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APA ACTION IMMINENT

A decision as to whether to accept the Ameraucana bantam will be made by a vote of the Board of Directors of the American Poultry Association at their upcoming semi-annual meet at the Dixie Classic in Columbia, South Carolina, on April 7-8. Hopefully, some of our Southern District members will attend and report back on this important meet. Details will be provided in our next Club Bulletin.

ABA YEARBOOK AD

For the past several years various members of our Club have joined in an effort to provide a full-page ad in the ABA Yearbook. In as much as it takes six members for this project, which are usually Board members of our organization, we sometimes come up a member or two short of our six-participant goal. Such is the case this year, as we have space for one more member. If you are interested, please notify your secretary immediately, as the spot will be filled by the first member that sends his/her \$10. check made out to the AMERICAN BANTAM ASSOCIATION, along with the ad copy. We like to support those who support us.

ANNUAL BREEDER'S DIRECTORY

The next issue of the Club Bulletin will contain our annual breeder's directory and membership list. This is a handy reference for those who wish to contact other members regarding other varieties for a start or as a means for outsiders to do likewise. Your secretary receives many requests for this list each year, so if you would like the varieties of Ameraucana bantams that you breed listed with your name and address, do not fail to fill out the form for this purpose on the last page of the Bulletin. This is also necessary for those who choose to update this information from last year, as there was considerable swapping of eggs last Spring and birds at our National Meet in Columbus. This form should be in your secretary's hands by the first of June.

PHOTO RECAP OF NATIONAL MEET

The next page of the Bulletin contains reproductions from photographs taken at our National Meet last November in Columbus, Ohio, by member Dave Horman, of Holmen, Wisconsin. This is the first time photo copies have appeared in the Bulletin and hopefully, more will appear in future issues. Photos (B&W) of members, birds, etc. are welcome, so please do send them to your secretary for forthcoming issues.



An X in the box to the left indicates we have not received your dues for 1984. Please send your \$5. in soon. Thank you!

The original motley crew....



ABC members at the 1983 National Meet in Columbus, Ohio. From left: Ray Gwynes, Georgia, So. Director John Fugate, Tenn., Secretary Don Cable, Calif., Cent. Director Jerry Segler, Ill., Dave Horman, Wis., and President Mike Gilbert, Wisconsin.



Left: Member Dave "Chain-saw" Horman holding his Champion Ameraucana bantam, a white pullet. The pullet was the top bird in our National Meet made up of 75 entries in six varieties- a club record. Dave also set a record in Columbus- out-snoring all members ensconced in Don Cable's motel room. This was no mean feat, as there were contestants from all corners of the nation in this heavyweight bout. Jack Fugate was disqualified, as it was determined that whistling through his whiskers gave him an unfair advantage. Jerry Segler was not in top form due to an ongoing severe case of the dreaded cabbage disease. He was allowed to take all the wood home as a consolation prize.



President Michael "Tex" Gilbert in solemn demeanor as he tries to pass off one of his culls to the 'ol master, John Wunderlich, resplendent in his custom-made rooster jacket. Mike finally paid John to take that sorry critter off his hands.



Honorary Vice-President Frank L. Gary receiving an award for service to the Ameraucana Bantam Club from Secretary Don Cable. The award was made at the American Bantam Association general meeting during the ABA-APA National Meet.

UNDER THE MULBERRY TREE

For those several people who have been waiting to hear from me regarding the hatching eggs that I have promised, please be patient, as I have run into a real problem. Raccoons broke into my best pen of breeders and did a complete job of killing all of the birds, including the first wheaten cockerel at our National Meet and more importantly, my best wheaten hen- the one illustrating the Ameraucana Bantam Handbook and the most recent edition of Bantam Standard. I lost five birds in all. This leaves me with one last pen- four wheaten pullets and a blue wheaten cockerel that Mike Gilbert was kind enough to give me at our National Meet in November. I hope that the remaining pen will do the job, so please bear with me this Spring and I will do my best to meet those commitments.

In a recent note from Glenda Heywood, she indicated that the subscription rate to Hen House Herald will change to \$6.50 per year as of April 1, and the show ads are now \$4.00 per inch. The HHH address is Box 1011, Council Bluffs, IA 51502 or you can reach Glenda at (712) 322-5011.

As you may be aware, the American Poultry Association is making an extra effort this year to improve their Yearbook. Among those heading up this effort is ABC member Bill Holland and I am sure that he and the other committee members would appreciate your support. It is my understanding that all APA members for this year will receive a copy of the Yearbook, so if you are not a member, this would be a very good year to join. Your club has supported the APA Yearbook for several years and will do so again this year with a club ad and possibly the first article on Ameraucana bantams to appear in this publication. Annual membership is \$6.00, or \$10.00 for two years to the American Poultry Association, Inc., Bertha Traver, Secretary, Box 351, RD 4, Troy, NY 12180.

Our Australian member, Michael Savory, is interested in corresponding with anyone interested in poultry genetics. In addition to most of the requirements of Ameraucana bantams, Australian birds, like the British, require a crest as well. Michael reports that he has a new incubator and intends to hatch birds in greater numbers since he now culls about ten in twelve. Anybody interested in writing may contact him at P.O. Box 105, Randwick, N.S.W. 2031 Australia- good opportunity for stamp collectors, too!

You will notice among the new members on the following page a couple of outstanding breeders of crested fowl. Claire Hicks, of New Orleans, has bred some of the finest white Polish bantams for many years- as I recall, the old Nesbitt strain, and is more than a fair hand with Cochin bantams as well. It was a pleasure to finally meet Miss Hicks last fall in Columbus, but I regret that we did not have more time to just visit. The other crested fowl breeder par excellence is Robert Cook, of Wooster, Ohio, who has long bred outstanding bearded white Silkies. Those of you that are long-time subscribers to Poultry Press will remember some of the photographs of Bob's beautiful birds gracing the pages of this fine publication. It seems that every year we get more and more of the nation's finest bantam breeders. Hopefully, we can get some good stock into the hands of such people who have so much to offer both our breed and our club.

If you have been watching the new members list for the past year or so, you may have noticed that our Southern District is growing rapidly. This is due in large measure to our Southern Director, Jack Fugate, who actively supports the breed and the club. Incidentally, Jack has just returned from Europe, so you now know why he may not have been returning your letters. In any case, thanks for turning that Southern District around, Jack!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

W.S. Chapman Box 524, Steele Road, Wildwood, GA 30759
Robert Cook 2463 Mechanicsburg Road, Wooster, OH 44691
Claude Eiden 402 Louis St. E., Cologne, MN 55322
Claire Hicks 224 Bragg St., New Orleans, LA 70124
Harold Shaffer RD #1, Box 23E2, New Ringgold, PA 17960
Bill Wenger 29207 42nd Ave. South, Auburn, WA 98002

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Unlike the majority of bantam breeds, we have virtually no historical data from which to draw material for the Bulletin. In order to provide the membership with the kind of material they would like to see each issue, it is necessary that we have the help of the membership to send in items of interest. Please send your news items, articles and/or photographs to your secretary. Thank you.

1984 BREEDER'S LIST

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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Phone (603) 857-3386

CITY _____

STATE _____

ZIP _____

I BREED THE FOLLOWING VARIETIES OF AMERAUCANA BANTAMS:

Wheaten, Blue-wheaten, White, and Buff

PLEASE CLIP AND SEND TO YOUR SECRETARY