



Winter 2020

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Plymouth Rock Quarterly

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year everyone!!

Lots of activity going on in the Rock Club as we enter 2020!. The votes have been counted, and Tim Gladwell, our Election Commissioner reports that the 2020 Plymouth Rock National Show will be sponsored by the Dayton Fancy Feather Club on October 3rd and 4th, 2020 in Greenville Ohio. So get those brood pens set up and start crankin out the little champions now! This is one of the friendliest shows you'll ever attend. Lots of room, great light and good folks make this a Show to remember. Put it on your calendar now. Get a show catalog from Amanda Heitzman, 4745 Waynes Trace Rd, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. Email daytonfancyfeathersclub@gmail.com

The 2021 Rock National will be in the Pacific and Mountain time zones. So West Coast clubs need to get their bids in now to John Beauchamp for inclusion in the voting.

I hope all the shows sent in the show reports, as John will be totaling up the year and we want everyone to get their credits. On that note, if you are showing, offer to complete the Rock Show Report for the Show Secretary and save them some time and work. I've never had one turn down help. It's a great way to learn a little too.

I am very pleased to announce the Club has voted to induct longtime member and Rock breeder Max Stacy from Findlay, Ohio into the Plymouth Rock Hall of Fame!! Max has been a great influence on everyone here in the Midwest with every variety of Bantam Rock with which he has shared and instructed so many young and old exhibitors. Congratulations Max, we are all very proud of you!!

Keep those birds protected as the Winter comes at us, and keep those Rocks rollin!!

Kraig Shafer

TREASURER'S REPORT

Previous Balance: **\$3,140.37**

Current Balance: **\$3,175.60**
(as of January 30, 2019; does not include life memberships)

The 2019 Points Totals will be listed in the Spring issue of the *Plymouth Rock Quarterly*.

DON'T MISS AN ISSUE: RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

SAVE THE DATE!

Plymouth Rock Fancier's Club of
America National Meet

October 3-4, 2020

Greenville, Ohio

Hosted by the Dayton Fancy Feather Club

VICE-PRESIDENT'S FINAL REPORT

Hello from Washington State,

Not much happening in our area in regards to Rock talk or any action on shows or birds. I got rid of all my Large White Rocks about 4 months ago, and in Jan. 2020 my membership will close. I wasn't having fun showing anymore. Lots of work washing and drying birds, especially the big ones, as the breeders who show Whites know very well.

I have been a club member going on 35 years. I served as President, Vice-President, and District 7 Director many times over. Signed up many members over the years and sold a lot of birds too at the big

shows. Tim a few times, Kraig got a good male, Brian and Eddie also got birds to help them out.

I thank my wife, Pat, for all the help getting up early for shows, washing birds, etc. and all thru radiation treatments, 2-3 operations, and stomach issues in 2019. She's on the mend – thank God for that.

Will close in saying have a great New Year in 2020. Best of luck to all new members in raising and showing your Rocks.

Stand tall our red, white and blue,
Jim Volk

DISTRICT 1 REPORT

Greetings from New England,

So far it has been a Winter of ups and downs with weather, but no sub-zero temps yet. The Northeast Poultry Congress is in January, so lets hope for the best. I was talking to Greg English, and he hopes to come along with the usual crowd who make this District meet so great. I'll have a complete report in our next newsletter. *[Editor's note: In the meantime, see the Photo Gallery for photos from the event.]*

I only made one Fall show. Young birds hatched late (June and July), old birds in a moult.

At the New Hampshire show: In Bantams, my Buff pullet was BB and RB went to Josiah Woodfield all the way up from Maryland. Jeanette Fones had BB and

Res. American on her White hen.

Fryburg, Maine: Bob Murphy's Partridge Bantam hen was BB and Best SCCLand went on to be show Grand Champion.

Matt Martin went to Cobleskill, NY, bringing home Res. American with a White cockerel, and in Bantams BB, RB, Best SCCL, and Res. SCCL with two White pullets.

Central Maine: In Juniors, Ed Blash had Res. show Champion with his White cock. Matt Martin had Best American with a White cockerel and in Bantams had BB and Res. SCCL with a White hen.

Until next time, wishing you all the best,
Dean Clark

DISTRICT 2 REPORT

Hello From District 2,

I hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I cant get over how fast this past year went by it seems like the years are going by faster. My grandmother used to say the older you get the faster time goes by and it never made sense when I was a kid now I

understand what she meant. So far it has been good tending to the birds this winter as the weather has not been to cold yet. We have had some cold days but it hasn't been prolonged or unbearable. I am writing this the day after Christmas and it is 50 and calling for 60 degree weather this weekend, I am probably going to be chicken pen cleaning this weekend and washing water pans. Since I was able to hatch more this year and have had more to choose from I have been culling

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real hard especially my old birds. I have started putting some breed pens together and I still have to do my last culling. I actually hatched some later birds this year to hope to have some birds in prime for Spring Shows.

I was able to go down to Brian Lewis before Christmas it has been a while since I have been able to visit him and look at birds. I did see some that I would have brought home. What was different was there were some empty pens, the first time I have seen that on a visit, even so there was still plenty to look at.

I am planning on going to the ABA National at the Northeast Poultry Congress this year with a group from my area. I am looking forward to going, I have not been able to go to the congress for 5-6 years. There is always a good class of Plymouth Rocks shown there and very good competition. What is really impressive is the deep classes of colored Plymouth Rocks that are shown there. I am really looking forward to seeing

some people that I have not seen in a while in that part of the country. I hope the weather holds out so they do not have to shorten the show.

As far as DISTRICT NEWS the District meet will be held at the Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Club on March 28-29 2020. There is always good rock competition there and several years the rocks have been the biggest class. If anyone would like to offer a special award for this meet please let me know. There is usually close to \$2,000 in awards money offered total at the Delmarva Show. This years judges are Paul Monteith, Troy Larouche and Brian Shelton. If any club would like to host a rock meet in District 2 please let me know at 302-519-8711 or deplymouthrocks@aol.com.

I hope everyone has a good hatching and show season. Keep those rocks up front.
Greg English

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 2

| DATE | HOST | MEET TYPE |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| March 28-29 | Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Club (DE) | District |
| April 19 | Uniontown Poultry Fanciers (PA) | Special |
| June 7 | Finger Lakes Feather Club Show (NY) | Special |

DISTRICT 4 REPORT

Greetings from Illinois!

At the writing of this article we will be getting about 2 inches of snow. We will also be getting some rain, which makes for interesting conditions.

I have been hatching chicks. Hope your hatches have been going well.

It was fun seeing our club members at the Ohio

National and finally getting a chance to meet John, Jill, and Tim.

Below are the spring show lineup for the district. Let me know if you are having a meet, and I would be glad to assign a Plymouth Rock meet for you.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Rock aisles!!
Happy Valentines Day!
Dianne Weer

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 4

| DATE | HOST | MEET TYPE |
|----------|--|-----------|
| March 21 | Camp Creek Poultry Show (OH) | Special |
| March 28 | South East Ohio Poultry Breeders Association | Special |
| April 11 | White River Poultry Club Spring Show (IN) | Special |
| April 18 | Green River Poultry Club Spring Show (KY) | Special |
| April 25 | Dayton Fancy Feather Club Spring Show (OH) | Special |

DISTRICT 7 REPORT

Greetings from Washington State!

The Ohio National was amazing! I only met one person due to clerking for my apprenticeship but it was nice to put a face and name together, thanks John Beauchamp. I think I could have met more people but we were all moving and visiting and several people had bantams, large fowl and/or multiple breeds, moving targets at a big show. Plus, no faces to match up. The group that went from Washington and Oregon were great especially when it came to hints and tips for getting around the show and the area. One of our Junior members borrowed a Plymouth Rock bantam from someone and took top honors in the 12 year old Fitting and Showing Division, congratulations to Logan Ackerman. I was able to find some great tools, equipment, and came home with some birds too. Overall my Ohio National trip was great.

Back here in WA our fall show season came to an early end as one of our shows didn't take place because they couldn't get the venue. Jim Volk, a long time Plymouth Rock Fancier, supporter, and outgoing National VP has sold out his birds and is enjoying retirement. I don't know the whole process for nominating someone to be in the Plymouth Rock Hall of Fame, looks like there is a committee and then the membership votes on the person. I would like to put forth Jim Volk to the nom-

inating committee for the Hall of Fame. He has been a member for over 30 years (maybe over 35), he has been a national officer (a few times possibly), a District Representative for #7 for years, he has helped by setting up and staffing tables at Regional meets, is a Grand Master Exhibitor through the APA for White Plymouth Rock large fowl, has been an officer in local clubs, and still helps with set up and or clean up at the local shows. Please consider Jim for the coming year's nominee.

Many CA shows have remained on hold due to fresh outbreaks of Newcastle in December. They are optimistically scheduling some shows for the early part of 2020. If you have a show going in District 7 and want to add a Plymouth Rock meet please let me know so we can get it set up and advertised.

Looking forward to the new year, hopefully more stable weather and some great new matings. Remember to check over your equipment and parts inventory now before you are ready to set eggs. Last year I didn't run a check on my incubators since they were working great when I shut them all down. When I went to get them warmed up for eggs everything worked great except, no heat! Take a bit of holiday time and check that equipment and your inventory of spare parts now.

Pam Watson

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PHOTO REQUEST

Please send photos of birds, Rock Breeders, Facilities and any interesting stuff to Brysen Sayre at brysensayre@gmail.com for our website gallery.

**CHECK OUT THE
CLUB WEBSITE
TODAY!!**

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PHOTO GALLERY

STEVENSON POULTRY CLASSIC

Hosted by the Columbia River Poultry Exhibitors

October 18-20, 2019

Skamania County Fairgrounds, Stevenson, WA



Dale with Ch. Bantam (in box).



Dale's Ch. SCCL and Ch. Bantam Ch of Show.



Logan
Ackerman
with Res
American
and Res. Jr.
Ch. Large
Fowl.

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR

Aug. 30-Sept. 7, 2019

Payallup, WA



Pam Watson's Ch SCCL.

JUST FOR LAUGHS:

**Q: Why did the chicken cross the road, roll in the mud
and cross the road again?**

A: Because he was a dirty double-crosser!

PHOTO GALLERY

NORTHEASTERN POULTRY CONGRESS

January 18-19, 2020

West Springfield, MA



Plymouth Rock Fanciers at the Congress.



Erik Nelson with his BB Bantam Barred pullet.



Edward Blash with his RV Bantam White pullet.



Robert Murphy's BV Bantam Partridge hen.



Norman Ennis with his BV LF Partridge cock.



Norman Ennis's BV Bantam Blue hen.

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PHOTO GALLERY

Congress, continued



Brian Lewis with his RB Bantam White pullet.



Brian Lewis's BB LF White pullet.



Brian Lewis's BV Bantam Columbian pullet.



Bonnie Walters with her BV Bantam Black hen.



Gregory Westman with his RB LF Barred pullet.



Peter Cook with his RV LF Partridge pullet.

REMEMBERING SHELBY HARRINGTON

by Greg English

It is hard to believe it has been 12 years since long time rock breeder and Hall of Famer Shelby Harrington passed away. I was thinking about him a while back and I thought I would put down some comments I remember about him, as a lot of the newer exhibitors probably never got to know him and some do not know his history. I am so glad in 2007 after he had moved from Delaware to Kentucky he came back to the Delmarva fall show that year when we held the ABA National with the Virginia Poultry Breeders. Little did I know it would be the last time I would get to speak to him, I wish I had more time that day to do so, but I was busy with the show.

It all started back in 1972 when me and my father went to the Harrington Fair which is the Delaware State Fair. We had always had chickens but they were backyard chickens along with other livestock. We were looking at the chickens and we came across some nice chickens called Barred Plymouth Rocks, and I fell in love with them they were bantams. I told my father I wish we could get some of them. My father wrote down the contact info from the tag and of course it was Shelby. To back track a bit a lot of people new of Shelby with his good White Rocks but back then he had good barred bantams, that is what he was known for at that time. So one Sunday we looked him up, but he wasn't home but fortunately his father was there and he knew where he was at and went and got him. So we told him we saw his chickens at the fair and we really liked them and wanted to see if we could buy some from him. He gave us two trios and I was one really happy kid. At that time little did we know it was the start of almost 50 years of exhibition poultry, he told us what he did and it seemed interesting but we really didn't think much about it at the time. It was a few months later and he called us to see how we were making out with the chickens and he told us about a new club he and a couple others were trying to start. He wanted to see if we would be interested in coming to a meeting, he was holding it at his house. We went to the meeting and joined the club, this was in 1973 and that was the Start of the Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Club. We also met Mike Waski for the first time at the meeting he was a kid at that time like myself, that is a story for another day. We started showing in 1975 and we were so fortunate to have had Shelby teach us

about raising and showing chickens. It was a couple years later that we became competitive with him and beat him at a couple shows, I don't know who was surprised the most Shelby or my father and me. I don't think he thought we would catch on that fast, but we had a good teacher, he gave us good chickens, he was willing to tell us what he knew. Shelby then started raising his White Rocks, I am pretty sure he got them from John Wabeck, Charlie Wabeck's father, and he started doing very well with them. We used to tease him that he started in the whites because we started winning in the barredreds, I don't think he liked it, Shelby was very competitive. In 1979 Shelby was busy with his family, he was coaching little league and other things so he got out of chickens. We were able to get a couple nice trios of white rocks from him, so we were in the white rock business. Shelby was the type if he couldn't put his all in something he wasn't going to do it, it surprised everyone that he got out of showing chickens. We would run into him once in a while and we would always ask him when he was getting back into it and he would always say maybe sometime. It was in 1994 and we took some chickens that we had culled to the local livestock sale and it was there we ran into Shelby and his son Eddie and they bought the white rocks we took. So we asked him if he was getting back into showing and if so why don't they come out to the house and get some better ones. His answer was we just want to fool around with them and see what happens. It really wasn't their intentions to get chickens while they were there but Eddie talked him into it. A few months later Shelby called us and him and Eddie wanted to come out and look at the chickens. They did and they got a couple trios of white rocks and Eddie wanted some black rocks, so the Harrington's were back in the exhibition poultry business. They did not show right away it was at least a year maybe more before they did, if I recall I think he got a few from Charlie Wabeck also since it was the Wabeck bloodline he started with. When he did start showing again they went by the name of Twin Cedar Farms and it did not take long for them to become a force to reckon with again. We were friends but we were very competitive with each other as I was now an adult and he instilled that competitive nature into me. I will never forget a show that we were both at and I had best white Bantam and white Large Fowl against him that was a big moment for me because when you won against Shelby you knew you had beat the best. Shelby was a

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Harrington, continued

very good breeder, but I always felt what separated him from everyone else was his conditioning skills. I don't think there was anybody any better at it, he put a lot of time into conditioning. When he retired he would get his morning coffee got out to chicken fenced it area sit on a stool and look at the birds for hours. I once saw him by a bird at a show that the exhibitor did not like. He worked on that bird all morning before the judging started and the bird got best rock, he saw the potential in that bird that the owner didn't. Just before he moved to Kentucky I stopped by his house for a visit I wasn't

sure how much more I would see him. He got nostalgic with me telling me little did he know all them years ago a kid he gave some birds to would become one of his biggest competitors, that meant a lot to me. Shelby was also a big supporter of the Plymouth Rock club holding several offices including District Director and President. He was also officer at the Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Club. he helped a lot of fanciers with top notch birds and knowledge. Like I said before it is hard to believe it has been so long since he showed, it really seems strange, the hobby isn't the same without him.

IN THE KITCHEN

7-LAYER ITALIAN QUICHE

Submitted by Dianne Weer

Ingredients:

1 refrigerated pie crust (9 inch)
1/4 cups Italian parsley, minced
3/4 cups milk, skim or 2%
6 eggs
1/4 cups sun-dried tomatoes, chopped
1 cups mozzarella cheese, blended with pesto, shredded
6 strips bacon
1/4 cups red onion, chopped
1/4 cups red pepper, chopped
1/4 cups green pepper, chopped
1 tablespoons olive oil
1 cups croutons, crushed

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Follow package directions to lay the pie crust in a glass 9" pie pan. In a small skillet, saute green pepper, red pepper, and red onion in olive oil until tender and onion is slightly translucent. Remove vegetables from skillet and set aside. In the same skillet, brown and crumble bacon until crispy. Drain on paper towels.
2. Start assembling the layers by placing the crumbled bacon on the unbaked pie shell. Layer the shredded



mozzarella cheese over the bacon followed by the sauteed vegetables. Layer the sun-dried tomatoes over the vegetables. In a medium size bowl, crack the six eggs and whisk in the milk until combined thoroughly. Pour over the tomatoes and vegetables. Place the Italian parsley over the egg mixture. Sprinkle the croutons over the top. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

FUN FACT:
Chickens have three eyelids.

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HALL OF FAME OFFICIAL BALLOT

The Hall of Fame Committee has nominated Mr. Dick Horstman of Burgettstown, Pennsylvania to the Plymouth Rock Hall of Fame. Dick has raised and shown many varieties of Plymouth Rocks for many years and shared birds with young and old alike. Known by everyone as a true gentleman, Dick is a pleasure to talk with and a source of wisdom with every variety.

A majority vote by the membership is required.

_____ YES _____ NO

Please mail your completed ballot to: *Tim Gladhill, 3045 Hoopers Delight Rd., New Windsor, MD 21776*

****MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 29, 2020****

SO WE MIGHT KNOW THEM BETTER: NORMAN COULTER

My interest in the poultry hobby started when I was 10 years old. My father ordered a pair of Golden Sebright bantams from a place in Iowa. When they arrived at the train station the clerk called us and said "come get your poultry quick, the male is crowing non-stop."

I raised many from that pair, and sold some also. They ran loose around the farm. We had horses and a herd of cattle. They scratched around the pens where the animals were kept to get fly larva and ate ticks around the yard so that took care of any problems.

About 1980 I heard about the Northeast Poultry Congress which always had a show in January about nine miles from my home in Connecticut. I attended the show with a lot of interest. Bob Hawes from Maine was there with Plymouth Rock Columbians. He gave

me a lot of advice and I purchased a pair from him. I later got a pair of Buff Plymouth Rocks from Dean Clark. I have raised many from that first pair with very good results at the shows and have sold many to people from other states. I really enjoy the shows and the friends.

My life outside the hobby is farming. I have a herd of registered Holstein dairy cattle which I have developed to be one of the top ten in the state for milk production. I have sold many of their offspring to other countries to improve their genetics.

I am now 96 and I am glad I can go out and help on the farm every morning to help in the milk house and also do some tractor work to get the fields ready to plant silage corn or to mow hay, etc.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello from Upstate New York!

I had a great time attending the Northeastern Poultry Congress in MA. Always lots of quality birds to admire and a good turn out of Rock members. I enjoyed meeting Greg English, Dean Clark, Bonnie Walters, and Norman Ennis just to name a few. Greg loaned me some of his vintage club yearbooks. I've been enjoying reading the articles, and hope to scan them to share on our website soon. John Beauchamp gave us an update on club happenings. And I took home a lovely large White pullet from Brian Lewis. (*Thank you, Brian!*) I'm really looking forward to the 2020 breeding season and seeing what the new flock additions from Kraig and Brian produce.

Our birds have enjoyed warmer than normal temperatures this January here in NY, and are out

scratching in the leaves as I write. If the rest of winter remains mild, we should enjoy an early hatching season. The lights are on and egg production is steadily increasing. We have a "smart plug" adapter that we use for our holiday lights, and as soon as we put the decorations away, I move it out to the barn to control my poultry lighting. Smart plugs are inexpensive and allow you to turn any outlet into switch/timer you can remote control with your smart phone from the comfort of your home. It's hi-tech chicken keeping!

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

Happy hatching,
Jill Burks

EDITOR'S NOTE:

This is newsletter is the place for you to share your breed experiences, tips, show photos, questions, etc. If you have any items you'd like to see included in this newsletter, please feel free to contact me at jillburks@gmail.com. Thank you!

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