

The Tulsa Pigeon Show

It was our pleasure to serve as judge for the Fancy and Utility breeds at the Tulsa Pigeon Association Winter Show held Sunday, November 10th. Even though the weather was quite chilly and rainy some 400 birds were cooped. This was made possible by 44 exhibitors. Earnest Sumrall, Show Secretary, and his staff of helpers, had everything well organized which greatly facilitated the work of judging.

We want to mention the good quality Modenas at this show, as they led in entries in the Fancy section with Dennis Sykes winning Best Modena with a Blue Gazzi. Fantails were also very good with Don Sykes winning Best Fantail. English Trumpeters showed very good quality, with Earnest and Carol Sumrall winning Best English Trumpeter with a good quality Black. Vernon Hale won Champion King, with a good quality White. All his birds had good size and type.

Rollers led in entries due to the fine work of the Oklahoma Roller Club, Floyd Mayberry and Maynard Love did an excellent job of judging, with both Champion Roller and Reserve Champion going to Bob Alcorn. A number of boys and girls showed birds at this show, and this is most encouraging for they will be the fanciers of tomorrow. Let's encourage them in every way possible. A more complete report of the show appears on page 39 of this issue.

The St. Louis and Highland Shows

The annual show of the St. Louis Metropolitan Pigeon Fanciers was held in the American Legion Hall in Wellston, November 20 to December 1, with Dick Hesse serving as Show Secretary. Nearly 500 birds were on display with a very good showing of Fantails, Modenas and Racing Homers. Bob Cook judged the Fantails, George Browry, the Racing Homers, Howard Viehman the Modenas, and the balance of the show being judged by James F. Conway and Frank H. Hollmann. Fantails showed exceptionally good quality, the same being true for Modenas and Racing Homers, also some very good Carneaux and Bokhara Trumpeters.

The following week-end it was our privilege to attend the King and Modena Show held at Highland, Ill. Some 800 birds were shown with about an equal number of Modenas and Kings. Fred Gunzel of Carmi, Ill., Secretary of the American King Club was present and took quite a number of orders for AKC bands. The banquet was well attended and breeders were present from a number of nearby states. Exposition Hall in Highland has good lighting facilities and made an ideal show room. The show was sponsored by the Belleville King and Modena Club, it also being the Second District Meet of the American King Club and the Third District Meet of the National Modena Club Meet. Judges were Robert M. Pettit for Modenas, Harold Jinkerson for White Kings and Howard Viehman for Colored Kings.

From the Editor's Desk

Arthur C. Schimmel of Cornwall Heights, Pa., writes: "I just read your December issue. It is tremendous. Enclosed find renewal of subscription."

Stan Piona of Avon, Conn., writes: "Congratulations on your Fantail issue. It really is a wonderful piece of work. Without a magazine like the APJ where would pigeons be? Being a Jacobin breeder I'm going to work like mad to get a magazine like that together on Jacks."

Rod Hatcher of Jewell, Iowa, writes: "Just received the Fantail issue. Tremendous! Gerald Champ and you deserve the gratitude of the entire Fantail Fancy. It will promote the Fantail Fancy to great new heights. Again, thanks for a job well done."

Donald M. Schultz of Alvin, Ill., writes: "I am just starting in pigeons and would like to get more information on Parlor Tumblers. The articles in the November issue by Bob Faulker helped some but would like to know the standard and requirements of a good roll." Here's a chance for Parlor Tumbler breeders to write articles giving the desired information.

Alex Lacy of Ashland, Oregon, writes: "First of all let me say the December issue, the Fantail Special, was great, great, great. There is nothing like the APJ when it comes to selling one's birds. The ad I took out in the December issue brought instant success. In fact I received my copy one day and a letter the next day with a check for the birds. This is what I call service."

Russell Bray of Maryville, Wash., Secretary-Treasurer of the Snohomish County Pigeon Fanciers, writes: "You are doing a terrific job on your Journal. Being a Helmet breeder, I certainly enjoyed the August issue, and the September issue was great also with articles on Show Racers and Frillbacks. It is interesting to read of these other breeds and helps to understand what the other breeders have to work on. Always look forward to the next issue."

William A. Warner of Bellevue, Ohio, writes: "I had the honor of meeting you at The Ohio Pigeon Society Show in Columbus, Ohio, last February. When the APJ arrives each month I can not put it down until I've gone through it from cover to cover. Don't know what we fanciers would do without it. I get out the first Fantail copy of March 1961 every so often and go through it all over again. Thanks again for the wonderful APJ."

Allen B. Zitting of Salt Lake City, Utah, writes: "The American Komorner Tumbler Club is making plans for a special issue. It's still somewhat in the planning stage, but should prove to be a terrific issue. We will need lots of articles and advertisements, but it's quickly changing from a dream to a reality. If anyone would like to know more about it, he should contact Tom Conway, 917 Webster Ave., Anaheim, Calif., 92804. I appreciate the work you are doing for the pigeon Fancy."

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