



IPC QUARTERLY

Newsletter of the Indiana Pigeon Club

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Where did the summer go? And where was the summer newsletter?? Well folks, truth is, I didn't get one put together. There weren't any submissions and summer is a pretty slow time for us in the pigeon hobby so I didn't publish one. Show season is now in full swing and I hope each of you are having a good time and enjoying the shows.

As always, I want to encourage you folks to contribute to this newsletter in any way that you can. This is YOUR newsletter after all. Promote your favorite breed. Tell us about a pigeon product that you really like. Whatever it is, let me know about it and we'll get it in the newsletter. Anything that helps and encourages club members is what we're looking for. Send all correspondence to Roy Smith at: kilroy2112@comcast.net

The IPC Young Bird Show

Our club's annual young bird show was held Saturday, September 28, 2019 in Anderson, IN. Because it was so successful last year, we decided to make it just a little more formal this year and had more cages set up, charged a dollar a bird entry fee and kept better track of all entrants. It was still casual though in the sense that we did not have an entry form. People just brought whatever birds they wanted to bring that day and we worked with it. I wish all shows could be so laid back!

Our young bird show always incorporates a pitch-in lunch and plenty of time to enjoy each other's company. As we all know, chewing the fat is a big part of our hobby!

We also hold a club meeting during our event. This year's minutes reads as follows:

-Roy Smith presented club president, Rick Kilgore, with a T-shirt that proudly proclaimed him to be a "sexy pigeon man".

-We lost a valued life-time club member when Bud Palmer passed away on Sept. 6, 2019. We discussed what a great guy he was and some of the things he had done for the club over the years. We are planning a memorial trophy in his honor.

-We went around the room and advertised any birds that we had brought to sell that day.

-A person from the state fairgrounds in Indy had contacted the club wanting to work with us. Mark Newby suggested to this person that we would love to work with them if they would help us bring pigeons back to the state fair. That seemed to be the end of that conversation.

-We have sold our small trailer for hauling cages but we still have the larger trailer and would like to sell it as well with the goal of getting a new one that suits us better. Rick Kilgore is working on this. His lovely wife, Kim, would probably appreciate getting the trailer out of their driveway!

-Mike Rogers asked if the club's website got enough traffic to warrant the cost. We didn't have exact numbers but it was agreed that it served a useful purpose.

Meeting adjourned...

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Our 2019 Young Bird Show

	Name	Breed	Sex	Color	Band#	Place 1	Place 2	Place 3
1	Chris Richmond	Roller	C	black	2248	2nd cock		
2	Chris Richmond	Roller	C	black w/ wh.flights	2251	3rd cock		
3	Chris Richmond	Roller	C	yellow	2256			
4	Chris Richmond	Roller	C	blue bar	2260			
5	Chris Richmond	Roller	C	gray/red check	2246			
6	Brian Bryant	Roller	C	white				
7	Brian Bryant	Roller	C	black splash				
8	Brian Bryant	Roller	C	brown/white splash				
9	Brian Bryant	Roller	C	black	1566	1st cock	Champ roller	Champ Sporting of show
10	Brian Bryant	Roller	C	red splash				
11	Dominick Carter	Roller	C	qualmond				
12	Chris Richmond	Roller	H	black splash	2240			
13	Chris Richmond	Roller	H	black	2263			
14	Chris Richmond	Roller	H	T check	766			
15	Chris Richmond	Roller	H	blue check	1316			
16	Michael Knaack	Roller	H	black/white grizzle	3514	1st hen	Res Champ roller	
17	Brian Bryant	Roller	H	red white				
18	Brian Bryant	Roller	H	red white bell				
19	Brian Bryant	Roller	H	lav. red bald- head		3rd hen		
20	Brian Bryant	Roller	H	white splash				
21	Brian Bryant	Roller	H	white		2nd hen		
1	Chris Richmond	Homer	C	black	765	1st cock	Champ homer	
2	Chris Richmond	Homer	C	blue bar	1307			
3	Chris Richmond	Homer	C	blue check	1310			
4	Chris Richmond	Homer	C	blue check	1315			
5	Chris Richmond	Homer	H	T check	766	1st hen	Res. Champ homer	
6	Chris Richmond	Homer	H	blue check	1316			
7	Rick McCollum	Homer	H	blue bar				



There was only one old style saddle muffed tumbler in the show but she was a beauty and took the championship. Owned by Mark Newby.

Valerie Richmond had the reserve champ of the show with a black splash West of England tumbler.

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1	Valerie Richmond	West of England Tumbler	C	kite	587	2nd cock		
2	Valerie Richmond	West of England Tumbler	C	black	859			
3	Valerie Richmond	West of England Tumbler	C	black splash	596	1st cock	Champ Westie	Res Champ of Show
4	Valerie Richmond	West of England Tumbler	C	almond	581			
5	Valerie Richmond	West of England Tumbler	C	red check	586			
6	Valerie Richmond	West of England Tumbler	H	kite	583			
1	Rick McCollum	old classic frill	C	lace			Res champ OCF	
2	Rick McCollum	old classic frill	H	lace	3315	1st hen	Champ OCF	
3	Rick McCollum	old classic frill	H	lace				
4	Rick McCollum	old classic frill	H	lace				
5	Rick McCollum	old classic frill	H	lace				
1	Mike Rogers	jacobin	C	red				
2	Mike Rogers	jacobin	C	red				
3	Mike Rogers	jacobin	H	dun		1st hen	Champ jacobin	
4	Mike Rogers	jacobin	H	kite				
5	Mike Rogers	jacobin	H	black splash			Res champ jac	
1	Rick Kilgore	toy modena						
1	Rick Kilgore	Chinese owl						
1	Rick Kilgore	Portuguese tumbler						
2	Mark Newby	Portuguese tumbler					Champ Portuguese	
1	Rick Kilgore	pigmy pouter						
1	Roy Smith	Russian tumbler	C	almond			res champ RT	
2	Roy Smith	Russian tumbler	C	red	789			
3	Roy Smith	Russian tumbler	C	red	788			
4	Roy Smith	Russian tumbler	H	almond				
5	Roy Smith	Russian tumbler	H	red	7792			
6	Roy Smith	Russian tumbler	H	kite				
7	Mark Newby	Russian tumbler	H	red splash		1st hen		
1	Mark Newby	Old Style Saddle MT	H	red				Champion of Show

The Passing of a Friend...

We lost one of our life-time IPC members a couple months ago. Bud Palmer was a good man and a good friend to all in the hobby. He will be missed.... The club sent flowers to his memorial as a gesture of our love for him and his family. We plan on creating a trophy in his memory. Below is Bud's obituary.

William E. "Bud" Palmer

January 23, 1936 - September 6, 2019

MUNCIE – William E. "Bud" Palmer, World's Greatest Dad EVER...also Grandpa, Great Grandpa, brother, beloved family member, friend, and coach... passed to eternal life about 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening, September 6, 2019.

If you knew "Bud," you were blessed! He will be deeply missed by his family who loved him so much and the many friends that he knew and loved him. Bud was a gregarious and gentle man who loved everyone. If we could find one word to describe our Dad, it would be BEAUTIFUL! He had so many accomplishments, yet, he always said, his greatest blessing and accomplishment was his relationships with his family and friends.

Bud had 3 children; "Buddy" his oldest son, Ann who is called "Boo," and +David "The Nipper" [1963-2017], and an "adopted" son Kent Adsit, +Ann Goldie Palmer [nee- Bowen 1938-2003] the most precious love of his life, his beloved wife, 5 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren, siblings; Fred, Margot, Pam, Jimmy, DJ, and was predeceased in death by his father and mother; William E. and Dorothy [nee- Hayes].

Bud coached his sons in boxing, wrestling, and other sports. He coached his daughter in Morgan Show Horses, Tennessee Harness Racing, and American Pleasure Horses. He coached wrestling at Delta High School and Ball State University and many other championship amateur teams. He had a championship diving team in Mentor, Ohio. Bud was Hall of Fame Wrestling Coach in Indiana. He coached, his beloved granddaughter, Beverly Ann Tanner [nee-Brittingham] in soccer. He loved watching soccer on TV. Bud also had many World and Indiana Championships with his pigeons; Birmingham Rollers. We, his family, are sure Bud has already finagled some sort of "coaching gig" in heaven!



Mark your calendars!

The annual Indiana Pigeon Club winter show will be Saturday, February 15, 2020, at the Hancock County Fairgrounds in Greenfield, IN.

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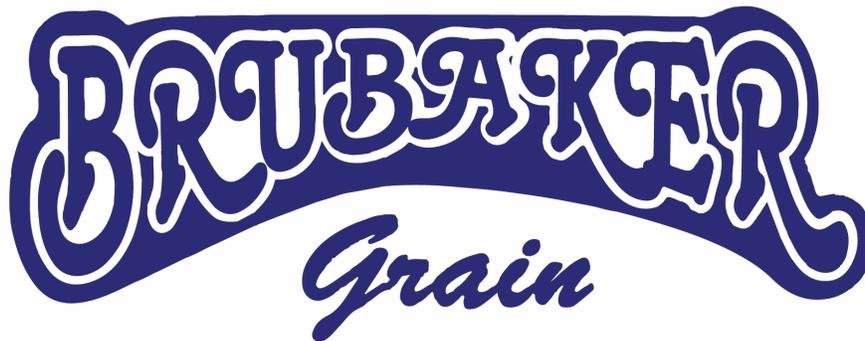
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Pigeon Rescues By Mike D

Hi everyone its Mike D again with a story about the kindness of strangers. It has become very clear over the past 3 years or so that our club website and contact page have been frequented by very nice people needing help. These are kind folks who have found banded pigeons in their yards or farms that were injured or couldn't fly well, looking for answers on how to help them. I'm very thankful we have the site as a resource for them. I monitor the club email box for messages, at first not regularly but now I have it open daily. If I don't happen to see a message, I can count on Roy Smith to back me up and send me a text asking if I'd seen the most recent message from someone. It's nice to know Roy has my back.

Earlier this year, there was a message from a very nice woman named Elizabeth Murray who lives in Greenville Indiana who had taken possession of a pigeon from a friend of hers who found it in their farm field, unable to fly very far and weak. She reached out to our website and sent an email asking for help. The pigeon, a Homer that was originally banded in Florida was being kept in a large wire dog crate in her home, in front of a window so it would get sunlight. She had it for a while and was wanting to either get a second pigeon or find it a new home so it wouldn't be so lonely. We emailed back and forth several times regarding the Homer and she sent a photo of "Walter Pigeon" as she and her husband called it.

In the meantime, I had another very nice woman named Heidi Lind contact the website and send a message that she was wanting to re-home a Homing pigeon that her daughter had been raising and showing through 4-H. The girls had outgrown 4-H and this was the last of the birds they had kept and wanted this cock to be

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somewhere it could be with other birds and possibly even find a mate as it had been alone for about a year. I asked her for a photo of "Oddie" as the girls had named him, and he also was a very nice Ash Red Checker which was actually a bird they received from Chuck Whiting back in 2011. Beautifully conditioned bird that was obviously well cared for its 8 years they had him. They lived in Fairland Indiana, so we made arrangements a couple of days later to meet off of highway 69 at a Waffle House parking lot to exchange Oddie. Heidi and her two daughters Savina and Enya came to make the exchange. Savina had shown Oddie through 4-H and did very well with him. Clearly the bird was loved and they were very excited he would be going to a nice home. Oddie was a tall lean and very nervous bird, always on edge and ready to fly at the slightest sound or movement by me once in my coop. I was happy to have him, although my Fantails had no idea what kind of bird he was and he obviously had never seen a Fantail likewise, he is now settled in quite nicely with the rest of the flock.



Left: Elizabeth Murray



Right: "Walter Pigeon" enjoying a bath in my coop

So back again to Walter, who now I was actually hoping would turn out to be a hen instead of a cock. This would be a very nice pair of Ash Red Check Homers for sure if it worked out that way. I tried reaching out to other members in the club close to her area to see about taking it in but when that didn't pan out, Elizabeth and I made arrangements to meet and pass the bird over to me. She was coming north and going past Indy on a road trip and we met at a Burger King parking lot in Speedway off Crawfordsville Rd. She explained she keeps chickens but had never had a pigeon before this experience. She was such a sweet lady and she obviously took excellent care of Walter. The Ash Red Checker Homer was in beautiful condition when I held it in my hands. She was so happy to have been able to pass him on to a good home. Unfortunately for Oddie, Walter is truly a Walter and as hard as he tried to impress Walter, Oddie kept getting the wing slap and bum rush by Walter to leave him alone. However as it turns out, I have a good friend about 10 minutes from me that breeds and races Homers so these two bachelors will soon have a pair of hens to fight over.

Then a few weeks later, yet another nice woman named Sharon Michel from Lowell Indiana contacted the club regarding a pigeon with a green leg band that showed up in her yard, unable to fly well. She eventually captured it and was holding it in a dog crate in her kitchen! Sharon even took the bird to the Vet to be checked out for broken bones or any other issues. She even contacted the Racing Club from the Band. The club stated they would try to track down the owner but if they didn't contact her back, she should just keep the bird. Sharon isn't a pigeon breeder! She didn't want to raise a bird, she was simply wanting to help the bird. I contacted a breeder up in Northern Indiana, E.J. Weirich, who lives much closer to Sharon's town than I do. He agreed to pick the bird up if the owners didn't contact Sharon back. Way to go E.J.! Sharon was thrilled to have someone willing to help her and this homer out.

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Left: "Oddie"



Right: Savina,
Heidi and Enya Lind

We keep getting kind people contacting us about birds they have found. This seems to be a common occurrence especially with Homers. Training flights for young birds ultimately find many unable to make it home. The IPC will keep helping any way it can to relocate these and any other type of pigeon that may be lost and in need of help.

I haven't had Homers since I was a kid and thought I never would again but these birds seemed fated to come to me. I have mated them up and they are both producing gorgeous Homers for me. I have produced 3 sets of babies from them and they are doing great. I would love to fly them but I have had serious visits from Coopers Hawks, many of which have them crashing into my walking pen trying to get to my birds while they sun themselves. Pretty sure any bird I would fly would be in serious peril, so they are going to stay safe and sound.

I'm sure most of you have read the news stories of dozens of pigeons being dumped in a trash bin in cardboard boxes in Lafayette IN. There have been 3 dumpings in the same garbage bin this year totaling over 80 birds to date. Some were dead in the boxes, many were deformed and all the survivors were starving and sick. This is unbelievably cruel behavior. Although some of the reporting on the incidents hasn't been well done it still highlights animal cruelty at its worst. I truly hope that whomever did this to these birds is caught and prosecuted for animal cruelty harshly.

This hobby is more than just a hobby. People who raise pigeons have a kinship. They have an innate feeling about pigeons that non pigeon people find hard to understand. When we hear of the kind of cruelty that was carried out in Lafayette we first feel outrage and then a keen obligation to make sure that people don't think that this kind of thing is what keeping pigeons is about.

The cruelty to those abandoned birds prompted me to help these wonderful ladies out who took the time and effort to rehabilitate and find new homes for the birds. I know there are many cases of people taking over a flock for someone who could no longer take care of them but normally that's because they had a vested interest in that particular breed because they raise them themselves. I hope that anytime we have kind people in need of help with a lost bird that any one of us would help in some way. It has been a truly rewarding experience for me and restores faith in the humanity of people with times being what they are in society today.

Until next time, your friend in the fancy,

Mike deOliveira

Aka: Mike D

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For many of us, the National Young Bird Show, held the last Saturday in October every year in Louisville, is the biggest show of the year. With well over 4,000 birds entered each year it is as large or larger than the NPA's Grand National show. Just to give you an idea, this year there were 273 pigeons entered in the "rare breeds" category, 236 Chinese owls and 160 fantails and many, many others. If you're a fan of an obscure breed, this is probably your best chance to see some and find other like-minded fanciers. And showing and competing aside, the sales area is chock full of pigeons for sale which is always fun to look through. There are usually a few vendors set up including Foy's from Pennsylvania and Baden Feed & Supply out of Canada. Baden is nice enough to deliver bags of feed right to your car/truck which is a nice feature considering how difficult it can be to navigate the parking lots at the Kentucky Expo Center.

A quick personal story from this year... When I attended the NYBS last year (2018) I was trying to learn more about English trumpeters and met a nice gentleman from Michigan named Rick Rutledge who did what he could to give me a quick crash course in showing English trumpeters even though he was busy trying to tend to his birds as well as helping with the show. Bob Nolan from California was the judge and I knew of him from numerous articles online and in Purebred Pigeon magazine. The man is a living legend especially amongst English trumpeter circles. As I recall I didn't say one word to him and, unfortunately, I was called away from Louisville earlier than I would have liked due to a family emergency back home. This year was not a good breeding season for me and my ETs but I brought one blue bar ET with me and had it entered in the show just for the fun of it and to rub elbows with some of



the other ET guys. I was a pleasantly surprised when Bob Nolan came up to me as I was standing around observing the ETs and he said "You were here last year. I was too busy judging to talk to you but I remember seeing you." Wow! This guy is sharp! I'm terrible with names and faces and here's a guy who remembers seeing me a year ago in passing out of hundreds of people as he was judging birds. Bob proceeded to show me around and extoll the virtues of the English trumpeter and looked at my blue bar with me (he graded it a "C" which is probably being generous).

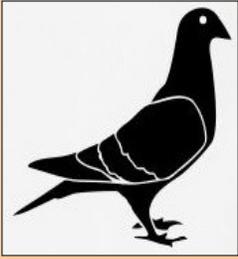
Now that's a fun little story but my main purpose in telling it is that we should always try to take time to talk to folks and, especially if they are new or, like me, always have a dazed and confused look on their face, offer some encouragement and direction. I'm bad about it myself sometimes but this hobby isn't going to stay alive without each one of us

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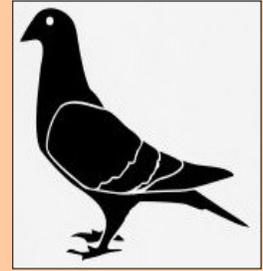
bringing in new people and keeping people interested. Bob Nolan has been an amazing ambassador for the hobby for decades and we should all take some inspiration from him.

Roy Smith



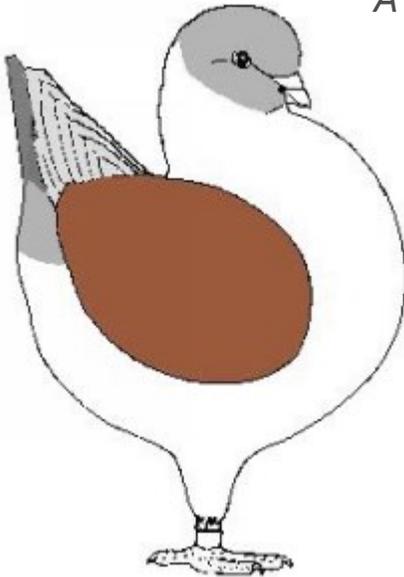


Southern Indiana Roller Club



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A Closer Look At... **The Toy Modena**



The toy Modena is a fairly new breed of pigeon that has been gaining popularity. There were 26 entered in the NYBS at Louisville this year. As the name implies, the toy Modena is based on the standard size Modena only smaller and somewhat more refined. Many people feel that the current Modena has gotten too large and too awkward in appearance and they long for something closer to the original Modena of days gone by... According to the standard, a toy Modena should stand 8 3/4" tall for cocks and 8 1/4" for hens. Getting a bird that is round in body, wide in stance and has a powerful build and yet still small and well balanced is quite a challenge! I always think of a Cornish game hen when I see or handle one of these birds.

When asked about his love of toy Modenas, Rick Kilgore had this to say "Easy to work with; much better personality than the standard Modena. They're good parents. Trying to breed to the standard is a challenge but fun."

And E.J. Weirich said "Toy Modenas are the closet thing to the original Modenas besides Triganios."

There is an active Facebook group dedicated to toy Modenas. Give them a try!

Be sure to visit our website often for new updates about the club:

www.indianapigeonclub.com

And follow us on Facebook:

Right: Rick Kilgore took reserve champion toy Modena at Louisville this year with this gazzi hen.



Until next time...

