse to carry live animals as part of its mail service contract. Therefore, the Postal Service has said, "we (Postal Service) expect you (FedEx) to comply with the statute by beginning to carry live animals..." as mail. The letter in particular refers to "day old poultry and such other live animals as postal regulations allow to be transmitted as mail matter."

The Postal Service noted that it has been contacted by a number of customers and their representatives regarding this matter. The AU was one of those representatives that has been raising this issue with the Postal Service.

FedEx had 60 days from receipt of the letter to beginning carrying live animals. As the letter was dated August 26, 2005, this means that FedEx should start carrying live animals by the end of October. If FedEx complies, this should open up many more options for the shipping of pigeons as mail. However, we have not yet heard FedEx's response to this letter from the Postal Service. It is likely that they will fight.

*Holiday Greetings*





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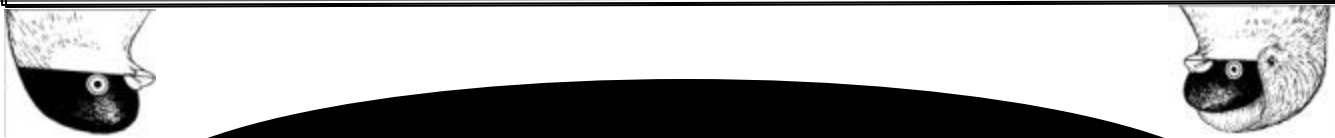
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## GET INVOLVED WITH YOUR AHA

From November 1969 Bulletin  
Submitted by Myron Berger

Getting involved with something meaningful in our Helmet society will further advance the breed and the club. Regardless if you are a new or old member, you should voice your opinion on any matter. We are always looking for improvements and have already made some. Now, we could just rest on our laurels, and the breed and club would fall flat on its face; but none of us are about to see that happen. Every person who helps out will make it that much better and smoother. There are so many details pertaining to the breed that need to be carried out that it's impossible for just a few to do it. So this is an appeal for you to help make the new A.H. A. better than ever. Contact your officers and local district directors and help make Helms the number 1 breed!