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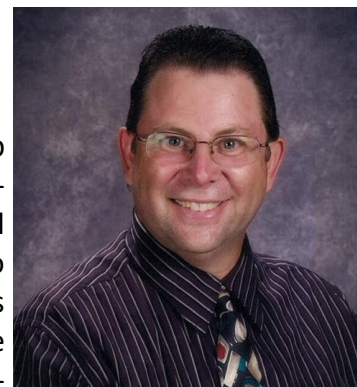
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# American Friends of the Brunner Cropper Club

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## President's Message *Layne Gardner*



The American Friends of the Brunner Cropper Club saw a very successful year in 2016. With the beginning of 2017 we expect an even better year. All fanciers of the Brunner Cropper are encouraged to exhibit their birds locally, and when circumstances permit, at shows throughout the country. We are fortunate to have good breeders located throughout the country, which makes obtaining breeding stock a bit easier than in some breeds.

Having the opportunity to compare birds side by side in a show setting is a wonderful way to gauge quality and see whether or not you're headed in the right direction. Looking at photos and reading articles really helps. But the side by side comparison is ideal. Plus the bonus of being able to talk to like minded breeders builds a support system that will encourage you in your efforts and provide you with tips to build a competitive group of Brunners.

Sharing photos through social media is quick and easy so we look forward to seeing photos from everyone. No need to feel apprehensive. We have a good group of breeders that will help to guide us in the right direction.

Best wishes for a productive breeding season in 2017. I look forward to seeing photos of your birds and to meeting you in person at shows throughout the U.S. This year I expect to attend the Great Western in Watsonville, CA; the Premier Show in Salt Lake City, UT; the Pageant of Pigeons in Ontario, CA; the Leipzig Show in Germany; the National in Amarillo, TX; and the Hurricane, UT show. Lots of fun awaits!

Again, good luck and best wishes for continued success!

*Layne*

## From the Secretary / Treasurer

Mike Hughes



## AFBCC Funds Ledger for 2016

Income

Cash on hand Starting 1-1-2016	\$645.02
1/3/2016 Check from Reubin Miller	\$14.25 25 Bands + Shipping
1/9/2016 Check from Carlin Whisenhunt	\$63.00 100 Bands + Shipping + 2016 Dues
1/15/2016 Check from Jacob Sewall	\$15.00 2016 Dues
1/19/2016 Check from LA Pigeon Club	\$81.00 Rebate for 2015 Pageant
1/27/2016 PayPal from Bob Bollinger	\$5.00 Dues for Elijah Heal
3/11/2016 Check from Vinny Critelli	\$15.00 2017 Dues
3/27/2016 Check from Ferrell Bussing	\$40.00 Dues through 2017
3/27/2016 Check from Herbert Hansen	\$30.00 Dues through 2017
11/28/2016 Glyn Yuhas	\$15.00 Dues
11/30/2016 Jim Clinton	\$75.00 120 bands plus postage + dues
11/30/2016 Bob Bollinger	\$50.00 100 Bands + Shipping
12/3/2016 Fred Maenpa	\$108.00 200 Bands + Shipping + Dues
12/3/2016 Casey Crockett	\$25.00 25 Bands + Shipping + Dues
12/3/2016 Leon Stephens	\$65.00 100 Bands + Shipping + Dues
12/3/2016 Corey Hayes	\$59.00 80 Bands + Shipping + Family Dues
12/3/2016 Jeff Young	\$65.00 100 Bands + Shipping + Dues
12/4/2016 Jim Symington	\$63.00 100 Bands + Shipping + Dues
12/4/2016 Mike Hughes	\$108.00 200 Bands + Shipping + Dues
12/6/2016 Layne Gardner	\$25.50 50 Bands

**Total Income**  
(Incl. carry-over from 2015) **\$1,566.77**

Expenses

1/4/2016 Postage	\$2.54
1/11/2016 Postage	\$2.54
10/27/2016 NPA Club dues for 2016 & 2017	\$40.00
11/28/2016 NPA 2nd half band payment	\$245.00
11/30/2016 pmt to Layne Gardner for 1st half bands	\$245.00
12/9/2016 Padded envelopes for bands	\$12.20
12/9/2016 Postage for bands	\$23.60
12/20/2016 Postage for bands	\$2.62
Expenses from Fred Maenpa:	
3/1/2016 Bulletin	\$12.70
Mailing	\$8.55
Envelopes	\$2.16
9/1/2016 Awards	\$194.40
11/1/2016 Mailing awards	\$26.83
Bulletin	\$14.58

**Total Expenses** **\$832.72**

**Total on Hand** **\$734.05**

## From the Secretary / Treasurer

Mike Hughes



### AFBCC Funds Ledger starting 2017

#### Income

Cash on hand Starting 1-1-2017	\$734.05
1/13/2017 Annaha Fall	\$5.00 Dues
1/13/2017 Matthew Heck	\$5.00 Dues
1/16/2017 Carlin Whisenhunt	\$93.00 100 Bands + Shipping + Dues
1/16/2017 Rich Barschdorf	\$15.00 Dues
<b>Total Income</b> (Including carry-over from 2016)	<b>\$852.05</b>

#### Expenses

1/18/2017 Postage for bands	\$2.62
1/18/2017 To Bob Bollinger for web page renewal (paypal)	\$80.47
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$83.09</b>
<b>Total on Hand</b>	<b>\$768.96</b>

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**Use the friends and family option!**





## From the Midwest Director

*Carlin Wisenhunt*

The weather has been amazing for the last two weeks. Unbelievable for February. It's been in the 60s and 70s, and is supposed to be for a few more days at least. I expect it to turn around the first of March. This can't possibly hold out, but I'll take it while it's here. I've been busy rebuilding the floors in my breeding pens. Have had wire floors since they were built many years ago, and now the city says that all pens must have solid flooring for sanitary purposes???? When this is all done I can start mating the Brunners. I have a bunch to go through. I'll be passing a lot of birds along to other folks when I'm done, since I don't have room to keep them all. I'd like to, but would have to buy 300 more bands if I did. I've already moved over 100 birds this winter, and will move at least 50 Brunners after mating.

The Midwest Meets will be at the same locations for 2017. Hastings Nebraska on the first

weekend of November in conjunction with the Pouter and Cropper Breeders of Nebraska at the Central Nebraska Pigeon Club Show. Todd Millard of Salem Iowa will Judge all pouters. Carlin Wisenhunt is the contact person; phone 402-570-3393. The Shawnee show will have the southern meet again this year. It will be with the Mid South Pouter and Cropper Club, and Gerald Butler is the contact person. I plan to also show at Des Moines also as well as the National in Amarillo.

I had a thief visit my loft a couple of weeks ago. Got into my hen pen where I kept my white bars, piers, and reduced. I had visitors the day before, so had a hunch where they went. I made a couple of phone calls and was assured that if they had them, I would get them back. Within 24 hours the birds were back in my loft. It pays to have friends in all communities. I do have about a hundred dollars worth of new locks and latches. To keep honest people honest.

*Carlin*

## From the Bulletin Editor / Web Master

*Bob Bollinger*

I am starting to put together our show calendar for this year. We have a great start but we still have a number of gaps. Please pass along the dates of any key shows in your area and I will include them in our upcoming events section on our web page and also in our next bulletin. We need to get show/meet dates out early so people can start planning. Hopefully this will give people more time to ask off work, plan their travel, and most importantly prepare their team for the upcoming season. Let's continue to do everything we can grow our Brunner numbers and support the great blower presence we are seeing at the shows!

I also want to give a big shout out to everyone who sent show dates and helped support the bulletin. Your pictures and articles are exactly what

we need to continue publishing such a great periodical. Thanks again!!

One of my tasks for the near future is to clean up our email list. Over the years it has continued to grow as people have come and gone from the club. Now we find the list really long versus our current membership roster. After this bulletin, I will trim the list down to paid members and a few courtesy addresses. So, if you have forgot to renew with Mike, now is a good time to do it. Also, moving forward if you talk to any of your fellow members and they didn't receive their bulletin, please let me know. Hopefully I don't mistakenly omit someone, but if I do I will correct it as soon as possible.

*Bob*





## From the Eastern Director

*Bob Bollinger*

Hi all! I hope things are going well in your lofts. The birds have finally mated and they are starting to sit. This is unusually early for me, but here in the Northeast the weather has been nice and I have been impatient. I know I have tried to start early in previous years, only to be frustrated. This year I am hopeful that the weather will continue to cooperate and convince the Brunners that it is really time to breed. I was fortunate to get a nest out at the very beginning of the year. I am really pleased with these red white bars and I look forward to them maturing early enough to make a great showing this fall!

for the NPCC bulletin. In summary, I think we had a wonderful year with Brunners in 2016 and pouter / croppers overall had an even better year. We are seeing great interest in blowers from coast to coast. Show numbers are going up, new folks are getting into the breeds, and the excitement / camaraderie at our shows is palpable. All in all I am very proud of our season and I look forward to a great 2017!

*Bob*

In this bulletin I have included an article that I wrote



*This is worth a look. Great promotion of the hobby by Cam and the NPA!*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=26GYdeljFyw>

## J&J Lofts *by Jim Clinton*

I don't have much to report on in this news letter as the breeding season is just getting started. I did get a visit from Mike our club sec. Mike picked up a few birds from me and then we went up the mountain and spent some time with Jeff, where Mike got a few more birds. Jeff treated us to pizza after an extended visit to his loft. I had not been up to Jeff's loft in some time and was very impressed with his birds. I enjoyed the visit with both Mike and Jeff.

I am breeding from six pair of blacks, four pair of whites, three pair of reds, six pair of yellows, four Andalusian and one red tiger. I am excited about these pairs as they look like the best I have ever put together. So far I have had many eggs left cold in the nest and a few squabs, also many blank eggs. This always happens to me because I breed mostly from young birds. The weather going from rain to sun and back to rain over and over again always causes problems with the birds walking away from their nests. So far I have two reds, a black, and four Andalusian banded for 2017 as of Feb. 1st.

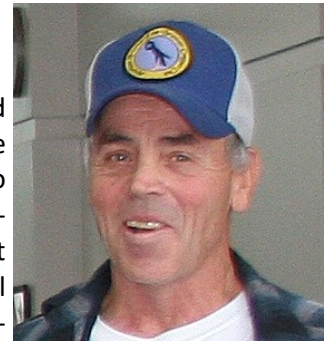


After watching Bob and Layne work with the white bars it made me want to work with a lesser bred color. I always had project pairs going when I had all the colors, and it was productive and fun. Last season

I started with Andalusian. I raised several birds with two cock birds with very nice color, kind of a darker blue with laced wings. The first two squabs out this season are of good color and great body and wings. If they blow a round globe, and it is in their background, they could be very nice. I'm hoping for the best.

Hope every one is started and doing well.

*Jim Clinton*







## More Pictures from Jim Clinton



*Here are some  
pictures of my  
black breeding  
cocks for this  
season...*



## Vice-President's Report *by Fred Maenpa*

Hello again to all AFBCC Members and friends. After a very exciting and enjoyable show season most breeders around the country are now concentrating on the beginning of the 2017 breeding season. It was a pleasure to see and spend time with many of our AFBCC members at the three major shows that I attended last year. The Great Western, the Pageant of Pigeons, and the Washington National were all outstanding Brunner shows. At the National our Brunners were the second largest Pouter breed total with 49 birds shown. The Norwich Croppers were number one with an outstanding showing of 96 beautiful birds.

I would like to thank the members that attended the National and in particular, Mike Hughes, for serving as our Brunner judge. Mike did a great job sorting through our birds. The Champion was a White OC and the Reserve Champion a Black Tiger OH. I am happy to report that both birds were from my loft. Refer to the National Show Report found in this bulletin for a complete report.

Now, onto a sad part of my report. After returning home from the National, pairing up my birds for 2017, and moving many of my extra birds, I have experienced major losses in all breeds. As of this morning my losses totaled just under 90 birds. These losses did not start until the last week of February and the first week of March. I have tried everything you had seen written "without success." What is "currently" working for babies, still the nest, is "Nutri-Drops." I do not count 2017 babies as part of my losses, since they normally do not stand a chance. But, since using the "Nutri-

Drops" daily into the beaks of all babies I have been able to save all of them. Before using the drops the babies would die within a week or so. I will keep everyone posted as to the final results as time moves ahead.

I wish everyone a successful 2017 breeding season and hope you will never have to experience the major losses like I am going through this year. Let's all do our best to raise a few extra birds in 2017. Our Brunners drew a lot of attention at all of the shows last year, and to my knowledge, all the available Brunners were sold at each of the shows that I attended in 2016. Let's continue to keep our Brunners, at or near, the top of the total Pouter entries around the country.

*Fred*





Vancouver, Washington

NPA  
Grand National  
2017

Show Date January 12th 13th 14th



Clark County Event Center, Vancouver

**Champion - #53 White OC - Fred Maenpa****Reserve Champion - #3998 Tiger OH - Fred Maenpa****Best Young - #509 Dark Check YC - Andy Hansen**

Judge: Mike Hughes

45 Birds Shown

7 Exhibitors

\* denotes best of color

**Black**

1	YC	1084*	Andy Hansen
1	OH	1060	Fred Maenpa
1	OC	3968	Fred Maenpa
2	OC	1972	Fred Maenpa

**Blue Bar**

1	YH	149	Fred Maenpa
1	YC	140	Fred Maenpa
2	YC	3923	Jack Lawrence
3	YC	3826	Jack Lawrence
4	YC	3819	Jack Lawrence
5	YC	3869	Jack Lawrence
1	OH	51*	Fred Maenpa
1	OC	2059	Fred Maenpa

**Check**

1	YC	509*	Andy Hansen
2	YC	501	Andy Hansen
1	OC	121	Fred Maenpa

**Cream Bar**

1	OC	165*	Fred Maenpa
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**Grizzle**

1	YH	171	Fred Maenpa
2	YH	3947	Jack Lawrence
1	YC	170	Fred Maenpa
2	YC	3173	Paris Horvat
1	OH	1901	Fred Maenpa
1	OC	236*	Fred Maenpa
2	OC	175	Fred Maenpa

**Mealy Bar**

1	YH	3884*	Jack Lawrence
2	YH	3938	Jack Lawrence

**Red**

1	YC	24*	Bob Bollinger
2	YC	2	Bob Bollinger

**Silver Bar**

1	YH	3924	Jack Lawrence
1	YC	3940*	Jack Lawrence

**Tiger**

1	OH	3998*	Fred Maenpa
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**White**

1	YH	3936	Jack Lawrence
1	YC	495	Andy Hansen
1	OH	115	Fred Maenpa
2	OH	1314	Fred Maenpa
1	OC	53*	Fred Maenpa
2	OC	160	Fred Maenpa

**White Bar**

1	YH	345*	Beals&Gardner
1	YC	376	Beals&Gardner
1	OH	823	Beals&Gardner
1	OC	335	Beals&Gardner

**Yellow**

1	YH	3887	Jack Lawrence
1	YC	3941*	Jack Lawrence
2	YC	3926	Jack Lawrence
1	OH	512	Bob Bollinger





## Pictures from the National



Photo: © Layne Gardner Pigeon Photography

**Champion**  
#53 White OC ,Fred Maenpa



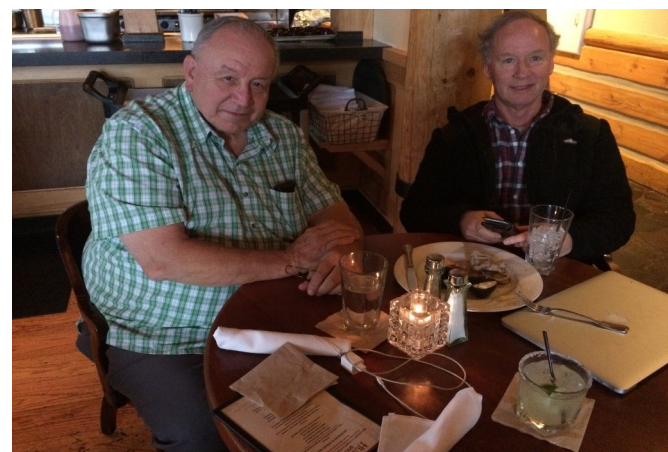
Photo: © Layne Gardner Pigeon Photography

**Reserve Champion**  
#3998 Tiger OH, Fred Maenpa





## National Pictures from Fred







## More National Pictures From Fred







## National Pictures from Andy and Bob







*Many Thanks to Charlie and everyone who brought disinfectant to the show. With so much recent press regarding disease issues, it is wise to be watchful and proactive during our events. Special thanks to Mike, Charlie, and all who helped spray and wipe the judging pens as well as the show coops!*

*Bob*



## Reflecting on Brunners in the 2016 Show Season

By Bob Bollinger

*This is an article I prepared for the NPCC bulletin. I am really proud of our breed and felt I should give our Brunners a bit of a "shout out" in the broader pouter / cropper community. I think it is well deserved :o)*

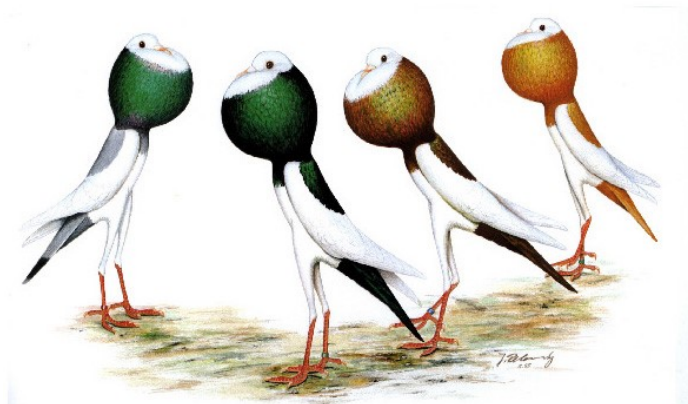
Brunners were well represented at pouter cropper meets in 2016. We saw good entry numbers and many new exhibitors. There were juniors showing at nearly every event and their enthusiasm was contagious. Beyond the numbers, the Brunners demonstrated substantial quality as evidenced by J&J Lofts winning Champion Pouter Cropper at both the Pageant of Pigeons and the Great Western shows. Brunners also fared well in the overall pouter cropper category at several other meets from coast to coast. I would have to say that our show season was a great success!



The other thing that is heartening with respect to blowers is the overall demand for stock. We continue to see a growing number of new faces and I have heard people asking for birds across the spectrum of our breeds. The demand for Brunners is so great that most fanciers are having a hard time keeping up with requests. This is really frustrating as we would love to share the fun with even more breeders and exhibitors. Hopefully everyone will have a great breeding season so we can share birds with all who want them.

It is also noteworthy that many folks joining the Brunner ranks are not necessarily pouter cropper breeders. I know several people that are getting into Brunners who's main breed is very different. They like the birds, the camaraderie of the pouter cropper breeders, and the charm of breed. Brunners are even gaining in popularity with our more experienced pouter cropper enthusiasts. After all, they are a friendly and lively blower, that raise their own young and rarely have sour crop!

I am heartened as we move forward into 2017 as I am firmly convinced that all of our blowers are on the upswing!





## Shawnee Pictures from Carlin



*Bobby Watson had Champion with a Blue Bar young cock. Mark had Reserve with his Black old cock. Sam Murphy Judged. The other birds in the finals were Mark Wilson's White old cock, Carlin Whisenhunt's Tortoiseshell young hen, and Black Tiger old hen. There were 65 Brunners entered!*

*Carlin*







## Hastings Pictures from Carlin



*There were 51 Brunners entered by 7 exhibitors. Jeff Bidroski from Omaha Nebraska was the Judge. Champion was Carlin Whisenhunt's Mealy old cock, and Mark Wilson had Reserve with his Mealy Grizzle old cock. The Champion is the nest mate to the Cream bar hen that was the Champion of this District meet in 2014 that was judged by Mike Sweeney.*

### *Carlin*



## Club Officers 2017



President—Layne Gardner

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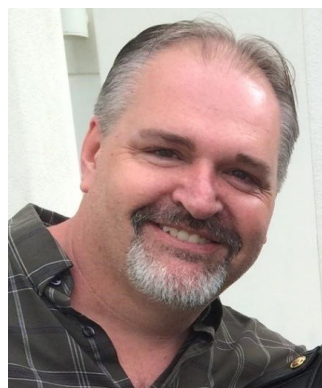
Vice President- Fred Maenpa

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Secretary / Treasurer - Mike Hughes

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Western Director - Corey Hayes

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Midwest Director - Carlin Wisenhunt

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Eastern Director & Bulletin Editor - Bob Bollinger

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Canadian Director—Open

# Upcoming Events

## August 2017

### **White Rose Summer Show**

Manchester (York), PA  
August 6, 2017  
Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

## September 2017

### **LAPC Young Bird Show**

Contact: [Fred Maenpa](#)

## October 2017

### **Reading Young Bird Show**

*Pouters and Croppers hosted by: EPCC*  
Reading, PA  
October 1, 2017  
Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

### **Great Western**

Watsonville, CA  
AFBCC Meet  
Contact: [John DeCarlo](#)

### **National Young Bird Show**

*Pouters and Croppers hosted by: CCPC*  
Joint AFBCC Meet  
Louisville, KY  
October 28, 2017  
Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

## November 2017

### **Hastings Nebraska**

*In conjunction with the  
Pouter and Cropper Breeders of Nebraska*  
Joint AFBCC Meet  
Hastings, NE  
First Weekend in November  
Contact: [Carlin Wisenhunt](#)

### **White Rose Fall Show**

*Pouters and Croppers hosted by: EPCC*  
Joint AFBCC Meet  
Emigsville (York), PA  
November 12, 2017  
Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

## November 2017 cont'd

### **Big Apple**

*Pouters and Croppers hosted by: NPCC*  
New York City (really CT)  
Contact: [Barbara Beer](#)

## December 2017

### **LAPC Pageant of Pigeons**

Ontario, CA  
AFBCC Meet  
November 16-18, 2017  
Contact: [Fred Maenpa](#)

### **Oklahoma Pigeon Assn**

*In conjunction with the  
Mid South Pouter and Cropper Club*  
Joint AFBCC Meet  
Shawnee, OK  
Contact: [Gerald Butler](#)

### **Iowa State Pigeon Association Pigeons on the Prairie Show**

Des Moines, IA

## January 2018

### **Reading Pigeon Association**

*Pouters and Croppers hosted by: EPCC*  
Lancaster, PA  
January 11-14, 2018  
Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

### **NPA Grand National**

Amarillo, TX  
January 18-20, 2018  
AFBCC Meet  
Contact: [Layne Gardner](#)

## Other Notable Shows



**FOR SALE!**



*This section is free for members to trade birds and enhance our breeding pens! Just mail your advertisement to [Bob](#) !*



To join or renew

# Join the AFBCC!



The American Friends of the Brunner Cropper Club is dedicated to the promotion and advancement of the Brunner Cropper in the USA. We are a club that promotes friendship among Brunner Pouter breeders and anyone interested in the beautiful Brunner Cropper!

## Mail Forms to:

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## Membership Dues

Adult	\$15.00 / year	_____
Juniors	\$ 5.00 / year	_____



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