Rare Breeds Pigeon Club



Members Handbook

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THE CLUB

The idea of this organization first came forth through the pages of the old United Pigeon Fanciers Bulletin. Enthusiastic response came from this article concerning the plight of the rare breeds, convincing one man (Paul Steiden - Founder of the RBPC) that this was needed and wanted. In May 1971Paul Steiden issued the first bulletin. Our first charter member was Bob Scadd of Evansville, IN. We have been an organization since 1971.

On Dec. 31, 1971, 106 charter members were installed. The RBPC is an organization that promotes and encourages the keeping of many wonderful breeds of pigeons that for one reason or another are vanishing from our lofts. Rare Breeds do not rank high with the whole group of pigeon lovers, but have caught the whim of a few fanciers, and have charmed their way into a permanent place in many lofts. These fanciers continue to be dedicated supporters of their favorite but little-known breeds. Rare breed fanciers have had little or no competition in many shows, but faithful ones still enter their rare ones. We encourage fanciers to keep a few pairs of rare breeds in their loft along with the more popular breeds. We hope, through the RBPC to band together those fanciers for their common good, to promote their favorite breeds of pigeons, and to prevent them from passing from existence, like the Passenger Pigeon, which is our club logo.

CONSTITUTION OF THE RARE BREEDS PIGEON CLUB

ARTICLE I-Name

The name of this organization shall be THE RARE BREEDS PIGEON CLUB.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

To establish and maintain a national organization through which pigeon breeders may work together to stimulate interest for the development and promotion of the rare breeds of pigeons by all feasible means.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Anyone who breeds, or is interested in, rare breeds of pigeons is eligible for membership in this organization.

ARTICLE IV-Dues

The annual dues shall be \$15.00 for a single (1) member or a family residing in the USA. Dues for members getting Electronic Bulletins only will be \$10.00 annually. For Canada, Mexico and Overseas the dues are \$20.00 per member or family. For the annual dues fee you receive four quarterly bulletins. Dues are payable on admission to membership and upon the first of January thereafter. New members joining will get a letter from the secretary notifying them when dues are due to get that new member in line with the standard membership of January to December.

ARTICLE V- Officers

The elective officers shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and election of officers shall be by ballot vote of the membership. Term of office shall be two (2) years. Election years are the even years - 1996, 1998, etc. Elected officers shall take office at the first of the year following election. Minimum age for elected officials shall be 21 years.

BY-LA WS OF THE RARE BREEDS PIGEON CLUB

ARTICLE I - Duties of Officers

PRESIDENT - The President shall exercise general supervision and leadership that will promote the aims and objectives of the organization. He/she shall preside at all meetings of the club and the Executive Committee. He/she shall, with the help and advice of the Secretary-Treasurer, make appointments to the office of Publicity Director, Election Commissioner, and provide for an Official Standards Committee. The President shall write a President's report for the Bulletin.

VICE-PRESIDENT - The Vice President from the same area shall act as an aide to the President, and in the absence of the President, shall perform all the duties of the latter office. Area Vice Presidents shall be leaders in RBPC affairs, representing their areas at Executive Committee meetings. They shall attempt to secure new members, keep in contact with regular members and urge delinquent members back into the club. They shall be responsible for any club meets in their area.

SECRETARY-TREASURER- The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as general business manager of the organization. He/she shall keep all records of the club, handle all club moneys, and shall furnish in writing, at the annual meeting of Executive Committee, a complete financial statement of the club. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be exempt from all dues and assessments.

THE BOARD - The Board of Directors shall consist of all the elective officers and the immediate past-president. If possible, they shall meet annually. It shall be their duty to carry out the objects and purposes of the club, and to this end, may exercise all the powers of the club, subject to the By-Laws.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR - The Publicity Director shall write monthly publicity for the club and submit it to any pigeon media he/she deems advisable.

ELECTION COMMISSIONER - Upon his/her appointment, he/she will be the only person that election ballots of any kind may be sent to. He/she shall tally these ballots and report in writing to the Secretary the results within 15 days after the closing of any election or referendum balloting. He/she shall keep the official ballots for one year. Any and all questions concerning ballots or results shall be directed to him/her. No officer or committee or individual member may take possession of said ballots, Those being his/her sole responsibility. He/she being a person of integrity and honor is appointed to this position of trust.

EX-OFFICIAL - The last past-president automatically fills this office. His/her duties are of an advisory tenure to all officers of the club. The President may give him special assignments where his/her experience will be of use to the club.

BULLETIN EDITOR - The Bulletin Editor shall be appointed by the President and will have the responsibility of assembling all news and pertinent information for the club bulletin. He/she reserves

the right to solicit, edit, reject, and rewrite copy sent him/her. He/she shall issue a bulletin on a quarterly basis. The bulletin shall be mailed to all members of the club with the purpose of bringing into friendly contact all those who love; breed, and show and competition fly rare pigeons. The Bulletin Editor will gather and publish information in regard to the fancy of rare breeds.

OFFICIAL STANDARD COMMITTEE - A committee of no less than 3 persons or more than 5 persons shall be appointed by the officers as outlined in Duties of Officers under President of Article I of the By-Laws. This committee is to submit to the Bulletin Editor copies of Official Standards when the said committee had come to a full agreement on any standard or group of standards that they deem •disable to accept. Once they have agreed, that standard shall be the only recognized standard for urging in official RBPC meets. The Official Standards shall be counter-signed by all members of the committee prior to publication in the club bulletin. All their finished work will always carry the following leading: Official Standard of the Rare Breeds Pigeon Club for (variety) and the date. Any standard appearing without this heading is not official and is just a standard or a translation provided to us as a general suggested guide or as an adjunct to an Article as submitted by an author in an article.

ARTICLE 11 - Districts and Area Directors

The United States, its island possessions and Canada, shall be divided into Districts and shall consist of the following:

- District 1: Washington State, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Arizona, Alaska and Hawaii
- District 2: Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska.
- District 3: Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana.
- District 4: Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan.
- *District 5:* Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Conn, Mass, Pa, New York, Delaware, New Jersey, Virginia and West Virginia.
- *District 6:* Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi and Puerto Rico.
- District 7: Western Canada and Alaska.
- District 8: Eastern Canada.

AREA DIRECTORS – The Area Directors are appointed by the President and serve a two year term. They shall be leaders in RBPC affairs. They shall attempt to secure new members, keep in contact with regular members and urge delinquent members back into the club. They shall be responsible for any club meets in their area.

ARTICLE III - Rules of Order

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order, Revised", shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of the club.

ARTICLE IV - CRITERIA FOR LISTING AS A RARE BREED

All breeds not currently sponsored by an active and well-established specialty club not devoted to a single breed or a strictly related group of breeds shall be listed. Exceptions are those breeds whose sponsoring specialty clubs have disbanded for reasons other than the evident and acknowledged scarcity or unpopularity of the breeds in question and those breeds whose sponsoring clubs are inactive or otherwise poorly organized while the breeds themselves remain popular and quite common. With regard to the exceptions stated herein, a survey of the breeders and the numbers of the breeds in question shall be alternate criterion for the listing or deletion of the breeds. Breeds of dubious scarcity shall be determined eligible for listing through mutual agreement between the specialty club and group of breeders in question and the RBPC. Said breeds may be entered at meets upon eligibility for listing. No breeds of merely local or regional scarcity shall be listed.

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ARTICLE V - REMOVAL OF BREEDS FROM THE RBPC LIST

Removal of a breed from the RBPC list means that the RBPC will no longer provide any support for the breed in the show hall. Because of this, we recommend that the members of the new club be made aware of the three options for affiliated clubs and of the consequences of removal. Let the voices of those who may not have the opportunity to show with the new club be heard. After the needs of all those who raise and show the breed are considered, the RBPC expects to be informed in writing if the members have decided to continue co-sponsoring the breed with the RBPC or if the members feel that removal is a realistic option. The RBPC will respect the consensus reached by the breeders and act accordingly.

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Article VI - AFFILIATED CLUBS

The RBPC provides a support system for the sponsorship of rare breeds. The RBPC expects that new clubs will form to sponsor breeds already sponsored by the RBPC. This is viewed as progress. The RBPC asks such new clubs to inform the RBPC and the NPA of their existence. At that time we recommend that all RBPC members who raise that breed join the new club. We ask the new club to affiliate with the NPA. This is important since new clubs can only apply for sponsorship of a breed at the Grand National after they have been affiliated with the NPA for two years. Prior to the new club meeting this NPA requirement, the RBPC will co-sponsor the breed with the new club at the NPA National.

During this two year period the new club has three options for managing the bred at shows: (I) it can hold its own meets, under their own rules where it has enough members to do so. (2) It can hold joint meets with the RBPC where support is needed from the RBPC.

(3) It can depend on the RBPC to hold meets for the breed where the new club does not have sufficient numbers to put on its own meet. At the end of the NPA's two year period, the RBPC expects that the new club will know whether they still need to co-sponsor the breed with the RBPC or will seek to discontinue the relationship.

ARTICLE VII - THE RARE BREEDS LIST

RBPC Official Rare Breeds list and index shall be revised yearly by committee consisting of RBPC members who have wide knowledge of breeds and varieties and access to all available pertaining to precise information of the breeds and varieties in question to the survey and census. The census of (1) specialty clubs, (2) individual breeders, (3) actual numbers of rare breeds, may be obtained, shall provide the necessary criteria for determination of eligibility for listing.

ARTICLE VIII- THE ETHICS COMMITTEE

Members in good standing may submit complaints to the Rare Breeds Officers regarding inappropriate behaviors of others. The President will form an Ethics Committee of three members not related to the complaint or to the member in good standing. The Ethics Committee members will review the complaint, determine guilt or not of the accused, and make suggestions to the club officers a corrective course of action. The Ethics Committee members will be anonymous as will be their recommendations to the Board. The club officers will determine the level of corrective action needed and the President will discuss the complaint and corrective actions with the accused.

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Rare Breeds Pigeon Club Club Meet Rules

Entry Information:

- No Color Classes in Rare Breeds.
- Birds should be cooped by breed then by age.
- Only Breeds with Standards will compete for Champion categories and be awarded RBPC Master Breeder points.

Awards to be Given

Champion Rare Reserve Champion Rare

Best Rare Shown by a Junior
Champion Flying
Champion Color
Champion Form/Utility
Champion Wattle Breeds
Champion Syrian Breeds
Champion Structure
Champion Owl & Frill Breeds
Champion AOV Fancy

Birds should be cooped single decked or all Rares should be on the second level where it is necessary to double deck – No up and down cooping of Rares.

Birds are to be judged in their own cages.

Judges must use the Rare Breeds Club Judging Summary Sheets and must use the Rare Breeds Judging point system.

Send all rebates and show results to the club Secretary / Treasurer.

Rare Breeds Pigeon Club Point System

Category	Symbol	Points
Inferior	1	0
Good	G	90
Superior Minus	S-	91
Superior	S	92
Superior Plus	S+	93
Highly Superior Minus	HS-	94
Highly Superior	HS	95
Highly Superior Plus	HS+	96
Royal	R	97

Only birds judged to be Highly Superior Minus HS- (94) or higher will be eligible for Awards such as Best Color, Flying, Champion, Reserve, etc.



Rare Breeds Pigeon Club

MASTER BREEDER POINTS PROGRAM

Purpose: A way to honor the skill and perseverance of RBPC members who are striving to maintain the many Rare Breeds of show pigeons. This is demonstrated by the quality of performance in show competition and therefore these fanciers may acquire due recognition through the honor of the Master Breeder Program. This program is open to all members who earn 500 and/or 1000 points needed to qualify according to the category of recognition.

- 1. To achieve the honor of Master Breeder, a RBPC member must sustain membership in RBPC for a minimum of 3 years.
- 2. RBPC master breeder points will be awarded at all sanctioned RBPC meets.
- 3. The RBPC will hold State, District and National Meets. Each District will be awarded one meet per show season. The RBPC will also sponsor two National meets per show season, one being the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, Kentucky and the second being the NPA Grand National. The two national meets along with Des Moines and Lancaster PA will be worth more points than District and State meets.
- 4. It is the Meet Coordinator's responsibility to forward all show reports to the RBPC Secretary, so club members will receive their due points.
- 5. To be a sanctioned a RBPC meet, there must have a minimum of twenty (30) birds entered and three (3) exhibitors for points to be awarded.
- 6. If a nonmember wins points at a RBPC meet, the points can only be awarded if they become a RBPC member the day of the show.
- 7. Only birds receiving a H.S. rating or higher will be awarded points. At a show with no H.S. birds exhibited, no points will be given.
- 8. Points will only be awarded for birds bred by the exhibitor. This will be run strictly on the honor system.
- 9. If someone is found to be purposely cheating on points or accepting points for a bird they did not breed, band and raise then disciplinary action will be taken. The person in question's case will be reviewed by an ethics committee, selected by the president, consisting of three members in good standing and unrelated to the question at hand. A person found guilty of cheating on points could be permanently expelled from the club.
- 10. Split banded birds are ineligible to receive Master Breeder points.

- 11. Any questions or disagreements regarding the accuracy of the list should be addressed to the member in charge of the Master Breeders Program of the Secretary/treasurer. If mistakes are found, the necessary corrections will be made. Unresolved questions will be directed to the club President for a final decision.
- 12. Points will be recorded by the member in charge of the Master Breeder Program and will be based on show reports submitted him/her at the end of each show season. Point totals will be published once a year in the club bulletin.
- 13. A member may receive Master Breeder recognition in more than one breed. Each breed will be counted separately until the required point total is reached.
- 14. Point accumulation will start retroactive to the start of our original Points Program.
- 15. All points must be claimed within one year after the date of the meet. With this in mind, it is important for Meet Coordinators to submit complete and accurate show reports to the RBPC Secretary as soon as possible after a show. Failure to do so could cost someone valuable points.
- 16. Master Breeder awards will be awarded in two categories:
 - A. Master Breeder for a single breed. A member must collect 500 points for a single breed.
 - B. All Breeds Master Breeder. A member must collect a total of 1,000 points for an All Breeds Master Breeder Award.
- 17. The 500 points collected and counted towards Master Breeder for a single breed will count towards the 1000 All Breeds Master Breeder award.
- 18. Master Breeder awards will be presented at the annual RBPC meeting at the National Young Bird Show.

Master Breeder Points System

	District/State Shows	National Shows/Des Moines/Lancaster
Champion Rare	50	100
Reserve Champion	35	75
Class Champion*	20	40
Best of Breed**	10	20
HS and Royals	2	5

^{*} Class categories: Flying, Color, Owl/Frill, Wattle, Utility/Form, Structure, Syrian, AOV.

^{**} Best of Breed points will be awarded if 10 or more birds are entered in that breed and the bird receives a HS rating or higher

Rare Breeds Pigeon Club Listing of Rare Breeds with Show Standards (updated August 2012)

Breed	Category
Aachen Shield Owl	Owls & Frills
American Crest	Form
American Fantasy	Structure
Antwerp	Form
Antwerp Smerle	Owls & Frills

Archangel Color Australian Saddleback Tumbler **Flying** Barb Wattle Berlin LF Tumbler **Flying** Berlin SF Tumbler **Flying** Bernhardiner Schecken Color **Bronze Show Tippler Flying Budapest Muffed Tumbler Flying Budapest SF Tumbler Flying**

Budapest Highflyer Flyng Catalonian Flying Pigeon **Flying** Cauchois Form Chinese Flying Pigeon **Flying** Coburg Lark Form Cologne Tumbler **Flying** Crescent Color **Crested Soultz** Form Cumulet **Flying** Damascene Syrian **Danish Tumbler Flying** Danzig Highflier **Flying** Dewlap Syrian **Dutch Highflier Flying**

English Owl Owls & Frills

Flying

Form

Eblinger Baldhead Tumbler

Egyptian Swift

English Show Homer Form
Exhibition Homer Form
Felegyhazer Tumbler Flying
Field Color Pigeon Color
Florentine Form
French Bagdad Wattle

French Mondain Form
Gabriel Color
Galacian Highflier Flying
Genuine Homer Form

German Color Tail Owl Owls & Frills

German LF Tumbler Flying
German Modena Form
German Nun Flying

German Shield Owl Owls & Frills

Gumbinner Whitehead Flying

Hamburg Sticken Owls & Frills

Hamburg Tumbler Flying

Horseman Thief Pouter Croppers & Pouters

Hungarian Giant House PigeonFormHyacinthColorIce Pigeon, Clean & MuffedColorIranian Toghie TumblerFlying

Italian Owl Owls & Frills

Kazaner TumblerFlyingKonigsberg MoorheadFlyingKoros TumblerFlyingKrasnodarer Med. Beak TumblerFlyingLebanonSyrianLucerne GoldcollarColor

Macedonian Shield Owl Owls & Frills

Magpie Form
Maltese Form
Norwegian Tumbler Flying
Nuremberg Lark Color

Old Durch Turbit Owls & Frills **Old Dutch Capuchine** Structure Old Dutch Tumbler **Flying** Olde Style Muffed Tumbler **Flying** Oriental Roller - Flying Flying **Orental Roller** Flying Parlour Roller **Flying** Persian Roller **Flying** Color Pheasant Polish Cere Pigeon Wattle Polish Lynx Form Polish Orlik **Flying**

Polish Owl Owls & Frills

Portuguese Tumbler Flying

Prachener Kanik Form Prager SF Tumbler Flying Rakovnik Tumbler **Flying** Reinaugen Tumbler **Flying** Romanian Naked Neck Tumbler **Flying Rostov Tumbler Flying** Rzhev Tumbler **Flying** Saint Structure Saxon Breast Pigeon Color Saxon Monk Color Saxon Priest Color Saxon Shield Color Saxon Spot Color Saxon Stork Color Saxon White Tail Color Scandaroon Wattle Schmalkaldener Mohrenkopf Structure Seldschuken Flying

Seraphim Owls & Frills

Shakhsharli Syrian

Siebenburger Dbl Crested

Tumbler Flying Silesian White Muffed Tumbler Flying Sisaker Roller Flying South German Blaze Color Soth German Shield Color Spanish Barb Wattle Srebrniak Flying Starling Color Steinhiem Bagdad Wattle Stettner Tumbler **Flying** Straslunder Highflier **Flying** Strasser Form Sudbatschkaer Tumbler **Flying** Swallow Clean Leg Color **Swallow Muffed** Color **Swallow Nurnberg** Color **Swiss Mondaine** Form Syrian Coop Tumbler Form Syrian Fantail **Syrian** Syrian Owl **Syrian** Syrian Swift Syrian Syrian Turbiteen Syrian

Szegediner Flying
Taganrog Tumbler Flying
Taqliji Syrian
Temeschburger Schecken Flying
Texas Pioneer Form
Thailand Laugher Trumpeter

Thuringer Goldkafertauben Color
Uzbek Tumbler Flying

Valencian Figurita Owls & Frills

Vienna Gansel Flying
Vienna MF Tumbler Flying
Vienna SF Tumbler Flying
Vienna Whiteside Tumbler Flying
Volga Posture Tumbler Flying
Warsaw Butterfly Flying
Zitterhal Flying

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Breed	Category
Archangel	Color
Bernhardiner Schecken	Color
Crescent	Color
Field Color Pigeon	Color
Gabriel	Color
Hyacinth	Color
Ice Pigeon, Clean & Muffed	Color
Lucerne Goldcollar	Color
Nuremberg Lark	Color
Pheasant	Color
Saxon Breast Pigeon	Color
Saxon Monk	Color
Saxon Priest	Color
Saxon Shield	Color
Saxon Spot	Color
Saxon Stork	Color
Saxon White Tail	Color
South German Blaze	Color
Soth German Shield	Color
Starling	Color
Swallow Clean Leg	Color
Swallow Muffed	Color
Swallow Nurnberg	Color
Thuringer Goldkafertauben	Color
Horseman Thief Pouter	Croppers & Pouters
Australian Saddleback Tumbler	Flying
Berlin LF Tumbler	Flying
Berlin SF Tumbler	Flying
Bronze Show Tippler	Flying
Budapest Muffed Tumbler	Flying
Budapest SF Tumbler	Flying
Catalonian Flying Pigeon	Flying
Chinese Flying Pigeon	Flying
Cologne Tumbler	Flying
Cumulet	Flying

Danish Tumbler	Flying
Danzig Highflier	Flying
Dutch Highflier	Flying
Eblinger Baldhead Tumbler	Flying
Felegyhazer Tumbler	Flying
Galacian Highflier	Flying
German LF Tumbler	Flying
German Nun	Flying
Gumbinner Whitehead	Flying
Hamburg Tumbler	Flying
Iranian Toghie Tumbler	Flying
Kazaner Tumbler	Flying
Konigsberg Moorhead	Flying
Koros Tumbler	Flying
Krasnodarer Med. Beak Tumbler	Flying
Norwegian Tumbler	Flying
Old Dutch Tumbler	Flying
Olde Style Muffed Tumbler	Flying
Oriental Roller - Flying	Flying
Orental Roller	Flying
Parlour Roller	Flying
Persian Roller	Flying
Polish Orlik	Flying
Portuguese Tumbler	Flying
Prager SF Tumbler	Flying
Rakovnik Tumbler	Flying
Reinaugen Tumbler	Flying
Romanian Naked Neck Tumbler	Flying
Rostov Tumbler	Flying
Rzhev Tumbler	Flying
Seldschuken	Flying
Siebenburger Dbl Crested	
Tumbler	Flying
Silesian White Muffed Tumbler	Flying
Sisaker Roller	Flying
Srebrniak	Flying
Stettner Tumbler	Flying
Straslunder Highflier	Flying
Sudbatschkaer Tumbler	Flying
Szegediner	Flying
Taganrog Tumbler	Flying
Temeschburger Schecken	Flying
Uzbek Tumbler/Transylvanian	Flying

Vienna Gansel Flying Vienna MF Tumbler **Flying** Vienna SF Tumbler **Flying** Vienna Whiteside Tumbler **Flying** Volga Posture Tumbler Flying Warsaw Butterfly Flying Zitterhal **Flying Budapest Highflyer** Flyng **American Crest** Form Antwerp Form Cauchois Form Coburg Lark Form **Crested Soultz** Form **Egyptian Swift** Form **English Show Homer** Form **Exhibition Homer** Form Florentine Form French Mondain Form Genuine Homer Form German Modena Form Hungarian Giant House Pigeon Form Magpie Form Maltese Form Polish Lynx Form Prachener Kanik Form Strasser Form **Swiss Mondaine** Form Syrian Coop Tumbler Form **Texas Pioneer** Form

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