

# Buffalo & Western NY Poultry Association, March / April, 2006

## Presidents Message

Hello everyone!

I hope the holidays were good to you! This winter sure has been good to us. Well, it's a brand new year and we are planning many things for our club! I would first like to say thank you to all the out going officers, who did a great job for our club. Welcome to the new officers; I'm looking forward to working with you!

If you haven't heard, Bob Krantz had some health problems this winter and, taking over as president I decided to give Bob a well deserved break from doing the newsletter. Chris Choate has agreed to take over this important responsibility. Thanks Chris! We all hope Bob is getting better soon and fast.

This year, the board of directors has made a decision to cut cost, so our club can start making more for our bank account. One of these options was to send the newsletter out by email to save postage. We will still send the newsletter out by U.S mail to those who do not have/prefer email.

The planning of our show in May is in full swing thanks to Paul Kroll. Most of the important details have already been set and we will start working on the show catalog shortly. Many members are helping with the show in different areas. This makes it much easier if each person can do one thing instead of one person doing it all!

Many of us have gone to a lot of shows already in different parts of the country and I'm happy to say that our club members have won many top awards. George Beyer has agreed to be the official show reporter for shows other than ours.

Everyone's' incubator should be in running as we speak, planning those champions for the fall shows and the Big One in Indy held in November! Personally, my hatching is almost all done. I have many, many chicks out so I'll be shutting down soon! Until next time I hope all your hatches are good and I will see you at the meeting in March.

Rick Hare, President

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As most of you know, I am helping out with the news letters and meeting reminders. I hope to stay on a schedule of every other month for newsletters and postcard meeting reminders about a week in advance. This is my first attempt at a news letter; please bear with me.

I get a lot of information off the internet, particularly on a website called “The Poultry Connection”. I know there are lots of rumors and miss-information on the net but this website has many respected and trusted breeders whom many of us know. I will be using it regularly in our news letter as kind of a Q & A section. I think it can add a nice touch and will be pulling current, relevant bits and pieces from the poultry, waterfowl and show updates sections.

Another regular section I’d like to keep up to date is the shows our club members attend. I am proud to be part of a club that puts birds on champion row on a regular basis. We frequent quite a few shows from Massachusetts, Maryland, New York, Michigan, Indiana and several in Ohio. It doesn’t seem to matter how big the show is, you can check the winners circle and see one of Rick’s Rosecombs, George’s Leghorns, Bill’s Rhode Island Red’s, Steve’s Brahma’s or even a Guinea by you know who. Judges will also be mentioned as we boast some of the finest in the country.

I’d also like to add a buy & sell section. Anyone looking to sell something just drop me an email or phone call.

If any of our junior members would like to write articles or add something, please feel free. You are very important to us.

Now that I’ve laid out some of the ground work for our news letters, I’d just like to ask anyone for input, articles or whatever they think could improve what I’m doing. Anytime you want to add articles or pictures, just email it or send it through U.S. mail and I can include it in the next news letter.

I am currently working on a new website for the club. The web host we are using now charges \$20 a month. The host I’m changing to is free. (Key word being “free”). It will have an improved look and many of the same features. Our web address will be the same, sort of. The new address will be - [www.freewebs.com/wnypoultryclub](http://www.freewebs.com/wnypoultryclub) More information coming as I get it up and running. Our old site will be active until after our show in May.

Anyone interested in having a page added to our new site is welcome to do so. Let me know and I can give you any help needed.

Sincerely, Chris Choate

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## Buffalo & Western New York Poultry Association, Inc.

Annual Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2005

(at home of Paul Kroll)

### Board of Directors as of November 2005

Steve Wojtkowiak term expires 2006

George Beyer 2008

Chris Choate 2007

Don Perrin 2006

Peggy Zaepfel 2006

Bruce Robinson 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Hare at 7:35 PM. Judy and Paul were thanked for hosting the meeting.

Present were: Rick Hare, President Barbara Clarkson, Vice Pres.

Paul Kroll, Secretary Bill Ziehm, Treasurer

Directors: George Beyer

Chris Choate Don Perrin

Peggy Zaepfel Bruce Robinson

Absent: Steve Wojtkowiak

The minutes of the last regular meeting - November 2005 - were read by Barb Clarkson. Report accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report was read by Bill Ziehm and reflects a balance of \$2,277.45. The report was filed for audit.

### Old Business:

Our 2006 show will be held on May 21. Judges will be Richard Hickman and Tim Bowles. Bill Ziehm offered to judge the Junior Show. Bruce Robinson will judge the showmanship classes. Paul Kroll will send letters of confirmation to these judges. It was decided to keep our judges honorarium set at \$175 each, plus offering them one night in a local motel, two if necessary (negotiable). (Rick Hare/George Beyer) VOTED.

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## New Business:

Judges for our May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2007 show were discussed. The following list was arranged. Paul will make contact with these judges until two have accepted.

1 Rick Porr

2 Paul Monteith

3 Robert Powell

4 Troy Laroche

5 Don Nelson 6 Bill Post

A discussion took place going over the catalog for our show and the following decisions were made:

Keep entry fees the same

Guinea fowl awards to be raised to \$15 and \$10 with a minimum of 25

In the class to qualify. (Peggy Zaepfel/Bruce Robinson) Voted.

Peggy will order 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbons to increase our necessary

Supply.

Paul will check with Steve to be certain of jacket awards remaining the

same.

Junior show cash awards are needed. Donors are to give money to Barb

Clarkson. Barb and Peggy will run the Junior show.

Bruce Robinson will write for the meet requests, with help from Rick Hare.

Ed and Marge Thomson have agreed to run the kitchen again, and have

Already talked about some different ideas for 2006.

It was brought to the attention of the Board that Bob Krantz has had a heart attack. Peggy Zaepfel will send a card and Rick Hare will attempt to contact Bob. It was decided that we need to give Bob some relief from the duties of newsletter editor and the sending out of postcards. Chris Choate offered to help in this capacity both with the use of the club's website and Paul will help with mailing. (Barb Clarkson/Don Perrin) VOTED.

The Directory of membership was looked over by Barb Clarkson and several memberships were pulled from the active file. Paul will look this over and do up a new Membership Directory soon. The dues will now be payable to Paul Kroll, as Club Secretary. Barb was thanked for her years of service to the club as membership chairman.

It was approved to donate - from the BWNYP A an award of \$50 to the Indiana Poultry Breeders Show for 2006. This award will be for Reserve Champion Feather Legged Bantam.

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The Christmas party at Ripa's Restaurant was a huge success. Peggy Zaepfel was thanked for her work in organizing it. \$200 was the total cost, paid by those who attended.

Rick had talked with Keipper Cooping and they were unable to bring any cages with them to the Connersville, IN show in December. The new cages will be ordered along with the Twin Tier Club's order once again.

It was decided to put our idea of a fall show on hold until at least 2007. This is largely due to the huge APA/ABA Double National meet scheduled for Indianapolis, IN the fall of 2006.

Our club has some cages for sale. They are four-hole pigeon cages which were altered by taking out partitions so that they are now two holes each. The club will sell them to members for \$5 each and to non-members for \$10. VOTED.

The donation our club makes to the Moose Hall each year was discussed. It was pointed out that many organizations have a difficult time finding a place to meet and it is usually very pricey. We are fortunate to have access to the Moose Hall for six meetings a year. We have been presenting them with a check for \$50 for several years as a donation. It was voted to increase that donation to \$75 per year payable in March. (Don Perrin/Peggy Zaepfel). VOTED.

Barb Clarkson, as Vice President is in charge of programs and/or seminars at each meeting throughout the year. She is eagerly soliciting ideas and volunteers for these programs.

The meeting was adjourned to refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Kroll, Secretary



White Call by Scott Page



White winged Pearl Guinea  
By Don Perrin

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## Q & A from The Poultry Connection

### Well water vs. treated water for poultry

**Q: nicdelucca wrote** - We have well water here and I have the option of using the water right out of the ground or using the house water which is treated with chlorine and salt...The well water has a heavy sculpture smell, but is said to be of excellent quality (although it is a bit high in sodium)... Which water do you think is best for the ducks???

**A: Evy wrote** - The only birds that have a sense of smell are vultures & the kiwi, or so I've read. I'd vote for the well water, too.

**A: Sonja wrote** - All well water is not equal Duckling. It varies with the location. Don't assume just because water in one area or one state is OK that other wells are OK too. They are each different and should be evaluated for suitability.

### Soft shelled eggs

**Q: Pekinmom wrote** - Seems I'm getting soft eggs (about 1-2/week) from my Pekins that have started laying for the 1st time. They are 25 wks old, on Mazuri Waterfowl Maintenance and get crushed shells 2-3X/week. I add vitamin supplement for niacin to their H2O. These eggs are layed willy-nilly in the yard (not like the morning nest collection of normal eggs) and the consistency of an under filled water balloon, some double yolked or yolk only. Ideas?

**A: Evy wrote** - It's common with first time layers & they should harden up when her system regulates & she isn't expelling them prematurely. However, occasionally a bird will continue to do it & I've found nothing helps, including myths like vinegar, etc. I get rid of them.

### Tractor Supply and chicks

**Q: Ivrunafowl wrote** - Just for everyone's information I heard that Tractor Supply is no longer carrying chicks. You may want to check with your local Tractor Supply...

**A: I,leghorn wrote** - I was told this by the local store manager last week; TSC will take orders and collect payment for day old poultry that will be shipped to the customer. He made it a point to say "TSC will NOT be responsible in anyway for DOAs"

**A: Ohiochicken wrote** - I live near Cincinnati, OH and was told the decision was made due to the hysteria about bird flu. Makes one wonder who's smarter sometimes...people or the chickens. I guess if people were smarter and really felt they must do \*something\*, a (marginally) better choice might be dropping products for attracting wild birds who unlike chickens migrate and can spread viruses great distances.



One of Rick Hare's champion  
Pullets



Golden Sebright hen by  
Chris Choate

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## **Recent Show attendants and awards:**

At the recent Board of Directors meeting I believe I volunteered to report on the poultry shows our club members attend. This occurred after being served a rather strong libation so I probably did not have full control of my faculties. I apologize if I happen to leave anyone out but senility is a definite possibility on my part. In order for the report to be complete, I need the members to report all of their major winnings to me.

The first show attended was the Ohio National held in Columbus, Ohio. Bruce, Rick, Joel and myself decided to travel together and with the aid of a horse trailer were able to jam all of our birds in. Steve showed up with his family clutch. Chris and Don were also present. After the judging was concluded Joel was the big winner having Champion Large Fowl on a Bearded White Polish pullet. He also had res. Champion Continental on a White Crested Black Polish pullet. Rick had Champion RCCL on a Black Rosecomb pullet. A special year of the rooster contest was held and my SC Light Brown Cockerel placed second to the tune of a \$250 prize. Joel would have won the \$500 first prize hands down except he left his rooster at home.

Next we were off to the Connersville, Indiana show held in December. Paul, Bill, Joel, Bruce and myself made the trip. Actually, Bruce's birds decided to leave him home thinking they would have a better chance without him. Joel had Res. Champion Large Fowl on a Bearded White Polish pullet and Bruce had reserve Champion Feathered Leg on a White Cochin pullet.

The New Year was issued in by our annual trip to the Northeast Poultry Congress held in Springfield, Mass. There are always a great number of activities at and around this show that we eagerly participate in. Paul, Rick, Steve, Bill, Chris and myself attended. Bruce's Cochins left him home again after doing well in Connersville. Rick had super Grand Champion of the show on a Black Rosecomb Cock. He also had res. Water Fowl on a White Pekin cock. Bill had champion SCCL on a R.I. Red cockerel and Bruce had res. Featherleg on a White Cochin Pullet. The show also holds a trio classic with over 50 trios entered. Rick had champion RCCL trio and I had the champion SCCL trio.

In February a new show was held in Eaton, Ohio. I understand it was a huge success and had to turn down 600 entries due to lack of cage space. Bruce, Rick and Chris attended the show. Rick had res. Champion Large Fowl on a Silver Laced Wyandotte Cock and res. Bantam on a Black Rosecomb pullet. He also had res. Heavy Duck on White Pekin pullet. Much to their objection, Bruce went along with his cochins this time and did not win anything!

I have only listed the major wins. It is amazing how many variety and breed wins the members have at all the shows we attend. Buffalo and Western New York always seems to do well.



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**Our show will be held on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> (The Sunday following Mothers Day)  
Set – up day Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Other up-coming shows:

**Delmarva Poultry Fanciers Club – cancelled / possibly will have fall show.**

**Southeast Ohio Poultry Breeders – April 1, Marietta, OH.**

**Dayton Fancy Feather Club – April 29 & 30, Greenville, OH.**

**Southern Ohio Poultry Association – May 27 & 28, Lucasville, OH.**

**Yankee Classic – June 4, Syracuse, NY**

### **Buy – Sell - Trade**

Pair of top breeder quality African Geese. I purchased 4 goslings straight from Holderreads in June of 2005 and only need 1 pair now.  
\$75 for the pair.

One Brown Chinese gander, good breeder quality, 2005 hatch.  
Curtis Oaks stock. \$30

Looking for a Giant Dewlap Toulouse male of high breeder quality and any Emperor geese. Age doesn't matter.

For any of the above - contact me via email – [cchoate@excite.com](mailto:cchoate@excite.com) or phone 585 815 7654.

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Secretary's Corner:

Please check your mailing label. After your name a date will appear in parenthesis such as [05], meaning that your dues are paid through 2005. If there is an F marked, that means family; if there is a J marked, that means Junior member. I would like to print a new Membership Directory for the club. In order to do so, I need to have you send me the stock you raise, and your complete address, email address and telephone number. You can send me that via email at:

**pfkroll@adelphia.net**

Dues will be accepted at the March meeting: \$10 individual; \$15 Family; \_\_\_\_\_ \$Junior member.

Also... VERY IMPORTANT!! I will be printing the May 21st Show catalog soon. I need to have your cash specials list and your money as soon as possible. You can email me the list of specials and give me the money at the March meeting. Please don't wait to send this in, as the book will be printed before the March 28th meeting, so it can be distributed there and save postage for those in attendance.

Thanks! Paul

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Chris Choate  
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Alexander, NY 14005

**First meeting of 2006: Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 8pm at The Moose in Lancaster. Hope to see everyone there...**



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