



# American Friends of the Brunner Cropper Club

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## Special points of interest:

- New Order Form
- Show Results
- Amarillo Meeting
- Constitution Update
- Standards Update

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## President's Message *Layne Gardner*

Oh my goodness, winter is finally here. We've had abnormally mild weather for December with only one snowstorm. I have babies in the nest right now. Crazy! Well, things have definitely changed and we are very much aware that winter is upon us.

The breeding season went very slowly and birds really took their getting going. However, the year ended up just fine and I banded a good group of youngsters. The progress with the blue white bars goes at a snail's pace but there are nonetheless small increments of achievement. I made some crosses with blue bars and a couple of the young are promising. I'm really excited about breeding them back into the white bars in 2022. Now, on to the shows!



I had a great time at the Utah Premier Show, the first weekend of November. Although the group of Brunners shown was small, only 16 birds exhibited, the quality was pretty good. My favorite of the group was a black old hen of Richard Bohman's that went on to be crowned champion. There was also a nice spread ash red (strawberry) young cock bird, also belonging to Richard that was awarded best young and reserve champion. Richard is building up a nice stud of Brunners and is the man to beat here in Utah. Another bird I really liked was a red old hen of Bob Bollinger's. We're fortunate that Bob is willing to fly out for the show. Thanks, Bob for your support! I have a feeling that next year's group of Brunners will be larger.

Next show was the Pageant of Pigeons where 35 Brunners were shown. Fred Maenpa continues his domination and had champion, reserve, and best young. What a fun show to attend. I'll definitely be back again next year.

I'm excited about showing again in Amarillo. The two previous NPA Grand Nationals in Amarillo have been excellent shows. I hope you'll consider attending and exhibiting this January. Keep in mind that entries need to be in by December 26<sup>th</sup>. We've had good participation at past Amarillo shows so we're counting on continued good involvement at this show, too. If you're a bit shy about presenting your birds in public, don't worry about it. Just plunge in and show your birds. This is a superb way to gauge the quality of your stock and to find out where improvements need to be made. Plus, it's loads of fun!

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## President's Message .... continued

I really love the bulletins that Bob puts out. They keep us informed, connected, and enthused.

However, one of the things that would make the bulletin even better would be a bit more input from our general membership. Once again, don't be shy. Plunge in and contribute!

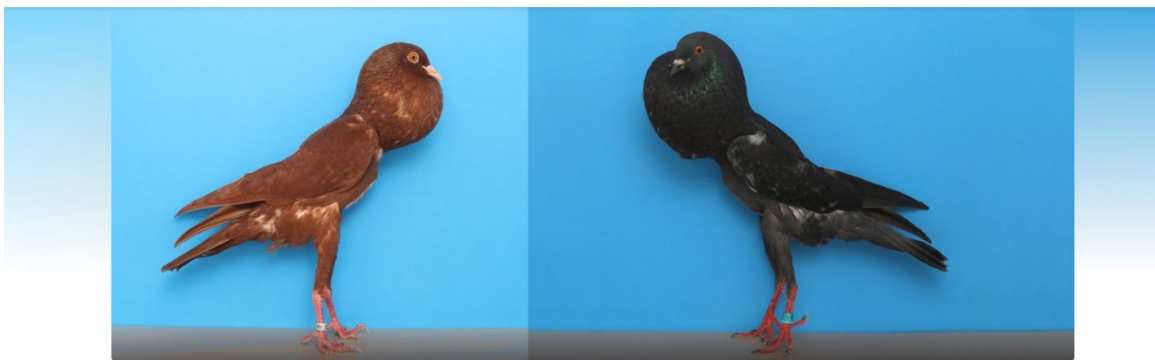
Again, I'm excited to meet up in Amarillo. I'll be in the photo room for much of the show so if I don't see you in the pouter section, drop by the photo room and say hi. Good times are ahead!

Layne



*The Awesome  
awards that  
Fred has  
prepared for  
us at  
Amarillo!!*

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## Vice-President's Report *by Fred Maenpa*

Well, we made it through another year of Covid restrictions, mandates and uncertainties. It wasn't easy as things seem to be in a constant state of change with both positives and negatives to test us on a daily basis.

On the negative side, we are still dealing with ever-changing mask requirements, continued Covid variants and another onslaught of positive Covid tests in our communities; all of which creates a continued feeling of uncertainty for those of us that are older or those dealing with other health related issues.

On the positive side let's talk about the things that we have once again been allowed to experience on the west coast. In September, the LAPC was able to stage its annual Young Bird Show and BBQ at a park in Anaheim. It was great seeing many of our members for the first time in well over a year. It was a good time for all with a lot of smiling fanciers enjoying their birds and each other's company.

In October many of us attended the Great Western Show in Watsonville, CA. The show drew approximately 1500 birds and was well attended by fanciers from as far away as Washington and Utah. Thanks to Frank Barrachina for judging most of the Pouter breeds. I was also honored to judge the Norwich, Voorburgs, and English Pouters. The overall champion was a blue Voorburg Shield Cropper, bred and shown by Hennie Kerster from Washington.

In November the LAPC was able to stage the Pageant of Pigeons in Victorville, CA. We had 2300+ birds, with approximately 200 Pouters entered. The Brunners were judged by Bob Bollinger our Bulletin Editor and Eastern Director. He did a great job sorting through a fine collection of color classes. The remaining Pouter Breeds were judged by Ron Johnson, Frank Barrachina, and myself. The overall Champion Pouter & Cropper

was a blue Pigmy bred and shown by Tally Mezzanatto. \* Refer to Pageant Show Report found elsewhere in this bulletin.

Coming up in January 2022 the LAPC will resume its regular monthly meetings in a new location in the city of Anaheim. Our old meeting location, in El Monte, is still not open due to Covid -19 and being located in LA County. I am also looking forward to the NPA National in January which will be in Amarillo, Texas, January 20-22, 2022. I am honored to be this years Brunner judge, as I will not be showing, but I look forward to a large Brunner entry. I also hope to see many of our AFBCC members in attendance.

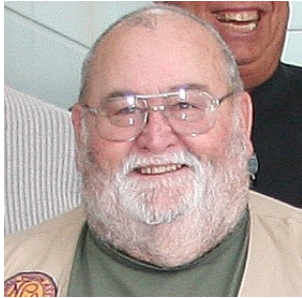
Here we go again. Following the Great Western and Pageant of Pigeons, I've experienced another big loss with my birds. With the help of Bill Griebel, LAPC President, we have treated my entire flock with medication, followed by deworming, probiotics and completed the program by finishing vaccinating every bird on the property. Since beginning the program I have limited my losses to only one or two birds. So far, so good, and I am keeping my fingers crossed that we solved the problem. If all goes well, I hope to cut down my numbers and begin the breeding season, after the National, with a renewed outlook for success in 2022.

Don't forget to order your 2022 AFBCC bands from Mike Hughes. Remember, first come first served. Get them before they are gone. Good luck at all upcoming shows including the 2022 National.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Lets hope for an end to Covid-19 and an even better year ahead for our wonderful hobby. See you in Texas.

As always, *Fred Maenpa, AFBCC, Vice President*





## From the Midwest Director

*Carlin Wisenhunt*

Hello from the great Great Plains!

It's been a strange year for weather. Ordinarily this time of year we have cold and ice at least a couple of times already. This is the 3rd week in December and only a dusting of snow once, and it was gone by the next day. The weather has been so warm that I haven't had to use the water heaters yet.

I banded fewer birds this spring by design. Only had half of my individual pens finished so only mated half of my breeders. Moved out the Dragons and Hollies. Decided to reduce the herd by almost half, so anyone needing any birds in Brunners, Horseman or Pigmys please text me at 402-570-3393. I'll fix you up.

Attended 3 shows so far. First one was the AFBCC District Meet at Fort Dodge IA. There were 150 Pouters and Croppers, with about 35 Brunners I think. The cool thing was all of the juniors showing pouters. Most of them were also at DesMoines also. I never got to see the complete results but Campion was a gorgeous white yc that was shown by Rick and Becky Wood's granddaughter. Reserve was my recessive yellow T-pattern opal OC. We pick the Top 5 here and I also had 2nd Reserve through 4th Reserve with Indigo bar OC, indigo bar OH and blue bar OH respectively. The Champion Brunner was also in the Top 4 Pouters or Croppers. Nice to see Mike Hughes at the show. He judged many of the pouters, and I was very pleased and surprised when he picked my almond YC as Reserve Champion Horseman.

On a sad note, this was the last time that I got to see Rick Wood. He wasn't at DesMoines but sent birds there. He passed away just after the show. Rick will be greatly missed at our Pouter

shows for sure. My deepest Condolences to Becky and the whole family.

Next show was at Hutchinson KS. Very nice show as usual. Bobby Watson was the show judge so my main competition was unable to show. There were only around 30 pouters in 5 breeds, and half were mine. Had Champion Pouter with khaki bar Horseman OH.

DesMoines was a very nice show as usual, about 3000 birds. This was also a AFBCC District Meet. Never got number of Pouters or show results. Since the big German show got cancelled due to covid, Bob decided to attend, and he got photos of the results,, so I'll let him take care of that. I believe this Bob's first trip to the DesMoines show. I hope that it's not the last.

All I have to say is that Kaley Clark kicked my but again with one of her beautiful whites. I have never won champ at DesMoines. I can't say how many times I've got reserve, and its usually a Clark white. She also had Champion Junior with her Champion Voorburg. Her Dad taught her well. Jeff was driven by his grand parents every month from Omaha to Lincoln to attend meetings of Joan and my 4H club from 8 years old till he graduated high school. He's now one of the top Fantail breeders in the country. Very proud of them both.

I never had time for photos as I had 36 birds in the for sale section and was scooting (literally) back and forth. Moved them all, and hope to get good homes for 50 or 60 more.

Next up is the NPA National. I plan to show all three breeds, but mainly almonds in both Horseman and Brunners. I hope to see you all there. CANT WAIT!!!

*Carlin*



## From the Eastern Director

*Bob Bollinger*

This year I seized the opportunity to take an early retirement. Having more time has allowed me to more thoroughly enjoy the birds, update the loft, and go to many shows. I was lucky to get to Louisville, the Premier Show in Utah, Des Moines, and the Pageant in CA. These were all really nice shows and it was good to get back in the swing of things.

Here in the East we have had several local shows. Brunners have been well represented and actually took Best of Show at the White Rose Show in PA and Second Best in Show at the EHPC show in PA. People are really starting to take notice of our birds and appreciate their overall quality.

I am generally pleased with my breeding this

year. After nearly being wiped out in 2020, I was able to recover and build a nice show team. I plan to raise even more birds in 2022 to help build some reserves and have some more spares to share with new breeders.

I expect a nice Pouter Cropper show at Lancaster and I am looking forward to another good turnout in Amarillo. With more time on my hands I plan to drive to Amarillo. I'm sure the show will be worth it! Looking forward to seeing you all there!

*Bob*



## From the Bulletin Editor

*Bob Bollinger*

Thanks again to all who submitted material for the bulletin!

With limited activities in 2020 and 2021, we were only able to publish two bulletins each year as there was so little happening. Moving forward, I am hopeful we can get back to our normal cadence of 3 per year. I plan to publish our first 2022 in early February after the Lancaster, PA show and the Amarillo National. We should have a lot to talk about after these events and our annual meeting. If you have anything else to contribute, please try to send it to me by the end of January.

At the end of this bulletin are preliminary copies of potential updates to our Constitution and By-laws as well as our Standard. These are for your review prior to our annual meeting in Amarillo. I am really excited to get our club documents digitized and our standard text clarified to match our current practices. More about these later in the bulletin.

I recently heard some feedback that members would like more content in the bulletin. Please feel free to shoot me a mail with any suggestions for additional material to publish. We could reprint some of our old articles. They may be helpful to newcomers. Let me know what you think!

In the process of tidying our club documents, I also updated our club order form. Please take a look at the end of the bulletin and let me know what you think.



## Interesting Pictures



*What a lovely painting by Jean-Louis Frindel. Andalusian is my favorite color and this one is absolutely brilliant.*

« printed with autorisation by the artist »

An older picture, but still noteworthy. Especially the thin waist.

It seems that pids are smaller and more refined, especially in Germany.

Picture: 96 rated, ,Nurnberg 2012, Josef Wetzel





## Shows in the East

Brunners were well represented at several shows in the East. While overall numbers are still recovering from events of the last two years, the Brunners stood out on the broader stage in the following events;

### **NYBS, Louisville, KY**

Judge - Mike Craft

Champion Brunner - Red YC #710 - Bob Bollinger

This bird then went on to win Reserve Champion Pouter Cropper Overall (vs 85 pouter croppers)

### **White Rose Pigeon Assn, Manchester, PA**

Judge - Eric Kooker

Best of Show - Red YC #710 (vs 190 birds overall)

### **EHPC Winter Show, Chambersburg, PA**

Judge - Danny Garling

Reserve Champion - Best of Show - Red YC #710 (vs 231 birds overall)

Other photos:

Black White Bar YC #701 - NYBS Best WB

Yellow YH #706 - NYBS Reserve Champ. Brunner

Both by Bob Bollinger





## Premier Show, November 5-6, 2021, Grantsville, Utah



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**Champion Brunner  
Black OH #321  
Richard Bohman**



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**Reserve Champion Brunner  
Strawberry YC #744  
Richard Bohman**





## More pictures from the Premier Show



# PAGEANT OF PIGEONS

## AFBCC District Meet

November 12-13, 2021

Victorville, California

Judge: Bob Bollinger

35 Birds Shown

4 Exhibitors



**Champion - #317 White OH - Fred Maenpa**

**Reserve Champion - #1131 Black OH - Fred Maenpa**

### AOC

1 YH 1118 Jim Symington  
2 YH 1110 Jim Symington  
1 OH 1151 Jim Symington  
1 OC 1316\* Jim Symington

### Red

1 OH 1115\* Jim Symington

### Silver Bar

1 OH 905\* Fred Maenpa

### Exhibitors

Leon Stephens  
Beals & Gardner  
Jim Symington  
Fred Maenpa

### Black

1 OH 1131\* Fred Maenpa  
2 OH 118 Fred Maenpa  
3 OH 361 Leon Stephens  
1 OC 100 Fred Maenpa  
2 OC 271 Leon Stephens

### Tiger

1 OH 245 Leon Stephens  
1 OC 375\* Leon Stephens

### White

1 YH 2 Fred Maenpa  
1 OH 317\* Fred Maenpa  
1 OH 615 Fred Maenpa  
1 OC 442 Fred Maenpa  
2 OC 339 Fred Maenpa

### Blue Bar

1 YC 22\* Fred Maenpa  
1 OC 140 Fred Maenpa

### Check

1 OH 392 Fred Maenpa  
1 OC 1123\* Fred Maenpa

### Blue White Bar

1 YH 936 Beals & Gardner  
1 OC 157\* Beals & Gardner  
2 OC 100 Beals & Gardner  
3 OC 907 Beals & Gardner

### Cream Bar

1 OH 399\* Fred Maenpa

### Grizzle

1 OC 36\* Fred Maenpa

### Yellow

1 YH 1120 Jim Symington  
1 OH 315 Fred Maenpa  
1 OC 441\* Fred Maenpa

### Pied

1 OH 123 Fred Maenpa  
2 OH 522 Fred Maenpa  
1 OC 418\* Fred Maenpa  
2 OC 325 Fred Maenpa

\* denotes best of color





## Pageant Pictures from Layne



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**Champion Brunner  
White OH #317  
Fred Maenpa**



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**Reserve Champion Brunner  
Black OH #1131  
Fred Maenpa**



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**Black Tiger OC #375  
Leon Stephens**

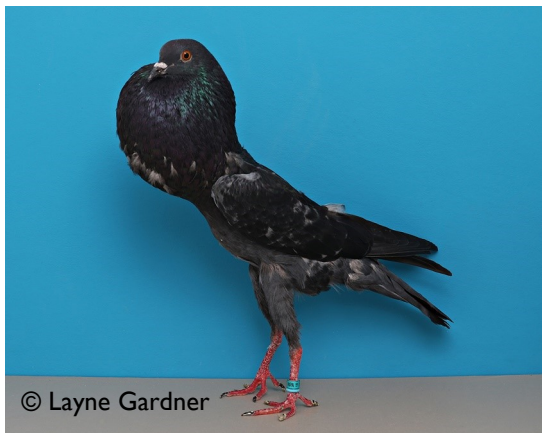


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**Blue Bar Pied OC 418  
Fred Maenpa**



## More Pageant Pictures from Layne



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**Blue Check OC #1123**  
**Fred Maenpa**



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**Red OH #1115**  
**Jim Symington**



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**OH #399**  
**Cream Bar**



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**Blue White Bar OC #157**  
**Beals & Gardner**



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**Blue Bar YC #22**  
**Fred Maenpa**



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**Yellow OC #441**  
**Fred Maenpa**



## Great Western Show, October 9-10, 2021, Watsonville, CA



**Champion Brunner  
White OH #3  
Fred Maenpa**



**Best Young Brunner  
Blue YC #22  
Fred Maenpa**





***Iowa State Pigeon Association***

**94th ANNUAL SHOW**

***"Pigeons on the Prairie"***

Premium List

December 3rd & 4th , 2021

JACOBSON ARENA

Iowa State Fairgrounds

Des Moines, Iowa



Champion - #135 White YH - Kaley Clark

1st Reserve Champion - #47 Blue/Silver OC - Carlin Wisenhunt

2nd Reserve Champion - #752 Blue/Silver YC - Carlin Wisenhunt

3rd Reserve Champion - #2306 White YH - Kaley Clark

4th Reserve Champion - #2303 Blue/Silver YH - Kaley Clark

25 Birds Shown

**Exhibitors**

Kaley Clark (jr)

Colton Larson (jr)

Carlin Wisenhunt

Jerry Kern

Amelia Stark (jr)



## National Agenda, Constitution Update, and Standard Clarification

*by Layne Gardner and Bob Bollinger*

Looking forward to Amarillo, we will plan to hold our club "Annual" meeting. Along with the typical agenda, we will also plan to have a discussion and gain alignment on two important updates / clarifications:

1. Constitution and By-Laws Update - We started looking for an electronic copy of our original constitution quite a while ago. Unfortunately, all we could find was an old paper copy. While scanning and digitizing this, it became apparent that there were several items that were out of date versus our current practices. While there are no huge differences, it makes sense to clean this up prior to publishing .
2. Standards Text - Historically, our breed has been very lucky in that all counties are basically looking for the same pigeon. With a number of our members traveling to Europe and our using European judges for some events here in the US, our members have been well calibrated. We have all been following the same approach and are looking for the same features. As we looked at the current text and picture in the NPA standards book. It was clear that these were rather out of date versus current practices. We then reached out to others who were tidying up standards in Europe. They shared their standard text and they also agreed to allow us to use their most recent standard picture. It makes sense for us to harmonize our text and picture to the European standard. This was developed in the Czech Republic (country of origin for the breed) and is recognized throughout Europe. Canada has also aligned to this text. This is very opportune time to update and harmonize our standard as the NPA has a committee working on an update to the book of standards in 2022.

Attached to this bulletin are our existing Constitution and By-Laws and the proposed standard clarification. Please take a look at these prior to our meeting to prepare for our discussions at Amarillo. In the Constitution we have highlighted areas that are not consistent with current practices and added suggestions for members to consider. The standard is pretty much a direct translation of the Czech EE standard with a few terms changed to our "American" vernacular (in yellow highlight) and the addition of our points structure.

### **Amarillo Meeting Agenda:**

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
2. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
3. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER
4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
7. NEW BUSINESS
9. DISCUSSION
10. ADJOURNMENT

## Canadian Show Results

*from Jerry Sindelar*

### Woodstock 50th Anniversary Show

Champion Brunner: Young Cock Kite #463 J. Sindelar

Reserve Champion Brunner: Young Cock Blue Bar #455 G. McGaffin

#### Best of Color

Red - #93 OC J. Sindelar

Kite - #463 YC J. Sindelar

Blue Bar - #455 YC G. McGaffin

Bronze - #55 OC C. Power

Black - #82 OH J. Sindelar

Mealy - #397 YC F. Jucknat

Indigo Bar - #598 YC F. Cursio

Silver Bar - #58 YH F. Cursio

Dun Tiger - #85 I OC F. Cursio

Almond - #28 OH C. Power

### Western Canadian National Show

Vancouver, B.C.

November 5 and 6, 2021

Judge: Bob Pilcher

Champion Brunner – Red Y.C. #320 – Hally Coates

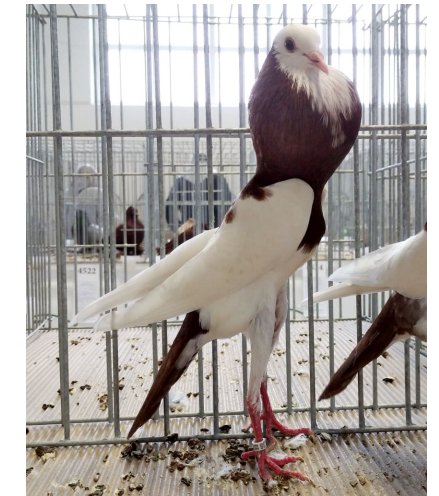
Reserve Champion Pouter/Cropper: Brunner – Red Y.C. #320 – Hally Coates





## Pictures from a Show in the Czech Republic

*from Jerry Sindelar*





## Club Officers 2020



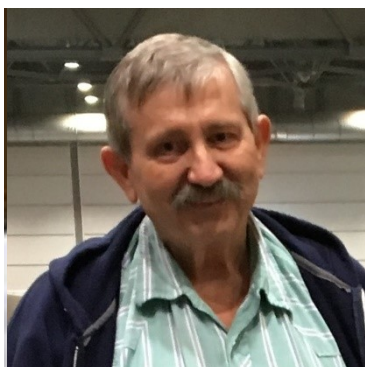
President—Layne Gardner

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Vice President- Fred Maenpa

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Secretary / Treasurer - Mike Hughes

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Western Director - Corey  
Hayes

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Midwest Director - Carlin  
Wisenhunt

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Eastern Director & Bulletin  
Editor - Bob Bollinger

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Canadian Director—Open

# Upcoming Events

Please send me your  
2022 Show Schedules as  
soon as you get them!

## September 2022

## October 2022

## November 2022

## December 2022

## January 2022

### **Reading Pigeon Association**

*Pouters and Croppers hosted by: EPCC*

Lancaster, PA

January 13-16, 2022

Contact: [Bob Bollinger](#)

### **NPA Grand National**

Amarillo, TX

AFBCC Meet

January 20-22, 2022

Contact: [Layne Gardner](#)

## Other Notable Shows

European Shows are less sure this  
year. More to come.

**FOR SALE!**



*This section is free for members to trade birds and enhance our breeding pens! Just mail your advertisement to [Bob](#)!*



To join or renew

# AFBCC Order Form

[www.brunnercropper.com](http://www.brunnercropper.com)

The American Friends of the Brunner Cropper Club is dedicated to the promotion and advancement of the Brunner Cropper in the USA.

We are a club that promotes friendship among Brunner Pouter breeders and anyone interested in the beautiful Brunner Cropper!

Name:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone:

Email:



Please remember to include your email address to receive an electronic color copy of our bulletin.

## Membership

Adult	\$15.00 / year	_____
Junior	\$5.00 / year	_____
Family	\$20.00 / year	_____

## Bands



7mm @ 45 cents ea.	_____
8mm @ 45 cents ea.	_____
Band Shipping \$5	_____

## Club Patches



Small – 5"x3.5"	\$5.00 ea	_____
Large – 5"x3.5"	\$40.00 ea	_____
Shipping \$2 (up to 3 patches)		_____

Total	_____
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**Send Form to: Mike Hughes**



[mhughes1074@yahoo.com](mailto:mhughes1074@yahoo.com)

Use the friends and family option!

OR

Mike Hughes

AFBCC Secretary / Treasurer

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# **American Friends of the Brunner Cropper Club**

## **Constitution and By-Laws**

### **ARTICLE I** **NAME**

**SECTION 1.** THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE BRUNNER CROPPER CLUB. THIS ORGANIZATION SHALL HERE IN BE REFERRED TO AS A.F.B.C. *Suggest: A.F.B.C.C. as that is what we have been using for the last decade or so.*

### **ARTICLE II** **OBJECT OR PURPOSE**

**SECTION 2.** THE OBJECT OF THIS CLUB IS TO ENCOURAGE THE BREEDING AND EXHIBITION OF THE BRUNNER POUTER. TO PROMOTE FRIENDLINESS AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP BETWEEN FELLOW MEMBERS AND ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE BRUNNER POUTER. TO SUPPLY HELPFUL AND INTERESTING INFORMATION THROUGH LITERATURE AND TO HELP AND ASSIST IN THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND POPULARITY OF THE BRUNNER POUTER. THIS CLUB WILL BE AFFILIATED WITH THE NATIONAL PIGEON ASSOCIATION.

### **ARTICLE III** **MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 3.** MEMBERSHIP WILL BE OPEN TO ANY INDIVIDUAL PERSON OR FAMILY INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND ADVANCEMENT OF THE BRUNNER POUTER. THEY MUST AGREE TO ABIDE BY THIS CONSTITUTION AND PAY THE PROPER DUES.

**SECTION 4.** MEMBERSHIP DUES AND PRIVILEGES.

**A** INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

**B** FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: THIS MEMBERSHIP WILL CONSIST OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD. THIS MEMBERSHIP SHALL ENTITLE THE ENTIRE FAMILY TO ALL A.F.B.C. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES, **EXCEPT ONLY ONE BULLETIN WILL BE ISSUED TO A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP.**

*Suggest: Delete "only one bulletin" as we now email the bulletin.*

**C** MEMBERSHIP FEES: FOR AN INDIVIDUAL, **MEMBERSHIP FEES WILL BE \$10.00. A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP WILL BE \$15.00.** A JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP, 17 YEARS ARE YOUNGER WILL BE \$5.00. THE ANNUAL DUE WILL BECOME PAYABLE JANUARY 1ST OF EACH YEAR AND MUST BE PAID BEFORE APRIL 1ST OR MEMBERSHIP AUTOMATICALLY CEASES.

*Suggest: Change to \$15 for a individual member and \$20 for a family. We have been using \$15 for years.*

**D** REMOVAL. ANY MEMBER CAN BE REMOVED FROM THE MEMBERSHIP ROLE BY A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

**E.** VOTING PRIVILEGES: EACH MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING IS ENTITLED TO ONE VOTE ON ALL CLUB MATTERS REQUIRING A VOTE. A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP WILL BE ENTITLED TO (2) VOTES ON ALL CLUB MATTERS.

**F.** THE MEMBERSHIP DUES CAN BE CHANGED AT ANY TIME WITH A TWO-THIRD VOTE OF THE MEMBERS VOTING. *This is how we changed to \$15 some years ago.*

### **ARTICLE IV** **ANNUAL MEETING AND SHOW**

**SECTION 5.** THE ANNUAL SHOW SHALL BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NPA GRAND NATIONAL. ALSO AT THIS SHOW THE ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD.

## **ARTICLE V** **QUORUM**

**SECTION 6.** IN ORDER TO HOLD AN ANNUAL MEETING, **AT LEAST SIX (6) MEMBERS** MUST BE PRESENT WITH AT LEAST TWO (2) OF THESE BEING OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS. THIS NUMBER IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE GROWTH OF THE A F B C. MEETINGS WILL SERVE AS A MEETING OF MINDS TO PREPARE MOTIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION. *Suggest: Change to 5 members present based on the current size of the club.*

## **ARTICLE VI** **OFFICERS**

**SECTION 7.** THE OFFICERS OF THIS CLUB SHALL CONSIST OF A PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER, BULLETIN EDITOR, AND ONE DIRECTOR FROM EACH DISTRICT, **AND AN ELECTION COMMISSIONER.** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR GOVERNING BOARD WILL CONSIST OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER, BULLETIN EDITOR, AND ONE DIRECTOR FROM EACH DISTRICT. *Election process and need for a commissioner to be discussed below.*

## **METHODS OF ELECTION**

**SECTION 8.** OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

A. **ALL OFFICERS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER SHALL BE ELECTED BY MAIL BALLOT OR E-MAIL BALLOT TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER, AND CERTIFIED BY THE PRESIDENT AS PROVIDED BY THE BY-LAWS.**

B. **THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER SHALL BE ELECTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN AN ELECTION YEAR, AND SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OTHER OFFICE.**

*In today's world it doesn't make sense to paper mail ballots. Additionally for the last many years we have simply voted on officers at the annual meeting. We want elections to be workable, but at the same time we don't want the membership to feel excluded if they're unable to attend the national meet. Voting via email or texting could be done fairly easily with a small window of voting so things don't become too unwieldy. Perhaps we could list offices in a bulletin, allow a couple of weeks for voting.*

## **TERMS OF OFFICE**

**SECTION 9.** THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER, BULLETIN EDITOR, ELECTION COMMISSIONER, AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS SHALL BE ELECTED EVERY OTHER YEAR FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS.

**SECTION 10.** THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS SHALL ASSUME THEIR OFFICE DURING THE BEGINNING OF NEW BUSINESS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE ELECTION TAKES PLACE.

**SECTION 11.** THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER, BULLETIN EDITOR, SHALL BE ELECTED FROM THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE. THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS SHALL BE ELECTED FROM MEMBERS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. (ONE DIRECTOR FOR EACH DISTRICT.) **ONLY MEMBERS RESIDING IN A DISTRICT SHALL VOTE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THAT DISTRICT.**

*Suggest: We add a caveat for by majority if no members from that district are present at the annual meeting.*



SECTION 11 A.

DISTRICT BOUNDARIES: *Do these make sense in today's world?*

EASTERN DISTRICT: MANE, VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS, RHODE ISLAND, CONNECTICUT, NEW YORK, MICHIGAN, INDIANA, OHIO, PENNSYLVANIA, NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE, MARYLAND, VIRGINIA, WEST VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI, FLORIDA, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, EASTERN CANADA.

CENTRAL DISTRICT: NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, MINNESOTA, WISCONSIN, IOWA, NEBRASKA, COLORADO, KANSAS, MISSOURI, ILLINOIS, ARKANSAS, OKLAHOMA, NEW MEXICO, TEXAS, LOUISIANA, CENTRAL CANADA.

WESTERN DISTRICT: ALASKA, WASHINGTON, OREGON, IDAHO, MONTANA, WYOMING, UTAH, NEVADA, CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA, HAWAII, WESTERN CANADA.

## **A.F.B.C. BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

SECTION 1. THE PRESIDENT SHALL PRESIDE AT THE ANNUAL A.F.B.C. MEET AND SHALL ACT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE SHALL APPOINT ALL COMMITTEES NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR AND FILL ALL VACANCIES IN OFFICE TAKING PLACE BETWEEN ELECTIONS. HE/SHE SHALL SIGN ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRING HIS/HER SIGNATURE, **CERTIFY THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS REPORT**, CASTING DECIDING VOTE IN CASE OF A TIE ON CLUB BUSINESS MATTERS (EXCEPT IN THE ELECTION OF THE OFFICERS) AND ACT AS THE OFFICIAL LIASON WITH OTHER CLUBS IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO A.F.B.C. BUSINESS.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT**

SECTION 2. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT, OR IN THE CASE OF HIS/HER INABILITY TO PERFORM THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THAT OFFICE, THE VICE-PRESIDENT SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THAT OFFICE. IN THE EVENT OF RESIGNATION OF THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL FILL OUT THE UNEXPIRED TERM OR SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, OR UNTIL A NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT TAKES OFFICE.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER**

SECTION 3. THE SECRETARY/TREASURER SHALL KEEP ALL BOOKS THAT ARE NECESSARY, IN, WHICH SHALL BE, ENTERED THE AMOUNTS OF MONIES RECEIVED AND DISBURSED BY HIS/HER OFFICE, AND A COMPLETE LIST OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES & E-MAIL ADDRESSES OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS AND THE DATES OF THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 4. THE SECRETARY/TREASURER SHALL PREPARE A FINANCIAL REPORT FOR **THREE TIMES A YEAR** TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE BULLETIN, ALSO A COMPLETE YEARLY REPORT TO BE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, GIVING AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF ALL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE CURRENT YEAR, TOGETHER WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE WELFARE OF THE CLUB.

*Suggest: Annual vs 3 times. This is what we have been doing and publishing in our 1st bulletin of each year.*

SECTION 5. THE SECRETARY/TREASURER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING BULLETIN EDITOR OF NEW MEMBERS AND SENDING INITIAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH NEW MEMBERS.

#### **ARTICLE IV** **DUTIES OF THE BULLETIN EDITOR**

SECTION 6. THE BULLETIN EDITOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THREE BULLETINS PER YEAR. THE BULLETINS SHALL BE NEWSLETTERS INFORMING CLUB MEMBERS AS TO THE ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE BEEN HELD, ARE TO BE HELD, AND PROVIDE GENERAL CLUB INFORMATION. **THE THREE BULLETINS WILL BE MAILED IN JANUARY, MAY, AND SEPTEMBER.**

*Suggest: Delete this last sentence as the exact publication of bulletins may shift a month or so either way depending on show calendars and club events.*

SECTION 7. THE BULLETIN EDITOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING OUT NOMINATION BALLOTS THROUGH MAIL OR E-MAIL TO ALL CURRENT MEMBERS. THIS BALLOT SHALL DESIGNATE THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED.

*Suggest: Change this to match whatever we do in Constitution Section 8*

SECTION 8. THIS BALLOT WILL BE RETURNABLE TO THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE CANDIDATE YOU NOMINATE WILL ACCEPT THE OFFICE NOMINATED FOR. THE TWO MEMBERS RECEIVING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VOTES FOR EACH OFFICE (OR MORE IN CASE OF A TIE) SHALL BE THE CANDIDATE FOR THAT OFFICE. THERE MUST BE PERMISSION FROM THE NOMINATED CANDIDATE.

*Suggest: Change this to match whatever we do in Constitution Section 8*

#### **ARTICLE V** **DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SECTION 9. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE GENERAL SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF ALL CLUB AFFAIRS, PROMOTE THE ANNUAL SHOW, AND IN INTERVALS BETWEEN MEETINGS SHALL HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO TAKE ACTION ON ANY AND ALL CLUB MATTERS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THIS CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, AS MAY BE DEEMED FOR THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CLUB. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY MAKE MOTIONS, AS DEEMED NECESSARY, FOR CLUBS APPROVAL BETWEEN ANNUAL MEETINGS.

#### **ARTICLE VI** **DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

SECTION 10. TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF THE CLUB TOWARDS ALL MEMBERS WITHIN THEIR DISTRICT, WILL APPROVE ALL DISTRICT MEETS WITHIN THEIR BOUNDARIES. WILL ASSIST IN MATTERS CONCERNING THE PROPER CONDUCTING OF ALL A.F.B.C. SPONSORED MEETS WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS. WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING A DISTRICT REPORT FOR THE BULLETIN EDITOR FOR EACH BULLETIN AND INFORMING CLUB MEMBERS OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN HIS / HER DISTRICT. THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HAVING THE SHOW REPORTS FROM THEIR DISTRICT SENT TO BULLETIN EDITOR.

#### **ARTICLE VII** **DUTIES OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

SECTION 11. ELECTION COMMISSIONER WILL COUNT AND GIVE RESULTS TO THE PRESIDENT AND BULLETIN EDITOR FOR THE NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS, AND WILL



COUNT THE BALLOTS FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND WILL BE RESPONSIBABLE FOR SENDING ELECTION BALLOTS RESULTS THROUGH MAIL TO THE PRESIDENT.

*Suggest: Change this to match whatever we do in Constitution Section*

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**SECTION 12.** THE ANNUAL MEETING SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
2. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
3. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER
4. REPORT OF COMMITTEES
5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
6. INDUCTION OF OFFICERS (IN ELECTION YEARS ONLY)
7. NEW BUSINESS
8. ELECTION OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONER (IN ELECTION YEARS ONLY)
9. DISCUSSION
10. ADJOURNMENT

**SECTION 13.** THE A.F.B.C. STANDARD OF PERFECTION, AS LISTED IN THE (AMERICAN) NP.A. BOOK OF STANDARDS WILL BE PART OF THESE BY-LAWS.

**SECTION 14.** JUDGES FOR ALL A.F.B.C SANCTIONED SHOWS MUST BE APPOINTED, OR APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

## Brunner Pouter

Czech: Brněnský volák; French: Boulant  
Brunner; German: Brünner Kröpfer.

**Origin:** Bohemia and Moravia.

**Standard:** Czech Republic. EE # 0330.

**Description:** The smallest and finest of all pouter breeds, it presents an elegant and pleasing appearance. It has lively and vigorous temperament; an erect, upright posture, providing a long, narrow appearance is most desirable. Typical is round globe and high wing crossing, walking on the tips of the toes and subtle cooing. It is characterized by a tame, and gentle nature.



### Breed characteristics

**Head** (3points): Delicately formed, oblong, forehead slightly rounded, narrow when observed from the front.

**Eyes** (3+2): Orange, false pearl in brown and khaki, dark in whites and gansels. The eye ceres (2) almost imperceptible, light to dark according to feather colouring.

**Beak** (2): Medium in length, fine and slender. By whites, isabels, yellows, reds, yellow barred and grizzles also all gansels are light, by other colours horn to black. Ceres are white and smooth.

**Neck** (5): Very long, allowing the globe to express all its roundness, carried in the same line of the body. Throat is completely covered when crop is inflated. The juncture of the neck and back is to be distinctly apparent.

**Crop** (15): Round, set high with particular emphasis on the juncture between the crop and the waist/back of the bird. This characteristic accents the elegance of the bird. The beak should be set tightly on the globe so that only upper mandible is visible.

**Body** (15): Long, fine, slim and elegant, male 35-37 cm, female 33-35cm in length as measured from the point of the beak to the tip of the tail when standing free. Breast long and narrow, lack of depth is appropriate. The breastbone rounded, should not be too visible. Back long and very narrow between shoulders, sloping and straight with the tail.

**Wings** (5): Narrow and long, they may be held higher, when in action little away from the body. Primary flight feathers are to be well crossed over the base of the tail.



**Tail (5):** Medium length, well closed with moderate width, a little longer than the wings and carried clear of the ground in a line with the back. When in action spread in “V” shape and “scraping” the ground.

**Legs (15):** Long, slender and parallel, giving a high standing appearance, when viewed from the front perfectly straight, about 2cm apart, legs running almost imperceptibly into body, hocks just slightly bent, lightly feathered but without bare spots, shanks and toes are red and not feathered; toenails should correspond in colour to top of the beak colour.

**Posture (5):** The body, back and tail should form a straight line descending at about a 60 degrees angle.

**Action (5):** Fine Brunners should show easily, displaying much strutting, bowing, and hopping during courting. This courting play is performed by both cock and hen; very responsive to chat.

**Feathering (5):** Smooth and well aligned, moderate in length.

**Colour and marking (15):** All colours should be rich and lustrous with no fading in the back or thighs, especially in black, red and yellow selves. Selves in white, red, yellow, black, dun, andalusian, brown, khaki, lavender; blue, silver, ash red and yellow, brown and khaki barred or checkered; white barred in red, yellow, black (Ts); blue, silver (Od or Ts), isabel (Od); tigered in red, yellow, blue, black, dun and andalusian; storked in red, yellow, black; gansels in red, yellow, blue, silver, lavender, black and ash red and yellow; pied in red, yellow, blue, silver, lavender, black, ash red and yellow, brown and khaki; grizzled in blue, silver, ash red and yellow; white flighted in red, yellow, blue and black with 4-9 even white flights. Bars are narrow, unbroken, and parallel; stork marked birds are mainly white with a coloured tail, flights, head, bib and tablet on the chest; tigers have every other feather white, mainly on the top of the wings and the crop, flights and tail are coloured. Ash reds and yellows should be light with dark bars, hens are usually slightly darker. Pied birds are coloured with a white half moon shape on the crop, white thighs, and rump with 7-10 white primaries and small rosettes on the wings. Note: The traditional colours of breed are listed above but new colours are being added to the Brunner family (gold, almond, reduced etc.) and should be recognized as long as the colour is clear distinct rich and lustrous.

**Major faults:** oversized or coarse body, plump, broad over shoulders, short figure, short neck or legs, curved back, horizontal stance, poor leg setting, stiling or “O” and “X” shape of the legs, toes too close together, bare spots on inner thighs, oversized rather than ball shaped crop, crooked, poorly controlled, elongated or cylindrical crop, uncrossed wings, wide hanging wings, split tail or wing, feathering on the legs, poor colour, wrong beak colour, red eye ceres, gross marking and colour faults.

**Order of importance:** general appearance-delicateness-shape of crop-posture-proportion-height, holding and fineness of the legs-colour-pattern and marking.

**Ring size:** 7 mm