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1. To promote the welfare and encourage the breeding of pheasants, waterfowl, and other species of fowl, quail, partridge, and related birds to the generally accepted representative standards and pure of the wild species.
2. To share breeding and propagation methods.
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4. To interest more individuals and groups in aviculture.
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## WOGBB President's message.

I would first like to thank John Klicka as our host at the Burke Museum. It was a captivating look at birds thru out the world. I would also like to thank Kathy Fries for setting it up for us. We have been invited back, so in the future, we will do go there again and give those who could not make it a chance to explore their collection of birds and eggs. The pictures below are so of the pictures I took at the museum.

It's been a busy couple of months to start off the year. Getting the program for the year set and some new and exciting things happening to our Web page and we are now on facebook. We have a new web master – Becky Sundstrom who, with her husband Arnold has been moving us over to a new web host. This change will allow us to set up a password protected members section where we plan to put information that can be shared with our members but that we do not want to spread thru out the web. Information on passwords will be coming shortly.

We also now have a facebook page which a lot of you have visited. Thanks for “Like”ing us. We will continue to update this with information on meetings and other things of interest for club member. Becky is also the content manager for facebook.

We will be at Maynard Axelson's place who lives on a 160-acre farm in Fir Island, just south of Mount Vernon; he maintains a flock of 35 black brant, emperor geese and an exotic red-breasted goose from Russia along with several other types of waterfowl. Maynard is founder of the Washington Brant Foundation in 2001 in an attempt to bring awareness to the Pacific Black Brant, a small sea goose that is in need of special protections from habitat loss and the depletion of eel grass, the bird's main food source. We also hope to see the flocks of Snow Geese preparing for their flight north to their summer breeding grounds.

Lastly the wire has arrived, contact Craig Holmes if you pre-ordered wire – after the pre-ordered are picked up we will offer any left to the rest of the club members

Hope to see you at a meeting!  
Larry Clark



## **WOGBB Meeting minutes—January 19, 2014**

**Held at The Burke Museum in Seattle, WA.**

**The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by President Larry Clark after museums bird facilities tour and talk given by John Klicka**

### **Reports:**

**\*Minutes:** for last month's meeting were approved after two corrections. It was mentioned that this month's meeting would be on Saturday instead of Sunday. Also if the club participates in The Animals of the World exhibit at the beginning of the Puyallup Fall Fair there will be a September meeting. The corrections were voted on and minutes approved.

**\*Treasures:** report was approved as printed.

**\*Webpage:** Craig (Holmes), Arnold (Wang) and Larry (Clark) are planning to meet sometime in February to discuss and work on it.

**\*Membership:** applications are coming in and will be mailed out.

### **Old Business:**

-Craig (Holmes) is working on getting the wire ordered that was approved at previous meeting. Hopefully will be here by spring.

-More suggestions for meeting locations were given: Burke Museum (again later this year)  
Bob Dawson in Carnation  
Nisqually Flats  
Woodland Park Zoo

### **Meeting Dates for 2014:**

\*March 16<sup>th</sup>: Maynard Axel      \*April: Puyallup Spring Fair      \*May 18<sup>th</sup>      \*June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
\*July 20<sup>th</sup>      \*August 17<sup>th</sup>      \*September 21<sup>st</sup>      \*October 19<sup>th</sup>      \*November 16<sup>th</sup>

**NOTE:** new date for December:

It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Sunday of the month instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. December 14<sup>th</sup>

Larry (Clark) is looking into previous suggestions and getting them confirmed. Kathy (Fries) volunteered her home again and will get back to Larry about what month.

### **New Business:**

- Suggestions for a meeting topic:

- Was to have someone who judge's birds come in and look at some "live" birds and how they would compete.
- Also someone who could give advice on what plants are good to put in the cages with the birds, especially pheasants.

**Meeting ended 2:43 pm.**

Minutes submitted by Diana Clark----Membership Chairperson

## **Next Meeting Meeting**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM**

**Maynard Axleson's**

**Skagit River Delta, Mt Vernon**

Come along and view the gathering of Snow Geese and Swans for their migration to the north. In March the birds gather in the Skagit River Delta as a staging area for their migration to their summer breeding grounds. If your timing is right they will put on a magnificent display as thousand of white birds fly from one pasture to another. The sky's can turn white with a solid flock of birds.

Maynard himself keeps a private reserve of birds and waterfowl ranging from a flock of 35 black Brants to Emperor Geese and exotic Red-breasted Geese from Russia.

For more info on Maynard and his research check out the link on our facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/wogbb>

**A potluck lunch will be at his home, and he will provide paper plates, utensils, and he will make a hot casserole**

## **Driving Directions**

**Physical Address: 15929 Fir Island Rd, Mt Vernon, 98273**

From Seattle Take I-5 North to Exit 221 for WA-534 E toward Lake Murray .2 Mi

Turn left onto WA-534 W/Pioneer Hwy, Continue toward Pioneer Hwy 0.3 mi

Take the 1<sup>st</sup> right onto Fir Island Rd 2.9 Mi

Destination is on the right

## **Classified**

### **WANTED**

Mature Male Golden Pheasant

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**Editor's Note:** I have reproducing the Introduction and the Standards in previous Newsletters These standards are in use today to judge bird shows like the Utah Pheasant Society Show that Craig Holmes and I attended in November. Do note the color picture reproduced in this article is not from the Standard. The Standards pictures are in black and white so I picked some color pictures as reference. I am not a judge nor do I pretend to be one so take a look at these pictures or compare them to your birds and see how they stand up to the Standard. Throughout 2014, I will reproduce different birds for you to review, if you would like a complete copy of the latest Standard, 1988 printing, let me know and I will get you in contact with the Utah club who has copies available.

## GOLDEN PHEASANT

*(Chrysolophus pictus)*

*Description*

Male



### HEAD AND NECK:

**Crest**, head fully crested with the crown covered with elongated, stiff, silky feathers, bright golden yellow, and there may or may not be a slight tinge of red at the very end or tip of the crest.

**Face, Chin, Throat and Neck Sides**, rust tan.

**Ear Coverts**, fulvous-grey.

**Wattles and Orbital Skin**, light yellow.

**Cape or Ruff**, composed of broad, square feathers, golden orange on their exposed part bordered with two blue-black cross lines.

**Beak**, horny yellow.

**Iris**, light yellow.

### BODY:

**Upper Back**, dark metallic green, each feather with a velvety black border.

**Lower Back and Rump**, deep golden yellow, the fringes of the feathers disintegrated and passing to scarlet only on the sides. Golden yellow extends to base of tail (no red fringes) over central rectrices.

**Breast**, scarlet.

**Flanks**, scarlet, passing to light chestnut on the thighs.

**Abdomen**, scarlet, passing to light chestnut in the center.

### WINGS:

**Scapulars**, deep rusty red.

**Tertiaries and their Coverts**, deep metallic blue.

**Secondaries and their Coverts**, barred chestnut and black.

**Primaries**, dark brown, blotched with pale buff.

### TAIL:

**Top or Central Tail Feathers (Rectrices)**, black, profusely spotted with cinnamon and tipped with cinnamon-buff.

**Other Rectrices**, irregularly and obliquely barred black and cinnamon.

**Upper Tail Coverts**, irregularly barred black and cinnamon at the base with long, narrow, stiff tips of deep scarlet.

**Under Tail Coverts**, scarlet.

**Length:** 30 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 31 $\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

### LEGS AND FEET:

**Thighs**, light chestnut.

**Tarsus and Feet**, horny yellow.

### SIZE:

**Length:** 39-43 inches.

Young cocks do not color up their first year, but are often fertile.

### COMMON FAULTS:

- 1 Red in crest other than tip.
- 2 Large size.
- 3 Barring in Tail Central Rectrices.
- 4 Dark or smoky Face.
- 5 Traces of red over lower back and rump and also over fringe where rump feathers meet tail central rectrices.
- 6 Lack of yellow legs.

# GOLDEN PHEASANT

(*Chrysolophus pictus*)

Description

Female



## HEAD AND NECK:

**Crown and Neck**, blackish brown, spotted with cinnamon buff.

**Face and Throat**, buff.

**Ear Coverts**, silvery grey, striped with blackish.

**Orbital Skin**, yellow.

**Beak**, horny yellow.

**Iris**, brown.

## BODY:

**Mantle**, light rufous buff, evenly barred blackish-brown.

**Back and Rump**, rufous, finely streaked and peppered with black.

**Breast and Sides**, evenly barred buff and blackish-brown.

**Abdomen**, almost plain buff, there is some individual variation in the depth of the buff.

## WINGS:

**Wing Coverts, Tertiaries and Secondaries**, light rufous buff, with coarse blackish-brown bars.

## TAIL:

**Upper Tail Coverts**, rufous, finely streaked and peppered with black.

**Tail**, rufous brown, with irregular black bars and vermiculations lighter at the tip which is pointed.

**Under Tail Coverts**, barred buff with blackish brown.

**Length**:  $13\frac{3}{4}$  -  $14\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

## LEGS AND FEET:

**Thighs**, evenly barred buff and blackish-brown.

**Legs and Feet**, horny yellow.

## SIZE:

**Length**:  $25\frac{1}{8}$  -  $26\frac{3}{8}$  inches.

## COMMON FAULTS:

1. Reddish tinge in crown, should show yellow tinge.
2. Lack of distinct barring in tail.
3. Large size.



# YELLOW GOLDEN PHEASANT

(*Chrysolophus pictus luteus*)

Description

Male



## HEAD AND NECK:

**Crest**, yellow and slightly paler than normal form.

**Face, Chin, Throat and Neck Sides**, paler yellow.

**Wattles and Naked Skin around eye**, yellow.

**Cape**, orange-colored with two black and blue stripes like the normal.

**Beak**, horny-yellow.

**Iris**, yellow.

## BODY:

**Upper Back**, dark green, slightly shading to rusty with lower part of each feather yellowish.

**Rest of Back and Rump**, lemon golden-yellow.

**Lower Parts**, yellow, paler in the middle of the abdomen.

## WINGS:

**Scapulars**, yellowish, with brown tips

**Tertiaries and their Coverts**, dark brown.

**Secondaries and their Coverts**, barred with more or less dark brown.

**Primaries**, light yellow.

## TAIL:

**Central Rectrices**, pale brown, spotted with bright yellow.

**Upper Tail Coverts**, same color as top feathers on the lower half with the upper half yellow.

**Lower Tail Coverts**, yellow.

**Length**: 30<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-31<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub> inches.

## LEGS AND FEET:

**Thighs**, pale yellow.

**Legs and Feet**, horny-yellow.

**SIZE**: *Length*: 39-43 inches.

General differences between this fixed mutant and the normal form are the total substitution of:

- 1 Yellow for scarlet red.
- 2 Dark brown for the blue of the wings.
- 3 Lemon yellow for the deep yellow of the back.
- 4 Pale brown for the black of the tail feathers (rectrices and the wing-feathers and to the straw yellow primaries).

Crest, Cape and Mantle remain same.

As with all Ruffed Pheasants, first year cocks do not color up.

## COMMON FAULTS:

- 1 Too large in size.
- 2 Too light, washed out color.



# YELLOW GOLDEN PHEASANT

(*Chrysolophus pictus luteus*)

Description

Female



## HEAD AND NECK:

**Head and Neck**, straw, spotted with brown.

**Face and Throat**, light straw color.

**Bill**, horny-yellow.

## BODY:

**Mantle**, straw color, barred with brown.

**Back and Rump**, straw, finely streaked and peppered with brown.

**Abdomen**, plain straw.

## WINGS:

**Wing Coverts and Tertiaries**, straw color, coarsely barred with brown.

**Primaries and Secondaries**, pale brown, with straw yellow cross-wise stripes.

## TAIL:

**Upper Tail Coverts**, straw, streaked with brown.

**Under Tail Coverts**, straw, barred with brown.

**Central Tail**, straw, with irregular brown bars and vermiculations, lighter at tip.

**Length**:  $13\frac{3}{4}$  -  $14\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

## LEGS AND FEET:

**Legs and Feet**, yellow.

## SIZE:

**Length**: 25-26 inches.

## COMMON FAULTS:

1. Lack of distinct barring in tail.
2. General color too dark.

With the same pattern as the typical form but the general color instead of being reddish-brown, more or less abundantly striped or speckled with black, is straw-colored, striped and spotted with a more or less pale brown according to the specimens and to the different parts of the body.

