

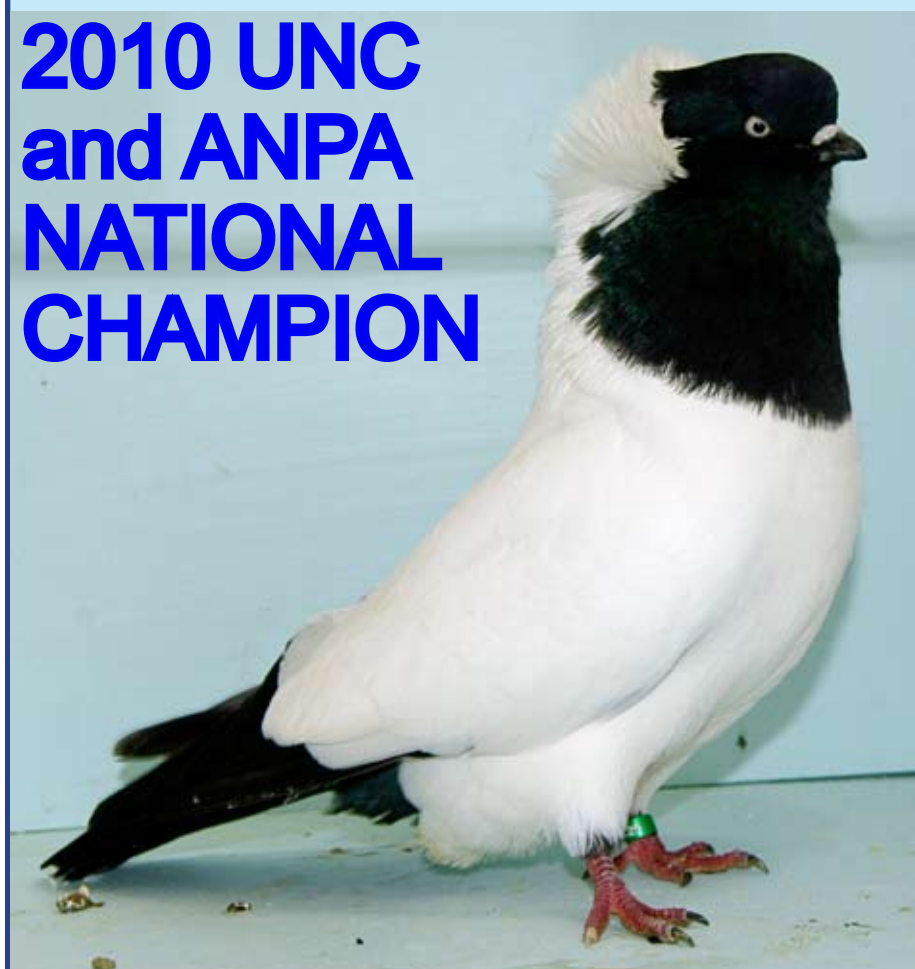


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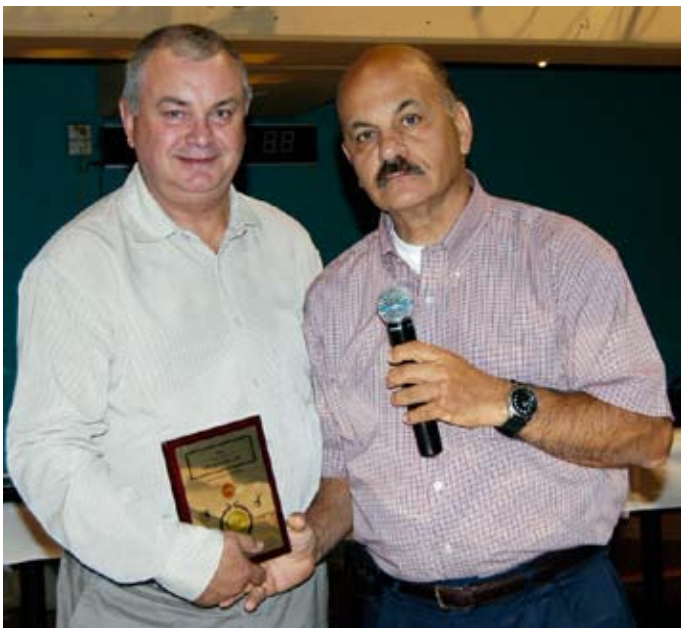


Bulletin

2010 UNC and ANPA NATIONAL CHAMPION



Anthony Wray of Western Australia stretched his winning run at the UNC Annual Show to three years when visiting judge Tony DeSantolo put his old Kite cock up as Champion in Melbourne in July. As this photograph by Mario Fenech shows, it is a great all-round pigeon and was the “expert tip” for the big title even before Tony had his first look at the entry.



Left: Andalusian young cock (Brad Turner) and above Black young cock (Brad Turner). Top Brad receives his Best Opposite Sex trophy from Tony DeSantolo.



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Top left: Brown young cock (Anthony Wray), above Ash Red old cock (Michael Spadoni), below Best Young Bird (Michael Spadoni).



2010 UNC Annual Show results

Held at the ANPA National, Melbourne, July 16-18.

Judge: Tony DeSantolo (USA).

Champion: Kite Old Cock (Anthony Wray).

Best Opposite Sex: Andalusian Old Hen (Brad Turner).

Best Young Bird: Brown Cock (Michael Spadoni).

Black Old Cock: 1. M.Spadoni, 2. A. Wray, 3. B.Turner, 4. B.Turner, 5. D. Lewis, 6. A. Wray, 7. A.Wray.

Black Old Hen: 1. B. Turner (Best Black), 2. A. Wray, 3. A.Wray.

Black Young Cock: 1. B.Turner, 2. D. Lewis, 3. A. Wray, 4. A. Wray.

Black Young Hen: 1. A. Wray, 2. D. Lewis, 3. B. Turner, 4. B. Turner, 5. D. Lewis, 6. D. Lewis, 7. M. Spadoni, 8. A. Wray, 9. A.Wray.

Brown Old Hen: 1. A. Wray.

Brown Young Cock: 1. M.Spadoni (Best Brown/Best Young), 2. M. Spadoni, 3. B.Turner.

Ash Red/Yellow Old Cock: 1. M. Spadoni, 2. M.Spadoni.

AOC Old Cock: 1. A. Wray (Champion).

AOC Young Cock: 1. B.Turner.

Andalusian Old Hen: B. Turner (Best Opposite Sex).

Andalusian Young Cock: 1. B.Turner.

Andalusian Young Hen: 1. B. Turner.



Tony DeSantolo presents Anthony Wray with a special award of a United Nun Club clock for winning the 2010 annual shiow.

Black young hen (Anthony Wray)



Brown old hen (Anthony Wray)



By now we are all probably trying to get our birds breeding some good ones for the 2011 shows, I know I am wishing my Nuns would get a move on!

It always seems to be the case that whatever secondary breeds I have (at the moment Crested Helmets and Turbits) always get off to a much better and more fertile start than my Nuns.

Looking back since our last Bulletin, the big news was obviously the 12th UNC Annual Show which was held in Melbourne in July as part of the ANPA National.

Once again, our special guest and judge was Tony DeSantolo, who as always seems to make the long trip from New York State without significant jet lag.

From memory there were 36 Nuns entered (details on page 3), and by far the strongest competition was in the Black classes, although none of the most successful Blacks went on to take the major awards.

Yet again the Champion's trophy went West with Anthony Wray and I apologise to Anthony if I am wrong because I don't have my records at hand as I write this, but I think he has now won the last three years and four out of the past five.

During this time he has also taken all three majors a few times and I think we all acknowledge that he is the dominant breeder of Nuns in Australia at present.

His champion in 2010 was a top class Kite old cock bird, he looked great last year when I saw him in Adelaide but the 12 months since had seen him develop in body and he was a worthy winner.

Like Michael Spadoni's young Brown cock who took out the Best Young Bird trophy, Anthony's champion has a terrific outlook and a straight set beak, two aspects much admired in the modern Australian Nun.

I have to say how pleased I was that my little Andalusian hen which is pictured below was awarded the title of Best Opposite Sex because I always regarded her as my best chance.

She is a very tidy hen overall and has the other great attribute

(her grandmother who was 2003 UNC champ was the same) of being an extremely placid bird who will stand up and station all day in the show pen.

It was great to see how far Dale Lewis, a Master Breeder of Magpies and breeder of top class Jacobins, has come with his Nuns and I think he will be right up there in Perth in 2011.

Speaking of Perth, I know another of our members in the West, Ian Bennett, has obtained some real quality stock from Anthony and I to add to what he already had and I am sure he will pen some good 'uns next year as well.

Until next time, good luck with your breeding season!



Top Happy junior member Darian Alloway of Brisbane with his first pair of baby Nuns - Blues from Barry Ross stock.

Above: Anthony Wray with his 2010 Champion Kite cock bird and UNC Australia President Michael Spadoni.

Left: The Best Opposite Sex, an Andalusian hen owned and bred by Brad Turner.





Thanks once again go to our German friend Martin Zerna for sending us this selection of photographs of "English" Nuns which were shown at the recent German Tumbler Special Show, which was held in the town of Altenstadt, Hessen.

The photographer was Norbert Giesecke.





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Looking back at the JOSEPH ERA

By TREVOR JOSEPH

I read with interest the last issue of the UNC Bulletin, and was impressed by the bib size on the Nuns belonging to Ira Peled from Israel.

The pictures are not very clear and close ups would have been very interesting.

However, I can only assume that with bibs so wide and deep (must have a neck for this), he will also have good wide skulls for similar shells.

It is now some seven years since I left the hobby, but I still find much pleasure and interest in looking at pics of Nuns and pigeons generally.

Once in the blood, it will always remain in the system I guess?

I have only visited a couple of National Shows since, so I have not been able to keep up with the progress of the Australian breeding programs.

However, an observation from the photos I have seen are that the bib and shell size appears to now have been instilled into



many lofts and these birds are generally winning, even though they appear to be long in the body.

I recall the conjecture that came my way for this too. However, the slightly longer birds seem to carry to winning attributes.

I had both medium and longer stock, but overall it was the latter that brought me success.

I concentrated mostly on birds with bull necks (bell necks) as they gave me room to put wider and deeper bibs on.

I found that these bull neck stock often threw solid wide skulls, and that of course led to wide shells and longer feather.

The problem I struck with this type was the excess feather and that was the issue I was dealing with at the end.

I had done some promising LFT crosses that were short but stout and tight feathered.

I do often wonder what would have been?

I was not interested in the pinched face and downward beak setting type. Instead, I kept working away to produce that wide forward head.





The goal was to pull out something like the "Paris Hilton" of Michael Spadoni's in the last edition (*Editor's note: That bird is again shown at the bottom of this page.*)

I used to have in mind the head and beak setting of Col Campbell's Helmets, but declined doing a Helmet outcross as that would have been detrimental to the smaller bone structure.

Hence I did a LFT and also a Blondinette cross. Good to see that Michael has cracked this lovely frontal outlook, but now the challenge is to install shell and bib capacity.

I am sending you a few pics of my stock which I was and still am so very proud of having.

I am also pleased and satisfied that the blood line has not been wasted.

The photo of the Black at top right of the previous page was the cock I imported.

He was heavily mismarked and unfortunately did not fill. He would have given me a huge boost in the bib size.

He died without making a contribution to the stock.

Editor's note: I am very pleased to say that there is again a pigeon loft in Trevor's backyard and he is breeding a few flyers. He is a busy man these days, playing in a band and dancing competitively fitted around his job, but let's hope we see a "return of the legend" to Nuns in future.



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SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL

This little Black hen owned by Bruce Sandison was first reserve champion and Best Young Bird at the 64th SAFPA Championship show in Pietermaritzburg.



BARRY ROSS PROJECTS UPDATE

As always, Barry Ross of Brisbane has been making soild advances with his many colour projects, and not just in Nuns - as admirers of his little Vienna's will attest. Pictured at right and right centre are the most recent of Barry's Almond project hens, which are certainly coming along very nicely.

Bottom left is a crop of Barry's Grizzles, while directly below is the latest generation of his Blue project, which started out with a Nun-Feley cross.

The outstanding thing about this project is that Barry has managed to keep the lovely light Blue colour while steadily improving the type.

Besides his many birds, Barry is also a tireless worker for the fancy in his role of Secretary of the Queensland Pigeon Fanciers Society.

He was a deserved recipient of Life Membership of the QPFS this month, and is pictured receiving the award from President Werner Zimmer.

