



# American Friends of the Brunner Cropper Club

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## Special points of interest:

- Treasurer's Report
- Show Results
- Pictures

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## President's Message *Layne Gardner*

Yes! My favorite time of the year—right behind summer, spring, early fall! I love the show season where we can see the fruits of our labors and gauge how much progress we've made during the year.

I think my progress this year will have to be measured in a negative. I did raise a couple of very promising blue white bars but unfortunately they fell victim to the Young Bird Disease. Oh well, there's always next year.

Speaking of YBD, I'm hearing that certain parts of Europe is having some issues with this again. I guess this is just how things will be in the future. We all need to key in on selecting the most healthy birds for further breeding and reducing the stress on our birds as much as possible. In the past I have used oregano, elderberry, and probiotic capsules to help maintain the health of my birds. I'm stocked up and prepared to support the immune system of birds being exhibited. It seems if I can them past 6 months of age there are few problems. Most of the health issues have been with birds between 1 and 3 months old.

We had a nice show in Salt Lake City. Numbers of Brunners were a bit lower but there were some very nice birds exhibited. Richard Bohman won champion and reserve with blacks. He also showed a wonderful black white flight. This is a tough call since this is essentially a mismarked Black—something not allowed in the standard. This is a good example of a genuine stock bird.

The Pageant of Pigeons was cancelled this year due to outbreaks of Newcastle disease in chickens and I really miss this show. There won't be a Pageant next year either since the NPA Grand National is scheduled for Fresno.

But I am excited about the National in Amarillo. For those who attended last time you know that is was a wonderful show and loads of fun. We're expecting a great turnout of Pouters and encourage everyone to participate.

Hats off to everyone who is doing such a fine job promoting Brunners. Keep it up!

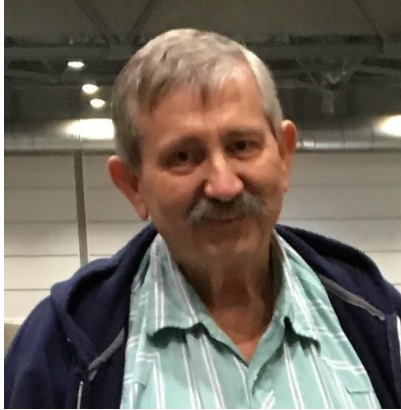
Finally, we'll close out the show season with the Hurricane Show in Southern Utah. This occurs the next weekend after the National in Amarillo so it will make things a bit busy but it's a show I always love to attend. A nice, relaxed atmosphere is perfect for the end of the show season.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Amarillo and Hurricane. Bob and I will represent the Brunner group in Europe. We'll both be in Leipzig where there are 844 Brunners entered. And I'll stay for the show in Wijchen, Netherlands on the following weekend.

Best wishes for success, and above all, tons of enjoyment with your Brunners and Brunner Friends!

*Layne*





## From the Secretary / Treasurer

*Mike Hughes*

### November 2019 Secretary/Treasurer Report

I hope this finds everyone well with your birds ready for the upcoming shows. Please be careful driving to the shows. If this week is any indication, the weather might be a problem. I will be at the Amarillo National and hope to see many of you there. Good luck with the shows, I hope you all have a champion or two.

It is time to start thinking of band purchases and getting your dues in. Bands this year will stay at \$.45 per band and \$4 shipping. I suggest paying for your bands and dues at the same time. I am planning on being at the Amarillo National and will deliver bands. You can save the \$4 shipping that way. I've ordered 1000 bands with 500 #7s and 500 #8s. As usual, it will be first come first serve. I will be able to ship bands around the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. So get your band order in early. I take PayPal or a check drawn on a U.S. bank. The PayPal email address is:

[Mhughes1074@yahoo.com](mailto:Mhughes1074@yahoo.com) Please use the "Friends and Family" option. That option does not cost the club any money.

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Have a good show season,

*Mike Hughes*



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**Use the friends and family option!**

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## From the Eastern Director

*Bob Bollinger*

I have been impressed with the show season so far this year. We have had several nice meets across the country. Here in the East we continue to see newcomers at our events and the demand for birds is brisk.

This year I focused on my white bars and I have been pleased with my results. The imports I received from Germany earlier this year have helped me "right size" my reds. I have also been able to create a number of nice yellows and even a true silver. On the down size, by focusing on white bars my red and yellow self breeding was delayed and all I had was late

hatches. I have already promised a number of these to others so my self show team is very limited now.



I am really excited to be going to Leipzig again this year and I hope to bring in some more Brunners to enhance our stock here in the US. Additionally, the Lancaster, PA and Amarillo shows should be excellent in January.

I look forward to seeing you all at the meets.

*Bob*

## From the Bulletin Editor / Web Master

*Bob Bollinger*

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the bulletin. It looks like Brunners are showing up nicely at the shows across the country. We are also having a lot of good luck leveraging our Facebook presence to wheel photos and information. That has been a great help to me with the bulletin.

Several of us have been discussing our digital presence moving forward.

We now have both our web site and our Facebook group. We continue to see more and more members, and traffic, on our FB group. It is proving to be a great tool to promote the breed and our hobby. On the other hand, I have checked the traffic on our web page and it is sparse at best. This phenomenon is not unexpected as now days more and more people are almost exclusively using social media for communication and information sharing. The pigeon hobby too is following the trend as it seems that many pigeon folks spend more time on FB than other digital media.

Our web hosting is paid for the next two years. However after that, I think we should discontinue the web site and rely solely on FB. Along with posting photos and having discussions, we can upload results and utilize the events feature to list our shows and gatherings. It certainly meets our digital needs. The FB group is free but the web site is somewhat costly. It just makes sense to invest, effort and money, where we get the best value.

As always, please send a long anything else you have to share in the bulletin! Your help is greatly appreciated.

*Bob*





## From the Midwest Director

*Carlin Wisenhunt*

I haven't had any time for photos. Been real busy lately raccoon proofing everything again. Those critters adapt very fast when you block their access to the birds. I've lost five birds to them in the past two weeks. Four birds lost one leg, and one (my oldest yg bird, and terrific yellow hen) was eaten completely through 1X1 welded wire. I'm not ever using larger than 1x1/2 welded wire again.

I've been reworking all of my pens, putting cement board floors and outside water boxes with heated water bucket drinkers on the outside. I'm still mulling how I can feed each pen from the outside. When that is done, I will be gutting my loft out and putting 32 individual pens in it, and adding young bird pens on the outside north and south. No more scooping up the floor. It will be much easier on my old body. All pens will be at least waist high.

Considering that I didn't mate most of my birds till May, I had a good year. Had to breed till September however. I made real progress with all of my genetic projects. Nice jump with

the Almonds after five years. Plan to show a couple at Amarillo. Raised two gorgeous recessive yellow opals. Did get a few bronzes and bronze barred blues. The bronze bar blues are from my bronzes as they are split for bar. (these two colors are identical to bronze and blue schietti in modenas) Introduced indigo and andalusian into my blacks, and blues, and got some nice indigo bars, andalusian, and a couple nice T pattern indigo. Also a dilute andalusian. Best year with black tigers in a few years. As usual, several blacks, but only a few recessive reds, yellows, & whites. I had good numbers in blue and silvers, bar and check. White bars were a disappointment after a good year last year.

I'll be judging the meets at Hutchinson KS Nov 16, and DesMoines in Dec. I plan to have a good entry of Brunners, Horseman, Genuine Homer's, and Exhibition Homer's at the Amarillo National. I'm hoping that everything goes well and that all of my plans work out. I have my room reserved. My friend Pat Sabin is going to drive down with me. My brother and I have house in Hobert OK, just about 200 miles from Amarillo. Plan to drive there on Wednesday and on to Amarillo on Thursday. Then reverse that Saturday afternoon. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

*Carlin*

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## The Shipping Cost Rumors are True

*Jim Clinton / Bob Bollinger*



If this is not too late, maybe it should be included in the newsletter. I just last week shipped some birds. Two small boxes to Texas, at \$120.00 each and one large box to Illinois at \$337.00. The small boxes were just simple 2 bird boxes!

I know there has been talk of shipping changes, and rumors, but this is now fact. So buyer and shipper will know what to expect. This can't be good for the hobby.

*Jim*

I too have heard rumors about shipping costs increasing. Now Jim has confirmed them. It looks like we will need to be more creative when moving birds. Perhaps we can ask others to take birds to the shows for delivery or perhaps work together to otherwise defray the costs. I guess in hindsight we should have seen this coming as the postage costs haven't gone up as much as many other commodities during the last decades we have been mailing birds. But I do agree that this is a challenge for us.

*Bob*

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*Brunner depiction from the latest German standard. It is always interesting to see white bars showing up in Brunner drawings. They are indeed one of the most iconic patterns of the breed.*



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

Hello, AFBCC members and friends from Orange County California. This past year has been nearly a complete wash for me and many other pigeon fanciers living in Southern California. Thanks to the chickens and the Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) quarantine that has been in effect since May 2018. Currently there is no absolute definite end in sight. We have been told that "if" no new positive cases were found the task force would "reevaluate" things around the first of the year. That sounded great until this past weekend when three new additional positives were found in Riverside County. "So far" nothing has officially been announced and all we can do is wait and see what the Task Force might have in store for those of us living in the Southern California area.

As stated earlier, I live in Orange County, and we are not, nor have we ever been, under quarantine at any time during this on going Exotic Newcastle situation. With that being said, we are still not permitted to ship our birds through the USPS from anywhere in Southern California.

I have already made my hotel reservations and filled out an entry blank for the upcoming 2020 Amarillo National. Another part of my plan is to ship my birds to the National with Charlie Rowe. But, once again, I must sit back and wait with my fingers crossed, since Charlie lives in Riverside and his home is within the quarantined area. Let's see how things work out over the next few weeks. One way or another I will be at the Amarillo National with our AFBCC Awards in tow. (see picture on the next page) In addition, I will also have a limited number of printed copies of our current and past AFBCC Bulletins available, upon request.

I look forward to once again seeing many of our AFBCC members in attendance at the National. For those of you that were not at the last Amarillo National you can look forward to a roomy show hall, a wonderful banquet, and a beautiful hotel (The Embassy Suites) located directly across the street from the show hall. Once again, I hope to see many of my Brunner buddies and other Pouter fanciers, at the NPA's 100 Year Anniversary Show, January 23-25, 2020.

Before closing, I must comment on the recent Purebred Pigeon "Pouter Special". I am very happy to report that I have heard nothing but positive comments from both Pouter and Non-Pouter fanciers. I could not agree more. Thank you to everyone that took the time and effort to write an article, or send in an ad, to support our "Special". You helped to make our "Pouter Special" something that is "very special" and will serve to promote our birds for years to come.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year. See you at the National and the best of luck in the year ahead.



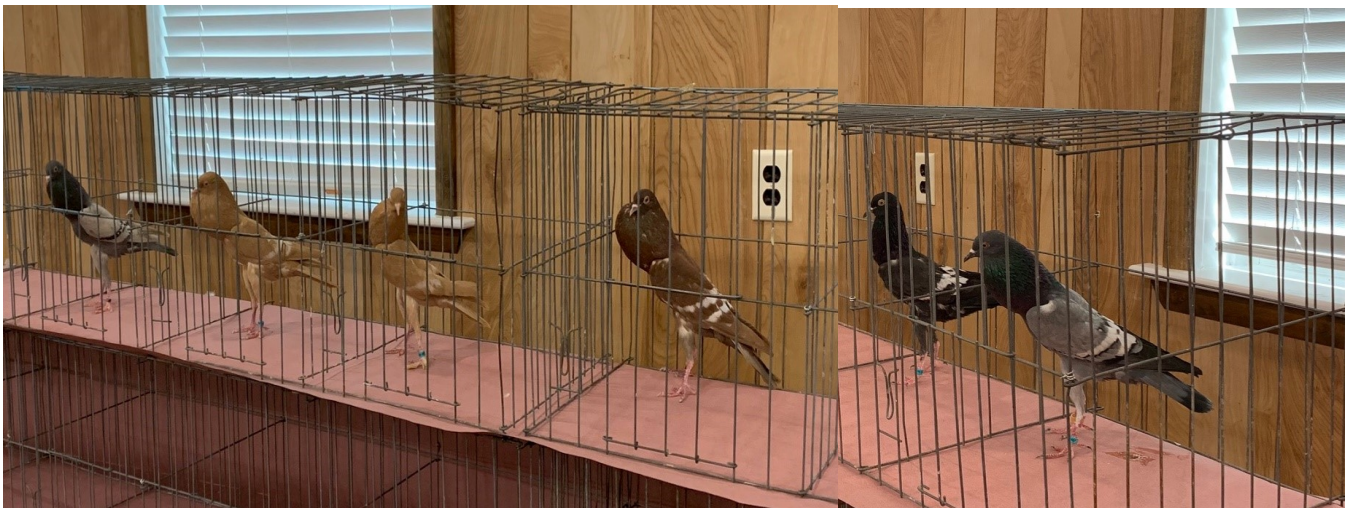
*Fred Maenpa*

## Miscellaneous

*Our awesome  
National  
Awards from  
Fred*



*Line up of White Bars at the White Rose (York, PA) show in November.*



*A very neat late hatch from Rick Wood. I will be interested to see what she looks like after the molt.*

# National Young Bird Show

## Louisville, KY

### October 26, 2019



**Judge:** Charlie Rowe  
**30** Birds by **6** Exhibitors

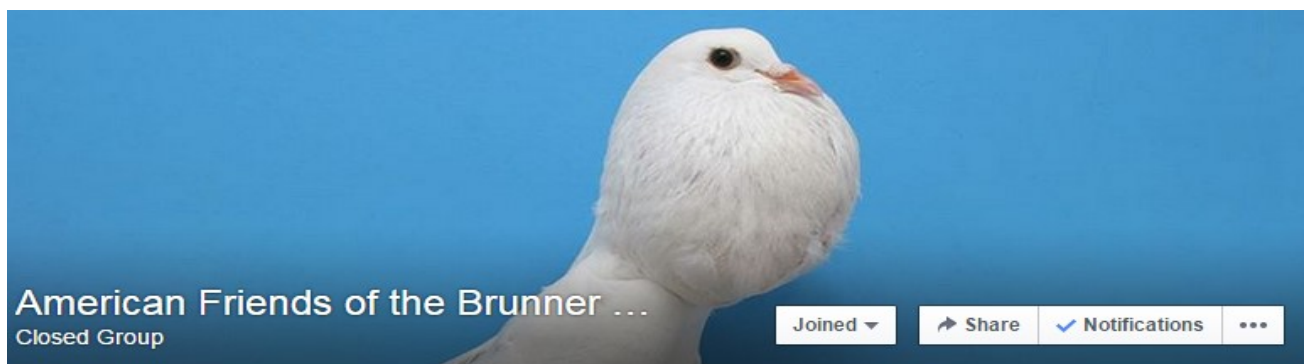
**Champion:** Yellow YH # 4 - Mike Seiler  
**Best Opposite Sex:** Yellow YC #12 - Mike Seiler  
**Best White Bar:** Dun YH #1101 - Bob Bollinger

Young Hens			Young Cocks		
<u>Place</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>	<u>Band</u>
1	Mike Seiler	4	1	Mike Seiler	12
2	Mike Seiler	27	2	Mike Seiler	13
3	Reuben Miller	420	3	Bob Bollinger	1102
4	Bob Bollinger	126	4	Mike Seiler	9
5	Mike Seiler	26	5	Reuben Miller	453
6	Bob Bollinger	1101	6	Mike Seiler	1416
7	Bob Bollinger	127	7	Bob Bollinger	2150
8	Steve Heal	1628	8	Mike Seiler	1402
9	Bob Bollinger	1100	9	Reuben Miller	439
10	Reuben Miller	450	10	Mike Seiler	1
11	Pam Peterson	228	11	Bob Bollinger	122
12	Bonnie Lewis	3054	12	Bob Bollinger	1116
			13	Mike Seiler	10
			14	Reuben Miller	422
			15	Bonnie Lewis	791
			16	Bob Bollinger	1115
			17	Pam Peterson	321
			18	Pam Peterson	229





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# Cavalcade of Pigeons

## Fresno, California

### November 3, 2019

61 Birds by 3 Exhibitors

**Champion:** Blue Check YH - Clinton

**Reserve Champion:** Black YH - Clinton

**Junior Champion:** White YC - Donnelly



#### Class Winners

<u>Color</u>	<u>Breeder</u>	<u>Age/Sex</u>
Silver	Young	YC
Mealy Bar	Young	YC
Cream Bar	Donnelly	YC
Cream Grizzle	Donnelly	YC
Yellow	Clinton	OH
Ash Red/Yellow	Donnelly	YC
Red	Clinton	OH
Red Tiger	Young	YH
AOC	Donnelly	YH
Black	Clinton	YH
Andalusian	Clinton	OC
Blue Check	Clinton	YH
Blue Bar	Clinton	OC
White	Donnelly	YC





# Pictures from Fresno





# More Pictures from Fresno





# More Pictures from Fresno



# Salt Lake Premier Show

Salt Lake City, Utah

November 1 & 2, 2019



## Brunner Pouters

Number entered: 14

CHAMPION: Black OC 14 – Richard Bohman

RESERVE and BEST YOUNG: Black 399 – Richard Bohman

### WHITE BARS

*Young Hen*

1. 151 Beals & Gardner

*Young Cock*

1. 150 Beals & Gardner

2. 465 Reagan Siggard abs

*Old Hen*

1. 502 Beals & Gardner

*Old Cock*

\*1. 100 Beals & Gardner

2. 1028 Beals & Gardner

3. 376 Beals & Gardner

### ALL OTHER COLORS

*Young Cock*

1. 399 Richard Bohman

*Old Cock*

\*1. 14 Richard Bohman

2. 1066 Richard Bohman

3. 2801 Richard Bohman

4. 178 Russ Thomson

5. 832 Vance Yeager

6. 161 Russ Thomson abs



# Pictures from the Premier Show



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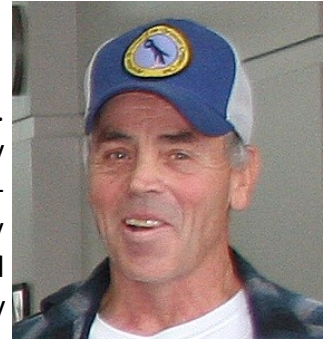
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## J&J Lofts *by Jim Clinton*

I guess the best place to start is with the breeding season that just ended. All in all I would have to call it a bad one. It started out well with seventy birds banded by Easter, then young birds disease started. It took until August just to remain with seventy birds banded. Maybe a few more but they would die as fast as I raised them. At that point I cleaned all my lofts, hand scraping them, sweeping the floors, and then sprayed them with a fifty-fifty mix of bleach and water. I did this because some new birds were coming to the loft and I was trying not to get any youngsters sick. To my surprise it worked, not only for the new birds but my birds as well. I only lost one young bird after that and it did not die of the young birds disease. The young birds disease would take along time to kill the bird. It seems like they starved, just skin and bones when they died. The bird I lost after the spraying was very sudden and was in good flesh.



The new birds were from Fred. We have a project going on. After the spray I have raised thirty or forty more birds. The birds I did raise had a few very nice ones among them. The project that Fred and I have going is mostly pied birds. We are trying to get enough to have breeding programs started for each of us and to share with other breeders. So, it's going pretty well. With five and most likely more pairs we should be in good shape.

With all that was going on in California this year the shows were limited. I did attend the Fresno show. We had three breeders showing, but one of the most competitive shows I have been in. We had sixty one brunners in fourteen colors. I was lucky to win with a blue t pattern young hen. . Meg, our junior member had some whites, that had they performed better in the show cage, would have gave me a real run. Jeff and I displayed 7 blue checks together that were all very good. Again, the performance of the birds was the difference. Hope everybody is as charged up as much as I am for next years breeding.

*Jim Clinton*







## More Birds from J&J Lofts





## Hutchinson Show Report *by Carlin Whisenhunt*

Just got back from the Hutchinson KS show where I judged the Pouter/Cropper meet. There were around 50 pouters entered, mostly brunners. Didn't get an exact count. Bobby Watson dominated the show with his yellow hen winning Champion Brunner and Reserve Pouter. His brown bar grizzle Horseman hen was Campion Pouter/Cropper and went on to be 3rd best Pigeon in the show. He also had Champion Norwich. Ed Powe had the nicest Bohemian that I've seen in in years. Nice show.

*Carlin*



Interesting Stuff

by Bob Bollinger



*Some colleagues traveling in China found a full page article in the newspaper discussing the virtues of pigeons and their ability to help them celebrate national events. It is interesting how much different the perceptions of pigeons are in other parts of the world.*



*Picture of a Great Painting of Stork Marked Brunners from Jerry Sindelar*

## MEATS

Our selection from "La cave du boucher"  
(Price on demand)

Veal, carott & beetroot  
(For 2 persons)  
98€

Pigeon, buckwheat & tonka bean  
48€

Duckling, turnip & dandelion leaves  
49€

*So ... I went to a fancy dinner in France and found ... Pigeon on the Menu!!*



# Brunners in Austria

Courtesy of Jerry Sindelar





# Brunners in Austria

Courtesy of Jerry Sindelar



# Club Officers 2018



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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# Upcoming Events

## September 2019

### **LAPC Young Bird Show**

*Cancelled this year*

Contact: [Fred Maenpa](#)

## October 2019

### **Great Western**

*Cancelled this year*

Contact: [John DeCarlo](#)

### **National Young Bird Show**

Joint AFBCC Meet

Louisville, KY

October 26, 2019

Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

## November 2019

### **Hastings Nebraska**

*In conjunction with the*

*Pouter and Cropper Breeders of Nebraska*

Joint AFBCC Meet

Hastings, NE

November 16, 2019

Contact: [Carlin Wisenhunt](#)

### **White Rose Fall Show**

*Pouters and Croppers hosted by: EPCC*

Joint AFBCC Meet

Emigsville (York), PA

November 9, 2019

Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

### **LAPC Pageant of Pigeons**

*Cancelled this year*

Contact: [Fred Maenpa](#)

### **Big Apple**

*Pouters and Croppers hosted by: NPCC*

New York City (really CT)

November 23, 2019

Contact: [Barbara Beer](#)

## December 2019

### **Oklahoma Pigeon Assn**

*Cancelled this year?*

Joint AFBCC Meet

Shawnee, OK

Contact: [Gerald Butler](#)

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

Des Moines, IA

December 2019

Contact: [Carlin Wisenhunt](#)

## January 2020

### **Reading Pigeon Association**

*Pouters and Croppers hosted by: EPCC*

Lancaster, PA

January 10-11, 2020

Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

### **NPA Grand National**

Amarillo, Texas

January 23-25, 2020

AFBCC Meet

Contact: [Layne Gardner](#)

## Other Notable Shows

### **LIPSIA 2019**

Leipzig, Germany

December 6-8, 2019



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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!

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



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