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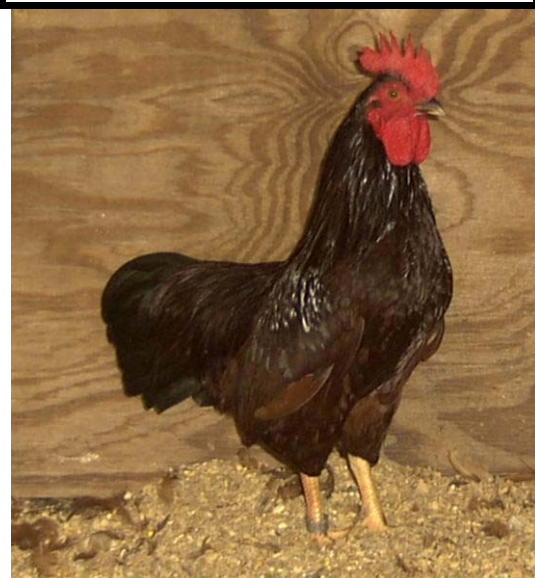


RESERVE CHAMPION OF BREED
S.C. RHODE ISLAND RED COCKEREL
RICHARD BOND
Morgantown, Indiana

Southern Ohio Poultry Breeders Association Fall Show
Lucasville, Ohio October 5 & 6, 2002



**Don Nelson's Show Champion at
New Hampshire Show –Fall 2002
SC Bantam Cockerel**



**A 2002 Hatch Cockerel from
James Swanson
Of Florida**

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PLACEMENT OF CLUB

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.

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The United 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 divided as follows:

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

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District 6: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

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 Oct.. 23, 2002

CashBank One Checking **\$2524.02****Inventory**Club Patches (145) **\$ 349.45****Total Assets****\$2873.47****Total Liabilities****none****Total Net Worth****\$2873.47****Receipts**Dues **\$ 410.00**Videos/Articles/Patches/Ads **\$ 100.00**Interest **\$.84****Total Receipts \$ 510.84****Expenses**1 Chronicle **\$ 408.42****Total Expenses \$ 408.42****Total Receipts \$ 510.84****Total Expenses -\$ 408.82****Net \$ 102.02**No debts outstanding 182 members and
34 members have expired dues.

Dear Matt,

**Note From Member Rev.
Charles Lintz**Enclosed is a check for \$30. Please renew
my membership for two more years.

When you come to the National next
month, will you be having any patches
and those reprints of past articles with
you? If you do, I want a patch and a set of
those articles. I'll pay you then and see
what else you have with you. I am plan-
ning on being there on Saturday and at-
tending the Red Club meeting.

I appreciate our new format for the
Chronicle and feel it is even better than
the former format. I save them and have
them and the S.P.P.A. Bulletin in binders
for a source of ready reference.

Thanks for all your excellent work and
kindness.

I'll see you at the National.

Charles Lintz
Hello Matt,

**Note From Director Adrian
Rademacher**

Thanks for all your hard work, you do an
excellent newsletter. I hope we have a
successful Red Meet at Ohio in a few
weeks.

About the 2003 National Meet of the Red
Club, I vote for Illini Show at Belvidere.
This is a well managed show and will do
a good job for the Red Members.

Thanks,
Adrian Rademacher

Dear Matt,

**Note From Mark and Jeanne
Palin**

Thanks for the wonderful paper you put
out. Mark and I really enjoy it. I try to
save all of them. I am sending you a small
article for the Chronicle. I hope it is all
right.

I hope you have some videos available at
the National. I might be able to help you
at the RIR's booth too. I hope to take in
the seminars too.

Thanks again Matt for all your hard
work!
Sincerely Yours
Jeanne Palin

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Upcoming Club Meets 2002 -2003

Louisiana State Fair Poultry Show
Oct 26-Nov. 2, 2002

Special

Shreveport, LA

Bakersfield Fancy Feathers Club

Oct. 26-27, 2002

Special

Bakerfield, CA

"2002 Sunflower Showdown"

Kansas State Poultry Club

Oct. 27-28, 2002

District Meet

Hutchinson, KS

Ill-Mo Bantam Club

Nov. 2-3, 2002

Special

Highland, IL

Nebraska State Poultry Ass.

Nov. 2-3, 2002

State

Lincoln, NB

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

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

Red Hill Bantam Club

Nov. 20, 2002

Special

Mt. Carmel, IL

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

Arkansas State Poultry Association

Feb. 8, 2003

State

Little Rock, AR

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Greater California Society of Poul-
try Fanciers

Feb. 22-23, 2003

Special

Fresno, CA

North Louisiana Poultry Show

March 8, 2003

State

Haynesville, LA

West Central Ohio Poultry Breeders

"Spring Kickoff 2003"

March 15-16, 2003

Special

Wapakoneta, OH

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

United Poultry Fanciers

May 11-12, 2003

Special

Avoca, IA

Show Reports

New York State Fair

Special

08/22-09/02 2002

Large Fowl (20)

SC-BV-BB—John Pierce

SC-RV-RB—John Pierce

RC-BV-non member

LF Red was Res. American

Bantams (9)

SC-BV-BB—John Pierce

SC-RV-RB—Non member

Bantam Red was Res. SCCL

Junior Show

NO JUNIOR REDS!

West Texas Fair and Rodeo

Special

09/07/02

Large Fowl (13)

SC-BV-BB—non member

SC-RV-RB—non member

LF Reds were Best and Res. Ameri-
can

Bantams (20)

SC-BV-BB—David Bell

SC-RV-RB—David Bell

Bantam Red was Best SCCL

Junior Show

NO JUNIOR REDS!

Twin Tier Poultry Club

Special

09/08/02

Large Fowl (5)

SC-BV-BB—Harold Knapp

SC-RV-RB—non-member

Bantams (28)

SC-BV-BB—Bill Ziehm

SC-RV-RB—Bill Ziehm

BB Bantam was Res. SCCL

Junior Show

Large Fowl (2)

SC-BV-BB-non member
SC-RV-RB-non member

Northern NY Poultry Fanciers Club
Special
09/15/02
NO REDS SHOWN!

Illini Poultry Club
District
09/14-15/02

Large Fowl (20)

SC-BV-BB-non member
SC-RV-non member
RC-BV-RB-Kirk Anderson
RC-RV-Don Laue

Bantams (16)

SC-BV-BB-Mike Collins
SC-RV-RB-Mike Collins

Junior Show

Large Fowl (4)

SC-BV-BB-non member
SC-RV-RB-non member

Bantams (6)

SC-BV-BB-Isaac Collins
SC-RV-RB-non member

Panhandle South Plains Fair
Special
09/21-22/02

Large Fowl (6)

SC-BV-BB-Sam Caldwell
SC-RV-RB-Sam Caldwell

LF Red were Best and Res. American
Bantams (29)

SC-BV-BB-David Bell
SC-RV-RB-David Bell

Bantam Red was Res. SCCL

Junior Show

NO JUNIOR REDS!

Eastern New York Poultry Association
District
09/22/02

Large Fowl (2)

SC-BV-BB-non member
SC-RV-RB-non member

Bantams (27)

SC-BV-BB-John Pierce
SC-RV-RB-John Pierce

Junior Show

Bantams (3)

SC-BV-BB-non member
SC-RV-RB-non member

Big Sky Poultry Expo
State
09/28-29/02

Large Fowl (8)

SC-BV-BB-Tony Albritton
SC-RV-RB-Tony Albritton

RC-BV-Tony Albritton

RC-BV-Tony Albritton

Bantams (10)

SC-BV-BB-Tony Albritton

SC-RV-RB-Tony Albritton

BB LF Red was Champion American
NO JUNIOR REDS!

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from the Secretary for \$20**

**WINNING WITH RHODE IS-
LAND REDS
By Jeanne Palin**

What a nice surprise when I won Grand Champion Large Fowl at the "Fall Kick Off", Saulk Trail Show. That's my first real big win, and as you might know, that first one is always the best. But it also encourages you to go on and study the breed again.

My husband Mark and I have been raising

Large Single Comb Rhode Island Reds for seven years now. Although Mark gives his opinion often, they are really mine. I have the final decision on who goes to the show. When we moved onto our 15 acre lot here in Memphis, MI, I wanted some chickens. Rhode Island Reds were my choice. After one year of raising the common production red, a good friend of ours, Doc Patterson, Sr. told me about Dennis Myers in Ohio.

So it began. Ordering 25 chicks from him to raise between me and several 4-H'ers. After the kids chose what they wanted, it left me with 17 cockerels! So back to Ohio for some pullets. Thank you Dennis for helping me out. I did well with those birds and built quite the flock. This past year I was told about another well know breeder. Mr. Don Nelson out of Rhode Island. He sold me some birds too. Now my flock is booming!! I won Best American several times and Grand Champion Large Fowl once!

We learned a lot over the seven years. They are a very hardy bird. The first years I housed my reds in a simple little beginner's coop. I could house 12 birds comfortably. As the flock grew, we had to look for more space. Mark bought a 12' x 14' building from near by farm. He insulated and installed a little heater. It's a beauty! However it only is big enough for his small bantams. So that left me with some unused calf hutches. They work great. The winter time is a challenge, but the made it. Placing clean shavings down constantly, over the existing manure pack, kept them warm. Clean freshwater and lots of food. The sheds are open vented at the top, and we used large metal panels from an old barn roof for doors. If it was sunny, we left the door open. When it got really cold, we shut them tight. I've also been fortunate enough to be able to rent a heated barn from Doc Patterson this past winter. Good thing, it was a real damp winter for us. Now we are building a 20' x 40' heated barn for our big Reds. There will be plenty of room now to expand that flock.

I enjoy the Rhode Island Red, and have met lots of nice people through showing them. I am looking forward to the big National this year and wish all of my competitors GOOD LUCK!

Sincerely Yours,
Jeanne Palin

Nomination Letter from Lloyd Flanagan

John Glueckert
Election Commissioner

Dear John,
I would like to nominate David Bell for President of the Rhode Island Red Club of America. (Photo Below)



David started raising Rhode is Red Bantams in 1961 from some Reds that he got from Bill Mztacheke, He made his first show in 1962 at Fort Worth Livestock Show where he met Paul Webb, David learned how to breed and show Rhode Island Reds from two of the best, Several years later he started showing with H.H. Andrews where he picked up some points showing Reds.

David has been President of the Abilene Poultry Association several times. He is also their current President. He is show Superintendent of the West Texas Fair and Rodeo Poultry Show. David was inducted into the Rhode Island Red Hall of Fame in 2002.

I would also like to nominate Monty Fitzgerald District 6 Director. Monty is a good Rhode Island Red Breeder and is real active with the Juniors. He has two young Daughters that are very active in the Junior shows.

Monty has been Show Secretary of the Red River Bantam Club for several years and is Show Superintendent for the Fort Worth Livestock Poultry Show.

Lloyd Flanagan
District 6 Director
Hello from District III. We've had a hot

Report from Director Mike Miller

summer with a drought here in North Carolina as most of the country has. A lot of wells have dried up and lakes with boats docked in mud at former lake-front homes. The good news is the Avian Influenza ban is finally over here and everywhere but VA and WV what I understand. Because of the AI we have not been able to show for several months now or have public sales of poultry (flea markets, farm stores, etc.). I personally did not get many large Reds hatched this year and the ones we did hatch will be too young for the fall shows. I credit this to the fact we used older males (large fowl and bantams) in the earlier colder weather. Fertility was late and apparently chick vitality was not what it should have been. I qualify this by comparing our fast, healthy hatches of large and bantams Rocks and Spanish which we used younger males. Of course the Red dilemma is disappointing because we certainly would like to be poised for the Columbus show and now will be very limited in show stock at that time. My older birds seem to always be moulting at that time also. I remember putting in a White Rock hen last year on Friday evening and by Sunday morning did good to find her in show cage full of feathers she had dropped.

If any of you Tennessee Red breeders have a preference for your state meet, drop me an e-mail and I'll designate one. Our National Meet for 2002 will be the Florida Sunshine Classic in January. I think this will be a good for our district due to several factors: A) it may be the only two-day show in our district, B) it is probably about as centrally located in the district as any show C) it is known to have good numbers of large fowl shown and D) they usually have a diverse staff of judges that should be familiar with Reds. The North Carolina State meet has been placed at the Guil-Rand Show held in Greensboro, NC in December. As previously mentioned the South Carolina State Meet is at their Anderson show in November. I will be contacting the Hart County Bantam Club the place the Georgia State Meet at their December 14 show in Hartwell, GA. This is their 25th anniversary show and will be accepting large fowl and bantams. See you in Columbus!

Actually what I would like to discuss is red type and their over all description. The Rhode Island Red is a

SIZE DOES MATTER **By John Klimes**

breed of bird like no other. We are looking for a brick body shape with legs, a head, and a tail protruding gracefully from this brick. This article is a precautionary article that is intended to open some breeders' eyes and make all of us stand up and take notice of what is happening. Too many judges out there are leading you astray. The Red is supposed to have a flat back. This is where I am beginning to see a great deal of fault. A number of breeders out there are not pay-

ing attention and they are producing a red feathered chicken with a carved or hunch back. There are several words for it but that is what it looks like. I am not sure if this is caused by the actual physical frame of the bird or if it is the result of the soft feathers on the bird. Yes. Soft feathers which tend to cup and raise away from the body. This is something that judges seem to prefer. I don't know why because the standard indicates that feathers over the back should be carried close to the body and this calls for a medium hard feather that sticks tight to the body avoiding fluffing up making the back appear carved. Think about this. If you have a medium feather that sticks to the body and your bird has a flat back you will not see that hunch back.

The next item I want to take issue with is size. The standard mentions weight as a limited factor. Many birds I handle anymore are in excess of the weight range allowed. Some are smaller. In large fowl we are looking for a bird that falls within the weight categories of: cock 8.5 pounds, cockerel 7.5 pounds, hen 6.5 pounds, and pullets 5.5 pounds with the exception of up to one pound over with no deduction. Bantams should be: cock 34 oz., cockerel 30 oz., hen 30 oz, and pullet 26 oz with a half point deduction for every ounce over. It is interesting that bantam hens are to be as heavy as cockerels but not large fowl. To let you in on something height has little to do with this. Frame is more important to shape and the weight of the bird. The length of the shank is what gives you height and that should be balanced with the bird. I recently exhibited a Large Red cockerel that was amazingly tall but he was not well enough finished to be of good type. The standard requires that the bird not be too fat or thin and weight must be proportional to size. My cockerel needs time to fill out and make his body fit his height. That will happen over time. What bothers me is that a large fowl must weight ten pounds for a judge to consider it good enough for champion row. And likewise the bantams seem to be getting pretty meaty as well. My birds are no exception to this but I am working on it. Beginners and those who have been doing this for years need to be sure and weigh their birds as cocks and hens to make sure

that they are good breeders and that they will produce young that will also fall within the weight range that is set. We need to encourage judges to make sure that they understand where our reds stand and remind them that they should be following the standard not what they want to see.

Until next time enjoy your reds and remember to vote. Votes must be post marked by November 25. Good luck to all candidates. Let's make this club one to be proud of.

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This article is in response to all the back history of Rhode island reds parallel against what seems like a few men in the

Article from James Swanson

prior Chronicle article who seem to have invented the Rhode Island Reds & Bantam. It is my pleasure to dispel this erroneous version of a few good old bucks carrying a ball that was already rolling well along without any help from a Mr. Johnson, Knickerbockers, and the rest of the lime lighters in other areas of US. Rhode Island reds are from New England enhanced by many but from New England, RI mass, North East Conn.

The Rhode Island Red bantam was not made in the south as some would leave it but was a Rhode Island Massachusetts animal that got swallowed up by a few entrepreneurs who saw a good thing.

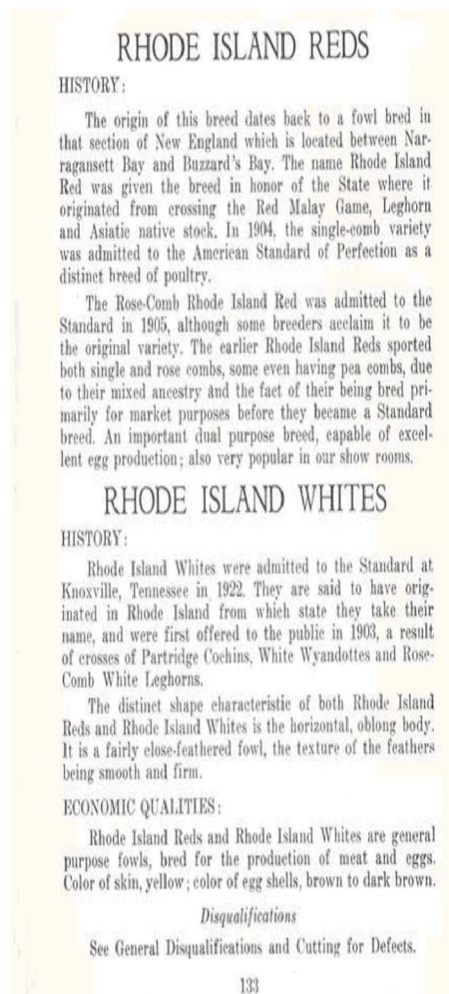
I was born in Rhode Island in 1945 some time after the Rhode Island Red was adopted into Standard but not to late to see, hear and discuss Rhode Island reds with a few OLD Gentlemen. I have information from a Mr. Christopher Foster Browning of Perryville RI in the early 1960 that RI Reds were In RI, Conn & mass long before long before the APA and others were hot on their trail for recognition. Mr. Browning told me that from time to time and from year to year back in the 1900s folks from New York, Pennsylvania, and such would come to get his

darkest RI reds and off they would go he said. Mr. Browning told me they were not the dark Reds we have now but a sport or two would appear and he would use his darkest animals (Reds to Breed) Mr. Browning said that winters were long and taking good care of birds was a joy since no farming was done until the ground was able to be plowed. This is the same man although in his late 80s showed me how to cure Pork, bacon, and smoke them in old smoke house. Salt peter Salt and brown sugar was the mix rubbed on during a 2 week ordeal before smoking. He was a kind alert old man who new his apples and place in History. Nate Wright of Stonington Conn. whom I understand is still alive in nursing home showed me places where tar paper shacks and Stone built hen houses that were built out in pastures that behoove description this day surrounded by stone walls and pasyires these had once housed some of the best reds in South County, RI Tiverton, Fall River mass and Conn. South County is known to Don Nelson because he lives there I lived in Hope valley for awhile in 1960s and only native RI people of that area call it that south county ,the State doesn't recognize that term as well as the Colonial Militias of Conn RI and Mass. Slaughter, massacre of the last of the Naragansett's Natives in 1619 as they slept in Great Swamp thinking they (Natives) would support King Philip, what a waste. The South County as well as Little Compton and Tiverton were exchanging RI. Red birds and it is my knowledge that the first RI Bantams were already made by the time the APA had Standards from that area .It was those birds that were sent to others around the US who enriched there color but not there spirit and general type as I saw no blind people raising old reds when I was young. I remember in Stonington Conn a very old friend of my mother who's husband 80s deceased had been a RI Red developer, I feel sad that because her husbands old RI Reds lacked the deep Rich color were not saved for documentation purposes. He had bred his reds for many, many years and may well have been one of few Raw root stock left as Bantams that all of us share today .I was told by other breeders (Dick Gee) breeders that they were to light in color and that the darker Reds

were taking over, pity. Old timers like Nate Wright told me that people who were well off purchased many a Rhode Island Red and it is there efforts that take acclaim for our earlier pioneer friends who had long winters and insight to develop this type and colored birds. I remember a quote that Nate said "they had nothing better to do in winter". We today can only wonder all the past breeders whose small flocks and exchanges of birds developed with help of those in the know an APA jewel, the born & bred RHODE ISLAND RED. Got something better to do this winter? Raise Rhode Island Reds. The APA has an accurate record of happenings better than a few good ole boys today.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Swanson

By a vote of the majority of the RI Red



Club of America Executive Committee (6
-4 with three members not voting) the

2003 RI RED CLUB of AMERICA NATIONAL MEET

National Meet has been awarded to the Florida Poultry Fanciers Association, Jan. 11-12, 2003 in Lake City, Florida. Show Secretary Danny Padgett is preparing for a super show with \$200 in cash prizes already set up along with Plaques for BV,RV, BB and RB. More awards will follow as they come in. This early date does not give us a lot of time to prepare and solicit awards so send them on to me so I can get them listed in the Nov.-Dec. Chronicle and on the website. As this time, President Blosl, Vice President Mike Collins and District 3 Director Mike Miller and I are attending this fine show so we hope to meet some of our southern members in Florida.

Matt Lhamon

Hope all members are well and those who can are getting ready for the "Big Show" and RI Red National in Columbus, OH. I just got word that they have about 9500 birds as of 10/18/02 and the largest single class of birds is RI RED BANTAMS.

Secretary's Ramblings

What a testament to this club and its members for our constant promotion of the RI RED! I had a breeder of one of the lesser breeds (Gary Underwood quote) tell me that the RI RED Club has made the most dramatic turnaround of any breed club he has seen and is the envy of the fancy!

I will be in Columbus on Thurs. afternoon and after my birds are in and settled, will set up the RI RED CLUB table. I will have patches for sale and hope to have hats, videos and article sets also if all works out. The Red Club National Meeting is 2:00PM on Sat. Nov. 9th. The Reds

will be judged first thing out of the box on Friday and hopefully will be completed by the time the National Meeting takes place so we can pass out awards after the meeting. I can't wait to get there and see all my old friends and make a few new ones. I think our meeting will be the biggest breed club event at the show .

The 2003 National has been placed and I have an article about that elsewhere in this Chronicle. It has been quite awhile since District 3 has had a National so we look forward to escaping Ohio in January and heading due south down I75 to Lake City, Florida to see a National Red show. Several of us Northerner's are heading that way so it should be a grand show. Thanks to Danny Padgett and Jimmy Swanson for promoting their show and requesting the National.

I am off this weekend to Marion , IN to the Hoosier Show to show a few and relax with my poultry friends. I have gone to this show since I was a teenager and always enjoy it.

The ballot for the election is in this Chronicle and I request that you take the time to vote and sent it off to John Glueckert , postmarked by Nov. 25th, 2002. Please vote for only the Director in your District and do not write in any names as this will void your ballot. Ballots will be in all Adult members Chronicles with current dues.

Enough for now, hope to see you at the National and will have the election results in the next Chronicle and on the Website.

Matt

News and Views
By Perrin Johnson
Bantam Editor

This February issue reminds us of the good book published for years called Red Hen Tales. The last one of these was pub-

From an Old Chronicle

lished in 1941. This issue is devoted to the show winnings made during the past show season, and we think it is a good idea. This year will be our 15th year with

R. I. Red Bantams, as we started to produce them in 1926, with a cross between Black Red Pit Game Bantams and Buff Cochins, then crossing onto S.C. and R. C. Rhode Island Red females. In 1940 we applied for admission to the Standard of Perfection for the S. C. Variety. This was all done by the R. I. Red Bantam Club of America. It is now 11 years since the original affidavits were made out and as we look at the names of the 15 men who signed their applications where L.A Hamilton, Walter C. Hobbs, D. W. Fancher, Frank A. Campbell, F.G. Crumbacher, John Acker, Oscar Winfield, Ezra L. Wolf, Kenneth V. Krider, E. Claire Lefingwell, George H. Gurtler, Harold E. Serviss, Rex Owens, S. H. Baker and myself. Real improvements has been made in our breed since their admission to the Standard and we have come a long way. May we advance as far in the next twenty-five years as we have in the past. From The Rhode Island Red Chronicle February 1951.

Editors note: Mr. Johnson was considered by his peers in the 1960's as the father of Rhode Island Red Bantam and I have seen no other factual information to the contrary.

Boy this year has been going by fast for your President. I was supposed to have a total knee operation and replacement on my left knee just after returning back from the National Meet last November. My mother in law became ill and I had to cancel the operation so my wife moved up to North Mississippi to be near her

President's Message By Bob Blosl

while she was in the hospital. The distance from our house is 300 miles so for about 16 weeks I would drive up there and back every weekend and be with them and return home on Sunday. Then I drive 80 miles round trip to work every day and the old car really has racked up some miles on it with all the traveling. My reds were just feed with a weeks supply of feed and dripping running water and they got along fine. I put the eggs in the incubator on Tuesdays and then I

could be home when the hatched. During the spring and summer, I would have to leave every weekend and as the young chicks that I hatched were placed in the free-range shelters they grew and feathered like I have never seen before. I had dog attacks, possums attack and for the first time in 13 years a raccoon came by to thin out my birds. Then this summer I had regular raids of hawks come in and, under the fit of the fittest principle, I still had twenty cockerels and twenty pullets left over to choose from for breeders this coming year. Things got even worse for us as my mother died in March and had to take care of her arrangements then my wife's mother in Mississippi died around the fourth of July. Both my mother and my wife's mother were 92 years old and lead great long lives. This was a trying time for both my wife and I. We sure had some testing periods not being together, trying to maintain the three acres, her 300 rose bushes, and the adult and baby Reds on the Free Range.

It is amazing during these stressful times how your friends come forward to help you out with your duties. In the Red Club I have my two Vice Presidents who came forward to support our club in so many ways as goodwill ambassadors to our breed. They wrote articles and reports in almost every issue of the Red Chronicle and I am so thankful for their support in helping us make your Red Chronicle worth while reading ever two months. The Rhode Island Red Club has not seen such contributions from their Vice Presidents since the golden years of our club in the 1950s and 60s. Our District Directors came though with comments on what was going on in their districts for their members and wrote articles and this was greatly appreciated.

When I was down on my luck and needing help I could count on our good secretary Matt Lhamon to be there for me. I told him when he took over the club secretary position from Secretary Emmett Rachels that we need a nice Red Chronicle with some new snap to it. I told Matt I would attempt to motivate the members and officers to write some articles for him and see if he could put it together in a

new and inspiring edition of the Red Chronicle. You who are members then will remember the first issue with the colored front page. Wow what an issue. Then the next issue got better with more great articles and show reports and lots of color. Then the others that followed had colored front pages of birds that were simply fantastic with articles equal to a yearbook and this leads me to my next statement about our good secretary Matt Lhamon.

At the National Meet in Columbus, Ohio on Friday night at 6 P.M. at the Outback Steak house we are going to have a tribute to Matt in an old fashion 1960s style dinner honoring him for his accomplishment for the past 18 months as our new Secretary of the Red Club. You who are attending the Ohio National that are Red Club members and your spouses are invited to attend. I have a very special award to give to Matt that I know he will treasure for the rest of his life as a token of my appreciation for his hard work and assisting me during my troubled personal times. Also to show Matt how we appreciate what he has done for our breed club for his leadership in motivating the members of the club to be the best that they can be they can be.

While I am in the praising mood I want to tell you that I have been reviewing the last 50 years of Rhode Island Red Chronicles putting together a new classis article series on Red Bantams and looking at all the great photographs and cuts by Arthur Schilling I believe this year is the best year in about 40 years that we as breeders have produced such outstanding Rhode Island Red large fowl and bantams. You can see the great photographs that have been on our web site and in the front pages of our Red Chronicles. For example the great Rose Comb cockerel by Gary Underwood, the fantastic large fowl from Dennis Myers crop of birds from last year and this year. Don Nelsons produced an outstanding large fowl cockerel that was on the front page a while back and Don has a Red Bantam Cockerel that was on our web site and that is one of the darkest typists bantams I have seen in a long-long time.

With Adrian's great Large Fowl Cockerel winning Champion American and Danny's super hen at last years National meet along with all the strings of super Reds that was show it proves that in the last five to six years we as members of the Red Club are producing Rhode Island Reds as equal as any that have been breed in the past 100 years.

I have been told this National Red Meet at the Ohio National is going to be something to behold with the Red Bantam class the largest breed class of the entire show with 9,500 total entries so far. This tells me this National Meet is going to be something very special and I have two 8mm video cameras ready to go to film this show for you who cannot attend. I got an email from Dennis Myers that he hopes to make a half hour video of his Red Farm. I have seen it and you will love how he has set it up. I am thinking of having a panel discussion with some of the top breeders interviewed by a top junior exhibitor in our club on this video. We plan to have videos of our juniors, our guest from Europe and Australia, and the adult club members and of course the dinner tribute for Matt and National Meeting on Saturday.

I have just purchased a set of 18 inch three streamer Rosettes for the Best and Reserve Breed award for adults and juniors and a new special Jr. Participation ribbon to be given to all our junior members who show at Columbus from Browns Trophies of Tampa Florida. It's going to be an exciting weekend at Columbus for all of us and my wife and I cannot wait to visit and meet you at during the show. Thanks again for all that you have done to help Matt and I make The Rhode Island Red Club of America the best Poultry Breed Club in America. See you at the Ohio National.

Junior Wins Big at California State Fair

Rhode Island Red Club junior member Kenny Schnetz from, California won Best of the Show in the junior class at the California State Fair. Thanks to Mr. Robert Blosl who sent Kenny a cock bird 18 months ago we have been able to improve our stock and this is the second best in

News from Junior Kenny Schnetz

show and reserve in show Kenny has won from this males chicks. Kenny mated this Red Bantam Cock bird with his own Red Bantam females that he obtained from another California Red Breeder. He hatched, raised and conditioned this cockerel to win the top award, which is a major accomplishment by a junior. The junior poultry shows in California are between 250-300 birds. Also thanks to the articles on conditioning and preparing your birds for show. The glycerin in the second water bucket rally helped our birds along with the air product spray mentioned in the March issue. Thank you to all the members who are so willing to help our juniors.

Editors note: Kerri Schnetz is the proud mother of Kenny. Our congratulations go out to Kenny and his mother. A picture of Kenny's bird will follow in the next issue of the Red Chronicle

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