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President's Message *Layne Gardner*

What an exciting time of year! The show season has begun and we all anticipate attending shows, exhibiting our Brunners, learning new techniques to improve what we do, and most of all renewing friendships and making new friends. We are a great group of pigeon people and enjoy getting together to chat. As you attend the shows this year, I encourage you to reach out to someone who looks like they could use some encouragement and support. The birds themselves are great fun; but to combine wonderful pigeons and super friends yields a fantastic hobby.



The first show here in the west is behind us and, as always, the Great Western was loads of fun. I didn't get to spend as much time with the Brunners as I wanted as I ended up judging all of the rare breeds at the show. I did get to briefly speak with Fred Maenpa, Jeff Young, and Jim Clinton. It's always nice to converse with those who share a common passion. I rode to the show with Leon Stephens so I got to visit extensively with him.

The quality of the birds was quite good. Frank Barrachina handled the judging and worked the birds really well. It's always nice when the birds are given every opportunity to present themselves at their best.

I especially enjoyed seeing the tigers. Although only a few birds, it was pleasing to see good representations in black, red, and yellow. A bit more work is needed on getting the tigering more even throughout the plumage but I was glad to see that all of the primary flights and tail feathers were colored. A common fault in our "tigered" Brunners is to have white mixed into the tail and flights resulting in a splash rather than a tiger.

It was super to see some excellent barred Brunners. These were present in wonderful quality and, in fact, the champion came from this group. Of course we also had super birds in traditional colors of white and black. What fun to see all of these fine Brunners. Again, our thanks to Frank Barrachina for judging the birds for us.

Scott Adams is unable to continue as the Midwest District Director but we do thank him for his efforts in behalf of the club. So we note a change in our club leadership with Carlin Wisenhunt taking over the Midwest District. Carlin is an avid breeder of Brunners and we are grateful for his willingness to help out. Those of you in the Midwest District please introduce yourselves to Carlin and don't be afraid to ask for his help and advice.

Put forth that extra effort and exhibit your birds at your local shows as well as trying to get to a show or two outside of your area. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Salt Lake Premier Show, the Pageant of Pigeons, and the NPA National in Springfield, Massachusetts. Onward and upward!

Layne



From the Bulletin Editor

Bob Bollinger

Once again, I had a wonderful response to my request for bulletin material. Thank you all very much!

About a day before publication of this bulletin, I learned that Carlin will be taking over from Scott as Midwest Director. I am thrilled to have Carlin as part of our officer team. He is a consistent contributor to the bulletin and most importantly he is a great ambassador for Brunners. I know he has started out many fanciers in the Midwest and it shows in the events and their show

numbers. Thanks Carlin! I have changed what I could to recognize Carlin in his new position. We will get a proper Director's report from him next issue.

I would like to encourage everyone to join in the bulletin. Just send me a couple of sentences and/or pictures in a quick email and I will do the rest. Since most of our readers get the bulletin by email, more is better as we don't have to worry about postage. Everything you send is greatly appreciated!

Bob



From the Western Director

Corey Hays

Well, breeding season has ended for me. I ended up banding just over 90 birds despite having issues with half my pairs setting on eggs or fertilization of one egg. The quality of youngsters this year seems to be a disappointment. Just a few of this year's birds will be shown and kept.

My son Conner and I had the pleasure of visiting Jim and Jeff of J&J Lofts. Jim is raising only solid colors now and had a loft full of quality youngster's. I saw a couple of whites in that loft that will be almost impossible to beat. Looking forward to seeing these birds at the show. Its always nice to visit them and their lofts and talk birds. These are both great pigeon guys.

I'm looking forward to this year's Pageant in Ontario. Although I may only bring a few birds for show, this show is always a great show with lots of quality Brunners and fun times. I have tried

over the last couple months to get a judge lined up for the Pageant show but so far have been unsuccessful. Some people have yet to respond to my request to judge or have declined due to wanting to show. Anyone interested in being the Brunner judge at this year's Pageant Of Pigeons, please let me know asap.

An idea on raising money for the club. We could have a bird auction at the Pageant. It could be a 50/50 auction where the club gets 50% and the owner 50% or 100% to the club. Anyone interested in this? If you think this is something you want to do and would like to bring birds for an auction, let me know we will get it done.

I hope everyone had a great breeding season. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the show.

Attached are pictures I took while at Jim's place.

Corey Hays

From the Eastern Director

Bob Bollinger

Things are holding steady here in the East. Much of the concern about avian flu has gone away and shows are moving forward as scheduled. A number of state sponsored fairs decided to not have poultry, but our private shows are unaffected.

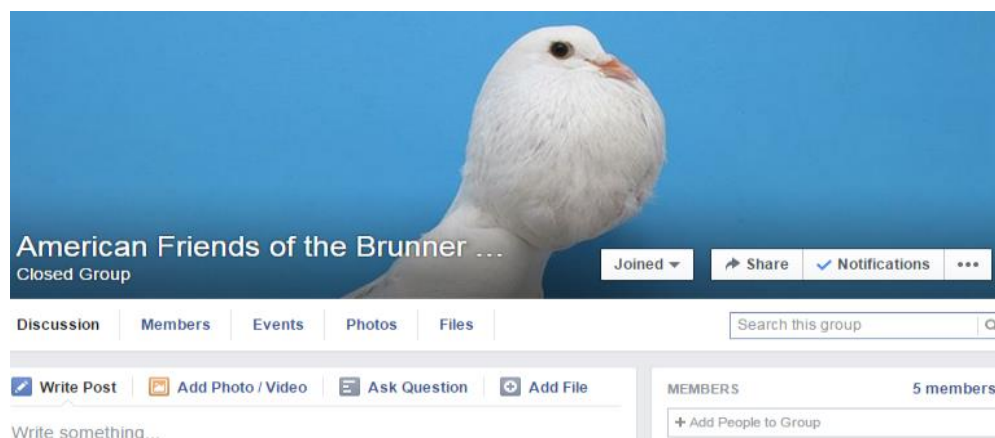
The NYBS was very nice and Bryan Neuner did a fantastic job of judging. Thanks! The awards that Fred purchased were fabulous and we received many compliments. We had a lot of interest in the breed with two new members signing up at the show. Welcome Reuben and Pam! There were two juniors showing very nice birds. I was a bit disappointed that my birds were not as finished as I would like, but I was very pleased with #14 who won Champion. This Red YC was a full brother to the bird who won Champion Brunner and Best Pouter Cropper overall last year. Even more interesting is that I let my fiancée Lynn show the bird. She has been dabbling in various breeds like helmets, English SF, and voorburgs and this was her first foray into brunners. I let her choose the birds and she liked the one that would "jump around like an idiot". Suffice it to say, he performed just as

well in the meet. The NYBS results are included later in the bulletin.

I look forward to our upcoming meets at Reading and the National. Howard Kinsley will be judging the National. He has a keen eye, and with many decades of pouter cropper experience. I'm sure he will work the birds well. The NPCC folks always do a nice job at the Big Apple show and I plan to show a bunch of brunners there. Please come out and join us for these great events!

My brunner season went well this year and now I am waiting to see how the late hatches come out of the molt. Overall, I am very pleased with the season. On the down side, my lungs have been bothering me more and more. I religiously wear a mask in the loft and at shows, but it looks like that isn't enough. I have already scaled down the number of birds in the loft and I think I will have to cut down my time at the shows in the future. I'll just have to see how things go

I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the season.



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From the Vice-President *Fred Maenpa*

The calendar says October but Southern California is still looking forward to the cool fall temps. This past week we experienced record setting temps almost every single day. The past few days have been at, or above, 100 degrees. As dry as the last few years have been in California we are hoping for some rain and a much cooler winter, as the forecasters are promising. Only time will tell.

After a late start to my 2015 breeding season I am very happy with the young birds that are now beginning to develop and starting to show some promise. In addition to my Brunners I am beginning to see a very nice group of Holle, Marchenero, Hana, and a few white French Pouters, as well. Can't wait for the molting to come to an end and start selecting my Pageant show team and a few replacement breeders for next year.

Next week will be the first major show of the season and many AFBCC members will head north to the Great Western in Watsonville, California. The show normally draws around 1,800 birds, maybe 200/250 Pouters, and possibility 75 or more Brunners. The AFBCC should be well represented as I expect to see our AFBCC President Layne Gardner, Western Director Cory Hayes and his son Connor, Jim Clinton, Jeff Young, Leon Stephens, Jim Symington, our Sec/Treas. Mike Hughes, Sieglinde Tate, and Charlie Rowe showing birds, or in attendance. Following the show I will write a brief report and include a few photos for Bob to include in this bulletin. The Great Western Show is the Western District meet for 2015.

After returning home from the Great Western my focus must switch to the Pageant of Pigeons. This year the Pageant will be held November 19-21, 2015 and all AFBCC "email" members should have received the Pageant Premium Book approx. 3 to 4 weeks ago. Remember, the entry deadline is November 2nd and our Brunner entry should once again be over 100 birds. Let me know if you have any questions, or if I can be of assistance if you plan to attend, but will not showing.

The AFBCC awards for 2015 and the 2016 National have been purchased and will be in the hands of the directors, or members in charge for their district shows, in the very near future. The following awards were ordered and will be used as follows:

Four District Champion Awards will be sent out in 2015. Bob will receive two, one for the National Young Bird Show and one for his Eastern District Meet. John DeCarlo Jr. will deliver them to Bob at the National Young Bird Show. The 2015 Midwest award was sent to Gerald Butler for Champion Brunner at the Shawnee, Ok show. Gerald will be serving as the Brunner judge at Shawnee so will bring the award with him to the show. I will deliver the Championship award to the Great Western as that will be the Western District Meet in 2015.

Three awards were ordered for both the 2015 Pageant and the 2016 National. We will offer three awards at each of the two "major shows", one for Champion, a second for Reserve Champion, and the third for the Junior Champion, a Brunner fancier under the age of 18. The National awards were given to Layne for delivery in January and I will hang on to the three for the November Pageant of Pigeons.

A couple pictures of the AFBCC awards should be included in this bulletin. Let me know what you think and good luck at the coming shows.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone the best as 2015 draws to a close. I hope your 2015 show season turns out to be a success and that the winter ahead is kind to you and your birds. Have a great Holiday Season and let's all stay in touch. Let's continue promoting our Brunners and continue to help one another as much as possible. Thanks for being a part of the AFBCC and I hope to see many of you at one of our club sponsored shows in the near future.

Don't forget to order your 2016 AFBCC bands, as you pay next years dues to our club Sec/Treas. Mike Hughes.

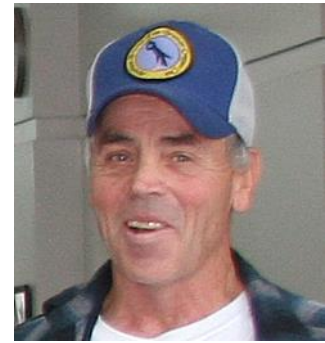
Fred Maenpa, AFBCC Vice President

Passing of Jack Forney

by Jim Clinton

A few weeks ago, I received an email from Mary Ladd, long time friend and brunner breeder. She told me that Jack Forney had passed. I'm sure many of you remember Jack from showing at the Pageant. He bred mostly black brunners and was very good at it. I know he won blacks most of the time and received a breeders award for his work with them.

More than a brunner breeder, Jack was a friend. We would seem to find the same table at breakfast and went out for coffee after the show hall closed and sit and talked. We traded birds at the show more than once. It was just always a pleasure being around Jack. May God comfort his loved.



Toy - Opal - or Both !?!?

by Bob Bollinger



Here is a picture of a young bird that I shared on our Facebook page. (This is the plug to entice you all to start visiting and contributing to our social site!) The black white bar baby shown here is out of my foundation black white bar cock and a hen I have used on him several time over the years. This is the first time I have had any of my white bars come out with a tail band.

In discussions with Layne, he suggested that many good white bars have dominant opal underneath the toy stencil. It is supposed to enhance the white bar color. I think I am inclined to agree. I have simply never seen such a uniform and pronounced tail bar. On the wing you can see that the lighter bars are giving way to rich white bars starting to molt in. I am very anxious to see what happens to this guy after the molt. Does anyone have any other thoughts?

Howard Kinsley to Judge the National *by Bob Bollinger*

Howard Kinsley will be judging brunners the National. He is a pouter / cropper staple at many of our shows here in the East. I recall Howard managing the blowers from the time I started showing pigeons. He has a keen eye, and with many decades of pouter cropper experience, I'm sure he will work the birds well.



NPA Grand National Pigeon Show
Jan 21, 22, 23, 2016
Springfield, Massachusetts



Brunners Great Western 2015

BLACKS (9)

OC 1 3968 Maenpa
OH 1 228 Maenpa*
YH 1 819 J&J Lofts
2 841 J&J Lofts
YC 1 807 J&J Lofts
2 2576 J&J Lofts
3 2582 J&J Lofts
4 835 J&J Lofts
5 2589 J&J Lofts

BLUES (9)

OC 1 72 Maenpa
OH 1 1654 Maenpa
YH 1 2556 J&J Lofts
YC 1 816 J&J Lofts*
2 2598 J&J Lofts
3 862 J&J Lofts
4 2522 J&J Lofts
5 2567 J&J Lofts
6 136 Maenpa

CHECKS (6)

OC 1 211 Maenpa
YH 1 836 J&J Lofts
2 4240 Stephens
YC 1 2516 J&J Lofts*
2 2540 J&J Lofts
3 129 Maenpa

GRIZZLES (5)

OC 1 174 Maenpa
OH 1 36 Maenpa*
YH 1 148 Maenpa
2 2594 J&J Lofts
YC 1 175 Maenpa

CREAMS (2)

OC 1 32 Maenpa*
YC 1 130 Maenpa

REDS (5)

YH 1 2514 J&J Lofts
2 209 Symington
YC 1 ? J&J Lofts*
2 ? J&J Lofts
3 ? J&J Lofts

SILVERS (2)

YH 1 149 Maenpa
YC 1 ? J&J Lofts*

TIGERS (6)

OH 1 1731 Maenpa
YH 1 2694 Stephens
2 839 J&J Lofts
3 2560 J&J Lofts
YC 1 ? J&J Lofts*
2 ? J&J Lofts

WHITES (6)

OC 1 2519 Maenpa
OH 1 115 Maenpa*
YH 1 161 Maenpa
2 123 Maenpa
YC 1 855 J&J Lofts
2 831 J&J Lofts

YELLOW (5)

OH 1 285 J&J Lofts
YH 1 833 J&J Lofts
2 838 J&J Lofts
YC 1 2579 J&J Lofts
2 848 J&J Lofts

AOC (5)

YC 1 2564 J&J Lofts*
2 236 Symington
3 2523 J&J Lofts
4 159 Maenpa
5 231 Symington

WHITE BARS (4)

OC 1 ? Beals&Gardner
OH 1 ? Beals&Gardner
YH 1 823 Beals&Gardner*
YC 1 ? Beals&Gardner

COLOR CLASS WINNERS *

64 Birds Total

* JUDGE:

Frank Barrachina

* CHAMPION BRUNNER:

BLUE YC
J&J LOFTS

* RESERVE CHAMPION:

RED TIGER YC
J&J LOFTS

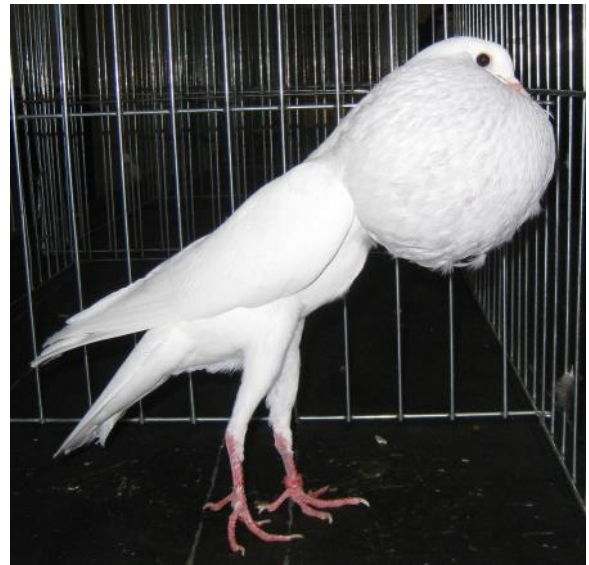
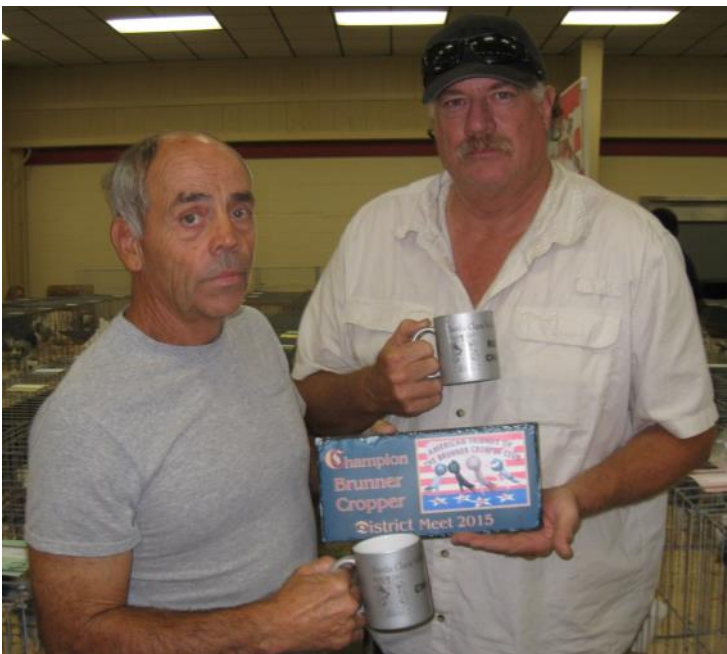
* BEST OLD BRUNNER:

WHITE OH
MAENPA

THE 2015
GREAT WESTERN PIGEON SHOW
PREMIUM LIST
OCTOBER 17-18, 2015
AT THE
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
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The Winners at Great Western 2015





More Great Western Pictures from Layne



Champion—Blue Bar, YC, J&J Lofts



Reserve Champion—Red Tiger, YC, J&J Lofts



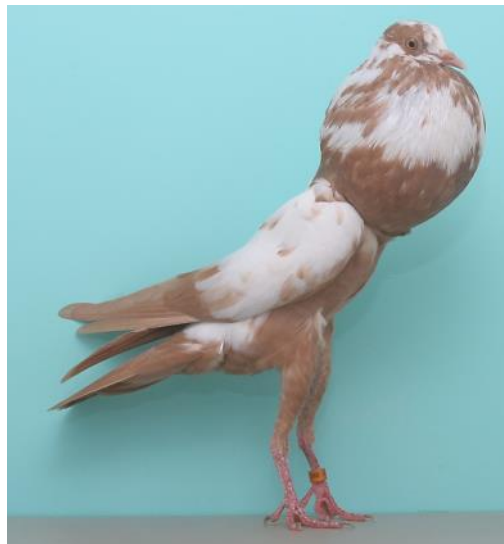
Best Old Brunner—White, OH, Fred Maenpa



Blue White Bar , OH, Beals & Gardner



More Great Western Pictures from Layne



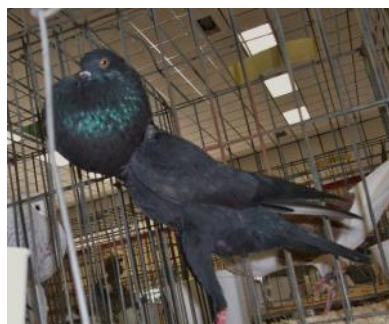


More Great Western Pictures from Fred





Great Western Pictures of J&J Birds from Jim



National Young Bird Show AFBCC District Meet

Hosted by the Central Cropper & Pouter Club

October 24, 2015

Louisville, Kentucky

Judge: Bryan Neuner

35 Birds Shown

8 Exhibitors



Brunner Pouters Overall

Place	Band	Color	Exhibitor			
1	14	Red	YC Lynn Detter	Best Red	Champion	
2	36	Yellow	YH Bob Bollinger	Best Yellow	Reserve Champion	
3	4821	Opal Bar	YH Reuben Miller	Best any other Bar	Junior Champion	
4	4835	Blue Bar	YC Reuben Miller	Best Blue Bar		
5	1173	Opal T pattern	YH Terry Mallory	Best AOC		
6	1	Blue White Bar	YC Bob Bollinger	Best White Bar		

Brunner Color Classes

* denotes best of color

Yellow

1	YC	32	Bob Bollinger
2	YC	2	Lynn Detter
1	YH	36 *	Bob Bollinger
2	YH	37	Bob Bollinger
3	YH	5	Lynn Detter
4	YH	34	Bob Bollinger
5	YH	25	Bob Bollinger

White Bar

1	YC	1 *	Blue	Bob Bollinger
2	YC	7	Black	Bob Bollinger
3	YC	38	Black	Lynn Detter
4	YC	23	Yellow	Bob Bollinger
1	YH	15	Red	Bob Bollinger
2	YH	12	Red	Bob Bollinger
3	YH	18	Yellow	Bob Bollinger

Red

1	YC	14 *	Lynn Detter
2	YC	16	Bob Bollinger
1	YH	28	Bob Bollinger

All other Colors

1	YC	3174	Black	Mike Craft
2	YC	1153	AOC	Terry Mallory
1	YH	1173 *	Opal Ck	Terry Mallory
2	YH	3170	Dun	Mike Craft
3	YH	1196	Yel Tiger	Terry Mallory
4	YH	1179	Dun	Terry Mallory
5	YH	3171	Dun	Mike Craft

Blue Bar

1	YC	4835 *	Reuben Miller (junior)
2	YC	1166	Terry Mallory
1	YH	292	Chris Krenke
2	YH	1907	Eli Heal (junior)

Any other Bar

1	YC	1891	Blue Griz	Eli Heal (junior)
2	YC	4675	Mealy	Bob Anderson
3	YC	297	Black Bar	Chris Krenke
4	YC	1178	Black Bar	Terry Mallory
5	YC	1154	Mealy	Terry Mallory
6	YC	1165	Black Bar	Terry Mallory
1	YH	4721 *	Opal	Reuben Miller (junior)





NYBS Pictures from Bob



Genetic Engineering and our Future

by Bob Bollinger

Check out the scary and futuristic headlines. Engineered babies, reviving extinct species, cloning Is it all for real? Yes, it is! All the headlines seen on this page are from reputable news outlets reporting on actual science and real work going on today!

Dolly, the sheep, was cloned nearly 2 decades ago. With the rate of change in technology, it is easy to imagine the headlines. Today, genetics applications are commonplace in modern society. DNA testing is standard procedure in police work and on a daily basis we can find out "who is the father" on the Maury Show. More importantly, we are starting to see more and more genetically modified crops and animals, so much so that there are agencies certifying products in the grocery store to be non-GMO (genetically modified organism). Directly related to our hobby, many animals are cloned and genetically engineered to enhance traits and features. There are many examples and I have shown a few pictures on the following page to highlight the current state of the art.

So, what does this mean for our hobby? What would happen if we could clone National Champions? What if we could modify or activate genes to change characteristics far more extreme than we could selectively breed in a century. What if a performing breed could be raised with more strength, stamina, or intelligence? Somewhat daunting huh ?

On the positive side, genetic modification could make our birds resistant to disease, add stress resistance, and maybe even longevity. Genetic applications can truly be a blessing as well as a curse.

Looking forward, I think our hobby can and will continue to thrive. You see ours is an art versus a science, and you can't engineer art. The creation of appealing features in show birds is sometimes planned but, many times we find pleasant surprises in the



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An Unlikely Plan to Revive the Passenger Pigeon

Advances in genetic engineering have some biologists convinced they'll re-create extinct species.

By Antonio Regalado on March 19, 2013



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Dolly the sheep cloned in 1996

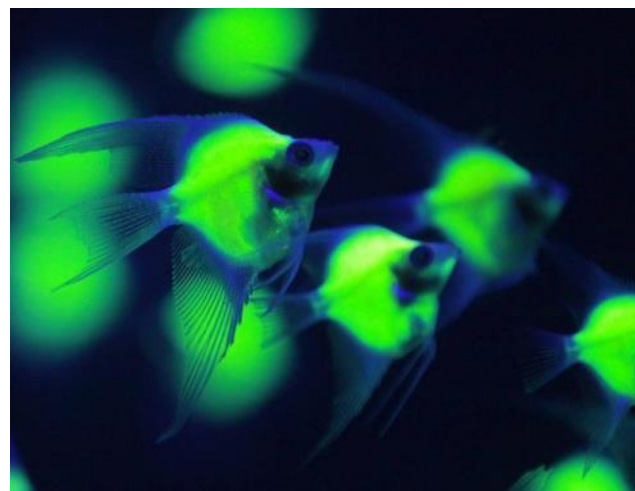
nest. Performing birds require as much finesse in handling as they need in raw power. I believe in the future we will see changes, but many will be for the better. I expect to see the overall health of our birds improve. The racing folks will likely see increased returns from races. We probably won't need to breed as many babies. Show birds will be more resilient and resistant to bugs. With all of the above, folks will be able to maintain and successfully compete with small lofts. They will no longer have to breed large numbers to backfill losses or raise the "perfect" baby. We will be able to attend more shows or races with the same birds as the worry of stress or sickness will be alleviated. With worry alleviated, and small lofts thriving, I can envision increased attendance at our events. We will still breed babies, but we won't need as many. Our breeding will be focused on the art of creating new features versus mass production. What else might you envision?

No doubt things in the future will be different. Pigeon folks don't like change. But, like it or not, it's upon us. We can worry or bemoan change, or we can embrace and leverage it. I suggest the latter.

I'm sure there will be some who discount this article as hogwash. If you still don't think this stuff is for real, I challenge you to take a look at the fluorescent fish pictured to the right. These fish have been genetically modified (engineered) to glow under black light and they can be bought in mass at your local pet store for about \$10. Genetic modification is here!



**Genetically- Engineered Mouse
Three times more muscular than normal**

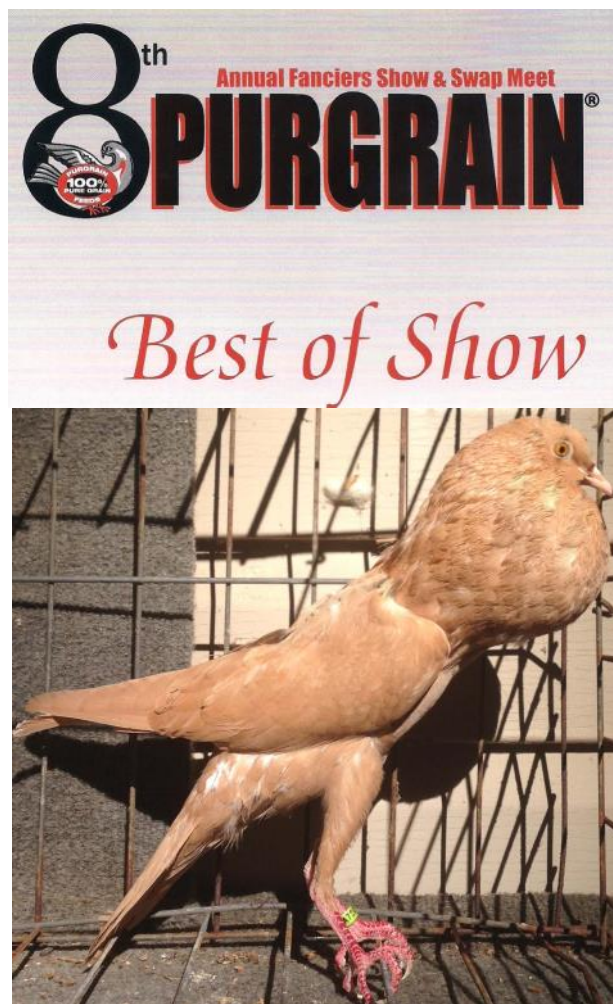


**Genetically engineered Pterophyllum Scalara fish glow
2013 Bio Expo in Taipei, July 18, 2013. REUTERS/Pichi**

Purgrain Show at Souderton, PA

by Bob Bollinger

On September 19, 2015, our local feed supplier, Purgrain, hosted their 8th annual show and swap meet. This is a small event but it is well attended. The Purgrain folks do a great job of hosting this outdoor event under large tents with lots of decorated tables, a cookout with free food, and excellent camaraderie. There were 140 birds shown with a brunner winning best of show! My yellow OH # 4709 did a great job showing well and blowing for the whole event. As you can see from the brochure, winning was very lucrative. What a great way for a feed supplier to pay back the hobby!



Date: Saturday, September 19, 2015

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Location: The Store at
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Entry Fee: \$3.50 per bird
due by September 12, 2015
no exceptions

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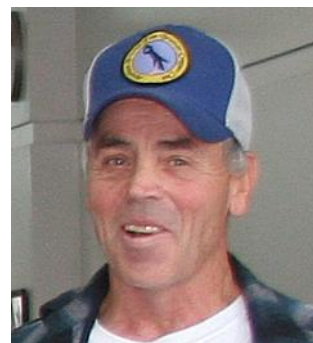
Pictures of Our 2015 Awards from Fred



These are no less than Impressive!! Printing on stone is very cool The Editor

J&J Lofts *by Jim Clinton*

There is not too much to talk about this time around. The breeding season is over and the shows are near. As of the first of Oct. Jeff and I have cooped our birds for training so they will be ready for The Great Western show. Jeff brought his birds down from the mountains and I was impressed with what I saw. He has made some real progress with his reds. He had a blue check cock that is just super, but most impressive to me were his yellow and red tigers. I'm including a picture of them in the bulletin. They are in their first day of training so they aren't showing very well. Take my word for it, They are nice.



My half of the operation has produced some good blacks, blues and yellows. The whites have made big gains this year and might be the knocking horns with the blacks for top spot in the loft. As of the first few days of training they have been a little wild and aren't responding yet. They were very tame in the loft. Hopefully they will come along.

That's about all from J&J lofts. Hope to see you at the shows. Good luck to all!

Jim Clinton (J&J Lofts)

From the Members

Carlin Whisenhunt writes — Not a lot of news going on in the Midwest that I know of breeding wise. Jeff Clark seems to have had a good year with both his brunners and voorburgs. Merle Frank tells me he is only going to keep a couple of pairs of brunners next year. His main breed is voorburgs. I have had a disastrous breeding season. Especially with my brunners. For some reason they just don't want to feed the babies out. They quit feeding one baby at banding age, and then quit feeding the other one when it is about half feathered out. All seems OK, then they just walk off of the nest and go to another one and start over. Even if I put the baby in with them, they won't feed it. All of my breeds are doing this, so I wondered if I have some kind of bug. I noticed that the pairs that don't abandon their babies, the babies grow normal and are fine. Problem is, my brunners are my favorites, and are the worst offenders. As of the first of August, I only have four brunners in the young bird pen. Should have a hundred. My horseman have the same issue, but at least I have twenty two to pick from. Other guys are having the same problem, while some are having the best year ever????????????? Anyone have any ideas? I'd hate to go through this again.



Carlin Whisenhunt writes — It is the end of September, and I have decided to shut down my breeding season for the year. I've had most of them mated since March, so it seems like a long season. Spring was wet and cold, and didn't want to let up. It didn't seem to want to ever warm up or dry out. I didn't like it, and the birds didn't want to breed at all. All spring and summer, my breeders in all of my pouter breeds didn't want to take care of the babies. Many would lay eggs, but wouldn't sit them. I was tossing babies out every day. Banding them seemed to be the kiss of death. I got to the point that I didn't even record the band numbers until they went into the young bird pen. July came along and things never got any better. I only had twenty one young birds representing 5 breeds. At that point I expected to have close to two hundred. I don't know what happened, I never changed a thing, but August came along and they took off. Within a six week period, I banded sixty horseman, thirty five brunners, twelve voorburgs, six pigmys and four marchenaros. It was the strangest and most frustrating season that I have ever experienced in the fifty eight years that I have been in the game. The weird part is the total about face from completely ignoring the babies, to not only feeding their own, but feeding every baby on the floor. Now that I have a bunch out, I get to watch them grow up. Hopefully a few will be keepers and a few will be good enough for someone else.

Bob Bollinger writes — The White Rose Pigeon Association held their annual summer show near York, PA on August 2, 2015. Here is a picture of the winner, an ash red OC #1023 shown by junior exhibitor Marissa Shirk. The White Rose Summer Show is a small event, about 200 birds, but lots of fanciers come by to see the birds, socialize and plan their fall show season. Marissa did a great job of getting this guy into condition for a late summer event .

*White Rose Champion
Ash Red OC
Shown by Junior Member
Marissa Shirk*



Pictures from our Members



Some birds from the Reading Young Bird Show;

- *Yellow YC , Champion Brunner, off imports, will soon be finished*
- *A Red threatening to be nice—once he finishes and his globe develops*
- *A well marked red white bar—again waiting on her globe to develop*

Bob Bollinger





Pictures from our Members



"Here are pictures I took while at Jim Clinton's place." - Corey Hays





More Pictures from our Members



“Jeff brought his birds down from the mountains and I was impressed with what I saw. He has made some real progress with his reds. He had a blue check cock that is just super, but most impressive to me were his yellow and red tigers. I'm including a picture of them in the bulletin.” – Jim Clinton



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Upcoming Events

November 2015

White Rose Fall Show

Pouters and Croppers hosted by: EPCC

Manchester (York), PA

November 1, 2015

Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

Big Apple

Pouters and Croppers hosted by: NPCC

New York City (really CT)

November 21, 2015

LAPC Pageant

AFBCC Meet

Ontario, California

November 19-21, 2015

Contact: [Fred Maenpa](#)

December 2015

Iowa State Pigeon Association Pigeons on the Prairie Show

Des Moines, IA

December 11-12, 2015

January 2016

Reading Pigeon Association

Pouters and Croppers hosted by: EPCC

Joint AFBCC Meet

Lancaster, PA

January 7-11, 2016

Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

NPA Grand National

AFBCC Meet

Springfield, Massachusetts

January 21-23, 2016

Contact: Layne Gardner or [Bob Bollinger](#)

Other Notable Shows

VDT - Lepizig

December 4-6, 2015

Nürnberg Rasetaubenschau

December 19-20, 2015

***In consideration of some States' remaining Avian Flu precautions;
Please contact your local show hosts to determine the status of each event!***

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