

# Helmet Happenings

## President's Report

By Hank Ebbelaar

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As I am sitting in front of the TV, watching I don't know what, my mind wonders over the last year and a half. What has happened during my time as President of the AHA? I had hoped to get more done during that time.

We did have a couple of good things happen. The National in Vancouver, Wa. had over 300 Helmets! I believe it was the largest breed of the show. Good work guys! In addition we had the Western Sectional hosted by District 9 in Canada. Which I believe is a first for the club. Ernie Silveri had the Champion MFC with John Heppner judging. Champion MFPH went to the late Dennis Bray judged by John De Carlo Jr.

Recently we had the 2nd district winter show in which I entered birds that Dennis Bray had raised. One of his, a yellow hen, won this show which was judged by Ernie Silveri. I have many memories of Dennis as I have known him since 1964. In the beginning he would come to the shows with his Father, Russell Bray, as Dennis was too young to drive. In later years we would spend many quality hours together enjoying Helmet shows all across the country. I looked at him as one of my dearest friends and a beautiful human being. Along with another great friend, Vic Eshpeter, we were the 3 Musketeers from Washington state. Together we traveled to All the Nationals for over 20 years. In addition, we traveled to Nuremberg, Germany for a show of over 32,000 pigeons. We were like kids in a candy store! What a fun time and great memories. I would do most anything for those two guys and I am sure they would do the same for me. Like many of you, Dennis and I would talk on the phone a couple of times a week. How are your birds doing? What birds of mine do you have mated to yours? We would trade back and forth having good clean fun! Coming into a show hall, one of the first things I would do is look for a tall white haired guy and that would be Dennis. I sure do miss him and the next National will be a hard one for me. R.I.P. Dennis.

It looks like K. Mike LaCom will be the new bulletin editor and Leonard Patito the new secretary/treasurer. Please help these two in their efforts for the AHA.

## **THOUGHTS FROM JAMES JENSEN**

Three years ago my wife and I decided to serve a mission for our church. We would be away from home for 1 1/2 years. Because of this I sold all of my pigeons 2 1/2 years ago. We had a marvelous time sharing the gospel for that time and returned home last January. I had foot surgery two weeks later. In the spring, I was getting antsie and decided it was time to have pigeons again. I called several of my Helmet friends to see if I could get some birds. Although it was the wrong time of year to be buying birds, I was delighted with how generous my Helmet friends were. My thanks goes out to Jim Garus, Mike LaCom Steve Mitchell, and Leonard Patito who shared some very top quality birds to start me up again. I worked with eight pair and raised 28 young. It was a good start. I look forward to showing at the National this year.

I have to admit that I have had great frustration in past years with the MF Helmet poor parenting. Twenty years ago it was not this way. Because of that frustration, I have decided not to keep as many pairs as I once did. I have decided to take the challenge to work to create top show quality duns. This is a somewhat neglected color and I am going to see if I have the breeding skills to put them into the winners circle. I invite you to join me. I only raised 4 duns this year of which I have kept two for the breeding program. Breeding with blacks, yellows, and duns, I now have several black cocks carrying dilute that will be mated to dun, yellow, and black hens this year. I expect a much bigger crop of dun youngsters to choose from next year. I am anxious to see what I can do.

I am pleased to welcome Curtis McBride into Helmets in District 8. Both Steve Mitchell and I have shared some good birds with him. He even had Best Helmet at the Utah State Fair this year. It is fun to have his enthusiasm around us.

Our Salt Lake City show was very small in Helmets this year. However, Steve and I did manage to share a few Helmets with new breeders. Hopefully we will see more activity here in the near future.

I am looking forward to the Grand National in Ontario, Ca. I hope to see you there.

James Jensen

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### **K. Mike LaCom**

Membership will need to bear with me as this is my first attempt at putting something like this together. Hopefully, future issues will improve. In talking with many members our goal is to have at least 4 bulletins a year. As in the past, a bulletin is only as good as the contributors. I encourage you to share your thoughts. I am hopeful of posting the Master breeder points for the 2013 Pageant and the 2014 Oklahoma National in an upcoming bulletin. Possibly the running total as well. In addition, Leonard and I are attempting to make the transition from Greg in Oregon as smooth as possible. Some of which we are working on now and the remainder will have to wait until after the National.

## **Secretary's Report**

By Leonard Patito

Before we get started I would like to introduce myself. I am the new AHA Secretary. For you that don't know me, my name is Leonard Patito. I have raised Helmets since 1970. Over the last forty years I have held many positions in the AHA, none as demanding or more important than the job of Secretary. I will do my best. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or ideas you have that may benefit the club. The purpose of this message is to give anybody attending the NPA Grand National a heads up on the AHA meeting schedules and judging times. The Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday morning 8:00am to 9:30am. Medium Face Plain Head judging will start at 12:00 noon Thursday, with Short Face varieties to follow. The judging will end at 3:30pm Thursday so we can attend the AHA General meeting at 4:00pm Thursday (this meeting will be held in a room across the hall from the birds). This meeting will be done by 6:00pm (this room will be used after us for the NPA meeting). With all of that out of the way it's off to dinner and a good time! Judging will resume on Friday with MFC's starting at 10:00am to 4:00pm. The show hall will close at 5:30pm on Friday evening for the NPA Banquet. We will start at 10:00am on Saturday morning with any unfinished judging or club business. The AHA live bird auction will begin at 11:00am Saturday. Please have your birds ready to be judged before you get to the show. We will have AHA bands for sale at the show. Look forward to seeing everyone, hope you and your families have a great holiday season.

### **Membership**

The information below is hopefully outdated and is posted again as a reminder. Contact Leonard Patito about concerns. e mail [coachpatito@yahoo.com](mailto:coachpatito@yahoo.com) or phone him at 951 313 1059.

### **New Members**

Josh Prator, TX

### **Members whose membership will expire before the next bulletin**

James Bean, Pavel Lutsenko, Errol Miller, Darwin Rettelle, & Dan Ross.

### **Members past due**

Emily Alvarez, Bill Beaver, Bob Bollinger, Frank Cantrell, Joyce Cap, Victor Cardillo, Victor Cline, Stephen Combs, Joseph Carradino, Mike & Peggy Crook, Phil DeCarlo, Bob Dunlap, Charles Dwight, Hank Ebbelaar, Chet Edmunds, Vic Eshpeter, Nelson Eylander, Betty & Pat Flinn, Bill Fox, Danny Garling, Jim Garus, Galen Goshorn, Bill Henderson, John Heppner, John Hoekstra, Bob Jackson Family, Leonard Kuzminski, Aaron Lorton, Giulio Marcoccia, William Martindale, Andrew Miles, Carl Newman Family, Jerry Pace, Gary Parsons, Leonard Patito, Don Phy, Lee Pittman, Antonio Rodrigues, Otto Schenck, Danny Urban, Armando Villanueva.

## **District 1 Report**

By K. Mike LaCom

Hopefully everyone is ready to have a good time at this years National. Recently my wife and I drove to the Ontario Convention Center complex to see the area first hand. The show hall is large with very high ceilings, two points of entry/exit, no windows, two areas of food/drink vendors and hopefully good ventilation. All hotel/motel accommodations are walkable as are the restaurants. If you are flying to Ontario there is a shuttle available to the Radisson. I am not sure about the other hotels but they are not too far apart. Chet Edmunds and Leonard Patito are far more familiar with the area than myself and would be helpful for further information. They seem to know of many other restaurants a short drive from the convention center. The LAPC is planning on this site (Ontario) as a replacement for the Orange Show Fairgrounds in San Bernardino for future Pageant shows.

Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 5th, 2015

### **Thought from Dennis Manning**

I've had the opportunity to visit two AHA meets so far this year one in District 2 and one in District 9. The District 9 show was the Western Sectional. Both shows were great. There is no denying the shows were a little sad as our good friend Dennis Bray was no longer with us but Dennis had raised some great birds this year before he passed and his birds were there so from time to time it felt like he was still there sitting in the gallery.

The competition at the AHA Western Sectional in Abbotsford BC was pretty good in the Plain Head section. Johnny DeCarlo judged the birds and had a great group in the top five or six to choose from. John moved back and forth with a couple birds trying to decide and eventually settled on a red YC of Dennis Bray's. Dennis had been telling me he raised the winner this year and he was right!

The depth in the top PH birds was great with I think five breeders showing making for a good meet. Pavel Lutsenko had a nice silver in the running and Ernie had a family of silvers, yellows and blues that were competitive. The Bray birds were mostly reds as were mine and I think Hank Ebbelaar had a good yellow. Dennis Bray's red YC won the show.

The variation in size and type at our Western Sectional was much less than it was a few years ago. We've all been working hard to produce 8" birds up on their toes. That can be challenging with so many points on markings but a true champion will have it all.

I have finally had some reasonable progress with the almond project. I have struggled for the last ten years trying to produce some clear eyed almond or almond sub color birds that were showable. I raise an almond every now and then but always with a cracked eye. Giulio M gave me a cracked eyed true kite helmet cock bird some years ago, an obvious English Shortface cross bird but marked well enough to breed from. I have kept similar kites from that original bird every couple years but no luck with the eye. With only two almond mismarked cracked eyed birds and one similar kite hen to work with I pretty much gave up but the addition of some new crosses ESF/DSF crosses about four years ago I began getting some reds and blacks that occasionally threw kites. I crossed the two families this season and got a very showable kite and a dun that has some almond ground color in it's head feathers. Both marked well enough and most importantly both clear eyed. I'm back in business with the project. I will bring the kite to the National to show her off. She'll be an AOC bird. That's all for now see you all in LA.

## Remembering Dennis Bray









## **Thoughts from Jim Garus**

As the outgoing bulletin editor that didn't put out many great editions I will take over as president on Jan. 1, 2015. I hope to generate some interest in both old and new members. This was hard to do as bulletin editor as hardly anyone would contribute any input. As president along with Karl Mike LaCom being the new editor and Leonard Patito the new secretary I believe we can simulate some ideas that are beneficial in respect to the future of the club. I'm looking forward to the club meeting in California. It is my hope that many of you will come with ideas for the betterment of the AHA. We have a schedule for the show that we need to follow to give all of us an opportunity to participate. Participation is something our club has lacked. Whether you can make the National or not get back to one of us with your ideas, we need them! If you are fortunate to make it to the Ontario National show we will have some fun together and see some great birds. In closing we should all be thankful for the efforts of Hank Ebbelaar our outgoing president especially for taking over that position when our club was at a time of need for a leader. Nobody wanted the job and Hank stepped up and directed our club forward once again!

See you in a few weeks

Jim Garus

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