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**On The Cover . . . . .** From the Backwoods Benefit Poultry Show held March 9, 2019, Rison, Arkansas. . . The Grand Champion of the Show was a Bantam Black Breasted Red Old English Game cockerel exhibited by Shane's Bantams. Cover photo by Julie Graves

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## From the Editor . . .

It's been a tough winter for most of us. Temperature swings, polar vortexes, and flooding rains and blizzards have our birds, and all of us, not knowing whether Spring is coming or going. For almost three months now we have had temperatures reach the seventies and suddenly eggs are everywhere, then a north wind comes in and all the birds are freezing again and they shut down. I have to think that this erratic weather has an effect on our birds and our potential as breeders to hatch enough chicks for the Falls shows in the best time frames for our particular breeds. I guess we won't know when Fall gets here and the fruits of our breeding programs are showcased. Those of you further North? . . . I can only be grateful I am not where you are.

If your breeders aren't producing in time for the National Shows this Fall, just remember that the APA Semi-annual is in Columbia, Mississippi in January 2020. That is just a little over two months after the 2019 APA National. Columbia would be a great place to show your late hatches that were not mature enough for the Fall shows. It's a good club with a huge barn and a good facility with plenty of room to hold a big show like the semi-annual. New Winter-Spring shows in the South are increasing at such a rate that you could show almost every weekend, somewhere, January through April, and even in to May. I remember when I first started exhibiting poultry that shows in the early part of the year were few and far between. Most breeders would say, "they are all in the breeding pens". But, no more. More shows, more entries, more exhibitors. That says good things for our hobby.

You may notice this issue is loaded with early show results from around the country. Thank you to everyone who sent them to us. Please keep up the good work and do send us photos of your winning birds for publication, even if you have to take them when you get home.

Good luck at the shows,

Ann Charles, Editor

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## Buffalo Gnat Alert! It's that time of year again . . .

"Black flies are tiny, blood-sucking flies often called buffalo gnats or turkey gnats. Contrary to their name, black flies may be gray, tan, or even greenish. They usually breed in fast moving water of streams and rivers. They are tremendous pests of humans, domestic animals, and wildlife every spring in northern areas of the United States and Canada. They may be encountered from March to June.

"Buffalo gnats can kill chickens and livestock by nuisance effects alone. Chickens have been reported to die of suffocation after buffalo gnats clogged the birds' respiratory tracts. Wild birds and poultry have died from a toxic shock-like syndrome caused by the saliva from black fly feeding. Buffalo gnats may transmit various diseases, including leucocytozoonosis, a disease of turkeys, geese, ducks, and sometimes chickens.

"Fortunately, buffalo gnats are daytime biters and rarely venture indoors. So one thing you can do is go inside if the gnats are biting. Providing shelters for poultry may help, since the flies don't like enclosures.

"Although not specifically labeled for black flies, there are on-animal products labeled for mosquito and biting fly control that you can apply directly to chickens. Many of these prod-


ucts contain the active ingredient permethrin and may also be used directly on poultry.

Buffalo gnats generally only live 4 to 5 weeks and should go away in hot summer. 85 de-

grees and above kills them.

For more on Buffalo Gnats go to:  
<http://extension.msstate.edu/publications/information-sheets/what-do-about-buffalo-gnats-or-black-flies>

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## RETIREMENT

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Our national director/coordinator is retiring as of August 2019. We would like to invite anyone interested in this position to apply by sending a letter of interest or resume' stating your skills and what you feel you can bring to the association. This is a volunteer position. Experience in our purebred/exhibition poultry hobby is needed.

There are multiple duties of the national coordinator. A person must have some computer skills and be familiar with programs such as Excel, MS Word, PayPal and other programs.

Traveling and attending shows to set up a club table is a bonus and with pre-approval from the YEPA board of directors, some reimbursement is sometimes available towards travel expense. Hours are variable. Approximately 20 hours per week are usual but there are times it is less and at times they may be more.

For more information you may contact Doris in the YEPA office at 423-371-4007 or email [chickenbarn@att.net](mailto:chickenbarn@att.net).

**I**t's Spring time YEPA Members! You know what that means...Chicks yay!!! I go back and forth about my favorite time of year in regard to exhibition poultry...I love the hustle and bustle and excitement of shows, but I also love the excitement of chicks and watching (and hoping) for those future champions!

Speaking of chicks...Last year I purchased six heat plates, nipple style waterers, and tried both corncob and pelleted bedding as opposed to shavings. I really do believe the heat plates are a blessing and the combo of pelleted bedding, nipple style waterers, and the heat plates resulted in a great grow out rate, cleaner brooders, and less work on us humans end for cleaning!

One thing I try to do for you guys is keep an eye out for neat ideas I hear about on Facebook and at shows. One thing I saw was an idea by Michelle Sepiol which was so much better than what we had been doing and I think would be of great help. She said she prints out a copy of her entry forms and puts them in a clear sleeve that she can write on and takes them to shows. Sounds simple right?!

I'm actually going to make a place in the trailer to hang a clip board with the sheet, so nothing gets left behind from now on. Believe me it happens...birds get left at home, in trailers, boxes, and even at shows more than you'd think.

Another thing I personally do is bring copies of show reports to the shows and fill them out even if we don't win. The form is usually pretty simple and doesn't take much time to fill out. A d'Anvers club member of mine keeps a notebook with details from every show and wins including # in the class, what was shown, what won, and so on. I thought this was a great idea and I started keeping my own "show diary".

Lastly, in the spirit of hatching season I've been trying to figure out the best way for me to keep chicks of the same varieties, but different pens, separated at hatch so I could mark them. Marking the eggs before they hatch is easy but when you have 60 chicks hatching at once keeping them separated is impossible if they are all hatching together. Some ideas I have seen and will be testing out are using linen or onion bags, stagger hatching, making small boxes out of hardware cloth, using green strawberry baskets, and dividing the bottom of the incubator.

Do you have something that you found to be really helpful or works great you would be willing to share? We always welcome articles from members and they are great to add to your ACE books!

Until next time, happy hatching!!!

Michelle Lynch  
YEPA News Editor

## OEGBC of NC

### Unifour All Breed Show

March 2, 2019

Salisbury, North Carolina

Judges: Ben Porter & Tim Bowles

Results by: Neil Mahaffey

#### OPEN BANTAMS (528)

Champion Modern (15):

Birchen P - The Cranes. Champion OEG (333): Black Old English H - Carolina Bantams.

Champion SCCL (53): White Plymouth Rock P - Chad Blair. Champion RCCL (112): Silver Sebright H - Craig Fields. Champion AOCCL (0): None entered. Champion FL(15): Mottled Cochinchin P - Darrell Garland.

#### OPEN LARGE FOWL (21)

Champion American: Silver laced Wyandotte P - Zack Hartman. Champion Asiatic: Black Langshan P—Christa Evangelisto. Champion Mediterranean: SC White Leghorn H—Nicole Cox. Champion English: Light Sussex K—Christa Evangelisto.

Champion Large Fowl: Black Langshan P, Christa Evangelisto. Reserve: SC White Leghorn H, Nicole Cox

#### Champion Bantams & Show

**Champions:** White Plymouth Rock P - Chad Blair. Reserve: Silver Sebright H - Craig Fields.

#### JUNIOR SHOW RESULTS

(35 birds competing)

Grand Champion of JR Show: Brown Red Modern H - Lauren & Camden Fields. Reserve Of JR Show: Brown Red Old English P - Lane Branch.



Silver Sebright Hen - Craig Fields (Craig Field Photo).

A large graphic featuring a circular logo with a gold border. Inside the circle, a rooster and a hen are shown in a field under a blue sky with clouds. The text "Breeder And Exhibitor Of" is at the top, "skyBlueEgg" is in the center, and "Araucana" is at the bottom. Below the circle, it says "Multiple National Champion Araucanas". At the bottom of the graphic is a gold ribbon banner with text about breeding Araucana and contact information for Ann Charles.

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## April 2019 News

Hello from the APA Office! Things have been a little slower here than I expected in February and early March, but I am sure it will pick up as the spring shows kick off. In January there were a lot of membership renewals but those have tapered off. Everyone with a 1/1/2019 expiration date was mailed a "Final Notice" postcard giving them until April 10<sup>th</sup> to renew and I hope they all will. For those with email addresses this is at least their third notice. Anyone who receives a paper copy of the newsletter is provided their membership expiration date as the first line of the address label. We don't want to remove anyone, but cannot carry folks indefinitely without the payment of their dues.

I have had a couple of questions from members who renewed through Member Planet concerning membership cards. When I assumed this position, I understood that members who renewed through Member Planet had the ability to print their own card. When I looked into this, I found out the membership card template had not been set up. That has been corrected and you can print a membership card by selecting the "My Profile" choice on the left of the screen when you log

in. One of the choices that will appear is "Member Card" when you hover with your mouse over the "My Profile" tab. Click on the "Member Card" choice and select the drop-down tab by the gear icon. "View Card" will appear and if you select that you can then download a PDF that you can print. Anyone who wants a card can also contact the office and I will be happy to drop you one in the mail.

Another membership issue that seems to cause some confusion is Junior memberships. All members under 18 years of age must sign up as Junior members. This does not mean you may only show in the Junior or Youth portion of a show. Junior members have all of the rights and privileges of all other members with the exception that they cannot vote in an APA election. They may show in open shows, accumulate points, win awards, etc. just like any other member. They may also show birds in the Junior or Youth shows as long as the same birds are not shown in the open.

The Yearbook Committee is hard at work putting together another quality product to be delivered early this summer. Advertising rates remain the same as last year and can be found on the APA's website or by contacting the office. Anyone who wishes to submit an article is also welcome to do so. A copy of the yearbook is sent to each Annual, Junior, Life, and ETL member as well as to each advertiser. I also send a

copy to each new member who joins the APA. This means your ad reaches at least 4,000 people that are somehow involved in exhibition poultry. Pretty cheap advertising when you look at that way!

Thanks for taking the time to read my ramblings. Please let me know if you have questions, concerns, or need anything from the Office. Good luck at the spring shows!

David Adkins,  
APA Secretary



## ABA Happenings April 2019

Greetings,

Sending congratulations to all our 2018 Master Exhibitors, Master Breeders and Certificate of Merit Winners

Master Exhibitor awards are awarded to ABA members completing 20 starred wins (defined as a win in a class of 100 or more birds)

Congratulations to our 11 2018 recipients: #502 Samantha Wulff, IN - 31 wins; #503 Hunter Bantams, Ric Hunter, TX-30 wins; #504 Robert Bentley, NY - 28 wins; #505 John Beamer,



Beamer's Poultry, ONT-25 wins; #506 Black Coffee Ranch, Chad Satterfield, SC- 24 wins; #506 Daniel Neal, Neal's Bantams, NC- 24 wins; #508 Don Harrington, ONT- 23 wins; #508 Janice James, CA -23 wins; #510 Gene & Charlotte Geroche, CA -21 wins; #511 Donald Dean, NC - 20 wins; #511 Kevin and Karen Unrath, NJ -20 wins.

We are honored to award Master Breeder to the following 18 winners: Beams Poultry Yard - David M Sr. & David M. Jr, AL - Brown Red Modern Game; Silver Blue Modern Game and Silver Duckwing Old English Game; Tim & Kevin Byess Family, GA - White Plymouth Rock; Marvin Cagle, TX, BB Red Old English Game; Craig Fields, Silver Sebright; Bill Hopkins, TX- SC White Leghorn; Janice James, CA – Dominique, Jenkins Bantams, Junior Jenkins, GA -White Old English Game and Black Wyandotte; Dwayne & Melody Jonas, TX- SC White Leghorn; L. R. Morey, FL -White Call Duck; Seth & Eli Smith, S & E Bantams, MO - Brassy Back Old English Game; Jim & Bonnie Sallee, CA—White Wyandotte; Bruce and Janice Sherman Family, CA - Black Wyandotte; Thompson Bantams, Brett Thompson, AL-White Wyandotte; Kevin & Karen Unrath, NJ -Quail Belgian d'Anver; Marcell Wagoner, AL – Black Cochins; Sherydan Walker, OK -Brown Red Modern Game.

We would also like to recognize those who are working towards the Master Level awards with the annual Certificate of

Merit awards. These ABA members are recognized once they earn a minimum of five starred wins in a single breed and variety. This year, we are pleased to recognize the following ABA members for their hard work and commitment to their birds:

Meghan Atchley, TN -Black Langshan; Aaron Baker, AR – Buckeye; Beams Poultry Yard, AL - Brown Red Old English Game; The Bennett Family, KY - Porcelain Belgian d'Uccle; Robert Bentley, NY -Buff Brahma and White Wyandotte; Kim Breakfield, MS -Bearded Black Silkie Jack Bryant, TX -Black Old English Game; Jack Bryant, TX - Brown Red Old English; Will Bryles, AR-Black Cochins; Jeff Burkhart, TX -Lemon Blue Old English; Tim & Kevin Byess Family, GA -SC Rhode Island Red; Gary Chambers Family, OH -SC Lt Brown Leghorn, Suzanne Chung, CA-Wheaten Ko Shamo; Edison Cigany, OH -Black Cochins; Rick Cobb, SC -White Plymouth Rock; Dodge Cowart, AR - White Wyandotte; Billye & Pinnie Sears Davis, MA -Bearded White Silkie; Jerry De Smidt, WI -White Ameraucana; Robert Downing, Jr., KY -Wheaten Old English Game; Jeff & Jessica Duguay, LA -Birchen Modern, Bobby Durr, LA -Black Old English Game, Craig Fields, NC -Golden Sebright, Fields & Proctor, NC-Blue Red Old English Game; Shanna Gardner, FL - Bearded White Silkie; Gene & Charlotte Geroche, CA - Columbian Plymouth Rock; Josh Griffin, Griffin & Redwine. IN -BB Red Old English Game; Don Har-

rington, ONT -Mille Fleur Belgian d'Uccle; Dwight Madsen, Heads up Bantams, MO -Blue Wheaten Old English and Spangled Old English Games; Tracy Hill, TX - Blue Wheaten Old English Game; John & Marlene Hoekstra, ONT, Black Langshan; Ric Hunter, Hunter Bantams, TX - Black Old English Game; Kane's Feathered Friends, VA – Dark Cornish; Shannon Lejeune, LA – Dark Cornish; Tim Lindenborn, TX -SC Red Rhode Island; Jerry Little, KY -Black Wyandotte, Jerry Mc Carty, LA -Black Wyandotte; Tim Myers, TX -BB Red Old English Game; A and B Nelson, TN – Wheaten Old English Game; John Philpot, KY -White Wyandotte; Todd Price, TX -Quail Belgian d'Anver; Adam Ray, WI -SC Rhode Island Red; Christopher Rob, PA -Black Cochins, Christie Ross, OK-White Cochins; James Konecny, Royal Oaks Farm, IL - Black East Indie; Simpson & Howell, GA White Old English Game; Rhonda & Rihana Smith Family, GA – Black Cochins; Todd Spidel, AL-White Call Duck; Roy Stacy, OH -Wheaten Old English Game; Mike Stanton, ID -Quail Belgian d'Anver; C Vic Stirnmen, IL -Birchen Modern Game; Tim Temple, MI - Gray Japanese; James Treadway, TN -Wheaten Old English Game; Matt Ulrich, AL -SC Rhode Island Red; Steven Van Lochen, ONT -Black Old English Game; Allen Wetherbee, AZ -Quail Belgian d'Anver; Samantha Wulff, IN – Buff Brahma and Birchen Modern Game.

Karen Unrath -  
ABA Secretary

# The Story Behind My Champion Paint Silkie

By Sharon Honea

The Paint variety of Silkie (a white Silkie with black spots) is a fairly new color of Silkie, having been created by Judy Lee back in 2000. I started breeding Paint Silkies about 6 years ago with a 'pet quality' Naked Neck Paint cockerel gifted to me from a friend who had purchased hatching eggs from Judy Lee.

At the time I started showing Silkies, the Paint variety was not



an accepted variety, meaning that they had to show as a Non-Standard Variety and could go no higher than Best of Variety in a show. I usually won BV Paint Silkie and had a good many Champion AOV/NSV awards with my Paints, but I didn't think much of it, mainly because I didn't have much competition in Paint silkies back then (as in, I was the only one entering Paint Silkies). Still, I knew I had bred some pretty good Paint's, but my first real competition was at the Dixie Classic held in Knoxville, Tennessee. This was the year that Paint silkies were up

for consideration by the ABA to be a recognized variety - 2017. There were 63 Paint Silkies entered in what was the APA Nationals that year. And even though I placed no higher than a respectable #1 placing with a Paint hen, I was competing against some of the best bred Paints in the Nation.

After my first 'big' win with a Paint Silkie, I started breeding Paint Silkies in earnest. Judy Lee, the original breeder and creator of the first Paint Silkie had put up a "bounty" of sorts



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for the first person to win a class Champion "Feather Leg" win in a sanctioned show. Oh how I love a challenge! In the Spring of 2018, I started breeding Paint Silkies in earnest, but the majority of my babies were solid black or not very spotted. I ended up selling off my entire flock of Paints, except for just 3 birds. They were one of my original Paint hens and 2 young pullets that showed promise. One pullet in particular showed "type" at a very young age. I waited until this bird matured a bit before entering her into competition. Her first show was at 7 months of age. I entered her in the Dixie Classic / TVPC show in Knoxville, Tennessee on 12/1/2018. This was the same show where I had won best Paint Hen the year prior. Here she managed a 'Best Variety' Paint Silkie in a fairly large class, and so her show career began.

Her next show was the South Mississippi Standard in Columbia, Mississippi on 12/8/2018 where she placed

Best of Variety Paint both cards, but took a respectable Best of Breed Silkie, and was Reserve Feather Leg on the Blue card. Judge was Chris Hawes.

My pullet's third show was the Red Stick Poultry Show in Baton Rouge, Louisiana on 12/15/2018. Here she placed Best of Variety Paint on both cards and went on to win Best of Breed Silkie and Reserve Champion Feather Leg. The judge was Brian Caraker. Oh so close, but by now, several other breeders had also won a Reserve Champion 'Feather Leg' with a Paint Silkie.

Her 4th show was at the Calhoun 'Expo' Poultry show at Aniston, Alabama on 1/5/2019. Here she placed BB Silkie both cards, but also went on to win Champion Feather



Leg, Reserve Champion Bantam, and Reserve Champion of Show, Judge - Daniel Dysart.

Finally, a Paint Silkie had won the Feather leg class! In doing so, she became the very first American Paint Silkie to do so. History was made that day!





# CVPC Spring Show

**February 2, 2019  
Norman, Oklahoma**

~ Show Results ~

Results by CVPC  
Photos by Ann Charles

## BANTAM CHICKENS

**Champion Modern Game -**  
BB Red Cockerel, Levi Hames.  
**Reserve Modern Game -** Brown  
Red Cockerel, Stanley Johnson.

**Champion Old English Game**  
- Black Pullet, Evan Peterson.  
**Reserve OEG -** BB Red Cockerel,  
Kenny Wall.

**Champion SCCL -** White Leg-  
horn Pullet, Steven Androes.  
**Reserve SCCL -** White Leghorn  
K, Steven Androes.

**Champion RCCL -** Black Wy-  
andotte Pullet, Dale Willis &  
Gary Faulk. **Reserve RCCL -**  
Golden Sebright Pullet, Steven  
Androes.

**Champion AOCCL -** Dark Cor-  
nish Hen, Levi Hames. **Reserve**  
**AOCCL -** Buckeye Cockerel, Aa-

ron Baker.

**Champion Feather Leg -**  
Black Cochin Cockerel, Christie  
Ross. **Reserve—**Black Bearded  
Silkie Pullet, Wendy Rogers.

**Champion Bantam:** Black  
Wyandotte Pullet, Dale Willis &  
Gary Faulk. **Reserve Bantam:**  
**Champion Modern Game -** BB  
Red Cockerel, Levi Hames.

## LARGE CHICKENS

**Champion American -** Barred  
Rock Cockerel, Kevin Magness.  
**Reserve American -** Buckeye  
Cock, Aaron Baker.

**Champion Asiatic -** Black  
Langshan Cock, Anthony Scott.  
**Reserve Asiatic -** Black Langshan  
Hen, Anthony Scott.

**Champion English:** Buff Or-  
pington Cock, Larry Dye, OK.  
**Reserve English:** Buff Orpington  
Cock, Larry Dye.

**Champion Mediterranean—**  
Black Minorca Cockerel, Jeffrey  
Seidel. **Reserve Mediterrane-  
an—**White Faced Black Spanish  
Cock, Kara Baker.

**Champion Continental -**  
Salmon Favorelle Hen, Peters &  
Pacetti. **Reserve Continental -**



Show Champion: Black Bantam Wy-  
andotte pullet exhibited by Willis and  
Faulk (Rainbow Poultry). *Photo by*  
*Willis and Faulk*



Champion American - Barred Rock  
Cockerel, exhibited by Kevin Magness.



Champion Modern Game - BB Red  
Cockerel, exhibited by Levi Hames.



Champion Waterfowl - White Call Old Drake, exhibited by Cindy Rusk.





## ALFA Champions

Champion ALFA - Salmon Favorelle hen exhibited by Devin Peters & Amber Pacetti, Noble, OK. Reserve ALFA, Buff Orpington Cock, exhibited by Larry Dye, OK. (Photos by A. Charles)



White Maran Pullet, Shane Hardy.

Champion AOSB - Black Sumatra Cock, Peters & Pacetti. Reserve AOSB - Black Sumatra Hen, Peters & Pacetti.

**Champion Large Fowl** - Salmon Favorelle Hen, Peters &



Champion Asiatic - Black Langshan Cock, exhibited by Anthony Scott.

Pacetti. Reserve Large fowl - Buff Orpington Cock, Larry Dye.

## TURKEY

Champion Turkey—Narragansett Cock, Amber Motley. Reserve Turkey—Narragansett Cock, Amber Motley.

## GUINEA

Champion Guinea - Lavender Cock, Matt Coperrider.

## WATERFOWL

Champion Bantam Duck - White Call Old Drake, Cindy Rusk. Reserve Bantam Duck - White Call Old Drake, Cindy

Rusk.

Champion Light Duck - White Runner Old Drake, Patsy Carlisle. Reserve Light Duck - White Runner Old Drake, Patsy Carlisle.

Champion Medium Duck—Cayuga, Larry Dye. Reserve Medium Duck—Cayuga, Larry Dye.

Champion Heavy Duck—Pekin, Larry Dye. Reserve Heavy Duck—Rouen, Larry Dye.

Champion Duck - White Call Old Drake, Cindy Rusk. Reserve Duck - White Call Old Drake, Cindy Rusk.

Champion Medium Goose -

American Buff Young Gander, Jason Tate. Reserve Medium Goose - Gray Pomeranian, Larry Dye.

Champion Heavy Goose - Embden Old Gander, Larry Dye. Reserve Heavy Goose - Brown African Old Gander, Ethan & Whitney Coplin.

Champion Goose - American Buff Young Gander, Jason Tate. Reserve Champion Goose - Embden Old Gander, Larry Dye.

Champion Waterfowl - White Call Old Drake, Cindy Rusk. Reserve Waterfowl - American Buff Young Gander, Jason Tate.

Show Champion: Black Bantam Wyandotte Pullet, Dale Willis & Gary Faulk. Reserve: Salmon Favorelle Hen, Peters & Pacetti. Reserve: Salmon Favorelle hen exhibited by Devin Peters & Amber Pacetti, Noble, OK.

## CVPC JUNIOR SHOW RESULTS

### JR BANTAMS

Champion Modern - Birchen Hen, Kash Glass. (Reserve Junior Bantam). Reserve Modern - Birchen Pullet, Kash Glass.

Champion OEG - Black Old English Pullet, Sadie Ragsdalw. (Champion Junior Bantam. Reserve OEG - Wheaten Pullet, Kannon Merit.

Champion RCCL - Black Wyandotte Cockerel, Brian Ballard. Reserve RCCL - Black Rosecomb Hen, Kannon Merit.

Champion SCCL - Barred Plymouth Rock Pullet, Hayleigh

Barnett. Reserve SCCL -- Light Brown Leghorn Pullet, Carson Randall.

Champion AOCCL - Black Sumatra Pullet, Kamryn Glass. Reserve AOCCL - Dark Cornish Cock, Layden Dye.

Champion Feather Leg - Black Cochon Cockerel, Emma Ragsdale. Reserve Feather Leg - Mille Fleur D'Uccle Cockerel, Ashton McDaniel.

### JR LARGE FOWL

Champion American - Buckeye Cockerel, Tobi & Tate Unrau. Reserve American - White Wyandotte Pullet, Layden Dye.

Champion Asiatic— Light Brahma Pullet, Easton Horton. Reserve Asiatic - Black Langshan hen, Zoe Traylor.

Champion English - Black Orpington Cock, William Uglean. Reserve English—Buff Orpington Cockerel, Layden, Dye.

Champion Continental - White Maran Hen, Charlotte Spires. Reserve Continental - Salmon Favorelle Cock, Caleb Cooperrider.

Champion Mediterranean - Light Brown Leghorn Pullet, Caleb Cooperrider. Reserve Mediterranean - Light Brown Leghorn Cockerel, Caleb Cooperrider.

Champion AOSB - Black Ameraucana Hen, Kaylen Tatlor. Reserve AOSB - Wheaten Ameraucana Cockerel, Kailynn Cox.

### JR WATERFOWL

Champion Bantam Duck - Grey Call Old Duck, Wanda Hass. Reserve Bantam Duck— Black East Indie, Charlotte

Spires.

Champion Light Duck— White Runner Young Drake, Kash Glass. Reserve Light Duck—Fawn & White Runner Young Drake, Jasper Goracke. Reserve Medium Duck—Cayuga Old Drake— Caleb Cooperrider.

### GEESE

Champion Light Goose— Brown Chinese Old Gander, Jasper Goracke. Reserve Light Goose—Brown Chinese Old Gander, Jasper Goracke.

Champion Medium Goose— Gray Pomeranian Old Goose, Layden Dye. Reserve Medium Goose—White Sebastopol, Charlotte Spires.

### TURKEY

Champion Turkey—Royal Palm Cock, Caleb Copperrider. Reserve Turkey—Narragansett Cock, Kaitlynn Fago.

### GUINEA

Champion Guinea - Pearl Cock, Charlotte Spires. Reserve - Lavender Cock, Caleb Cooperrider.



Junior Champion English - Black Orpington Cock, William Uglean.





## Junior Champion Serama & Scorecard



SCNA SCORE CARD  
OPEN SHOW JUNIOR SHOW

EXHIBITOR Jubilee  
BAND # 10 ENTRY # 30

TRADITIONAL / SILKED / FRIZZLED / AYAM  
MALE FEMALE  
COCK / COCKREX / HEN / PULLET

TYPE	15	<u>13</u>
CHEST	15	<u>14</u>
TAIL	15	<u>12</u>
WINGS	10	<u>4</u>
LEGS	05	<u>8</u>
APPEARANCE	15	<u>13</u>
CHARACTER	15	<u>8</u>
PERFORMANCE	10	<u>85</u>

TOTAL 85

JUNIOR CHAMPION

Purple-Blue-Red-White-Yellow  
(OVER)

Champion & Reserve Light Duck - White  
Runner Old Drakes exhibited by, Patsy Carlisle.





## Alabama Bantam Club

### Double Show

March 19, 2019

Clanton, Alabama

- Bantams Only -

Show Results and Photos by  
Ann Charles

#### OPEN GREEN CARD SHOW

Show Grand Champion:

White Rock pullet exhibited by  
Brent Davenport, AL.

#### **CLASS Champions**

Modern Champion: Birchen  
hen exhibited by Wade Walker,  
OK. Game Champion: BB Red  
OEG cockerel exhibited by  
Douglas & King, AL. SCCL  
Champion: White Rock pullet  
exhibited by Brent Davenport,  
AL. RCCL Champion: Black Ro-

secomb pullet exhibited by  
Scott & Julie McDonald, MS.  
AOCCL Champion: White Laced  
Red Cornish hen exhibited by  
Brent Davenport, AL. Feather  
Leg Champion: Black Cochin  
cockerel exhibited by Keith  
Waggoner, AL. Bantam Duck  
Champion: Grey Call pullet ex-  
hibited by Amanda Richards, FL.

#### OPEN BLUE CARD SHOW

Show Grand Champion: Sil-  
ver Sebright pullet exhibited by  
Tom Carey, FL.

#### **CLASS Champions**

Modern Champion: Birchen  
hen exhibited by Wade Walker,  
OK. Game Champion: Black  
OEG hen exhibited by Igo &  
Dooley, AR. SCCL Champion:  
White Rock pullet exhibited by  
Brent Davenport, AL. RCCL



**OPEN BLUE CARD SHOW**—Show Grand  
Champion: Silver Sebright pullet exhibited by  
Tom Carey, Florida. *Photo by Tom Carey.*

Champion: Silver Sebright pul-  
let exhibited by Tom Carey, FL.  
AOCCL Champion: Black Suma-  
tra cockerel exhibited by  
Thompson Bantams, AL.  
Feather Leg Champion: Par-  
tridge Silkie pullet exhibited by



Exhibition Poultry Magazine livestreaming on Facebook while the judges make their final decisions for the Blue Card Show. Judges (left to right) Anthony Ashley, Danny Padgett, Troy La Roche, Jackie Koedatich (hidden) and Donald Barger. Far right is Brent Davenport.



Hannah LeBlanc, GA.

### **JUNIOR SHOW**

Green Card Show Champion: Jodi Frye, with a Barnvelder Pullet. Reserve Champion: Quin Feazell with a Birchen Modern Hen.

Blue Card Champion of Show: Jodi Frye with a Mottled Cochon Pullet. Reserve of Show: Quin Feazell with a Birchen modern Pullet.



Nutrena was a major sponsor of the poultry show. Blue Card Show Champion exhibitor Tom Carey (on the left), and Green Card Show Champion exhibitor Brent Davenport (on the right), are pictured with some of their awards.

# Orange Blossom Special Poultry Show Results

## March 2, 2019

### Bell, Florida

#### OPEN WHITE CARD SHOW

Show Grand Champion:

Doug Akers, Black Sumatra Cockerel. Reserve: Padgett Neff Farm, Black Muscovy Hen.

Champion Large Fowl: Doug Akers, White Plymouth Rock Hen. Reserve: Doug Akers, Black Sumatra Hen.

Champion Bantam: Doug Akers, Black Sumatra Cockerel. Reserve: Billy Grooms, Black Breasted Red OEGB Cockerel.

Champion Waterfowl: Padgett Neff Farm, Black Muscovy Hen. Reserve: Padgett Neff Farm, Blue Muscovy Hen.

#### **BANTAMS**

Modern Champion: Champion Farms, Silver Blue Modern Game Cock. Game Champion: Billy Grooms, Black Breasted Red Old English Game Bantam Hen. SCCL Champion: Koedatich, Hilker and Olson, Spangled Sussex Hen. RCCL Champion: Carey Bantams, Silver Sebright Pullet. AOCCL Champion: Doug Akers, Black Sumatra Cockerel. Feather Leg Champion: Jackie Minton, Black Cochon Cockerel.

#### **LARGE FOWL**

American Champion: Doug Akers, White Plymouth Rock

Hen. Asiatic Champion: Padgett Neff Farm, Dark Brahma Cock. English Champion: Jackie and Vanessa Koedatich, Black Australorp Hen. Mediterranean Champion: Scott Deese, Single Comb Ancona Pullet. AOSB Champion: Doug Akers, Black Sumatra Hen.

#### **DUCKS**

Bantam Duck Champion: Tracy Jenner, White Call Cock. Heavy Duck Champion: Padgett Neff Farm, Black Muscovy Hen. Light Duck Champion: Champion Farms, Khaki Campbell Cock.

#### OPEN BLUE CARD SHOW

Show Grand Champion:

Padgett Neff Farm, Black Muscovy Hen. Reserve: Rhonda Smith, Black Cochon Hen.

Champion Large Fowl: Matt Ulrich, Single Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerel. Reserve: Matt Ulrich, Black Australorp Cock.

Champion Bantam: Doug Akers, Black Sumatra Cockerel. Reserve: Billy Grooms, Black Breasted Red OEGB Cockerel.

Champion Waterfowl, Padgett Neff Farm, Black Muscovy Hen. Reserve: Padgett Neff Farm, Blue Muscovy Hen.

#### **BANTAMS**

Modern Champion: Justin Johnson, Black Modern Game Hen. Game Champion: Billy Grooms, Black Breasted Red Old English Game Bantam Cockerel. RCCL Champion: Carey Ban-



Open White Card Show Grand Champion—Doug Akers, Bantam Black Sumatra Cockerel. *Photo by Doug Akers.*

tams, Golden Sebright Pullet. SCCL Champion: Copper Ridge Farm - Steve Ferreira and Melissa Evans Single Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerel. AOCCL Champion: Doug Akers, Black Sumatra Cockerel. Feather Leg Champion: Jackie Minton, Black Cochon Cockerel

#### **LARGE FOWL**

Asiatic Champion: Padgett Neff Farm, Dark Brahma Pullet. American Champion: Matt Ulrich, Black Australorp Cock. English Champion: Matt Ulrich, Black Australorp Cock. Mediterranean Champion: Mike Gillespie, Single Comb, Dark Brown Leghorn Pullet. AOSB Champion, Doug Akers Black Sumatra Hen.

#### **DUCKS**

Heavy Duck Champion: Padgett Neff Farm, Black Muscovy Hen. Light Duck Champion: Champion Farms, Khaki Campbell Cock. Bantam Duck Champion: Tracy Jenner, White Call Cock.



## **JUNIOR SHOW RESULTS**

Show Grand Champion:

Hunter Sharp Silver Sebright Pullet. Reserve: Gwyn Lynch, Black Muscovy Cock

Champion Large Fowl: Hailey Hutchinson, Black Sumatra Cock. Reserve: Adysen Burns Black Orpington Pullet.

Champion Bantam: Hunter Sharp, Silver Sebright Pullet. Reserve Bantam: Sarah Dorrough, Single Comb Rhode Island Red Pullet

Champion Waterfowl: Gwyn Lynch, Black Muscovy Cock. Reserve: Gwyn Lynch, Blue Muscovy Hen.

Champion Turkey: Tess D'Ariano, Bronze Turkey Cockerel. Reserve Turkey : Tess D'Ariano, Bronze Turkey Cock.

## **JUNIOR BANTAMS**

Modern Champion: Hunter Sharp, Brown Red Modern

Game Pullet. Game Champion: Savannah Demeri, Black Breasted Red Old English Game Bantam Hen. SCCL Champion: Sarah Dorrough, Single Comb Rhode Island Red Pullet. RCCL Champion, Hunter Sharp Silver Sebright Pullet. AOCCL Champion: Copper Ridge Farm - Caroline Evans, Black Sumatra Pullet. Feather Leg Champion: Carley Bellamy, Mille Fleur Belgian Bearded d'Uccle Hen.

## **JUNIOR LARGE FOWL**

American Champion: Cora McLeod, Single Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerel. Asiatic Champion: Cyrus Pedersen, Light Brahma Cock. English Champion: Adysen Burns, Black Orpington Pullet. Continental Champion: Nicholas Alexander, Silver Spangled Hamburg Pullet. Mediterranean Champion: Hunter Sharp Single Comb White Leghorn Pullet. AOSB

Champion: Hailey Hutchinson, Black Sumatra Cock.

## **JUNIOR DUCKS**

Bantam Duck Champion: Chelsea Deese, White Call Cock.

Heavy Duck Champion: Gwyn Lynch, Black Muscovy Cock.

## **Showmanship Results 2019 Orange Blossom Special Poultry Show Bell, Florida March 2, 2019**

Pee-Wee

1st Place - Kendall Cole  
1st Place - Faith Walters  
1st Place - Kaylee Bellamy  
1st Place - Violet Dorrough  
1st Place - Ocean Baxter  
1st Place - Annalise Montalvo  
1st Place - Aiden Oakley  
1st Place - Vincent Marcus  
1st Place - Levi Dendinger  
1st Place - Autumn Harvey  
1st Place - Cason Walters  
1st Place - Hannah Hutchinson  
1st Place - Alyssa Williamson

Novice

1st Place - Karli Pixley  
2nd place - Elizabeth Weseman

Junior

1st Place - Kendall Copeland  
2nd Place - Chelsea Raymond

Intermediate

1st Place - Tess D'Ariano  
2nd Place - Nicholas Alexander

Senior

1st Place - Noah Deese  
2nd Place - Chelsea Deese



Open Blue Card Show Grand Champion: Padgett Neff Farm, Black Muscovy Hen.

*Photo by Norma Padgett.*

# Backwoods Benefit Poultry Show

March 9, 2019

Rison, Arkansas

Results by Frankie Harper

Photos by Julie Graves

## OPEN SHOW RESULTS

Grand Champion of Show:

Bantam BB Red OEG cockerel - Shane's Bantams. Reserve: Bantam Black Wyandotte cockerel - Colby Harris.

## BANTAMS

Grand OEG: Bantam BB Red OEG cockerel - Shane's Bantams. Champion Modern: Brown Red cockerel - Colby Harris. Champion SCCL: Lt Brown Leghorn cockerel - Dodge Cowart. Champion RCCL: Black Wyandotte cockerel - Colby Harris. Champion AOCCL: Buckeye cockerel - KO Shamo cockerel - Clayton Starks. Champion FL: Black Cochin hen - Addison Bryles.

Champion Bantam: Bantam BB Red OEG cockerel - Shane's Bantams. Reserve: Black Wyandotte cockerel - Colby Harris.

## LARGE FOWL

Champion American: White Plymouth Rock pullet - Dodge Cowart. Champion Asiatic: Black Cochin pullet - Addison Bryles. Champion English: Black Australorp hen - Addison Bryles. Champion Continental: White Crested Black Polish cock - Dodge Cowart. Champion Mediterranean: Whiteface Black Spanish cock - Kara Baker.



Black Wyandotte K - Colby Harris.



White Rock Pullet - Dodge Cowart.

Champion AOSB: Black Sumatra hen - Frankie Harper.

Champion Large fowl: White Plymouth Rock pullet - Dodge Cowart. Reserve: Buckeye cock - Aaron Baker.

Champion Turkey: Bronze tom - Jennifer Moffitt. Reserve: Bronze Tom—Sunni Deb Weaver.

## DUCKS

Champion Bantam Duck: White Call drake - Dodge Cowart. Champion Light Duck: Penciled Runner cockerel - Addison Bryles. Champion Medium Duck: Blue Swedish drake - Sunni Deb Weaver. Champion



White Call drake - Dodge Cowart.



Ch Medit: Black Spanish C - Kara Baker

Heavy Duck: White Muscovy pullet - Addison Bryles.

## GEESE

Champion Light Goose: Brown Chinese hen - Sunni Deb Weaver. Champion Medium Goose: Buff American male - Addison Bryles. Champion Heavy Goose: Brown African male - Dodge Cowart.

Champion Waterfowl: White Call Drake - Dodge Cowart.

## JUNIOR SHOW RESULTS

Grand Champion of Show: New Hampshire cockerel - Addison Bryles. Reserve: Black Ameraucana pullet - Addison Bryles.

Junior Champion Bantam: Black Cochin pullet - Addison Bryles. Reserve: Black OEG cockerel - Clayton Starks.

Junior Champion Large Fowl: New Hampshire cockerel - Addison Bryles. Reserve: Black Ameraucana pullet - Addison Bryles.

Junior Champion Turkey: Bronze tom - Sunni Deb Weaver.

Junior Champion Waterfowl: Gray Call pullet: River Eubanks. Reserve: White Muscovy pullet - Addison Bryles.



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# BATHING YOUR CHICKENS – FOR THE NOVICE

## *WHAT? BATH YOUR CHICKENS?*

It always amazes people when they find out you can bathe and groom a chicken. They laugh and say, “Why would I want to do that”? Just consider this. We bathe our horses, we bath our dogs, and we bath our cows and other animals. Why not a chicken? When you watch a dog show or a horse show on television or attend one in person, are those animals covered with dirt, mud or worse? Don’t you see the owners or the exhibitor primping, doing all they can to make that animal look it’s best and feel its best before it goes in front of the judge?

Chickens, like dogs and cats, get external parasites, such as lice and mites, mosquito bites, sometimes a tick or a chigger bite. One way to make them comfortable is to give them a nice bath. Of course, another way is to dust or spray them on a regular basis to eliminate the problem before it begins but not everyone does that either and that’s a whole other article and learning curve.

Of course, if you show your chickens or intend to show them, you want them as clean as they can be to show off that fancy dress they wear year around. You should never, nev-



This is not a suitable container for bathing this bird.

er, never take a dirty bird to a show, be it a chicken or a duck. Dirty birds don’t win, they are out of condition.

The next time you are at a show or a fair, take time to look at the birds. Which ones do you like the best, the birds with dirty feathers, dull combs and dirty feet or the ones that look like a picture out of a magazine? Stand back and really look at these birds. What do you see, what did the judge see? Why did he “place” one bird over the other? In some large shows, the placement can be very close and the difference between one bird being placed on Champion Row and one that is left in the cage will come down to it’s being clean and groomed if they are equally what we in the hobby call “showing well” that day.

In this article we’re going to

talk about bathing a chicken and we’re going to relate it to preparing a chicken for show since this is what most people go through when they get ready to show their birds. The photo’s we are using are compliments of our YEPA club members, Megan & Makayla Kinard.

When choosing a bird to show you need to look at two important things when you are picking your bird that you want to show. Number one is the bird meets the standard as closely as possible and it is in “condition”. Condition starts early in a bird’s life. Make sure it is fully out of a molt, there are no broken or ratty feathers. Number two, make very sure it is in excellent health without any health issues that you might spread to other birds in the showroom.

When bathing for a show, you should do it at least 3 to 5 days before the show. If you bath several days before a show this will allow plenty of time for the bird to dry completely and for it to work some of the natural oil back into the feathers. Grooming starts at bath time too. That includes trimming that over-long beak and toenails, shining up the comb, wattles, legs and feet. This is when you put them in the conditioning pen or cage, keeping them as clean as possible before you head to the show. The final, last minute touch-up/grooming takes place after your bird is in the show cage and just prior to judging. Be sure to take supplies you will need for this step.

Gather your bathing supplies and place them within easy reach. This list is simple and basic. You will need: 3 wash tubs, shampoo, white vinegar, an old toothbrush, dog nail clippers or human toenail clippers, maybe blow dryer, a small sponge or old wash cloths, several clean bath towels and a clean cage for drying. Some extras that you might want to have on hand are an emery board for making smooth the beak and nail trims, and a blood stop in case you cut a nail too short. If you don't have blood stop available cornstarch works well as a substitute.

Start with the three tubs of warm water. The tubs should be large enough to give you plenty of water and plenty of



room for a good bath. Don't try to bathe a large bird in a small plastic bucket because it just won't work! You can use laundry type tubs, large plastic buckets with rope handles, even the plastic storage tubs advertised to store blankets, etc. that you can purchase at any discount type store. Just be sure it's deep enough to hold a goodly amount of water.

Make sure the water is comfortable enough for a baby and it'll be comfortable for your chickens (warm but not hot). The first tub is used for the bath adding your choice of soap, the second tub is used for the first rinse and the third tub is used for the final rinse. In the second tub, put about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of white vinegar for every gallon of water to ensure you remove as much soap as you can from the birds feathers; in tub three you could put a very light dose of hair conditioner or a little Pyrethrum dip

to kill any lice or mites that the soap bath didn't kill being sure to follow the manufacturers instruction for dosage. (This dip is a fairly safe natural pesticide, a plant extract that's relatively non-toxic to humans and birds but it highly toxic to insects). You can get this from most poultry suppliers and sometimes in a local farm store.

Now the fun begins. Holding your bird with its breast resting in the palm of one hand and the other hand over the back securing the wings with your fingers, lower it slowly into the first tub of water, allowing a few seconds for the bird to realize what is happening. If it's the first time they will be insecure, not understanding what is going on. Be prepared for wings flapping trying to get out of the tub.

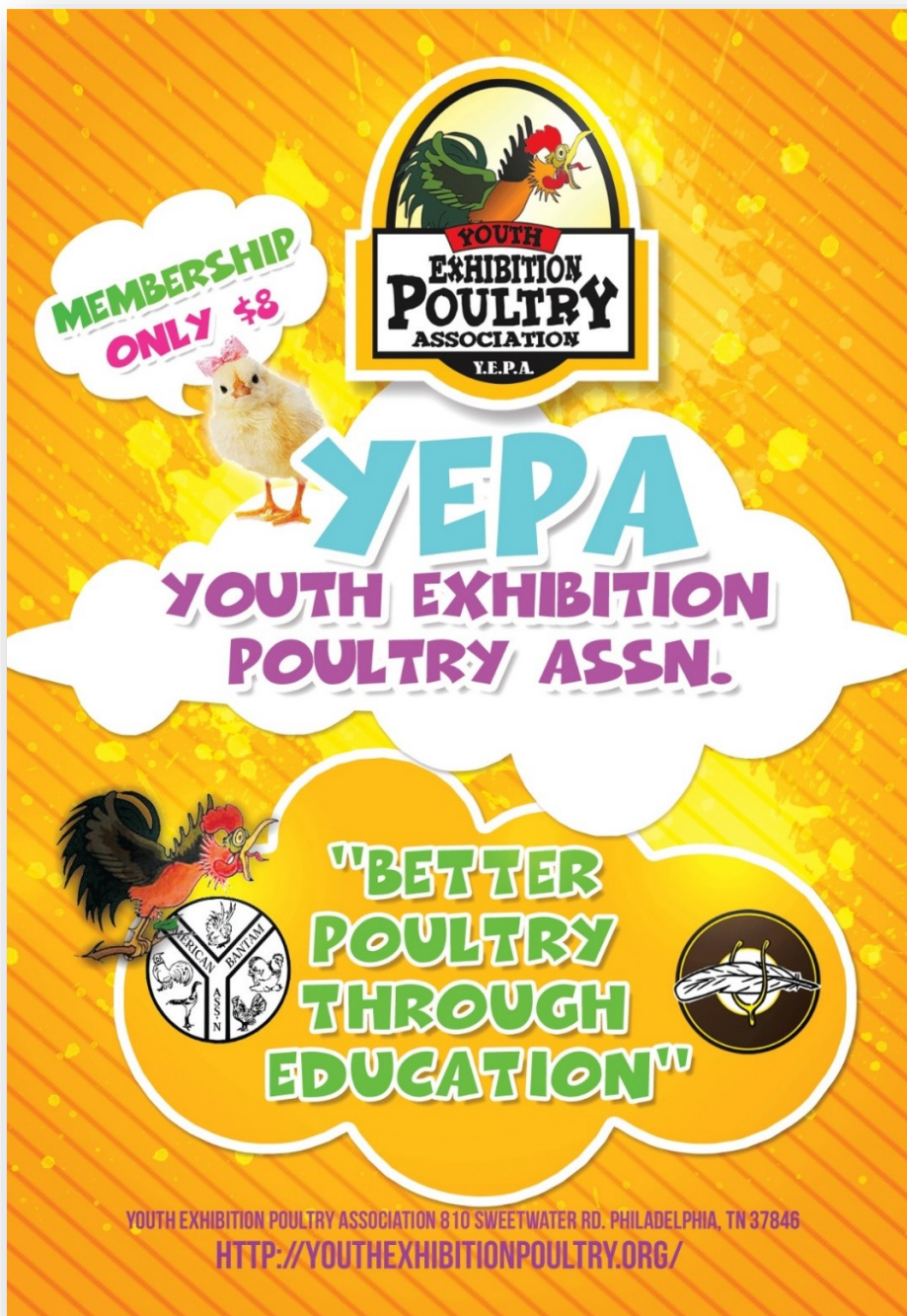
Most birds will relax after a couple minutes and some will even go to sleep during the process of the bath. This really



happens, so keep a watch on your bird so their head doesn't go under the water. If you hold him right, you can even let his head rest on the edge of the tub. Wet the bird with your hands or gently use a wet washcloth or sponge.

Once you have the bird thoroughly wet, start putting some shampoo on the dirtiest parts of the bird first. This is usually the vent area, the legs and feet. While these parts are soaking, shampoo the rest of the bird slowly and gently, being careful to go with the grain of the feathers and gently massaging the soap in towards the skin. If you go against the grain of the feather you are apt to break feathers or damage them in some other way. This just doesn't work if you are going to show that bird, believe me, the judge can find them. Take your time, be very relaxed, and do a good job.

Next, remove the bird from the first tub by holding it firmly under its breast with one hand and one hand on top covering the wings with your thumb and little finger. This will make the bird feel secure and you won't get a flapping wing shower. Let him drip off a little then place him in the second tub of vinegar rinse. Run your hand and finger all over the bird to be sure you get all of that soap out of the feathers. Following the same steps of holding the bird comfortably, move him to the third tub for his final rinse. Be sure to rinse, rinse, and rinse to get all of that soap out of the feathers.



Make sure there is no shampoo left in the feathers because this makes them look gluey and the feathers stick together when they are dry. (Think of drying your hair with shampoo in it).

Once you are quite sure you've rinsed the bird well take him out of the tub and wrap him in a towel leaving his head out of one end and his feet the other end. Sometime if they

have lots of feathers and the first towel has soaked up lots of water you should rewrap him in a second dryer towel. The experienced exhibitor often laughs and say they wrap the up like a burrito. This will help dry the bird and keep it still so you can clean its head, legs and feet. While wrapped, you wash the face, wattles, and comb with a small cloth or sponge. Trim the

top beak so that it is even with the bottom and use the emery board to smooth the edges. After a good bath and a good face washing, it's time for a good pedicure. Using the old soft toothbrush, give the legs, feet and toenails a scrubbing. Make sure you remove any old "poo" that is under the nails as judges do notice. You may need to use a little soap to do a complete job. Rinse them well under running water. Now clip the nails. The nails are much easier to clip once they have been softened in the water and are clean. Be careful not to trim too short as they have a vein that runs down through the toe and into the toenail. Clipping this too short will cause them to bleed. This is usually not serious, but it can get blood on the feathers and certainly is uncomfortable for the bird.

It's fairly easy to see the vein on white nailed birds but on darker nails you might have to look under the nail to see the vein. If the nail is a dark nail,

clip a little bit at a time, checking after each trim. If the nail does bleed, use blood stop or corn starch or flour to control and stop the bleeding.

Now your bird is ready to be put into its clean cage or carrier to dry. While all birds can be air-dried in a warm environment (not in the sun or in front of a heater, loose feathered birds such as Cochins, Silkies, Brahmas and Orpington's might benefit from drying with a blow dryer. Birds with tight feathers such as Old English, Modern Games, Rhode Island Reds, Wyandotte's, do better drying on their own. Like you a wet bird hates drafts and can catch cold, so be sure you put them in a draft free area.

Don't forget, if you are showing those birds, taking a grooming box with you for some last minute touch ups after traveling in a confined travel box. You want them clean & picture perfect for judging.

Remember never do anything to your bird or use any-

thing on your bird that might harm it in any way. You can learn much from other breeders and you may want to try some of the other methods. As you attend more shows, you will see other breeders groom their birds and you will learn more techniques and see other products used on birds.

Now you can walk away knowing you have done your job and that your bird looks its best.

There is a very good comprehensive book with photographs available on the Youth Exhibition Poultry Association website store; Bathing & Grooming for the Showroom, with a special article on washing white birds and another on cage training your birds.

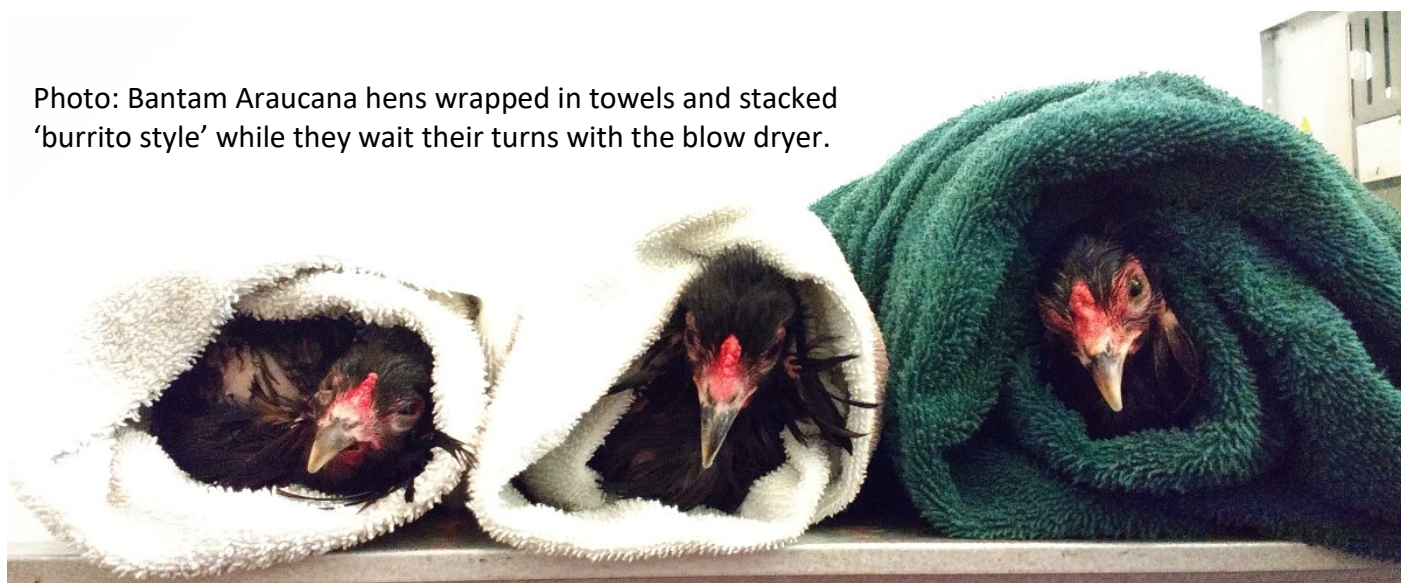
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Max Crude Fiber

4.0%

Crude Fat

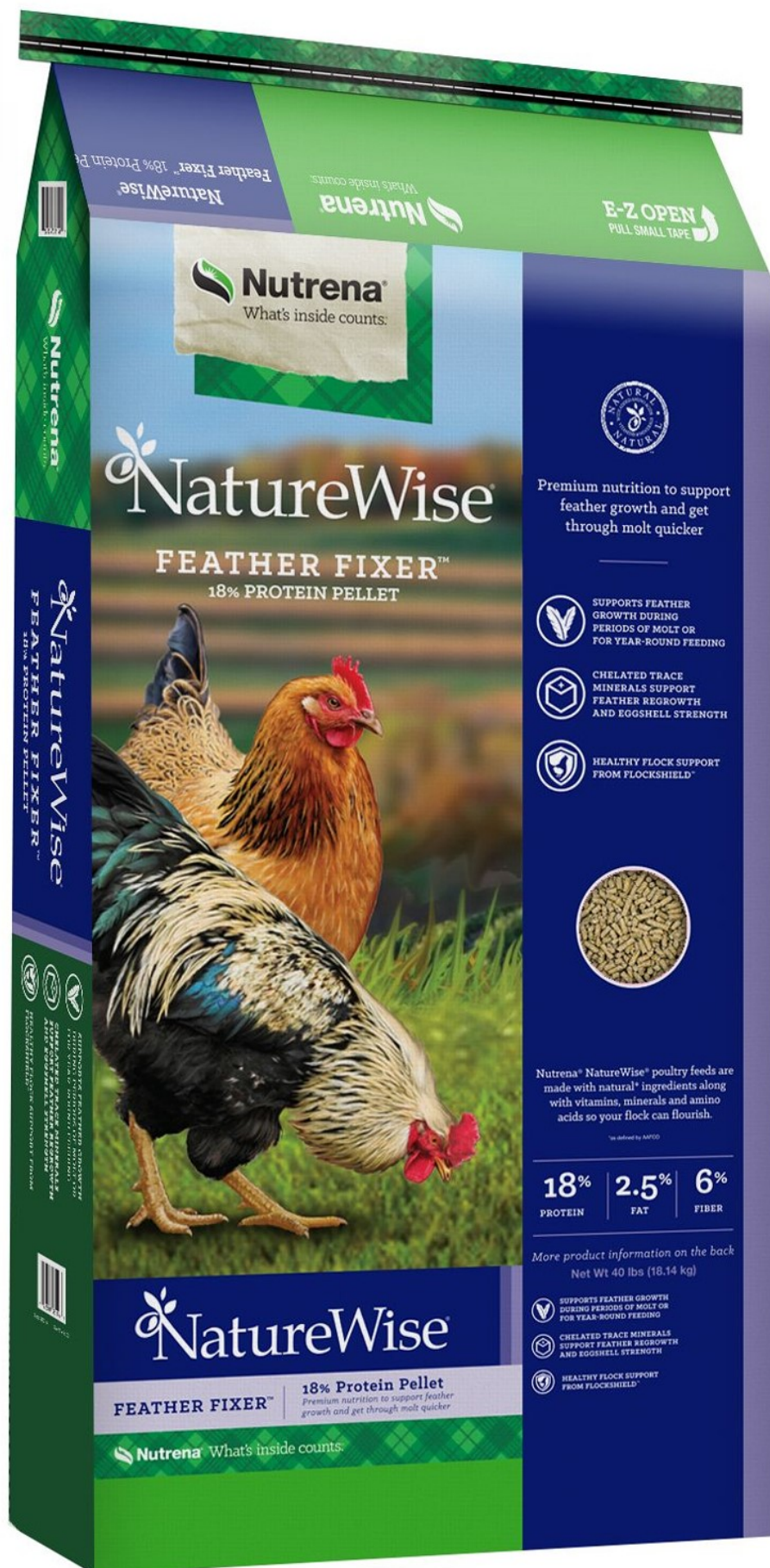
◆Premium nutrition to support feather growth and to get through molt quicker.

◆Supports feather growth during periods of molt or for year-round feeding.

◆Chelated trace minerals support feather regrowth and eggshell strength.

◆Healthy flock support from FlockShield™.

◆Supports golden egg yolks with Tagetes (Aztec marigold) meal.





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Norman, OK

# **MEGA SHOW**

# **Grande**

**National Club Shows Booked Thus Far:**

**2019 ALFA Nationals (American Large Fowl Association)**

**Old English Game Bantam Club of America Nationals**

**Araucana Breeders and Exhibitors Club Nationals**

**North American Cochon Association Nationals**

**SPECIAL FEATURE!**

**Serama Grande MEGA Championships**

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