



Summer 2022

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Plymouth Rock Quarterly

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello again from eastern iowa!

As I sit here writing this in the comforts of air conditioning, I'm always so impressed with the poultry's ability to handle high heat and humidity. Changing water often is definitely a must with 93 degrees predicted for highs in the next two days and 66% humidity. I am thankful for large oak trees that provide shade at the farm and pesky horse weeds that serve as a good cover for birds to lay in shade during the heat of the day. Sometimes I spray a hose over the ground and the birds enjoy running in the wet area in their lots.

Fair season is about over here and the start of the state fair next week. Seems to be a lot of interest in poultry projects at fairs I judge. Great opportunity to educate youth about Plymouth Rocks and the difference between standard bred and hatchery stock. I spoke with a gentleman currently searching for quality Barred and White Rock large fowl chicks or started birds for his daughters 4-h project and I told him I'd try to steer him and her in the right direction. They are located in southeast Iowa and wanting chicks or juveniles in October if possible. If anyone somewhat regional has some they'd be willing to sell to help this young, interested 4-Her out please let me know so i can put them in contact with ya.

Fall show season is upon us and there is sure to be lots of shows to go to in all parts of the country! The Bloomington show where we had originally placed our National Meet has been cancelled due to AI restrictions. The 2022 PRFC National will now be held at the Beaver Pigeon & Bantam Club in Jefferson, WI, October 8th. The PRFC has arranged for some great awards this year and I hope to see you there!

We currently have some District Director positions open as well as some other organizational positions unmanned. If you are interested or know someone who may be reach out, we need your help!

Until next time,
Grant Tenley

ATTENTION: 2022 PRFC NATIONAL CHANGE

The Plymouth Rock Fancier's Club
of America 2022 National Meet
will now be held:

October 8, 2022

Jefferson, Wisconsin

Hosted by the

[Beaver Pigeon & Bantam Club](#)

Entries must be postmarked by 9/26.

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer Greetings!

Wow, it's been a hot one this year! I'm sure most of you have been struggling with the heat as well. Hopefully things will start cooling off just a little, I'm definitely not ready for winter yet.

We've already attended our first show of the season the Ozark Empire Fair. Jasmine Gates, Landon Mcmillen, John Hicks and myself did a wonderful job representing Plymouth Rocks. Now that show season is starting, that's a sure sign it's time to molt. Our next

show will be in IL-MO and I'm hoping the birds wait to molt, but I'm not holding my breath.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone that the November 5th Plymouth Rock National was moved and will now be hosted by the Beaver Pigeon & Bantam Club in Jefferson, WI, October 8. It's going to be a great time with someone of the best folks in poultry. Hope to see you there!

Without breeders we won't have the breed.
Katrina Sallee

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Greetings from Upstate New York,

I am finishing up this newsletter just in time to attend the Twin Tier show in Bath, NY this weekend. I didn't hatch many birds this spring due to AI uncertainties and raising grain prices, but managed to find 4 Rocks worth washing for the trip. Expecting to make up some numbers with a Fall hatch.

AI cancellations are still effecting Fall shows, so please double check with the host shows when making travel plans. Most recently our 2022 National had to be rescheduled. We hope you will be able to join us at the new location at the Beaver Pigeon & Bantam Club show in Jefferson, WI, on Oct.8th. The PRFC

will be offering special Open awards for Champion Large Fowl \$50, Reserve Champion Large Fowl \$25, Champion Bantam \$50, and Reserve Champion Bantam \$25. We will also be offering Junior awards for Champion Large Fowl \$30 Reserve Champion Large Fowl \$15, Champion Bantam \$30, and Reserve Champion Bantam \$15, as well as ribbons for Best and Reserve Variety in both classes.

We are still looking for members to assist with club business and to serve as District Directors. Just send us an email at plymouthrockfanciersclub@gmail.com.

Hope to see you in the Rock aisle,
Jill Burks

TREASURER'S REPORT

	INCOME	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Beginning Balance (7/1/2022)			\$3,322.86
Memberships	\$134.94		
50th Anni Donations	\$360.00		
Poultry Press Classified		\$70.00	
Spring Newsletter		\$197.78	
Award Ribbons		\$229.94	
Ending Balance (9/6/2022)			\$3,309.08
Life Membership Fund			\$6,903.01
TOTAL			\$10,212.09

DISTRICT 1 REPORT

Hello from the New England,

Here in the Northeast we had all shows cancelled do to the flu outbreak. Looking for the Fall shows to go as planned. The New England Bantam Club show will be held in Whitman, MA (not confirmed) on November 20th. Be sure to check the website for any changes. The APA National Meet will be held at the Northeast Poultry Congress in West Springfield, MA on January 14-15, 2023.

Bob Murphy is getting back to work after his injury. He

says travel to shows is getting to be harder and I feel the same way. Matt Martin has has a rough Summer health-wise. He is on oxygen so it makes it harder to get around. He did get his haying done, but with no rain he doesn't expect he will have a second cut. He has hatched some bantams but no standards.

I hope to see some of you this Fall. Take care.

Kindest Regards,
Dean Clark

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 1

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
Sept. 29-Oct. 2	Deerfield Fair (NH)	CANCELLED
October 2-9	Fryeburg Fair (ME)	Special
October 2	Central Maine Bird Fanciers	Special
October 9	New Hampshire Poultry Fanciers	CANCELLED
October 16	Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers (RI)	Special
November 6	Boston Poultry Expo (MA)	State
November 20	New England Bantam Club (MA)	Special
January 14-15, 2022	Northeastern Poultry Congress (MA)	District

DISTRICT 2 REPORT

Hello from District 2,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying their summer. it has been really hot and dry here in our area and the birds are keeping me busy keeping water containers filled up. The local farmers have been doing a lot of irrigating this year and with the price of fuel that is not good. My early hatched birds are taking shape and I see some potential that I am really happy with. Now I just hope we will have shows to go to, the last 2 years has been frustrating for exhibitors. Our local club Delmarva Poultry Fanciers like many other District 2 clubs had to cancel our Spring show this year due to AI. Our local fair the Delaware State Fair did not have Poultry and Waterfowl this year. Also our local livestock sale was closed to Poultry and Waterfowl until recently so I have had to hold on to birds that I needed to get rid of. With the pictures that I have seen exhibitors share on facebook it looks like it should be a very competitive year in rocks. It has been especially promising to see the interest in

the color birds, there is going to be good competition this year. i am still hatching thru the end of August I wanted to get some chicks out of the birds I showed in the Spring. I have more birds on the place that I have had since my father passed but I am getting ready to do a hard cull and a trip to the Livestock Auction. I recently had a visit from a Poultry friend and I tried to send a bunch back with him but he didn't think that would work on the plane. I have been trying to reach out to some poultry friends more often as I have lost some good friends recently, I enjoy the competition of showing but it is about the friendships that you make. that is important. I have listed the fall show meets for District 2 below, I hope you can support those in your area, with gas prices what they are that is going to be a challenge. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer and I hope to see some of you at the shows.

God Bless,
Greg English

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UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 2

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
September 18	Northern New York Poultry Fanciers	Special
September 24	Old Dominion Poultry Assoc. (VA)	Special
September 25	Eastern New York State Poultry Assoc.	Special
October 2	Rochester Poultry Association (NY)	Special Meet
October 8	Sussex County Poultry Fanciers (NJ)	State
October 8	Lebanon Valley Poultry Club (PA)	State Meet
October 15-16	Uniontown Poultry Association (PA)	Eastern Regional
October 16	Yankee Fall Classic (NY)	Special Meet
October 29	York County Poultry Fanciers (PA)	Special
November 19	Virginia Poultry Breeders Association	District Meet

DISTRICT 4 REPORT

Hello from East Central Ohio.

I think the majority of shows in this District went off without a problem. There were some that got canceled by State DOA who let the big poultry producers dictate their policy.

Hope all of you got hatched what your expectations were. I myself didn't hatch any Large Fowl. Figured I'd wait till late fall or even winter before setting any. These feed prices are getting stupid lately, had a small drop about a month ago but then right back up.

One thing I would like to mention. If anyone at shows is able to do your show secretary a favor and do the Rock

Club Show report for them. They are really appreciative of someone helping out. On the other hand you'll have shows that if no one does the report for them, they refuse to turn one in. I urge all Directors that if this happens then that should be the last Rock meet they get until they are willing to do them. They want the Club meets but don't want to do any work for it. I have a couple in this District that say they don't do them. The first time that is the case then I'll be damn if they get another meet from me.

Let's hope that all Fall shows are able to be held and every one GOOD LUCK!

Bert Jarvis

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 4

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
October 1	West Central Wisconsin Pigeon & Poultry Club	Special
October 1-2	Dayton Fancy Feather Club (Double) (OH)	Special/Special
October 8	Beaver Pigeon & Bantam Club (WI)	NATIONAL
October 8-9	Michigan Poultry Fanciers	Special
October 15-16	Central Indiana Poultry Show	Special
November 5	Central Illinois Poultry Club	CANCELLED
November 12-13	Ohio National	Special
November 19	Eastern Kentucky Poultry Assoc.	Special/Special
November 26	Redhill Bantam Club (IL)	State

DISTRICT 5 REPORT

Greetings from Texas.

Well not much has changed since our last newsletter. We are finally getting some much-needed rain in parts of Texas. The weatherman says this trend will continue through September and then it will dry up again until the Spring. They also said we would have a very active hurricane season, so in the end who really knows.

My largefowl Barred Rocks are growing steadily but still in a very awkward stage. Fall shows are right around the corner and I hope everyone is able to get our there and show some Rocks.

Regards,
James Strickler

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 5

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
October 2	Tulsa State Fair (OK)	Special
October 10	Newcastle (OK)	Special
October 22	Missouri State Poultry Association	Special
November 13	Midwest Bantam Club (OK)	Special
December 3	Klein Poultry Extravaganza Double Show (TX)	State/Special
December 10	Oklahoma State Poultry Federation	State
January 7, 2023	Bluebonnet Classic (TX)	Special

DISTRICT 6 REPORT

UPCOMING EVENTS // DISTRICT 6

DATE	HOST	MEET TYPE
September 9-11	New Ulm Fall Classic (MN)	Special
September 17-19	7220 Poultry Show (WY)	State
September 24	Rocky Mountain Poultry Association Big Sky Poultry Exposition (MT)	State
October 1	Eastern Iowa Poultry Association Show	District
October 22-23	Minnesota State Poultry Association Show	State
November 12	North Star Classic Show and Sale (MN)	Special
November 19-20	The Masters Cup (IA)	Special

CLUB VACANCIES:

Help your Club! The Plymouth Rock Fancier's Club is in need of volunteers for the following positions help keep our club running:

District 3 Director
(AR, LA, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, TN)

District 6 Director
(MT, ND, SD, WY, MN, IA)

District 8 Director
(AK & Canada)

Points Chairman

Webmaster

Newsletter Editor

Secretary-Treasurer

If you are interested in learning more about a position, please contact us at **plymouthrockfanciersclub@gmail.com**.



MEET THE BREEDER: JOHN DAVID ADKINS

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

My interest in exhibition poultry began when Joe Brisker, Director of the Poultry Department at the Scioto County Fair, asked my mother to take over as the Open Poultry Superintendent. The fair also paid someone to feed the birds during the fair and I took that job. I was either just out of high school or in my first year of college, which would make it the summer of 1980 or 1981. I clerked with APA Judge Bob Fleming at the fair and he told me "If you are going to keep doing this, you should get yourself a few birds to show and make a little money." He was right on the second part, I have made very little money on birds since then but had a great time!

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

I honestly am not sure where my first Partridge Rock bantams came from. I think I purchased a pair or trio at our local swap meet. As a part of getting involved in showing I also got a Murray McMurray catalog and ordered the 50 chick bantam assortment. I showed some of these birds at the Southern Ohio Poultry Association's show the next spring and learned the hard way, like so many others, that there is a world of difference in hatchery and swap quality birds and exhibition birds. The original Partridge Rocks apparently had some decent genes as the birds I raised out of them were competitive and so they have been my breed of first choice since that day. Many folks have contributed birds to my breeding program over the years and I hesitate to mention some of them because I might leave someone out. With the Partridge Rock bantams, I very much suspect that most of them trace at least some of their lineage back to Roy Whitner, who had the best I have ever seen.

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

My original mentors in Plymouth Rocks were Tim Bowles, Hugh Barnett, Carl Fosbrink, and Russell Hammann. Russell and I both showed Partridge bantams at shows in our area. He would have BV one week and I would have it the next week. Once in a great while we might even get a BB or RB. Tim, Carl, and Hugh probably taught me more about Plymouth Rock type than anyone else. Later influences were Don Cash, Shelby Harrington, Dick Horstman, Bill Krueger, Paul Monteith, and Wilbur Stauffer. Many of these people I have mentioned remain some of my best friends today. Carl and Paul were the two responsible for my being

Secretary of the Plymouth Rock Fanciers Club for many years. I think my involvement with the PRFC, the SOPA, and the ABA are what prepared me for the position of APA Secretary which I currently hold.

Q: What varieties do you raise?

I currently only have Partridge bantams but have raised Barred, Partridge, and White Large Fowl as well as Barred and Silver Pencilled bantams.

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

For me it is not really about winning as I am not super competitive with the birds. It is about getting to travel to new parts of the country, meet new fellow fanciers, and visit with many of the old friends I have made over the years. I also enjoy watching my new crop of youngsters grow out each year in the hope that I have gotten a little closer to the perfect specimen.

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

One of the biggest faults that I see concerns the Barred bantams. Carl Fosbrink and I used to go around and around about this one. Many of them, if examined closely, owe all of their length of body to the length of their tails. I also have struggled with getting good pencilling in my females. As regards the large fowl, I think that some of the whites in particular are getting too big.

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

My wife Melissa and I live on my family's farm in Lucasville, Ohio. Our family has owned the farm since the late 1800's and it is really the only home I have ever known. Our daughter Katelin Crute lives in Seattle, Washington and volunteers as Webmaster for the APA. My other hobby is playing tournament level Bridge. For those not familiar with it, Bridge is a card game that, after playing for more than thirty years, I am still learning! The strange thing about my two hobbies is that while both are very different, ultimately it comes down to getting points! My level of competitiveness is much greater at the Bridge table than it is in the showroom. For many years I have been judging youth and Junior Fair shows. I am a retired high school math and science teacher and very much enjoy working with youth.

If you are interested in participating in a Breeder Profile, please email plymouthrockfancierclub@gmail.com. All members including Juniors are welcome!

HALL OF FAME OFFICIAL BALLOT

The Hall of Fame Committee has nominated Mr. Kraig Shafer of Elida, Ohio to the Plymouth Rock Hall of Fame.

A majority vote by the membership is required.

_____ YES _____ NO

Please mail your completed ballot to: *Jill Burks, 978 Chestnut Hill Rd., Cambridge, NY 12816*

****MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 15, 2022****

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 us at plymouthrockfanciersclub@gmail.com. Thank you!

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