

INDIAN FANTAIL



CLUB of AMERICA

Winter 2023 EDITION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DAN SKILES

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our IFCA members! How fast this year has gone! Don't forget to send in your membership renewal and order your bands for 2024.

Our National Young Bird Show this year was an enjoyable one for me. It's always a good time, but this year was special. It was our first time with an international judge, Aziz Alfardan from the UAE. In addition to that Joe Caesar was able to attend from Arizona.

For those who don't know, Joe is one of the greats in IFCA history. A great breeder, and a great showman, a judge and all around just a nice guy! He's been in retirement for about a decade now due to health reasons but showed up to see Aziz judge and visit the rest of us.

So, I want to congratulate Spud Peugh on winning this show with a wonderful Ash Red Bar cock, and also to Andrew Deminey for winning Champion Mindian Cream Ribbontail Hen, in the largest number of Mindians ever to be shown in a National show to date. Great job Andrew!

Kevin Severson won the District 1; 100-point show in Utah with a Recessive Red Young Cock. And Rich Schlais won champion Mindian with his Agate OH.

Dan Skiles won the District 4; 100-point show with a Black Old Cock. And Max Long won Champion with a yellow Agate YH!

Congratulations!

There are a few more shows yet to happen, and I wish you all the best! I hope to see many of you at the National this year where Ted Golka will be judging. Otherwise, best of luck with your breeding this coming season!

God Bless,
Dan Skiles

CHRIS GOEDEKE

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy Holidays to everyone,
I hope everyone is enjoying their show season. Right now, it looks like the only show I will get to this year is nationals. I'm not sure about everyone else but we're having a hard time filling shows on the east coast. I know I'm to blame a little for that. Life just gets in the way sometimes. But I was able to present at my kids local 4H. It was a lot of fun and the kids really enjoyed it. I brought a few pairs and set them in show cages and went over the ins and outs of showing our beautiful breed. They liked it enough to add a pigeon show at our county fair next year and I will be setting up a booth there as well to try to get to more kids. I did give a few pair to a few different kids at their parents request so we'll see.
Good luck to everyone on their last shows.

DISTRICT I DIRECTOR

DENNIS BRIGGS

Hello and happy Thanksgiving and merry Christmas. We are in full show activity now with our 100-point show now complete thanks to all that showed and congratulations to all those that won. Our next show will be held at Hurricane Utah, a 50-point show and we are hoping that all that can will make a strong effort to attend. It's always a great show and the weather is all ways very nice. The show is called the grand circle pigeon club, an all-breed show. It's crazy but I'm already starting to look at my mating possibilities for next year. I would offer a free quality pair of Indians or Mindians to anyone in my district that will join our club. We need members in district 1 so come join the fun.
Yours in the hobby,
Dennis Briggs



Salt Lake Premier Champion Mini Indian Agate Rich Schlais, Champion Indian Fantail Recessive Red Kevin Severson

DISTRICT 2 CO-DIRECTOR

TED GOLKA

By the time this article hits the newsletter, the Jefferson, WI 50-point show will be in the books. The Des Moines Pigeons on the Prairie show either will be over or just starting and there has been a change. Due to the lack of participation at the Des Moines show this year, the 100-point show is being moved to St Louis. This will not be a permanent change. It is for this show season only. We are planning to have the 100-point show back in Des Moines next year.

With that being said, I hope some of the breeders, who couldn't make the Des Moines show in December, will be able to make it to the St Louis show in January. This is also a very good show in a very nice venue.

As a side note, since I was asked to judge the Jefferson, WI show, my partner-in-crime and I decided to make it a mini vacation for Thanksgiving. We traveled to Lake Geneva, WI and stayed at the Grand Geneva Resort. It was very nice. The food was great and the customer service was outstanding. Since it was late fall, there were no leaves on the trees, but we would really like to go back next summer and check it out in warmer weather. As for a little trivia, in Janice's in-depth research of the resort, she found out the resort was built by Hugh Hefner and acted as one of the Playboy Club Resorts, at the time. It opened in 1968. Unfortunately, if you plan to stay at the hotel, I will tell you.....there are no more Playboy Bunnies. Disappointing, I know, but we both highly recommend a stay there.

Hope everyone has a happy, healthy and safe Holiday Season.

Until next time

DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR

CHRIS RAINES

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving; this year is almost over wow.

I am going to give a brief review of our young bird show.

We had a good turnout with birds and exhibitors.

63 Indians and 95 minis. It was a full day of judging birds.

We were able to have 10 birds up on champion row for both groups. I thought it looked really cool. We started early and went until 4. The judging went well. Spud had Champion and second reserve Kevin Severson had reserve. Lindsay Hatfield was our junior Champion. A very welcome sight. We need a few more. It was good to see Joe Ceasar, he came to watch the show. The show went well, it was just a long day, Friday we had our annual auction. It was very good, a lot of good birds moving to new lofts. District three's next show will be January 13th in Lancaster, PA. This is our 100-point show. I am not sure if we can support this one with the Gran National being the following weekend in Louisville, KY. We shall see what happens.

Until next time Chris



National Young Bird Show Champion Mini Indian Yellow Ribbontail Andrew Deminey, Champion Indian Fantail Mealy Bar Spud Peugh

DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR

MAX LONG

Hello from District 4,

I can't believe we are already halfway through our show season. I am sure most of us have attended a show or two so far and we only have a handful left to attend.

I encourage everyone to get out and attend a new show if possible. This year I went to the NYBS in Louisville, KY for the first time and I had a blast there. It was a great show and great people. I was able to finally meet people face to face that I have talked to for years and meet new people that I've heard of but have never met. It was a great experience and hope to do it again one of these years. I also enjoyed meeting Aziz from the UAE and experiencing our club's first international judge. I feel this show was worth the long drive.

Here is District 4, we have already had 2 shows. Our first show was a 50-point show in Watsonville CA with Paul Tapia judging. For the Indians, Dan Skiles won with a real nice White and 1st reserve with a Lemon. Shannon Soberanes took 2nd reserve with an Ash Red. For the Mindians, Rich Schlais took champion with a Red Mottle hen. This hen has won a number of shows and I'm sure we will see her in the winner's circle more. 2nd reserve went to Joel Escutia with an Almond OC and 2nd reserve was Rich's Yellow Ribbon Tail YC.

Our second show in district 4 was the LAPC Pageant of Pigeons in Victorville CA and it was our 100-point show. Dan Skiles once again took champion with a beautiful Black. 1st reserve went to Max Long with an Oyster and 2nd reserve was a Brown of Dan Skiles.

The Mindians had a 50-point show and Max Long won champion with a Yellow Agate and 1st reserve with a black grizzle. Joel Escutia had 2nd reserve with a Blue T pattern. John DeCarlo Jr was the judge for this show.

Our last 50-point show is the weekend of Dec 2nd in Granite Bay CA. Winners will be posted in the next newsletter. I hope everyone attends a show and supports your local clubs.



Pageant of Pigeons Champion Black Indian Fantail Dan Skiles, Champion Yellow Agate Mini Indian Max Long

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR

PAUL TAPIA

Hi everyone, show season is winding down, just a few more shows to go. The District 5 100-point show is December 2nd in Carlsbad NM. And in January the National, hope to see a big turnout. Take care everyone and have safe and happy holidays.

Paul Tapia

DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR

SPUD PEUGH

Good afternoon from District 6. We had to cancel our 100-point show in Virginia because we lacked 50 birds for a 100-point show. Discussions from my district indicate that most of us will support the Grand National in Louisville KY January 18-20, in leu of the Reading Pigeon Association annual show January 12 and 13. This decision troubles me, however for those of us who work it is difficult to take time off two weeks in a row for pigeon shows. I'm sorry I can't support one of my favorite shows this year in PA.

I'd like to publicly thank the following IFCA members who donated items to the club for the Louisville Auction: Joe Cesar for the beautiful weathervane, Richard Britten for the custom made Des Moines feed had bags, and Julie Freitag for making bound copies of the membership directory and for the Indian Fantail candy jar. Our club president Dan Skiles donated a gorgeous BIG 2023 lemon hen, and our past president Harvey Addengast donated a beautiful silver bar hen to the auction. Both hens are capable of producing the next show champion. It really is marvelous to participate in a club where top quality young birds are auctioned off at reasonable prices for the rest of us to enjoy! I hope to see as many members as possible at the Grand National in Louisville. Please come and support us and watch Master Judge Ted Golka sort through the hopefuls!

This year's NYBS was historic because it marks the first time we have invited an international judge to evaluate our birds. Mr. Abdelaziz Alfardan made the long journey from the United Arab Emirates to judge our Mini Indian and Indian Fantails. This year was also the first time we had more Mini Indian Fantails entered in a National Championship than we had Indian Fantails. Joe Cesar came out of retirement and made the trip from Arizona, Dan Skiles came from California, and Max and Gail Long came to join us from Utah. Thank you to everyone involved for supporting Aziz as he made excellent picks throughout the show.



Left to Right at the 2023 NYBS: Master Judge Ted Golka, Master Breeder Joe Cesar, Master Breeder and Judge Aziz Alfardan, Master Breeder and Judge Dan Skiles, Master Breeder Spud Peugh

DISTRICT 7 DIRECTOR

MARIANNA HARANGOZO

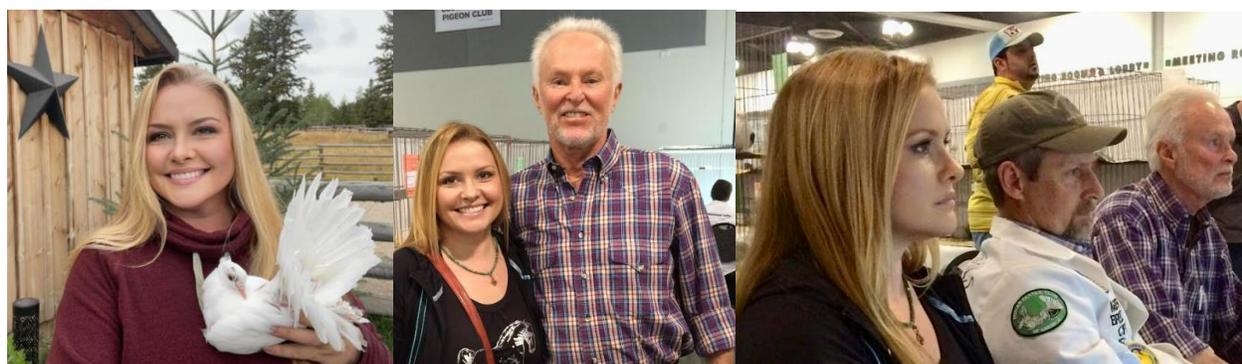
Hello to you, the IFCA members, and all those in District 7. The honor of becoming your new District 7 Director was passed on to me from Mike Vito, so: Thank you, Mike. Mike has been with the IFCA for a very long time, and I'm hoping I can deliver as your new District 7 Director as well as he did. I wish Mike well moving forward!

A little about me, I own and live on a ranch near Kamloops, British Columbia dubbed the Akashic Ranch. I've been involved in pigeons since I was in grade school, and then re-introduced to pigeons again 14 years ago. I had a longing for a few years to get back into raising and breeding pigeons and the opportunity finally arose in 2010 when I acquired a beautiful pair of Indian Fantails. Shortly after, I discovered the Mindian Fantail from the late Larry Worth, and shortly after that I received another group of Mindians and an Indian Fantail from our very own Dan Skiles. Larry was an amazing mentor where the Mindian was concerned, and I enjoyed our talks and emails very much, as we discussed genetics, their standard, and so on. I always looked up to both Larry and Dan and had the opportunity to meet both in person at the 2015 NPA Grand Nationals in Ontario, California.

I have since become more involved in the hobby of pigeons, not only with my fantails but also a few rare and fancy breeds as well. I am involved in most western Canadian shows, and I'm also the co-editor for the Canadian Pigeon Fanciers Association magazine, "News On The Wing". Locally here in Kamloops I am the go-to rehab center for injured domestic and wild pigeons and doves by the local SPCA and the BC Wildlife Park. If you'd like to know more about me, you can visit my webpage at AkashicLoft.Weebly.com.

I look forward to learning more about this position, and getting to know more of you. I aim to do my best as your new District 7 Director!

Marianna



Left to Right: Mare outside her loft with an Indian Fantail, Mare and Larry Worth, and Mare, Dan Skiles, Larry Worth, and Ali at the 2015 NPA Grand National.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

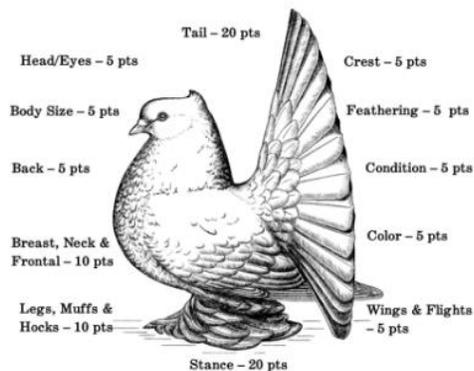
SPUD PEUGH

It is the 24th of November as I'm writing this letter to the club. As of this morning our Treasury has \$3,892.17. This balance reflects debits for our bands, Aziz's flight from the UAE to the National Young Bird Show, and trophies for the NYBS. During the NYBS Dan Skiles, Max Long, and I met and discussed banners for each district to put up at 100-point shows. Rich Schlais has provided the drawing and lay out for the banners in the photos below. The cost for a vinyl banner is \$25.99 and the cost for a retractable banner is \$101.25. The club intends to purchase a vinyl banner or a retractable banner for each district. Please feel free to contact Dan Skiles or I if you'd like one for your district. I'll have samples of each available at the Grand National show in January.

It is time to renew memberships for 2024. The new membership form is attached to this newsletter. I VASTLY prefer to work digitally for the club. If there is any possible way you can avoid sending me a check, cash, or money order please do. Simply go to our website to purchase memberships, bands, and patches for next year: <https://indianfantailclub.org/ifca-store/> Our website is easy to use and transfers all the information the club needs as soon as you purchase your membership. I intend to ask the club to go all digital in 2025, so please familiarize yourself with the process now.

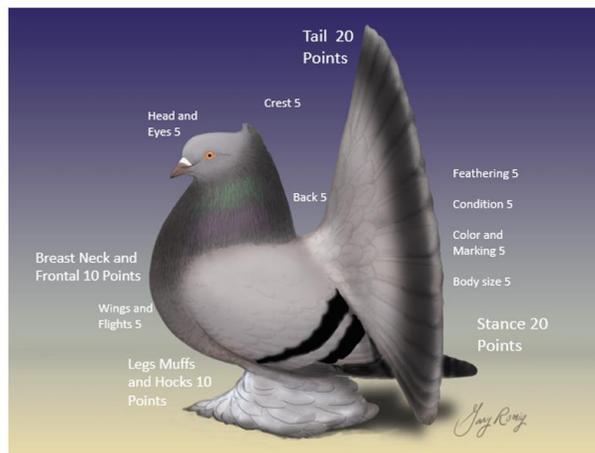
Indian Fantail

A pleasingly-balanced Indian Fantail is our desired goal.



This Standard is to be used as a guide for both breeding and judging the Indian Fantail. With the Indian we speak of "balance" being all important. Yet no points are allocated to balance. So, what is it? Put simply, balance is the pleasing blending of all parts so that when looked upon, the bird appears complete, as a whole — not visually dominated by an overly large (or small) tail, muffs too long (or short), stance is correct, not tipped too high, nor too forward, nor crouched, nor stretched, etc. The pieces and parts blend well. The stance, body, head, neck, chest, back, tail, muffs, wings — everything is in its proper proportion; the end result is an attractive package—a balanced bird! The Mini Indian Fantail shall be identical in every aspect to the Standard with the sole exclusion of size.

Indian and Mini Indian Fantails



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WEBSITE COORDINATOR

FROM THE DESK OF JR THOMPSON

What a fantastic show NYBS was! Not only did the show winner show an amazing bird, but also having had the chance to be a part of history in the making. For the first time we had an international judge and what a wonderful job he did judging.

I also had the opportunity to sit and talk to Joe Caeser. Learnt so much from him with the limited time we had.

As we get closer to the winter shows and grand national hope everyone is doing well and congratulations to all the show winners thus far!

Please note that the IFCA doesn't distinguish yearling ages. Enter birds at young birds (2023 band) or old (any band prior to 2023).



Send entries to:

John DeCarlo Jr.
1625 Jennifer Lane
Gilroy, CA 95020
Make all checks payable to: NPA

2024 NPA Grand National

Entries must be postmarked by December 26, 2023. No late entries will be accepted.

All birds must be banded with NPA bands or will be subject to removal from the show.

Do not use Yearling classes unless your breed specifically judges them.

Louisville, Kentucky
January 18 – 20, 2024



Entry Fees:

NPA Members \$5.50
Non-NPA Members \$6.50

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Exhibitor: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____
Signature: _____

Additional entries on reverse side of this form.

Entries NPA member ____ birds @ \$5.50 ea. _____
Entries non-NPA member ____ birds @ \$6.50 ea. _____
NPA Banquet:
Beef ____ Chicken ____ Tickets \$25 each _____
NPA membership: \$20 adult, \$25 Family, \$5 Jr. _____
Canada or Mexico membership: \$25 _____
Total Enclosed: _____

For all questions or inquiries about the show, contact the NPA Secretary, Tim Heidrich, at 404-922-4960 or npasecretary@yahoo.com.

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Check here if you will be shipping your birds to the show. _____

We highly encourage you to find other arrangements for getting your birds back home.

Birds may be shipped the week of the show to:

Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center

937 Phillips Lane

Louisville, KY 40209

Attn: National Pigeon Association – Tim Heidrich 404-922-4960

Please put: **HOLD AT POST OFFICE** on the shipping box.

Indian Fantail Club of America Membership Application 2024

Annual memberships are due January 1st. Payments made from Jan 1st Thru Sept 30th are paid for that current year. Memberships paid Oct 1st thru Dec 31st are paid for the current and following year. Memberships may be paid up to three years in advance. Please Allow 3 -4 weeks for processing.

Membership year paying	
Payment Date	
Check/Money order number	
Amount Submitted (US Funds Only)	

New Member **Membership Renewal**

First Name:	Last Name:	
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Area Code/Number:	Email:	

PLEASE PROVIDE TWO FORMS OF CONTACT

Membership includes one Membership Directory every other year and quarterly Newsletters

Two voting ballots may be cast for Family Membership (providing two adult members over 17)

Adult Membership	\$20.00 for 1 year or \$40.00 for 2 years	\$ _____
Family Membership	\$25.00 for 1 year or \$50.00 for 2 years	\$ _____
Junior Membership (under 17)	\$5.00 for 1 year or \$10.00 for 2 years	\$ _____

Please check here if you would like your Newsletter Mailed to you

IFCA Specialty Bands: These are the official bands purchased by the IFCA from the National Pigeon Association and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. **A series of 25 bands minimum.** A current IFCA Membership is required in order to purchase bands.

<u>IFCA Specialty Bands (year 2024)</u>	# _____	@	\$0.50 each	\$ _____
			Number of bands MINDIANS SIZE 11	
	# _____	@	\$0.50 each	\$ _____
			Number of bands INDIANS SIZE 12	
	# _____	@	\$0.50 each	\$ _____
			Number of bands INDIANS SIZE 13	

Shipping cost for Bands (25 up to 100) \$ 6.00 _____

*Additional shipping costs apply for overseas members

Additional Shipping for over 100 bands \$ 2.00 _____

IFCA Patches # _____ @ \$6.00 (includes shipping) \$ _____

Grand Total \$ _____

The following questions, if answered, will be included in the Bi-yearly Membership Directory:

What year (roughly) did you start raising Indian Fantails? _____

Lynn Kral '09

Would you be interested in becoming a future officer, judge, or other position? Yes No Maybe

May we give your name to those inquiring to buy/trade Indian Fantails? Yes No

What colors and marks of Indian Fantails do you raise? _____

Make check or money order payable to IFCA and mail to:

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1872 Berry Lane
Pleasant Garden, NC
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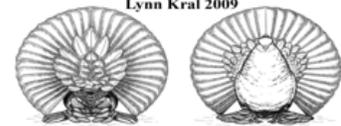
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Lynn Kral 2009



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