

National West of England Tumbler Club

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District Boundaries

#1- Main, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware. Maryland.

#2- Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska.

#3- West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, Florida.

#4- Utah, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas.

#5- Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming

#6- California, Nevada & Arizona

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Well here we are half the year is upon us, boy do they go by fast. Have you raised that champion yet? I had a late start this year only banding 10 up to this date but should band 8 more this week. The weather here goes up and down cold, colder, hot, warm then cold it just can't *settle but spring is here so maybe a even weather* pattern is upon me.

I would like to thank the officers that do put something in are bulletin it is too bad that not everyone can say a little something. I personally would like to say more but I was told by a couple members that I give a negative writing in the bulletin and to stop. So I guess it's best to just say nothing. The only thing I will say is if you can write stuff on the internet almost every day about something why can't you say a few words so all the club members can see it not just a small percentage (15%) of the club, as officers of our club you would think that there is something in your district that you can talk about.

If you would like to write a article and have it in the bulletin please email it to me. I am looking to fill our next bulletin and it would be nice to have a fresh article from a club member, it can be on anything you are working color, new loft, etc, etc. Your input would be a great lift to the club bulletin in hearing from members in our club.

Larry

Officer Reports



President: Jay Turner

Well by now I would guess that everyone has raised that champion for the year, if not then you may want to start thinking about next year. June born birds seem to do well at the National show but the majority of the fall show winners are born in March, April or May, or at least that is my experience. Everyone has a different set up and plan and we all seem to make it work. Most of the news has been very quiet this year however I do know that our Constitution and By Laws Review Committee has been working very hard to revise our rules. I have seen some rough drafts and they are covering a lot of ground. Thanks again to this group.

Still not much word from the guys in the northeast, hopefully they are all doing well and just busy raising some nice birds, and I am sure they are. If any of you in that area would like to place a point's meet for this coming show season please let me or any of the other officers know. We would love to get a place, date and judge for a District 1 show.

I know everyone is looking forward to the upcoming show season. We have a nice group of judges for this year's upcoming shows schedule and that is always nice. I understand Terry Bishop will be judging the Pageant and that will be nice, always great to see this guy out judging the West breed. Hopefully with Terry judging the Pageant will be another huge success.

One last note, thanks again to the two guys that put out this bulletin, Larry Eastman and Chuck Zeller. Without this bulletin this would not be much of a club. The bulletins are our life blood and the best way we have to communicate our message to all members and we have one of the nicest bulletins going. So if you see a new member or a potential member out there take time to tell them about our club, our breed and maybe share a copy of a past bulletin and see what they think. I have a feeling you might just get them to sign up. Thanks again to everyone who contributes to our club and bulletin and till next time, take care.

Jay Turner
NWOETC Pres.



WVP: Tony Cardoza

Hi everyone hope everyone is on to a successful breeding season this year.

Western National W.O.E. young bird show will be held in northern California. NORTHERN PIGEON PACIFIC CLUB. They are rapidly growing in members and entry numbers, their annual Winter classic show is on the 1st week of December this year. On December 1st.

If the show becomes a two day Show it would start on a Friday November the 30th last pass years the meet was at Eureka school 5477 Eureka road Granite Bay CA 95746

Make note that location may be changed they are planning to expand to a bigger building for this year's 2018 if planning on showing contact Terry Gier at (916)996-9867 for any information you may have. Judge for West of England's will be posted at a later date.

Hope to see everyone on our upcoming shows.

Tony Cardoza



. EVP: Open position



Sec./Treas.: Keith Marney

Hope everybody is doing well. It's heading into summer and I'm sure most of us are banding quite a few prospects for the fall shows. Matt and I got a later start than usual but have each banded several that should be show ready for the big ones.

We have a few new members join the club over the past few months: Joshua Cole Wright (McKinney TX), Alonzo Hernandez (Fresno CA), Frank Gutierrez (Turlock CA), and Jim Brown (Battle Ground, WA). Welcome to the club guys!!

For club business, the club treasury currently stands at \$2,471.15. We just submitted our 2019 band order through the NPA and this year ordered 5,500 bands total. Things should be pretty quiet for the summer but if any members are running short on 2018 bands we do have a few hundred extras left to sell.

Take care and band a champion!

-Keith

Dist. 1: Open position



Dist. 2: Terry Brechbill... My computer died in a storm Friday night. Haven't been able to revive it. So for the bulletin district 2 show will be June 10 North star Classic Hutchinson MN



Dist. 3: Sandy Oelschlegel

Hello from District 3!

I am finishing up with breeding, with only a few special pairs allowed to keep their eggs now. As we get into mid-June, it is very hot and humid, and while the birds don't seem to mind too much, it is hard on me! I have had a great year with the tort pairs and will have a lot to select from for the show season. I am amazed by the variety of patterns and colors that have been produced. Now I need to decide what pattern I like and select accordingly. The whites were slow to get going and for that reason I only have 5 in the young bird loft today, but another 7 are being weaned this weekend.

I hope everyone will consider coming to the District 3 show this year in the new location. The venue is amazing and is in the same location as Zoo Knoxville, so if you have a family, they will be able to keep busy in this well managed zoo. Of course, the proximity of the Smoky mountains is also a draw, so while you show pigeons your family could easily drive to Cades Cove or other attractions like Dolly Wood! Sound like fun?? Well, Y'all come to Knoxville! Details below:

The District 3 show will be held in conjunction with the Dixie Classic poultry show on Saturday December 1st in Knoxville, Tennessee. In the Jacobs Building at Chilhowee Park, Knoxville, Tennessee. Address - 3301 E. Magnolia Avenue Knoxville, TN. 37914 Entry Fees - \$4.00 per bird

For general information: Dixie Classic Show Contact - Eddie Dunlap (865-742-5525), cotton@protechfinishing.

For information about the pigeon show: Sandy Oelschlegel (423-807-0633), soelschl@gmail.com

The judge will be Charlie Brown from Nashville Tennessee, a long-time pigeon breeder, all breed judge. Here is a little information about his background: Charlie has had pigeons for over 50 years. His main breed for the last 41 years has been Komorner Tumblers. He also has the Taganrog Tumblers, which is a Rare Breed, and Racing Homers flying under the name of Goshentown Lofts. Charlie has supported and has held offices in the National Pigeon Association including State Representative, District Director and Eastern Vice President. He

also founded and was the President of the Tennessee Pigeon and Dove Club for most of the clubs 35-year existence and held every office in the American Komorner. Tumbler Club He has received a Master Breeder Award from the American Komorner Tumbler Club, as well as Breeder and Master Judge Awards from the NPA for Komorner Tumblers,NPA Master Judge Award All Breeds, NPA Hall of Fame Award and Master Dove Judge Award from the American Dove Association.

Please get up and mark this on your calendar or get your smart phone out and add it! Sandy



Dist. 4: Peter Tapia



Dist. 5: John Kieft

This spring we were blessed by mild temperatures, and everybody got a great jump on the breeding season. I've just weaned my third round of birds, and now will only breed proven pairs for two more. I haven't heard from many breeders in the District, but assume things are going well. I talked to Larry Eastman and he told me he's having a pretty good year, with a nice black bald and a couple of nice blue bar balds, plus some white self's.

We have a new fancier that has joined the club. Jim Brown. He lives in southern Washington State, and likes the baldheads. I'll be setting him up with a pair of black balds, and a pair of red/yellow balds. He also leads a group of 4H kids that are interested, so we're looking forward to their involvement and participation in upcoming shows.

This years District show will be in Puyallup, Washington, at the Washington State Fairgrounds.



Dist. 6: Bob Christman



Tony Cardoza presenting Jimmy Krebaum the N.W.O.E.T.C. Hall of Fame Plaque honoring his late father James Krebaum Sr.



West of England Tumbler from Australia. Barry Shoobridge. A bit different then our West's but a beautiful West nonetheless.

COMMON MEDICAL PROBLEMS: SKIN AND FEATHERS

Ectoparasites are common in pigeons. Lice (*Columbicola columbae*, *Menapon latum*), mites (*Knemidocoptes laevis laevis*, *Knemidocoptes mutans*, *Syringophilus columbae*, *Dermanyssus gallinae*, *Ornithonyssus sylvarium*) and pigeon flies (*Pseudolynchia canariensis*) are all seen from time to time, causing feather damage, skin irritation and restlessness within a flock. Treatments with pyrethrin sprays, ivermectin or moxidectin are effective remedies.

Pigeon pox, caused by the pigeon poxvirus, presents as two syndromes in pigeons. The dry form is seen as discrete scabby lesions on unfeathered parts of the body especially the beak and eyelids. The wet form fibroncrotic diphtheritic lesions in the oropharynx – is less commonly seen. The presenting syndrome is determined by the strain of the virus, the mode of transmission and the age, species & health of infected bird. Most lesions will heal in 3-4 weeks, although diphtheritic lesions may persist for several months. Although the disease is usually self-limiting, the lesions may become infected and painful, and may interfere with eating, respiration & vision. If lesions are infected, antibiotics and gentle cleansing are indicated. Forceful removal of scabs may result in scarring & deformity.

The virus is environmentally stable and can survive for years in dried organic debris. It must enter body through the mucous membranes or abraded skin, as it is unable to penetrate intact epithelium. It can be transmitted directly through fighting, feather picking, preening, etc, or indirectly by blood sucking insects eg mosquitoes. The virus will either remain at point of entry, causing localised infection, or spread haematogenously to the liver and bone marrow, producing a systemic infection. The incubation period is 7-9 days.

Prevention revolves around isolation of affected birds, minimising fighting, and prevention of biting insect access. An attenuated live vaccine is available. Only birds older than 6 weeks should be vaccinated. After vaccination, birds are infectious to other birds for 4-6 weeks, and are excluded from racing (hence, vaccination must be given at least 6 weeks prior to the onset of the racing season). If vaccinating in the face of an outbreak, birds already showing lesions should not be vaccinated.

Dermatophytes (usually *Trichophyton megnini*) typically affect the non-feathered skin, causing thickened, grey patches. Systemic therapy (eg griseofulvin) can be complemented by twice weekly washing with enilconazole or miconazole.

Cutaneous mycobacteriosis is occasionally seen as caseous nodules, usually in the skin of a thin bird.

Latrogenic feather lesions are seen when pigeons are treated with benzimidazole anthelmintics (such as fenbendazole) or pyrimethamine potentiated sulphonamides when feathers are actively growing. Affected feathers fail to unsheathe, and become brittle and break readily. Cortisone (occasionally given by misguided fanciers as a 'steroid') may cause 'stress lines' to appear in feathers

Traumatic injuries are occasionally seen after a hawk attack while flying, or after colliding with wire or other birds in the loft. These injuries are usually amenable to surgery or conservative treatment at the veterinarian's discretion. **Cutaneous neoplasia** is occasionally seen. Fibrolipomas appear to be particularly common. Contributed by **Sandy Oelschlegel**

Loft Floor, Nest Box, Nest Bowl Litter and carrying box liter

The mention of cedar and pine shavings/chips in another breeder's piece on the West Spokt chat site plus wood stove pellets caught my attention. Way back in the 70's when I had a big all of a sudden problem with my West's having leg and wing joint swelling problems the State Poultry Pathology Lab was only blocks from my home so I took two birds there to have them looked at and diagnose what the problem might be. I thought it was not paratyphoid but something else.

Back then the head lab Doctor was a Dr. Cooper and there was no charge to have pigeons looked at and even killed to do a thorough exam. Dr. Cooper asked several questions about my loft, feed, grit, water etc. One was what type floors do your lofts have? I said 1/2" exterior plywood nailed on a 2X4 subfloor framing. He ask if I used anything on the plywood such as wood shaving, sand, dirt or? I said river sand 2" deep which I rake and sift to clean of droppings and feathers once a week. I told him I completely change the sand three times a year.

He wanted to know what I used for nesting material. I said medium and long length pine needles only. He said that's fine. He added. Some use cedar chips, pine chips or shavings. He said pine chips or shavings are not from my findings a problem but cedar chips can be. They have oil in them that can when moist give off toxic fumes, red cedar is worse than white cedar. Also said never use redwood shavings as they have tannic acid and are even worse for pigeons, birds and poultry and especially in a closed setting like a very small loft with poor air circulation and nest boxes. He said cedar chips and shavings are ok for horse bedding and small animals like rats, mice and Hamsters but questionable for birds.

After I answered his questions he said I do not think your problem has anything to do with your loft conditions but I'll post (euthanize and dissect) one of the birds you brought in and tomorrow stop by for the results and my recommendations on what to do to correct any problems I find.

Turned out the culprit was my for the first time trying a new 26% Racing Homer feed mix. DR. Cooper's diagnoses was protein poisoning from that too high in protein Racing Homer mix, too rich he said for a pigeon the size of a West of England Tumbler even though I flew mine daily. I fed the mix to my chickens and went back to my regular 16% pigeon mix; the problem vanished within a week.

Anyway years later at a LAPC meeting we had a guest speaker (Dr. Irwin I think) giving a talk on loft hygiene. He talked about loft floor liter and stated not to use cedar shavings or chips as they could give off toxic fumes in an enclosed environment like a loft with not adequate air circulation or if they got wet. He said and by all means do not use cedar chips or shavings in your nest boxes, nest bowls also not in your carrying boxes. He said it may take quite some time any till any ill effects of using those show up but it will. Same with redwood chips or shavings which are a big no, no for pigeons. He added as a clarification that some shavings are perfectly fine if they are all natural with nothing added for bug and fungus prevention. He said, many of the cedar chips and shavings plus pine shavings and chips you see sold in plastic or paper bags at pet stores have an

insecticide for insect prevention added to them in the processing process, some too have a fungicide added. Those additives can lead to serious health issues if they are used in a closed environment like a loft and especially nest boxes and carrying boxes. They can give off toxic vapors and especially if they get damp. Summer is the worst for bringing the fumes out, as the heat buildup when birds are in the carrying box causes the vapors/fumes to escape, mix that with dampness in wet shaving/chips and you could have some dead birds and never suspect what the cause was.

For years and years I used river sand on my loft floors but later went to the scraping of the plywood floors. Then I decided beings at that time I was working as a carpenter for West Coast Roofing to use a gray rubberized roofing product that I stapled to the plywood. Much easier to clean and 100% water proof to boot. They used the same product to line shower stalls that are not hot moped with tar and under tile shower stalls. The thing is what works great for some or they say it does for them others say bah humbug to that; I tried that with fail results.

I think most pigeon fanciers are aware of where one lives greatly effects your pigeon loft hygiene and even building practices. Where your loft sits too plus the materials you use. When I was a kid I went on weekends and during summer vacation from school with my dad re-roofing homes. One day on a very steep roofed old home I ask my dad why all the old homes had such steep in pitch roofs while on the new homes they were not very steep at all? He said well when so many from back east and the Midwest moved to Calif. they built or had built homes like they had in their home states. In those areas steep roofs were needed because of heavy rains throughout the year plus snow that could accumulate on the roofs and be there for months. Steep roofs helped kept those roofs from collapsing under the snows weight.

He said those homeowners and the new home developers/contractors/carpenters had not figured out yet in Calif. and especially in So Cal it did not rain all that much and snow was no problem in most areas so less steep roofs were fine. Same with most old homes in Calif. having basements, those were needed in states where hurricanes and tornados were common but no problem in Calif. so a waste of money.

Same with pigeon lofts, in some states there is no need for steep roofs as flatter will do. Inclement weather in some states is a big problem but is not in other states or in some areas of those states. Take in Central CA, the tulle fog that can last for weeks bringing dampness with it can be a problem with your pigeons. In most of So Cal that is not a problem. In So Cal you have the Santa Ana winds which Central CA does not have to contend with. In beach areas one has to contend with much fog and the dampness it brings. Inland the sun and very hot summer days can be a problem one has to keep in mind when building a loft.

So where one resides can and does affect how one builds their loft, what materials are used and the loft hygiene one puts in place or should. Again what works fine or they say does for them does not mean the same will work in other areas. My point is anything posted on the Spokt West site, Facebook West site, other pigeon sites or even in pigeon club bulletins, pigeon books and magazines should be taken with a grain of salt, and dose of good old logic and common sense... I'd add and who was putting that info out should be considered as far as do they know what they're talking about because they did in depth research or are they just sounding their own horn so others will think they are in the know?

From the inter-net.

1. Pine Shavings: Please note that **wood shavings - such as pine, cedar and redwood - give off aromatic hydrocarbons (phenols) and acids that are toxic and very damaging to the respiratory tract.** They should not be used in cages, aviaries, or nest boxes.

2. Ground Corn Cob: Breeding ground for fungi, such as aspergilosis (a deadly fungus). Ingested corn cobs absorb moisture and swell inside a bird's digestive system causing impaction, [bleeding](#) and death. Baby birds develop bacteria and [yeast infections](#) from ingested material. Not recommended.

3. Walnut Shells: When digested, can inflame and irritate organs, causing internal damage, [bleeding](#) and death. Not recommended.

4. Cedar Shavings: Can cause dermatitis, allergic symptoms and irritation of the digestive tract. Do not use in cages, aviaries or nest boxes.

From another Vet. Cedar Shavings - Cedar shavings contain ingredients which can be toxic to birds. Even their aroma is caustic. They can cause dermatitis, allergic symptoms and irritation of the digestive tract. They also make it difficult to examine your bird's droppings.

All of us are always searching for ways to better care for our pigeons, easier and faster ways to keep our lofts clean and of course controlling costs to do so.

There is nothing wrong with that and in fact indicates we care very much for our pigeons, their health and ours too. But first let me state what I have written is in no way meant to malign what anyone has or will write in reporting on what they use in any pigeon magazine or club bulletin. I simply am reporting on what I've found over the years and has been reported by others.

In today's computer/internet age of instant communication any of us with internet access can very fast search many topics/products we might want to in search, that option was not available to us not that many years ago. I urge any with an interest to do a computer search on things like wood stove pellets, wood pellets for horse stall use, various wood shaving/wood chip products, different type sands and other products one might be curious about as far as using as a loft floor dressing, in nest boxes/nest bowls and carrying boxes. A few minutes doing so might save much grief later. It is fairly easy to in search find out if there are harmful side effects to some products as far as birds go. To find out if the product is all natural or has things added which may harm birds/pigeons.

Most important is before you lay out your hard earned bucks for a product read the manufactures label on the package. If there is none be extra cautious.

Just an example of a product that can be very harmful to humans and even result in death if misused. Most of you are aware that in construction wood used where it is in contact with the ground and even concrete is pressure treated (PT) or wolmanized. In Calif. it is generally green in color but elsewhere can be blue, pink or yellow. All are pressure treated with one or a combination of chemicals to resist decay, rot, insect penetration, boring and chewing critters like termites.

Many uniformed persons each year get extremely sick if they burn scrap cutoffs of those pressure treated woods in a fireplace, campfire or even wood stove. In fact the manufactures over the last several years suggest one use gloves and a dust mask when cutting this product. So again the watch words are read the manufactures label and inform yourself of the intended use of the product, not suggested uses and the do not use for warnings.

Some time back on a cable TV program, How It's Made I saw a segment on wood stove pellets. They showed the whole process. I do not recall there being anything added in the process that might be harmful to animals, birds or whatever if used in other ways so would assume they are not harmful to pigeons. ***But there's that word assume that can get us in trouble assume.*** On the West of England Tumbler Spokt chat site on wood stove pellets as loft floor liter, in nest bowls and nest bowls in part it was said. The price is based on the type of wood and ingredients there made out of. The key word there is ingredients, those are what are important to know, wood we are pretty sure is in them but what other things might be added to bind the wood particles together, make them burn hotter, longer, etc? Don't assume anything, do your homework and check the ingredients before using anything new to you.

Again we are all searching for way's and products to better care for our pigeons but try not to succumb to the latest magic pill or flavor of the month great thing that in the end might not be so great after all. We all rely to some extent on what others report in pigeon club bulletins, pigeon magazines, pigeon books, on pigeon websites and what others tell us in conversations. Again do the research yourself and let caution be your guide rather than taking what some self proclaimed in the know Pied Pipers tells you or writes as being gospel. Keep in mind that often what is touted as the best thing to come down the pipe since sliced bread those touting whatever after a year or so find the pitfalls are many so have switched horses and are off riding in another direction. How many remember when the Shell No Pest Strips were touted as the best thing ever for mites, lice, pigeon fly's, mosquitoes and ether pests that affected our pigeons! Many jumped on that bandwagon then it came out that they were not meant to be used in tight quarters like in a smaller loft nor hung close to nest boxes, perches, etc. as the vapors were harmful to pigeons and humans too if not used according to the directions which had to be revised several times. How many created real problems when they decided if one pest strip worked well hung in a loft two or more in a loft would work even better? Chuck Zeller

Master Breed Points

as per 5/22/2018

Matt Matuska 4537.5
Jay Turner 4,072
Bill Henderson 3,762.5
Bob Christman 3375
Brian McCormick 2402.5
Jim Cooper 2187.5
Terry Bishop 2125
John Kieft 1850
David Garcia 1843.5
Terry Brechbill 1800
Frank Morgan 1650
George Garcia 1325
John Sukar 1125

Peter Tapia 1075.5
Tim Brandon 1062
Robert Sanchez 1038
Keith Marney 912.5
Tony Cardoza 862.5
Bert Barnes 762.5
Bill Koenig 721.5
Doug Boyland 640.
Billy Parker 637.5
Joe Cussick 625
Javier Gomez 519.5
Jeff Wozniak 500.5
Sandy Oeschlegel 475
Bob Daugherty 437.5
Jack Foley 437.5
Larry Bryant 300
Josh Zilles 287.

Sandy Oeschlegel 287.5
Cynthia Cooper 287.5
Tom Larcher 275
Dennis Barton 275
Tim Mumma 237.5
Dion Miller 212.5
Wally Morris 100
Dan Tucker 100
John Cardenas 87.5
Don Paltani 75
Chris Bosley 50
Ron Creach 37.5
Kevin Roach 37.5
John Sprister 37.5
Chris Krenks 25
Joe Montelcome 25
Jim Johnson 12.5
William Baldwin 12.5

2018 Show Schedule/

Eastern Regional Show:

Judge- TBA Eastern Regional Young Bird
Show: Louisville National Young Bird Show.
Louisville, KY. Dates-Oct. 27thJudge-Tony
Cardoza

Western Regional Show: Great Western Pigeon
Show Watsonville, CA.Date: Oct,-20-21Judge:
Manuel Clemente

Western Regional Young Bird Show: Granite
Bay, CA.Date- Dec. 1stJudge-Jim Krebaum Jr.

Dist. 1: Date-Judge_

Dist. 2:Date-Judge-

Dist. 3: The Dixie Classic poultry show.
Knoxville, Tennessee.

Date-Saturday Dec. 1st

Judge-Charlie Brown

Dist. 4:

Date-

Judge-

Dist. 5: Puyallup, Washington

Dates- First weekend in Dec.

Judge- Matt Matuska

Dist. 6: Pageant of Pigeons

Pomona Fairplex, Pomona, CA.

Dates- Nov. 15-16-17.

Judge- Terry Bishop

**2019 NPA National Show Myrtle
Beach, SC.**

**NWOETC Annual Show & Meeting
January 24-26, 2019**

Judge: Matt Matuska

National West of England Tumbler Club Hall of Fame

When the idea was first proposed to institute a NWOETC Hall of Fame at the club's annual meeting at the Mt Clemens, Michigan NPA GN in 2008 the proposal was voted on to go forward and a committee appointed to work up a format for the HOF. At each of the following annual meeting the NWOETC Hall of Fame was proposed again and voted on to go forward. Nothing was done till at the Vancouver, WA. GN in 2013 when a committee was authorized to draft a HOF format.

In the main discussion was on coming up with a format for selecting members for consideration first by soliciting nominees from the HOF committee members, then the membership of the club and finally voting by ballot on who of those nominated would be inducted as members of the HOF. While on the face of it that may seem not so difficult upon second thought there seemed to be differences of opinions on a set format for both selecting nominees and then from those inductees.

One thing one of the HOF Committee members cautioned against was not going in the direction of some other clubs Hall of Fames whereby they are so to speak a "Good Old Boy's Club" award/program. In other words the HOF in some clubs who gets inducted is not based on ones contributions to the breed and club but on whom one knows. Another discussion was that the HOF be based on ones overall contributions to the breed and club over some period of years. That one's show record not be a main consideration but a minor consideration. The feeling was the club has in place and has had for years the Master Breeder Award program which is 100% based on ones accumulation of points garnered at NWOETC approved shows as stated in the clubs C&BL's. thus to heavily base induction into the HOF on ones show record would be duplicating the Master Breeder Award.

So the original HOF committee decided induction into the HOF should be dependent on ones contribution to the breed and club over some years with only minor consideration of one's show record. As examples, serving as a club officer in several different capacities, serving as a judge at many shows, serving as a show secretary, serving as a show steward, helping setup and tear down shows, contributing articles on West's and the club to pigeon publications including our clubs bulletin. Developing new colors, patterns and marking, making available to other top quality stock and in general pushing the club and breed at every opportunity. Of course there are other considerations but those are a few the committee came up with.

Next it was decided the committee would offer their nominees then solicit nominees from the club officers and finally the members. A tally was kept on who of the nominees received the most total nominations and the top 2 or more would be put on a ballot for the members to vote on who would be the inductees based on who the two nominees received the most votes.

Problems surfaced whereby a number of long time members who had for many long years contributed much to the club and breed but many shorter time members had no idea who those nominees were or what they had contributed. That was not unexpected but overall the first several years inductees were those who by a majority vote had contributed much to the club and breed.

At this point in time 2018 after the first inductee was inducted in 2015 we are at a point where some are questioning why so and so was inducted but not so and so? There have also been questions on who the HOF committee members are? In my opinion the original committee did what it was charged with doing so no committee is now needed but rather periodically in the club bulletin nominees for the HOF be ask for and then the members be sent a ballot to vote on who will be inducted. Such a query can be in the bulletin each year or less often. The point is again in my opinion we no longer need a HOF Committee per say. While we don't want to see the HOF lay dormant or languish in obscurity because of lack of action it's up to the officers and or members to nominate persons as they see fit without it being mandatory nominees be solicited each year and a inductee be voted on.

We need some feedback/input from the officers and members on how to proceed with the HOF from here on out. Chuck Zeller

*Note: I have received two new nominees' three names for the HOF, those being *Terry Bishop, Lennie Mefferd and Terry Brechbill.*

2018 Membership Dues and Band Order Form

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2018 Bands: \$50.00 per 100, 75 for \$37.50, 50 for \$25.00, 25 for \$12.50

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