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**Rhode Island Red Pictures From  
Australian Poultry Fanciers Tour  
Provided by APA/ABA Judge and Club Member Jim Adkins  
Read Jim's Article on page 7-8**

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ABA judge, Don Juencke holding an outstanding RIR cockerel.



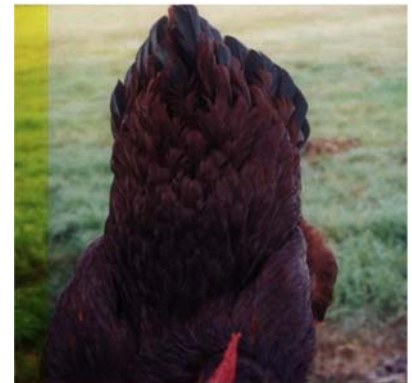
A closer look at the same male. Notice his type, color and size.



**BEST OF SHOW**  
S.C. RHODE ISLAND RED BANTAM PULLET  
150th Mercer County Fair  
Celina, Ohio August 10 & 11, 2002  
Bred and Exhibited by-  
M & M Exhibition Poultry  
Matt Lhamon & Mike Sayre



This was an outstanding female. Notice her tail, topline and a beautiful head.



This same female, a close up of her back. Excellent width, color and feather quality

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MEETS

All meets, with the exception of our club's national meet, are placed by the District Directors. The national meet is placed by a majority vote of the executive committee.

To have a Special Meet placed at your club's show, contact your District Director or the Club Secretary.

To have a State or District Meet placed at your club's show, contact the appropriate District Director for your area.

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.

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DISTRICTS

The Unites States and Canada shall be divided into nine major districts; this division is made in order to have nine major meetings and exhibits each year in addition to the Annual Meeting of the Club, to secure better representation for members in all parts of the country and effect closer cooperation. The country shall be divide as follows:

District 1: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

District 2: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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District 7: Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah.

District 8: Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

District 9: Canada

District 10: All Other Foreign Countries

**Financial Report**

As of Sept. 23, 2002

<b><u>Cash</u></b>	
Bank One Checking	\$2421.60
<b><u>Inventory</u></b>	
Club Patches (155)	\$ 372.80
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>	<b>\$2794.40</b>
<b><u>Total Liabilities</u></b>	<b>none</b>
<b><u>Total Net Worth</u></b>	<b>\$2794.40</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>	
Dues	\$ 250.00
Videos/Articles/Patches/Ads	\$ 144.00
Donation-Dave Bell	\$ 5.00
Interest	\$ 2.68
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 401.68</b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
1 Chronicle	\$ 322.96
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 401.68</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-\$ 322.96</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$ 78.72</b>

No debts outstanding 182 members and 6 members have expired dues.

**Oops! Just thought you would all like a little news.  
By John Klimes**

Greetings to all! I had an article all written up but then my computer anti virus software said that I had worms or rather my computer did. To me that meant adding a little piperazine to the water but apparently with electronics that does not work and so this article is getting to Matt late and the original article is lost in the great abyss of the electronic world to never be seen again. I have noticed lately that the northern fowl mites are back in full force at shows. Watch those birds we don't want our reds to spread bugs. I have found that this Diatomaceous Earth actually works well. It also will not cause sterility in your breeders. May exhibitors have explained to me that when they used certain sprays with the active ingredient being pyretherine or related products that their fertility goes to zero. They think that the sperm is being killed before it can reach its destination. Could be true?

Watch your stock this fall.

Speaking of this fall the shows are gearing up. We have a national coming up very soon as well as many state meets. I will be attending the Montana State meet in Great fall at the end of September and the Utah state meet at the end of October. An then the Idaho state meet in November if I am unable to attend the national. Wow! What a schedule. For those of you not from the Pacific Northwest the fall means a lot of shows. Most of them are usually a 100 mile drive or more but that is the price of a small population. There are several shows in Oregon and Washington as well this fall but I will leave it up to my district director to announce those. I try to at least attend those shows but they are about a 12 hour drive. Can't take grandma to many of those but it is nice to see their faces over there.

Speaking of over in Washington

I want to congratulate Tim Jergens on his move and new job near Spokane Washington. I know that this means a conspiracy in the red club as Mr. Tony Albritton lives a hop skip and a jump from Tim now. My unstoppable competition has now obtained allies. These two red breeders are some of the best conditioners and most congenial exhibitors I have ever met. Good luck Tim and enjoy being reunited with your birds on a full time basis.

I need to get this to Matt ASAP so until next time enjoy.

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**KNICKERBOCKER  
RISC  
BANTAM REDS**



**DICK GEE/KNICKERBOCKER STRAIN  
WINNERS SCCL 1998, 1999, 2000  
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CENTRAL FLORIDA POULTRY ASSOCIATION,  
& DALTON GA**

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**Upcoming Club Meets 2002  
-2003**

Northern NY Poultry Fanciers Club  
Sept 15, 2002  
Special  
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Illini Poultry Show  
Sept. 14-15, 2002  
District  
Belvidere, IL  
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North Iowa &RBR Poultry Show  
Double Show  
Sept. 14-12, 2002  
Mason City, IA  
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Yankee Fall Classic  
Sept. 21-22, 2002  
State  
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Red River Bantam Club  
Sept. 28, 2002  
Special  
Gainsville, TX  
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Eastern NY Poultry Fanciers  
Sept. 29, 2002  
District  
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Wisconsin International  
Sept. 28-29, 2002  
State  
Portage, WI  
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Big Sky Poultry Expo  
Sept. 28-29, 2002  
Special  
Montana  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Southern Ohio Poultry Breeders  
Oct. 5-6, 2002  
State  
Lucasville, OH  
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Garden State Poultry Fanciers  
Oct. 5-6, 2002  
Special  
Flemington, NJ  
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Green River Poultry Club  
Oct. 5, 2002  
Special  
Brownsville, KY

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Rochester Poultry Fanciers  
Oct. 6, 2002  
Special  
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West Central Wisconsin Pigeon and  
Poultry Club  
Oct. 5, 2002  
Special  
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State Fair of Texas  
Oct. 12-13, 2002  
State  
Dallas, TX  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Southern Missouri Poultry Club  
Oct. 12, 2002  
Special  
Urbana, MO  
\*\*\*\*\*  
South Texas State Fair Poultry  
Show  
Oct. 19, 2002  
Special Meet  
Beaumont, TX  
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Hoosier Poultry Breeders Associa-  
tion  
Oct. 19-20, 2002  
Special  
Marion, IN  
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Central Oklahoma Poultry Ass.  
Oct. 19, 2002  
Special  
Guthrie, OK  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Abilene Poultry Association  
Oct. 26, 2002  
Special  
Abilene, TX  
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Louisiana State Fair Poultry Show  
Oct 26-Nov. 2, 2002  
Special  
Shreveport, LA  
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Bakersfield Fancy Feathers Club  
Oct. 26-27, 2002  
Special  
Bakerfield, CA  
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"2002 Sunflower Showdown"  
Kansas State Poultry Club  
Oct. 27-28, 2002

District Meet  
Hutchinson, KS  
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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  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Anderson All Breed Bantam Club  
Nov. 16, 2002  
State Meet  
Anderson, SC  
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Tucson Poultry Pigeon and Fancy  
Fowl Club  
Nov. 16-17, 2002  
Special  
Tucson, AZ  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Carpet City Bantam Club  
Nov. 23, 2002  
Special  
Dalton, GA  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Eastern Iowa Poultry Club  
Nov. 29-30, 2002  
State  
Iowa City, IA  
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Oklahoma State Poultry Federation  
Dec. 7-8, 2002  
State  
Shawnee, OK  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Bedford County Poultry Assoc.  
Dec. 21, 2002  
Special  
Bedford County, TN  
\*\*\*\*\*  
S.W. Exposition and Livestock Show  
Jan. 18-19, 2002  
Special  
Ft. Worth, TX  
\*\*\*\*\*  
Florida State Fair  
Feb. 7, 2003  
Special  
Tampa, FL  
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Arkansas State Poultry Association  
 Feb. 8, 2003  
 State  
 Little Rock, AR  
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 Greater California Society of Poultry  
 Fanciers  
 Feb. 22-23, 2003  
 Special  
 Fresno, CA  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 North Louisiana Poultry Show  
 March 8, 2003  
 State  
 Haynesville, LA  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 South Arkansas Poultry Association  
 April 5, 2003  
 Special  
 El Dorado, AR  
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 Southeast Oklahoma Poultry Club  
 May 3, 2003  
 Special  
 Idabel, OK  
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SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-Lyndsey Parton  
 Bantams (6)  
 SC-BV-BB-Alainy Kendall  
 SC-RV-RB-Isaac Collins  
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 SE Oklahoma Poultry Club  
 06/02/02  
 Large Fowl (10)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
 Bantams (9)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
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 Buckeye Fancy Feather Club  
 Special  
 06/09/02  
 Large Fowl (5)  
 SC-BV-BB-Harold Knapp  
 SC-RV-RB-William Whitney  
 RC-BV-Harold Knapp  
 LF Red were Best and Res. American  
 Bantams (14)  
 SC-BV-BB-Max Stacy  
 SC-RV-RB-Harold Knapp  
 Junior Show  
 Large Fowl (2)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
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 Snake River Poultry Association  
 Special  
 06/08/02  
 Large Fowl (22)  
 SC-BV-BB-Rick Olsen  
 SC-RV-RB-Tony Albritton  
 RC-BV-Tony Albritton  
 RC-RV-Tony Albritton  
 Champ Red LF was Champ LF and  
 Res. Of Show.  
 Bantams (5)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
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 Bedford County Fair Show  
 Special  
 08/17/02  
 Junior Show  
 Large Fowl (2)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
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**THE VERY BEST IN SINGLE COMB  
 RHODE ISLAND REDS  
 LARGE FOWL AND BANTAM**

**ROBERT BLOSL**  
 14390 South Boulevard  
 Silverhill, AL 36567  
 33-945-5990  
 (11/02)  
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**SC RI REDS**  
*in*  
**Large Fowl and Bantams**  
 Larry Lawrence  
 RR 1 Box 220  
 Solsberry, IN 47459  
 812-876-8651  
 (11/04)  
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**ADRIAN J. RADEMACHER**  
**SC & RC LARGE RI REDS**  
 9185 County Road 10 East  
 Waconia, MN 44387  
 (11/02)  
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**Single Comb and Rose Comb  
 Bantams and Large Fowl  
 In Memory of  
 Rolland Blockberger**  
 9299 State Road 66N  
 Delphos, OH 45833  
 (11/02)  
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**FOR SALE**  
**Bantams and Standards  
 Rhode Island Reds**  
 Josh & Justin Duncan  
 Route 1 Box 250-1  
 Whitesboro, TX 76276  
 (903)-564-3226  
 (7/02)  
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**Glueckert's  
 SC RI Red Large Fowl**  
 John, Elle, Jake and Angie  
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 Niles, MI 49120-8940  
 Email:Glick1@prodigy.net  
 (9/02)  
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**Show Reports**

Greater California Poultry Show  
 State  
 02/23-24/02  
 Large Fowl (21)  
 SC-BV-BB-Ken Duval  
 SC-RV-RB-Ken Duval  
 Bantams (22)  
 SC-BV-BB-Jim & Bonnie Sallee  
 SC-RV-RB-Don & Linda Park  
 RC-BV-Tom Gray  
 RC-RV-Tom Gray  
 Bantam Red was Res. SCCL!  
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 Dayton Fancy Feather Club  
 Special  
 04/7/02  
 Large Fowl (14)  
 SC-BV-BB-non member  
 SC-RV-RB-non member  
 Bantams (36)  
 SC-BV-BB-Max Stacy  
 SC-RV-RB-Max Stacy  
 RC-RV-Rob Sando  
 RC-RV-Rob Sando  
 BB Bantam Red was Res. SCCL  
 Junior Show  
 Large Fowl (0)

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**Check your mailing label for the expiration date of your dues and avoid missing your Chronicle!**

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**NEW RIRCA  
4" PATCHES**

**Available from the Secretary for \$5 each postpaid**

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**3 Sets of Classic Red Articles are available from the Secretary for \$20 per set!**

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**RI Red Video is available from the Secretary for \$20**

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Well the dog days of summer are slowly

**President's Message  
By Robert Blosl**

fading. Autumn-my favorite time of year is just around the corner. This is the time of year we see the fruits of our labor from what our breeding pens have produced for us, to start showing at fairs and prepare for the winter shows. For me, I have selected my best Red Bantams for next year and already have my matings in place, at least on paper, for November. This has been a hot dry year for many of our members as well as a year with ups and downs with

varmint. Some members have written me and have been plagued with sickness. Some have lost a great portion of their young birds. Hopefully, all these negative issues are behind us and we can move forward for a great 2003 breeding season.

Our National Meet will be held this November at the Ohio National and our District Director Four Dennis Myers is planning a great show for us. Many of our members have donated money and awards to help put this meet on and it should be a wonderful showing for all who attend to see. My wife and I plan to fly up on Thursday before the show and spend the weekend with you all as this will be the second year in a row that the club secretary and president have been in attendance at a national Red Club meet. Something that I plan to do this year is videotape the whole show and all the Reds that are on display as well as the members who will be at the show. It is my plan to try to get a few of the members to sit down and have a seminar on R I Reds and I will have this on the tape as well. As a bonus, we might be able to get one or two members who live in the area to video tape their breeding yards and set ups. This will be our third videotape that we have produced and will be titled Red Club Tour 2002 hopefully it will be about two and half hours in length.

Also, I have been researching all of our old Rhode Island Red Club Journals and Chronicles from 1912 to the present on the subjects of bantams and will be making photocopies of these classic articles to share with you. This set of articles will be our forth and will be strictly on Red Bantams. This will have all the outstanding articles that have been written on Red bantams and should be over 100 pages. The videotape and the classic articles on bantams should be available around January of 2003 and the price will be \$20 apiece and includes shipping. All profits will go to the junior membership program and the welfare of the club for 2003.

The last issue of the Red Chronicle sure had a beautiful cover on it with all the live shots of the Red Cockerels. You do not know what kind of effort Matt goes through every two months to put together such an informative and attractive Chronicle for you to read. It sure makes your dues

to our club worthwhile and while I am on that subject please make sure you pay your dues so you can continue to receive the benefits of being a member of our club.

Till out next issue, I wish you the best with your reds and look forward to see as many of you at the Ohio National in November. I have considered writing on this topic for

**Note from Mike Hawkins**

quite sometime and after Matt let us know (I read the message board) that he needed articles for the upcoming Chronicle. I decided the time is right.

I have a great love for our Rhode Island Reds and our great club. When I first joined it seemed there were many RIR breeders in the club that were willing to answer Questions and help in any way possible. I have met members at shows, talked over the phone and read articles by club members and have always enjoyed their company and knowledge but have you noticed within the past year, the amount of posts from new members, potential members and even current members that go unanswered?

I once sent a lady from another board to our board, she was looking for RIR's. Guess what, no one answered her posts.

Even the members that used to post don't now. What kind of impression are we giving those that are seeking our knowledge and help. Do you think they will be inclined to join our club or purchase our stock? I said and will still say that our club is the greatest, we have a outstanding Club Secretary who puts out the greatest Chronicle in the industry, and we have great knowledgeable members.

I once ask why our District Directors weren't more involved in answering questions and was told they were busy and shouldn't be bothered. I ask why?

Maybe I don't understand what a District Director does, other than schedule meets. It would appear to me that a District Director would be like a Congressman. In there fighting for and promoting the club, answering questions, writing articles, and assisting and promoting the club in ALL

ways possible. Too many times Directors don't even give a report in the Chronicle. I would think ALL club members would help promote the club by doing all this.

I read names of club members all the time, as winners in shows and see their advertisements to sell their birds. It would seem to me they would do themselves and the club a great service by participating in posting on the message board, answering questions and writing articles for the chronicle.

I would be more inclined to buy from them if I knew more about their knowledge of RIR's.

Go to the RIR message board and see how many posts are currently there. COUNT them back a few months. Also while your there, look and see how many were NOT answered. don't let this be the impression we give to potential breeders or new members?

POST, POST, POST,  
WRITE ARTICLES, WRITE ARTICLES, WRITE ARTICLES, PROMOTE, PROMOTE, PROMOTE.

Anybody can raise chickens but members of a club join to be active and learn and teach.

Yours in REDS,  
Mike Hawkins  
Hi Matt,

### Note from Don Nelson

I figured I should send you something for the Chronicle. I have been busy judging some local fairs and getting ready for the first Fall show this weekend in Bath, NY. I spent Labor day weekend culling all the Reds, I'm really looking forward to the National in Columbus, looks like I'll have a few good ones to show and some to sell. The bantams look really good again this year and the cross I'm working on in the large fowl produced some nice birds.

The best surprise was that the pullets are laying at six months old!!! I will have to work on some color faults but for the first cross they are better than I thought they would be. I will be showing some at Columbus and will sell some if anyone

wants to work with this old strain cross.

I met a man ,at one of the fairs I was judging, that is doing a documentary on RI Reds. He was taking pictures of the production Reds and I asked him if he knew of the difference in the show-birds. He knew of the differences and has done some homework on the Reds. I told him I was a district director of the Red Club and he wanted to know if we were planning anything for the big anniversary of the Reds in 2004!! He will be calling me for more info and to come to the house to take pictures of the Reds. I believe he is working with money from a federal grant on the origins of RI REDS. I will keep you informed as to the progress of this and if I need any help with this.

I got my Poultry Press today and the Red Club should be proud, we have many donations of money and prizes from the membership. It should be a show to remember, with a huge entry of fine quality RI REDS.

See you all there,

***"Rhode Island Reds in Australia!"***  
***By Jim Adkins***

Don Nelson

In the last issue of the Red Club Chronicle there were was a picture of a couple RI Red males from Australia. I was not impressed. They were definitely lacking color, not the best type and the heads were not to good either. I am not sure who the breeder was but, I am excited to be writing this article to share with you about the excellent Reds that I saw in Australia.

This past June there were eleven of us who traveled in northern New South Wales and around Queensland on our second poultry tour. What an awesome time we had! Our tour consisted of poultry fanciers from Oklahoma, Texas, Tennessee, Montana, Florida and Kansas. The group included judges Don Juencke (Tennessee) and Terry Britt (Oklahoma) and myself.

We had the privilege of visiting the man who is known throughout Australia for his Rhode Island Reds. His name is Doug Hogan in Lismore, New South Wales. Doug is an older gentleman whom I have visited three different times since 1997. Every time that our touring group stopped in to his place we found birds that we would love to bring home.

As we wandered around looking at his fowls, one of the very first things you notice is the excellent type. Mr. Hogan's birds have good size, (not to big) and beautiful brick type. The bodies have depth and length that Reds should have.

As I have judged across America, probably my biggest concern for our Reds is the type. When I first saw these RI Reds in Australia, back in 1997, I was actually a little bit embarrassed because very few of the Reds that that I have judged, have the type that these fowls have.

Now, I will say this, ever time that I have judged Adrian Radamacher's RI Reds (from Minnesota) they are a very good representation of our American breed. I should also mention that, in the last newsletter, the photo of Don Nelson's male bird was outstanding. In my opinion these two breeders are doing a fine job!

Type is very important for this breed but color is obviously another absolute necessity. Mr. Hogan's Reds had very deep lustrous rich, dark red color on the entire fowl with consistent red color throughout the undercolor. The wings are well marked. The tails on these fowls are awesome, beautiful greenish black! (Hopefully you can notice that in the photos) The heads on Mr. Hogan's Reds are some of the best that I have ever seen. Good width of skull, well shaped with nice combs. Over all, his birds represent our breed well.

It is actually kind of exciting to see one of our American breeds with such quality in another country. Thank you Doug Hogan for over 50 years of breeding outstanding RI Reds in Australia.

I am also grateful for breeders like Adrian Radamacher, Don Nelson, Dennis Myers

and Danny Feathers (I know there are others that are doing a fine job) for breeding good fowls in America. It is also exciting to think that we are nearing the 150th year of this great breed. I am looking forward to that gathering of celebration in Rhode Island.

It was truly an honor to be in Australia for our second poultry tour. The hospitality with our Aussie friends was so wonderful. It looks like we are gearing up for a third tour next summer. If you are interested please feel free to contact me. So long until next time!

Jim Adkins

### Note from Junior Melisa Brown

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Hello, My name is Melisa Brown from Los Alamos, California. I am twelve years old and have been showing poultry for the last two years through the 4-H. At the beginning of the year, we ordered 5 Red bantam chicks through my 4-H leader. We have now raised them from two days old to 6 months old.

I have two cockerels and three pullets. I have also been a Junior Member of the Rhode Island Red Club of America since January 3, 2002. I entered my birds at the Santa Barbara County Fair last Month. In a workshop at the fair the judge used my cockerel, Onry, as the perfect example of a bird in great condition and well prepared for a show.

That is when my Red won Overall Reserve Champion Bantam. I love reading your newsletters and I used your helpful hints in previous newsletters on bathing your chicken and getting ready for shows. When I am a little older I would like to breed my Reds and sell them to very good homes. That way I can have lots of experience with breeding them if I decide to become a 4-H leader in Poultry.

I'm looking forward to the next newsletter,  
Melisa Brown  
redrhodiechix@earthlink.net

P.S. You may use this short-story in your next article. There is an attachment of my



rooster also. Thank you Mr. Blosl for all of your help!

### Judges Report From Saulk Trail Michigan Show By Kirk Keene

*"Onry"*

I thought you folks who didn't make the Saulk Trail show might be interested in the placings. I had the good fortune to judge the SCCL's, and as usual, it was loaded with nice birds. The Red, Rock, Dutch, New Hamp, and Leghorn classes were all full. There was also a nice display of Australorp bantams entered, plus a few Japs, Andalusions, Naked Necks, etc.

In the Red bantam cock class, there were only two entries. The first place bird was a bit large and lacked finished condition, but had classic brick type. The second place cock did not show enough breast and level topline. Believe it or not, there was only one hen. She was in pretty good feather, and was a nice bird overall. The heat of the afternoon kept her from showing her best. If I remember correctly, the cockerel class had 8 or ten entries. The first place bird was similar in type to the old cock bird. Good length AND depth of body, which allowed him to show off a nice breast. I think sometimes so much emphasis is put on the back that the breast is forgotten. However, a solid breast is necessary to give the brick shape so desired. He was in good feather, although still a bit green underneath and had a nice

head to top it off. The second and third place cockerels were also nice birds, but did not have the finish of breast the first place bird had. I am guessing in another month or two they will finish out and fill in. Both were in good feather and had nice heads. These two birds showed a bit of an illusion when viewing from the side. Their shoulders were out in front of their chests, giving the appearance of a chest. Upon closer inspection, it was more obvious that the apparent chest was actually the wing. Again, once these guys fill in, they should make nice birds. The remainder of the class was cut for several faults, including too much pitch to the back, shortness of back, somewhat of a vertical carriage, lack of breast, poor color, etc. The pullet class was deep, with the first and second place females really standing out of the crowd. Both had great feather quality, a level topline, nice heads, good color, good shape. The third place bird was also in the running, until she decided to tip up a bit. I believe the fourth and fifth place birds were cut for back angle. All placing females were good representations of the breed, and nearly all showed excellent color in all sections. When picking Best of Breed, the pullets just got too hot to show correct type. Therefore, I went BB with a cockerel and RB with the pullet. In all, a very nice class, especially this early in the show season. The cockerel went Res. SCCL to a dynamite Lt. Brown Dutch cockerel (who ended up Res. Bantam A.P.A.). Although I didn't do the Americans, a very nice Red cock went Ch. American and eventually Ch.

### Check out Bob Blosl's New Website

[http://  
www.poultryconnection.com/  
redtalk/](http://www.poultryconnection.com/redtalk/)

### Awards List for the National Meet in Columbus

Large Fowl. In all, a good day for those Reds!  
\$50 for Best Display of RI Reds Overall by the RIRCA  
\$50 for Best Red overall by the RIRCA



\$50 for Best Red Trio overall by the RIRCA  
 \$25 for Reserve Red overall by the RIRCA  
 \$25 for Reserve Display overall by the RIRCA  
 \$25 for Best Single Comb RI Red Bantam by Milt & Valerie Gadberry  
 \$25 for Best Colored Red Bantam by Matt Lhamon  
 \$25 for Best Colored Red Large Fowl by Matt Lhamon  
 Red Picture Plaques for Class Champions by Mike Hawkins

Don Nelson  
 \$25 Champion Bantam Trio  
 \$25 Champion Large Fowl Trio

Dennis Myers

Large Fowl S.C.  
 \$15 1st C,H,K,P  
 \$10 2nd C,H,K,P  
 \$7.50 3rd C,H,K,P,  
 \$5 4th C,H,K,P  
 \$2.50 5th C,H,K,P  
 \$25 B.B. Large Red  
 \$25 R.B. Large Red  
 Large R.C  
 \$10 B.V.  
 \$10 R.V.  
 Best Large Display \$25  
 Res. Large Display \$25  
 Junior B.B. Large Red \$10  
 Junior R.S. Large Fowl \$10  
 Clock Trophy for best Display Large Reds

Adrian Rademacher pledged  
 \$25 Best Display Large R.C. Reds  
 \$10 Best Trio Large R.C. Reds  
 \$15 2nd Trio Large S.C. Reds.

John Glueckert has pledged \$50 for RI Reds

**Looks Like Over \$725 for RI Reds to**

***"Rhode Island Reds in America-  
 The Centenary Show, Columbus,  
 Ohio 1998  
 By Gary Phillips, Australia***

**date!**

After our long flight across the Pacific to

Los Angeles, then on to Chicago, we needed the two days touring Indiana to prepare ourselves for the three weeks ahead of us.

Our visit to the Amish settlements was indeed a real highlight of our trip. The countryside was magnificent, with those wonderful gray and white farm houses, surrounded by American Style barns and corn silos.

We could feel the anticipation when our tour host, Jim Adkins announced "Well folks! Welcome to Columbus, Ohio". We knew our poultry adventure was about to start.

We booked into the motel, anxious to leave again and pay our first visit to the Ohio State Fairgrounds. Upon arrival we were confronted with dozens of trailer homes and campers. The exhibitors travel to shows with their "chickens", as the Americans call their poultry.

The show we attended was the 150th Anniversary of the American Poultry Association (APA) combined National with the American Bantam Association, attracting 12,500 exhibits plus thousands of sale birds as well, plus commercial stands selling thousands of poultry items.

The fairgrounds were huge, and some of the buildings were bigger than we would see at the Sydney Royal. For example, the venue in which the poultry were staged was massive—very high with ceiling adorned with hundreds of Ohio State flags and the American Flag. This made a spectacular sight on its own. There was a tiered gallery for seating with viewing the main hall below, meeting rooms, a huge display area in which they had an historical display of poultry items, plus about twenty of the original Schilling paintings of poultry. To see the original of the trio of Rhode Islands was a real treat. The detail was fantastic, even down to the quill in the feather. These paintings are about 3'x3'6" (about a metre almost square) surrounded by heavy gilt frames. These paintings are very valuable and they were on loan from the Watt Publishing Company who owns them.

This was also the Centenary of the Rhode Island Red Club of America, which made it even more special for lovers of Reds like Doug Hogan and myself to be in attendance. Doug and I attended the Centenary Meeting and presented ribbons to the winners on behalf of the Australian Club. I made a speech of congratulations and well wishes, thanking them for giving us such a wonderful breed, on behalf of the Australian Club.

The Presidents of the Rhode Island Club of England and Switzerland were also in attendance. They made us very welcome and we all took photos etc.

The Americans were most impressed with the photos Doug showed them of Australian Reds. We heard the saying in a group "Hey guys, lets go to Australia and bring Reds back here."

The Swiss gentleman had photos of his Reds. Wow! Talk about big, long, Red bricks; they were magnificent in every respect. There were close up shots of single birds, and groups of birds taken on green lawns.

In relation to the birds we saw at the show, the bantams were good, with excellent color, type and markings and real bantam size, shown in large numbers.

The large Reds, however, were disappointing compared to ours, or was I expecting better in their homeland? The first thing that hit me was lack of size, no lustre and poor feather quality. Every female in particular, carried a tail pointing to the ground. When you handled them, they had that structural bump over the hips; not just fat as some people say. (The Plymouth Rocks were exactly the same. And since watching them on video, it is more evident.) On a positive note combs were good, undercolor and wing markings excellent. They have concentrated perhaps too much on colour at the expense of feather quality etc. The birds all had the lovely horn color on their shanks, so much desired in top show birds.

The winning cockerel went on to win Best American Breed, and I think, other

awards, as he was out in "Champion Row."

The birds were all staged on two levels at good viewing height, with no divisions between the pens, and no fighting— amazing. The other exhibits included some wonderful Brahmans and Cochins— hundreds of them and very high quality. There were some wonderful birds on display in all breeds, the waterfowl were something out of the box.

There was another pavilion adjoining — huge by any standard, which housed waterfowl, geese, turkeys and thousands of sale birds which would make your mouth water. And we had to leave them there, for example large Brahmans that were \$15 each.

There is a tour group of breeders and judges coming here for Canberra 2000. I hope everyone will have an opportunity to talk to them and make them feel welcome as they did to the nineteen Australians who toured their country.

### Officer Nominations for the 2003-2004 Election Term

Gary Phillips  
President:  
Robert Blosl  
David Bell

Vice President:  
Mike Collins

District 1 Director:  
Don Nelson

District 2 Director:  
John Pierce

District 3 Director:  
Mike Miller

District 4 Director:  
Dennis Myers  
Rick Bond

District 5 Director:

Milt Gadberry

District 6 Director:  
Sam Caldwell  
Monty Fitzgerald

District 7 Director:  
Mike Hawkins  
Clyde Montgomery

District 8 Director  
Tony Albritton  
John Klimes

District 9 Director:

### National Meet Bids For 2003

George Pampalas

1.  
Florida Poultry Fanciers Association  
Jan. 10-11, 2003  
Lake City, Florida  
Ave. Size-1200 birds  
# of Reds-40  
Hosted ABA Annual in 2000-3500 birds  
15 club members voted in favor of hosting our meet.  
Nearest Airport-Jacksonville, FL-60 miles  
Distance from hotels to show- 1 mile  
Meeting Rooms Available  
Banquet is held  
Also offer \$200 in Cash Awards plus plaques for BV,RV, BB, RB

2.  
Illini Poultry Show  
Sept. 13-14, 2003  
Belvidere, IL  
Ave. Size-1600+  
# of Reds-50+  
Never hosted APA/ABA annual or semi  
32 club members voted in favor of hosting our meet.  
Nearest Airport-Rockford/O'Hara 10 miles  
Distance from hotels to show- 6 miles  
Meeting Rooms Available  
Banquet is held  
Also offer Hand Carved Birds for Champion Large Red, Bantam Red, Champion Trio and Champion Display.

### Note from Member And Poultry Artist Marie Delffs

**Ballots will be mailed out to the executive committee to vote on their choice for our National Meet 2003.**

Matt,

Thanks for the reminder that my dues are due. Oops, with all the hatching and painting for the National in Ohio, I had let it slip by.

Since I purchased my first Reds in 2001 and showed some that I raised myself, I fell like I've come a long way already. It's good experience, I've learned, to just get in there among the best and mingle, ask questions and listen, look and compare. I've always had the inclination that Reds and Rocks were alike, boy, was I wrong (see that I put that in past tense). I have always admired Reds and their beautiful color, deep liver red is what I call it. I've painted them and love to see the beautiful results of their lustrous deep red and green sheen black contrast. They catch my eye immediately in the show room.

I also show Ginger Red Old English and Barred Plymouth Rocks, having accomplished quite well with both. My hatching season has been good for all 3 breeds. I'm still learning on my Reds, as well as my others. I don't think you ever get to the point you can say "I know it all".

I want to say that there are a lot of fine "Red Folks" out there in the fancy. I really appreciate those who took the time to talk to me about Reds and even shared some of their tricks and trades. I have a vision of having some top-notch Reds some-day, so move over Greg, Larry, Rick, and Mike, Marie's in the back stretch.

Here's to the best RI's,  
Marie Delffs

### Secretary's Ramblings

Breeder and Artist

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**Blosl's Rhode Islands Reds**

It's hard to believe it's almost fall. Here in West Central Ohio, we have had the hottest, driest summer since the 1930's. All the lawns are dried up, the crops are done for and we can expect higher feed prices in the winter, I am sure. We need rain and I am hoping our well holds out till we get some.

The summer fair season went well and the Reds were right at the top where they belong. I made the Saulk Trail Show in MI the week after Labor Day and seen some real nice bantams and LF Red Class. The BB Bantam went Res. SCCL and I believe the Large BB went Best Large Fowl. Real nice birds and glad to see the Reds are starting well heading into our National this Nov.

Speaking of the National, we have over \$700 on Reds at this writing and we are hoping for a super turnout to make this the best Red Show of our time. Dennis Myers and the Ohio National crew know how to put on a top notched Poultry Show as there are none better in my opinion. Stop by the Red Table or run me down in the aisles to say hello. We can use some volunteers to help man the table so Robert and I can get in a see the show. As of this writing, I do not yet know the meeting schedule but hope to have the time in the next Chronicle.

Elections are coming up this year, I have a list of all who have been nominated so far. If you want to jump in and become a officer of this Club, let your director know so he can forward your name to John Glueckert so we can get you on the ballot.

Also two shows have bid on the 2003 National Meet and I have them listed in this issue. Once the Executive Committee has decided, I will post it on the message board and in the next Chronicle.

I would like to thank Jim Adkins for all the info, article and pictures he sent of the Poultry Breeders Tour to Australia. I met several of the Australian breeders at the last Joint National in Columbus in 1998 and what a fine group they are. I have republished Gary Phillips article of his impression of his trip to America and the

Reds he saw. I know he really liked our bantam Reds and so did the other visitors from abroad. I think it was Adrian Keep that called our bantams "Red Sebrights" as we have them much smaller than they do. I have been in the hobby long enough to have seen the decline of our Large Fowl Breeds and the rise of the Bantam Breeds. Although I believe there are many fine Large Reds and Large Red Breeders in the US, they big birds are not raised in the numbers that the bantams are thus we see exceptional Bantams in nearly all Standard breeds. I am not sure that we will ever see the Large Fowl as they once were but it is comforting knowing that the Australians, Swiss and English breeders have carried the torch for us.

I am sure I will hear some comments about a picture of one of my birds on the cover but it is the only one I had for this issue. If we are to continue with 6 Chronicles a year, I desperately need pictures from all over the US and articles as well. Several breeders have their show points but need some club points to gain the Master Exhibitor or Breeder status. No better way to do this than writing an article for the Chronicle. We do not expect a Shakespearean Masterpiece, just jot down your thoughts on Reds and the Fancy and we will see it gets in the Chronicle.

Anyone with any ideas for changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, get them to me for the next issue so they can be placed on the meeting Agenda for Columbus. I have only one so far and that was to move Virginia from District 2 to District 3 so the members would be represented by a Director that can attend shows in that State and promote the club.

Robert Blosl has his new website up and the address is <http://www.poultryconnection.com/redtalk/>. Good job on the site Robert and you know now it's not as easy as it look to do web sites! The club web site is still busy and the message board has more action that most I manage. I know some members get frustrated when no one answers questions. I try to browse all the sites once a day and answer what I can. I average over 500 emails a day between hobbies and business so I takes some time

to separate the wheat from the chaff. I you email me and do not hear anything for a few days, bear with me and send it again so I am sure to get it. Please use a header on the email because if you do not and I do not recognize the email address, it gets trashed. Too many junk emailers and viruses out there to read blank messages. Well enough for now, hope to see all of you somewhere down the show path this fall.

Yours in Reds,  
Matt

### Note From Mike Collins

Well the fall show season is underway. I have been to a few shows already and have seen some nice birds. The numbers seem to be down but I think as more birds come into condition we should see some really big classes in the later shows. I hope everyone will be able to come to Columbus this November for our National, with a little luck maybe we can repeat the 1998 performance.

It seems we have a time and place for our All Red Show. The second weekend in December, 2003 in Nashville Indiana. Nashville is located in the southern part of Indiana, it is a popular tourist destination with lot's of shopping for the wives. Nobody said this show would be cheap. If anyone has any ideas about something they would like to see done at this show now is your chance. Gary Underwood has already weighed in on this matter. He has suggested having a Breeders Cup type of judging, this would be in addition to having a licensed judge. All the exhibitors would judge the classes and the scores would be combined to determine the winners of the Breeders Cup. This is a very interesting idea. Personally I think the winners of both classes would be pretty close. If anyone has any ideas for this show I would really like to hear them. I hope we can talk about this at Columbus and get the ball moving. That would give everyone a year to breed and raise birds for this show. Hope I see most of you this year at one show or another. If we haven't met before please introduce yourself.

Mike



## History of the Rhode Island Red Bantam

By Robert Blosl

**Introduction:** The history of the Rhode Island Red Bantam goes back to the period of the early 1920's when Perrin Johnson of Rochester, New York began his new strain of Red Bantams by crossing large fowl Single Comb Rhode Island Reds with old English Game, Cochin and Wyandotte bantams. In Mr. Johnson's 1925 mating list he stated that the Rhode Island Red Bantam should be true bantam in weight, size and not be a half-size Red. Mr. Johnson eagerly supplied most of the original bantams to other red breeders who began raising this popular new bantam and worked with this group to organize the Rhode Island Red Bantam Club of America. During this time he served as their President for over ten years then club secretary until the club merged with the Rhode Island Red Club in the mid 1940s. The red bantam breeders had their problems during this early development period with this new breed as they were plagued with fluffy wide feathers, cushions in the top lines from the Cochins and the elevated top lines from the Wyandottes. To make things even more difficult, the introduction of Old English Games gave them pinched tails and pointed down wing carriages. In the 1930s the Red Bantams started to shape up like their large fowl counterparts, however their major problems were with oversized birds. Mr. Johnson was displeased with this dilemma and began to complain to the membership of the Red Bantam Club about the judges picking the best red bantams because of under color, surface color, and bigger birds rather than correct weight and size. The members voiced back the old age reason if we don't show the bigger birds we cannot win. He fired back challenging them what is more important winning at the shows or perfecting the breed. The members began to listen to Perrin and started weighing the red bantams at the shows and before long the larger birds were no longer being exhibited and the judges were forced to pick the truly better typed birds. For a period of time Mr. Johnson would weigh all the

bantams at the National Meets and Regional Red Meets that he attended and place the weights on the coop tags for all to see.

**Purves Introduction:** The majority of the breeders were still trying hard to produce bantams that resembled their large fowl siblings, however, it was not until the late 1930s that Perrin Johnson made a visit to Upstate New York to Robert Purves home and asked him if he ever had any small runty large fowl birds to ship them to his home to help him improve his color and type on his strain of red bantams. That year Mr. Purves did have a very small large fowl R I Red cockerel and shipped him to Mr. Johnson to cross onto his bantams. An interesting side note to this anecdote is the small large fowl cockerel was half Harold Tompkins strain from Massachusetts and half Thomas Ricksecker strain from Kansas which is how the introduction of the Red Web feather was introduced into our red bantams from the Ricksecker cross. It was about two years later that Ken Bowles of New York visited Mr. Purves at his home and told him that the little large fowl cockerel that you sent Perrin really helped him improve his type on his bantams.

**The Lost Gene:** A few years later, looking for more help with darker color, Mr. Johnson obtained from Ernie Jones of Rochester New York a small runty Rose Comb large fowl pullet and this little female really spring boarded the Johnson strain with more intense color and type. It was this rose comb large fowl pullet that set the stage for the improvement of the dark even red color in the strains of Rhode Island Red Bantams then and even today. Ernie Jones had a strange trait in his Rose Comb Large Fowl that they were so dark in color that about a half hour before dark his whole flock of large fowl would display a vermilion hue color to their feathers. Many who visited Mr. Jones poultry yards and saw this phenomenon at sundown said it was a sight to behold. Many of the Jones chicks when hatched displayed a purplish down color rather than dark red color and were considered a major indicator of the finest color a Rhode Island Red could obtain

when full grown. One of my articles on this web site titled "In Search of the Lost Gene" is based on this very trait from this introduction of rose comb blood into the Johnson strain of bantams.

**Introduction to the Standard of Perfection:** The single Comb Red Bantam was first introduced to the public at The Salem Poultry show, in Salem, Ohio in November 1939. A special request was presented by the National Red Bantam Club to the APA where there were 9 cock birds, 15, pullets, 7 hens 13 cockerels, 4 old trios, and 4 young trios exhibited by over ten exhibitors. It took till March 1940, to secure the necessary affidavits to the standard committee of the APA and the breed was excepted at the 1940 St. Louis, Missouri APA meeting. The weights accepted by the APA standard Committee were: Cocks 34 ounces, Hens 30 ounces, Cockerels 30 ounces and Pullets 26 ounces. Four ounces over weight in any class will disqualify the bird from competition. Further recommendations that type and color for both males and females be the same as for the large Reds. The leading breeders in the 1940's of the new Single Comb Red Bantam were Perrin Johnson of New York, Harold Thomforde of Minnesota, Jack Mundhenk of Ohio, Paul Zawadzke of Indiana, Charles Naugle of Ohio, Ralph Knickerbocker of New York, John Melchert of Minnesota, Walter Gainey of Illinois, F. G. Crumbacker of Ohio, Lewis Bennison of North Carolina, L.A. Hamilton of South Carolina, William Etter of Pennsylvania, Oscar Winfield of Kansas, Harold Serviss of New York, E.W. Lefingwell of Kansas and Pearl Daniels of Massachusetts. The first National Meet held after the admission of the Single Comb Red Bantams was at Rochester New York Show where 120 red bantams were exhibited with their crops empty. All birds were weighed by Perrin Johnson and of the 9 cocks entered only two were eligible. The first cock weighed 34 ounces.

**Introduction of the Rose Comb to the Standard of Perfection:** As Mr. Johnson kept improving his single comb strain of red bantams by the introduction of the Jones Rose Comb large fowl pullet he

bantams and this is how the origin of the Rose Comb Red Bantam began. Mr. Johnson continued to share his single and rose comb bantams with the other breeders throughout the country and it was not too much longer the red bantams were getting to the size and brick shape type that he always dreamed of. It took much time and development by many but the rose combs red bantams were gaining popularity with the members of the Red Club and in 1954 at the Ohio State Fair ten members exhibited 50 rose comb bantams under the leadership of F.G. Crumbacher of Ohio to qualify the variety to be introduced to the Standard of Perfection.

### **Heavy Promotion by the Red Club:**

During the period of 1947 to 1950 the members of the Rhode Island Red Club started to promote the Red Bantams in the Rhode Island Red Club Chronicle under the direction of the new bantam editor Allen D. Fitchett of Oklahoma. Each issue during this timeframe was stuffed with great articles by many of the old time breeders of red bantams as well as the new members who caught the bug and started to write about their opinions and experiences. Many members who once kept large fowl Reds were forced to down size their poultry plants from large poultry farms and convert to bantams more as a hobby than a business. Many members moved into the cities and suburbs and had back yard flocks, which served their purpose for eggs, meat and show birds. The Rhode Island Red bantam because of these two years of promotion in the Red Chronicle was becoming one of the most popular bantams at the shows in our country as well as England, Europe and Australia.

**The Next Level of Excellence:** As time moved forward into the mid 1950s a breeder named R. Paul Webb of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma made a cross of some Walter Gainey bantams onto an unknown line of red bantams and produced some of the finest red bantams the world ever saw. At 1957 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Poultry Show the Rhode Island Red Club held its National meet and Judge Harold Weideman from Kansas City, Missouri picked a Single Comb Cockerel of Mr. Webb's line as Best

Rhode Island Red of the show and Reserve Champion of the entire Show. Mr. Weideman went on to say to the members at the National Meet that this is the finest Rhode Island Red I ever handled and I had made many trips to Harold Tompkins farm as well as judging thousands of Reds in my judging career. Much of the Rhode Island Red bantam strains today that we have can link back to this cross by Mr. Webb through the introduction of his birds to the strains of Tom McLaughlin of Indiana and Lee Roy Jones of Kentucky, Anton Mazanec of Texas, H. H. Andrews of Texas and David Bell of Texas.

**Visit to Paul Webb's Home:** It was my pleasure to visit the home and poultry yards of Paul Webb in 1967 before Mr. Webb retired from Red Bantams because of rezoning in his neighborhood. Paul showed me pictures of his old line of world-class winners in 1957 up to the big winners of the early 1960s. Paul helped me understand the importance of the history of the Rhode Island Red bantam, by stressing to me the history of the origin of Perrin Johnson's bantams back in the early 1920s. He visualized to me the importance of using bantams with medium width feathers with substance and good webbing. Trying to avoid using females with lifts in their top lines, this will bring out the Wyandotte type and gives your bantams that blockier look than the true brick Rhode Island Red shape that the Standard of Perfection displays. He placed emphasis towards the weighing of your red bantams to avoid getting your bantams to large and then losing the true shape and size that Mr. Johnson was trying so desperately to perfect and instill into the members who were taking up the breed during that early period of the breed. Mr. Webb illustrated to me in my four-hour visit the problems that I may someday be faced with, as a bantam breeder that would relate to the introduction of how the breed was developed by Mr. Johnson.

**Conclusion:** Today as I present this article to you who are reading this new web site on Rhode Island Reds and my promotion of the Rhode Island Red Bantam that you will get some benefit why this variety of bantam is so valuable to the home

owner and homesteader as the most popular dual purpose bantam in existence today. For you who plan to take up this breed of bantam and wish to join us the Rhode Island Red Club of America in breeding showing and preserving this variety of fowl, I can not emphasize the importance of the history of the Rhode Island Red Bantam. The history and the development of the breed helped Paul Webb in the 50s and 60s with his great strain of Red Bantams, has helped me with my new strain of Red Bantams and I promise it will help you with your strain of bantams as years go by.

Who would ever believe a fellow from New York State by the name of Perrin Johnson would develop such a wonderful little beautiful fowl for all of us to own and enjoy. A true dual purpose bantam that fits the purpose of meat, eggs and beauty and to those who are members of the Rhode Island Red Club, the fellowship of members with a common cause for the preservation of the breed. Long live the Rhode Island Red Bantam and the Rhode Island Red Club of America.

### **Roger Heywood needs to Sell his RI Bantam Flock**

Hello folks, the city fathers here have decided that my R I Red bantams are not allowed in town here. I must sell them all. I have 4 pullets ( Laying ), 2 ckl. ( younger ), 3hens, and 2 cocks ( old birds are last years birds). Some excellent show birds in there, and in great condition too. Pickup here, or I will sell after the N. Iowa Pity. Show on Sept.14 at Mason City. These are birds that anyone serious about the breed will be proud to show and breed.

Thanks all for reading.

Roger Heywood,  
736 3rd Street SW  
Britt, IA 50423

## Biography of 2002 RIRCA Hall of Famer Gary Underwood



Well, it all started in 1914. No, I am not 88 years old. But in 1914 my dad, George Underwood, was a young fellow working in a commercial Illinois hatchery where he was attracted to a relatively new, and very popular breed of chickens. Of course, Rhode Island reds!

Thus he obtained his start in Reds as baby chicks from his employer in the spring of 1914. And, "Underwood's Reds" have hatched every spring since. By about 1927 he had developed a line breeding system which, with only slight modifications, I still employed today.

T.L. Ricksecker, Harold Tompkins, I.W. Bean, and others were sources of foundation stock in development of his strain.

So, by the time I arrived on the scene in September of 1943 there was no question as to what the hobby, discussion, activity, and passion would be. Rhode Island Reds were a way of life for me from day one. We didn't go to a lot of shows each year. But the ones we did exhibit at were serious

business.

The Indiana Poultry Breeds show held at Indianapolis in December, located about 150 miles from Custer Park, IL where my family lived, was always the big show for us.

Growing up with Reds there was never a lack of in depth discussion about breeding, raising, showing, improving and promoting Reds. And I do mean about Reds! Other breeds were not on the back burner they were non-existent. Seems like there was always somebody making a trip to our place to look at, and talk about Reds. Because of this, I was fortunate to experience the input of some of the most prominent Red breeders of the mid twentieth century.

In 1953, at the age of 10, I got my own RI Reds. A shipment of 25 S C Red Bantam chicks from Ken Bowels. This was a monumental event in several ways. First it was very exciting for me to have my own birds and second these were the first birds other than SC RI Red Large Fowl ever to be allowed on the property. Over the next 10 years a few bantam reds were introduced from R. Paul Webb, Paul Zawadski, Earl Adams and others, in an attempt to develop a strain using the breeding program that had proved successful in the large Reds. It was fun and very educational as various test and experimental matings yielded valuable information. And mountains of records! Genealogy buffs would be hard pressed to have family histories as extensive as those we developed for these "dern" bantams.

I lived at home with my parents until 1965 when I graduated from Olivet College in Kankakee, IL with a degree in Biological Science; emphasis in Genetics. Then, I moved to Stockton IL to take a teaching and coaching position. In November of 1966, Sharon Huston and I were married and we have lived and raised our three sons in Stockton.

In 1978 while at the Ohio National Show I purchased a rose comb Red bantam cockerel from Rollie Blockberger. Over the course of the next 15 years I introduced the rose comb gene from that bird into the large and bantam strains that had been maintained for so long. All the rose comb large and bantam Reds we have today can trace their ancestry to that one R C bantam male bird.

At the present I breed and raise all four varieties of R I Reds. Though the place of poultry in the American landscape has changed drastically since the appearance of the first "Underwood's Reds" the Rhode Island Red will always maintain a place of prominence in the annals of the Underwood family. It is with great humility and appreciation that I join the list of outstanding individuals in the Rhode Island Club of America Hall of Fame.

Gary Underwood

**Note from Director  
Mike Miller**

Third District Report  
Mike Miller, Director

February is winding down and a lot of us who raise large fowl are getting anxious to finish our hatches. Unfortunately I have no large Reds hatched at this point even though I am practically finished hatching my large Rocks. The fertility god has not been in favor with me with the Reds. What this means is it is doubtful I will have any Red males finished for the October or November shows. I like to have around nine months to get their tail feathers finished nicely.

Had a great time at the Peach State Club show in Commerce, GA. I think about 1800 birds from over 100 exhibitors showed up for this rainy January one-day show. Good class of approximately 24 bantam reds. Good to see Tennessee poultry artist Marie Delff is in our ranks now as a Red breeder with some fine birds. Look forward to seeing more of her renderings featuring our breed of choice. Also glad to see South Carolina member Anthony Ashly moving into large fowl to compliment his fine bantam

reds. Unfortunately my large reds were the only large reds shown, but was rewarded Reserve American on my pullet.

Looking forward to a great meet at the Unifour show in Hickory, NC. This show is not only strong in the bantam classes but usually offers a very strong large fowl class for this area of the country. This show typically has 1600-1800 birds for a one-day show! Some of our southern shows may not have the larger numbers of big birds, but the competition shouldn't be discounted. There are usually very competitive classes for at least American, Mediterranean, English and AOSB.

The Clinton, Alabama fall show will be the host for the 2002 Alabama State Meet. I will be placing other state meets as soon as possible. I would really prefer to place state meets at shows that accept large fowl and bantam entries to be fair to all members and help promote more large birds in the southern shows.

Hatch lots of good Reds and I'll see you on Red Row!

**Working on RI  
Red  
Club Hats and  
Jackets  
Hope to have some  
samples  
At Lucasville and  
the Ohio National**

