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# Ameraucana Breeders Club

## Spring Bulletin

Exciting new projects on the horizon for the Ameraucana Breeders Club and its members for 2016!

### Welcome to All the New Members!

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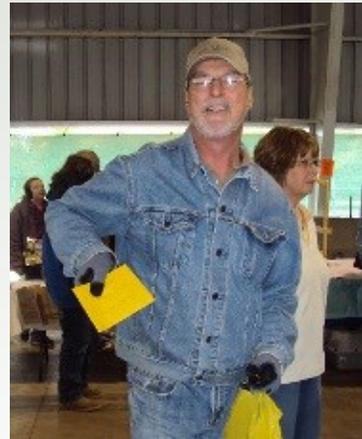
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From the desk of...

## President Clif Redden

Hi everyone. I'm really excited for the Ameraucana Breeders Club and the Ameraucana breed. Our club is growing each week, there are a lot of great people that have been in the ABC for a while and a lot of great new people join. I'd like to welcome all the new members, I hope you take advantage of all the information on the ABC website. I'm also excited about the breed, with Self Blue in the process of becoming an approved variety, and others to follow, Things are moving forward nicely. I've been seeing a lot of great Ameraucanas winning shows all over the Country. It's nice to see Ameraucana owners take pride in their chickens and work hard to breed them to the standard. All most everybody I've talked with about their brood pen, understands this old saying "what you put up with, is what you'll have". The only

way to get away from a defect, is if you don't allow that defect into your brood pens. Ok, I'm off my soap bow, I hope everyone is having a great breeding season, I know I've got some growing out That I can hardly wait to see how they turn out . God bless you all!



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From the desk of...

## Susan Mouw, Secretary/ Treasurer

Hi Everyone!

So much going on! We've submitted a petition to the APA for acceptance of the self-blue large fowl and the APA Board voted unanimously to accept the petition. So, the race is on! We need to see a lot of self-blues at the shows this spring and fall.

Next up is probably going to be the Splash variety. We already have enough breeders, who are also members of the APA. We just need to get all the documentation together and send it in! So, when you're entering all those self-blues, don't leave the splash behind!

On top of all that, Sarah Meadors is working on the preliminaries for getting splash wheatens accepted down the road!

Exciting and historical times!



### Treasurer's Report

<b>Prev. Balance</b>	<b>6017.45</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Sales	62.00
Dues—New Members	800.80
Dues—Renewals	998.00
<b>Total Cash &amp; Income</b>	<b>7878.25</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
APA	300.00
Internet	75.00
Postage&Supplies	631.62
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1006.62</b>
<b>Cash Balance</b>	<b>6871.63</b>

## Sorry, Those are Easter Eggers

By Dan Pitts

In April of 2010, my wife and I were at the local feed and seed buying the spring veggies. They had just gotten a shipment of chicks in, and we just fell in love with the little fluffballs. Neither of us had ever had chickens, so we thought we would give it a shot. We bought 4 little Buff Orpington pullets, the brooder supplies, and headed home with a box of chicks and not a clue that our lives had just changed forever.

I found plans online and built a little coop and run for those first 4 girls. The entire operation was set in a 4x8 coop and run. We enjoyed watching those first chickens so much that the next year we decided to expand our flock. I went back to that same feed store and bought Barred Rocks, Production Reds, and "Americanas", all pullets. It was time for a bigger coop, so I built a much larger coop and pen, and the original coop was converted into a silkie pen for my wife. That was when our infatuation with breeding began. The silkie rooster was the first rooster we had ever had on our farm, and when those broodies started walking into the yard, strutting around with their new clutch of chicks, our hearts melted. We knew that we wanted to start breeding our own chickens. I ordered some cuckoo marans and Polish chicks from a hatchery, built a few more coops and pens, and off we went. Later in 2014, since the customers loved those colored eggs, we also decided to breed our "Americanas". Since it was the off season, I started looking online for a rooster to put with the girls. After seeing website after website, and forum after forum saying the same thing, I learned those 4 little words that drove so many of us to where we are now: "Those are Easter Eggers".

Now, don't get me wrong. I love my EEs, and some of those original girls are still in that first big coop, but after seeing the striking pictures online of those beautiful birds with the full muffs and beards I knew that I wanted a flock of true Ameraucanas. A friend of mine was at the same crossroads, and he said he had found a breeder named Paul Smith, so we decided to split an order. I got lucky. I hadn't done my research, and I didn't have a clue who Paul Smith was, but my friend seemed to think that was the guy to buy from, so I pulled the trigger and ordered my first flock of BBS AMs in the spring of 2015. When those chicks arrived, I was astounded at the difference between them and the feed store chicks I had been buying for 5 years. Unlike my



EEs, they ALL had muffs, and the solid colors were so much different than what I was used to seeing. As I watched those chicks grow, I started to realize that I had something special on my hands. I started doing more research to learn about breeding my new flock, and that's when I found out who Paul was. I couldn't believe my luck,

and when I finally got the nerve up to email Paul and ask some advice for a beginner, I was shocked when he replied the same night with a long and helpful email. He is truly a great ambassador for the breed.

I sold off my Polish, then built another pen to keep the two flocks of AMs that it was looking like I was going to end up with. My girls laid their first eggs in December, and I hatched my first generation of "D&D Farm" line in February. I have 2 small incubators, and can't hatch them fast enough to keep up with demand. I have a set hatching this week that I will keep for myself, and I am looking as forward to seeing what my matings produce as I was to watch those first little chicks grow up. I have learned more about chickens and breeding in the last year than I ever thought I would know, and I am just scratching the surface in the next chapter of my chicken keeping story.

In hindsight, I could have saved myself years, and hundreds of dollars, by being patient and doing more research



before I loaded my farm with hatchery chicks. I didn't know how many true breeders were out there. Ameraucanas were actually fairly easy to find, and the relatively short time that you spend on a waiting list

saves you years down the road. I am so excited to be working with my first breeder quality flocks, and I look forward to learning from the breeders in this club as my farm continues to move forward.

*From the desk of...*

## ***South East District Director Don Cash***

The weather throughout much of the country has been very interesting this year. In Piedmont NC we have had a few odd days of colder than normal

weather and a bit of snow and ice. But this weather has been spread in between days of much warmer than usual temperatures. So the chickens are not quite sure what time of year it is or if they really should be laying at this time. Hopefully we can get a few LF hatched this year before too long and its good that we still have time for bantams to grow out this season.

Most of the states in our region are open for showing now, finally. A few still have tightened restrictions but there are plenty of places to show this spring. We have meets set at shows in NC, SC, GA, and FL for the spring. Please let me know if you have shows in your area where you would like to have ABC meets for this year, too. Come on out and take advantage to meet new people and see some Ameraucanas during this time. Even if you can't show just yet, its always great to spend time talking about AMs and seeing how other breeders are doing things. I am sure that you will find people are friendly and helpful with anything to do with the hobby if you just ask. I would suggest that you make arrangements for any new stock early in the season. It is easy enough to connect with breeders at shows. But I would advise that you make arrangements in advance rather than take your chances that someone will bring some extras to the show.

We have seen good groups of LF at the fall shows this year. And, thankfully, we have begun to see a good group of members breeding and showing some of the varieties of Bantams in several colors too. Silvers and Wheaten seem to be the mainstay so far, and we still have plenty of room for all of the colors to make their presence known. We are also seeing a few folks that are willing to take on the Self Blue. Hopefully we will see some Splash and Splash Wheatens showing up at the fall meets this year. We really need to get these new colors out to the shows as so many of the directors have encouraged. The exposure is great for the new colors as well as the Breed as a whole. And the more they are shown, the easier it will hopefully be to have these colors accepted in the future.

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From the desk of...

## South Central Director Paul Smith

Greetings from the South-Central District.

Show season is about to come to an end; and hatching is now full speed ahead! Ameraucanas have filled the top places in several shows this season! Great to see them win the shows! They have come a long way the past two decades-from being a few in the corner of the show room to being "Champion of the Show"!

Angela and I participated in more shows this fall, than what we have been doing the past few years. We use to quit in early December after Shawnee, OK., so all breeding pens could be set-up; missing out on the Bluebonnet Classic-College Station, Ft. Worth, and others, due to the early stop. This season we are planning on showing in Beaumont at the South Texas State Fair on Easter weekend! Matthew is out of school on Good Friday, bay fishing near by, Joel Osteen's Lakewood Church, Easter Service on Sunday, plus a Friday night rodeo has a huge draw to attend this show.

self blue-splits. Due to the APA recognition process, we increased our potential production of the self blue to be able to help more with the show requirements. We also increased our splash breeding pens for the same reason. The next several years will be exciting for the Ameraucana breed, as the ABC moves forward with getting self blue, splash and splash wheaten recognized varieties by the APA in large fowl! Hopefully bantams will soon follow in the process of recognition in all three varieties!



Speaking of bantams, we finally have several breeders in the South

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We have tried something new this fall. We started hatching Sept. 1, 2015 and had 6 hatches before Feb. 1, 2016. We had an unusual mild summer, so I decided to get a head start on hatching and sending out chicks. Some of the hatches had a very low percent to hatch, but we still managed to hatch 250 chicks in the six hatches and send out 132 head in 9 boxes, before the previously planned Feb. 1 hatch. We soon will be at full capacity hatching with a total of 946 hatching eggs in five incubators. Several more of the hens are starting to lay each week. We have had the lights on early mornings since the last part of Sept., 2015, but some hens (especially the wheatens) refused to work early! Hopeful the 25 breeding pens of wheatens (34 females) will get into full production, so we can fill the 495 wheaten chicks ordered from our remaining 8 hatches. The self blue didn't hatch well early, but are doing much better now. Feel we can still supply plenty more self blue from our 13 breeding pens of them and 3 breeding pens of

Central district who are starting to breed and show them! Tried for several years to get this for our district! They should zoom to the top, with the momentum in the Ameraucana breed! Thanks Ernie Haire, Peggy Taylor, Jan Geis, Brandon & Amanda Bryan, The Malcolm Family, Max Strawn, Aaron Hickson, and others who have taken on the bantam projects! Next time our ABC national meet is in our South Central district, Jerry DeSmidt won't be by himself in the bantam classes!

Recently talked with Clif Redden, Max Strawn, Jan Geis and Ernie Haire, hatching is now well underway. Each of them will have top quality Ameraucana chicks for sale. The more chicks we can get spread abroad, the better the Ameraucana breed will become, and the more shows we will see an Ameraucana be the Champion or Res. Champion of the show!

May the Lord bless all with a great hatching season!

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## ***Self-Blue***

***By Paul Smith***



Two years of planning, and now in action, is the two year process of getting self blue recognized by the APA! The self blue, incorrectly called lavenders by some Ameraucana breeders and a few other fanciers, have the five required breeders, who are both members of the APA and have bred self blue for a minimum of five years. Jean Ribbeck, Newman Lake, WA.; Christina Korfus, Cle Elum, WA.; Debra Hogan, Pleasant Grove, CA.; Barbara Dodington, Aylmer, Ontario Canada; Paul & Angela Smith, Gainesville, TX. have signed the required affidavits stating that they have bred self blue for a minimum of five years and have maintained an APA membership during the five years. Paul was appointed spokesman for the committee, who is getting the self blue a recognized variety and in the APA Standard of Perfection. The description for the self blue has been written and the \$300 filing fee paid. Now we need two shows with a minimum of 4 cocks, 4 hens, 4 cockerels, and 4 pullets of the self blue variety. The two

qualifying meets must be at least 6 months apart and within the next two years.

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I know that there are some people who call the self blue, lavenders, but the only name that both the APA and ABA are going to accept is self blue. Neither organization wants the confusion of different names for the same variety in different breeds. I was on the bus-with the name lavender for about three years. Seeing all the warning signs, I got off the bus about two years ago, and started trying to undo what I had helped promote, which was incorrectly calling the self blue, by the name lavender. There isn't a variety of chicken called lavender in America, however there is a lavender guinea. I know that some of the leaders of the other Ameraucana Club say that we undermined them, but we didn't. Plans were finalized and approved by a unanimous vote at our annual meeting in Fayetteville, Arkansas to petition the APA to get the self blue large fowl Ameraucana recognized. I also know that a spokesman for the other Ameraucana club, filed an appeal to the APA board to deny the ABC petition to accept the name self blue, and accept their name lavender. The APA board voted 100% in favor of using the correct name of self blue!

I also know that some are going to continue to drive and ride the lavender bus, until it goes over the cliff; as it has past the dead end sign, and continues to make its own trail. Two years ago at the Ft. Worth show several EELs of various colors were shown by several Jr. exhibitors. Among them was a lavender and a few other recognized varieties of Ameraucanas.

The well known judge, whom I will not disclose, DQ all the EEL along with the lavender and wrote NSV (no such variety) on the coop cards. It may take several NSV-DQ written on lavender show coop's cards to get some breeders on the correct self blue road. I personally feel that the whole purpose of the splinter group to leave the ABC was so





that self blue could become recognized. Recognition of self blue will give them the opportunity to be best of breed! Having seen photos of several and viewing our 13 breeding pens of self blue, the blacks are going to have some powerful competition in about two years! Please be supportive of both the APA and ABA, and start calling yours self blue, instead of lavender.

The ABC also has plans to start the recognition process for splash large fowl Ameraucanas with the APA very soon! The splash wheatenens are also in the near future with several breeders working toward meeting the requirements to get them recognized. The ABC is working hard to advance and promote Ameraucanas and serve it's members. Check out the ABC website at [Ameraucana.org](http://Ameraucana.org).

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From the desk of...

## **North Central Director Jerry DeSmidt**

Spring is trying to arrive here in WI we have had worm weather and a little rain, the snow is melting, and lots of Ameraucana chicks. We are done setting and waiting for our last batch of eggs to hatch. We are keeping our fingers crossed that this show season will go smoother than last year and we can have some shows here in the Midwest this year. We hatched out in Ameraucana, large fowl whites, blacks, and blues, and in the bantams we hatched wheaten, blue wheaten, splash wheaten, a few blues and blacks. We have also hatched some buttercup bantams, buff laced polish bantams, blue Andalusian large fowl, white faced black Spanish, and some red Dorkings. We have not hatched any of the water fowl as we are waiting for them to start laying.

I am looking forward to the show out in Utah this year as we have not shown there yet. It will be a long drive but I have gone further with the cattle.

If anyone has any interest in placing any meets please get a hold of me and I can get them placed as long as we have time to have them in the ABC newsletter before the deadline of the show.

Email is [jwoodhaven@aol.com](mailto:jwoodhaven@aol.com) or cell is 920-321-6707

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### ***Introducing....Dan Pitts, South Carolina***

***Dan wrote, at my request, the enclosed article titles, “Sorry, those are Easter Eggers” about his beginnings in the world of true Ameraucanas. Here is a short bio about Dan...***

My wife Diane and I both live in Spartanburg, SC. She owns a salon, and I have worked with heavy grading equipment all my life. We enjoy gardening, fishing, and going on trips in the RV. We bought our first chickens 6 years ago, and chicken math definitely took over our farm. From our start of the first 4 pullets, we now have 9 pens, 4 brooders, 2 incubators, and between 100 and 130 chickens, depending on what time of year it is. Most of those are the hatchery flocks we started out with, but last year we got our first breeder quality chicks from Paul Smith, black/blue/splash Ameraucanas. We are in love with these birds, and as our older flocks phase out, those pens will be replaced with birds from our own Ameraucana flocks

**Dan Pitts , Welcome to the Ameraucana Breeders Club! I hope to see many more articles like this one in upcoming newsletters!**

From the desk of...

## **Western Director Jean Ribbeck**

Happy almost spring everyone! Most people have already started breeding and hatching and I have even communicated with one Director that is already done with their hatching for the year. Here on my farm we are lagging behind again. New health issues have reared their ugly head and I just can't quite keep up. I have to get the tops of the pens enclosed this year as I have "pen jumpers".

The lighter bodies of the younger pullets make it easier for them to take flight and escape any negative experiences they may be having in their new environment. An inexperienced cockerel or grumpy old hens who don't take kindly to new roommates can put a lot of pressure on the new girls and cause them to flee to a more relaxed environment.



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This can wreak havoc in your breeding program should you get the wrong genes in your pens. If you have an escapee please remember that it can take 3-4 weeks for a pullet or hen to be "clean" from a mis-mating occurrence. It is best to wait to hatch those eggs than to be overwhelmed with the pressure to get your hatching going or someone wanting to buy chicks. Errors that can be prevented will save you time and frustration in the future. It may also even save your reputation as a breeder.

I purchased some fairly inexpensive nylon netting to cover the inside pens. It is the same type as I have on the outside runs and should last a long time. Now the trick is getting out there and getting it up.

I hope you all have a Happy Spring and Happy Hatching.



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From the desk of...

## North Eastern Director Larry Clionsky



Hello NE members of the ABC as well as all others from across the USA. Spring has sprung in central PA I hope as we had a 61 degree day here yesterday and 54 today the 29th day of February. Another leap year in the making. This winter had some zero degree days and a 30 inch snowfall on 1/23 but other than that it has been a mild winter. Unfortunately, the birds don't lay so well in the winter months. I know some of you probably have eggs in the incubators already but my birds lay very weakly this time of year. But hopefully by the end of March early April eggs will be abundant. This year I am going to breed four varieties for four months and that's it. Instead of having four breeding pens I'm going to have one and breed one variety each month starting with Buffs, Blue wheatens, Silvers and

wheatens. My blacks, blues and whites are plentiful and i have a few orders to fill of those. So i hope all of you have great hatches and hopefully raise that grand champion.

Above is my new photo of an award I received back in the fall and I wanted to share it with all of you since it was so prestigious. And again I want to thank the ABC President Clif and board members Jean, Paul, Jerry, Don and club secretary Susan for bestowing it upon me. I guess it shows that 18 years of raising Ameraucanas did not go unnoticed even though i still haven't gotten my master exhibitor certificate as yet. But i'm still trying. So all of you reading this just remember that if you continue in the ABC and raise Ameraucanas this award could be yours as well.

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And, while I'm mentioning the ABC Board members and Susan let me not forget to mention that they again deserve a great pat on the back for applying to and successfully receiving approval by the APA Board to approve the variety of Self Blue recently. I know many of you members that are raising the lavender birds are proud of the color but it was a dead end street to try and get that name approved so the ABC Board felt it was in our members best interest to apply for the self blue name and it was approved. So, even though the birds look like the color lavender remember to enter them at shows as self-blue and good luck. Hopefully member Harry S. who has been working on this variety for about ten years or so will get them entered and show off his hard work.

So while I'm discussing shows let me advise our members that many shows are on the horizon so consult the Poultry Press and web site Poultry Show Central to see what shows are in your area. Member Rob Sando has requested our Northeast District meet to be held at the Dayton Fancy Feather Club Show in Greenville, OHio on 4/23/16 and club meets

were requested by members Eric, Hanna and Colton Brush in five other shows being held in Ohio this year. Yours truly has a club meet scheduled for Delmarva on 4/2 & 4/3 and members Joaquim and Temple DaSilva have requested meets in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts for this year. So, remember to use the ABC forum to see what shows are coming up and feel free to contact your Director to request a show in your district. They are available to help you get shows wherever you reside. Our club secretary is very adept at computer usage and can forward all the show secretaries the appropriate forms they need to file after the show. I would also like to mention that my long time friends and ABC members Neil & Donna Townsend aka (Loud and Proud poultry) advised that they realized they forgot to renew their membership but have done so and are ready to kick butt at shows they attend. With that in mind, let me take a second and remind all members that the ABC is your club and your dues go toward AWARDS, printing, advertising, newsletters etc. and if your dues are due get them in by the end of the year for the next year to take advantage of all the clubs offerings. While I'm talking about members...

I cant forget my favorite Junior Will Kitsch who bought some of my birds years ago and has gone on to greatness with his black Ameraucanas and won Champion ASOB in the Junior show and reserve champion ASOB in the open show in Tennessee back in December. I think Will beats me all the time now when i compete against him in the open shows. He and his mom Christine have worked very hard with the black and Buff varieties and i happen to think their Buffs are as nice as any in the country. He also has great Rhode Island Reds that are hard to beat.

Well, I guess I have covered all the topics I wanted to with the exception of Avian Influenza. Received a memo from the PA Dept of Agriculture the other day about showing birds in PA this year and while I think they are going to allow birds to be shown, they are going to demand at least 30 birds from flocks over that size to be tested 10 days prior to the show. It remains to be seen if they will do that because most flock owners don't have that many birds and to keep testing the same birds will have them looking liked plucked turkeys. I also heard a rumor that they might not allow shows until after June. Will follow up on this topic next newsletter. Until then, Clionsky over and out.

**New!**

**Member Award Program  
Annual & Nationals High Point Award**

The Ameraucana Breeders Club will be offering High Point Awards to the Member who earns the most points at Ameraucana meets, beginning with the first meet following the 2015 Ameraucana Breeders Club National meet, and ending with the last meet before the 2016 National meet.

District Open High Point Award - \$35

District Junior High Point Award - \$20

Overall Open High Point Award - \$100

Overall Junior High Point Award - \$50

Open High Point Award at the Nationals - \$50

Junior High Point Award at the Nationals - \$25

Points will be tallied and displayed on the website and in the forum.

Be checking the forum for updates on the points coming soon!

## *Splash Wheaten Ameraucanas*

*By Sarah Meaders*



*Splash Wheaten Cockerel*

*Photo courtesy of Don Cash*

Blue, Black, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, White, Wheaten, and Blue Wheaten Ameraucanas are growing in popularity as more and more breeders work together for the betterment of the breed as well as promoting this docile and beautiful chicken. All eight recognized varieties bring with them unique beauty, sweet personalities, as well as their famed blue egg shell. If you haven't read the fascinating history of how the Ameraucanas came to be, I highly recommend reading the extremely thorough and detailed narrative on the Ameraucana Breeders Club website.

One of the first things I learned as an inquisitive future Ameraucana breeder was how the "blue diluter gene" worked. I, like many other newbies, was totally surprised to learn that Blue Wheatens bred to Blue Wheatens would not produce 100% Blue Wheatens! While I am no chicken genetics expert, I now have a basic grasp on how the blue diluter works. This beautiful color

gene and its effects on the Black and Wheaten varieties led me to the belief that Splash and Splash Wheatens are very deserving of American Poultry Association (APA) recognition. The forward movement of the Self Blue Variety has inspired me and many other breeders to begin the years-long process of seeking the admission of Splash Wheaten into the American Poultry Association Standard of Protection (APA SOP). Petitioning the APA for recognition of a new breed or variety of poultry is a lengthy step by step process. Doing this for the American Bantam Association is much easier, and we hope to petition both associations concurrently.

Our first priority will be hatching and raising as many quality Splash Wheaten Ameraucanas as we can across the country, both large fowl and bantam. The more we can promote this beautiful variety, the more other breeders will spark an interest in them. Since they are not recognized yet, most people automatically breed only for Wheaten or Blue Wheaten. But the Splash Wheaten, as an extremely unique and gorgeous pattern, will not take long at all for its popularity to spread! While we are hatching and raising these gorgeous fluffy butts, we need to be taking as many quality photographs of them during their growth as possible, and sharing them with each other. I find it amazing that in the history of the development of the first Ameraucanas, there was not near the technology we have today, yet when the breeders from across the country brought their birds in for the qualifying meet, "the uniformity of the breed, gathered from all parts of the nation for the first time, was



*Splash Wheaten Cockerel*



*Splash Wheaten Pullet*

*Photo courtesy of Dewayne Edgin*

absolutely uncanny!” Since uniformity of the variety is necessary, the photo documentation will make this much easier.

We currently have a decades-old Standard of Perfection from the American Bantam Association which is currently listed as “inactive”. The description for the female is very simple and similar to the actual presentation of the Splash Wheaten Ameraucana hen. However, the description for the male only references the Red Pyle. While the Red Pyle variety is similar to the Splash Wheaten male in the reds, oranges and whites, it is completely without mention of any blue coloring. One of the more striking traits of the Splash Wheaten cock and cockerel is the blue contrast in the tail to the rest of the body. Therefore, we will be proposing a change to this standard to the ABA before proceeding, as this conflict must be resolved before we petition the APA. This proposed standard will be written up based on the presentation of the cockerels and cocks this year, both in the meets and through the photo documentation and sharing among the breeders.

The absolute EARLIEST we would be able to petition the APA and ABA would be late 2017, and that is being extremely optimistic. The most likely scenario is 2018 or later. During these next two plus years, there will need to be two consecutive years in which four Splash Wheaten Ameraucanas of each class (cock, cockerel, hen and pullet) are shown at a meet which is

officiated by an APA judge. We will eventually need at a minimum five breeders who will have been members of the APA for five consecutive years **at the time of the first qualifying meet** to sign affidavits stating they have been breeding Splash Wheaten Ameraucanas for five consecutive years. The first qualifying meet will not take place until at least one year AFTER the petition is filed. If you have not joined the APA, I highly recommend doing so as soon as possible. Yearly membership is \$20, while three-year membership is \$50. We need as many APA members as we can get, regardless of the year of joining, because the APA will be assigning both of the qualifying meets at the location of their choosing, the first at a regional show, the second at the Annual Convention. These two meets must have five Splash Wheaten Ameraucanas of each class being shown by current APA members, but not necessarily the breeders who signed the aforementioned affidavits.

As you can see, we are very much in the first stages of this project! While all of the requirements may at first seem daunting, if we do this systematically, it won't be as complicated as it initially seems. This project may very well take five years or more, which isn't necessarily a bad thing! The Splash Wheaten variety is worth the time and effort to develop and promote for recognition in all its beauty. I have begun a Facebook group to help coordinate and educate everyone who wishes to either follow or be directly involved in this project. You can join this group by searching “Splash Wheaten Ameraucana Effort” on Facebook. If you are not on Facebook, you can just as easily follow or join the effort by emailing me at [sarahmeaders@live.com](mailto:sarahmeaders@live.com), and I will be emailing all progress and steps to the group. Participation in the project can vary from the minimum of breeding the variety intentionally, all the way up to being one of the exhibitors at the qualifying meets. As a final note, you do not have to be a member of either breeders club to join this effort. While I recommend joining one or both clubs, simply for the vast benefits of being a member, it is not necessary for this purpose. Thankfully, we have members from both clubs working together in this project for the betterment of the Ameraucana breed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or wish to join the effort. I can be reached via email or on Facebook by my farm page “Meaders Homesteaders 3:17”, “Splash Wheaten Ameraucana Effort”, or simply by my name, Sarah Meaders. Here's to the start of a worthwhile project for a beautiful variety of the best breed in poultry!

## Classified Ads

Paul & Angela Smith Day old Ameraucana large fowl chicks in black, blue, splash, white and self blue still available from our 2016 spring hatches. All 3 wheaten varieties fully booked up/sold out. [psmith@ntin.net](mailto:psmith@ntin.net) 940-768-8405.

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The Ameraucana Breeders Club will be offering High Point Awards to the Member who earns the most points at Ameraucana meets, beginning with the first meet following the 2014 Ameraucana Breeders Club National meet, and ending with the last meet before the 2015 National meet.

District Open High Point Award - \$35  
District Junior High Point Award - \$20

Overall Open High Point Award - \$100  
Overall Junior High Point Award - \$50

Open High Point Award at the Nationals - \$50  
Junior High Point Award at the Nationals - \$25

Points will be tallied and displayed on the website and in the forum.  
Be checking the forum for updates on the points coming soon!

## Elections 2016

It is that time again! We're doing something different for the elections this year. We have researched and found several options for online, anonymous voting, that will replace the previous process where someone in the club received the ballots.

The leader in the election balloting process, "election buddy" also offers mail out ballots, for those that don't want to vote online. With each of these options, though, voting is secure, anonymous and no one in the Club will ever see who voted for whom. All we will get is the final tally/tabulation, which will be published.

Nominations will be open June 1st and will close August 15th. Voting will open September 1st, and close September 15th. There will be a nomination form included in the June bulletin.

The notes are cryptic, but here is what we've found so far. Let us know your thoughts!

**electionbuddy.com**: up to 20 voters - \$19, up to 200 voters - \$49 per election

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**simplyvoting.com** - \$200 for up to 250 eligible voters

**balloteer.com** - \$79.95, online voting, We can add candidate profiles/pictures,

**votingplace.net** - 1-200 voters, \$40, 201-500 voters - \$80

permits multi-district ballots, voting secure. The VotingPlace.net voting web application identifies and authenticates voters, and ensures that only authorized voters vote, and that they cast a vote only once during each election. Voters have email access to support from our staff, in the rare case it should be needed. Organizations using our service may appoint a designated code inspector, who upon signing of a non-disclosure agreement is permitted to review our vote collecting and vote tallying software.

**bigpulse.com** - \$430

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3/5/2016 to 3/5/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Northeast Oklahoma Poultry Club show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Northeast_OK_Poultry_Club.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Northeast OK Poultry Club.html</a>	
Pryor, OK	
John Littlefield	
(918) 434-2767	jlittlefield@salina.k12.ok.us#

3/5/2016 to 3/5/2016

State  Meet at

<b>Citrus Classic Poultry Show #1</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Central_Florida_Poultry_Breeders.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Central Florida Poultry Breeders.html</a>	
Inverness, FL	
Craig Prusansky	
(321) 236-1080	craig.prusansky@cflpoultrybr

3/12/2016 to 3/12/2016

Special  Meet at

<b>Heartland Classic Poultry Club</b>	
Anna, IL	
Bob Caraker	
(618) 697-0009	sfbarns@yahoo.com

3/19/2016 to 3/19/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Pee Dee Poultry Shows</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Pee_De_Poultry_Show.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Pee Dee Poultry Show.html</a>	
Lake City, SC	
John Womack	
(706) 631-5564	jwomack3285@hotmail.com#

3/19/2016 to 3/19/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Washington Feather Fanciers Cascade Spring</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Washington_Feather_Fanciers_Cascade.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Washington Feather Fanciers Cascade.html</a>	
Monroe, WA	
Amy Arsenault	
	wafeatherfanciers@gmail.co

3/26/2016 to 3/26/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Southeast Ohio Poultry Breeders Association Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Southeast_Ohio_Poultry_Breeders.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Southeast Ohio Poultry Breeders.html</a>	
Marietta, OH	
Wyatt Adelsperger	
(740) 678-2883	

3/26/2016 to 3/26/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Forsyth Fowl Fancier Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Forsyth_Fowl_Fanciers.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Forsyth Fowl Fanciers.html</a>	
Winston-Salem, NC	
Mark East	
(336) 341-9281	statefan10@yahoo.com#mail

3/26/2016 to 3/26/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>South Texas State Fair</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Texas.html">www.poultryshowcentral.com/Texas.html</a>	
Beaumont, TX	
Thomas Bell or Debra Corbello or	
(409) 429-5735	info@ymbi.org#mailto:info@

4/2/2016 to 4/3/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Delmarva Poultry Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Delmarva.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Delmarva.html</a>	
Harrington, DE	
Rich Barczewski	
(302) 659-1211	richbar302@gmail.com#mailt

4/2/2016 to 4/2/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Nor-Cal Poultry Association Nor-Cal Poultry Assoc</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Nor-Cal_Poultry_Association_Show.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Nor Cal Poultry Association Show.html</a>	
Red Bluff, CA	
Leeann Stearns	
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4/9/2016 to 4/9/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Southern Hospitality Poultry Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Carolina_Feather_Fanciers.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Carolina Feather Fanciers.html</a>	
Greensboro, NC	
Karl Urshel	
(336) 791-0141	kurshel@wildblue.net#mailt

4/16/2016 to 4/16/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Missouri State Poultry Association Show and Swap</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Missouri_State_Poultry_Association.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Missouri State Poultry Association.html</a>	
Sedalia, MO	
Bernita Miller	
(660) 647-2474	bmiller@iland.net#mailto:bn

4/23/2016 to 4/24/2016

District  Meet at

<b>Dayton Fancy Feather Club Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Dayton_Fancy_Feather_Club.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Dayton Fancy Feather Club.html</a>	
Greenville, OH	
Amanda Heitzman	
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5/3/2016 to 5/3/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>New England Bantam Club Spring Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/New_England_Bantam_Club.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/New England Bantam Club.html</a>	
Brockton, MA	
Dave Anderson	
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5/15/2016 to 5/15/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Little_Rhody_Poultry_Fanciers.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers.html</a>	
Richmond, RI	
Don Nelson	
(401) 539-7874	realrired@aol.com#mailto:re

5/28/2016 to 5/29/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Southern Ohio Poultry Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Southern_Ohio.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Southern Ohio.html</a>	
Lucasville, OH	
David Adkins	
(740) 259-2852	sohiopasecretary@yahoo.co

6/11/2016 to 6/11/2016

Club  Meet at

<b>Buckeye Fancy Feather Club Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Buckeye_Fancy_Feather_Club.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Buckeye Fancy Feather Club.html</a>	
Canfield, OH	
Rhonda Simmons	
(330) 426-6870	rjos2256@gmail.com#mailto

6/19/2016 to 6/19/163

Club  Meet at

<b>Connecticut Poultry Breeder's Society Show</b>	
<a href="http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Connecticut_Poultry_Breeders.html">http://www.poultryshowcentral.com/Connecticut Poultry Breeders.html</a>	
Durham, CT	
Jeff Nixon	
(860) 335-7509	jnixo7894@sbcglobal.net#m

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