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This is a picture of the Reserve Champion Rhode Island Red Standard of the Fort Worth Livestock Show, poultry show in Fort Worth, Texas on January 19 & 20 of 2002. There were 40 standard Reds in the show.



**Tail Cut from  
James Swanson**



**Wing Cut from  
James Swanson**



**CHAMPION LARGE FOWL  
JUNIOR SHOW  
S.C. RHODE ISLAND RED COCK**

West Central Ohio Poultry Breeders Association Show  
Wapakoneta, Ohio March 16 & 17, 2002

**LYNDEY PARTON**  
Anderson, Indiana

In late July or the first of August 2001, I sold all my standard Reds to Sam Caldwell, except for 2 trios, which I sold to C. W. and Edna Carey of Cross Plains, Texas. Even though I don't have any standard Reds now, the cockerel that was reserve breed, was one of the cockerels that Carey's got from me when it was about 3 months of age.

Thank you C. W. and Edna Carey for carrying on and taking such good care of my line of Rhode Island Red Standards.

This cockerel is the son of the reserve champion red standard of the fort worth livestock show, poultry show last year (2001).

David Bell  
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**Another Wing Cut from  
James Swanson's  
"Knickerbocker  
Line"**

**Deadline for Next  
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**CHAMPION OF BREED  
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District 9: Canada

District 10: All Other Foreign Countries

**Note from Steve Thibault**

Dear Matt,

After reading the show results in the last couple Chronicles, I thought I'd write and take credit for our bantam Red successes in the show room this past season.

In Cobleskill, NY-RB on ckl, Boston, MA-BB on ckl and RB on pullet, In Richmond, VA-BB and Res. SCCL on a pullet and RB on a pullet, NE Poultry Congress-BB on a pullet. I got beat in Deerfield, NH by Don and Sue Nelson, I believe.

The confusion in the show results is my own fault. I joined the Red Club as Stephen Thibault but I show under "S & S Poultry" which is Steve and Stephanie Thibault as now my 12 yr. Old daughter is my sidekick.

I've had my Reds since 1975 when I got some stock from George Underwood. I showed for several years, into the late 1970's and early 1980's but then took 20 years off to raise a family, build a house, etc. The first thing I moved to my new property was 8 chicken coops. One, I camped out in and the rest were for the chickens.

Now, my daughter, a budding Red fancier, and I are back at the shows and doing pretty well. I saw O. Fayne Whitney at the Northeastern Poultry Congress Show this past January. He is a very spry 92! He also had the female S.C. Red pullet that should have won in my opinion. She was a beauty. But our pullet (#12) won BB. The judge really liked her as she also won Res. SCCL at Richmond, VA with almost 4000 birds shown. What a thrill!

The Red Club has a real nice newsletter. Informative and well edited unlike many other poultry club newsletters we receive. Sincerely,  
Stephen Thibault

*Editors note: Steve brings up a good idea, if you show under a different name than you joined the club with, let me know so I can give you credit for you wins. This points keeping is very time consuming and confusing enough! I will try and cor-*

*rect your points and give you credit for the wins you have received.*  
Matt

**Financial Report**

As of April 17, 2002

<b>Cash</b>	
Bank One Checking	\$2609.72
<b>Inventory</b>	
Club Patches (160)	\$ 384.80
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$2994.52</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>none</b>
<b>Total Net Worth</b>	<b>\$2994.52</b>

**Receipts**

Donations	\$ 75.00
Dues	\$ 905.00
Videos/Articles/Patches/Ads	\$ 600.65
Interest	\$ 5.46
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1586.11</b>

**Expenses**

Ads-National Poultry News	\$ 15.00
2 Chronicles	\$ 674.65
Video/Article Costs	\$90.00
National Meet Award	\$ 25.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 804.65</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$1586.11</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 804.65</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 781.46</b>

No debts outstanding 187 members and 30 members have expired dues.

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RI SC  
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**Upcoming Club Meets 2002**

Dayton Fancy Feather Club  
 April 27-28, 2002  
 Special  
 Greenville, OH  
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 Sussex Co. Poultry Fanciers  
 April 27-28  
 Special  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Southeast Oklahoma Poultry Club  
 May 4, 2002  
 Special  
 Idabel, OK  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 United Poultry Fanciers Club  
 May 11-12, 2002  
 Special  
 Avoca, IA  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Central Pennsylvania Avian Club  
 May 5, 2002  
 Special  
 Bloomsburg, PA Fair Grounds  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Michigan Poultry Breeders  
 Association  
 May 11-12, 2002  
 Special  
 Centreville, MI  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Kentuckiana Poultry Club  
 May 18, 2002  
 Special  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Buffalo & Western NY Poultry  
 Assoc.  
 May 19, 2002  
 Special  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Dairyland Classic  
 June 1, 2002  
 Special  
 Richland Center, WI  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Finger Lakes Feather Club  
 June 2  
 Special  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Buckeye Fancy Feather Club  
 June 9, 2002  
 Special  
 Canfield, OH  
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Bedford County Poultry Assoc.  
 Fair Show  
 Aug. 10, 2002  
 Special  
 Bedford County, TN  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 New York State Fair  
 Aug. 22-28  
 Special  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Twin Tier Poultry Club  
 Sept. 8, 2002  
 Special  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Northern NY Poultry Fanciers Club  
 Sept 15, 2002  
 Special  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Illini Poultry Show  
 Sept. 14-15, 2002  
 District  
 Belvidere, IL  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Yankee Fall Classic  
 Sept. 21-22, 2002  
 State  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Eastern NY Poultry Fanciers  
 Sept. 29, 2002  
 District  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Wisconsin International  
 Sept. 28-29, 2002  
 State  
 Portage, WI  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Rochester Poultry Fanciers  
 Oct. 6, 2002  
 Special  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 West Central Wisconsin Pigeon and  
 Poultry Club  
 Oct. 5, 2002  
 Special  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Central Oklahoma Poultry Ass.  
 Oct. 19, 2002  
 State  
 Guthrie, OK  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Nebraska State Poultry Ass.  
 Nov. 2-3, 2002  
 State  
 Lincoln, NB  
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Ohio Poultry Breeders Association  
 "Ohio National 2002"  
 November 8-9-10, 2002  
 National Meet  
 Columbus, OH  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Carpet City Bantam Club  
 Nov. 23, 2002  
 Special  
 Dalton, GA  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Eastern Iowa Poultry Club  
 Nov. 29-30, 2002  
 State Meet  
 Iowa City, IA  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Bedford County Poultry Assoc.  
 Dec. 21, 2002  
 Special  
 Bedford County, TN

**Show Reports**

Florida Sunshine Classic  
 State  
 1/ 12-13/2002  
 Large Fowl (11)  
 SC-BV-BB—non member  
 SC-RV-RB—non memeber  
 Bantams (22)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-Larry Lawrence  
  
 LF Red was Reserve American and  
 Bantam Red was Reserve SCCL!  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Pacific Poultry Breeders Show  
 District  
 01/26-27/02  
 Large Fowl (39)  
 SC-BV-BB—Ken Duval  
 SC-RV—Ken Duval  
 RC-BV-RB-non member  
 RC-RV-non member  
 Bantams (72)  
 SC-BV-BB—Jim & Bonnie Sallee  
 SC-RV-RB—Jim & Bonnie Sallee  
 RC-BV-non member  
 RC-RV-non member  
 Best LF Red was Best American  
 and Reserve Champion Large Fowl!  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Tri Cities Bantam Ass.  
 State  
 03/16-17/02

Large Fowl (0)  
 Bantams (25)  
 SC-BV-BB-Greg Chamness  
 SC-RV-RB-DLD Bantams  
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 Florida State Fair  
 Special  
 02/08/02  
 Large Fowl (15)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
 Bantams (14)  
 SC-BV-BB-James Swanson  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
 Best LF Red was Best American and  
 Reserve LF Red was Reserve American!  
 Best Bantam Red was Reserve  
 SCCL!  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Humboldt Poultry Fanciers  
 Special  
 02/9-10/02  
 Large Fowl (18)  
 SC-BV-BB-Ken Duval  
 SC-RV-RB-Ken Duval  
 Bantams (8)  
 SC-BV-BB-Don & Linda Park  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
 Best LF Red was Best American and  
 Reserve LF Champion!  
 Junior Show  
 Large Fowl (2)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
 Bantams (15)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
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 East Ascension FFA Show  
 Special  
 2/ 23/2002  
 Large Fowl (14)  
 SC-BV-BB-Andre St. Romain  
 SC-RV-RB-Andre St. Romain  
 RC-BV-Nancy St. Romain  
 RC-RV-Nancy St. Romain  
 Bantams (3)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
  
 LF Red was Best American and  
 Champion LF of Show!  
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 North LA Poultry Ass.  
 State  
 3/ 09/2002

Large Fowl (12)  
 SC-BV-BB-Andre St. Romain  
 SC-RV-RB-Thomas Guanella  
 Bantams (8)  
 SC-BV-BB-Dale Postma  
 SC-RV-Milton Dyer  
 RC-BV-RB-Thomas Guanella  
  
 LF Red was Best American and Re-  
 serve Champion LF of Show!  
 Bantam Red was Res. SCCL!  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Utah Fancy Poultry Show  
 Special  
 3/ 8-9/2002  
 Large Fowl (26)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-Rick Olsen  
 RC-BV-non member  
 RC-RV-non member  
 Bantams (22)  
 SC-BV-BB-John Klimes  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
  
 LF Red was Best American and Res.  
 Breed LF was Reserve American!  
 Clyde Montgomery has Best SC Red  
 Trio.  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Carpet City Bantam Club 1st Show  
 State  
 03/09/02  
 Large Fowl (2)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
 Bantams (11)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
  
 Carpet City Bantam Club 2nd Show  
 Special  
 03/09/02  
 Large Fowl (2)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
 Bantams (11)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
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 West Central Ohio Poultry Breeders  
 "Spring Kickoff 2002"  
 Special  
 03/16-17/02  
 Large Fowl (25)  
 SC-BV-BB-Mark & Jeanne Palin  
 SC-RV-RB-Mark & Jeanne Palin

Bantams (36)  
 SC-BV-BB-John De Saavedra  
 SC-RV-RB-Mike & Penny Collins  
 Best LF Red was Reserve American  
 and Best Red Bantam was Res.  
 SCCL!  
 Junior Show  
 Large Fowl (4)  
 SC-BV-BB-Lyndsey Parton  
 SC-RV-RB-Isaac Collins  
 Bantams (15)  
 SC-BV-BB-Andy Kleman  
 SC-RV-RB-Alainy Kendall  
 Best LF Red was Best American and  
 Champion Large Fowl!  
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 Heartland Classic Poultry Show  
 Special  
 03/23-24/02  
 Large Fowl (5)  
 SC-BV-BB-Catherine Gleason  
 SC-RV-RB-Rick Bond  
 Bantams (28)  
 SC-BV-BB-Rick Bond  
 SC-RV-RB-Rick Bond  
 RC-BV-Andy Anderson  
 RC-RV-Andy Anderson  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Smoke Valley Poultry Show  
 Special  
 03/23/02  
 Large Fowl (7)  
 SC-BV-BB-Gary Cooper  
 SC-RV-RB-Gary Cooper  
 Bantams (23)  
 SC-BV-BB-Gary Cooper  
 SC-RV-RB-Menke's Bantams  
 RC-BV-Gary Cooper  
 RC-RV-Gary Cooper  
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 Inland Empire Poultry Club Show  
 Special  
 3/ 23/2002  
 Large Fowl (8)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV--non member  
 RC-BV-RB-non member  
 RC-RV-non member  
 Bantams (1)  
 SC-BV-BBDon & Linda Park  
 Junior Show  
 Bantams (2)  
 SC-BV-BB- non member  
 SC-RV-RB- non member  
  
 Jr. Bantam Red was Best SCCL!

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 Abilene Poultry Ass.  
 Special  
 3/23/02  
 Large Fowl (5)  
 SC-BV-BB--Sam Caldwell  
 SC-RV-RB--Sam Caldwell  
 Bantams (19)  
 SC-BV-BB--David Bell  
 SC-RV-RB--David Bell  
 Best LF Red was Champion American and  
 Reserve LF Champion!  
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**Getting Breeding Pens  
 Ready for Hatching Season  
 By David Bell**

to getting into the Rhode Island Red busi-  
 ness. I have already mentioned Paul Webb  
 & Bill Matacheke as bloodlines. E.E.(Ed)  
 Spivey of Graham, Texas. is where & how  
 I got started in Red Bantams. I was 21  
 years of age and Ed Spivey, about 62 years  
 of age. Ed helped me allot with my Red  
 Breeding program.

Ed and I also traveled to Oklahoma City to  
 Paul Webb's place, for me to see his breed-  
 ing program. Paul was also in his 60's I  
 believe. Both these old gentlemen helped  
 me allot in my Red breeding program in  
 my early years.

I use one male and 3 females making up a  
 breeding pen. Most of the time, I use cocks  
 over pullets and Cockerels over hens. I will  
 not breed brothers and sisters. Type and  
 Color has to be good in my breeding pens.  
 I the male has more of one thing than the  
 female, I will off set it in the tic buckets  
 with a one by six board across the lower  
 part of the front to keep the eggs from roll-  
 ing out.

I usually use good pine shavings in the  
 bucket for the Reds to lay their eggs in. I  
 gather the eggs every day and put them in  
 egg cartons. I put the egg cartons in my  
 house where I have controlled heat and air  
 conditioning. I turn the eggs once a day by  
 tilting the eggs from one side to the other. I  
 put the eggs into the carton with the small  
 end of the egg down. I try to set the eggs  
 one time each week. I don't like to keep  
 eggs more than ten days. I let the eggs set  
 for seven days then I candle them, taking  
 out the eggs that are not fertile. In two or  
 more weeks I look for some nice little  
 Reds to start on their way to the show  
 room. Until next time  
 Thank you everyone  
 David Bell

First of all, I would like to go back in time,

Hi Matt,

## Note from Don Parks of CA

I am not much of a writer, so I hope this gets me club points

Here in California we just finished our last club show for the show season at The Northern California Bird Fanciers in Anderson Calif. There are eleven poultry clubs in Calif. with the 11th being a new start up club in Monterey Bay area. I believe we had four Rhode Island Red meets this year, starting with the Pacific Poultry breeders Association in Roseville which was the big Rhode Island Red meet there must have been at least 100 reds there with large and bantams, then we had the greater California Society of Poultry Fanciers in Fresno, Humboldt Poultry Fanciers in Eureka, and the last RED show was the Northern California Bird Fanciers. I unfortunately lost my list of the winners from these shows. I can say that with a single comb red bantam I had the best of breed at Fresno, Reserve SCCL at Humboldt and at Anderson reserve of breed with the same pullet.

Matt, maybe you have the lists from Roseville, Fresno, and Humboldt by now if not I can get you the names of the winners if you want me to. So feel free to make any changes if you us this.  
Don Parks

## Breeding R I Reds to Win By Robert Blosl

I have been asked by many new beginners if I would write a article on Rhode Island Reds on the subject of exhibiting for the purpose of winning started wins to reach the goal of Master Exhibitor with our breed club and with the National Clubs such as the APA and the ABA exhibitor programs. In this article, I will explain my view on how I would begin such a venture and what the current trends are at the shows to win under a variety of judges. When I was a junior in the early 1960s, I asked some of my mentors why is it some R I Reds will win at the shows and yet the

same birds will not place as well under the same conditions a week or two later. They basically told me, judges have different opinions and views on what they think a good Rhode Island Red should look like.

I was puzzled because I was taught that you should breed and select your best R I Reds under the guideline of the Standard of Perfection. I was told that as a breeder and an exhibitor you should still stick to these principles, but if you want to win under different judges you must know what turns them on or in a nutshell what is their fad is at the time. I was told even back in the glory golden years of Rhode Island Reds, the great Harold Tompkins had two lines to show, his Boston Garden line and his Madison Square Garden line. He knew who the judges were and what they where going to select before he picked his string for the show. In his view, it was more in the color than in type. Some judges liked a lighter colored R I Red and some preferred a darker, more even Red color. Mr. Tompkins was a dark Red man and when he judged he would choose those Reds that where darker in color if they had good over all type and size. He was a breeder, a judge who lived, breed, exhibited and died by the Standard of Perfection. That is why many consider Mr. Tompkins the greatest Red Breeder of all time.

In the 1960s, some judges judged and cut heavily by the standard. Many of these judges where great all around judges, but because of some of their views they were not popular with the breeders. For example, I knew of a judge who cut faults of Reds by sections in the manner of the old time scoring system of judging. He made his choices by which bird in each class where the best in his view by the Standard of Perfection. Because of this method of cutting hard on faults of those Reds, he did not get the big assignments at major shows. I also knew judges who preferred a super wide width of feather on a Rhode Island Red even though, the standard calls for a medium width of feather. Some judges liked large fowl Reds that had big bushy tails or what Arthur Schilling would call Wisk Broom tails. Other judges liked Reds that were not of me-

dium size, but were very large. In fact so large if they where weighed they would be disqualified.

Today is no different in the way our Rhode Island Reds are judged than in the 1960s. Many breeders still views the standard in the way that they interpret it as well as the judges. Therefore, be that as it may, it is my goal in this article to explain to you how to breed for the type or in some cases purchase Rhode Island Reds that will win for you in today's show rooms. I will also explain some old time secrets which will help you condition and train your birds to win the most stared wins per year and to help you reach the ranks of Master Exhibitor or Master Breeder winning status.

Let's begin by selecting birds for the new show season for 1998. Many of you do not have adult birds to hatch your own chicks, so it is my advice to find a super breeder that lives with in 300 miles of your residence and get chicks or eggs from him. You wish to choose a breeder who has an excellent track record of winning for the past five or more years. If you live in say in Illinois, you may find some day old chicks from a breeder in Minnesota or Ohio. Maybe there is a breeder who suites you who lives in Indiana or Illinois. You may live in Texas and you will find excellent breeders in this state or in Oklahoma. I would not for example get chicks that are breed in the south if you live in the north. They are not accustomed to the cold weather and it has been my experience they will not mature as well and you will find them disappointing. The trend for the past few years in large fowl at the major shows is large fowl that are larger than standard size. The standard calls for a Rhode Island Red large fowl cockerel to be 7 ½ pounds at eight months of age. The rule of thumb for over 50 years is an ideal R I Red cockerel should weigh one pound over standard weight. The standard does not cut any points for R I Red large fowl to be that large. For us who live in the Deep South, it has been my experience that our birds because of the heat and humidly cannot achieve any larger size than one pound over standard weight. I even hatch my chicks from two and three year old

hens and the males will not grow any large than 8 ½ pounds and the pullets at 6 ½ pounds. Because of this phenomena and to my dissatisfaction, I have had beginners who purchase large fowl started chicks from me or adult birds tell me that my birds are too small for the show that they attend and they can only win if the birds are larger.

For many of you to win in today's trends at the shows you will need a large fowl ckl that is about 30 inches in length from end of beak to end of tail. He will also, have to be about 28 to 30 inches tall from the floor to the top of his middle point of his comb. When he is weighed, he may exceed two to three pounds above standard weight and should be disqualified. The exhibitor who is trying to win should not be alarmed at the extreme cuts such as the standard calls for, because the shows that you attend do not have scales to weigh the birds even if a fellow exhibitor should voice a protest to the judge. In the views of many exhibitors and judges that I have talked to feel there would be so much controversy by the Show Secretaries to have a digital scale or the other breeders would pitch such a ruckus that no scales will be present for you to worry about.

If you purchase a nice lot of chicks and have a great Red Cockerel conditioned that is on the size that is favorable for your region, you need to request a double coop so the bird can move around correctly so he does not look cramped in the show coop. This has been a trade secret of some of the great Brahma breeders and exhibitors over the years and has helped them to display their big males at our show rooms. Your large pullets can be shown in a regular large fowl show coop with any loss of appearance or symmetry. If you live in an area where you cannot obtain chicks or eggs I would recommend finding you a nice large male and mate him two the best females that you can obtain. Hens that are two to three years old that the breeders do no longer need in their breeding program would be my choice. If you find a nice male that has the large size you need to win at the shows, but he is short in body or has a sawed off breast which does not give the

full brick shape of the type that we desire, mate him to hens that have a fully extended keel bone and length of body. He may have the size, brick shape but a poor looking comb, and then mate him to a hen that has a nice standard five point comb and she should compensate his faults. You only need two good hens and one male to hatch the number of birds you need to raise and condition to win in the shows today. If you desire, you could purchase two males preferably pen brothers and mate them to the females over a time of six weeks alternating the males to give you a higher chance of producing good large show birds.

With Red bantams, the trend today is a good overall deep, rich, lustrous red color. There are a few judges who will cut heavy on males that have pointed down wing carriage. Ideally, you want a bantam male that has level wings when he is in the show coop, but they are few and far between. Some regions favor a Red with elevated top lines versus the correct top line that is horizontal to the ground. I have had excellent exhibitors who win many started wins tell me if they do not show this style of Red bantam, they cannot win at the shows. This is a trend that started about 6 years ago and has got much out of hand, but the red breeders today are pretty much picking on exhibitors and judges who choose such a Red bantam and hopefully this trend will pass. We have called these freaks of nature with elevated top lines red-rocks. I cannot stand them, but if this is what you have to have to get started wins, what are you going to do. Again, to get started you try to purchase a trio of nice bantams from a proven breeder and hatch as many chicks as you can. If you are lucky, you may be able to get chicks or eggs, but they are harder to obtain than the large fowl.

The size of the bantam should be as close to standard as you can get, but it does not seem to me, that judges are going for the larger bantam as in the large fowl. There are not a lot of strains of red bantams out there that are super small and again you do not have to worry about your bantams being weighed as there are no scales at the shows to do so. The cause of the elevated top lines is the angle of the feather

and the high degree of fluff of the bantam feather. Many birds have more of a wide feather, which is not ideal, but trends of breeders and judges sometimes get hooked on this wide feather craze so, that is how the bantam gets its elevated red-rock top line. The early history and development of our red bantams in the early 1930s was using cochins, Wyandotte's and old English games on our large fowls. Therefore, if the breeder goes too far in the direction of wide feathers he or she will get into the genes of the cochins and the Wyandotte's. This produces the cushion on the females which the standard suggests a cut of one to two points. This is not what we wish to see at the shows win best of breed R I Red and get on champion row as champion Single Comb Clean Legged, but it does happen and if you do win with such a bird take your win and points and move forward. However, you should understand, these red rock bantams will stamp this fault into your strain and it will become so fixed, it will be impossible to ever correct this fault and regain the correct top line as the standard calls for.

There are more suggestions that I could come up with for you to win as many started wins as you can per year, however time and space is limited for me to do so. You just need to study what is winning for you in your local or region. Talk to other breeders who breed other varieties of large fowl and bantams and ask them what they think the secrets are to win with the variety or size of R I Red that you choose to raise or purchase. Some of you may have other varieties of bantams or large fowl that you show, hopefully this information can help you win more started wins as well.

One area that I have seen exhibitors win more started wins is in purchasing young Cockerels at the end of the show season and holding them over through the winter and putting a master conditions program together during the spring and summer then show these birds as fantastic Cock birds. I know of one exhibitor a few years ago that did this with an R I Red large fowl Cockerel. He won many champions and best of breeds as well as \$350 in prize money. Later, after the show season, he

sold the Red Cock bird for \$65, more than he paid the breeder who raised him. In my view, this would be the easiest way to achieve stated wins is buying a good number of cockerels and showing them the following year as cock birds. For example, you may see a fantastic Red large fowl ckl who is a little leggy; he does not look like the standard of perfection over all height yet as a cock bird, he will settle down in his legs and be of perfect height and station the following year as a cock bird. Sometimes, the bird has the potential to win, but had a poor rearing period and under ideal conditions and nutrition you can put on a great set of feathers for the next show season. Another bird to purchase is a bird that may be a little tilted in his body or titling down some in his carriage like a cochin but with correct training and a cage designed for him to tilt upward or squat downward you can train such a bird as a cock bird to have hopefully correct station to help you win at the shows.

In my next article, I will explain how to condition and train your R I Reds to win at the shows and help you achieve these stated wins that you wish to obtain.

Till next time, I yours for more stated win at the shows with your Rhode Island Reds.

**Note: This article was written about four years ago, to new people who wanted to get started in Rhode Island Reds to win and become master breeders under the point system that we have. Since this time, these people have joined the here today, gone tomorrow red club. They no longer have poultry and are chasing the end of another rainbow. I hope I do not offend anyone as this article was written more of a tongue and cheek mentality at that time. However, maybe you will get some value from this old article for there are still some good points that can be still used today in raising, breeding, and exhibiting your strain of Rhode Island Reds.**

**Yours in Reds, Bob Bloss**

During the past year our District hosted 6 RI Red Meets. One in Arizona, one in New Mexico, two in California, and two

## District 7 Report From Clyde Montgomery

in Utah. All have been very successful. Its amazing how the reds have caught on. Fifteen years ago when I started showing Reds, there hadn't been any Reds in the area Shows for years, everyone thought I was crazy for trying to win with Reds. Now its common place to see Reds on Champion Row at any Show in the country. At the 2002 Utah Winter Show the Reds had the largest number of entries of any S.C. Breed.

During February, we in Utah have hosted the 2002 Winter Olympics. That's has been a great experience. I live about 2 miles from the Soldier Hollow venue where all the Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing Games were held and about 10 miles from the Park City ski venues, where the ski jumping, etc. took place along with the bobsled competitions. So we had the Olympics all around us. The crowds from all over the World were unbelievable. We had the World in our backyard.

Due to Sept. 11 attacks, security was at an all time high. Black Hawk Helicopters and F-16's were continually in the sky. Local and State Police, along with National Guardsmen from several States were everywhere. We had to be the safest place on the planet for 17 days. Fortunately there was no incidents of any kind.

It was a great experience, everywhere you went there was a carnival atmosphere. I was lucky enough to get tickets to a Cross Country event at Soldier Hollow. My seats were in the middle of the 10,000 seat grandstand. When they announced that the winner was from Norway, the entire crowd in every direction jumped to their feet, waving Norway's flag and cheering like crazy. I was sitting in the middle of half the population of Norway. Even the King of Norway was in the crowd.

I wish everyone could enjoy and experience the Olympic Spirit of people from all the Nations of the World coming together in peaceful competition. It was a fun and once in a lifetime experience.

Well so much for the Olympics, but it did happen in District 7.

Hatching season is here and some have been reporting excellent hatches. I hope each of you are having good hatches and that some of them will be on Champion Row this Fall.

God Bless,

Clyde Montgomery, Director, District 7

When I received a call from Danny Feathers asking me to write an article reflecting my perspective on how I put my mating pens together, I felt this may be more of a

## Ideas on Mating By Mike Miller

paragraph than an article. First of all, with my limited background with my "new" breeds (Reds, Rocks and Spanish) since returning to exhibition poultry after a long sabbatical, I incorporate a lot of our master breeders (of various breeds) advice I have been fortunate to glean along the way. I think breeding programs are a evolution. These particular thoughts at this point and time may or may not be the same ones I'll be resigned to five or ten years up the road. This article is certainly not intended to "sell" you on my process, but simply to give you another perspective. I'll try to paraphrase some of the wisdom five of these legendary breeders have shared with me on the subject of selection of matings:

**Breeder #1 (long time Leghorn breeder)- "I breed from my best birds. The ones I show are the ones I breed."**

My program pretty much hold true to this statement. I keep limited breeds, have limited room and really don't hatch great volumes of chicks from any of my breeds. So my mating process is taken care of in a large respect by my culling process. I will usually cull each to six or eight females and two to four males of each breed and size. Most of these are my show birds with the exception of the frozen comb injuries, age or other peculiarities that prevent them from being exhibition qual-

ity. I like to take the females (hens mostly) and rotate a couple males (dad's or son's) with them.

**Breeder #2 (champion RIR breeder) - "I take the ones I like the looks of and mate them together."**

Again the ones I like the looks of have been my "keepers" at this point of the game. As breeders we should start from the very best stock obtainable and realize that those birds also are carrying good and bad "genetic baggage" with them. I am a believer in the line-breeding programs and adhere to them as much as possible when I get the basic direction going the way I like it. But, I do not mind kicking out to bring in an odd bird if I'm happy with the bird's (or should I say breeder's) background.

**Breeder #3 (legendary Plymouth Rock breeder)- "You can't get what you ain't got."**

What this breeder is saying as it applies to Red's is—if you ain't got black in the wings on your breeders (or yellow legs or whatever) you ain't going to get it! This challenges me to be sure to not put males and females of the same flaws together. Granted some of the flaws are bigger than others and we all have our flaws unfortunately. This is where I don't mind kicking out to get that outside shot of whatever.

**Breeder #4 (high profile champion Large Fowl breeder)- referring to Large Fowl-"This is America, the bigger the better!"**

If you don't think this is true look at what's winning the better shows. You better have some size when you come up against the Giants and Rocks in the American Class or even your fellow Red exhibitors. The American class could be very well be the toughest of the Large Fowl classes and usually can hold its own for top show awards if you can get Champion American, but you will have to have at least standard weight to do it. Theoretically size comes from the male side and type from the female side. If my males don't grow to respectable size they're out of here.

**Breeder #5 (another good Plymouth Rock breeder)- "You put together what you think will work, then it's a crap shoot."**

I agree with this breeder, the best mapped out matings produce some strange offspring. Good females are produced when we expect good males. Bad combs are produced when we really concentrated on that area, etc.

Armed with what I believe are the above truisms from some of the biggest winners in poultrydom I then put my twist on the equation. What I am saying is that a family or "strain" of birds have a certain look about them that sets them off from other birds. This is accomplished, I believe, from certain aspects that we as breeders, tend to focus on. Sure we are striving to produce the "perfect" specimen, but realistically some attributes get more attention along the way that others since our forefathers saw to it that "perfection" could never be accomplished but should always be bred for. I think combs are very important especially on the males. You seldom see a bird with a bad comb win much of anything even though additional points hardly count for much. I pay a lot of attention to feather quality. A prominent Red breeder and judge told me once to look at the Australorps at a show we were attending. His comment (referring to Large Fowl) was that their was no reason that the feather quality of Red's should be any less than the Australorps. Feather quality especially on the Large Fowl Red's I think is tough, especially on good sized large fowl. I will not tolerate bad feather quality in the bantams at all if possible. I could keep going on, but the truth is I don't have perfect birds to put together so I take the "hand" of birds I've been dealt as to refer to Breeder #2's theory. Hopefully this article has served some purpose if nothing more than entertainment. As always, I welcome constructive criticism and other viewpoints on the subject.

Mike Miller

Dear Matt,

This is just a note to congratulate Jamie Ducate on his outstanding representation

### A Note from Nancy St. Romain

of the 4H Club. He is always friendly, courteous and conducts himself the same, win or lose. He does very well with his Reds along with his White Rocks. Jamie is a great example for all the young 4H'ers.

Nancy St. Romain

Nov. 19, 2001

Dear Matt,

### A Note from Vern Sorenson

I had planned on sending my dues after I got the next to the last Chronicle but nowhere did it say how much dues were. I'm going to send the new price. I have been having some health problems and on Aug. 10th I was operated on for a bowel blockage. I had a foot and a half of my small intestine removed. I was in the hospital for 9 days and then was home for 3 days and my incision started coming open so had to go back in and have it restitched and then was in for another 20 days. They left the stitches in for 66 days. In two months I only went out to the chicken house 3 times so this year was kind of a wasted year. I did get a few RC & SC Red bantams hatched. No large RC or SC.

Last year I gave a friend of mine 2 bantam males and 6 females. He must have raised around 50 and took some to an auction sale. He had 20 pullets and 17 cockerels and he wanted me to come and pick out some to show at a show in Albany, OR. That was last Sat. & Sun. He wanted me to pick out several for me to keep but I decided to just take one pullet. I washed her as she was dirty from being crowded and then I let him show her. He won 1st cock, 1st hen, 1st old trio and 1st pullet. 2 cockerels were disq. for stubs but he said 2 people tried to find stubs but couldn't. The pullet I washed was Best SCCL and 3rd best bird in the show with over 1300 in the show.

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When I got sick I had 10 judging jobs, I had to cancel and one was the Minnesota State Fair and it would have been my 8th year. Every year I was there Harold or John Thomforde always put me on the Reds first.

I was surprised I was not on the list of Red judges when it was published in the Chronicle. I have judged lots of Red meets including National Meets. A couple judges that were listed, I wouldn't want judging my Reds.

I wrote an article on Reds that Emmett published in the Chronicle and it was also in the Poultry Press but maybe you missed it so I am sending a copy.

I am 81 years old and have been real active until this surgery but I am almost back to normal and have been doing my own chores for the last 10 days. I have around 250 chickens and 40 ducks but want to cut it down to around 150.

I have been in charge of poultry at our local fair for over 50 years and Superintendent at the Central Washington State Fair for 17 years.

Better Close, Yours Truly,

Vern Sorenson

PS: Robert Blosl grew up in Centralia and when he was a kid, I used to take him to fairs and shows.

This article is about prepping and fitting your birds for a show. First we select our

### **Prep & Fitting Your Birds for a Show** By M & M Exhibition Poultry

best typed and conditioned birds that we feel will do well in a show. No amount of prepping or fitting will make a poor typed/conditioned bird any better than what it is but prepping and fitting will improve a good bird's chances of winning.

Washing the bird is the first step. The best way to clean a bird is to not let it get real dirty in the first place. Manure stains can be hard to remove. We start with 3 5-

gallon muck tubs  $\frac{3}{4}$  full of water approx. 98 degrees in temperature. Since we wash the birds in the barn, I have an electric water heater that we use to get the wash water to the right temp. Once the water is right, we put two capfuls of Hartz Mountain White Dog Shampoo in the first bucket and make lather with it. The second bucket has plain water with about  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of Glycerin in it to put the oil back in the feathers. The last bucket has plain water and 1 cup of white vinegar to help cut the suds. First, we dip the bird clear up to its neck in the water and thoroughly soak the bird. The head and comb area is scrubbed with the soapy water with a toothbrush. If the plumage is real dirty, work another capful of shampoo into the feathers. Then use a soft bristled vegetable brush to scrub the bird, working with the lay of the feathers. Once the plumage has been wash and scrubbed, use the toothbrush to clean the legs and feet getting all the dirt beneath the leg scales. This also is a good time to check the bird for stubs between the toes. Once the bird has been washed, dunk several times in the second bucket to get all the suds out of the bird. Squeegee the water off the bird, making sure most of the suds are gone. Now, rinse the bird in the final bucket several times until squeaky clean. Squeegee as much water out as you can and wrap the bird in a terry cloth towel to pat dry. We use drying cages with 150 watt heat lamps and let the birds dry naturally. The only birds we use a blow dryer on are Cochins and Silkies. Cochins, Silkies and white birds are washed about 2-3 days before the show. Colored birds are washed about 6-7 days before the show in order to let their feathers get back in to natural shape.

Washed birds are kept in show cages with heavy, clean pine shavings and the poop is scooped out daily to keep them clean. Withhold feed and water the night before the show and make sure the transport coops have plenty of clean, dry shavings in them so they don't soil themselves in transport to the show.

At the show, we check beaks and toenails to see if they need trimming or shaped up. If they do, we use nail clippers to do this. If there are soiled spots on the birds, Baby

wipes are used to touch up the birds and clean the feet if soiled. For the comb and head area, we rub a light coat of VetRX or a 50/50 mixture of baby oil or castor oil with Spirits of Camphor. We spray WD40 on the legs of the clean legged breeds and rub it in. WD40 makes the legs shine without shavings sticking to them. Now for the finish on the feathers, we take a clean rag and spray it with TCB Naturals (a hair care product available at Wal-Mart) and rub the bird with the feather lay. This product will put an amazing shine on all birds.

Now we have the bird all clean, we make sure all feathers are in place and add some extra clean shavings to the show coop. Withhold feed and water till after the bird is judged. Sometimes if the bird appears a bit lazy, a  $\frac{1}{2}$  handful of scratch feed is put in the cage prior to judging to make the bird more active.

We have now done all we can to make our bird look its very best, so we sit back and wait for the judging. We have often been asked which birds should you bother to prep and fit for the show, and our response is "only the ones you want to win!"

Yours in the Fancy,  
M & M Exhibition Poultry  
Mike Sayre & Matt Lhamon

### **Note From Director Don Nelson**

Not much going on in District One yet, the first spring show is this weekend in RI with the Little Rhody show. Then we get rolling with one show after another, until the second weekend in June at the Northern Maine show. The weather has been crazy here in RI, I scraped ice off the windshield last week and tomorrow is going to be in the 80's! I put my first hatch of standards out in the range pen this past weekend and the first hatch of bantams are out in the coop. I've got about 70 standards out and about the same in bantam Reds, just about finished for the year. I

still have a few more standard Reds to hatch for a friend. The new cross I made in the standards is looking good, he chicks have better bone structure and look to be longer in length of body. I'm really looking forward to see how they look when they finish out.

I had a great time at the Delaware show last weekend, got to spend some time talking Reds with Larry Lawrence. We didn't have a really big class but there were some good ones. I managed to sneak by Larry for BB in the bantams on a cockerel, he had reserve on a cock. My standard Red cockerel was Champion Large Fowl and Reserve Super Grand Champion of Show, what a great win and really unexpected. I didn't have as much time to get him ready as I usually do so I think I was very fortunate. My job has been keeping me very busy, most nights I don't get home until after 8 pm. I hope every one has had as good a hatching season as I have had. We should have a great turnout in Columbus for our national meet. Good luck to all at the spring shows, see you somewhere, Don Nelson.

## Rhode Island Red Reminiscing By Vern Sorenson

*(This is a classic article from a few years back from Mr. Sorenson)*

I started with Single Comb Rhode Island Reds when I was 9 years old. My first Reds Came from Loyd's Red Farm in Tacoma. They had both Rose comb and Single comb and had several select matings in both headed by top winners in shows and also from hens with good egg production records.

In those days the Red Club was quite active. OR Ernst published the Rhode Island Red Journal, a monthly publication. Every month there was a junior page and Mrs. Ernst Loyd was the junior advisor. We even had junior officers and I was president for 3 or 4 years. One year we had a poultry show with pictures. The juniors sent pictures of their Reds and then I sent around 40 pictures to Harold Tompkins and he judged them. Several Red breeders had donated setting of eggs

for prizes. Almost every month there was an essay contest with the winner getting a setting of eggs.

After a few years with single comb, I added rose comb Reds from George E. Hayness in Ohio.

In 1939, the national meet of the Red Club was held in Tacoma, WA and it was the first big show I had seen with lots of Reds. I showed both single and rose comb and shipped them by rail, which was a 65-mile trip and then rode a bus to the show. There were 8 exhibitors showing Rose Combs including Loyd's Red Farms, Dr. Jonez from Portland, George Cvetcovich from Seattle, and G. Paul Pitt from Wapato, S.D., who came in with a full display. This was my first big win as I won the best Rose Comb with a pullet. At the time I was 19 years old. Mrs. Cummings from La Canadia, CA came up with a lot of nice Single combs and won Best Red with a cockerel. The late Judge Aldon Wilkie was starting with Reds and showed up at the show. He was a major league southpaw pitcher and at the time, I believe, was pitching for the Oakland A's. He later pitched for the Pittsburg Pirates. Aldon raised Reds for many years and had an impressive show record. I gave him best in show more than once.

In the 1940's there was a big district meeting in Yakima. I decided to send to George Underwood and buy an expensive single comb pullet that I think cost \$5.00. She was good type and hot colored but a little stringy feathers, which a lot of Reds were in those days. She placed 6th in a big class of pullets. In those days, trios were big classes and with 8 young trios show, I won first, with the birds I had raised. J. B. Harness was secretary of the Red Club at the time and he said the cockerel in the trio was one of the best typed males he had ever seen but was a little strong in black with a little pepper in his wings.

At this same show someone had donated a dozen dahlia bulbs for the 12th place red cock. It ended up there were only 11 entered. The late Judge L.D. Sublett was president at the time and he said I've got an extra cock at home so he brought it in

so he could win the bulbs. It ended up the extra he brought won 1st and someone else won the bulbs.

During the war, I drove city bus in Portland, OR from Aug '42 to Aug '44. I believe it was 1943 there was a district meet of the Red Club at the Multnomah County Fairground in Gresham, OR. That year I had brought 50 eggs from A.P. Pettyjohn in Lynchburg, VA. I hatched 44 chicks and some of the pullets were finished for showing but none of the cockerels were. At the time a car salesman in Portland by the name of K.K. Rutherford was raising Reds and every year he would send to Harold Tompkins for 2 setting of eggs. In those days a setting of eggs was 15 eggs. I talked to him at the car lot and asked him if he had any finished cockerels to sell and he said he had around 3- and he wanted \$5.00 each for them and for me to come get one. He said he had the 3 best ones in conditioning pens getting ready for the show. A couple days before the show I drove out to his place in Tigard, OR to get one. He was sick in bed and his wife showed me where the cockerels were and told me to take my time looking them over. I started catching them and if I saw something I did not like I would put it out in the yard, when I got them down to 6, I watched to see which had the best type and picked the one I thought was the best. The 3 that Mr. Rutherford had in the conditioning pens were in another building so I did not even see them.

At the show, I won 2nd and Mr. Rutherford won 4th and 6th and one of his didn't even place. I was driving bus when they were being judged but a man that watched said it took the judge 5 minutes to pick between mine and the first place bird. Mrs. Cummings won 1st place and best in show. The next 2 years Mr. Rutherford had me come out and pick his birds for his breeding pens.

I took my exam for a judging license in Sept. 1956, at the Western Washington State fair, under A.P.A. Secretary Con Drieson. On the written test I scored 97, which was at that time the 2nd highest that had ever been scored. Since then I have judged several hundred shows and in some years have judged over 20 shows a

the NW with 5 shows in British Columbia, Canada.

There has been quite a change in Reds in recent years. Most males shown don't have the 20-degree raise to the tail and the tails are too long. At the Ohio National one year there was a cock with a tail as long as some leghorns. Bodies are shorter and if they have long tails without the 20-degree raise their bodies look longer but they fail miserably in having a good under line.

One of the best males I ever saw, was at the Del Mar Fair in CA. Quite a few years ago. Joy Knutson was showing Reds and this cockerel stood level at all time with a real brick shaped body, long back, very good under line and the proper tail carriage. I wish I could have gotten a picture of it. There was a special for best Red between the open and youth show, and the judge that judged the youth show said the cock bird he picked was better than the open class. I could sure tell he was not a Red man. He said the open class male had too narrow a back and his was wider but it was short bodied with a chopped doff breast.

After judging was over, Bob LaMar, who was superintendent and I put them side by side and checked their backs and the open class cockerel was the widest.

One of the best I've seen in recent years was a cockerel at the Minnesota State Fair in 1994, shown by Ann Riewer. I picked it best of breed and best American. I had to leave early to catch a plane for Colorado as I was judging at the Colorado State Fair. Before I left, I told the other 2 judges that my pick for the best large fowl was the Red cockerel and they went along with it.

At the present time I have both Rose comb and Single comb in both large fowl and Bantams. A couple years ago at 2 consecutive shows I won Best of Breed with a Rose Comb cock. At one of the shows there was several exhibitors showing single combs— 2 from Canada. Last year I sent a trio of large Rose Combs to H.H Andrews in Texas. He was getting them for a young fellow just starting with

Reds. A raccoon killed the male and was just ready to send a brother of the male when UPS went on strike, so the Post Office was too busy to take it so I entered it at our fair and Jim Sallee placed it Champion of the show over 500 birds that were entered. After the UPS strike was over, he was in a complete molt and by the time he had his feathers all in, the Christmas rush was on so didn't get him sent till the first week of January.

This was the 2nd time I won best in show with a Rose comb red. About the time I quit driving bus in Portland, Judge Leonard Smith had bought a setting of Rose Comb eggs from Rev. John Melchert. He hatched 12 chicks with one pullet and 11 cockerels. I bought the pullet and the best cockerel and as a cock bird it won best in show at the Northwest Washington Fair.

I have lots of mating lists from a lot of breeders in the past, Harold Tompkins, Kubish and Robertson, ES Bentley, Perrin and Inez Johnson, Ralph Knickerbocker, Peter Jensen of Stanhope Farms and many, many more. I probably have all the Red journals from 1929 till they quit publishing them and then the Red Club Chronicles. I also have lots of other poultry magazines, Wyandotte Herald, Leghorn World, and Plymouth Rock Monthly. These 3 along with the Red Journal, were published by OR Ernst. I also have American Poultry Journals, Poultry Item, Reliable Poultry Journals, Pacific Poultryman, Poultry Tribune and others. I also have a Poultry Keeper from November 1910. You wouldn't believe some of the prices in the ads. A 100 egg incubator and 100 chick brooder sold for \$10.00 for both.

When I was showing at a lot of fairs, I would take young fellows starting in poultry to fairs with me. Some are still showing today. They include Jerry Grill, Tom Durgin, Larry Urban, Jim Volk, and Robert Blosl. Robert is the only one that became a Red Fancier.

I still have some excellent Reds and at the Roseville, Ca show in January, with 21 Reds shown with 2 entries I won 1st Cock and 1st Hen, with the cock winning Best of Breed. At the spring show in Albany,

OR, I won 1-3 cock and 1-2-4 hen with the cock winning Reserve American. I have a lot of pleasant memories showing Reds and hope I can show them for many more years.

I will be busy in August and September, as I have 11 judging jobs and am superintendent at the SW Washington Fair, here in Centralia, WA and the Central WA State Fair in Yakima, WA.

I have been in charge of Poultry at the SW WA Fair for over a total of 40 years. At the Central WA State Fair, I was given a 15 year Service pin.

## President's Message

Things seem to be humming right along with the baby chicks at our household hopefully you are have a great year as well. I have more bantam baby chicks than I have ever had before and all are growing up well with hopefully at least 10% to exceed the over all quality of their parents and grandparents. This is my tenth year with this new line of Red Bantam and I can see why Red Bantams are so popular among the fraternity of fanciers.

While I was sitting down watching my young bantams I was thinking of what this Club has accomplished in the past two to three years is simply remarkable. Five years ago I had members contact me about old articles or Rhode Island Red Journals that they wanted to purchase so they could read and learn from them to help them be better breeders and exhibitors. At that time we had no library of old Red Journals or Chronicles and there was no source to purchase such old literature.

Today thanks to a few key old members we have a library of old Journals and Red Chronicles going back to 1912. We made copies of these old classic articles and now we have three sets that can be purchased from the Red Club under the direction of our education Chairman Mike Hawkins of Arizona. Also, I had request from beginners for videotapes on how we raise and breed our Reds and we have to wonderful videotapes, which are two hours, long and full of fantastic informa-

tion. The last tape has a segment of 30 minutes with the late H H Andrews of Texas, which is worth the investment of both tapes. Lloyd Flanagan from Texas filmed this classic interview just two weeks before Mr. Andrews' death. Next we wanted and needed an Internet web site for the Red Club and Matt Lhamon from Ohio our Club Secretary produced not only a great poultry web site, but also the finest breed club site in the world.

As I review the accomplishments of our membership and how it is growing, I can not think it could not be done by the new appearance of our Rhode Island Red Chronicle under Matt's hard work. It is so nice to have photographs in our publication along with the articles and show reports. This effort to have a outstanding newsletter could not be possible if it was not for the contributors who take the time to send Matt their articles. Emmett used to tell me how he had to pull teeth to get anything of value to put in the Chronicle. Therefore, I want to ask you to keep this effort up as it feeds the interest and substance to our new members in each and every issue. We must try to keep the retention of our membership as high as we can each year to maintain interest and growth for our breed club.

Finally, I want to thank my Vice Presidents for writing articles and being such great ambassadors to the Club and the breed. It has been at least 35 years since we have seen such involvement and leadership like this in our club. Next, we need to salute our District Directors for their hard work holding the districts together as all of them are not only good administrators for their districts but are active at the shows helping promote the club and recruit new members.

Last year it was our pleasure to attend the National Convention in Lincoln Nebraska and be with all the members in attendance. It was the first time in years that the Club President and Secretary were in attendance in over a decade. Hopefully, this will happen again this year at the National Meet in Columbus.

We are pleased to welcome all the new members this year and if there is any pro-

grams or projects that you would like for us to fulfill for you to help you be better exhibitors or breeders, please let us know. Our aim this year is to emerge from the momentum of last year as a stronger and better breed club. We are optimistic that 2002 will be another year of building strength and delivering on our ultimate mission to be the leading breed club in the country. It is remarkable how the majority of us gets along with each other and tries to move in the direction that is in the best interest of the club. For some that have had a difference of opinion on some of our views or rules, we ask you to still work with us in our common goal in the best interest of the club.

I wish you the best this year and hope that you produce the best Rhode Island Reds that you have ever had and exhibit your birds at as many shows as possible. During this part of the year most of the

### District VII Report By Tim Jurgens

breeders in District VIII have hatched out most of their large fowl and currently have the bantams put together. There has been increased interest in the best of all breeds. One thing that was recently brought to my attention by a new member in our district is the ease of breeding both exhibition males and females from one mating. He related some of his experiences with another breed where you had to double mate for each sex. This is something I had not given much consideration to. If any of you have had to double mate before, the reds certainly afford a welcome reprieve from this breeding practice. There are several shows occurring in the next few months with some serious red competition occurring.

As most of you have chicks out, I encourage you to be diligent in cleaning and culling your young birds. Make sure as your young fowl are growing you keep their litter dry. Also if you see something developing that concerns you do not allow the birds to stay and possibly perpetuate this trait.

I want to thank the members of District

VIII for allowing me to serve the club dedicated to the Best of all breeds. I hope that we as a district and club would be focused upon these things:

1. To believe implicitly in the future of the Rhode Island Red and consider them the best all-purpose breed in existence.
2. To spread Rhode Island Red gospel and to speak a good word for the breed whenever and wherever they have an opportunity.
3. To accept the duties of voting for officers and to stimulate Club interest and good will.

Thank you, Tim Jurgens

A Tim Jurgens SC Large Fowl Hen



Hope all is well and all the members have

### Secretary's Ramblings

reds hatched out for the Fall Shows. I need to make a correction on the owner of the bird on the cover of the Jan-Feb Chronicle, it was owned by Tim Jurgens in WA State and not from Holland, I miss read the email, Sorry Tim, he was a nice one and an American Red! I need to apologize to Dennis Myers for losing his Directors Report but he is busy planning a super National Meet in Nov. and Mike Hawkins from Miami, AZ is making several of the Awards to be given out to the winners. If you want to give away an award, let us know and we will get it posted in the Chronicle and in the show catalog for Nov.

March was a terrible month for me. Along with working too many hours to keep up here at home, one Sunday, Bill Wulff called to inform me of the passing of club member and old friend Tommy Stanley of a sudden heart attack. We both commented on what a big gap this will leave in the poultry fancy as Tommy was just here in West Ohio the week before for our show and he sold a truckload of birds and many hatching eggs. I talked to him on the phone a few days before he died and it was such a shock. On Monday, I got another call and longtime Red Club member and Breeder Rollie Blockberger passed away. Rollie had been ill for several years and he is finally at peace. The first reds I ever saw were Rollie's, he was a super supporter of Reds here in the Midwest. On Tuesday night, my mother in law called and told us my father in law had fell in the basement and was not responsive. We rushed to town and by the time he arrived at the hospital, he also had passed away of a massive heart attack. Gerald Goodwin, my father in law, always helped me out here on the farm when I was away at the shows or on vacation. He was a Navy cook and always was in the kitchen at all the West Central Ohio Poultry Breeders Shows cooking up his secret chili recipe for all the chicken folks. We will and are missing him dearly. My mother in law does not drive so my wife is taking her where she needs to go and it's a major adjustment in time management and lifestyles around here now. Then I also learned of the passing of Bob Blosl's mother in WA state and our condolences got out to Bob and Zora on their loss. I know Bob has had to do without Zora at the house as she is up in MS taking care of her mother. Bob, keep the chin up and the chicks and rose bushes watered as the way I look at it, things have to get better as they can not get much worse!

Enough of that and back to Reds. Had a nice meet of reds at the West Central Ohio Show. We had 1731 birds in all. Best 3 Red Pullets- Bantam SC-Max Stacy  
Best 3 Red Cockerels-LF SC-Mark & Jeanne Palin  
Largest Red Entry Entry-Mike Collins

Junior Bantams(Mike Sayre Judge) - 15 SC  
BB- SC hen by Andy Kleman  
RB- SC pullet by Alainy Kendall  
Junior Large Fowl (Mike Sayre Judge)-4 SC  
BB-SC Cock-Best American-Best Large Fowl-Lyndsey Parton  
RB-SC pullet-Isaac Collins  
Open Show- (Kirk Keene Judged both LF and Bantams)  
Large Fowl- SC 25 & RC 2  
BB- SC Cockerel-Res. American-Mark and Jeanne Palin  
RB-2nd place Cockerel-Mark and Jeanne Palin  
Bantams-36 SC  
BB -SC Pullet-Res. SCCL by John De-Saavedra  
RB-SC Cockerel-Mike and Penny Collins  
Great Show and Great Class of Reds-- Cockerel Classic was very close as Mike Collins has 1st RB, 2nd, 3rd cockerels in the bantams and Mark and Jeanne Palin had 1st-BB-Res. American, 2nd-RB and 3rd cockerel in Large Fowl. The three Large Fowl Cockerels looked like triplets and they prevailed.

My next show will be this weekend at the Dayton Fancy Feather Club Show in Greenville, OH. I have been going to this show for about 30 years, I even drove down in the 80's when I lived in town and had no chickens just to see old friends and talk. Look for a great class of reds and another visit with RI Red Club Hall of Fame Member Grant Malone. I as so proud that Grant has a few of my Red Bantams around the place and he has raised a bunch. He exhibited a few at the West Ohio Show and he and Jack Munhenk showed a few of Jack's line of White Rock bantams as Malone and Mundhenk. I hope I have half as much gumption as Grant's got when I get in my 80's.

I want to thank Harold Knapp, Harry & Kathy Kolcaz, Adrian and Mary Ann Rademacher, Bob Blosl and Larry Condroy for their cash donations to the club this year. Also, we have two bids already for the 2003 National Meet. A great bid from Danny Padgett and his Florida Sunshine Classic show in Jan. 2003 including \$200 in cash and trophies for all the class

winners. The other bid is from the Illini Show in Sept 2003 and they offer the George Cairns hand carved trophies for BB and RB in Reds. If your show wants to bid on the National: **Bids on the National Meet must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than September 15th (postmarks after September 10th are not accepted) of each year. The location of the National Meet will be announced in the November Chronicle.**

Also 2003 will be an election year and we need to start nominating and thinking about our new slate of officers for the next two years. If you are interested in an office the following bylaws govern elections as adopted at the National Meet in Lincoln, NB in 2001:

#### **ARTICLE VI—Nominations and Elections**

**Section 1. The District Directors shall act as a Nominating Committee to suggest candidates for the Executive Committee members from their respective districts. The purpose is to single out the most active members in each district and induce them to become candidates for office. Each member of the Nominating Committee shall forward his nomination to the Secretary-Treasurer not later than September 25, in even years.**

**Section 2. Any member or officer may aid the Executive Committee by listing the desirable characteristics of any prospective candidate. No member or officer shall, however, employ methods of any kind to dissuade Executive Committee members from nominating candidates of their own choice. Neither shall any member or officer attempt to persuade any candidate to withdraw his name as candidate in favor of another, either prior to or subsequent to the time of nominations.**

**Section 3. The official ballot for National election shall appear in the Red Club Chronicle, with the names and addresses of each candidate appearing. The ballot shall be removed and with the postage paid by the voter; instructions are to be printed on the ballot, which each member shall remove, fill out and send immediately to the Secre-**

tary-Treasurer.

**Section 4.** The official ballot mailed to each member in this manner shall have printed on it the names of all candidates to be voted for, and opposite each name a square shall be printed. Write-in votes are prohibited and shall invalidate the voter's ballot. The ballots shall contain full instructions for the guidance of voters as to the manner of marking.

**Section 5.** The counting of the ballots shall take place at a specified place and hour after 3:00PM on December 2. (In Case December 2 falls on Sunday, the vote shall be counted on the following day)> Announcement of the same shall be printed on the election ballot. If it is impossible for the Secretary-Treasurer to count the votes on December 2, they may be counted any time within five days thereafter, provided the candidates are so notified of the specific time and place. Each candidate shall have the right to be present in person or, by an accredited representative, to witness the counting of the ballots.

No votes shall be counted that are post-marked later than November 25. No vote shall be counted except those on official ballot. No vote shall be counted that has not been properly marked and legally signed by a club member. No ballot shall be counted that has been in any way changed or tampered with. No change can be made in a ballot once cast, even by a Club Member.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall grant a grace of seven days for the receiving of the ballots.

#### ARTICLE VII—Voting

**Section 1.** The Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct all elections. The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer as to conducting elections are given under Section 3 of Article VI. This section also provides the methods of procedures to be followed in the Club' Bi-annual Elections in even years.

**Section 2.** Officers of the club shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and accept their positions. The terms of the newly elected officers shall commence on the first day of February following each election.

**Section 3.** District Directors hold office

as per Section 2 of this article.

**Section 4. No proxies can be voted at any meeting of the Club.**

There is a complete membership list included with this Chronicle and if your dues are up or near up, please send them in so you can keep your points and Chronicles coming. We are at about 187 members and the club is stronger than ever with new members coming in every week.

This issue of the Chronicle will be the first one that I will have had printed/ copied at a printer. I can no longer get my printers at work to handle the number of copies we need to produce. We run 200 copies on an average of 14-18 pages, double sided. This will cost a bit more but hopefully we can still get 6 a year out and have decent quality at the same time. The color covers cost approx. 80 cents each to produce but at this time I do not want to go back to black and white as we get many comments on our covers every month. Still working on the Certificates and hope to get them out this month.

Well, that's about it for now, have a great spring season and hope to see some of you down the show trail.

Yours in Reds,  
Matt

### Message from the Vice President-Mike Collins

Well here it is almost May and we are still cold and flooded. Had one nice week in the 80's then snow this week. We have right at 150 red bantams hatched out and 25 large fowl here. Have shut down the incubator with thoughts of maybe hatching a few bantams in early June to take to Florida in January.

Most of the bantams are feathered out fairly nice and seem to have real good type, just hoping the wing color comes on through.

Hope that everyone has had good hatches this year, most people I have talked to have had real good success this year. The National in Columbus is shaping up as a

real showdown this year and the Reds should give the lesser breeds a real run for the money again this year.

Sorry for such a short article this time but not much is happening here, just hauling feed and waiting for the weather to break so we can plant corn.

Mike

My name is Isaac Collins. I am 9 years

### Note from Junior Member-Isaac Collins

old and I am in the third grade. I live in Portland IN. I have been showing Reds since I was 3 years old and this is my 2nd year showing bantams. I have been in the red club 2 years.

I like bantams better because they are easier to handle, but that is just my opinion. I used to raise Crele Old English but my dad told me they are a lesser breed, and now I agree.

A Rhode Island Red person I have always wanted to meet is Danny Feathers, I saw him on the Red video. He has alot of neat pens for his Reds. He has alot of nice Reds. Rhode Island Reds are the only real chickens.

Isaac Collins

Hey just wanted to make a challenge to all the rose comb red bantam breed-

### Rose Comb Challenge from Danny Feathers

ers.Lets have as close to 100 rose comb bantams at the national show. I think we could make a run at the single combs. What do you all think about that? I have been hatching out all the rose combs that I can, we have around 70 out right now.

This would be a great sight for the poultry world to see. I know that there is a bunch of good rose combs up in that area, so lets get them out and show their stuff. Remember we can't get them going with out showing them. Good luck to all of you.

Danny Feathers

### Master Exhibitor Award as of 04/30/02

\* denoted deceased member

David Bell  
John Corcoran\*  
Danny Feathers  
Lloyd Flanagan  
Tom Guanella  
Harry and Kathy Kolacz  
Larry Lawrence  
Greg Chamness  
Larry Conroy  
John Klimes  
John Pierce

### Master Breeder Award as of 04/30/02

\* denoted deceased member

H.H Andrews\*  
George Gilstrap\*  
Al Hansen\*  
Lee Roy Jones  
Clyde Montgomery  
Dennis Myers  
Don Nelson  
Emmett Rachels

### Gateway, IN Show Results From Rick Bond

Adrian Rademacher  
E.W. Reese, Jr.

We had more large fowl exhibitors than we had bantam, 5 exhibitors with large and only 2 with bantams.

Large Fowl- Henry Mager, Judge

2 Cocks

1.Harry& Kathy Kolacz

2.TP Ranch

2 Hens

1.TP Ranch

2.W&E Nicholson

2 Cockerels

1.Greg Chamness BB Res. American

2.Greg Chamness

4 Pullets

1.Greg Chamness RB

2.Harry Kolacz

3.Rick Bond

4.Rick Bond

Bantams Don Juenke, Judge

2 Cocks

1.Tanis Poultry

2.Tanis Poultry

4 Hens

1.Tanis Poultry BB Res. SCCL

2.Tanis Poultry

3.Rick Bond

4.Rick Bond

3 Cockerels

1.Rick Bond

2.Rick Bond

3.Rick Bond

3 Pullets

1.Rick Bond RB

2.Rick Bond

3.Rick Bond

Following is the dedication in the show booklet.

### South Central Regional Classic- H.H. Andrews Memorial Show

The South Arkansas Poultry Club is pleased to honor the memory of H. H Andrews by dedicating the 2002 South Central Regional Classic to his memory. H. H. was for many years a paying member of this club. The land miles made it impossible for him to be active in the club but we always knew we had a supporter in this good southern gentleman.

He was very active in the Red River Bantam Club and the Rhode Island Red Club of America, breeding and exhibiting in the fancy for 60 years.

Mr. Andrews' last show to attend before his death was the 2001 EIDorado Show. We thank you for being a part of this special tribute to this special man.

We never met Mr. Andrews, but had heard a lot about him and we have the tape from the Red Club where Mr. Andrews discusses Red Type, carriage and color. It was very helpful and we studied it.

Once we got our birds cooped in at the EIDorado barn which was set up, we were looking around and saw that there were two big trophies and matching plaques for the Rhode Island Red tribute to Mr. Andrews. We never came to this show be-

fore but went this time in honor of Mr. Andrews and to support the Red Club. Everyone there was friendly and we all got a big hug from Debbie Atwood. The directions to EIDorado and the barn were easy to follow. J. B. and Earlene Harrell provided a free lunch on the day of the show.

During the day, Saturday, we had many conversations with Lloyd Flanagan, Thomas Bell, Catherine Gleason and Thomas Guanella. Mama particularly thanked Lloyd Flanagan for his skillful interview with Mr. Andrews on the video I mentioned earlier. Captain J. B. Harrell conducted an auction after lunch. Poultry items were for sale and a variety of other things. The auction was well attended and even a Rhode Island hen was auctioned off.

The junior show was great with close to forty birds of good quality and also a wide variety of birds. We were impressed because this was the first open show we had been able to go to with a junior show. There were two plaques awarded, one for the Bantam and one for the Standard.

The large fowl and junior show judge was Eugene Barnard who is know for his scrutinizing of under coat and color. There were about a hundred large fowl including 26 large fowl reds and 11 bantam reds. With only a hundred large fowl the judge took a lot of time judging and was very thorough. He was very impressed with Thomas Guanella's cockerel. He took it out to show red breeders what he thought was prime color.

Lloyd Flanagan was there with the good birds he is know for. We met Catherine Gleason who's daughter was very enthusiastic about poultry and bought the red hen at the auction. Thomas Bell had a very nice rose comb cockerel . We had a pleasant conversation with him at breakfast Saturday.

Thomas Guanella not only built the barn but painted it also. We all look forward to showing with these Rhode Island Red fanciers again.

Andre St. Romain

