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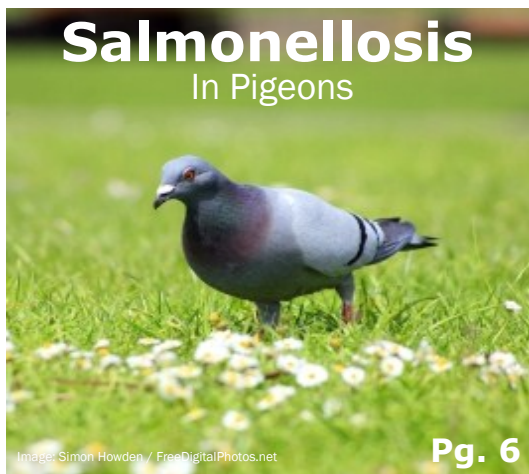
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

July's President's Message



Another old bird season has come and gone. I had thought that 2010 was one for the ages with poor weather hampering releases, but 2011 has been even more of a challenge. The job of club or combine liberator is never easy and always thankless, but these past two years have been particularly hellish. Why not take a moment and send your own liberator an email or post a card of thanks. It is a job that needs to be done and very few are willing to step up to the plate and take on the responsibility. Anyone who is doing the job should be considered a cherished resource.

The fiscal year end for the CU is 31 AUG each year. This year we have introduced several new programs, increased the store in terms of both product line and inventory and found several efficiencies in operating practices. Membership and band sales remain relatively constant. The plan, as always, for a not for profit organization is to end the operating year with expenses pretty well matching income. We appear to be on course in that regard. New tracking features we have activated in the accounting program are proving very informative and will be a major help in budgeting and tracking financial issues once a complete annual cycle has occurred.

Shannon and her team at the office have put forth a big effort to streamline, automate and modernize the office operations, and the dividends are starting to manifest themselves.

On a related note, it has been a very harmonious and productive year for the Board of Directors. All members of the board have settled well into their respective portfolios and moved the organization forward along their individual areas of responsibility. Much can be accomplished when everyone is pulling in the same direction.

By-law issues continue to raise their ugly heads. Ron Hastie has been successful in catching many of these in the early stages and limiting the impact for our members. Most local councils are very happy to hear from a National organization that is willing to take responsibility for regulating the keeping of pigeons within their municipalities and consequently work very cooperatively with us to come to reasonable compromises that allow everyone to co-exist.

On the health front, there has been significant alarm raised relating to a soil fungus called *Cryptococcus neoformans*. This is a very common fungus that can infect persons with compromised immune systems. A law suit was launched in Cambridge, ON by the neighbour of a pigeon keeper, claiming he was infected by the pigeons. This case is still ongoing as far as I am aware.

The CU has offered expertise relating to pigeon keeping to the lawyer of the pigeon keeper. There was also a story released by the Chronicle Herald in Halifax Nova Scotia regarding another case of this disease, alleging infection was caused by pigeons, even though the patient admitting never having contact with pigeons. Shannon has been working with the medical officer of health for Nova Scotia in an attempt to dispel unwarranted concern.

These incidents serve as a strong reminder that the ignorant public are ready to pounce on any bit of inflammatory publicity, no matter how unfounded. All members must strive at all time to ensure that the hobby puts its best foot forward at all times. We need to be ever vigilant against false attacks against our birds and hobby.

I hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful young bird season and that the weather decides to cooperate. Don't forget to book your accommodation for the annual convention in Niagara Falls this coming December. It will be here before we know it.

Mike van der Jagt
President
Canadian Racing Pigeon Union

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (FRENCH)

Bulletin du JUILLET 2011

Message du président

Une autre saison de courses de vieux pigeons tire à sa fin. J'avais pensé que 2010 était une saison pauvre au sujet de la température par contre l'année 2011 a été encore plus qu'un défi. Le travail du libérateur des oiseaux pour le club et la combine n'est jamais facile et toujours ingrat, mais ces deux dernières années ont été particulièrement atroces. Pourquoi ne pas prendre un peu de temps pour envoyer à votre propre libérateur un courriel ou une carte de remerciement. C'est un travail qui doit être fait et très peu sont disposés à prendre la responsabilité. Celui qui fait le travail devrait être considéré une ressource appréciable.

L'année fiscale pour le CU est le 31 août annuellement. Cette année nous avons présenté plusieurs nouveaux programmes, augmenter l'inventaire des produits du magasin et trouver de l'efficacité dans les pratiques opérantes. Les ventes d'adhésion et de bagues demeurent relativement constantes.

Le plan, comme toujours, pour une organisation sans but lucratif est de terminer l'année avec le revenu égal aux dépenses. Nous semblons être dans le bon chemin à cet égard. Les nouveaux dispositifs de cheminement que nous avons activés dans le programme de comptabilité prouvent très instructifs et seront une aide importante en économisant et en dépistant les questions financières une fois qu'un cycle annuel complet s'est produit. Shannon et son équipe au bureau ont mis en avant un grand effort afin d'améliorer, automatiser et moderniser les opérations de bureau, et les dividendes commencent à se manifester.

Sur une note relative, ce fut une année très harmonieuse et productive pour le conseil d'administration. Tous les membres du conseil se sont bien acquittés de leurs responsabilités respectives et ont promu l'organisation leurs différents secteurs. Beaucoup peut être accompli quand chacun tire dans la même direction.

Les questions de règlement continuent à soulever des problèmes. Ron Hastie [begin_of_the_skype_highlighting](#) [end_of_the_skype_highlighting](#) a réussi à régler beaucoup de ces litiges en limitant l'impact pour nos membres. La plupart des conseils locaux sont très heureux d'entendre que l'organisation nationale est disposée à prendre la responsabilité de régler les règlements des pigeons dans leurs municipalités et de travailler avec leur coopération pour en venir aux compromis raisonnables qui permettent à chacun de coexister.

Sur le sujet de la santé, il y a eu une alerte concernant un « fungus » appelé « Cryptococcus. Neoformans ». C'est un « fungus » très commun qui peut infecter des personnes avec les systèmes immunitaires compromis. Une poursuite a été lancée à Cambridge par le voisin d'un amateur de pigeon, réclamant qu'il a été infecté par les pigeons. Ce cas est encore devant la loi en ce qui me concerne.

Le CU a offert l'expertise concernant la garde des pigeons à l'avocat de l'amateur en question. Il y avait également une histoire par le « Chronicle Herald » d'Halifax en Nouvelle-Écosse concernant un autre cas de cette maladie, alléguant l'infection qui a été provoqué par des pigeons, quoique le patient admis ne jamais avoir eu de contact avec des pigeons. Shannon avait travaillé avec le dirigeant médical de la santé de la Nouvelle-Écosse afin d'essayer de dissiper le souci.

Ces incidents servent de rappel que le public ignorant est prêt à essayer n'importe quelle publicité inflammatoire, peu importe fondée ou non. Tous les membres doivent en tout temps s'assurer que notre sport demeure à l'avant-garde. Nous devons toujours être vigilants contre des attaques fausses contre le sport et nos pigeons. J'espère que chacun appréciera la saison des pigeonceaux et que la température décide de coopérer. N'oubliez pas de faire votre réservation pour la convention annuelle à Niagara Falls en décembre. Ce sera sous peu.

Mike van der Jagt
Président
Canadian Racing Pigeon Union

From the Office

Hello members and Racing enthusiasts!

It has been a super busy time at the office, with many opportunities to chat and meet with many of you! I can hardly believe it has almost been a whole year since we hired Daryl and Patty through a generous grant from the Federal government, the work and contributions that these two wonderful staff have made is priceless. Their mark will be left on the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union forever, we certainly wish them all the best in all their endeavours in the years to come and hope to keep in contact.

Thought the Canada Post strike did interrupt some services at the store temporarily, the store has been very active! The online store has taken off and we have received many, many orders online. Please feel free to check out the online store which includes pictures and details of all of the products available through the Canadian Racing Pigeon Union. We would still appreciate feedback and suggestions for the store, including product organization and new product suggestions.

The website is continuing to grow and change at a rapid pace thanks to the dedication of our Volunteer Web Site Committee, the work and dedication of these few individuals is a true marvel and an amazing gift for the CRPU. Please feel free to contact us at the office to provide feedback, events and announcements and pictures that may be used on the website. We are always seeking pictures and articles to keep the site fresh and new.

With Old Bird Season wrapping up, we would like to remind all Race Secretaries to upload your races for the yearbook on the website. Directions are available online if needed, or if you are still having difficulty, please contact the office and we will assign someone to assist you. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your patience and consideration with staff and the board through all of this growth and change as we strive to develop a better, stronger Canadian Racing Pigeon Union.

We all wish you the very best in the upcoming Young Bird season and hope to see many of you out at events!

Shannon Beadow
Office Manager
Canadian Racing Pigeon Union Inc.

WANT AD

**Paul Finch is looking for white homing pigeons. Breeders or youngsters
Please contact him at : 519-887-8188**

Due to severe spinal injuries, Ozzie VanHaverbeke is forced to sell his property, and racing pigeon empire.



The property consists of a beautiful 3 bedroom home on a large lot, facing #3 highway in the picturesque village of Courtland, with the rear of the property facing beautiful lush farmland and mature tree lots. The home is currently 15 years old. New Landmark lifetime roof installed.

There is a lower walk-in level, with a large center area, a cold room, grain storage room, furnace room, a fancy finished rec. room with large pool table, bathroom and 1 bedroom, with rugs and tiled floors.

The upper level consists of a large living room with HDTV. An open concept kitchen & dining room, 2 bedrooms, large bathroom with walk in shower & Jacuzzi, fluted mirrors, etc. Large sundeck, 16x16, with entrance from dining room, and lower entrance level.

High efficiency gas furnace, central air and air exchanger.

Carport entrance and laundry room. This property is immaculately maintained, with fenced in, beautiful rock gardens.



Private sale only \$298,000.

Flandria Loft is the undisputed pigeon racing champion.

The Flandria canucks need no introduction, the proof is in the pudding. If the buyer of the property is interested in all or part of the breeders and racing team, lofts and all equipment are available. The price is negotiable.

If the birds are not sold with the property, watch for future sales of the entire flock & equipment. Watch for news flyers, and the American Digest.

Yours Truly,
Ozzie



Salmonellosis in Pigeons

Dr. Marina Brash, Animal Health Laboratory, Laboratory Services Division, University of Guelph, mbrash@uoguelph.ca

(Reprinted with permission from the AHL newsletter)

In early February, a racing pigeon loft composed of 90 birds experienced a spike in mortality that began with two cocks in good body condition dying suddenly with no clinical signs. Birds continued to die, one at a time and in most cases the only clinical signs were those of reduced feed and water intake 24 hours prior to death. Some birds did linger for a week before dying and those birds did lose weight. A five day treatment of amoxicillin via the water was instituted in mid-February and the mortality slowed for a week and then resumed. Three live birds were submitted for necropsy in mid-March by which time the owner had lost over 40% of his birds. Two of the three birds were in good body condition but were not eating. One bird had a mild multifocal hepatitis (Fig. 1) and focal laryngitis and the other bird had a localized granulomatous pneumonia involving the right lung (Fig. 2) and osteomyelitis of the left mandible.

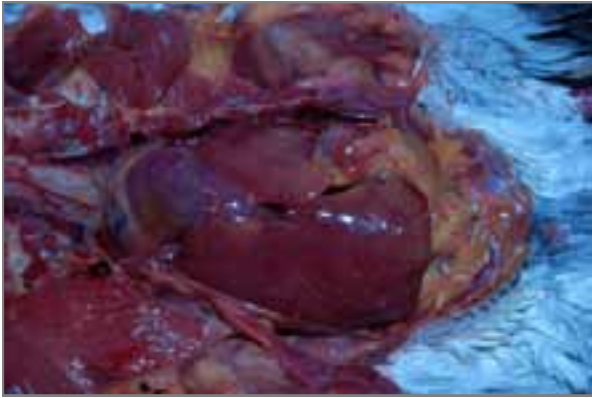


Fig. 1: Multifocal hepatitis due to *Salmonella Typhimurium* var Copenhagen

The third bird was in poor body condition, not eating and dehydrated. There was focal granulomatous pneumonia of the left lung, marked multifocal hepatitis, nephritis, pancreatitis and enteritis.

Salmonella Typhimurium var Copenhagen was recovered from the multiple organs; this serotype is the most common type isolated from pigeons. Further discussion with the loft owner revealed he had received two birds from another pigeon fancier in the summer of 2010 and birds have been added directly into the new loft without an initial period of quarantine and no fecal swabbing for *Salmonella* culture.

In February, the loft was medicated and the birds did respond for a short time but quickly relapsed.

The temperatures in mid-February were very cold and pigeons typically dramatically reduce their water consumption, so it is likely they did not consume adequate amounts of antibiotics which would help explain the partial response to treatment followed by the quickly reappearing mortality. Following retreatment and thorough cleaning and disinfection of the loft, no more sick or dead birds have been reported.

The Animal Health Laboratory (AHL) *Salmonellosis* diagnoses in pigeons were reviewed from 2005 to present and although the annual number of *Salmonellosis* diagnoses has remained relatively constant since 2005, the proportion of *Salmonellosis* cases has increased substantially (Table 1). The relationship of this to the actual prevalence of *Salmonellosis* in pigeons is not known, due to the submission biases to the AHL.

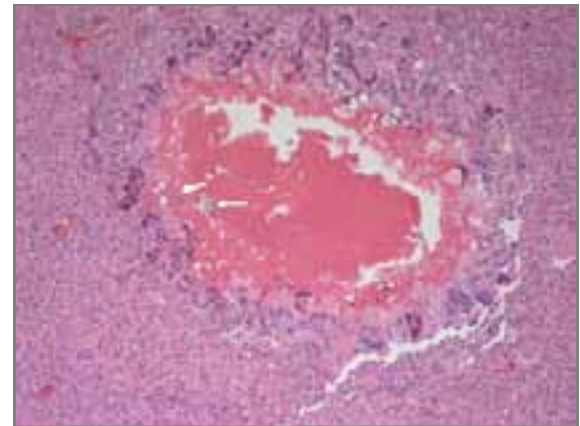


Fig. 2: Pulmonary granuloma containing colonies of *Salmonella* bacteria (white arrows)

We will continue to monitor this disease in pigeons in order to determine if this trend continues. Pigeon owners need to be reminded that *Salmonellosis* has public health significance as it is a zoonotic disease and can cause illness in people.

Table 1: # and % of AHL *Salmonellosis* Diagnoses in Pigeons 2005 to 2011

Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Jan-Mar 2011
# <i>Salmonella</i> positive cases	2	1	1	1	3	3	1
Total Necropsy Cases	22	41	33	41	16	14	3
% <i>Salmonella</i> positive cases	9	2.4	3	2.4	18.7	21.4	33

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR DEC 2011 – 2014

To All C.U. Members:

Below is the Nomination Ballot for the Election of Officers for 2011 – 2014.

Please act immediately upon this matter, as the forms are to be returned no later than 23 SEPT to:

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Tillsonburg, ON, N4G 5X2

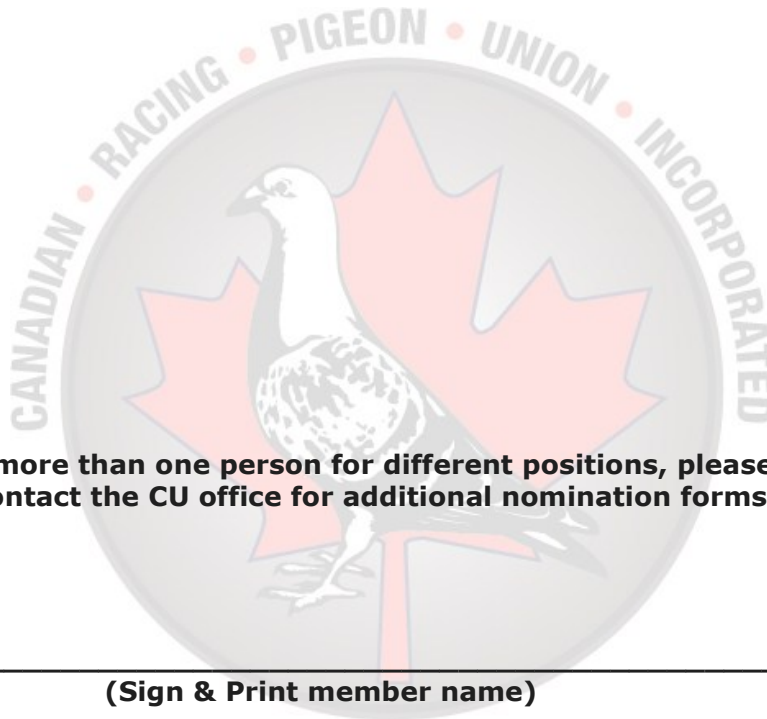
The nominator and the nominee must be a CU member in good standing.

NOMINATIONS 2011-2014

I, nominate _____, as:

Check the appropriate box. Any one member may only run for one position:

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Director



If you wish to nominate more than one person for different positions, please photo copy this form prior to completion, or contact the CU office for additional nomination forms.

Nominated by: _____
(Sign & Print member name)

I, _____ am willing to stand for Election of Office;

Uploading Race Results Guide

Race Results Filename Formats

VALID CHARACTERS IN FILE NAMES

1. use alphabet letters (upper and lower case), a-z, A-Z
2. numbers 0123456789
3. dash - or underscore _ is allowed.
4. the .txt on the end of the file, is needed for race result text files.

VALID FILENAME:

A01-Pembroke_3.txt

INVALID FILENAME:

1-MILE-HOUSE-#2-O.B..txt (# cause a problem, an the file becomes something like 1-MILE-HOUSE- to a program so it can't find it.

Note, only one period is used in a filename, the ".txt" is the file-type or file suffix.

Thanks for following this much needed rule.

This is the place to spend the “Golden Years”

Come and see Keremeos, B. C. in the Similkameen Valley. Famous for its fruit stands, wineries and beautiful scenery. A quiet, safe community of 1100 people situated amongst orchards and vineyards. Only 35 minutes from Penticton for great shopping and a 3.5 hour drive to Vancouver.

Keremeos has been referred to as the best kept secret in B. C. because of its desert climate, short winters, low house prices, 2000 + hours of sunshine and it even has a hospital.

Boundary Racing Pigeon Club has 10 members and it's a great place for pigeon racing as there are very few hawks, and diseases are limited because of the dry climate.

Join us for the “Time of your Life” in Racing Pigeon Heaven.

Call Gordon Plews 250-499-2404

Keremeos web site: www.similkameencountry.org

Vic Loewen 250-499-8827

Uploading Race Results Guide

Important

Text files saved other than as outlined above will not upload properly to the database. The text file saved as instructed above will be saved in the correct format. Text files saved any other way will likely be incorrect, and be rejected when you send/email them to the CRPU.

How to upload/send Race Results to the CRPU

This instruction applies to clubs and combines using the Winbird or the Winspeed race programs.

We have a new easier way to upload 2011 race files to the CRPU database. As a CRPU member in good standing and as your racing pigeon club or combine's race secretary just send an email the crpu@execulink.com to register the details of which club(s) or combine(s) that you are the going to email race results to the crpu. Your email id, name, etc. will be registered, as the "race secretary". You only need to do this once. Now you are ready, by the way, you don't even need to wait for a reply from the CRPU to go onto the next step below.

Sending race results to the CRPU

To upload your weekly race results. On your computer, use any text editor to visually look at your race result text file(s) that you plan to upload, and be sure they look correct, usually you will see "garbage" in the title if you have used the wrong file or didn't set up properly, in the wrong format. When you are done verifying your text file, just quit, and go to your email program and compose an email.

Now use your usual email program (such as hotmail, outlook, gmail, etc.) to attach the race result text file to an email and send it to:

crpuraceresults@gmx.com

It is that simple.

You can send more than one race result file attached to a single email, just make sure all your files are named uniquely so they are organized and don't get mixed up anywhere. Just send text files, these are the files with ".txt" on the end.

NOTE 1: CLUBS USING CLOCKING LIMITS – Clubs that use clocking limits for a particular race(s) should send those race(s) in a separate email. In the body of the email, type clocking limit . You can provide more information such as: 5 bird clocking limit , the awards program just needs, and only looks for the string "clocking limit". It then excludes that the race result from awards calculations if the words "clocking limit" are found in the email body. (As per CRPU rules, races with clocking limits don't qualify for awards, but the result will still appear in the CRPU database.)

NOTE 2: The crpuraceresults@gmx.com is NOT checked by a person, so don't expect any replys to any questions. This email id is only checked by the awards program. It should be noted that if time allows, and we are able, the awards program will email you back if you happened to send in an improper race result text file, and request you send in the proper result.

How to Save WindBird Race Files as Text files.

First: In **"My Documents"** create a folder called **"CRPU National DB Results"** inside this folder create a folder with **"Your Club Name"**. This is where you will save the text file that you will be sending to the CRPU National Database.

- Calculate race as normal
 - Go to race results
 - Choose the race to print. At the bottom of this window you have a choice. **"TEXT"** " CVS/EXCEL" **"HTML"** Choose **"TEXT"**
 - Click on print normal race result
 - If you want copies of your race result do the print as normal
 - Click on close
 - A window will open that says :**"Select where to save file to"**
 - Double click on **"C: "** and a list will come up.
 - Go to the **"CRPU NATIONAL DATABASE RESULTS"** folder and click on the folder with **"YOUR CLUB NAME"**
 - Click on **"Create File"**
 - Open **"My Documents"** and choose the **"CRPU NATIONAL DATABASE RESULTS"** folder.
- Choose the folder with **"YOUR CLUB NAME"** and the text file with your race result will be there. This is the file you upload (send) to the **"CRPU NATIONAL DATABASE"**.

RACING PIGEON PRESENTATION BY CLARENCE BEUVING AT THE OAK RIDGES COMMUNITY FAIR

Oak Ridges is a growing community at the north end of Richmond Hill. The community fair was held June 17-19 at Sunset Beach Park adjacent to Lake Wilcox, one of the Kettle Lakes of the Oak Ridges Moraine.



A friend, a member of the Fair committee, and visitor to our backyard on some race days, asked if Clarence could give a presentation on racing pigeons, and release some birds for the spectators. Of course we agreed. When she told her fellow committee members of our plan, their reaction was "we have racing pigeons in Oak Ridges?"

The date and time were set for Sunday, Father's Day which was also our race day, held over from bad weather on

Saturday. We were allotted 15 minutes, after the magician and before the Tai Chi demonstration. Preparation included making posters, contacting the C.U. for brochures, and organizing our own pigeon paraphernalia in order to assemble a display mix of fun and information.

On the day of the Fair, we waited for an escort of three staff who guided our truck through the midway crowds, and into the stage area of the park. Within 10 minutes, on

two tables, we quickly set up the posters and information on one and the show cases for the birds on the other table. Clarence was handed a mic, and the spectators became interested.

After a few words on the history and current events of our sport, he brought forward his antique wicker basket of birds. Clarence invited a young lad from the audience and asked for his help in releasing the birds. He asked the boy if the pigeons would return here to the fair and to their basket, to which he shyly nodded yes. Once released, the birds quickly flew up and away, and Clarence turned to the boy, suggesting that the pigeons are "gone" and not coming back, and that the boy said they would. The look on the child's face was a mixture of awe and dread, but Clarence quickly told him that the birds are also known as homing pigeons, and that they were probably home in our backyard by now as we live close to the other side of the lake. Boy, was he relieved!

After finishing his 15-minute presentation and offering brochures to the audience, Klaas was asked by a fair photographer to release more birds so photos could be taken. This time a boy and a girl came up from the audience to assist, but they knew what would happen when they flew away. We were also handing out

tattoos of the CU logo to the kids.

As the next scheduled demo was ready, we had to quickly move our display off to the side of the stage. In the meantime, parents and children were asking questions and discussing the sport.

Interestingly enough, some had known fliers, but most knew very little and were keen to learn. As we were packing up, our friend on the committee had invited us back for next year, promising us more time, especially for questions and answers.

Just hearing some people say how beautiful the birds were, compared to those they see in the parks was worth the effort. To promote our sport is very rewarding, and we look forward to doing this again. Perhaps others can approach their own local fair committees!



PHOTO GALLERY

OAK RIDGES COMMUNITY FAIR



The CRPU gives many thanks to our volunteers for the time and effort in promoting our great sport!
Please contact the office if you are planning to host an event regarding -our sport and we'll assist you with promotional materials
Toll Free: 1-866-652-5704 / Local: 519-842-9771 / Email Us: crpu@execulink.com

2011 Convention Guest Speakers

It is our pleasure to introduce the three speakers for this years' convention in Niagara Falls at the 2011 CRPU convention. Each speaker (loft) will have approximately 20 pigeons which will be auctioned over a three day period. The convention format will allow for plenty of time at each seminar/sale to ask questions and speak to the three Dutch fanciers. We hope to see many of you there!

Gert Jan Beute



Gert Jan and his wife Klaasje

In Holland there are few racing pigeon fanciers who do not know Gert Jan Beute. He is a well know racing pigeon columnist. He has a very positive personality and is very seldom critical about anyone or anything. He walks the extra mile in his efforts to help the youth get started in the racing pigeon sport. He is also a well-known for his theories on the outward qualities of Crack racers, as well as a certified NPO pigeon judge. He has written two books on racing pigeons, both in Dutch "De Uiterlijke Kenmerken van CrackDuiven" (The outward appearance of crack pigeons) and "Glashelder" (Crystal Clear) which is a compendium of articles written and published by Gert Jan for several pigeon periodicals in Europe.

He also possesses a super colony of pigeons in which the old Klak blood lines are the base. He also has acquired super pigeons directly from Gerard Koopman, Bas & Gerard Verkerk, Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp, Leo Heremans etc.

His racing performances are super. Last year at the Polish Olympiad Gert Jan had two pigeons represent Holland. He had the best one day long distance pigeon in Europe in 2009. He was Keizer General old pigeon in Afdeling (Section) Friesland 2010. He had the 1st Ace pigeon in Afdeling Friesland 2010. Champion Natour in Afdeling Friesland 2010 and he had the 3rd Best Yearling of all the Netherlands in the Best of the Best competition in 2010. The list goes on and on. This year 2011 Gert Jan is again racing at or near the top.



"Missouri's Girl" is perhaps the hen to ever fly in Holland

Perhaps Gert Jan's most well-known pigeon is "Missouri's Girl".

Her band number is NL06-1762338 and was acquired directly from Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp. She is out of a son of "Missouri" and "Attila" and a daughter out of "Don Leo" and "Miss Antonia".

Gert Jan will have approximately 20 pigeons that will be auctioned off at the 2011 CRPU Convention in Niagara Falls this coming December. He will also be one of our speakers and because of the convention and its format this year there will be lots of time to ask questions and talk to Gert Jan and the other speakers.

Performances of "Missouri's Girl"

- 2009 she was winner of the Europa-cup for one day long distance (that is the best pigeon of all Europe in that category)
- In 2007 she was the 11th Best Yearling of all Netherland in the Best of the Best.
- She has twice appeared on the Teletext.
- She has won to-date 65 prizes of which she won 20 in 2010.
- She has won 9 pure 1st prizes.
- In her club she has flown 30 times in the first 10 against an average of 400 pigeons.

Bas Verkerk

“

We never sold one of our 9 Olympiad sports class pigeons, National Ace pigeons and winners, because we want to race on a high level every year. You need the best to stay the best.”



Gerard and Bas Verkerk

The philosophy as stated above by the Verkerk's is what has allowed them to rise to the top in the Dutch pigeon sport.

Bas is half of the partnership, he flies with his father Gerard and together they race as G & S Verkerk. National Ace Pigeons, Olympic Pigeons, Teletext pigeons are not unknown to this partnership. They fly the double widowhood system and have had great success with their hens.

In 2008 they had perhaps their most phenomenal race when they placed 14 pigeons on NPO Bourges beginning on the 4th position and ending on the 19th against 8,545 pigeons, truly unbelievable! Their base was formed twenty years ago around pigeons acquired from Gebr. De Wit (Klak pigeons) Jan Ouwerkerk (linebred "46 van Verbart") and Gebr. Vroomen.



New lofts under construction

Almost all of their pigeons go back to "De Reimsdoffer" (Gebr. De Wit), "De Midfondkampioen" (Jan Ouwerkerk) and "De Gouden Kweekduif" (Gebr. Vroomen). If you go back six or seven generations in their pedigrees these three pigeons are present in almost all of them.

Last year they tired of a conflict they had with one of their neighbours concerning the pigeons and they decided to move. They have built a pigeon palace at their new location and this year 2011 have already had success racing with their yearlings (youngsters raised at the new location last year).

Bas will also bring approximately 20 pigeons to be auctioned during the convention. He will also speak to us and again will be available for a question and answer period.

Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp (Henk Jurriëns)

Hans Eijerkamp began his career in the racing pigeon sport in 1950 as a young 15 year old boy. His first small loft was put together out of used wood and wood scraps; this is where Hans kept his first 5 pigeons. It was at this time that he also began his duties at his fathers' furniture business. Pigeons and furniture run like a thread throughout Hans's entire life. During the day he learned how to make mattresses and in the evening he delivered furniture.

At that time all the money that Hans earned was invested in pigeons because he wanted at whatever the cost, to have nothing but the best available. Right from the beginning he wanted excellence and has spent a lifetime working to become the best.

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Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp (Henk Jurriëns)



Hans Eijerkamp judging a pigeon at Heremans-Ceusters

From these humble beginnings Eijerkamp has grown to become one of the largest furniture retailers in Europe. Not only the furniture business grew, the Greenfield Stud in Brummen has also grown to be one of the very best racing pigeon colonies in the entire world. They fly under the name of Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp. Evert-Jan is one of Hans sons and has taken a very active role in the management of both the race and breeding lofts at Brummen.

To run both a very large and busy company and race pigeons would take too much time and one would eventually conflict with the other. This required hiring several employees to help at the Greenfield Stud. Henk Jurriëns is the general manager at the Brummen lofts and will come to Niagara Falls this coming December to represent the Eijerkamps. Henk is fluent in English and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge with him. He is an active participant at the racing and breeding lofts and travels the world as the PR person for Eijerkamp. He has made recent trips to China, Poland and Bangladesh.



Henk Jurriëns visiting Mr. Mostaq Ahmed Bangladesh

The Eijerkamp Team is sending 20 pigeons to be auctioned during the convention.

In their breeding lofts they have an excellent line of Van Loons, Janssen, which have produced top racers and breeders such as "Ché", "Britt", "Chicago", "Atilla", "Silver Shadow", "Fabio", "Don Leo" etc. Other lines are the De Rauw Sablon, Heremans Ceusters, a long distance line based on the best of the Dutch long distance lines of "Aarden" and "Van Wanroy" etc.

These pigeons have generation after generation of National and Olympiad winners in their background.

Import Draw

Gert Jan Beute, Gerard and Bas Verkerk and Hans and Evert-Jan Eijerkamp have each donated a pigeon towards a raffle. The draw is to help raise money to cover some of the expenses for this and future conventions. For these generous donations we are grateful and thank each of them.

Tickets will be available from the CRPU office, the executive members and we will try to have them available at some of the Combine etc. functions. Please contact the office for more information. An order form will be available online for download.

Price of the tickets will be \$10.00 each or three for \$25.00. There will be three separate draws, one for each donated pigeon. You can specify towards which loft you want your ticket or tickets to go. There are a limited number of tickets when they are sold no more will be printed. First come first served.

Paratyphoid Revisited

by Dr Wim Peters
South Africa

Paratyphoid is arguably the most dangerous disease that pigeons are liable to contract. It has been around for decades – centuries probably – and yet we, the fanciers and the medical support teams backing the sport, have failed to deal adequately with this threat to our birds. Paratyphoid in pigeons is caused by the bacterium *Salmonella typhimurium* var. Copenhagen with antigenic structure 0;1;4;12; H;i;1;2. Phage typing reveals types 2 and 690 in more than 90% of cases.



Figure 1. A pigeon with paratyphoid disease that has infected the brain.
Note that this could be confused with paramyxovirus infection.

Many fallacies abound concerning its existence, mode of spread, treatment and prevention. Let us look at some of them.

There is a general belief amongst fanciers that rodents, rats particularly, are the main source of infection for pigeons. So strong is this belief that if a fancier admits to having rats on his premises, all sick birds are quickly said to be paratyphoid victims, infected by bacteria brought in by the rats.

It is rumored that the rodents drink the pigeons' water and that their supposed habit of dragging their tails through the drinking bowl, spreads the germs, causing infection. Were they actually to do so one could easily believe that they are the main culprits but, contrary to popular belief, they are NOT the cause of pigeons getting typical pigeon paratyphoid.

Do not misunderstand me, I am not saying that rats do not disseminate disease organisms. They certainly do. Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome (HPS), Murine typhus, Rat bite fever, Typhoid fever, *Salmonella enterica* var typhimurium, Leptospirosis and Eosinophilic meningitis are just some of the diseases transmitted to man. So they do transmit *Salmonellas* - and possibly that's where the belief originates - but so do other animals. Pigs, bovines, chickens - in fact all animals can serve as *Salmonella* hosts for man.

But in 99% of cases pigeon paratyphoid comes from other pigeons. And it is because the disease can exist in pigeons without causing any symptoms - in a carrier state - that it can remain in a loft undetected and is allowed the opportunity to transmit its germs to the loft mates.

It is normal practice that no-one will allow a sick pigeon into his loft. This makes enough sense, so much so that all fanciers follow the rule. But carriers? A study by Baaij in Holland, where he tested the droppings in race baskets after races, found that 28.4% of the 1018 tests made on droppings, were positive for *Salmonella typhimurium* bacteria. And tests done at the end of the racing season revealed that 73% of the race baskets were infected.

If one considers that no one in his right mind is going to send an ailing pigeon to a race, one can conclude that all these positive droppings were made by healthy-looking pigeons carrying the bacteria. Which indicates firstly, the difficulty in recognizing the pigeons that are carriers and secondly, the very high incidence of the disease amongst pigeons. As a result of which the disease can so easily be introduced of into a loft by new pigeons, bought at a sale or elsewhere. So fanciers, beware! Especially of the birds from European countries, as more of them appear to be infected compared to the local birds. In South Africa, particular care must therefore be employed when birds bought at Million Dollar Pigeon Race sales are brought into the loft. But all new introductions into a loft, particularly from foreign countries, need to be treated with circumspection. (Do not rely on the quarantine period of the pigeons at Government facilities to sort this out. A *Salmonella* carrier could quite happily sit out his 4 weeks there and continue spreading germs when he is released.)

The big danger that carrier pigeons pose is that 1. they are not recognizable and 2. they do not cause disease immediately. There are various reasons for this. The Salmonella bacteria which they excrete are not passed out all the time but intermittently only. This has the effect that detection becomes more difficult and one can only test dropping samples that were collected over a period of about 5 days to be sure that the infection is detected. It also slows the onset of spread to the loft mates. Not all birds will become ill immediately. Depending on the health and resistance of the pigeons and the hygienic conditions in the loft, the spread of the disease may go unnoticed for a long time. It is important to understand that the chance of becoming infected, depends as much on the number of bacteria taken in as anything else. If a susceptible pigeon should swallow only a few of these bacteria it is possible that it will not become infected. (Loft cleanliness will therefore help to curb spread of the disease). Taking in large numbers however, may swamp the bird's immune system, the germs will proliferate, cause disease and the pigeon could either become ill or become another carrier. In any event it will then also become a shedder of bacteria in its droppings. This process may take many months – years even - with the resulting difficulty that the disease outbreak is not readily coupled to the introduction of the new pigeon.

A fallacy which is often expressed by pigeon fanciers is that their pigeons 'have a bit of paratyphoid but that they gave the birds XYZ antibiotic and everything is fine now'. There are two problems with this statement .

There is no such thing as a 'bit of paratyphoid'. The pigeons either have it or they do not. There are no half-measures. The disease is so serious that if it is present (and confirmed), the fancier should – out of care for his fellow fanciers – cease racing. Because that bird will infect the racing basket and be a source of infection that week and all other weeks unless the basket is disinfected thoroughly. (And we know that fanciers are very lax when it comes to disinfecting the baskets!). The previous statement –i.e. the claim that they had paratyphoid but cleared it up, is usually made if the fancier's birds had loose green droppings and he initiated a broad spectrum antibiotic to which the causative bacteria (it probably would have been *E. coli*) was susceptible.

The second problem is that the fancier used an antibiotic – probably for about 4 or 5 days – and claimed to have cured the problem. If his problem had been Salmonella, it would have, after just one treatment, been far from over. One just cannot cure paratyphoid in such a short time. At best the symptoms would have been reduced and a carrier state could have been created. Which is just as bad, maybe even worse. We'll come back to this later but let me state here; there is no antibiotic that is 100% effective in clearing up a paratyphoid outbreak.

I am extremely hesitant to pen down the symptoms of a paratyphoid infection. Most fanciers are aware of some of them. Many claim to be able to make the diagnosis from the appearance of the droppings from sick birds. Closer to the truth is maybe that any set of symptoms that are unconfirmed, could have been caused by paratyphoid. The symptoms depend entirely upon which organs are affected and any organ or life system in the body can become diseased. If you can think it, it could be paratyphoid. Such is the nature of the disease; it is serious, widespread and occurs in many guises. The disease might be hyperacute, where the birds are sick one day and dead the next, acute, where they linger on for three days before dying, or chronic, where a gradual wasting away occurs. When a carrier condition is present there could even be no symptoms at all.

A further complication of the disease is that it can affect the fertility of either cock or hen. The cock will usually become infertile if both testes are affected but some birds could become subfertile. When the hen is infected one commonly finds a gradual wasting away and any eggs that are laid can transmit the infection. This state usually proceeds to sterility. Any eggs that are laid can give rise to infected young which in turn could be carriers. Alternatively the babies may die when a few days old, they may die in-shell, or the eggs fail to hatch with the embryo dying after 10 days or so of hatching. The well-known 'black eggs' are then formed.

It is well to remember that the circovirus lowers the body's resistance to disease in general, paratyphoid included. So should circovirus be present, one could expect to encounter paratyphoid cases. In such case the presence of Salmonellas will greatly increase the pathogenicity of circovirus. In these events it is a wise procedure to culture the samples from a circovirus outbreak in order to ascertain the presence or absence of paratyphoid, in order that the necessary remedial steps can be taken.

The most common presentations of the disease are severe diarrhoea, torticollis, infectious arthritis, subcutaneous abscesses, chronic wasting away with or without infertility, acute or chronic death or the carrier state, where no symptoms would be observable. More than one of these complexes can occur together in one pigeon. But please do not think that because a bird does not show one of these symptoms that it cannot be paratyphoid. Anything (symptomwise) is possible.

Diarrhoea is seen in pigeons of all ages. It is typically a loose, green, voluminous and fetid dropping. It is important to distinguish it from the typical paramyxo dropping which appears as a watery splash with a 'worm' of feces in the middle. The droppings from paramyxo do not have any white urates from the kidney as the disease is practically a kidney disease. In the paratyphoid dropping the urates are usually visible, often stained greenish – yellow.

Torticollis occurs when a Salmonella abscess forms in the brain. The balance of the bird is affected and a typical 'stargazer' results. Stargazers are very difficult to distinguish from paramyxo patients as this disease can cause a similar picture.

Infectious arthritis is seen either as a wing swelling in the shoulder joint of an affected pigeon with wing drooping or as

lameness due to an infected joint somewhere in the foot or leg. The 'ankle' joint is a favourite location.

Acutely infected pigeons with drooping wings will sit and tremble from the pain in their shoulder joint.

Subcutaneous abscesses can occur over the whole body but are most often found just below the eye as a pea-sized swelling containing hard, yellow and dry pus. Very often that will be the only sign in that pigeon that something is amiss.

Acute deaths can occur at any age. Babies in the nest a few days old may succumb but even adult birds, apparently healthy, may die acutely. Acute deaths can occur from various causes but it is important that the cause of death be established. Chronic death usually follows a protracted period of poor eating and listlessness.

Infertility in both hens and cocks can often be caused by paratyphoid and is usually – not always – accompanied by wasting away.

The carrier state may be present in totally unexpected birds. Do not assume that because a pigeon originates from such and such champion flyer that paratyphoid cannot be present. It can. The disease has the habit of striking in the most unexpected places!

Diagnosis.

In a carrier the diagnosis can be made from a culture done on the accumulated droppings collected over 5 or 6 days. While the droppings are being collected it is advisable to keep the sample refrigerated.

Dead and clinically sick pigeons that can be sacrificed, are best examined at postmortem, followed by a bacterial culture done on all the organs of the carcass. A culture from the joint fluid in birds with a 'wing boil' will usually confirm a diagnosis of paratyphoid.

Dead babies in the nest and 'black eggs' are also best autopsied and the organs cultured.

In poultry, a serum test that relies on antibody/antigen reaction, is commonly used to test for salmonellosis. The same test would work for pigeons but all birds that have previously been vaccinated would react as if they were positive. The test would therefore only be useful to detect unvaccinated carriers.

Treatment and Prevention

The treatment of paratyphoid is fraught with problems. As said before there is no antibiotic that is 100% effective. At the moment Baytril (active ingredient enrofloxacin) is the best drug available and is said to destroy the carrier status. Many other antibiotics have been and are used but the possibility of creating

carriers must always be borne in mind. The use of a vaccine following antibiotic therapy is highly recommended.

Lowering the pH of the drinking water with apple cider vinegar is a very good method of controlling the disease. The use of probiotics to support this regime is also highly recommended. Lowering the pH of the intestinal content inhibits the growth and colonization of the bowel by Salmonella, *E coli* and other pathogenic organisms. It is a practice which should be followed routinely in all lofts. When faced with an outbreak of paratyphoid I would recommend that this approach is used on a continuing basis. It can be given in addition to other medications or by-products.

The protocol for treating paratyphoid in a loft should follow these lines;

Immediately instigate treatment with Baytril for 10 days. The 10 day treatment is necessary to eliminate possible carriers. The usual dosage rate is 1mL/litre but up to 3 mLs/litre may be necessary, particularly in cold weather. (In North America, the 10% solution of Baytril is used at the rate of 1 to 1 and 1/2 teaspoons - 5 to 7 cc - for 10 days. GAC)

Following the Baytril treatment ALL birds should be vaccinated with an effective paratyphoid vaccine, strictly following the manufacturer's recommendations.

Begin bowel acidification (lowering the pH) with Apple Cider Vinegar (ACV), lemon juice or a similar substance and give a good probiotic product over the feed. Ordinary grape vinegar will perform bowel acidification quite adequately.

Besides the ravaging effect that paratyphoid has on breeders and young birds, the disease has an erosion effect on racers with the result that they perform below their genetic potential. Many such birds would therefore be culled not because they're not good enough but because their health, though appearing to be up to standard, is actually below par.

A final warning to all fanciers; Do not ever underestimate the potential effect of paratyphoid on your pigeons. It truly is a pigeon's worst enemy!!

(Note: Once a treatment with any antibiotic is completed, it is highly important to place the birds on an avian-source probiotic (like PrimaLac, Benebac, etc. for several days each week) to restore populations of protective normal bacteria. Reason: When antibiotics are used, the intestines become highly susceptible to infection with pathogenic bacteria because of the loss of these protective bacteria and it is necessary to restore these bacteria to the intestines.

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday April 2, 2011
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: M. van der Jagt, R. Hastie, J. Stevenson, K. King, N. Oud, O. DeVries S. Beadow, D. Ferracuti

Absent: D. Archiblad

The meeting was called to order at 10:15am.

M. van der Jagt welcomed everyone to the Tillsonburg Head Office and thanked everyone especially those members who had to travel.

Minutes from February 16, 2011 were reviewed and accepted by N. Oud, seconded by J. Stevenson.

CARRIED

RULES

Constitution

M. van der Jagt reported that Steve Walsh would be presenting the Draft Constitution to the members at the Special General Meeting in Hamilton scheduled for April 3, 2011. Steve Walsh was responsible for the re-writing of the document, therefore he would be able to best explain in detail and answer questions from members.

An error was noted in "10.06 – Borrowing" – correct "ccharge to charge".

K. King wanted clarification on the following:

"Past President" role – Will be available to advise the new BOD for the one year period following his/her term ending.

Does the CRPU have Constituency Directors – no

What is a "referendum vote?" – A vote where the entire membership is asked to pass or reject a motion, in order to pass, a two thirds majority is required.

Family Membership – one vote per family.

Honourary Member – no voting privileges.

M. van der Jagt reported the CRPU has been following the existing By-Laws since 2008; however no official amendments have been made to the Constitution.

Motion to adopt By-Law #1 circulated March 3, 2011:

R. Hastie motioned to accept, N. Oud seconded

CARRIED (unanimously)

FINANCE

N. Oud presented the Financial Report and it was reviewed by the BOD (refer to attachment).

Highlights include:

Inventory is high.

Sales are good, February flyer generated more sales than anticipated.

The head office anticipates a savings of at least 30% a year in printing costs due the leasing of the new printer.

J. Stevenson suggested that a graph chart be included in the next financial report.

N. Oud motioned to accept Financial Report, J. Stevenson seconded.

CARRIED

Nick Oud moves that the General Account of the CRPU beginning February 1, 2011 with cheque number 4407 and ending March 31, 2011 with cheque number 4428 and totaling the amount of \$54,726.56 be paid.

CARRIED

BYLAWS

R. Hastie reported on the current City of Pickering By-law issues; he reports that at present the old Pickering by-law says a person may keep 70 pigeons and that is the only stipulation stated.

R. Hastie reports that the town is now proposing a by-law that will state that for every 10 pigeons, a space of 39" x 39" x 39" is required with a maximum of 30 pigeons.

R. Hastie has suggested to the city that to keep 5 pair of old birds and 20 youngsters they would need a loft 10 feet long by 5 feet wide and a height of 6 feet.

As of this date no response has been made from the City.

Discussion on how the CRPU needs to educate and assist by-law developers about pigeon lofts and what appropriate specifications are required to adequately house pigeons. It was suggested that a section of our website be dedicated to by-laws and pigeon loft recommendations and specifications. This section would include pictures of lofts so the public, by-law officers, potential pigeon owners and animal control officers can view and use them as examples.

The City of Kitchener currently does not provide any by-laws regarding pigeons. Suggestion was made that V. McDonald approach the City to provide such by-laws.

Saskatoon: on-going issue since last May to amend by-law. Grandfather clause in place but the City can fine owners. Animal Control was able to defeat the license fee, but 3 weeks later the same issue was put back on the City Councilor's Agenda. The amendment is being reviewed by solicitors, and as of this date no ruling has been made.

M. Mario wrote to the City Council, had to have written confirmation in place for new homeowner. W. Cassidy, not an active member has been recognized as an un-responsible pigeon keeper, which impacts the image of the CRPU and other organizations. Saskatoon Club is always suggesting and reminding members to be responsible for their birds. Members are under the protection of the club by-laws, but members will be reprimanded if problems still exists – member will be voted out of the club.

Calgary – The CPFA has revoked the membership privileges of the individual that the city received complaints about. The CRPU made a visit to the loft and found it to be "undesirable". An official letter from the CPFA has been sent to the City, once the City receives the letter it is anticipated that the City will take responsibility for future complaints.

AWARDS

O. DeVries reported young birds are now completed. D. Tichbourne had to re-write the database for awards. The committee is in the process of downloading registrations from 2006 to the website using an excel spreadsheet. Any registrations prior to 2006 will still have to be checked manually through the head office.

Question: What happens if a bird is not registered but participates in a race?

Answer: The download (software) will not work, the bird will not have any results regardless of what position the bird comes in. This is very important for awards, a possible solution is that members/owners present a list of registered birds to verify ownership of bands. Once the database is completed and functional, members should be able to log on and download a complete listing of all birds registered to their own names. All 2011 band registrations are anticipated to be uploaded onto the website no later than August 2011. This process has been long and frustrating due to the many barriers carried over from the old website.

PROMOTIONS

Ken King brought forward a request from Gerry Wernachuk - Gerry has created a video (approx 25 minutes) that is currently on the CRPU website and Youtube. This is a very good tool that would be useful to promote the sport within schools. Gerry has asked for support in promoting the video either by purchasing a number of these videos to resell or distribute; or by promoting the video in printed materials as well as the website. It was suggested that the CRPU support this initiative, but the CRPU felt that it would not be a good use of funds at this time to purchase the DVD's because it is already widely available for free. It was suggested that the CRPU could publish an ad to promote the video in the next few newsletters at no charge. This idea was supported by all directors.

M. van der Jagt reported that he has been talking to the BOD of the CPFA, the CPFA is interested in discussing the potential cost savings of having the CRPU print and mail their newsletter. This would benefit both the CRPU and the CPFA by allowing the CPFA to take advantage of the CRPU's bulk mailing discounts. Currently the CRPU has an agreement with Canada Post for bulk mailing services which allows the CRPU significant savings when mailing out 1000 items or more at the same time. This does however mean that members that have agreed in the past to receive their correspondence by email will once again receive a hard copy via mail in order for the CRPU to meet the 1000 piece minimum. Both the CRPU and CPFA mail newsletters quarterly and within a week of each other. If we consolidate this mailing (CPFA and CRPU) we will exceed the 1000 minimum and can eliminate the need to produce and mail copies to members that prefer electronic copies. This will save postage and supplies for the CRPU and will greatly reduce the costs for the CPFA. S. Beadow will prepare a

quote and send it to the CPFA for discussion.

Youth Initiatives

There has been little activity in this area, a meeting was scheduled with volunteer Naomi Armstrong who previously worked with the committee, but she was unable to attend the meeting and it was cancelled.

RACE PROGRAM

The web committee and particularly Davis Tichbourn has been working diligently on this initiative with the help of O. Devries and N. Oud. The committee is pleased with the progress and is continuing to massage out minor glitches and errors.

WEBSITE/DATABASE

M. van der Jagt suggested we provide a computer for A. Skrobot (currently Web Content Coordinator).

J. Stevenson motioned to provide \$600.00 towards the purchase of a new computer, upon receipt of the purchase information, N. Oud seconded.

CARRIED

Band Pre-fixes

To program the pre-fixes correctly all slashes, dots, symbols must be removed. D. Baker to correct on the database and to check for errors and omissions.

Discussion Site

It is mandatory to provide first and last name when setting up a profile/username for the website. The administrator has to review each new user. The CRPU has the right to verify user – if administrator is not satisfied can delete profile/password.

HEALTH

Salmonella is more prominent this year and it is important to treat birds promptly and properly. The BOD expressed concerns that there are not enough veterinarians to properly diagnose pigeons.

OLD BUSINESS

Canada Post – no updates. Bob Pommers is waiting for a decision.

Suspensions:

S. Reid will be officially notified combine club will be re-instated. AU and IF have also re-instated S. Reid.

N. Oud motion to officially re-instate S. Reid, R. Hastie seconded

CARRIED

Unikon Servicing

M. van der Jagt suggested that a more efficient process be put in place for a one week turnaround for service and repairs. N. Oud will discuss possible arrangements for pickup and delivery of clocks with the possibility of a locked drop off and pick-up box on the property where repairs are done.

Yearbook

Discussion: Currently a paid membership entitles a member to the previous years yearbook and the current newsletters', calendar etc. Several members have raised concerns over the yearbook, members feel that they should receive the yearbook for the year in which the membership was paid ex. A 2011 membership payment would entitle that member to a 2011 Yearbook when it is available. The BOD held a brief discussion on this and all agreed that this makes the most sense. From this point forward, members will receive a Yearbook for the year in which the membership was paid and not the previous year. New members joining from this point forward in the 2011 year will continue to receive a 2010 Yearbook until supplies run out, they will also receive a 2011 yearbook for the membership fee paid in 2011.

Races that were missed from the yearbook will be printed and sent out with the April 2011 issue as an insert and will be posted in the next yearbook. Suggest members notify the head office of any other races that were not published prior to the next yearbook, and note these races will be published before the current race results.

Nomination Committee

The BOD held a discussion regarding a nominations committee for the upcoming elections in December. An elections committee is required to assist in encouraging members to run for board positions and making sure that members understand the requirements and demands made upon the directors. Deadline for nominations is July 2011, ballots will be sent out in September 2011. The counting of ballots will take place at the December Convention after the year end report. All 7 BOD positions are up for renewal this year, a total of 7 members need to be elected for the CRPU to remain an incorporated status. Suggestion (K. King): The committee should be represented by the last 3 presidents that are in good standing. Past president should find another candidate if running for another position or not available.

Volunteer Week

The BOD would like to acknowledge all the outstanding volunteers and work done on behalf of the CRPU, the BOD recognizes the endless efforts of those members that spend hours submitting race results, arranging transport, assisting with promotions and education, website and convention organizing. The BOD is aware that the CRPU could not function without all the assistance of these special individuals. It was decided that the CRPU would place an ad in the newsletter thanking all the volunteers for all their efforts. In the future an award will be given to Volunteers showing outstanding dedication and commitment.

2011 Convention

Head office staff to invest more time and energy into promoting convention tickets. Tickets are currently being printed. Contact Sheraton Hotel for the promotional code for members who are trying to book reservations. Need to elect a Convention Committee. A Show Chairman needs to be determined to organize showing of birds. A few concerns regarding security of the birds at the hotel have arose, the committee will need to look into these further.

Staffing

August 15, 2011 official date when contract ends for Government Sponsored Employees. Web Designer position is essential to continue with the on-line store, electronic forms, newsletter and printed material. Recommendation/report should be submitted by June 5, 2011.

J. Stevenson moved that the meeting be adjourned at 6:44 p.m. O. DeVries seconded.

CARRIED

M. van der Jagt, President

J. Stevenson, Secretary

CANADIAN RACING PIGEON UNION INCORPORATED
DIRECTORS MEETING
Sunday, June 5th, 2011
C.R.P.U. HEAD OFFICE, TILLSONBURG ONTARIO

Present: S. Beadow, N. Oud

Conference: M. van der Jagt, R. Hastie, K. King, D. Archibald,

Absent: J. Stevenson, O. DeVries

Guest : Neil Caine – B.C. Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

The minutes from April 02, 2011 were reviewed and amended

MOTION: To accepted minutes as amended by R. Hastie, seconded by N. Oud.

CARRIED

FINANCE

N. Oud circulated a financial statement prior to the meeting, M. van der Jagt asked for clarification on deferred band sales, currently the deferred sales from the 2011 bands do not show in the statement. N. Oud responded by advising the rest of the BOD that the deferred band sales will begin to show in the next statement as the 2012 deferred sales are processed. The money from the sales of the 2011 bands was not received within the current fiscal year and therefore will not show in the current financial statement. However any deferred sales will be recorded for 2012 because these sales will impact the current fiscal year.

MOTION: That the General Account of the CRPU beginning Feb 1, 2011 with Cheque No. 4407 and ending March 31, 2011 with cheque No. 4428 totaling the amount of \$54,726.56 be paid, made by N. Oud, seconded by R. Hastie.

CARRIED

Action: M. van der Jagt asked S. Beadow to prepare a JAN 2011 to JUN 2011 report showing cost, mark-up and number sold of each product offered in the CRPU store.

Action: M. van der Jagt asked S. Beadow to prepare a schedule of fees for all services provided by the head office e.g. band transfers, memberships and advertising, to be included in the product catalog and posted on the website.

BYLAWS

R. Hastie reported that there are currently no new updates.

Ken King reported that the Saskatoon by-law is back in the hands of the city solicitors.

M. van der Jagt – reported that recently Winnipeg passed a very favorable bylaw for pigeon keepers. N.Oud suggested that the office should obtain and keep a copy of this bylaw for future reference, everyone agreed that this would be a good idea.

ACTION: R.Hastie to see if he can obtain a copy of this bylaw and will forward to head office.

AWARDS

N. Oud reports that he has successfully logged into the back end of the Awards Database and is able to view results. He reports that all the groundwork is in place and they just need to work the aesthetics of the page. M. van der Jagt points out that once this is functioning, it will be exciting for the race secretaries to upload and see the results and will hopefully encourage more users.

N. Oud reports that both Old and Young bird Awards will be ready for printing in the next newsletter.

Action: N. Oud to provide D. Baker with the complete 2010 young and old bird award winners for publication in the JUL newsletter.

Yearbook Front Cover – A discussion took place about the layout and design for the 2011 Yearbook. Everyone agreed that a collage of photos of the various CU award winners would enhance the book and give it a fresh new look. This would also allow opportunity for more members to appear on the cover.

Executive of the Year and Volunteer of the Year

A discussion was held regarding these new awards.

Action: S. Beadow will research similar awards and prepare guidelines for Board consideration prior to the JUL newsletter.

RULES

J. Stevenson was not available to provide an update.

M. van der Jagt brought fourth an issue that has arisen within the CORPF, a suspended member`s birds have been permitted to fly within the combine under the members spouse`s name, the spouse is not a CU member and the rules state that no birds of a suspended member may be permitted to fly within an affiliated club or combine.

A discussion took place about what the appropriate action would be to enforce this issue.

MOTION: R. Hastie made a motion that a letter be sent to the combine secretary and president revoking the combines affiliated status and as such race results and award submissions will not be accepted from that combine and will not be printed in the 2011 Yearbook. The combine will be advised that in order to reinstate privileges of an affiliated combine, they will need to provide written assurances that they will not transport or allow participation the birds of a suspended CU member. Seconded by N. Oud.

CARRIED

ACTION: S. Beadow to prepare a draft letter and circulate to the BOD for approval prior to sending out to combine representatives

Breaking Point – A discussion was held on the use of breaking points. There are a few clubs that do use breaking points and they would like the ability to display these results in the annual yearbook. The WinBird program supports the use of breaking points, however the CU database does not currently have allowances for this. Extensive work would be involved in creating allowances for this within the database. It was decided that since it is a very small number of clubs that use breaking points, they can still submit these results to head office manually and office staff will format for printing in the Yearbook.

Constitution - M. van der Jagt inquired about the status of the constitution. There has been no work from the lawyer since the documents were submitted in early April.

ACTION: S. Beadow to follow up with the lawyers and inquire about the progress.

Election - A discussion took place regarding the development of a nominations committee for the December elections, everyone agreed that the best practice would be to use the three most recent, available past presidents, however when they explored this option, it was apparent that due to current health and other situations, finding three past presidents is not feasible at this time. It was decided that the most recent available presidents will be contacted first to see if interested. The BOD also put together a list of alternative members who may be a good choice. It was also noted that election rules and packages should be available for the July 2011 newsletter.

ACTION: Members of the BOD will contact their assigned members for recruitment to the elections committee and will report back to the BOD as soon as they have done so. S. Beadow to research and prepare an elections package and rules.

PROMOTIONS

D. Archibald reported that there has been no response from the head office of the Royal Canadian Legion. He suggests that clubs could contact their local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion and perhaps offer to provide birds for a release at the Remembrance Day ceremonies as a way of building a relationship with the legions.

RACE PROGRAM

R. Hastie reports that WinBird has been tested and is working well with Windows 7 at this time.

DATABASE & WEBSITE

A discussion was held on the search function on the website. It is currently using old excel lists to retrieve data for the search results. S. Beadow pointed out that this is not a viable way of providing the data to the public as much of the data is outdated. S. Beadow suggested that D. Baker could investigate the possibility of re-tying the database information which is up to date with the search function. The BOD

agreed that this would be a better option. It was also discussed that D. Tichbourne, S. Beadow and D. Baker should hold a teleconference to make sure everyone is operating under common goals and to see if there is anything that staff can do to support the work of D. Tichbourne.

ACTION: S. Beadow to contact D. Tichbourne and set up a time for a meeting; S. Beadow will also advise D. Baker of the need to reconnect the database to the search function.

Convention- N. Oud reports that we are waiting for the City of Niagara Falls to provide the CRPU with license number for the tickets. N.Oud also report that bio`s for each of the speakers will be available for printing in the next newsletter.

Liaison Reports:

Gilles Paquette – Quebec Liaison was unavailable to join the meeting. He provided a brief written report advising that his services have been used for a number of lost bird reports and that generally the French speaking members of the CU are quite pleased that they now have a bilingual resource to connect them with the CU.

Neil Caine – BC Liaison

Highlights from the B.C. report

- 150 Young birds were donated to new and junior flyers this year with over 40 of them being provided by Paul Phelan.
- Young bird sickness is prominent this year, but is being treated successfully within the typical 10 day cycle .
- The combine has started experimenting with moving the best birds around to see how well their birds fly and place in other geographical areas within the combine.
- Due to poor weather, the Fraiser Valley is behind in their race schedule.

A special thanks to N. Caine from M. van der Jagt on behalf of the entire board for all his hard work, dedication and for joining the meeting and providing an excellent report.

HEALTH

N. Oud – reports that nothing has been brought to his attention and has nothing to report.

CORRESPONDANCE

M. van der Jagt received a suggestion from J. Formosa that a tribute to the late K. von Gardonay be placed in the yearbook, J. Formosa was invited to compose or commission and submit a tribute

Canada Post - Bob Pommer sent notice that Canada Post is getting very close to developing a policy on shipping bird through the postal system.

NEW BUSINESS

Unikon Battery repairs - M. van der Jagt brought forth a concern about the cost of replacing the batteries in the Unikon clocking systems, . There is also concern that a few members may be replacing the batteries on their own, this requires the unit to be opened, if they do not have technology to complete these repairs, race results will be considered invalid and reports from that clock will show errors. UNIKON dataloggers and memory modules also require a factory seal as part of the security system of the timing unit. Batteries cannot be changes without breaking these seals. Unsealed clocks are not secure and can be tampered with.

ACTION: This item will be further explored at the AUG meeting.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was made by R. Hastie and Seconded by D. Archibald. Meeting Adjourned at 4:32 pm.

NEXT MEETING – Aug 07, 2011 2pm.

2010 National Award Winners

Ace Old Birds

Old Birds Short	Flyer	Coefficient
1. 09CUDURA 80	Bob Duhra	1.765
2. 09 CU TD 1229	J. Eerenberg	1.790
3. 07 CU BREA 42	Breakaway Loft	1.888
4. 09 CU TD 2216	Skyway Loft	1.946
5. 09 CU TD 1906	N & E Oud	2.150
6. 08 CU FLAM 774	J & T Smolenaars	2.427
7. 09 CU FLAN 802	Flandria Loft	2.546
8. 08 CU CAL 2274	Bob Duhra	2.572
9. 09 CU TD 1226	J. Eerenberg	2.600
10. 09CU 7847	Z. Talach	2.887

Old Bird Middle Distance	Flyer	Coefficient
1. 07 CU WRPC 527	Nicky D'S	2.155
2. 04 CU 38384	Flandria Loft	3.767
3. 06 CU FLAN 383	Flandria Loft	3.856
4. 07 CU SR 958	S. Corriveau	6.214
5. 08 CU NRTD 488	S. Corriveau	7.461
6. 06 CU 31655	S. Corriveau	7.942
7. 09 CU EOC 4110	J. Martire	13.446

Old Bird Long	Flyer	Coefficient
1. 08 CU 5065	John Stevenson	2.27
2. 07 CU BREA	Breakaway Loft	3.564
3. 08 CU CAL 2112	Bob Duhra	4.446
4. 08 CU CAL 227	Bob Duhra	6.084
5. 09 CU 5069	J. Bertinato	6.129
6. 08 CU UNC 1280	P.Kuo	6.529
7. 08 CU BREA 190	Breakaway Loft	7.940
8. 08 CU LD 8580	Ted Oddy	8.829
9. 08 CU 18974	G. Plews	9.060
10. 08 CU APOL 9680	H. Huber	9.755

Old Bird Overall	Flyer	Coefficient
1. 08 CU FLAM 736	J&T Smolenaars	1.215
2. 08 CU FLAM 774	J & T Smolenaars	1.387
3. 08 CU 5065	John Stevenson	2.134
4. 07 CU BREA 31	Breakaway Loft	2.315
5. 08 CU OKN 8400	C Lompart	2.445
6. 08 CU FLAM 719	J&T Smolenaars	2.586
7. 08 CU LD 8134	Ted Oddy	2.868
8. 07 CU 5577	Joe Erwin	3.063
9. 08 CU VACO 722	Vaccaro Heavenly Loft	3.18610. 08
10. CU OKN 8154	M Luttmerdin	3.293

2010 National Award Winners

Ace Young Birds

Young Bird Short	Flyer	Coefficient
1. 10 CU 2113	J Bertinato	1.162
2. 10 CU FLAN 1060	Flandria Loft	1.758
3. 10 CU OL 11502	O&L Devries	2.080
4. 10 CU FLAN 1072	Flandria Loft	2.087
5. 10 CU HC 527	Joe Erwin	2.096
6. 10 CU GUE 1337	A&G Howard	2.118
7. 10 CU CORP 58	S Rebejko	2.225
8. 10 CU DURA 566	Bob Duhra	2.655
9. 10 CU HC 508	Joe Erwin	2.655
10. 10 CU GUE 893	Lee Seifried	2.676

Young Bird Long	Flyer	Coefficient
1. 10 CU GOLD 1810	Kenway Lofts	3.250
2. 10 CU GOLD 1815	Kenway Lofts	3.330
3. 10 CU GUE 0250	Andy Lehman	3.852
4. 10 CU GOLD 1195	HHL & Next Day Loft	4.136
5. 10 CU GOLD 1958	J&K Lehman	4.720
6. 10 CU OX 0436	Lee Seifried	5.268
7. 10 CU GOLD 2050	Lee Seifried	6.640
8. 10 CU VAC 1130	Vaccaro Heavenly Loft	7.227
9. 10 CU GOLD 1816	Kenway Loft	7.234
10. 10 CU GOLD 1506	Freeway Loft	7.506

Young Bird Overall	Flyer	Coefficient
1. 10 CU 2113	J Bertinato	0.548
2. 10 CU FLAN 1060	Flandria Loft	2.955
3. 10 CU GUE 1337	A&G Howard	3.263
4. 10 CU AUTO 3594	J Bertinato	3.761
5. 10 CU OX 146	Greg Launtenslager	3.772
6. 10 CU 18126	L Koper	4.163
7. 10 CU GUE 866	Lee Seifried	4.193
8. 10 CU GOLD 1969	J&K Lehman	4.345
9. 10 CU OX 436	Lee Seifried	4.626
10. 10 CU 2138	J Bertinato	4.795

2010 National Award Winners

Old Bird Lofts

Old Bird Short Loft

Flyer/Loft	Coefficient
1. Breakaway Loft	0.395
2. Z. Talach	0.610
3. Andy Rapai	0.640
4. Flandria Loft	0.714
5. N&E Oud	0.756
6. K VonGardony	0.854
7. Walter Sitarz	0.873
8. Andy Lehman	0.905
9. Butcher Lofts	0.924
10. Bob Duhra	0.950

Old Bird Middle Distance Loft

Flyer/Loft	Coefficient
1. Breakaway Loft	1.354
2. Flandria Loft	1.520
3. S Corriveau	2.252
4. B Siemens	2.426
5. J. Martire	2.636
6. Andy Rapai	4.252
7. A Bakx	4.746
8. Gauvin Lofts	4.960
9. Yassein Family	4.963
10. Bob Duhra	5.369

Old Bird Long Loft

Flyer/Loft	Coefficient
1. J&T Smolenaars	0.945
2. T Brouwer	1.506
3. H Huber	2.474
4. Top Gun Lofts	2.521
5. Bob Duhra	2.577
6. Ted Oddy	2.659
7. Breakaway Loft	2.664
8. J Bertinato	3.195
9. M Matwij	3.214
10. P Kuo	3.214

2010 National Award Winners

Old Bird Overall Loft

Flyer/Loft	Coefficient
1. J&T Smolenaars	0.590
2. R Rotiroti	0.650
3. Breakaway Loft	0.870
4. Z Talach	0.954
5. J Bertinato	0.983
6. M Luttmerdin	1.241
7. Flandria Loft	1.280
8. D Ottaway	1.309
9. Ferreira & Evans	1.348
10. R. Ferreira	1.398

2010 National Awards

Young Bird Lofts

Young Bird Short Lofts

Flyer/Loft	Coefficient
1. Bob Duhra	0.451
2. Jim Seifried	0.546
3. J Bertinato	0.549
4. Z Talach	0.586
5. A&G Howard	0.725
6. J&K Lehman	0.745
7. Joe Erwin	0.771
8. Flandria Loft	0.797
9. John Farkas	0.840
10. Lee Seifried	0.904

Young Bird Long Lofts

Flyer/Loft	Coefficient
1. Kenway Lofts	0.717
2. Andy Lehman	1.870
3. Joe Martire	2.235
4. J&K Lehman	2.254
5. O&L Devries	2.770
6. Lee Seifried	3.342
7. HHL & Next Day Loft	3.492
8. S Rebejko	4.104
9. Vaccaro Heavenly Loft	4.509
10. Freeway Loft	4.592

2010 National Award Winners

Young Bird Overall Loft

Flyer/Loft	Coefficient
1. J. Bertinato	0.595
2. J&K Lehman	0.687
3. Bob Duhra	0.787
4. Flandria Loft	0.943
5. Jim Seifried	1.167
6. Lee Seifried	1.208
7. Z Talach	1.302
8. L Koper	1.352
9. S Rebejko	1.411
10. Vaccaro Heavenly Loft	1.452

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4. Project leadership;
5. Relationship building with internal membership, internal organizations, members of the public, public organizations, suppliers, government agencies, vet services etc.

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Candidates must:

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I, nominate _____, as:

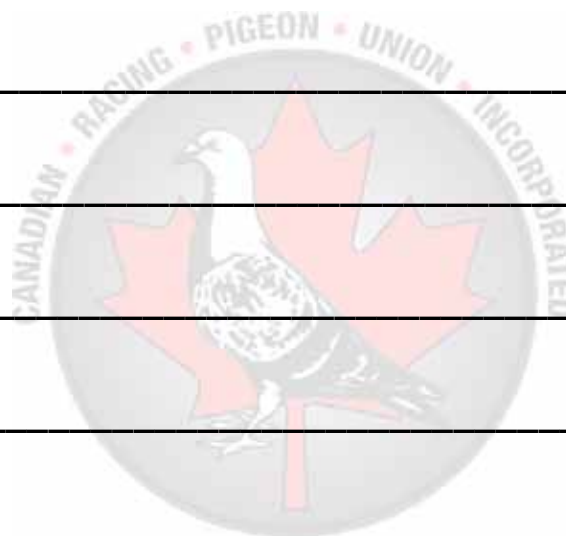
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