

Canadian Heritage Breeds Newsletter

Fall 2020

2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Hello Members!

It's hard to believe fall is upon us once again. The chilly mornings signal an end to the growing season and the start of a new school year. For many families this has meant making some important decisions around education, health and childcare without the usual confidence we would normally feel at this time of year. These next few weeks will continue to challenge all of us as we navigate through another busy harvest season... with a few added changes thanks to this ongoing pandemic.

Here at CHB, we're up for these challenges! The safe and successful summer Lawn Show in July was a great example of how adaptable we can be when unexpected things happen. This positive energy and momentum will continue, as planning is now underway for the Annual Fall Poultry Show. There are a few details already in place which you can read about in this newsletter, plus an invitation to lend a hand in organizing this event. More information and entry instructions will be posted on the CHB website as they become available.

You can also become more involved in the operational aspects of CHB by running for a board position. Several positions are up for election at the 2020 Annual General Meeting, so please feel free to contact one of the current officers or directors if you'd like to learn more about what's involved. If you have some ideas but prefer not to serve in an official capacity, we'd still love to hear from you! As always, your feedback, suggestions and comments are most welcome and appreciated. Stay safe and healthy everyone!

~ Kathy Stevenson, Secretary, CHB ~

Cover Photo: CHB 2020 Lawn Show Grand Champion, Black Bantam Cochin by CR Ducks



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About CHB

What We Do

Our mandate is "Conservation through Education". Shows: Every year CHB organizes at least two poultry shows and has more recently begun to host dairy goat shows. Poultry and livestock shows are an excellent public forum to showcase and promote the dazzling and diverse assortment of chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks, as well as several breeds of goats. These exhibits also provide opportunities for people interested in breeding to connect one-on-one with top breeders.

Information: We compile and distribute quarterly newsletters to inform and inspire members. We conduct interviews with successful breeders to facilitate the sharing of their valuable knowledge and the insights they have gained through experience. CHB offers social media resources and networking opportunities to anyone interested in learning more and connecting with others in the world of heritage livestock.

Support: CHB strives to encourage and support heritage breed advocates through educational seminars and hands-on workshops. Our members provide youth and family mentoring, and we partner with other organizations such as agricultural societies and 4-H to lend our support to their members and programs.

Promotion: We present displays of animals and printed materials at public venues to demonstrate the diversity of heritage breeds to both urban and rural people.



Why Is This Important?

- * Heritage livestock and poultry are the perfect alternative for non-commercial farmers and families interested in self-sustainable alternatives
- * These animals allow producers to capitalize on unique and niche markets
- * Protecting genetic resources and survival traits is a crucial strategy for ensuring future food supplies
- * Heritage breeds are a living link to our agricultural history and culture
- * Traditional livestock breeds are rapidly disappearing from the rural North American landscape, but keeping a current census of numbers is difficult. Some are on the verge of extinction, and are in desperate need of saving.



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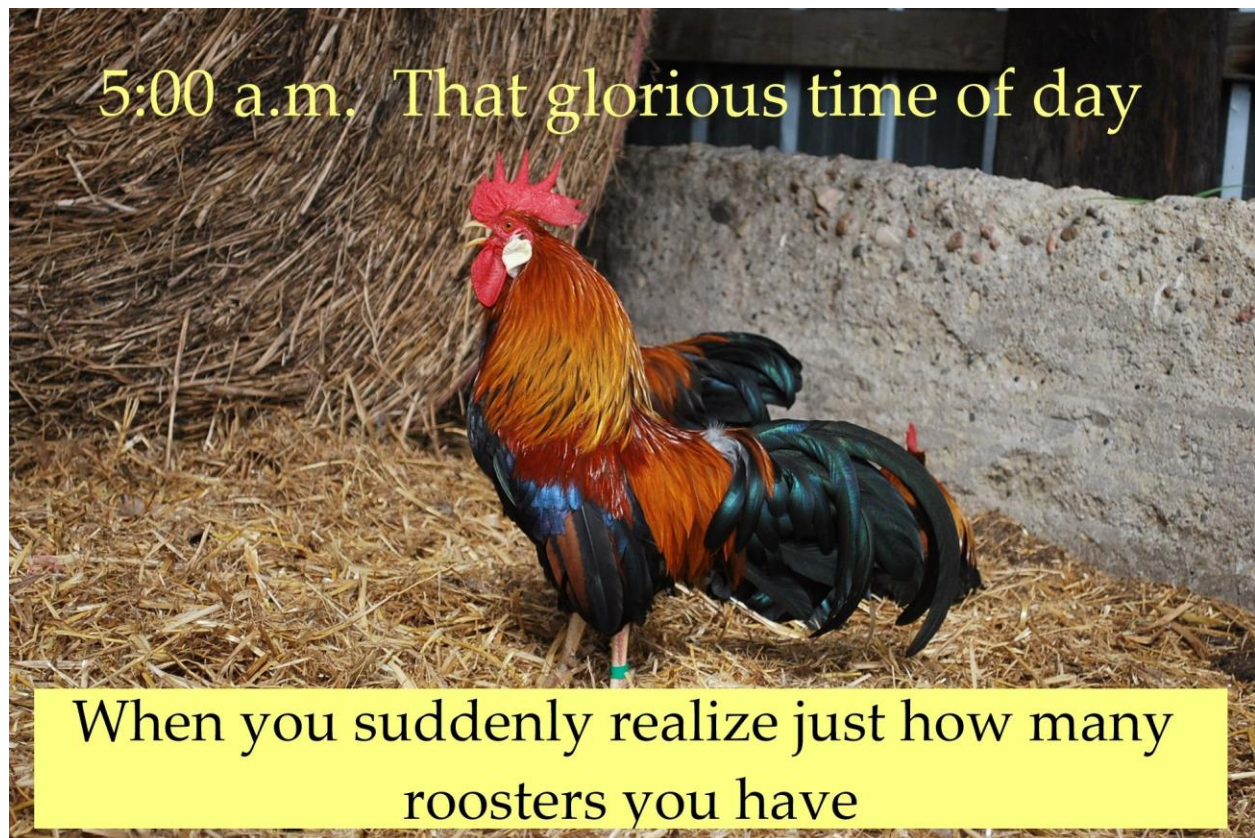
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Become a Member

- Quarterly Newsletters and access to the Members Only area of the website
- Discounts or free access to select CHB Events
- Advertising opportunities
- The satisfaction of contributing to a great organization with lots of opportunities to become involved!

[Register online today!](#) Canadian Heritage Breeds is a Registered Non-Profit Society.



5:00 a.m. That glorious time of day

When you suddenly realize just how many roosters you have

2020 Annual Fall Show

Dear CHB Members,

2020 has been an unusual year and as we approach the fall, we are into the season that many CHB members, and the CHB board, are typically preparing for the Annual Fall Show. I am happy to announce that this year we are still planning to host the Annual Fall Show, but with a few key changes with regards to the current COVID-19 pandemic and all the associated health restrictions that go along with it.

The first significant change is the venue where the show will be held. Due to some scheduling issues at the Olds Cow Palace, we will be holding the Fall Show in Lacombe at the Central Alberta Ag Society Sales Pavilion. Members may recall we held the 2016 and 2017 Fall shows here, and that there were some key areas for improvement with both of these shows, and we are working proactively to avoid the shortcomings of previous years. We have already secured additional heating capacity in case we encounter cold temperatures like we did in 2017. We are committed to maintaining the great exhibitor and member experience we have achieved in the past few years and will be focusing on taking steps to ensure that at the Lacombe Facility. Lacombe has been a great partner of CHB for a number of years, and we are looking forward to working with them this year for the fall show. As it stands now, we are planning on returning to Olds for 2021.

The other significant changes that will be taking place this year are associated with the requirements and precautions surrounding COVID-19. We have booked a Canadian Judge this year and have some contingency plans in place so if further interprovincial travel restrictions come into place, we will still be able to hold a sanctioned poultry show in 2020. Moving forward the show committee will be working to further develop the specifics around how the 2020 Fall Show will look, but much like our successful summer lawn show, we will be restricting the number of people at the event and will be enforcing social distancing and other precautions at the show itself.

This year more than ever, the board feels that it is vitally important that we have the membership engaged in the planning of the Fall Show, as ultimately, we want to host a show that you all feel and safe comfortable attending. **To this end, we are making an open call to the membership to join the show committee.** Your role in the committee can be as large or as small as you like, with key areas being junior specific programming, show set up/tear down, promotion and health and safety. If anyone is interested in being a member of the Show Committee, please send me an email at callum.kaarsoo.mcleod@gmail.com by September 10th, as we are planning to have our first show committee meeting shortly thereafter.

While the whole board is optimistic and hopeful that we will be able to have our Fall Show and get to see many new and familiar faces, however we are cognisant that there are many factors outside of our control. We are committed to hosting a safe and enjoyable show as long as we are permitted to do so.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy and enjoyable fall, and hoping to see some familiar faces in Lacombe this November.

Callum McLeod,
President, CHB

2020 AGM Announcement

When: Friday, November 13, 2020 @ 5:30PM

Where: Central Alberta Ag Society, 4210 58 St, Lacombe, AB T4L 1V8

The 2020 Canadian Heritage Breeds Annual General Meeting (AGM) will once again be held in conjunction with the Annual Fall Show. The intent is to hold the AGM in person but a remote meeting, or the option to join remotely, will be arranged as required by the situation due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

CHB MISSION STATEMENT: Canadian Heritage Breed Association, CHB, encourages the preservation, growth and overall welfare of heritage breeds. CHB is the vehicle that allows the public, both rural and urban, to recognize the strengths, values and relevance that heritage breeds possess in today's marketplace. CHB will demonstrate the benefits of heritage breeds through public awareness campaigns, which are designed to educate as well as offer the opportunity to become proactive in the conservation of heritage breeds.

The AGM is a great opportunity for CHB members to share their ideas, learn more about CHB, and get involved. The future direction of CHB is very much in the hands of the members with the Mission Statement as our guide.

This year we have several Board of Directors positions up for re-election with many of the current board members having reached the end of their current 3-year term. CHB Board positions that will be elected at the 2020 AGM include:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Director One (1)
- Director Two (2)
- Director Three (3)

Attending the AGM will ensure you have a voice in selection of CHB's new Board of Directors and the opportunity to volunteer if you wish to. CHB members from all locations are encouraged to consider joining the Board as most meetings over the past few years, even before COVID-19, were held remotely by phone/computer.

Have questions or ideas you'd like to share, don't hesitate to reach out to one of the current CHB Board Members or email canadianheritagebreeds@gmail.com. Callum, Michelle, Crystal, Kathy, either Mike (Skeels or Grover), Rico or Adam would all be more than happy to chat with you! You can find contact info on page 1 of the Newsletter.



CHB Fall Poultry Show

November 14, 2020

Central Alberta Ag Society
4210-58 Street, Lacombe, AB

www.canadianheritagebreeds.ca

Please review the Covid-19 protocols and entry instructions on the CHB website prior to entering the show. By entering birds you are consenting to these rules. Exhibitor numbers will be limited. Thank you for your understanding and willingness to help make this event safe and enjoyable for all.

Derbyshire Redcap

*Thank you to the Heritage Poultry Conservancy for creating this blog featuring this rare and fascinating breed

The Redcap is a medium-sized bird that was traditionally valued as an egg producer. The skin is white and the eggshells are also white. They are only recognized in one color pattern, that is unique to the breed, and they were admitted to the American Poultry Association's (APA) Standard of Perfection in 1888.



IMG: Heritage Poultry Conservancy

Standard Weights

Cock: 7.5 lbs.

Hen: 6 lbs.

Cockerel: 6 lbs.

Pullet: 5 lbs.

In Shape the Redcap resembles a heavy egg-type breed, with the body being long, fairly broad and moderately deep. The back is long, broad, and slopes somewhat to the tail, with the tail itself being well-spread and carried at an angle of 45-50°. The breast is broad, prominent and carried up, with the legs being somewhat long and set well apart. The rose comb, which is probably this breed's most striking feature, is large, wide, and covered with long rounded protuberances and it terminates in a long well-developed spike.

The color pattern of this breed is not found on any other standard breed. In the male, the hackle is black with each feather being edged with red, with the entire feather shading to black at the base. The back is red with the saddles being red striped with black. The wing bows are solid red while the covert feathers are red tipped with a black half-moon spangle. The breast, tail, and body are all black. In the female the hackle feathers are black laced with golden bay. The back, wing fronts, wing bows, breast, tail coverts and body are all rich brown with each feather ending in a black half-moon spangle, while the tail is black. The shanks, feet, and toes, in both the male and female are dark blue while the beak is horn colored. The comb, wattles, face, and earlobes are all supposed to be red. This makes the Redcap one of the few breeds that has red earlobes but lays a white egg.

The Redcap was known by several names over the course of its history including Derbyshire Redcap, Moss Pheasant, and Manchester, with the Redcap part of the name coming from its very large rose comb. It was described by English writers of nearly 100 years ago as comparable to the Golden Spangled Hamburg, and in fact may be closely related to it. Though no positive connection can be made, some Redcap breeders of the late 1800's believed the Redcap was a result of a cross between Old English Games and Golden Spangled Hamburgs. On the contrary some believed that the Redcap is an older breed than the Golden Spangled Hamburg. Which suggests that the breed is hundreds of years old. Still another theory would suggest that the Golden Spangled Hamburg and the Redcap were developed at the same time and the two types were just selected in two different directions, leading to two very different breeds.

Though no one is 100% sure of the origin of the Redcap, it was at one time very popular in Yorkshire County, particularly around Derbyshire. In fact, Mr. W.H. Baker, a prominent Redcap breeder in the 1920's and 30's said that half of the Redcap breeders in the world lived within 10 miles of Derbyshire. Moreover, in Derbyshire they were for a long time considered an excellent and

profitable utility breed, and were it not for the breeders in this area, the breed would have become extinct in the early 1900's. Part of the reason for the breed's decline was the emphasis that breeders put on large combs. Many exhibitors developed the breed's comb to be exceptionally large and grotesque in appearance, while neglecting the breed's utility qualities. However, a breed club was eventually organized to revive the Redcap. However, today, the Redcap remains somewhat rare in its home country.

It is not known when the Redcap was first brought to the United States. What we do know is that the breed appears to have been widely distributed in the U.S. before 1870. Additionally, some sources have said that it is possible that the "Red Dorkings" entered in the earliest poultry shows were actually Redcaps. If this is so then that would place the Redcap as being in the U.S. since well before 1870. Whatever the case may be, it is known that until the 1890's many large flocks of Redcaps were kept for layers by farmers and poultry specialists alike. However, in a few years the breed almost completely disappeared, and to this day is still very rare. Redcaps are rarely seen even at our largest shows, this is one breed that is in very desperate need of more supporters.

As a bird for the home flock the Redcap would make a good choice, where a somewhat heavier egg breed is desired. The females are good layers and historically were said to lay up to 200+ large eggs a year. The hens rarely go broody and they are athletic and active foragers. However, due to this active nature they may require a higher fence or one with a cover in order to contain them to certain areas. Furthermore, thanks to their larger size the extra cockerels could make good table-birds.



Both the APA and American Bantam Association (ABA) recognize the bantam Redcap. The ABA however lists the breed on its "inactive" list. This is simply a list of breeds the organization still recognizes but due to a lack of interest in the breed they do not publish a full description in their Bantam Standard. Shape and color requirements are the same as for large fowl and also like the large fowl the bantam Redcap is very rare, if it even still exists.

Standard Weights

Cock: 30 oz.

Hen: 26 oz.

Cockerel: 26 oz.

Pullet: 24 oz.

Prepared by Michael Schlumbohm

*Heritage Poultry Conservancy

<https://heritagepoultry.org/blog/derbyshire-redcap>

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2020 CHB Lawn Show Recap and Results

Poultry shows provide breeders with valuable opportunities to gain feedback on their birds and get helpful advice on how to keep moving forward. But there is another important function of poultry shows...they bring together people who share a common interest. It's these connections, the social interaction and friendships that keep many people involved in the hobby of poultry breeding and exhibition.



CHB hosts a summer show each year and had been invited to participate in Edmonton's K-Days by hosting both Dairy Goat and poultry shows during the 2020 festival. When Covid-19 put a stop to that plan the board quickly began to look into other options. As the restrictions began to be relaxed in Alberta and outdoor gatherings were permitted, it became clear that an outdoor lawn show was the way to go.

Hosting a poultry show in the midst of a pandemic was not a decision the club entered into lightly. The organizers had to feel confident of their ability to manage and oversee the event in keeping with official guidelines and protocols. At the end of the day, the extra planning and organizing proved to be well worth it, as participants had the opportunity to attend a show and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow exhibitors in a safe and comfortable outdoor environment.

24 exhibitors brought their chickens, ducks, geese and eggs to the ag grounds at Lacombe, Alberta. Nearly half of these were Junior Exhibitors! This is a fabulous group of young poultry keepers who take great care of their birds, demonstrate good sportsmanship and are always happy to pitch in and help out.



Central Alberta weather had been very unsettled leading up to the date of the show with almost daily rain showers and cool temperatures, so there was a contingency plan in place to move the show into a building at the ag grounds if needed. A Friday evening thunder storm blew through while volunteers were setting up, forcing them to take shelter during the heaviest downpour! Saturday morning started out a bit windy and cloudy but the rain held off, and by afternoon the day was a picture-perfect 21 degrees in the sunshine. Most show cages were set up under a lean-to roof with waterfowl on the grass. The undercover area was filled completely and included 35 Junior entries.



A huge thank you is owed to our judge, Bryan Shelton. He always does a first-rate job and can be counted on to be available for questions and discussion after the judging is finished. Exhibitors appreciate his willingness to share knowledge and offer suggestions. Many thanks also to the excellent group of exhibitors who came out to enjoy the day. July is not the best time of year to try to have young birds ready or to have the older ones in condition, but a nice variety of Large Fowl, Bantams and waterfowl were on display; many of which were in beautiful condition. Our cheerful, upbeat group of exhibitors were quick to lend a

hand wherever and whenever needed. Their willingness to comply with the extra rules and restrictions is what made the event possible, and kept the day fun and free from stress for all involved.



Junior Show Champion Waterfowl: Welsh Harlequin H by Reece Kinnear



Reserve Show Champion: White Chantecler Pullet by Kathy Stevenson

2020 CHB Lawn Show Results

OPEN SHOW GRAND CHAMPION: Bantam Black Cochin C by CR Ducks (see page 1 for photo)

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION: White Chantecler P by Kathy Stevenson

AMERICAN: White Chantecler P – Kathy Stevenson
Reserve: RC Rhode Island Red C – Kathy Stevenson



Champion Asiatic: Cochon by Masen Grover

ASIATIC

Champion: Black Cochin C – Masen Grover
Reserve: Black Cochin H – Kathy Stevenson

ENGLISH

Champion: Buff Orpington C – Kathy Stevenson
Reserve: Black Orpington H – Kris Skeels

MEDITERRANEAN

Champion: White Leghorn H - Mike Grover
Reserve: White Leghorn C – Mike Grover

ANY OTHER STANDARD BREED

Champion: Black Sumatra H –Silver Ridge Aviaries
Reserve: Black Naked Neck K – Liz Munro

Champion Large Fowl: White Chantecler P – Kathy Stevenson

Reserve Large Fowl: Black Sumatra H –Silver Ridge Aviaries

BANTAMS

OLD ENGLISH GAME

Champion: Black H – C-R Ducks

Reserve: Wheaten H – Silver Ridge Aviaries

SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEG (SCCL)

Champion: Light Brown Dutch C – Silver Ridge Aviaries

Reserve: Light Brown Leghorn P – Kathy Stevenson

ROSE COMB CLEAN LEG (RCCL)

Champion: White Wyandotte C – Crystal McKinnon

Reserve: White Wyandotte C – Crystal McKinnon

ANY OTHER COMB CLEAN LEG (AOCCL)

Champion: Black Sumatra C - Silver Ridge Aviaries

Reserve: Blue Wheaten Ameraucana K – CK 1

FEATHER LEGGED

Champion: Black Cochin C – CR Ducks

Reserve: Black Cochin H – C-R Ducks

CHAMPION BANTAM: Black Cochin C - CR Ducks

Reserve: Light Brown Dutch C - Silver Ridge Aviaries



Champion Waterfowl: Pekin Old Male by Mountain View Ranches

WATERFOWL

Champion Waterfowl: Pekin Old Male – Mountain View Ranches

Reserve Ch Waterfowl: Pekin Old Male – Mountain View Ranches

Champion Duck: Pekin Old Male – Mountain View Ranches

Reserve: Pekin Old Male – Mountain View Ranches

Champion Light Duck: Blue Magpie Old Male – Crystal McKinnon

Reserve Light Duck: Blue Magpie Old Male – Crystal McKinnon

Champion Goose: Embden Old Male - Crystal McKinnon

Junior Division Champions

JUNIOR SHOW GRAND CHAMPION

Bantam Black Cochin Hen – Mayva Grover

Junior Show Reserve Grand Champion

Silver Duckwing OEG Bantam – Jillian Skeels

Junior Large Fowl: Speckled Sussex H – Jillian Skeels

Junior Waterfowl: Welsh Harlequin H – Reece Kinnear



EGG SHOW WINNERS:

Decorated Egg – Laila Kinnear

Painted Egg – Reece Kinnear

Standard Eggs – Jean Kinnear

Non-Standard Eggs – Jean Kinnear

Junior Show Photos



Junior Show Grand Champion: Cochin H by Mayva



Junior Show Reserve Champion: OEG by Jillian Skeels



Karis Kinnear



Maddox Grover



Justin Skeels



Laila Kinnear