

Presidents Message

Our spring show is behind us and now it will not be long until the fair. I'm working with Barb Clarkson again this year in the poultry barn. We have Paul Kroll judging the 4-H and myself judging the open show. We like to rotate the judges to get a different opinion on the birds.

The last meeting the club voted on having our lawn show at the Batavia show held on August 8th. It will be held along with the Genesee county poultry club show. It works great for both clubs, we do not have to do the setup work and hire a judge and they will get more entries. There will be no limit on the amount of birds entered so bring your whole flock!!!! They have hired a great judge Troy Laroche from Canada. Our club can still hold a meeting and see each other's birds.

Next thing you know it will be fall soon and show season will be upon us, so get your birds ready so the Buffalo and Western N.Y club puts some birds on champion row!!

Rick Hare

Vice Presidents Message

Hi everyone,

Hope everyone had a great breeding season. Mine was very different this year as I was transferred to NY City for the spring & summer. I'm only home on the weekends so it's been difficult to keep on top of hatching and raising ducklings. My daughter Emily has been a great help taking care of all the birds, collecting and turning eggs but especially hatching Calls. She has learned a lot! We are on track to produce around 175 Calls which is a decent number for us.

I wanted my daughter's attention on hatching so the decision was made to cut back on some breeds. Appleyards, some wild ducks and half my chickens were sold this past spring so we could concentrate on gray, white & snowy Calls and barred Rocks.

I was unable to attend any spring shows but ours due to my job situation. Hopefully I'll be back in time for the fair and the fall shows.

On another topic, a few weeks before my transfer I installed a surveillance system in and around my pens and property. There are eight cameras with built in night vision looking at pens, yards and one set up in the woods behind my coops. They are all set to detect and record motion, it's amazing to see what goes on at night. I have seen fox, raccoon, opossum, crows and even a hawk dive bombing my aviary and just repeatedly bouncing off the top netting. Everything is viewable over the internet so I can see my cameras in real time anywhere I am. If you want to see what actually is going on in or around your pens, I highly recommend putting up a few cameras.

Sincerely,
Chris Choate

Secretary's Message

Hello everyone!

I am busy moving chicks every week or so and judging fairs, etc. I know this is a very busy time for all of us and there is so little time for the club and activities related to it. We are basking in the success of our APA Semi-annual this past year and the whole country is talking about it. Although smaller than what we expected, it was indeed a huge success and all in attendance were pleased, happy, and felt that they enjoyed it all. Congrats to all concerned!

I want to say a special thanks to Ed and Margie Thomson for their (and their family's) help in putting on the kitchen services at our show year after year. This is a thankless job, except for those of us who have done in the past. If we didn't have this service, we'd be out of luck and criticized by all in attendance. It is a lot of work and we all appreciate it more than words can say! Thanks, Thomson family!!

I won't be showing at the Genesee show/our summer lawn show. I never have anything in condition at this time of the year and don't want anyone to feel that I am not supporting it. I just don't have anything to show!

I have been busy judging fairs and have lots of judging assignments coming up, too. I will see you along the way!

Paul Kroll

Some News and Notes

Our website has a new look as I spent this past winter & spring updating it. You can view past newsletters, upcoming meeting & show dates along with members personal websites. I try to keep it updated regularly with any important info relating to our club and the poultry world. www.wnypoultryclub.webs.com

For Sale / Wanted

We have 3 Rhode Is. Red SCCL young Bantam pairs for sale at \$7.00 per pair and 4 Single RIR SCCL Bantam chicks, straight run for \$3.00 each

We also have 1 Grey Call duck pair for sale for \$25.00 for the pair

2 White Call duck pairs for \$25.00 per pair

Grey Call duck drakes for \$7.50 each

White Call duck drakes for \$10.00 each

Pet quality Grey call duck drakes for \$5.00 each

If you are interested in any of these birds, please contact Bethany Stelpflug by e-mail at bethanysbantams@frontiernet.net or by phone at (585) 367-9294 -ask for Bethany and Hannah

Wanted

I am looking for a female Dewlap Toulouse and am willing to pay good money with decent bloodlines behind it. I would even buy a pair if someone couldn't part with just a female. I would also trade a male for a female, my Toulouse are all Holderreads blood.

Also looking for any wild turkeys, age doesn't matter.

Contact info: Chris Choate 585-509-0562 cchoate1@gmail.com

Q & A from The Poultry Connection

Q: Looking for an opinion on scaly leg mite treatment options

I have about 35 laying hens, and one has got scaly leg mites bad. I've been treating with Vaseline, and it just isn't doing the trick, looks like a couple others are starting to show signs too. I have been doing extensive reading on the Internet and it seems like there's a million different options. Vaseline and rubbing chicken legs on 35 birds is gonna be a time consuming task, and not very practical. I am looking to dip the birds and have found a couple products, and I am wondering if anyone has had any experience with them.

I am looking at either InsectrinX which contains permethrin, or Ectiban, which is also 10% Permethrin. I've also seen Poultry Protector Spray pop up a few times as well. Any luck with any of these products?

A: It takes quite a while for this condition to correct itself after treatment. You need to realize that there is a lot of material built up under the scales that result in them lifting up. The Vaseline works by smothering the mites. I'm sure they are dead, but it will take time for the legs to return to normal. Other options include oil that you can totally immerse the legs in (that would be the quickest method. Some people get upset when they are recommended to use used motor oil but it does work. You can use mineral oil or even vegetable oil as an alternative. I would plan on doing the treatment a second time in 2 to 3 weeks, and then letting time do the healing.

A: I found Bag Balm to work well. It's very healing as well as eliminating the mites.

Q: predator question

My ducks are put into the barn at night.

Wed morning I found one with 3 inches of the neck chewed. I guessed mink because that is what happened 1 1/2 years ago. I spent the afternoon creating a predator proof, small pen for the night.

Thurs morning the ducks were fine, but the dead duck out of the pen was chewed up - I`m guessing coons.

Last night I set the live trap and caught the coon. Now I`m questioning - is there likely a mink around? Would the coon have just chewed the neck?

A: Sometimes coons will just kill, especially if they're teaching babies to hunt. It also could have been anything from a weasel to a rat, possum or mink. I even had a stray cat kill several, take off heads & hide the carcasses like a mink will.

A: We've always had good luck catching raccoons in a havahart baited with cat food, tuna or eggs. I somewhat cover the trap so the door is the only opening where they can see the bait. That way they don't set the trap off trying to reach through it to get the bait.

A: We recently have been having quite a bit of red fox action. My neighbor has chickens and has been battling the foxes. They have a den with young nearby and are pretty active at night. They make the most gawd-awful scream which is quite alarming. I thought it was minks making that noise, but I was wrong.

I just saw a fox this morning about 6 am, crossing the bridge over my pond. He must have been on his way home. Went out and did a head count, all my birds are safe. But a fox will take a young goose or a duck, easy. Especially if they have young to feed.

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