



Fall 2022

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello fellow Rock breeders,

It's that time of year again, the fruits of our labor all winter, spring and summer are starting to show their true potential. This year has been odd in the fact that in almost all the breeds I raise I hatched more pullets than cockerels.

Currently we as a club are looking for district directors for Districts 3, 6, 8 if you or someone you know may be interested get in contact with Jill, Katrina, or myself. I am currently on the hunt for White rock large fowl for a friend. I will be able to pick them up in Columbus at the Ohio National show. If you have extras to sell, contact me please!

Show season is in full swing and I have been seeing many rocks on champion row! On October 8th the Plymouth Rock National was held in Jefferson, Wisconsin. There were 55 bantams exhibited and 20 large fowl. Bantams there were Whites, Barreds, Columbian, Buff Columbian, and Silver Penciled. Large fowl there were Whites, Barreds, Silver Penciled and Columbians exhibited. The bantam Best of Breed was a White Rock pullet and Reserve was a Columbian pullet. In large fowl the Best of Breed was a White cockerel who was also Champion American, and Reserve of Breed was a White pullet. It was great to see all the breeders that were able to make the National. I am excited to see everyone at the Ohio National in Columbus.

Congrats to Kraig Shafer on being inducted into the Plymouth Rock Fanciers Club Breeder Hall of Fame, well deserved buddy!

I'm already planning some of next season's matings. The cycle continues in the hunt to produce a good Plymouth rock!

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to contact me. Until next time,

*Grant Tenley*

## VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall Greetings from Missouri!

I hope all of you are having a wonderful fall! The cooler weather has been a very welcome change on the farm.

My family's show year is just about over. We will be in Norman this November for my mentor, Danny Feathers memorial show. Then we're off to Red Stick in December. We recently bought a new home and we've been focusing on getting settled before winter sets in.

My biggest update is our trip out to North Carolina to see Jamie Duckworth. Jamie and I have talked often over the internet but never officially got to meet. As many of you know my line of Barred started with a cross of Duckworth and Reese. Over the years I've tried to strengthen the Duckworth side. I've also lost many a good Barred to fox. They always swipe my females. So, any progress I may have made, disappears in 2.5 seconds.



I happened to send Jamie message asking about leg color and next thing I know the husband and I had a road trip planned. 1,000 miles later we were at Jamie's going through birds. I was fortunate enough to bring back 8 breeders. It was an absolute pleasure to meet a fellow Rock breeder, and even better was the opportunity to talk birds with someone that's had them for 16 years. I just want to thank Jamie for his time and for sharing his knowledge. We had a great time.

Our large fowl breeder circle is growing smaller every year. I feel it's important for us to stay connected. Remember without the breeder you won't have the breed.

*Katrina Sallee*

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Hello from Upstate New York,

First, let me congratulate Kraig Shafer on his induction into the Plymouth Rock Club's Hall of Fame. Well earned! In addition to serving the club for many years, Kraig also helped lots of breeders (myself included) get their start with birds. You can read one such story in our Junior Profile this issue. We will be forever grateful!

I have a busy January ahead as I will be attending both the APA Annual Meet at the Northeastern Poultry Congress in Springfield, MA and the APA Semi-Annual Meet in Lodi, CA. Please be sure to stop by the APA table to say hello!

2023 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PRFC, and Grant and Katrina are hard at work planning special awards for our National Meet at the Ohio National in November. More info coming soon.

A reminder to annual members that dues are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. You can renew by mail or by PayPal on our website at [plymouthrockfanciersclub.com](http://plymouthrockfanciersclub.com). All 2022 show reports are due to me by Feb. 1, 2023 for tabulation.

Our club needs your enthusiasm on its Board. We currently have opening for District Directors in Districts 3, 6, and 8, as well as a need for volunteers to act as newsletter editor, webmaster, points chairperson, and secretary-treasurer. While it has been an honor to serve the club, my current work schedule does not allow me much free time to continue in these roles and it's time for fresh talents to take over. Please contact me, Grant, or Katrina if interested.

*Jill Burks*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Beginning Balance: Checking and Paypal (9/30/22)			\$2,955.92
Memberships	\$153.66		
Summer Newsletter		\$164.50	
Ending Balance: Checking and Paypal (12/31/22)			\$2,945.08
Lifetime Membership Fund			\$7,063.18
Total			\$10,008.26

## DISTRICT 1 REPORT

Hello from New England,

Foliage time is here, the end of September. Tour buses are traveling so you know winter is not far behind. Here we go again, no shows this spring, most all fairs the same. Central Maine had to cancel at the last minute. I do understand the Boston show in November is on at this time. The New England Bantam Club is in hopes of having a permanent location for their shows next year, the first being sometime in May. Our District Meet will be at the Northeastern Poultry Congress show on Jan. 14-15. This will also be the APA Annual Meet.

I spoke with Bob Hawes up in Maine a few days ago. He tells me he stays put most of the time and is doing well. I raised a few more Columbians this year, so I needed his advice as to what I should be looking for. Hopefully we have made some progress, isn't that what we all strive for? I'm hopeful of seeing you all at the Congress. Take care,

*Dean Clark*

## DISTRICT 4 REPORT

Hello from East Central Ohio:

Well, we've had a lot of shows go as scheduled and a few that were shut down. In my opinion because the States that shut them down are catering to big producers even though there were VERY little cases and pretty much isolated. But we did have some go off without a hitch. I for one was so disappointed when Pa. shut down the Uniontown show. They told the Fair Boards that if they allowed them to have shows they would take away any money that was to be given to them. I feel that is Pure Extortion, which is totally illegal.

Again, I urge anyone attending shows to help out by doing the Rock Show Reports. I understand that some of the very big shows it's hard to do with all of the judging going on and aisles closed so much. Then I still urge that if shows refuse to fill them out then DO NOT give them another Rock meet. I was told by one of the APA, ABA people that they had to fill them out and I will do some more checking into that.

But going forward, we have quite a few shows still planning on having the show so let's support them and hope to see you at the shows.

*Bert Jarvis*

## BREEDER PROFILE: JAMIE DUCKWORTH



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

**A:** When I was growing up, my parents would always go to the FCX and bought chicks in the spring. We would get Rhode Island reds and Barred Rocks. They weren't bred to the SOP, but they taught me husbandry skills that are still useful today. Life went on, college, marriage, kids and such and I finally got to the point where I had some time for poultry again. That's when I began searching for a breed and the Barred Rocks won the pick from my childhood memory.

**Q: Where did you get your start in Plymouth Rocks?**

**A:** I got my first chicks on a road trip to Joel Gilman, who had Tommy Stanley's flock. I also got some eggs from Tom Wheeler of Illinois and hatched them. I later created two families from those lines and have pretty much kept it like that with an occasional outcross between the two families.

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

**A:** I would have to give that honor to Don Shrider. I was involved with the Buckeye project with the Livestock Breed Conservancy and he came out to observe the flock. After observing the Buckeyes, he said that good rocks like I had were not common and that would be an excellent focus for me. Those words of encouragement were enough for me to eventually focus on them solely.

**Q: What varieties do you raise?**

**A:** At this time, only LF Barred Plymouth Rocks. I have had bantam barred rocks and buckeyes in the past.

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

**A:** I am focusing on tails, leg color and wing carriage. I have improved the width, combs, head width, rate of growth and body width since I started breeding them in earnest 15 years ago.

**Q: What do you enjoy most about breeding and showing your Rocks?**

**A:** I like how they are fairly docile birds and how the barring is very crisp, showing the "ringlet" striping from the barring lining up. They are beautiful birds to me.

**Q: Tell us a little about your life outside the hobby.**

**A:** I also have Spanish goats, do pasture management for horses, erect fences, and enjoy car shows with my Mustang friends. I also like to make time for my sons and grandchild.

*If you are interested in participating in a Breeder Profile, please email [plymouthrockfancierclub@gmail.com](mailto:plymouthrockfancierclub@gmail.com). All members including Juniors are welcome!*

## JUNIOR PROFILE: JASMINE GATES



Hello, my name is Jasmine Gates. I am 16 and live in Cairo Missouri with my dad Brian, mom Peggy, and my little brother Blake, on our family farm. I raise Guernsey dairy cattle, Montadale sheep, Satin and Mini Satin rabbits, and Plymouth Rocks.

My Rock adventure started in 2011, at the age of 5. I had shown exhibition birds for one year and did not like my breed. I found a trio of large Barred Rocks at a local auction and fell in love. Unfortunately, I couldn't get any chicks to hatch. In October of 2012, My dad contacted Mr. Kraig Shafer. We met him in Lebanon, Indiana and picked up a trio of large Barreds to begin my breeding flock. Mr. Shafer also had bantams there for sale, so we brought those home as well. I have added a few birds from Shafe since that day, but my lines all go back to his birds.

While Barreds have always had my heart, I have added large Whites as well. I have received birds from Shafe and Terry Britt. Last year, I added birds from Mike Geis to try to improve some traits.

For eleven years, I have never wanted any breed other than rocks. I love the birds, as well as the people. The Rock national meets are always the shows I look forward to the most. All of the top breeders are there to show and talk Rock. I love how everyone is always willing to share everything, from birds to what they do in their breeding programs. When we are together, the rock group all act like family.

Barred Rocks definitely come with their own challenges to breed, but that is part of the fun! There is no better feeling than getting to champion row with my Barred birds. I have been blessed with many successes with my birds. I have been the top junior exhibitor multiple times with the Rock Club. I had a pullet win Reserve SCCL at the Ohio National once. Best Large Fowl Display by a Jr at the Ohio National. One pullet was on champion row at the APA, rock national in Lodi, California. Another pullet was Reserve American at the APA Annual last fall. But one of my proudest moments was at the Missouri State Poultry show at the Rock National one year. I won Champion Large Fowl and Champion Bantam of the Junior Show, both on Barred pullets. They went on to be Best and Reserve of Show. The best part was having Shafe there to share it with.

2 years ago, I was asked to judge a local county fair. I loved evaluating other kids' birds and sharing my poultry knowledge with other interested youth. Since then, I have begun judging multiple fairs in Missouri. This fall I had the honor of judging my first APA, ABA sanctioned Junior Shows. This has been very exciting. I definitely want to pursue my APA and ABA judge's license when I am old enough.

I look forward to a lifetime of breeding rocks and growing my friendships with my fellow rock breeders.

# KEEPING POULTRY HEALTHY DURING WINTER

*By Norman R. Coulter*

Winter is coming and it is a difficult transition for our poultry. With this transition comes some common health ailments that we can watch for and try to keep ahead of.

Frostbite is one of the most common ailments. Frostbite usually affects exposed areas of the skin such as the comb, feet, and wattles. Frostbite means that the fluid in the cells becomes so cold that the cells freeze and die. This will cause a change of color and texture. If a chicken gets frostbite, move the bird to a warmer place where it can gradually warm up. Frostbite can be prevented by applying petroleum jelly to the combs and wattles before they roost at night. Coconut oil can also help prevent frostbite. It provides a protective barrier against the cold. Coconut oil can liberally be applied to the combs and wattles on cold nights. It will also help frostbitten areas to heal. Try to keep the coop dry and free of drafts. An old rug placed over the top of the cages will help keep the birds warm. Roosts should be provided to keep the birds off the floor.

Pneumonia is a condition that can affect poultry in cold weather. It is caused by a fungus that grows in moist and warm areas in the facility. Cold weather can weaken the bird's immune system making them more susceptible to pneumonia. It is best to keep the chicken coop dry, clean, and ventilated to prevent pneumonia.

Dehydration can be another winter health concern. It is extremely important to keep the bird's water open. If it gets frozen and unattended, the chicken will eventually stop eating and laying eggs. Dehydration for poultry can be an issue twelve months of the year! Waterers need to be freed up of solids and refilled often.

## PHOTO GALLERY

**Plymouth Rock National 2022**

Beaver Pigeon & Bantam Club Show

October 8, 2022





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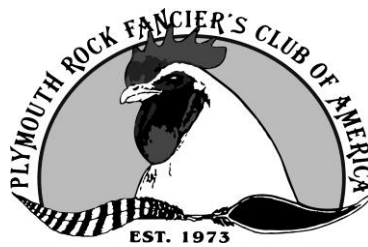
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