



## Pal News

**Summer 2015**

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### **Presidents Message**

Hello Fellow Palomino Rabbit Breeders!

We've had a mixed bag of weather here in western Kansas this last month or two. We've had wonderful moisture that has helped us replenish some of our ground water. Farmers have been smiling most of the spring and I've heard no complaints from them about the amount of precipitation we've received this year. In fact, the only complaints I have heard about the moisture has been from some city folks. It seems they weren't too happy about it raining during a weekend. I won't even go into a discussion about that.

How have you been doing with your breeding programs? Mine is, well, it has been successful as far as numbers of litters. Maybe I haven't been quite as successful in steering toward the direction I'm wanting to go with improving the overall quality of my herd. I had bred 13 does in early May and had 13 does kindle over the last weekend of May. I raise both Pals and Satins and many of those does were first time mothers that have raised their kits just fine. I lost 3 of those litters due to abandonment, but I cannot help but think that was just my fault. My last batch of litters I was 4 for 8. Still a pretty good average considering the time of year and all. I missed the last breeding opportunity so will have to wait a week or 10 days before I try again.

Right now I'm mostly just trying to get numbers of kits to select from. Getting a good quality herd takes time and numbers. I haven't shown too often this year. I did make it to our spring nationals where I got thumped by just about everyone who was showing Pals. That's okay, though. That kind of weekend is a bitter pill to swallow, but it really serves to put everything into the proper perspective. I've eliminated several older does and a few bucks from the breeding program and am focusing on getting some better breeding stock out of some of the Pals I picked up in Fort Worth. I am particularly pleased with some of the young lynx does produced by a nice doe that I got from Kenneth and Imogene Drews. I'm very anxious to see how they mature.

We've had some BIS winners and some RIS winners here and there around the country and I congratulate each and every one of them, not just on their wins, but also on working with their herds to develop top quality rabbits.

I want to mention a couple of people who are in need of your prayers. I know that Joe Donato, our District 6 Director, has made great progress recovering from his surgeries, but I think he still has a ways to go before he is completely back in the pink. I want to wish him the best and hope he heals quickly without complications. I also understand that Carolyn Wright, our Sweepstakes Chairperson, had taken a tumble after an earlier surgery and that set her back a bit. If I knew the details I would share them with you. I sure hope she gets healed up and going again! Being laid up when there are things to do is no fun at all.

I haven't made my reservations, yet, but I am planning to attend the convention this fall in Portland. I hope to see many of my friends there and I am looking forward to meeting new Pal breeders that I don't know. I also plan to take along a few lynx and golden Pals so that every other breeder who is showing can take a good shot at me with their Pals.

Please stay safe out there, especially on the highways when you're traveling to and from shows. A special thank you to all of my officers and district directors for helping to promote our wonderful breed and for all the work you do that makes my job so easy. Thanks, also, to all of you for raising the breed that I love.

As Always,

Jim

### **Secretary's Message**

Life remains much busier than I thought with retiring this spring. There still is not enough time in the day to get all the projects done I want to or keep up with the number of Palominos I have right now. I bred heavy for Convention and wow everyone took and with some large litters. We have had a much hotter than normal summer here in Eastern Washington. A couple days of right at a 100 degrees is not unusual in July but 2 to 3 weeks starting in June is unheard of in this area. I have been lucky and only minimal rabbit loses.

The fires are the biggest concern now, several rabbit folks in the area have been evacuated and many have escaped with a few rabbits and the clothes on their backs. None are Pal breeders but has put many of us to thinking and planning how we would do an evacuation. Please take a few moments and come up with a plan.

Show sanctions are up again this year especially on the east coast. Thanks to the many breeders who are sanctioning this breed and supporting new breeders.

Communication can be challenging at times, if everyone with would please send me an email just to say hi so I have your correct email I would appreciate that, [palominoclubsec@yahoo.com](mailto:palominoclubsec@yahoo.com).

**Please check your membership, I have sent cards and emails to several with no reply!**

## **Election Updates**

This year our even numbered districts were up for election. William Utter has stepped down as District 2 director and no one ran for the position. If you live in District 2 and are interested in that position please let Mr. Hunter know.

Latosha Lucas from Texas was the only one who ran in District 4, elected by acclamation. Joe Donato will continue as District 6 representative as will Mike Raab in District 8. No ballots were sent out as only one candidate per district thus saving the club printing and mailing.

Next year the president, vice president and odd numbered districts will be up for elections.

## **Convention planning**

I hope many of you are planning on "Bringing your Best to the Great Northwest" for the ARBA convention Oct. 31 to November 4, 2015 in Portland Oregon.

The club will have a booth and I will be looking for raffle items as well as any Palomino history you may have. Karen Utter has a large collection she is bringing.

The banquet will be Monday November 2, 2015 at 6:30pm at the Hometown Buffet in Vancouver Wa, this is just across the bridge from the expo center and will be \$13.95 per person which will be paid at the restaurant. We do have a private room.

## **Palomino Nationals**

We had a show and the Kansas group was very pleased with the numbers and the turn out. Bob Bergene and his crew did a great job. The facility was great and a wonderful judge Vic Vogt.

Best of Breed Open : Sharon Pellham with a Golden Jr Doe

Best Opposite of Breed Open: Cliff King with a Lynx Jr. Buck

Best of Breed Youth: Ashlyn Reynolds with a Golden Sr Doe

Best Opposite of Breed Youth: Jackson Armstrong with a Lynx Int. Buck

There was a great turn out from our youth in our Youth Contests. All age groups were represented. This is an essay style contest with the youth answering a series of questions.

Junior Group winners were Cailyn Casey from CA in Palomino Management and Jackson Armstrong from WA in Palomino Achievement.

Our intermediate winners were: Tanner Litts from Washington in management and Seth Whitney-Wekar from New York. Senior winners were: Luke Teaford in achievement and Patrick Rush in management.

Thanks to James Brown our district 9 director for organizing the youth contests.

**District Reports:** With busy summer I didn't get many reports but do have a few notes.

District 1: Cliff King has been with the summer fair schedule and enjoying some Grandpa time.



Cliff and Grandson Waylon at the Wyoming State Fair

**District 2:** vacant at this time.

**District 3:** Tom Lowin is enjoying a few more shows in their area this spring and summer.

**District 4:** Latosha Lucas joins us as the new member to the board. Latosha is showing a lot and will return to college in the fall. We are very excited to have Latosha join us. Latosha works to encourage more youth to raise and show Palominos,



**District 5:** Beth Thurn from Kansas has had a great summer off but will be heading back to the classroom soon and will be unable to join us in Portland.

**District 6:** Joe Donato has had a rough last 6 months but is finally on the mend and back to rabbit shows. Take care Joe we need you in this hobby.

**District 7:** Shannon Whitney from NY is hoping to be seeing many more Pal breeders at some upcoming shows.

**District 8:** Mike Raab. I am not sure how many shows he got to this summer but I am jealous of his trip to Alaska. Mike is unsure if he will make Portland but is busy putting together a bid for the Pal Nationals for 2016 in Ohio.

**District 9:** James Brown is such an advocate for youth and the Palomino Breed. I am getting lots of membership applications from district 9. Plus he wins a few Best in Shows with Palominos as well.

**Vice President:** Zora Brewer continues as a busy college student and she and family just completed a move to Missouri.

## Best in Shows

There may be more but these are photos I have



James Brown



Carolyn Wright

Palomino Nationals

April 2015



Youth Best of Breed winner Ashlyn Reynolds and Best Opposite of Breed Jackson with Judge Vic Vogt and our great writer Heather Lucas



Sharon Pellham and Cliff King with the winners!







Ben with youth winners Ashlyn and Jackson



Sharon, Ben and Ji



Good times with good Friends. Hope to see many of you in Portland with some new friends!