

Winter 2021

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Plymouth Rock Quarterly

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While I can't say I'm sad to see this year end, it still had it's good points, and we must be thankful for those. We did get to have our Plymouth Rock National Show, thanks to the Dayton Fancy Feather Club! Diane has placed both of the Regional meets for the other two Regions and they will be held. We are excited about the 2021 Plymouth Rock National to be held with the Pacific Poultry Breeders in Lodi, California on February 5-7. Any of you attending can help staff the Rock Table by contacting Dale Anderson daleanderson@dartbrowning.com They should have an excellent show, and be sure to stop by the Plymouth Rock Fanciers table and check us out!

We are actively seeking bids for the 2022 Plymouth Rock National from any Club or Show in the Central Time Zone. The Bid forms are available on our website www.plymouthrockfanciers.com Send those bids to Jill ASAP so we can get the bids compiled and ready for a vote by the membership. If you have a show

you'd like to see sponsor our National, call the Show Secretary and ask them to submit a bid.

Directors, it is time to get your Meets assigned and submit a list of them to Jill! Don't forget that each District gets one District Meet and each state gets one State Meet. All others are Special meets. Please don't linger, as the Show Secretaries need the forms and info for their show catalogs. If a show does not return a Show Report, they will not receive a meet for the next year. No exceptions! Anyone can complete a Show Report for a Show Secretary, and most of them will love you for it. But if no one does it, it is the Show Secretary's responsibility. Help them out.

I hope you've all got your breeding pens set up and incubators humming in anticipation of a big show year ahead. Keep those Rocks Rollin!! *Kraig Shafer*

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Winter greetings!

Hope all is well with you and your Plymouth Rocks! How are your hatches going? I'm hatching some white Plymouth rocks presently and looking forward to watching them grow.

As we enter a new year, please let me know of clubs and places that would like to host the Eastern and Western Regional Plymouth Rock meets. As vice president, one of my duties is to help place those meets.

Hopefully Covid is much better in your area. Presently numbers are going down slightly in Illinois. Looking forward to the upcoming spring shows!!

As always, let me know if you need anything from me or have any questions or concerns about the Plymouth Rock Club. We have a great club and super officers and directors working toward the best club possible for our members.

God bless you and God bless the USA. Dianne Weer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Greetings from Upstate New York,

Our new and improved club website is up and running at plymouthrockfanciersclub.com. The most popular page is our new Breeder's Directory. Inclusion in the Breeder's Directory is **FREE** to members in good standing who wish to opt-in. If you would like to be added to the directory, please contact me at plymouthrockfanciersclub@gmail.com. Online classified listings with photos and additional text are also available to members for \$25/year.

The website also has a new Meets page with a calendar of upcoming PRFC meets, and a new Points page where we will be posting meet reports (show results) as they are submitted throughout the year.

The year-end Final Points Totals are included in this

newsletter (pages 7-8). Special congratulations to our 2020 Top Exhibitors Terry Britt in Large Fowl and Kraig Shafer in Bantams!

I had the pleasure of visiting Matt Martin for a tour of his Massachusetts farm in late December. We had a great chat and I wrote up a Q&A for the newsletter (page 6). I hope you enjoy it as much as I did. If you want to recommend a breeder for a similar Q&A, or if you have any other suggestions or materials for the website or the newsletter, please feel free to contact me.

Reminder: Annual memberships expired on January 1st. If you haven't renewed yet, please send in your dues so you don't miss any benefits of membership.

Happy hatching, *Iill Burks*

TREASURER'S REPORT Q4 2020

	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Beginning Balance (9/27/2020)			\$2,658.62
Memberships	\$382.95		
Newsletter		\$129.02	
Postage		\$11.00	
2020 National auction	\$270.00		
2020 National 50/50	\$256.00		
Poultry Press ads (2021 National)		\$64.00	
Patch sales	\$39.41		
Classified ads (PRFC website)	\$50.00		
Website hosting (thru 12/2023)		\$231.00	
Ending Balance (as of 12/31/2020)			\$3,221.94
Life Membership Fund			\$6,701.08
TOTAL			\$9,923.02

IT'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL SEASON!

Yearly club fees are due **January 1st** of each year.

To renew, please mail your membership form and dues to: Jill Burks, 978 Chestnut Hill Rd., Cambridge, NY 12816, or send dues via Paypal to: plymouthrockfanciersclub@gmail.com

Info and forms at: plymouthrockfanciersclub.com/join/

DISTRICT 1 REPORT

Greetings from District 1,

We always talk about the weather and if you remember me saying "wait a day and it will change" here in New England, well here we go. Dec. 1st was 66 degrees, on the 10th it was below zero, on the 17th we had up to 48" snow in some places, and on Christmas Day it was 62 degrees.

My close friend Eddie Norcross passed away on Nov. 2nd taken with a stroke. He was a perfectionist at whatever he set out to do. I have some of his artwork, his greenhouse in his early days was spotless, and the same for his poultry building. He showed National Champion goats and was always saying his birds weren't good enough to take to a show, yet they were always some of the best.

Most of us are overloaded with birds, so plans are to

hatch less this year. Matt Martin tells me he has six to eight of the best large fowl White Cockerels he has ever had. Watch out! I understand Erik Nelsen has been shipping birds throughout the country after his big win at the National.

It is the consensus to move State Meets (points) to the spring shows for those holding more than one, and should that show be canceled the State Meet would be rescheduled for the fall show.

No show at the Northeastern Poultry Congress makes a full year with no shows in our District. Our spring shows start in May so we are hoping for the best. You will need to stay in touch. I am looking forward to seeing you all.

Kindest regards, *Dean Clark*

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 1

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
May 2	New England Bantam Club (MA)	Special
May 8	Green Mountain Poultry (VT)	State
May 16	Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers (RI)	State
May 30	Central Maine Bird Fanciers	State
June 13	Connecticut Poultry Breeders Society	State
August 22	Union Fair (ME)	Special
August 29	Windsor Fair (ME)	Special
September 3	Fryeburg Fair (ME)	Special
September 30	Deerfield Fair (NH)	Special
October 3	Central Maine Bird Fanciers	Special
October 9	New Hampshire Poultry Fanciers	State
October 10	New Hampshire Poultry Fanciers	Special
October 17	Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers (RI)	Special
November 7	Boston Poultry Expo (MA)	State
November 21	New England Bantam Club (MA)	Special
January 15–16, 2022	Northeastern Poultry Congress (MA)	District
[Note: Due to Covid-19 restri	ictions, please confirm events are happening with organizers befor	e attending.]

DISTRICT 2 REPORT

Hello from District 2,

I hope everyone is doing well and keeping safe thru these trying times, I am praying that 2021 is going to be a better year. I am getting chicken stir crazy, I haven't been to a show since the Delaware State Fair

in July. Our show here in Delaware was scheduled for April 4-5, 2021 but we had a meeting last week and to the disappointment to all we decided there is too much uncertainty and risk to have it. We had to cancel last year also 2 weeks before the show, so we were all looking forward to having it. But on a brighter note we

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District 2 Report, continued

decided to have a show December 4-5, 2021. It is later in the year but we didn't want to conflict with other clubs that have shows in October and November in our area. We didn't want to go another year without holding a show. I have listed below the show dates that I know of for the year, but I would check with the clubs to make sure things have not changed. Do to the nice weather we have been having for Winter, I have set up some of my breeders and have set some Barred Rocks

eggs. Getting Barred Rock eggs set this early is a good thing because they take longer to develop than the other rocks do. I want to take time to thank all of the officers for keeping our club going and I hope to see everyone at a show soon. Feel free to contact me if I can help with anything (302) 519-8711.

God Bless, Greg English

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 2

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
CANCELED	Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Spring Show (DE)	CANCELED
May 8	Sussex County Poultry Fanciers Spring Show (NJ)	Special
June 6	Finger Lakes Feather Club Show (NY)	Special
September 11–12	Twin Tier Poultry Club Show (NY)	State
TBA	Northern NY Poultry Fanciers Show	Special
September 26	Eastern NY State Poultry Association Show	Special
October 3	Rochester Poultry Association (NY)	Special
October 9	Lebanon Valley Poultry Show (PA)	State
October 23	Sussex County Poultry Fanciers Fall Show (NJ)	State
November 20	Virginia Poultry Breeders Association	State
December 4–5	Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Club (DE)	District
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DISTRICT 4 REPORT

Hello from East Central Ohio,

Well, we did get two full shows in this year. Dayton Fancy Feather Club in October was the Plymouth Rock National, their second show was our State meet. The Central Indiana Poultry Club show was our District 4 District meet in October. I think we all are looking forward to a better season in 2021.

Our first meets for 2021 in District 4 will be: March 27: SEOPBA, Marietta, Ohio

April 10: White River Poultry Club, Spencer, Indiana April 15: Western Reserve Poultry Club, Jefferson, Ohio

April 24-25: DFFC, Greenville, Ohio May 22-23: Saulk Trail, Hillsdale, Michigan

The Moon City Show is still in the planning and to be announced.

Hope to be able to see a lot more of you at the shows. *Bert Jarvis*

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 4

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
POSTPONED	Southeast Ohio Poultry Breeders	Special
CANCELED	Camp Creek Poultry Club (OH)	Special
April 10	White River Poultry Club Spring Show (IN)	Special
April 24–25	Dayton Fancy Feather Club (OH)	Special
May 15	Western Reserve Poultry (OH)	Special
May 29–30	Saulk Trail Poultry Show (MI)	District
June 5	Coulee Region Poultry Club (WI)	State
June 12	Buckeye Fancy Feather Club (OH)	Special
June 25–July 4	Marion County Ag. Fair (IN)	Special
July 28-August 8	Ohio State Fair	Special

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August 5–15	Wisconsin State Fair	Special
August 6–22	Indiana State Fair	Special
August 12–22	Illinois State Fair	Special
August 19–29	Kentucky State Fair	Special
October 2	West Central Wisconsin Pigeon & Poultry	Special
October 9–10	Michigan Poultry Fanciers Foul Fest	State
October 16	Central Indiana Poultry Show	Special
October 31	Wisconsin Bird & Game Breeder	Special
November 6	Central Illinois Poultry Club	Special
November 20	Eastern Kentucky Poultry Assoc.	State
November 13–14	Ohio National Poultry Show	Special
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HELPING CHICKEN ISSUES WITH HERBS

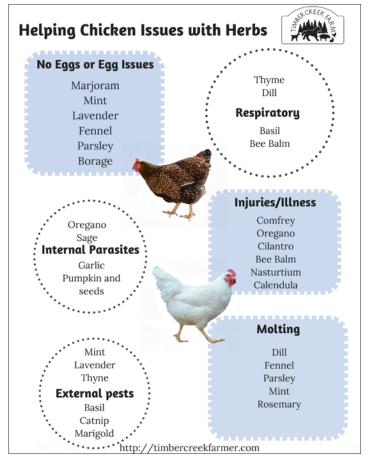
Submitted by Norman Coulter, Suffield, CT

It is advantageous for the poultry to have a variety of feed during dark winter days. It might be helpful to include cutting pumpkins in half or feeding mature ears of corn. Peanut butter can be spead on the ear of corn and roll the ear of corn in a dried mixture of egg layer ration. Hang the corn up where the birds can reach it and enjoy it's goodness. Magels can also be hung up for the poultry to eat. A mangel is pure white inside and very attractive to the chicken. They

are a kind of beet.

I have been doing some research on the use of herbs with my poultry. Here is a chart I have found to be a useful reference. The chart is from the book 50 Do-It-Yourself Projects for Keeping Chickens by Janet Garman from Timber Creek Farm. So, during these long winter days perhaps readers would enjoy looking though seed catalogs to select and plan out which herbs they would like to grow for their poultry this spring.





MEET THE BREEDER: MATT MARTIN

Q: How did you develop an interest in the hobby?

When I was a kid I always had mongrels on the farm. My grandfather was a contractor and one of the carpenters was Ed Peters who raised Cochins. My grandfather knew I was interested in chickens because I had all these mongrels running around, so he paid this guy to build me a little coop and he gave me a trio of Cochins. That's how I got started.

Q: Where did you get your start in Plymouth Rocks? I kept going to the fairs and met John Wabeck, Charlie Wabeck's father. He only lived 30 miles from here, and he and I got to be friends and he sold me a trio of bantam Whites, and I've kept his birds all along. Later on I got the White standards from Ed Peters who got them from a guy named Abercrombe. I just couldn't believe how big they were. I was still a little kid then and they looked like giants.

Q: Who influenced or mentored you when you first started?

John Wabeck, and Ed Ritz who bred White Leghorns.

Q: What faults do you see in the showroom that bother you when showing?

What's bothering me the most right now is everybody's picking high tails and big tails.











Q: What varieties do you raise?

In Rock bantams I got Columbians, Blacks, Barreds, and Whites. In large Rocks, I have White, Barreds, and Partridge. I also have Light Brahmas in bantam and standard.

Q: Tell us a little about your life outside the hobby. I used to raise cattle, and by education I'm a certified arborist.

If you are interested in participating in a Breeder Profile, please email plymouthrockfancierclub@gmail.com. All members including Juniors are welcome! Photos appreciated, but not required.

2020 FINAL POINTS TOTALS

BANTAM	Miles, John & Brandi/Swamp Run2
Barred	
English, Greg/English Family	Junior Bantam Exhibitors
Hall, Janice/Rock Hill Poultry 22.5	Gates, Jasmine27
Horstman, Dick	Guy, Coulton21
Miles, John & Brandi/Swamp Run 82.5	Waters, Rylee48
Shafer, Kraig52	, ,
, 3	2020 TOP 5 BANTAM EXHIBITORS
Black	Shafer, Kraig733
English, Greg/English Family 51.5	Lahr, Gale & Tony 397
Ennis, Norman 60.5	Horstman, Dick 352
Walters, Bonnie5	Ennis, Norman 149
	Miles, John & Brandi/Swamp Run111.5
Blue	
Ennis, Norman	LARGE FOWL
Sensenig, Todd1.5	Barred
	Magness, Kevin3
Buff	Shafer, Kraig73
English, Greg/English Family3	
Walters, Bonnie11	Columbian
	Dorsey, Leon5
Buff Columbian	Tenley, Grant2
Jandrey, Rick2	
	Partridge
Columbian	Ennis, Norman 45.5
Blair, Chad20	Sliker, Arlene1
Lahr, Gale & Tony 397	
Sutherland, Charlie4	Silver Penciled
Tenley, Grant 32.5	Horstman, Dick14
Partridge	White
Ennis, Norman	Bierbower, Mark23
Sliker, Arlene5	Britt, Terry
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Silver Penciled	Magness, Kevin 0.5
English, Greg/English Family3	Weer, Dianne41
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White	Junior Large Fowl Exhibitors
Blair, Chad 85.5	Magness, Melody1
Hall, Janice/Rock Hill Poultry 17	Waters, Rylee3
Lewis, Brian/Hungry Go Naked Farm 72.5	
Miles, John & Brandi/Swamp Run27	2020 TOP 5 LARGE FOWL EXHIBITORS
Shafer, Kraig 681	Britt, Terry 180
	Shafer, Kraig73
Display	Ennis, Norman 45.5
Hall, Janice/Rock Hill Poultry2	Weer, Dianne41
Horstman, Dick1	Bierbower, Mark23

HOW POINTS ARE CALCULATED

Members must be in good standing to accumulate points. Points will be recorded per variety. All birds actually exhibited count towards points, including any that may have been disqualified. Birds entered, but not cooped in at the time of judging, will not be counted in the totals. Points are only earned for wins of Plymouth Rocks over Plymouth Rocks, so no points are earned for wins over other breeds such as Champion & Reserve Champion American & SCCL.

BB: 1 point for every Bantam or Large Fowl Plymouth Rock, respectively, exhibited at National, Regional, District, and State Meets. One half point for Special Meets.

RB: 1 point for every Bantam or Large Fowl Plymouth Rock, respectively, exhibited less one point at National, Regional, District, and State Meets. One half point, less one half point at Special Meets.

BV: 1 point for every Bantam or Large Fowl Plymouth Rock, respectively, exhibited within that variety at National, Regional, District, and State Meets. One half point for Special Meets.

RV: 1 point for every Bantam or Large Fowl Plymouth Rock, respectively, exhibited within that variety less one point at National, Regional, District, and State Meets. One half point, less one half point at Special Meets.

DISPLAY: 1 point for each Best Large Rock and Best Bantam Rock display.

When an exhibitor wins BB or RB, their variety points on the same bird are not counted. For example, if John Smith wins BB on a White Rock, he doesn't receive BV points on the same White Rock because they are included in the BB points. In other words, you can't win double points.

FUN FACT:

The concept of cooking wings in peppery hot sauce was born in 1964 at the Anchor Bar in Buffalo, New York. The owner first cooked them as a late-night snack for her son and his friends, then added them to her menu the next day. "Buffalo Wings" were an instant hit.

National Chicken Council



GEAR UP FOR 2021!

PRFC embroidered logo patches are available for a \$10 donation each.

Payments can be sent to the club through PayPal at: plymouthrockfanciersclub@gmail.com, or mailed to Jill Burks, 978 Chestnut Hill Rd., Cambridge, NY 12816.

Please make checks payable to the <u>Plymouth Rock Fancier's Club.</u>

PHOTO GALLERY

PLYMOUTH ROCK FANCIER'S CLUB OF AMERICA NATIONAL MEET (PART 2)

October 3-4, 2020, Dayton Fancy Feather Club, Greenville, Ohio







Terry Britt's Champion Large Fowl. He showed 8 Large Fowl at the Dayton Fancy Feather Club shows: Two hens, two pullets, and 4 cockerels. The hens and pullets placed 1st and 2nd and the cockerels place 1-4. In both shows the 1st place pullet was BB and the 1st place cockerel was RB. The BB Pullet was also Res. American.

JUST PEACHY CLASSIC

January 16, 2021, Peachstate Poultry Association, Forsyth, GA







John Miles had RB and Res SCCL on a Barred Rock cockerel in the peach card show, and BB and Res SCCL on a Barred pullet and RB on a White pullet in the green card show.

2021 NATIONAL MEET

Plymouth Rock Fancier's Club of America

Feb. 5-7, 2021

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds, 413 E. Lockeford St., Lodi, CA

Hosted by the Pacific Poultry Breeder's Association

POSSIBLE CAUSES OF HATCHING PROBLEMS

Excerpted from Incubating and Hatching Eggs by Gregory S. Archer and A. Lee Cartwright, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension. Download the full pamphlet at: alec.unl.edu/documents/cde/2017/livestock-management/incubating-and-hatching-eggs-2017.pdf

Environmental conditions, egg handling and storage, sanitation, genetics, and brood fowl health and nutrition are all important factors when it comes to incubating and hatching eggs. Eggs fail to hatch because they are infertile or because the embryo dies. You can candle eggs during incubation or examine them after the hatch to determine what caused them to fail. All abnormalities should be recorded and analyzed to determine if hatch failure was caused by fertility or environmental problems that can be corrected.

Observation	Possible cause(s)
Eggs exploding	Dirty eggs Improperly cleaned eggs Dirty incubator
No embryonic development	Infertile egg Rough handling of eggs Incubation temperature too high Incubation temperature too low Eggs stored too long Eggs stored improperly Breeders stressed Too many hens per rooster Old or unhealthy hens or males Inbreeding Disease
Blood ring Early dead	Old eggs Incubation temperature too high Incubation temperature too low Electric power failure Eggs not turned Inbreeding Infection Poor nutrition of breeders
Air cell too small	Humidity too high
Air cell too large	Humidity too low
Chicks hatch early, dry chicks, bloody navels, chicks too small	Small eggs Temperature too high Humidity too low
Chicks hatch late	Large eggs Old eggs Temperature too low Humidity too high

Observation	Possible cause(s)
Chicks dead after pipping	Eggs not turned first 2 weeks Thin-shelled eggs Temperature too low during incubation Temperature too high during incubation Humidity too low during incubation Humidity too high during incubation Humidity too high during incubation Infection, disease
Unhealed navel Mushy chicks	Temperature too low during incubation Wide temperature variation in incubator Humidity too high during incubation Poor ventilation
Malformed legs and toes	Improper temperature during incubation Improper humidity during incubation Legs also may be harmed by hatching or holding chicks
Weak chicks	Temperature too high or low Old eggs Poor ventilation
Gasping chicks	Disease: Bronchitis or Newcastle disease
Malpositions	Temperature too high or low Turning inadequate Large end of egg not up when set Old or poorly handled eggs Poor breeder nutrition

IN THE KITCHEN

UPSIDE-DOWN LEMON MERINGUES

From the Iowa Egg Council, submitted by Dianne Weer

Ingredient

- 4 eggs, separated
- 3 to 4 drops yellow food coloring
- 8 ounces whipped topping
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest
- /2 cups lemon juice
- 14 ounces sweetened condensed milk
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cups sliced almonds, chopped
- 4 cups crisp rice cereal
- 1 cups white sugar
- 2 squares large graham squares, crushed

Directions:

Preheat oven to 300°F. Grease 10 mini pie pans; set aside.

For crust, separate eggs putting the egg whites in a clean and dry glass or metal bowl and saving the egg yolks for the filling. Beat egg whites until soft peaks form. Gradually add sugar and vanilla while continuing to whip until stiff peaks form. Fold in cereal and 1 cup

almonds. Evenly divide the meringue into the pie pans. Press the meringue evenly around the edges of the pans and across the bottom. Bake for 15 minutes. Turn oven off and leave meringues in warm oven for an additional 15 minutes.

For filling, in medium saucepan combine condensed milk. lemon juice, zest and cornstarch. Blend in egg yolks. Cook over med-low



heat stirring constantly until thickened. Cool pudding by placing the saucepan in a bowl of iced water. Stir pudding until cool being careful not to get any ice water into pudding mixture. When cooled, fold in carton of whipped topping and food coloring until combined completely. Fill crusts with filling.

If desired, garnish with crushed graham crackers and pipe additional whipped topping around the edges of each dessert

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