



Canadian Racing Pigeon Union-Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CRPU Members:

First of all, I want to take the time to thank all of you who have continued to support the CRPU. It is almost one year since we took on this task, we have had some challenges along the way, but our goal is to continue promoting the great sport of pigeon racing and support our members.

I think most of you are aware of the new laws the federal government has legislated in regards to the privacy laws. This new law makes it very complicated in regards to lost birds as we cannot give out any information about our members unless we have consent from each member. This has made it very difficult for Denise at our head office. She is spending around 20 hours per week just taking care of lost birds. In the past we were able to post the band registry online. This would allow anyone searching for the owner of a lost bird to enter the band number, the owner of the bird would come up, the person who found the bird could contact the owner directly who could deal with it. Right now our only option is through email. This is very time consuming, we have to answer each email, then contact the owner to ask if they will give us permission to give out their information or if they would please contact the person who has found the lost bird. Some members do not call about their lost birds so we get another call from the person who found the bird wondering why no one contacted them.

This is one reason why Denise does not answer the phone when our members call, she is very busy with lost birds, as well as trying to get orders out. Our board members on the weekend have been answering emails in regards to lost birds also. In one weekend there was 25 birds reported. I have asked in my president's letter for permission from each member in the past and also we posted a site for member's to sign up giving us permission. I would like to add we have 179 members who have given permission, out of 691 member. Please sign up or if you know of someone without a computer let them know we need their permission. They can call the office and Denise will send out the form. Another issue we have this year many birds are being turned in to their local animal shelters, vets offices, and non fanciers. It is very important that we deal with these as some are saying we do not care about our birds. This is not good for the sport. If you cannot pick up your bird, try to find someone in the area to pick up the bird. Very important to show we care about our birds as this is good for the sport. As some of you are aware we are no longer selling the PMV vaccine due to the fact the company has stopped making it. They said there was no money to be made with it. We are in hopes to have a new supplier soon. Arkow labs may start making PMV vaccine if there is enough interest. I have told them the CRPU is interested, also the Newcastle K vaccine is no longer sold in Canada so that is no longer available. The store has been doing well, bands sales were good, could be a good indication for next year's membership. Well old bird season is over and most are well into you ng birds, I hope everyone had a good old bird season and young bird season is going well with few losses. All the best to our members for the rest of the season. PLEASE sign up for the newsletter and give us permission. If someone does not have a computer, please let them know to call the office and Denise will take care of it. Let your club members know the importance of this matter.

Best Regards in the Sport

Brad Foster President CRPU

Our Executives

Brad Foster
President

Brad Wogan
Vice President

Al Gauvin
Treasurer

Sue Wiltshire
Secretary

Board Members

Ken King

Mike Taylor

**To contact one of
our board members
please visit our
website for details
www.crpu.ca**



Photos

We are asking our members to please send us your photos so we can post them on our website and facebook page.

Please send your photos to secretary@crpu.ca

Online Store

The online store is now up and running. When placing a order online you can only pay with credit card. Denise Luscher will contact you within two business days to confirm your order. Telephone orders are still accepted. Check out the online store. www.crpu.ca.

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Photo Copier

The picture at left is our photo copier. When the photo copier was purchased it was with hopes we could print a yearbook, newsletter. etc... The photo copier will be paid in full March of 2017. The idea of printing a yearbook would have been great if we had editors to put the book together and if we had volunteers to work for hours inputting all the information. We are asking our members, if you have any ideas or if they know someone who would be interested in purchasing it. We have contacted the company we purchased it from and they have no interest in it. Also we need to try and retrieve some of the money we have invested in it. Please contact Brad Foster if you have any ideas.

Awards

This year we are unable to continue with the awards due to lack of volunteers to take care of the data base. If some volunteers come forward next year we may bring them back. If any member has an idea of how we could implement an awards program for all members we would greatly appreciate your ideas. Please email the secretary at secretary@crpu.ca and we will make sure they are put up for discussion at our next meeting.

LOST BIRDS

We have had a lot of lost birds reported this year. We want to make sure that all members are aware that it is their responsibility as a member of the CRPU to contact the person who has found the bird to help them get the bird home. Please make sure when you have a lost bird reported you contact the person reporting the bird or get someone in the area to get your bird. This is very important for the sport.

Annual General Meeting

We are asking our members if they would be interested in hosting the AGM in October. If your club would be interested in hosting this year's meeting, please contact the office or email the secretary@crpu.ca. This could be in conjunction with a pigeon show or auction your club or combine is having. The meeting would take about forty five minutes of your time. Please consider this request.

Advertising Page

We are creating an advertising page for our member to post ads. If you have an ad please forward it to secretary@crpu.ca and we will place it on our website. All ads will be posted for one month, please check out our website for details on how to post an advertisement. There is no charge to our members.

Dates to Remember

Annual General Meeting

**Location to be posted on our website
September 20th.**

Membership Renewals

Please make sure that you renew your 2016 membership before December 30 to receive your 2016 bands on time.

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**Member Ship Fees
2016**

Member \$50.00

Family \$75.00

Junior Free

Loft Registration

\$20.00

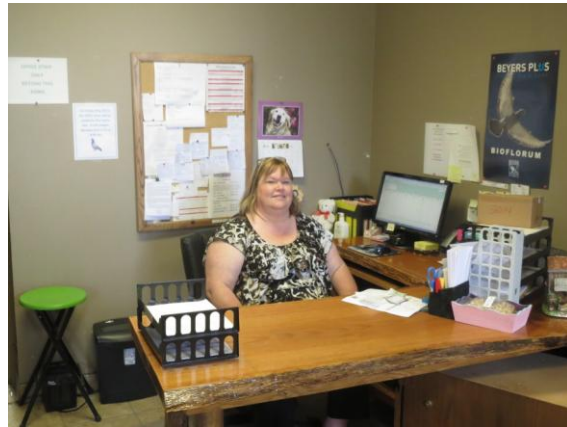
CRPU Race Results

We are posting the race results on our website. Please take the time to send in your race results. Even though you may have a website where you post your results, we would like for you to send them to us. As a national site we get many visits from all around the world. Please go to our website and tab down to uploading race results and send us your results. Please let your race secretary know they can send in the results.

2016 Bands

The 2016 bands will be sent out the week of December 21st. This is due to the office being closed for Christmas holidays and we want to make sure the bands are delivered to our members by January 1st.

Headquarters



Denise Luscher is our office administrator who takes care of the day to day business of the CRPU. Please feel free to contact her during our business hours to help you with all your pigeon needs. If she cannot help you with your needs, she will direct you to the right person to help you out. We want to thank Denise for her dedication to our sport, and for doing a great job. Our office hours are Monday to Friday 9-5.

Health News

The CRPU has been told the distributor of the PMV vaccine will no longer be able to supply it to us. Also the Newcastle K will not be available. We will keep the members updated when we find a new supplier. The quarantine was difficult for some of our members this year for the race season. Although we do not believe the pigeon should be considered poultry, the government has a different idea, we have been trying to work with the OMFRA to see if we can get the pigeon de-classified so in future when a poultry quarantine is implemented the pigeon will not be included. Hopefully we can work together and find a mutual arrangement for the future.

Membership Renewal 2016

Please make sure your membership renewals are in by December 31st. This helps us to ensure that all bands are sent to the correct members. Also if you change your mailing address or email address, please notify Denise at our head office.

Non Computer Members

The CRPU knows and understands that some of our members do not have access to a computer. The cost of mailing to all of our members would be around \$900.00 per mailing. We do not keep a list of non computer members. If you would like us to send a hard copy to someone who does not have access to a computer, they can give the office a call and Denise will send correspondent through the mail. We are asking our members to help us out. If you have a club member who does not have access to the internet. Please consider printing the document and giving it to them or giving the person a call and let them know what is going on. This helps to keep mailing cost down. The way of the future is through email and many companies have chosen to go this route to keep costs down. Please help us to keep our all our members informed.

CU-Bands-.60 each

Good Sportsmanship

One of the requirements of the CRPU is for its members to conduct good sportsmanship. The definition of this is fair play, respect for opponents, and polite behavior by someone who is competing in a sport or other competition. We are asking our members to please keep this in mind. Please ask yourself what can I do to show good sportsmanship. It all starts with you!

We want to thank you for being a part of this great organization. Our members are the best! If you have any comments, questions or ideas. Please contact us. There is no such thing as a bad question or idea. The CRPU is run by volunteers who are pigeon fanciers, who have taken the time out of their busy lives to keep the CRPU alive and viable. If you are interested in being a board member we would like to have you join us. One of our board members had to resign due to personal reasons. If you would like to join us please send us a letter telling us a little about yourself. All members will be considered.

Upcoming Auction:Auction Charity for the Hospital for Sick kids.

Please contact:

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Mike Taylor 705-321-3333 or 705-722-3807

Watch for our next newsletter coming in December. If you know a member without access to a computer, please print this copy for them or have them call the office we will send them one.

