



Autumn 2018

Plymouth Rock Quarterly

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Everyone,

I hope everyone is ready for a rip snortin fall show season. As the weather cools and the young birds mature, we all get the itch to get them in a show pen. Taking a little time to tame those young birds will help their chances at the show. No judge likes to chase one around the pen.

I've noticed a significant increase in the number of Rock large fowl at the shows in the last couple years. Barreds and Whites have been well represented. And I know for a fact we'll be seeing some Buffs soon from Linda and Allen Sparlin! Thanks to Tom Roebuck and his egg donation at the National. It would sure be nice to see some Partridge and Silver Pencilled showing again. I spoke with Larry Urban a while back, and Larry got some Silver Pencilleds from Dick Horstman and has been working and sorting and sent me some eggs. But thanks to the USPS, the eggs were an omelet when they got here. I think Larry and I will do a chick exchange in the Spring, LOL! And I'm sure Dick will be able to help me out next Spring too. When was the last time you saw a Columbian Rock Large Fowl at a show? That's a hint, Scott! Joe and I are still working on the Blue Rock project, but progress is slow. But I have confidence we'll make it happen. If you're raising Rock Large Fowl, consider adding one of these varieties to your flock. It's really fun to work and see improvements you can make.

I was really pleased with the last newsletter with all the pictures from all over the country and the reports from the Directors. Communication is our biggest tool, and Jill is doing a wonderful job on our newsletter.

Take some time to check out our new website

www.plymouthrockfanciersclub.com. Our webmaster is Brysen Sayre, Mike Sayre's son, and he's working hard to make this a website of which we can be proud, and also be very functional for the Club. We are trying to set up Paypal link for memberships, and hopefully soon, some merchandising of Club promotional goods. John doesn't have time to handle the merchandising, so we can pay 5% commission to Brysen to handle sales and shipping. Anyone have ideas for Club promotional items? We've looked at shirts, mugs, show coats, patches and possibly some printed material.

I've not received any voting results on the Bylaw changes. I'm wondering if the issue was understood. To propose someone as a candidate for our Hall of Fame, a committee needs to recommend them.

This needs to be documented in our Bylaws, and then the entire membership would vote on the new entry. Instead I get a barrage of political bullshit about who is on the committee, and" if so and so is involved, I'm voting no." It's time for some of you to grow up. If there is no method outlined for Hall of Fame, there will be no more entries. I'm not sure how it was handled in the past, but it will be done according to our Bylaws now. We have to follow our own rules.

You'll see 2 ballots in this issue. One is for the location of the 2019 Plymouth Rock National. Thanks to Henry Kestner for lining up the 2 bidders. Voting on them now gives everyone a chance to breed for that show.

The other ballot is a nomination ballot for officers and directors. Nominations now will give everyone a chance to talk and find folks that are interested and able to serve. The current officers have all of 2019 to

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serve, and newly elected will take over in January of 2020. I just carried over the Directors Richard had, so here's a chance for others to get involved.

Both Ballots need to be returned to Tim Gladhill, 3045 Hoopers Delight Rd, New Windsor, MD 21776.

In the meantime, I'll see you all at some shows this Fall.

Keep those Rocks Rollin',
Kraig Shafer

MEET REPORT NOTICE
ALL SHOW REPORTS NOW MUST SHOW ALL OPEN AND YOUTH RESULTS. THAT MEANS A COMPLETE SHOW REPORT FOR BOTH. DIRECTORS, PLEASE BE SURE TO SEND THE MEETS YOU ASSIGN DUAL REPORT FORMS AND DESIGNATE THEM OPEN AND YOUTH.

Thank you!

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello from the West Coast,

Not much happening in our area in regards to poultry shows or even Rock talk. Almost all our county fairs are winding down. The Columbia River Poultry Club will host their annual show the 1st of October in Stevenson, WA. Tom Roebuck will be judging. The beautiful Columbia River separates Washington and Oregon states — a nice setting.

Have not heard from Kraig or John on any club functions in a long time. Most of our club members

are in the East or Midwest, out here it is pretty scarce anymore on being a paid up Club member. And some having good Rocks but will not pay the dues to be active.

Just lately we lost a good APA-ABA judge from our area, Bill Wenger. He had some good White Rocks at one time and all his other breeds were top notch. Rest in peace, Bill.

Stand tall our red, white, and blue,
Jim Volk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous Balance: \$4,124.96

Current Balance: \$4,078.52
(as of August 27, 2018; does not include life memberships)

PRFCA WEBSITE UPDATE

We're requesting photos of your Rocks for use on our web site. Email your photos directly to **brysensayre@gmail.com**. Please including any info such as who, when, where, variety, etc.

The new site will also feature an advertising section — \$25 for a one year ad. If you're interested in placing an ad, please send your ad info and payment to: **John Beauchamp, PO Box 387, Federalsburg, MD 21632.**

MEMBER DUES

Unless you are a life member, yearly club fees are due January 1st.

Please send your dues to:
John Beauchamp
P.O. Box 387
Federalsburg, MD 21632

If you have a change of address, please notify John at (410)310 5242 or johnsfourseasons@yahoo.com

DISTRICT 1 REPORT

Greetings from the New England,

It was a hot, dry June here with very little rain until mid-July. The forecast for Fall foliage time may be the best in several years. We usually have great leaf change — something to look forward to. This brings us to the Fall shows. I hope everyone had good hatching, for me not much. I have been receiving calls from those looking for Rocks. I have been sending them in the direction of what they were looking for.

We will be putting in a bid for the 2019 National which would be held at the Northeast Poultry Congress in January 2020. Those of you who were able to attend our 2014 National know what a success it was. I hope we can duplicate that success should we get it here again.

By the time you receive this newsletter Fall shows will be in full swing. Here's wishing you all the best.

Kindest regards,
Dean Clark

DISTRICT 2 REPORT

Hello from District 2,

I hope everyone had a good summer and had success raising your birds. It has really been hot here and spells that have been real wet. I have had busy summer I hatched quite a few birds, I am just getting to start culling birds. On a sad note we lost our mother in June after a long battle with sickness. We are going to miss her very much, but it is a blessing she isn't suffering anymore. She was an amazing women, she raised three kids with polio, she has been in a wheelchair since she was 17 years old. But she did everything but walk, her and my father were a true love story they were married for 64 years. Me and my brother have been her caretaker since my father

passed 6 years ago. Most younger exhibitors won't remember my mother but she used to go to the shows when I was young with me and my father. She also helped us wash the birds even though every time she would say she wasn't going to anymore. We traveled a lot with the Wabeck's, Ennis Family and Mike Waski. She did enjoy going but we had a deal when it was a two day show she could get some antique shopping in. She really enjoyed the poultry fancy people. On a final note the District 2 meet will be held at the Lebanon show on October 13th. Please keep in prayer those affected by hurricane Florence.

God Bless,
Greg English

DISTRICT 4 REPORT

Greetings from Central Illinois!

Weather has been a combination of hot and then cool, so not the best of conditions for birds. I understand that antigen for testing birds won't be available until October. Fall shows are getting into full swing! Upcoming District 4 show meets are listed below.

It was nice to visit with Bert Jarvis, along with many others, at the White River show in Spencer, Indiana in September. It's always a great show and there were nice Rocks shown. In the large fowl class, Linda Sparlin had Best barred with a pullet and Bert Jarvis

had reserved barred with a hen. Dianne Weer had best white with a pullet. Best large Rock were barred Rocks: Linda Sparlin, reserve large Rock – Bert Jarvis. In the Bantam class the following were winners: Best and reserve barred – Michael Jarvis with hen and pullet. Jeff Jacobs had best and reserve buff. Michael Jarvis had best bantam Rock with a barred hen. Best junior large rock was a barred cock shown by Jadyne Gillespie. Best junior bantam Rock was a barred pullet shown by Destiny Sherfield.

Have you seen the new Junior show report form? Open report and Junior report look the same. Great

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idea! Juniors are our future and we need to support them!

Let me know if you would like to have a Plymouth rock meet, or if I can help you regarding Plymouth

Rocks. Looking forward to seeing you at the shows and visiting with you!

God bless America and you!
Dianne Weer

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 4

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
September 28-29	Wisconsin International	Special
October 6	Central Illinois Poultry Club	Special
October 6	West Central Wisconsin Pigeon and Poultry Club	Special
October 6-7	Dayton Fancy Feather Club	Special
October 13	Beaver Pigeon and Bantam Poultry show	Special
October 20	Central Indiana Poultry show	State
October 27	Wisconsin Bird and Game Breeder	Special
November 3-4	Michigan Poultry Fanciers	State
November 10-11	Ohio National	Special
November 17	Appalachian Classic	District
November 24	Red Hill Bantam Club	Special

DISTRICT 6 REPORT

Greetings from Iowa,

The District meet was held at the New Ulm Show in Minnesota on September 15 and 16th. There were a total of 33 bantams shown with Adrian and Mary Ann Rademacher winning best of breed with a barred pullet and Gail Brehmer getting reserve of breed on a white pullet. There were 11 large Rocks shown and both best and reserve of breed went to Lew Wallace.

On a more personal note, this will be my last report as the District 6 director. I appreciate the opportunity to serve this club for the past couple of years, but it is time I step aside. Soon I will be starting my own business and I will not have the time to adequately do my job as director. I'll still be raising birds and going to shows, but perhaps not as many for now. Hopefully I'll see you at the shows.

David Swaim

Thank you, David, for your service to our club!

If anyone is interested in serving as District 6 Director for the states of MT, ND, SD, WY, MN and IA; please contact club President Kraig Shafer at kshafer@watchtv.net.

DISTRICT 7 REPORT

Greetings from Washington State,

While I have been slacking in my reporting and photo taking for others I have been showing, judging, and talking with other exhibitors in the cattle and poultry barns at fairs all summer long. I don't have a specific show report to give as it has been fair time in our area

for the last couple of months and we are wrapping up now with about 2 more weeks between our Western WA State Fair in Puyallup, WA and the Central WA State Fair in Yakima, WA. I did participate at the Western WA State Fair with poultry and hope to, for the first time with poultry, participate at the Central WA State Fair next year.

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What has been going around the barns between the moos, clucks, and crowing? People talking about hay and feed prices. This was the second year our area has been in drought conditions and the last serious rainfall in western WA was in April. Everyone got about half the hay they were expecting and boom, we are in a feed crisis! Our east side of the state, the part that has irrigated and dryland crops, also had issues with a cold, wet, and late spring, not a formula for success where crops are concerned. So, as I consider what I'll be feeding this winter to just under 150 head of poultry, and 10 head of cattle; I wonder what can or should I be feeding my animals? What can be stocked up on now? I'm not new to this but I know there are tricks and things to feed or not feed. I have been reading archived articles from old magazines and poultry newspapers. I also just received

my ABA Yearbook and started reading the articles from the time vault. If you have been around poultry for a while and have some ideas, tried and true poultry meals, or diets that are specific to your area, have you passed that knowledge along? I would like to know about those special diets for molting birds, breeding birds, show birds and more. I want to know what ingredients NOT to feed my birds too. Do you know what sort of feeds/grains are available in your area? I think it would be very interesting if we had some articles on practical feeding! What do you all think about that? If you have information to share and are willing to write up your recipes for the birds I would like to see them in the next newsletter. Thank you in advance for taking your time to share!

Pam Watson

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 7

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
October 5-7	Columbia River Poultry Exhibitors	District
November 16-18	Washington Feather Fanciers	State
Nov. 30-Dec. 2	Pacific Northwest Poultry Association	Regional

IN THE KITCHEN

FAVORITE CHICKEN POTPIE

Recipe courtesy of Taste of Home

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425°. Place potatoes and carrots in a large saucepan; add water to cover. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cook, covered, 8-10 minutes or until crisp-tender; drain.

In a large skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir until tender. Stir in flour and seasonings until blended. Gradually stir in broth and milk. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly; cook and stir 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in chicken, peas, corn and potato mixture; remove from heat.

Unroll a pie crust into each of two 9-in. pie plates; trim even with rims. Add chicken mixture. Unroll remaining crusts; place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edges. Cut slits in tops.

Bake 35-40 minutes or until crust is lightly browned. Let stand 15 minutes before cutting. Freeze option: Cover and freeze unbaked pies. To use, remove from freezer 30 minutes before baking (do not thaw). Preheat oven to 425°. Place pies on baking sheets; cover edges loosely with foil. Bake 30 minutes. Reduce oven setting to 350°; bake 70-80 minutes longer or until crust is golden brown and a thermometer inserted in center reads 165°.



INGREDIENTS

2 cups diced peeled potatoes
1-3/4 cups sliced carrots
1 cup butter, cubed
2/3 cup chopped onion
1 cup all-purpose flour
1-3/4 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon dried thyme
3/4 teaspoon pepper
3 cups chicken broth
1-1/2 cups whole milk
4 cups cubed cooked chicken
1 cup frozen peas
1 cup frozen corn
4 sheets refrigerated pie crust

PRFCA BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: NAME

Section 1: The Club shall be called "The Plymouth Rock Fanciers Club."

Section 2: The address of the Club shall be that of the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE 2: OBJECT

Section 1: The object of the Club shall be to promote the breeding and showing of the Plymouth Rock Breed, both Large and Bantam; to urge the adoption of the true type and color by breeders, exhibitors, and judges; to advance the true interests of the breed and to bring their unequaled good qualities to the attention of the world.

ARTICLE 3: CODE OF ETHICS

The Plymouth Rock Fanciers Club stands for the following principles and expects its members to be governed by them:

Section 1: To believe implicitly in the future of Plymouth Rocks and to consider them one of the best all purpose breeds.

Section 2: To protect the public through truthful advertising, honest, upright business methods, through the sales of hatching eggs, chicks, and stock.

Section 3: To advertise only true and accurate records of winnings in the showroom. To avoid exaggerated and misleading claims in connection with all advertising.

Section 4: To advertise any office or honorary position of the Club for the purpose of personal gain in not in keeping with the spirit of the Code of Ethics.

Section 5: The Plymouth Rock Fanciers Club looks upon its officers as honorary and does not regard it as either necessary or dignified on the part of any candidate to carry on a campaign along ordinary political lines.

Section 6: To accept any office in the Club is acknowledgment on the part of the incumbent that he or she is willing to carry out the duties of such office.

Section 7: To become a member on the club is to accept the duties of voting for officers and to promote the Club interest and good will.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: All members of the Club shall be active members to the best of their ability.

Section 2: Any person of good character and reputation, who fancies, breeds, shows or judges Plymouth Rocks shall be eligible to become a member.

Section 3: Applications for membership may be made through the Secretary, and must be accompanied by the appropriate membership fees.

Section 4: Membership shall be acknowledged by a Club membership card and shall date from the time such acknowledgement, terminating on December 31st. Any member who has not paid his or her dues by December 31st shall receive a warning notice and if his or her dues are not paid within 30 days, the Secretary shall drop his or her name from the membership rolls.

Section 5: Annual dues shall be \$20.00 for an individual, \$5.00 for Juniors under 18 per calendar year.****

Section 6: Misconduct: Charges of misconduct of a member must be made in writing, either to the Secretary-Treasurer or the President; no other method shall be acted on. They shall be considered, with the defense of the accused, by the Executive Committee, together with the Secretary-Treasurer. The said committee may, on a majority vote, suspend for a stated time or expel the member.

ARTICLE 5: OFFICERS

Section 1: The officer of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and eight District Directors.

Section 2: All officers, except the Secretary-Treasurer, shall be elected by a vote of the membership by ballot, the one receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the winner. District Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of members in their District.

Section 3: The Secretary-Treasurer shall be appointed by the President within 14 calendar days after the election and shall be subject to dismissal by the Executive Committee at any time his or her conduct is such as to warrant his or her removal from office, he or she could come from other offices. The Secretary-Treasurer shall not act as Election Judge.

Section 4: The general supervision and conduct of the Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee, which shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and eight District Directors. In case of a tie on any voting matter, the President shall cast an additional vote.

Section 5: The Executive Committee shall carry out the instructions of the Club, shall make such rules as may be deemed necessary during the year, award prizes, etc. and shall perform such other duties as are delegated by the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 6: The President, at such meetings as he or she may attend, shall carry out the instructions of the Executive Committee, shall approve and authorize claims against the club (but no expenditures shall be authorized beyond the assets of the Club) and shall perform such other duties as are customary to the office and not herein otherwise delegated.

Section 7: The Vice-President shall conduct all meetings in the absence of the President and perform such duties as are customary to the office and perform such other duties as may be delegated to that office. He or she shall receive all bids for all regional and national meets from the Secretary-Treasurer and shall be in charge of selecting the best three for voting on by the membership. He or she shall be responsible for coordinating all regional and national meets.

Section 8: The Secretary-Treasurer shall, as secretary, conduct all general correspondence and keep the record of the club. He or she shall, as Treasurer, collect all money due and shall pay from the funds of the Club such claims as are authorized and approved. He or she shall receive all bids for regional and national meets and relay them on to the Vice-President. He or she shall be responsible for sending show reports and prizes to host clubs of all State, District, Regional, and National Meets. He or she shall send a current copy of the Constitution and By-Laws to all new members and to new officers.

Section 9: There shall be eight districts with each containing the following states and countries.****

PRECA BYLAWS

District 1: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts.

District 2: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Virginia, and New York.

District 3: Arkansas, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

District 4: Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, and Indiana.

District 5: Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Nebraska, and Missouri.

District 6: Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Minnesota, and Iowa.

District 7: Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Idaho, and Hawaii.

District 8: Canada and Alaska

Section 10: District Directors shall place District and State meets and help members in their district in any way they can. They shall relay information on and requests from members to the Secretary-Treasurer if necessary. They shall send information about their placements of meets to the Secretary-Treasurer as soon as their decision is made.

Section 11: If vacancies occur, the vacancy shall be filled by Presidential appointment, said appointee to hold office until the next election.

ARTICLE 6: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1: The Club shall hold an election every two years. No officer shall hold an elected office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 2: The Election Commissioner shall be appointed by the President and shall not be a candidate for office.

Section 3: Nomination ballots for officers shall be mailed to all members by the Election Commissioner on or before October 15th.

Section 4: Nomination ballots must be returned to the Election Commissioner before November 1st.

Section 5: The election by ballot shall be on December 1st and ballots must be in the office of the Election Commissioner no later than December 15th to be valid.

Section 6: The Election Commissioner will count the ballots and shall send a notarized statement as to its correctness to the Secretary-Treasurer within ten days and he or she must retain the ballots for at least 90 days.

Section 7: The Official Ballot shall be mailed to each member in the following manner: The ballot to have printed on it the names and addresses to be voted for and opposite each name shall be a square printed. The ballots shall contain the date they must be mailed to be valid.

ARTICLE 7: MEETINGS

Section 1: Annual meetings of the club must be held, and as many subsequent meetings as the President deems necessary. The annual meeting will be held at the site of the National Show.

ARTICLE 8: FINANCING

Section 1: The Club may be financed, other than dues and contributions, by raffles, bingo, bake sales, or any other way

within the bounds of our State and Government Laws.

ARTICLE 9: CLUB MEETS AND PRIZES

An established set of Club Meet rules shall be set up by the Executive Committee, and all meets shall be under the direction of a designate of the President, and shall be authorized to offer prizes, purchased from club funds, subject to the approval of the President or by vote of the Executive Committee.

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall establish a set of rules for all Club meets (Special, State, District, Regional, and National)

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall decide upon a list of prizes for the five types of club meets.

ARTICLE 10: PUBLICATIONS

Section 1: The Club may, at the discretion of the Executive Committee, issue such monthly, quarterly, or annual publications as they deem advisable.

ARTICLE 11: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: The Constitution and By-laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the votes received from members in good standing.

Section 2: Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall become part thereof after having received a majority of those voting.

ARTICLE 12: NATIONAL MEETS

Section 1: The Country shall be divided into three sections, the East (Eastern Time Zone), The West (Mountain and Pacific Time Zone) and Central (Central Time Zone). There shall be one National Meet each year and it shall be rotated to a different section each year.***

Section 2: The National Meet sites will be voted upon by the club members based on the three best proposals submitted by the areas of the country where the meets are to be held.

Section 3: Those areas of the country not being considered for a National Meet will each have one Regional Meet in any given year. The Vice-President shall solicit bids and place these Regional Meets.**

ARTICLE 13: HALL OF FAME

A standing committee of four members in good standing shall nominate members for addition to the Hall of Fame. Members of this committee shall serve for life or withdraw at their choice. Vacancies shall be by Presidential appointment. Members of this Committee shall be recorded by the Club Secretary. Nominees for the Hall of Fame shall be voted on by ballot by the entire membership.

Adopted 11/73

Amended 11/76

**Amended 01/86*

***Amended 09/89*

****Amended 12/92*

*****Amended 01/03*

******Amended 11/09*

******Amended 9/18*

2018 PRECA POINTS

BANTAMS

White Rocks

John Beauchamp	383
Mark & Lisa Podgwaite	190.5
Michael Jarvis	114
Kraig Shaffer	82
Matt Martin	60
Max Stacy	29
Chad Blair	17
Bruce & Janice Sherman	14.5
Jasmine Gates	12
Rick Jandrey	6

Barred Rocks

Michael Jarvis	217
Matt Martin	169
Larry Lawrence	162
Kraig Shaffer	95
Walt Reichert	70
Michelle Oakley	54
Patty Adams	25
Donna & Kinsey Worthington	22.5
Dick Horstman	13.5
Pam Watson	10
Jasmine Gates	4
Dean Clark	3.5

Barred Bantam Display

Michael Jarvis	2
Larry Lawrence	1

Black Rocks

John Beauchamp	82
Todd Sensenig	53
Greg English	19
Matt Martin	6
Tom & Karen Crabtree	0.5

Blue Rocks

Norman Ennis	37.5
Todd Sensenig	34.5
Greg English	7

Buff Rocks

Dean Clark	33
Greg English	15
Bryce Orfanides	2
Max Stacy	0.5

Columbian Rocks

Matt Martin	50
Gail & Tony Lahr	23.5
Walt Reichart	5.5
Max Stacy	1.5
Emma Roxrode	1

Partridge Rocks

Norman Ennis	75
Joe Daniels	3
Bob Murphy	0.5

Silver Penciled Rocks

Bob Murphy	4
Pam Watson	4
Tom & Karen Crabtree	1
Jodi Forham	1

Buff Columbian Rocks

Joe Fitch	8.5
Rick Jandrey	6.5
Bob Murphy	2

LARGE FOWL

White Rocks

Dianne Weer	87
Kraig Shaffer	58
Matt Martin	51
Jason & Heidi Earl	27
Ed Stanish	21
Larry Clionsky	19
Allisha Springer	13
Aylissa Latham	7
Dart Browning	2

White Large Fowl Display

Dianne Weer	1
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Barred Rocks

Kraig Shaffer	160
Richard Blackman	17.5
Bert Jarvis	7
Steve Stanish	3
Pam Watson	3

Silver Penciled Rocks

Jodi Forham	6
Precision Plymouth Rocks	5
Robert(Bob) Murphy	4.5

2018 PRFCA POINTS

Buff Rocks

Precision Plymouth Rocks 1

Columbian Rocks

Precision Plymouth Rocks 1

Partridge Rocks

Norman Ennis 2

J & A Sliker 1

Rick Jandrey 0.5

Points totals as of September 1, 2018. Final 2018 points will be listed in the Spring newsletter.

RAMBLINGS FROM THE HUNGRY GO NAKED FARM

Greetings to all of our PRFCA friends,

Summer is coming to an end and the birds are coming along well. I hope everyone was able to breed, hatch and raise a few champions this year. I'm busy as usual with work, farm and family and hope to make it to Columbus for the Ohio National and to the Northeast Poultry Congress this Winter. I long for the days when I was able to attend ten to fifteen shows a year. Now I am excited to have time to attend two.

I have culled the large fowl from almost ninety down to twenty-five. Still culling bantams in most varieties and haven't really started on the Partridge yet, this was my last variety hatched this year. Bantam Whites, Silver Penciled, and Columbians are looking very promising. I have a few of each variety I intend to drive half way across the country to show and share with those attending the Ohio National.

We are currently preparing for Hurricane Florence to make landfall later this week. More rain and wind. The last three weeks we have seen temperatures in the mid nineties and very high humidity with heat indexes over 105. We had a very wet Spring, Summer has been hot with above average temperatures and crazy humidity. If the same trends hold true for the upcoming Winter, it could get very interesting quick. The birds this year have had some challenging weather to contend with as well as their keeper.

Feed prices are rising as harvest time nears and I have recently experienced some quality issues due to the excessive humidity. It's a sad day when you dump a new bag of pellets into your feed barrel and they are green coming out of the bag. The squirrels behind the chicken house have eaten well on two occasions recently because of this happening. I may shake n bake



them this Fall to recover my investment.

We have had a few predators visit this year with the racoons outsmarting me a couple of times while raising their young. They soon found somewhere

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Ramblings, continued

else to eat eggs, haven't seen the survivors lately. In years past I have struggled with the local hawk's but fortunately this year nothing yet from above.

As keepers of the flock we all have challenges to contend with, if its not feed or predators it's something else. I think it's the challenges that keep our hobby interesting. Every year I learn a bit more, some through experiences here on the farm, some from the mentors of my hobby and oftentimes it is purely by accident. This year I learned not to discharge a firearm in the chicken house, no matter how many bags of feed

the squirrel chews through that sneaks in through the window and that a 22-caliber bullet will leave a much larger hole exiting the building wall than entering.

Good luck at the shows. Type, color, condition, condition and condition some more. Take a child to a show, introduce them to an amazing hobby, reap the rewards of sharing quality birds with quality people, become a student of our Standard of Perfection.

I look forward to seeing you all in the Rock Aisles.

Brian Lewis

If you would prefer to receive your issues of the *Plymouth Rock Quarterly* via email, please notify club Secretary John Beauchamp at johnsfourseasons@yahoo.com.

GET IT EARLY ★ FULL-COLOR ★ SAVE THE CLUB MONEY ★ BE GREEN

EDITOR'S LETTER

Hello from northeastern New York!

It's that time of year again. The shorter days mean molting season is here! Egg production is down, the coops look like someone had a pillow fight in them, and visitors are shocked by the sight of nearly naked chickens running around the yard. While molting, it's suggested to handle your birds as little as possible as the new pin feathers are super sensitive. An old wives' tale is that if chickens molt early it's going to be a bad winter — I'm hoping it's not true!

As always, we hope you've enjoyed this issue of the *Plymouth Rock Quarterly*. If you have any items you'd like to include in the next newsletter, please feel free to contact me. My email is jillburks@gmail.com.

Enjoy the coming holiday season,
Jill Burks



FUN FACT:

**There are more chickens on earth than people — 25 billion.
There are also more chickens than any other bird species.**

www.thefactsite.com

OFFICIAL BALLOT

PRFCA OFFICER & DISTRICT DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

2019 will be an election year for the Club. Nominations for all positions will now be accepted through next November 1st, 2019. Positions include President, Vice-President, and all eight District Directors. If you know anyone interested in leading our Club, please submit their name on the nomination ballot. If you are a current Officer or Director, you will need to file a nomination ballot to be eligible for reelection.

Please mail your nomination ballots to: *Tim Gladhill, 3045 Hoopers Delight Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776*
****MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOV. 1, 2019****

NOMINATION BALLOT

I hereby nominate _____
For the office of _____

I hereby nominate _____
For District Director of District # _____

I am a current and paid member and do wish to submit this nomination.

Name _____
Address _____
District # _____

OFFICIAL BALLOT

NATIONAL BIDS BALLOT

We have two bids for the 2019 Plymouth Rock National Meet. The winning location will be announced in the Winter newsletter.

Please circle **ONE** of the two options below and mail your ballot back to: *Tim Gladhill, 3045 Hoopers Delight Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776*

****MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOV. 15, 2018****

BID #1

Missouri State Poultry Association

Location: Sedalia, MS

Date: October 26, 2019

Offering: \$50 to Open Champion Large Fowl & Bantam; \$25 to Reserve Large Fowl & Bantam; \$20 to Youth Champion Large Fowl & Bantam; \$10 to Reserve Youth Large Fowl & Bantam; trophies

BID #2

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation

Location: Shawnee, OK

Date: 2nd week of December 2019

Offering: Payback 50 cents per bird to PRFCA; club table; meeting room

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Membership Information

Adult: \$20.00 per year
Junior: \$5.00 per year

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**Please include: Name, address, telephone number,
breeds raised, and email address.**