

The Pheasant Pen

WASHINGTON ORNAMENTAL & GAME BIRD BREEDERS



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Our mission and goals

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.
3. To introduce new species of birds into private and public aviaries; to improve present captive breeding stock and to catalog present captive bird species and aviculture in the Pacific Northwest.
4. To interest more individuals and groups in aviculture.
5. To promote programs and other goals as may be deemed to be in the best interest of Pacific Northwest Aviculture.

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WOGBB President's message

It's the end of the year and I hope all is well with you and your family. This year seemed to go by very fast but don't most of them.

As you will read in the minutes of last month's meeting we had the election of officers and the same officers from this year are re-elected to serve another term for 2014. Congratulations to you all.

Next, the meeting its self, this is our annual Holiday meeting, this year we will be at a Craig Holmes's estate in Covington. Potluck lunch and a random drawing for the annual gift exchange will also be part of the festivities. \$10.00 limit on the gift (not strictly enforced)

Last Dues, it's that time again, enclosed in your Pheasant Pen is an application for 2014 dues. This year we will try again to publish a Breeders Guide/ Information Guide. We need everyone to list their birds and other animals that you might like us to know about. We had a sparse participation in our attempt for 2013 so please participate or indicate to us that you do not want to be listed so we know if your interest is being addressed. We again envision this guide not just as a list of birds that you raise but also a contact if you need more info on birds you might have or are thinking of getting. Someone you could contact and find out the pros and cons of raising the birds of interest. With this in mind, please fill out both sheets of the application so we expedite the release of the guide. Note: For those on email it will be sent as a separate email.

Larry Clark
President

Treasurer's Report

Checking as of Dec 1 \$1874.25

Savings as of Dec 1 \$2350.86

Total of accounts \$4225.11

WOGBB Meeting minutes

WOGBB Meeting minutes, November 17, 2013

On November 17, 2013 a small gaggle of club members each apparently willing to forgo another day on their own farm to honor the business of the Club by attending the regular monthly meeting held at the Cabela's incredible sports equipment store at Lacey, here in overregulated Thurston County, Washington. All of us in attendance appreciated the goodies and atmosphere of Cabela's and it was hard to get down to business when caught in such a wonderful cookie jar. For anyone who has not had the experience of a Cabela's visit, I would have to commend it without reservation. Our pre-reserved meeting room was on the second floor, just beyond the wonderful lunch concessions.....and to get there you pass by many of the over 800 incredible taxidermy specimens specially commissioned to appoint this particular store location. What you miss on the way to the meeting room, you will doubtless want to catch before exiting the store after the meeting is over. At any rate, the distractions were so very numerous and captivating that it took until 2:00 p.m. (one hour later than the posted meeting starting time) for a quorum of members/officers to get assembled in the meeting room and for Larry to call the meeting to order. Even then we remained convinced that our several forays out and about the store looking for wayward members who found the candy store too enticing were not sufficient to actually round up our full bevy of members who made it to the store but tarried in finding the meeting room. We really

had been looking forward to a more robust attendance at the meeting itself, particularly considering what was at stake in the selection of your officers for the coming year 2014.

After the usual formalities of reading and approving minutes, as previously published in the Pen, taking treasurer's report, reports on the status of the show wrap up for the year, reports on the vinyl chicken wire purchase project, and a slide show report on the Utah Pheasant Society show concluded earlier in the month in Salt Lake City, Utah....(and attended by nearly as many members as we had gracing our present meeting), we moved on to the primary business of the day----nominations and election of officers for 2014. President Larry Holmes opened nominations for each elected position in order, beginning with president, then vice president, then secretary and finally treasurer. We had discussion regarding the effect of the temporary by-law change which had been in effect this past year and concluded that this change, which permitted the president to serve more than two consecutive terms, on a temporary basis, would still be effective for this particular election cycle. As a result the single nomination for president, Larry Holmes, was accepted and, there being no further nominations for president, Larry was brought forward as the sole nominee for president. The other positions, not being term limited, generated but single nominations as follows: Vice-president: Craig Holmes; Secretary: Bruce Morgan; Treasurer: Steve Dazey. No further nominations being forthcoming, either from nominations made by email or by mail in advance of the meeting or in person at the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded, nominations for all elected positions were closed and the slate of nominees was approved and certified as listed above. There being no contested positions requiring a mail in ballot, it was then moved and seconded and approved unanimously, that the slate of officers for 2014 was deemed elected as presented above.....And so 2014 will see a continuation of all officers serving in 2013. Congratulations to our officers and a great vote of confidence from our membership. But, please, members, as much as I for one appreciate your vote of confidence, for the good of the club, we welcome greater participation by "new blood" and old-timers alike. Larry still wears a few too many hats.....what with being de facto editor of the Pen, in addition to being president.....so just a few more good people willing to take on some of the mantle of leadership would help keep us all more fresh and enthusiastic about the great future of Northwest Aviculture.

Then followed a brief discussion of the Christmas party, to be hosted this year by Larry Holmes and his lovely wife at their home in Covington, King County, Washington (just off highway 18 due east of Kent ---easy to find, warm and welcoming to attend). That is happening on December 15. Larry will include address, contact phone number, and start time elsewhere in the Pen. As has become a tradition for our Christmas Parties, members are encouraged to bring spouses, children, and guests of potential members (a good way to promote the club).....and we will be doing a gift exchange—gifts of \$10 or under.....numbers to be drawn and all gifts subject to being stolen by later drawn numbers.....Please bring a gift for each attendee in your flock. One more interesting note, we have invited the incoming president of the Northwest Feather Fanciers, Mark Doods, of Adna, Washington.....and look forward to a closer relationship in coming years with these folks---after all we are all birds of a feather.

One further bid of sad news: Sandy Smith, longtime husband of Isolee Smith of Stockton, California passed away in September. The Smiths raised literally hundreds of incredible pheasants and other birds in their aviaries set in the middle of the Smith family Walnut orchards outside Stockton. Unfortunately her own health issues have also forced Isolee to disburse the majority of their collection so there will be many fewer Argus, Cabots, crowned cranes, screamers, and curassow (of many species) available to the world of aviculture in years to come. Their contributions over the years have been many and their level of productive participation with we had learned to take as a given for these many years will be greatly missed going forward. Our prayers are with Isolee for a speedy and full recovery.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. and we all went about enjoying Cabela's.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Morgan, Secretary

December Meeting

December 15th 2:00 PM

Craig & Linda Holmes



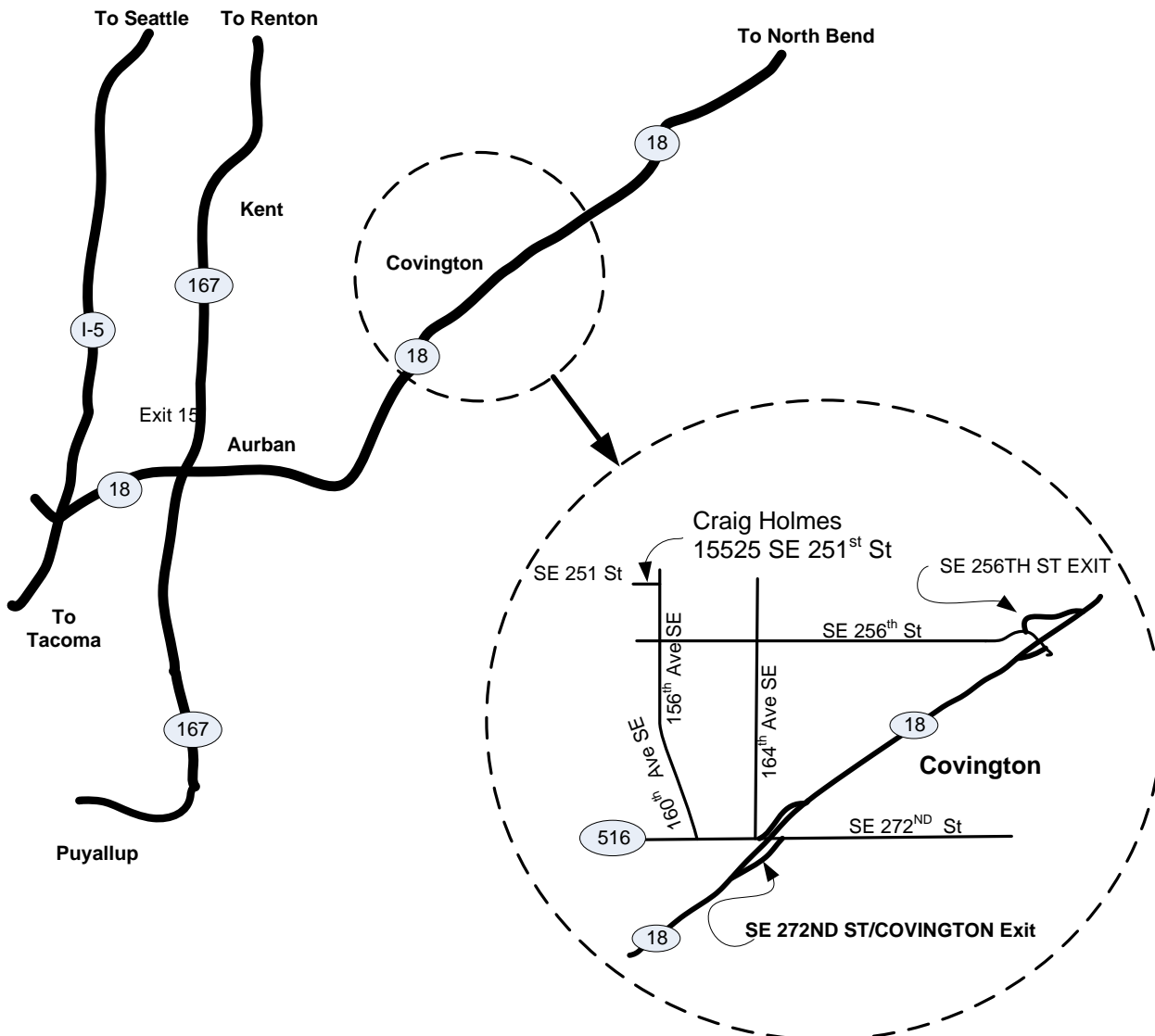
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2:00 PM

Pot luck lunch and gift exchange



Editors Note: For an article this month, I am reproducing the Introduction and the Standards for a Lady Amherst Pheasant. As you read the introduction you will understand the purpose and use of this standard. These standards are in use today to judge birds shows like the Utah Pheasant Society Show that Craig Holmes and I attended last month. 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 Lady Amherst 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.

Pheasant Standards

Introduction

The first edition of the *Pheasant Standards Book* was published by the American Game Bird Breeders' Federation in 1969. It was worked on by George A. Allen, Jr. and Jean Delacour, two of the world's foremost authorities on pheasants and their descriptions. Dr. Delacour edited and approved the entire contents and wrote the foreword. He was Chairman of the Federation's Standards Committee at that time and worked closely with Mr. Allen, founder of the Federation and the Pheasant Standards Program in America, to produce this work which has been used as the authority on the different species of pheasants by Federation licensed game bird judges in judging pheasant shows throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Although thousands of copies were printed originally, the demand quickly used up the supply, and it has been out of print for many years. There has therefore been a great need and demand for another edition, so the Federation's Board of Directors and the Federation's Standards Committee, assigned George A. Allen, Jr., Francis Billie, Jr., Arlan Vaughn and Don Tucker, four of the organization's foremost experts on pheasant standards, the job of up-dating the *Standards Book* and producing a second edition.

This task has been accomplished with the publication of this book (Second Edition). Although Jean Delacour was in his advanced years and could not be as active in its preparation as he was before, he still gave his blessing to this 2nd edition and met with members of the book committee to give his encouragement, support and advice to the Project.

The descriptions are based on the authoritative works of Jean Delacour, William Beebe and other eminent wildlife scientists and ornithologists who observed and wrote about pheasants in the wilds and brought back skins from their expeditions to Asia to museums for study. The Standards Book Committee Members, George Allen, Jr., Francis Billie, Jr., Arlan Vaughn and Don Tucker, have all studied the wild-taken skins in the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, and the Federation sent the last three members back again to New York to check on further last-minute details and questions concerning the markings and colors of different species just before the final draft of this second edition of the book was made. Great effort has been expended by the Committee to make this the best and most valuable source of information for the descriptions of the world's pheasants, and like the first edition, it will no doubt become the recognized authority on pheasant standards for pheasant fanciers and breeders, wildlife Scientists, and others interested in this beautiful family of birds.

Many species of pheasants are becoming less common in the wilds and some endangered. Fortunately none have become completely extinct yet, but several are now on the brink. To prevent this, good captive populations representing true or wild-type birds must be well established in captivity for all the species so that if any do become wiped out in the wild state, there will always be a captive reservoir or population for future generations of people to see and enjoy. And the Federation's Standards Book and Program is essential as a guide for pheasant breeders to follow in raising true-type birds of all the species and therefore keep them alive in their pure forms for all posterity.

To illustrate and make the book more attractive and help give people a better idea what the different species look like, many colored pictures and photos of pheasants have been printed in this book. These have all been previously published in the Game *Bird Breeders' GAZETTE Magazine* over the past 10 years or so, and we thank the owners of this magazine for their use. It must be kept in mind, however, that when it comes to paintings of pheasants, artists are not usually experts on standards and so their pictures are not always accurate in every detail of markings and colors, which is why the printed descriptions in this book, as with the

last edition, are the official standards for the species and not the pictures. One should therefore enjoy the paintings and photographs but rely only on the descriptions as the standards. Of the 50 species or so of pheasants found on this planet, only those commonly kept and exhibited in shows are described here. As other species become more established and plentiful in captivity, their standards will also be added to this book when another new edition comes out in the future.

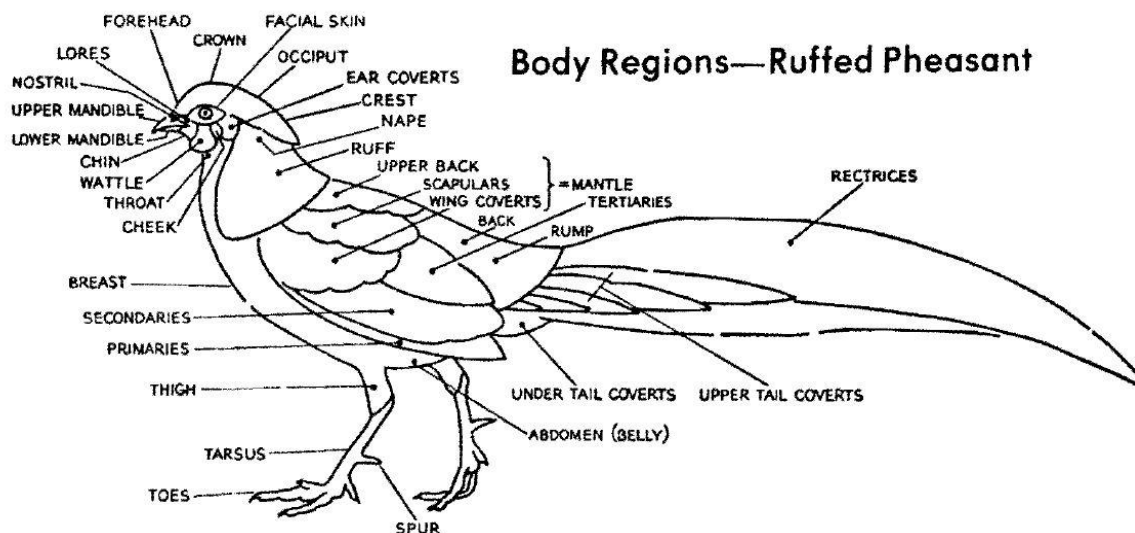
Besides producing the *Pheasant Standards Book*, the Federation has also contributed greatly to the preservation of game birds in captivity by also producing other books on game bird propagation, opposing unfavorable laws and restrictions on both state and federal levels that are not in the best interest of captive bird breeding, working to keep freight costs down for transporting birds via the various inter-state carriers, supporting research and the dissemination of information on game birds through its official organ. *The Game Bird Breeders, A aviculturists and Conservationists' GAZETTE*, holding annual conventions where breeders come together to learn more about game bird management and propagation by exchanging ideas, methods and experiences and hearing talks by experts in the field, and many other things that are in the best interest of the game bird fancy and the preservation of the species.

The annual pheasant workshop sponsored by the Federation is one of the greatest contributions the organization makes to help establish, maintain and preserve pheasants in their pure forms. These workshops present an opportunity for interested and dedicated pheasant breeders to learn what pheasants should look like so they can selectively breed to produce the ideal type of bird that most represents the wild standard for each species. These Standards Workshops have been held annually for almost twenty years now, and for the last ten or more have been conducted by four very able members of the Standards Committee, Harry Hardy, Don Tucker, Arlan Vaughn and Francis Billie, Jr., who have done an outstanding job for the Federation and the whole game bird industry and cause by helping to keep birds pure through informing and instructing others on how to maintain necessary standards for each species. The Federation's Show Judging Program has also contributed effectively to encouraging breeders to raise high-quality, standard type birds.

This whole Federation Standards Program (which includes the Standards Book, workshops, and training, licensing and providing judges for shows) working together with the different game bird organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada on their Shows, we are sure has contributed considerably to the cause of preserving birds in their true forms.

This *Pheasant Standards Book* has been the basis and essential to the success of this whole Standards Program and will continue to be with this second and future editions.

Every sincere and dedicated breeder of pheasants should follow the standards as outlined in this book. Without a good and ready source of information to guide the breeder and show judge alike, the future of preserving and maintaining the integrity of all the different species in captivity would be much in doubt and perhaps impossible, which is what makes the production and availability of this *Pheasant Standards Book* so important.



LADY AMHERST PHEASANT

(*Chrysolophus amherstiae*)

Description

Male



HEAD AND NECK:

Crown, short metallic green.

Crest, crimson, narrow, stiff, elongated feathers.

Face and Throat, black, with metallic green spots.

Bare Facial Skin and Lappet, bluish or greenish white (Bluish-green).

Ruff, white, rounded feathers with a blue and black border.

Beak, bluish grey.

Iris, pale yellow

BODY:

Mantle, metallic bluish green, rounded feathers with a black border edged with scintillant green.

Upper and Middle Back, black, with a green bar and a wide buffy yellow fringe, feathers broad and square.

Rump, black, with a green bar and with a vermillion fringe. Vermillion fringe shows an irregular patch, feathers of rump broad and square.

Breast, metallic bluish-green, rounded feathers with a black border edged with scintillant green; wider and brighter than mantle.

Lower Breast, white.

Flanks, white, sometimes with a slight tinge of pale yellow over the white on the lower sides.

Abdomen, white.

Vent, white, barred with black and brownish-grey.

WINGS:

Scapulars, metallic bluish-green, with a black border edged with scintillant (sparkling) green; feathers, rounded.

Wing Coverts, dark metallic blue, with black borders.

Primaries, blackish-brown sparsely barred with buff.

TAIL:

Central Rectrices, white, with curved unbroken crescent shaped blackish-blue bars and wavy black lines on the interspaces.

Other Rectrices, similar on the narrow inner web, silvery-grey passing to brown outside with curved black bars on the outer web.

Upper Tail Coverts, mottled black and white, with long orange-vermillion tips.

Under Tail Coverts, black and dark green more or less barred with white.

Length: 33 7/8-45 inches.

LEGS AND FEET:

Thighs, mottled white, black and brown.

Tarsus and Feet, bluish-grey.

SIZE:

Length: 50-60 1/2 inches.

COMMON FAULTS:

1. Traces of color other than green in crown. (Red of crest should stop precisely where green begins)
2. Traces of red in breast or flanks.
3. Facial color not bluish-green.
4. Dark grey or brownish color in white area between crescent bars on central rectrices.
5. Broken or mottled barring on central rectrices.
6. Small size approaching that of the Golden.

LADY AMHERST PHEASANT

(*Chrysolophus amherstiae*)

Description

Female



HEAD AND NECK:

Crown, reddish chestnut, with blackish barring.

Sides of Head and Neck, blackish brown, spotted with cinnamon buff strongly washed with reddish chestnut with dark blackish barring with a green sheen.

Face, buff, strongly tinged with reddish-chestnut.

Upper Throat, pale buff, sometimes white.

Lower Throat, buff, strongly tinged with reddish-chestnut.

Lores, Cheeks, and Ear Coverts, silvery grey spotted with black.

Orbital Skin, light salty-blue.

Beak, bluish-grey.

Iris, brown, sometimes pale yellow or greyish in older hens.

BODY:

Mantle and Upper Breast, rufous buff, strongly washed with reddish chestnut, the dark barring blackish, with a green sheen.

Back, chestnut, strongly vermiculated with black.

Flanks, buff, with dark blackish barring.

Breast, buff, with dark blackish brown barring with a green sheen.

Abdomen, pale buff sometimes white.

WINGS:

Wing Coverts, Tertiaries and Secondaries, rufous buff, washed with, reddish chestnut, the dark barring blackish, with a green sheen; the bars coarser than in the mantle.

TAIL:

Tai, rufous brown ROUNDED feathers, not pointed at the tip, and strongly marked with broad irregular bars of black, buff and pale grey vermiculated with black.

Length: 12 1/8-14 3/4 inches.

LEGS AND FEET:

Thighs, buff, mottled brown and black.

Legs and Feet, bluish grey.

SIZE:

Length: 26-26 3/4 inches Larger than Golden hens.

COMMON FAULTS:

- 1 Lack of reddish chestnut on head, neck, throat and upper breast.
- 2 No grey marking in tails.
- 3 Lack of distinct barring in tail.
- 4 Yellowish legs.