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I know that most of you are knee deep in chicks right now. Possibly ankle deep for those of you who focus primarily on bantams. At the same time we are juggling Spring shows with hatching and brooding duties at home. From some of the emails I get, a few people are getting crazy about now! Maybe caused by too much pressure . . . and also not enough *perspective*?

Perspective is important. Especially if you work with a tough breed that needs a lot of work. Either because it has been neglected over time, or it is very complex, or both. My breed of choice, the Araucana, is one of those complex breeds. Talking to non-Araucana breeders I often find I have more in common with the Jap breeders than anyone else. They understand how hard it can be to breed a really good bird when genetically it starts off with a couple of strikes against it. Others of you may be working with a breed of duck that has progressed to a stage where a good show prospect finds it hard to hatch unassisted. Who knows what draws us to these oddities of man's design that just make our eyes light up when we have bred or see a really GOOD one?

When I was at the Fayetteville, Arkansas show last November, I succumbed to "cute chick" syndrome and bought a pair of bantam Dominiques. They grew up to make a pretty pair and I hate to say it but they are my mom's favorites when she visits my chicken pens! I have set quite a few eggs this Spring from those Dominiques, and the fertility rate is pretty much 100% and they hatch like popcorn and thrive. They give me a break from the complexity of working with the Araucana. Plus, they really help me keep my perspective focused where it should be. I believe that while working with any breeds unique traits, our goals should also include breeding birds as fertile, robust, and healthy as they can be. Personally, my Araucana flock has made incredible strides in that direction over the years. But it is still nice to have my little pair of Dominiques as a "control group" for comparison.

Until next month ~
Ann Charles, Editor

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Champion Old English Game at the Blue Bonnet Classic, a Black Cock. Exhibitor: Marvin Cagle. Photo by Bob Choate.

Alabama Chicken & Egg Festival Is On A Mission to Educate!

The Alabama Chicken & Egg Festival is pleased to sponsor the Lawrence County 4-H Chicken Chain program again 2012 in conjunction with the eighth annual event. Coordinated by the Lawrence County 4-H Club, the Chicken Chain project is designed to teach students recommended management practices for raising and caring for chickens.

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2465 for an application and complete rules. Cost to participate is \$10 per student. Deadline for registration is March 28th.

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APA NEWS

April 2012

The election results are in!

Congratulations to the new slate of officers who will serve the APA well in the next two years.

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Please give these people your support when you see them.

I have a correction on the eye color for the Splash Modern Game that was published in the latest News & Views. The eye color should be dark brown. I apologize for the error and will put a note about it in the next News & Views.

After much research by the Show Awards committee and discussion at the directors meeting in Indianapolis, there have been some changes made concerning the mailing of the ribbons, pins and certificates. Show

awards (pins, certificates, and ribbons) will not be mailed to club and state meets unless the show committee requests them. The district, semi-annual, and annual meets will receive these awards as usual. The show report will be sent to all meets. If you would like to have the show awards, you must contact the APA office. It was also decided that APA awards should be given to any exhibitor, not just those who are APA members.

The semi-annual meeting at Avoca is fast approaching. One of the items on the agenda at the directors meeting is the placement of

semi-annual and annual meets for 2014. If your club or organization is interested in hosting one of these meets, please contact the office so that your bid can be submitted at Avoca. Also, if you have any issues that you would like to have discussed at the meeting, please contact your district director.

Don't forget – this is your organization. You have an elected board of directors, but they need input from the members to better serve everyone.

Pat Horstman

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Master Exhibitors

(for earning 20 starred wins)

ME#	ABA Member	State	* Wins
415	Jack Dodd	CA	29 wins
416	Burkhart Btms	TX	25 wins
416	Heather Hayes	BC	25 wins
418	Hipps and Price	NC	24 wins
418	Jenkins Bantams	GA	24 wins
419	Jerry Wiley	TX	23 wins
420	Johnson Family	CA	22 wins
420	John Pierce	NY	22 wins
422	Anthony Ashley	SC	21 wins
422	Troy LaRoche	ONT	21 wins
422	Robert Rhodes	AR	21 wins
425	Fischer Family	SD	20 wins
425	Joel Henning	NY	20 wins
425	Kyle Tripp	AZ	20 wins

Welcome 2011 ABA Master Breeders

*(For earning 20 starred wins in a single breed and variety over a period of not less than five years.)

Ken and Mary Aho, Michigan: SC Light Brown Leghorn. **Ken and Mary Aho**, Michigan: Partridge Wyandotte. **Bar S Btms** - Lee Barnes/Rick Sentker -Utah: Birchen Modern Game. **The Bennett Family**, Kentucky: Black Rosecomb. **Marvin Cagle**, Texas: Black Old English Game. **Brent Davenport**, Alabama: Brown Red Modern Game. **Fields and Proctor**, Tennessee: BB Red Old English Game. **Fields and Proctor**, Tennessee: Black Old English Game. **Fields and Proctor**, Tennessee: White Old English Game. **Fields and Proctor**, Tennessee: White Plymouth Rock. **Joel Henning**, New York: White Crested Black Polish. **Richard Hickman**, New Jersey: White Plymouth Rock. **Darlene Hobbs**, South Carolina: Buff Brahma. **Bill Hopkins/Hopkins and Horton**, Texas: Black Cochin. **David Johnston**, Georgia: New Hampshire. **Brad Jones**, Illinois: White Plymouth Rock. **Dan Karasek-Karasek Brothers**, Wisconsin: Silver Laced Wyandotte. **Jackie & Vanessa Koedatich**,

Massachusetts: Speckled Sussex. **Reynold Loecker**, South Dakota: Quail Belgian d'Anver. **Robert Rhodes**, Arkansas: Black Cochin. **William Sirrine**, Connecticut: White Cochin. **Jerry Wiley**, Texas: Buff Brahma.

*Starred wins defined as a win in a class of 100 birds or more. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THESE FINE EXHIBITORS - THESE ARE BIG ACCOMPLISHMENTS!

Note: I am working on some additional final calculations for the Lifetime Achievement Award winners and should have them ready to go at next month's printing.

Our 2012 National meet will be with the PPBA in Stockton California - January 2013. Keep tuned for further details.

2012 YEARBOOK: If you have advertised with us in the recent past, you should have received a copy of your ad with a reservation form. For those who may not have received theirs, please contact me at Fancybantams@embarqmail.com and I will send another one.

ARTICLES FOR THE YEARBOOK: THANK YOU TO THOSE THAT HAVE SENT THEM IN. You are the members that really make my job fun! Those that are thinking about sending one in, please do it. Dentistry is a great profession, but not my cup of tea - neither is feeling like you are always pulling teeth by asking for help with articles all the time. thank you Don Emery, Jimmy Rust, and Howard Kogan (to name a few)

who have really helped out and sent in some good things. Please join them - we want the book to be great and you guys are the ones to do it.

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Just Some Rambling

By Brian Reeder

Some months it is very difficult for me to come up with anything to write about. Granted, I have tons of information in my head and in my notes, both things I have read in the past and my own personal experiences and research, but it can be very hard to bring that into words and then to crop that into a short, concise article that fits the space available for it. So I often come back to the same subjects, because I feel I rarely really do them justice in a short article format. I don't want to repeat myself, but I think I can always add more information to a given subject. Maybe I have forgotten some little aspect of the subject, or maybe I have come across some new information that I want to share. Often I have simply found more I want to say on a given subject. On any subject I write about, I could probably write a book of a few hundred pages, if I wanted to.

The truth is though, while I write often, I don't always enjoy writing. I am not a big fan of time lines and deadlines. My best writing just sort of comes out of my head in a free flow, in its own time. When a given subject is burning in my mind, I will often just start writing and worry about cleaning that up for an article later. During months in which nothing is burning in my mind, I will then go back and dig up something I wrote in a more creative frame of mind. This month though, I just wanted to write something about the process and allow whatever would emerge to emerge.

Nothing is enflaming my mind right now. I am not terribly excited about my chickens right now, or chickens in general. I work with them, feed them and water them. In the past, I would have been heading into hatching season at this time. Now, I don't do any artificial hatching. I only hatch under hens and I don't want chicks now, so I am gathering all the eggs and discouraging setting. When I decide I want chicks, I'll start to leave eggs and let the hens do their thing. I have found for the last few years that I just don't have the energy to bother with artificial hatching. If a given hen won't set and raise her own eggs, I won't hatch her eggs or perpetuate her genetics. By doing this for years, all of my hens are really good setters, having come from generations of hens that could set and

raise their own broods. Of course, I no longer hatch in any large quantity. I am not doing any type of research that would require large numbers of birds, nor do I any longer have breeding aims that require large numbers of birds to make selection of a small number of birds with a given set of traits. My birds are fairly set for the traits I want them to have and so there is just no need to produce large numbers anymore.

Over the years, I have selected my lines for high disease resistance, vigor, calm disposition and the ability to thrive on mostly green food, except in the coldest weather, so my birds are very easy to care for. They are now much more a nice hobby, rather than an out of control obsession. I don't miss the days of the out of control obsession that fed my research with poultry. For many years, I honestly felt like a chicken slave. Now I have some chickens, and I don't give them a lot of thought to be honest. That can make it very hard to write something every month. For instance, this month, about the only thing I can say about my own chickens is that I have fed them. That's about the extent of my excitement where they are concerned.

I suppose my years of research and working with thousands of birds has made me a bit jaded. I suffer from the "been there, done that" syndrome. Some months, a particular theme will excite me, other months about all I can say is that I fed my chickens. I think any of us who have worked with chickens for a long time find themselves in this frame of mind from time to time. I call it "chicken jaundice". I have been working with poultry for nearly forty years now. I hope those of you who still burn with excitement can forgive us long-term breeders when we don't seem very excited. A lot of the time, we really aren't.

My grandparents worked with chickens nearly their whole lives. I remember my

grandmother, in her final years when she didn't any longer have chickens, once saying that you couldn't run fast enough to give her a chicken. I couldn't sympathize with that thought then, but now I can understand it. I don't want rid of the chickens I have, but I surely don't want any more. A few months ago someone contacted me offering some very rare Japanese chickens. There was a time I would have done most anything to get them, but when that offer was made, the person was horrified that I had absolutely no interest in them. Then the person asked why I didn't want them and I believe was angry when I said I didn't want to ruin my own lines with poorly selected stock. I didn't mean to offend. I was grateful for the offer, but what I said was true.

You see, I have spent two decades devel-

"I think point of reference is one of the things most lacking for most poultry breeders. They got this or that breed and don't even realize what garbage the breed is because they have never had a really good chicken, or they bought the old line (the huckster's favorite), 'Well, that's just the way this breed is'. That may be the way they are, but it doesn't mean they can't be changed."

oping lines of birds that don't have any major problems, birds that can be kept easily and don't have any major issues that require extreme measures of care, housing, reproduction or medication. To then bring in birds that have not been selected in that way, I would set my own lines back and have to go back to breeding large numbers of birds to get the tiny number or re-segregants that would match my own lines. I am not a preservationist. I think it is fine for people who are, but I'm not. I have very specific parameters of what I want in a chicken.

When I need to outcross, I know what lines to go to in order to get the results I want without ruining my lines in the process. My magic bullet is the Rhode Island Red for large fowl and Partridge Wyandotte Bantams for bantam outcrosses. Not every line will be of equal value, but I have found none that were just terrible.

With the RIR, I prefer the commercial lines available through the hatcheries. I know there are a few good lines of exhibition RIR out there, but it is so much easier to order 25 pullets as day-old chicks and then select out two to four of the best ones and use them for an outcross. The RIR are a unique breed that was developed through outcrossing and back breeding, and all the many years of both showing and commercial breeding hasn't managed to ruin them. Now that is a good breed! I am not sure why the Partridge Wyandotte

dotte Bantams are so good, but they are. Perhaps the breeders of that breed in the past just wouldn't tolerate poor-quality birds? That is enough to keep a breed good, but from the condition of the vast majority of breeds, you can see that few breeders have been so intolerant!

With that said though, there are many breeds that I love, I just couldn't tolerate the problems they have and didn't want to spend the decade or more it would have taken to fix them. They could be fixed, mind you, but it would require a real effort and a real intolerance of poor chicken traits, so I suspect it will never happen and in a hundred years, many of the currently popular breeds will be but a memory. That's ok too, I suppose, as things change and the only thing you can count on is change. Maybe there will be some interesting new breeds then? Or maybe there won't even be any humans? Who can say? Perhaps there will be humans and a whole host of fantastic breeds because people got intolerant toward poor quality chickens? I can dream, at any rate.

If you had asked me a few decades ago if the RIR was going to end up one of my favorite breeds, I would definitely have answered, "No, something so common? Not a chance!" But then the folly of youth is often based in ignorance, and the lack of a real point of reference. I now have much less youthful folly and much more experience from which to have a point of reference. I think point of reference is one of the things most lacking for most poultry breeders. They got this or that breed and don't even realize what garbage the breed is because they have never had a really good chicken, or they bought the old line (the huckster's favorite), "Well, that's just the way this breed is". That may be the way they are, but it doesn't

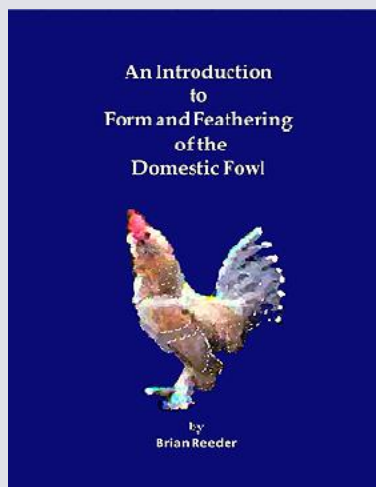
mean they can't be changed. However, it does require a point of reference to know both that they can be changed and that there are good chickens to have some point of comparison to work toward.

I would recommend to all beginners to get some Rhode Island Red large fowl (preferably from one of the catalogs) and/or some Partridge Wyandotte Bantams in order to gain experience of good quality, easily raised and bred birds that have strong fertility, production and disease resistance. I would caution though, you probably won't enjoy many other breeds after gaining that experience. Of course, you can always tell yourself that those other breeds just aren't supposed to be like the RIR or the Partridge Wyandotte bantam. If you can get yourself to believe that, then you won't have any problem with those other breeds. If however, you just can't get past the difference, you can always just go back to the RIR or PWB, or you can outcross the other breed to one of those two and work toward a better example of the alternate breed. It can be done. It isn't done quickly with one outcross. Weaving together the good traits of the RIR or PWB with the visual traits of another breed is not easy, but it is well worth it. You



The Rhode Island Red is the author's favorite large fowl breed for strong fertility, production and disease resistance. Pictured is an excellent Rhode Island Red cock who was Champion American at the Rison, Arkansas poultry show in March. He was exhibited by Roy Autry of DeQueen, Arkansas.

will need to raise a good number of birds in order to find the re-segregants that you want and you will probably have to go through a few generations to get your type and intangible traits combined, but you will have a nice example of any given breed when you are done. Now don't worry! I'm not actually asking anyone to do this, nor do I expect it, but just in case there is some enterprising young person out there who might have a passion for such work, I like to keep repeating that it is possible. At any rate, I can dream.



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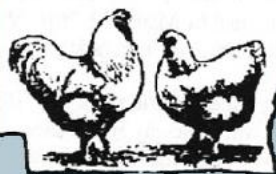
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Abstract quoted from: *Effects of protein levels and methionine supplementation of the diets of layers on egg production rate, fertility and hatchability of eggs in the tropics* . . . Gabriel M. Babatunde, Babatunde L. Fetuga; Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture, Volume 27, Issue 5, pages 463-470, May 1976

Our First Show for Spring 2012

Rison, Arkansas

March 3, 2012

~ CHAMPION AOSB ~

Black Araucana Pullet

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**Northeast Oklahoma Bantam
Show - Pryor, OK - March 3rd**

**SHOW CHAMPION
Black Cochin Cock
ROCKHILL POULTRY**

Northeast Oklahoma Poultry Club Spring Show Pryor, Oklahoma, March 3, 2012

~ Show Results ~

The Northeast Oklahoma Poultry Club Spring Show was held in Pryor, Oklahoma, March 3. This show is sponsored by the Pryor 4-H Chapter and they do a great job. Since they have a 500 bird limit, it was decided to have an all bantam show this year. Facility improvements had been made since last year and exhibitors were greeted by new lighting and concrete flooring throughout the barn. Although outside temperatures were in the mid-thirties at 7:00 a.m. coop-in, inside the barn was very comfortable. Doug Connally did a great job of placing the birds and most were on their way home by 3:00 p.m.

The Modern awards went to James Miller with a Red Pyle cockerel winning Best and a Birchen pullet Reserve.

Best Old English Game was a Black-breasted Red cockerel by Barnes Bantams who also had Reserve with a Black cockerel.

Best SCCL was a White Plymouth Rock cockerel by David Christy and Reserve was a White Leghorn cock by Steven and Gina Androes.

Conaway and Crotts Bantams had Best RCCL with a Silver Sebright pullet and Reserve RCCL with a Golden Sebright cock.

Best Featherleg went to Rock Hill Poultry with a Black Cochin cock. Robert Rhodes had Reserve Featherleg on a Black Cochin cock.

Levi Hames won Best AOCCL on a White-laced Red Cornish cockerel and Linda Harrison had Reserve AOCCL on a Bearded Buff-laced Polishhen. The junior exhibitors showed in the open show and then each junior exhibitor chose their top placing bird to compete for the top 5 junior awards. Levi Hames was top junior and Sheridan Walker was second place junior. Show Champion was the Black Cochin cock by Rock Hill Poultry. Reserve Champion was the Red Pyle Modern cockerel by James Miller. Thanks again to the Pryor 4-H Club and Show Superintendents Kenneth Kvittum and Angie Evans for all their hard work!

Results, photos courtesy of Janice Hall



Show Champion was a Bantam Black Cochin cock exhibited by Rock Hill Poultry.



Pryor, Oklahoma Poultry Show Junior Exhibitors - March 3, 2012

BLUEBONNET CLASSIC

College Station, TX

January 7, 2012

~ Show Results ~

(Story and photos by Bob Choate)

The 2012 Bluebonnet Classic is now history but hopefully it is the sign of good things to come for all of Texas. The show barn had 1624 birds entered in 5 different shows, Open and junior poultry show, Gamecock show, Pigeon show and a Back yard show.

The main attraction was the Open show and we had almost 1300 birds entered by 68 exhibitors. Those who show poultry in Texas know this is quite the turn around from the last 10 years where we have had a steady decline since our borders were basically closed. Hopefully we can keep growing as we add new members and exhibitors to our hobby.

One of the things we were quite proud of was the fact that we had starred wins in all Bantam classes except AOC. Also our large fowl classes were very strong with over 100 Continentals. The BVPC is now working on buying more large fowl coops to prepare for an even better 2013.

Another bright spot for this years Bluebonnet Classic was our first Bluebonnet Egg



Reserve Champion Of Show, a Brown Red Modern pullet shown by Bobby & Aileen Castlebury.



Grand Champion of Show, exhibited by Bill Hopkins, a black bantam Cochin cockerel.

show. Susan Lemke did a great job organizing and promoting this show and it went extremely well. I suspect great things for this show. Our purpose for this show is to get more people involved in showing. Even those who live in town and can't keep breeding poultry, but can have a few laying hens who lay perfect eggs.

Our desire for this total event is to create a show that has something for everybody, from the beginner to the seasoned exhibitor and all their kids. This was the first full year for our new officers in the Brazos Valley Poultry club and we can't imagine the club being in better hands. Tim Myers is our President, Wayne Williams Vice President, Dana Houghton Treasurer, Claudia Choate Secretary, Autumn Selman Publicity Director, and Susan Lemke reporter. We also have a Board of Directors but they are just a bunch of old men and know who they are.

We would like to thank our judges, Steve Beaty (NM), Jim Crain (LA), Steve Jones and Robert Chapman both of Texas. James Cooper judged our juniors and Gamecock show.

Congratulations to our show winner Bill Hopkins with a great black Cochin cockerel and our reserve Champion Bobby and Ailene Castlebury on a Brown Red Modern pullet. Champion Large fowl was Dark Cornish cock by the Campbells and reserve Large fowl was a Light Brahma pullet by Shannon Huggins.

The rest of the winners are:

Large Fowl

Champion American - R.C. Rhode Island Red Cockerel. Exhibitor: Aaron Hickson. Res. American - Barred Plymouth Rock Pullet. Exhibitor: Ruth Caron.

Champion Asiatic - Light Brahma Pullet. Exhibitor: Shannon Huggins. Res. Asiatic - Light Brahma Pullet. Exhibitor: Shannon Huggins.

Champion English - Dark Cornish Cock. Exhibitor: Campbell's Bantams. Res. English - Dark Cornish Hen. Exhibitor: Campbell's Bantams.

Champion Mediterranean - Light Brown Leghorn Cock. Exhibitor: Coultier Prairie

Poultry. Res. Mediterranean -W/F Black Spanish Cockerel. Exhibitor: Haleigh Cook.

Champion Continental - Black Copper Maran Pullet. Exhibitor: Beverly Robertson. Res. Continental - Black Copper Maran Cockerel. Exhibitor: ABC Marans.

Champion A.O.S.B. - Black Sumatra Cock. Exhibitor: T&T Poultry. Res. A.O.S.B. - Black Americana Pullet. Exhibitor: Aaron Hickson

Champion Large Fowl - Dark Cornish Cock. Exhibitor: Campbell's Bantams.

Reserve Champion Large Fowl - Light Brahma Pullet. Exhibitor: Shannon Huggins.

BANTAMS

Champion Modern - Brown Red Pullet. Exhibitor: Bobby & Aileen Castlebury. Res. Champion Modern - Silver Blue Cock. Exhibitor: Bob & Claudia Choate.

Champion Old English - Black Cock. Exhibitor: Marvin Cagle. Res. Champion Old English - Brown Red Hen. Exhibitor: Glenn Franklin.

Champion S.C.C.L. White Leghorn Cockerel. Exhibitor: Bill Hopkins. Res. Champion S.C.C.L. - White Plymouth Rock Cock. Exhibitor: Arbuckle & Rust.

Champion R.C.C.L. - Golden Sebright Hen. Exhibitor: Dwayne & Melody Jonas. Res. Champion R.C.C.L. - Partridge Wyandotte Cock. Exhibitor: Dykes & Houghton.

Champion A.O.C.C.L. - Dark Cornish Hen. Exhibitor: Dykes & Houghton. Res. Champion A.O.C.C.L. - Dark Cornish Cockerel. Exhibitor: Ron Greer.

Champion Featherleg - Black Cochin Cockerel. Exhibitor: Bill Hopkins. Res. Champion Featherleg - Buff Brahma Cock. Exhibitor: Arbuckle & Rust.

Champion Bantam Duck - White Call Cock. Exhibitor: Noah Ziesman. Res. Champion Bantam Duck - Black East Indies Cockerel. Exhibitor: Noah Ziesman.

Champion Bantam - Black Cochin Cockerel. Exhibitor: Bill Hopkins. Res. Champion Bantam - Brown Red Modern Pullet. Exhibitor: Bobby & Aileen Castlebury.

Waterfowl

Champion Medium Goose - Buff American Cockerel. Exhibitor: Silver Springs Waterfowl. Res. Champion Med. Goose - Buff American Cock. Exhibitor: Silver Springs Waterfowl.

Champion Bantam Duck - White Call Cock. Exhibitor: Noah Ziesman. Res. Champion Bantam Duck - Black East Indies Cockerel. Exhibitor: Noah Ziesman.

Champion Waterfowl - White Call Cock. Exhibitor: Noah Ziesman. Res. Champion

Waterfowl - Buff American Cockerel. Exhibitor: Silver Springs Waterfowl.

Junior Champions

Jr. Champ Bantam - White Call Cock. Exhibitor: Cole Annoot. Res. Champion Jr Bantam - Black Old English- Cockerel. Exhibitor: Jaden Walton.

Jr. Champ LF - Bearded Buff Laced Polish Cockerel. Exhibitor: Kimberley Jordan. Res. Champion Jr. LF - Black Australorp Pullet. Exhibitor: Michael Schwartz.

Jr. Champ Waterfowl - White Call Cock. Exhibitor: Cole Annoot. Jr Res. Champion Waterfowl - White Call Pullet. Exhibitor: Cole Annoot.



Champion Old English - Black Cock. Exhibitor: Marvin Cagle.



Champion Waterfowl - White Call Cock. Exhibitor: Noah Ziesman.



Champion A.O.S.B. - Black Sumatra Cock. Exhibitor: T&T Poultry.



Champion Continental - Black Copper Maran Pullet. Exhibitor: Beverly Robertson.



Champion A.O.C.C.L. - Dark Cornish Hen. Exhibitor: Dykes & Houghton.



Champion Large Fowl - Dark Cornish Cock. Exhibitor: Campbell's Bantams.



Champion S.C.C.L. White Leghorn Cockerel. Exhibitor: Bill Hopkins.

Upcoming APA & ABA Shows

April 2012

April 1, 2012

Kankakee, Illinois, Kankakee County Fairgrounds. Tri-K Pigeon & Bantam Club. Contact: Brian Malone (815) 697-2980

April 7, 2012

El Dorado, Arkansas. South Arkansas Poultry Club South Central Regional Classic. Contact: Billy Atwood (870) 942-7361, bildeb@windstream.net.

April 7, 2012

Frankfort, Kentucky, Frankfort Livestock Complex. Bluegrass Poultry Show and Swap. Contact: Marty Short (859) 274-3337.

April 7, 2012

Cookeville, Tennessee, Putnam County Fairgrounds. Upper Cumberland Fancy Feather Club Spring Show. Contact: David Rose (931) 788-6676, rosewood1@citlink.net .

April 10, 2012

Wyoming, Rhode Island, Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers Annual Spring Show. Washinton County Fairgrounds. Website: <http://www.littlerhodypoultryfanciers.com>. Contact: Don nelson, realrired@cox.net, (401) 539-7874

April 13-14, 2012

Vacherie, Louisiana, Oak Valley Plantation. 2012 Cajun Classic & Serama International Show. Contact: Jerry Schexnayder, (225) 265-2238, jerschex@aol.com

April 14, 2012

Knoxville, Tennessee, Tennessee Valley Poultry Club Dixie Classic. Contact: Cynthia Walker 865-207-6891 for show catalog.

April 13-14-15, 2012

Moulton, Alabama, Alabama Chicken and Egg Festival Poultry Show. website: www.AlabamaChickenAndEggFestival.com, contact: Linda Blaxton, 256-566-3109, 256-905-0700

April 14, 2012

Fort Payne, Alabama, Alabama Showbird Association All Bantam Show. .Jonathan Posey, jonjon.posey@gmail.com

April 14, 2012

Ventura, California, Ventura County Fairgrounds at Seaside Park, Seaside Feather

Fanciers 2012 Spring Fling. Contact: Dave Anderson, 1947 Grand Ave., Fillmore, CA 93015. 805-524-4046, danderson@keygroupinc.com

April 14, 2012

Bloomington, Indiana, Monroe County Fairgrounds, Gateway Poultry Club Show. Contact: Phyllis Saucerman (317) 996-2582, <http://www.gatewaypoultryshows.com>.

April 14, 2012

Hutchinson, Kansas, Kansas State Fairgrounds, Kansas Classic Spring Show. Contact: Barb Church (308) 548-8164, jandbpoultry@clarks.net

April 14, 2012

Greensboro, North Carolina. Carolina Feather Fanciers Association Spring Show. Contact: Karl Urshel, (336) 951-3309 before 9 pm Eastern, M-F, cffa@academicplanet.com, .

April 15, 2012

Uniontown, Pennsylvania, Fayette County

Fairgrounds. Contact: Steve Stanish, 724-439-5253.

April 21, 2012

Brownsville, Kentucky, Edmonson County Fairgrounds, Green River Poultry Club, Inc. Spring Show. Contact: Randy Graham, randy.graham@edmonson.kyschools.us, 279-246-7300.

April 21, 2012


Dickson, Tennessee, Chilton County Fairgrounds. Alabama Bantam Club Spring Show. Contact: Marty McGuire, Show Secretary (205) 699-3210 o4r (205) 577-7780, mcguiremw58@yahoo.com or Glen Cryar, gcryar@aol.com .

April 21, 2011

Sedalia, Missouri, Missouri State poultry Association 30th Aniversary Show, Missouri State Fairgrounds. Contact: Bernita Miller, 300 North Franklin, Windsor, MO 65360. bmiller@iland.net, 660-647-2474.

April 21, 2012

Clanton, Alabama, Alabama Bantam Club Annual Spring Show, Chilton County Fairgrounds. Contact: Claudia Gore, (205) 646-0604, or email: cgore@centurytel.net.



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810 Sweetwater Rd., Philadelphia, TN 37846
Phone: 865-717-6270 Email: nanamabrahma@att.net

April 21, 2012

Stevenson, Washington, Skamania County Fairgrounds. Pacific North West Poultry Association Show. Contact: Kevin at 909-327-1557, k.haywood.jr@gmail.com, www.pacificnorthwestpoultry.org

April 21, 2012

Mena, Arkansas, Polk County Fairgrounds. <http://www.rkrpoultryfarms.com/poultryshow.html>. Ouachita Poultry Show. Contact: Roy Snider 479-234-7810.

April 28, 2012

Dickson, Tennessee, Dickson County Fairgrounds, Vounteer State Poultry Club Show. Contact: Ami Shelton, 610 Sunny Ridge Circle, Dixon, Tennessee 37055. akshelton06122010@yahoo.com.

April 28-29, 2012

Greenville, Ohio, Dayton Fancy Feather Club, 105th Annual Show, Dark County Fairgrounds. Contact: Bill Sherwin, 937-687-2782.

April 28, 2012

Columbus, Indiana. Bartholomew County Fairgrounds. Feathered Friends Poultry Club 3rd Annual Show. Contact: Mandi Calhoun (812) 343-5940, msc0013@hotmail.com, or Matt John chknbrder@gmail.com

April 28, 2012

Alma, Michigan, Michigan Poultry Fanciers Spring Show. Contact: Matt Boensch, 989-529-7030, www.fowlfest.org

April 28-29, 2012

Scribner, Nebraska, Dodge County Fairgrounds. Cornhusker Poultry Club 2nd Annual Show. Contact: Barb Church, 308-548-2366, jandbpoultry@clarks.net

May 2012**May 5, 2012**

Hardinsburg, Kentucky, Hardinsburg Fairgrounds. Hardinsburg Poultry Club New Open Poultry Show. Contact: Arthur Decker (270) 879-8634

May 5, 2012

Hamilton, Montana, Ravalli County Fairgrounds. 7th Annual Spring Fling Exhibition Poultry Show. Contact : Jamie Rensmon (406) 443-4347, Laura Denitto (406) 544-7401

May 5, 2012

Newport, Tennessee, Cooke County A&I Fargrounds. Something to Crow About

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May 5, 2012

Peoria, Illinois, Exposition Gardens. Central Illinois Poultry Club 14th Annual Spring Show. Contact: Pem or Randy Jackson (815) 488-5200 or (815) 303-7192 or Steve Gerdes (309) 399-7403.

May 6, 2012

York, Pennsylvania, York County 4-H Center. York County Poultry Fanciers Association Annual Spring Show. Contact: Tom Topper, 810 Fleshman Mill Rd., New Oxford, PA 17350, (717) 624-0065, ttopper25@yahoo.com

May 6, 2012

Hamburg, New York, Erie County Fairgrounds. Buffalo and Western New York Poultry Show. Contact: Rick Hare (716) 592-0766

May 11-12, 2012

Avoca, Iowa, APA Semi Annual (Double Show) Contact: Diana. Judges: Gary Overton, Jim Sallee, Pat Lacey and Eric Kutch. Contact: Diana Dahir, (712) 485-2412

May 19, 2012

Shelbyville, Kentucky, Shelby County A&M Fairgrounds. Contact: R.H. Bennett (502) 664-0870, rbennett57@mac.com, <http://www.kentuckianapoultryclub.com>.

May 19, 2012

Augusta, New Jersey, Sussex County Fairgrounds. 'Think Spring' Sussex County Poultry Fanciers. Contact: Arlene Silker, 154 Co Rd 560, Layton, NJ 07851 (973) 948-6451, chickens1234@hotmail.com

May 20, 2012

Wyoming, Rhode Island, Little Rhody Poultry Fanciers Annual Spring Show. Washinton County Fairgrounds. Website: <http://www.littlerhodypoultryfanciers.com>. littlerhodypoultry@cox.net, littlerhodypoultry@cox.net

May 26-27, 2012

Lucasville, Ohio, Scioto County Fairgrounds, Southern Ohio Poultry Association 50th Annual Show. Contact: Dave Adkins, 740-259-2852 (evenings).

June 2012**June 2, 2012**

Pueblo, Colorado, Colorado State Fairgrounds. 6th Annual Colorado Poultry Association Spring Show. Contact: Cara Smith, CPA Secretary (970) 847-3614, silverpullet@kci.net, www.freewebs.com/coloradopoultryassociation

June 2, 2012

Syracuse, New York, New York State Fairgrounds. Finger Lakes Feather Club 55th Anniversary. Contact: Charles Casper (315) 255-1982, casper3333@verizon.net

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