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Pictured: Champion Junior Exhibitor 2014 – Brendan Vella aged 12yrs.

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Please note that the renewal of membership falls due on the 1st July each year. Cheques and money orders must be made payable to the PFS of NSW Inc. and can be mailed to the Membership Co-Coordinator, Derek Garland, address as indicated above, New Membership enquires and membership forms can be obtained from the secretary, either show secretaries or from the PFS website – www.pfsnsw.com

CLUB MEETINGS: ARE CONDUCTED ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM, VENUE BEING THE PIGEON & POULTRY PAVILION, FAIRFIELD SHOWGROUNDS, SMITHFIELD RD, FAIRFIELD. VISITORS ARE WELCOME.

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CLUB UPDATES

Updates and Changes to clubs membership fees and club newsletter.

NEWS FROM NZ

Another roving loft visit from our international Fancier & Judge – Gary Edwards

RESTICTIONS LIFTED

The initial restrictions on movement of pigeons has been dropped in NSW

Champion Fantail - Saddle - S.Pithers



Res Champion Fantail – S.Pithers



Champion Black Fantail - Mal Davis



Champion Lace Fantail - S.Pithers



PRESIDENTS REPORT

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John Hickman



Welcome to the Summer edition of the PFS Newsletter for 2015. I sincerely hope you and your families had a rewarding and safe festive season. May this year be bigger and better than 2014. I also hope you have had a successful breeding season. My breeding season has been a little slow with only a few babies hatched and developing. From early observations the quality of the youngsters seems to be improving which is the main purpose of each breeding season.

I am looking forward to 2015 with excitement and anticipation. I hope it will be a big year because along with our two great shows The ANPA National is coming to town. The National will be held at Penrith Panthers in July. This is the first National to be held in NSW since 2000, our Olympic year.

Make sure you attend and see some great birds that will be on display. You might make a greater effort and enter some of your birds as exhibits, and meet many fanciers from around Australia.

As we break up our breeding pairs this month, don't forget to prepare to vaccinate your birds again for the PMV 1 Virus.

We still receive notifications of Virus outbreaks around Sydney. Please do not think that it has been cured or has disappeared. Old birds that have already been vaccinated require 1 Booster shot this year. Your young birds require TWO Shots 1 month apart and 1 month before you exhibit them at a show.

Two new Rules have been introduced late last year to take effect with your new memberships or at our shows in 2015.

Rule 1. Any person who lives in NSW and wishes to exhibit their birds at our show MUST now become a MEMBER of our Club.

Rule 2. All members of our club who wish to be sent a Hard (Printed) Copy of our Newsletters and Show Schedules will be charged an Additional \$15 per year, added to their Annual Subscriptions. If we send you all our material electronically, your Annual Subscriptions will remain the same.

Please check these two new rules that will be posted on our Show schedules for 2015.

Congratulations to John Hanson who is the only Australian to be invited to the United States to Judge at their National Pageant Of Pigeons in California this year.

PFS SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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Over the years the PFS of NSW inc. have kept their rates as low as possible so that all fanciers can enjoy the sense of belonging to an organisation that represents their many and varied interests in the keeping of Fancy Pigeons. This is an ongoing problem as postal and printing costs continue to rise and can easily be covered by simply increasing subscription rates. Fortunately in this age of diversity particularly in the area of print media there are alternate ways of communication that have to be embraced to control costs.

The best example of this are letters that used to be hand written (or typed) and then posted. Emails have in many cases taken the place of the posted letter and newspapers have been pushed to the side by TV news that is instant and of course gives visual coverage.

Our current subscription rates would have to be doubled to cover the production and postage of the Newsletter and the two Show Schedules so we have taken the following steps to keep our current rates for all members the same.

THERE IS TO BE NO INCREASE IN OUR CURRENT RATES

The Newsletter and Schedules will be Emailed to all financial members and this will enable us to keep our current rates. It is worth noting that previous Newsletters are available on the website.

For those members who do not have a Email address or will not make it available to us to expedite this method of delivery a yearly fee of \$15.00 will need to be added to the Annual Subscription.

We do have members who don't have an Email and use a friends address to receive correspondence and this is a good way around the electronic age.

Membership Rates New Members - \$20.00 with Email address.
(Without Email address \$20.00 plus \$15.00)

All of the following rates require a Email address or add \$15.00 to each figure

Renewal - Seniors, both city and country - \$15.00.

Renewal - Juniors (under 16) - \$5.00

Renewal - Pensioners - \$8.00

Renewal - Family - \$15.00



PMV ALERT - "February 2015"



Dr Colin Walker B.Sc. B.V.Sc. M.A.C.V.S. (Avian health) Melbourne Bird Veterinary Clinic

Over the last 2 months but particularly the last 2 weeks a significant number of cases of PMV have been diagnosed at the Melbourne Bird Veterinary Clinic. Lofts containing infected birds have been located near Nagambie, Gippsland, Frankston and throughout the Melbourne metropolitan area

The usual sequence of events has been that concerned fanciers have contacted the clinic with either multiple sick or dying youngsters, an unwell bird has been selected and euthanized, multiple tissue samples have been collected during an autopsy and then forwarded to an avian pathologist (Professor David Phalen) for histopathology examination. This is a very thorough means of diagnosis. Apart from PMV, multiple cases of Circo virus and also Herpes virus as well as some cases of Adeno virus have been diagnosed. The number of viral cases prompted the following email from Professor Phalen last week. Professor Phalen is professor of avian medicine at the University of Sydney. With this and the other pigeon cases that you have sent me , particularly , in the past 2 weeks, a pattern is developing,

1, While less common or less obvious in past years, the pigeon Circovirus, this year, appears to be impacting multiple lofts and is likely to be resulting in immune suppression which may be making every infectious agent out there worse.

2, PPMV is obviously also circulating within many lofts. Either because of the change in the nature of the virus or concurrent infection with pigeon Circovirus, the nature of the PPMV lesions is changing. Splenic lesions are now much more severe, pancreatic lesions are also more consistently present and in this instance of this bird are extremely severe, and it appears that lymphoid tissue is more likely to be targeted including Kupffer cells, intestinal lymphoid tissue and bursa.

From what you have you have sent me, it might be a bit of a bad time for your pigeon folks in the coming weeks. Fanciers need to be aware that the character of PMV has changed. This is due to the factors mentioned by Dr Phalen above but also because many of the birds that are now exposed to PMV virus have some partial immunity. Partial immunity is most commonly seen in unvaccinated youngsters which have passively acquired some immunity through the egg or crop milk from their vaccinated parents and also in youngsters which have received only one vaccination. This partial immunity modifies the symptoms displayed by infected birds. Most infected birds simply become quiet and develop wet droppings. Some birds will develop twisted necks and have poor co-ordination. In most infected lofts less than 10% of birds will die and in one recently diagnosed loft no birds died. We now rarely see the high mortality rates, extreme thirst and profuse wet droppings of several years ago. In fact many of the fanciers who contact the clinic with birds that subsequently were diagnosed with PMV initially thought their birds had a Salmonella infection.

As the vaccine is cheap, safe, effective and readily available there is little reason for fanciers not to vaccinate their birds. Not vaccinating not only puts their own birds at risk but also those of fellow fanciers. All Victorian fanciers are strongly urged not to become complacent about PMV and to ensure that their birds are vaccinated. Not only because of the risk of PMV, but also because of the risk of introduction of other viruses fanciers should obviously only introduce youngsters from reliably healthy sources.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 21st October 2014

MEETING OPENED : 7.30 pm

CHAIRMAN: Fred Frendo

MEMBERS PRESENT: Walter Hitchell; Jim MacKay; Derek Garland; Jacob Duncan; Andy Duncan; Fred Frendo; John Hanson; Peter Ryan; Mal Lewis; Mat Tacon; M. Monrad.

APOLOGIES: John Hickman; Lisa Weekes; Catherine Weekes;

MINUTES: Minutes from previous Annual meeting read and were adopted on motion.
Moved: Walter Hitchell 2nd : John Hanson CARRIED

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT: As tabled.

Audit from 01/10/13 – 13/09/14

Balance as at	15/10/13	\$ 10650.35
Income	Oct 13 – Sept 14	\$12195.35
Expenditure	Oct 12 – Sept 14	\$10982.68
Balance - as at	21/10/14	\$11863.62

Moved Financial Statement be received: Jim Mackay 2nd: Derek Garland CARRIED

MOTION:

1. That Members who *require a hard copy* of the Newsletter, the Annual Sub's to be \$30.
This includes Schedules."

Moved: Mal Lewis 2nd: Jacob Duncan CARRIED.

Rationale: Our basic subscription at the current rate of (\$15) includes Email copies of the Newsletter and Schedules. With the ongoing postal and printing costs in order to keep our basic subscription at the current rate (\$15) a levy of a further \$15.00 be added to members who need posted copies to cover what are in the electronic age ever increasing extra costs. ***Please Note***: *Our Annual Fee has not changed*

MOTION:

2. "Exhibitors domiciled in NSW need to be a PFS Member to show in PFS Shows."

Moved: John Hanson 2nd: Peter Ryan CARRIED

Rationale: NSW Fanciers of Fancy Pigeons need to show their support for the PFS of NSW and this is a basic way of contributing to the Fancy.

Thanks were extended to all members for their work throughout the year and in particular to those who attend meetings which enables the PFS to function.

ELECTIONS: All Positions declared Vacant: Officer Bearers thanked for their work. All Positions duly Elected as follows, as per Item 5 General Business in November 2013 Minutes.

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AUTUMN SHOW CO-ORDINATOR:	Not Required
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PAVILION MANAGER:	Peter Ryan
ASSISTANT PAVILION MANAGERS:	Jacob Duncan, Anthony Duncan
PUBLICITY OFFICER:	Lisa Weekes
WEB MASTER & FACEBOOK:	Lisa Weekes
CHIEF STEWARD:	Peter Ryan

GENERAL BUSINESS: Walter to forward relevant paperwork to the Dept. Fair Trading. Cheque - \$53.00, being lodgement fees enclosed.

MEETING CLOSED : 7.50 pm

Random Words Comic: Pigeon + Remote



NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND

“News from our international Pigeon Fancier and judge Gary Edwards, with another roving loft visit”.



**Featuring
Steven Bevan and Fiona Taylor**

Pictured Left: Steven Bevan and Gary Edwards, Auckland

Pictured: Inside Steven Bevan Lofts, check out his Jacobins & Reversewings.



Hi my friends in Sydney. Well I'm starting to settle in over here. I have built a loft have two pairs of pigeons. One pair on eggs already.

Well I have been visiting fanciers over here. Made friends.

Steven Bevan - My wife and I decided to pay Steven a visit at Whenuapai Auckland, I have known Steven when we were both young lads. Steven breeds Jacobins, and Reverswing pouters. The Jacobins are descendants from the guy that started almonds Jacobins.

Harry Alexander. His birds have not had any new blood mixed. I was impressed with the glass feather of his almonds. He is working on improving the bars in New Zealand. The blks had plenty of feathers. But not as showery as the ones in Aussie.

In New Zealand, Steven was telling me there were only three Jacobin breeders left in kiwi land. Five years ago there were 20. How times change. Red Jacobins only 5 left, yellows 3. They need imports.



The Jacobin is a breed of fancy pigeon developed over many years of selective breeding that originated in Asia. Jacobins, along with other varieties of domesticated pigeons, are all descendants from the Rock Pigeon.

Pictured: Left: Steven Bevan Lofts, check out his Jacobins

Below: Fiona Taylor – South Auckland standing outside her lofts.

Well we spent two hours looking over his pigeons, chooks, and budgies. The English type, he lives on 2 acres. Peaceful environment. He told us about the gift he brought his wife Lyn for her birthday. Two laying chooks. Oh they turned out good hen lay

Well on the Thursday the 09/10/2014 I went walk about wanted to pay a visit to Fiona Taylor. South of Auckland near Hamilton. One and half hours drive, Well Fiona lives on 2 acres. Just finished putting up new lofts.

The Last major show she won with a young cock splash Jacobin. Nice type of Jacobin.



Colours she has is whites, blacks, bars and almond and splashes.

Most of her birds nice chains but lacked in the mane. This breeding season she is working on her manes.

One thing I enjoyed going over her birds. Looking over her daughters' Fantails. Watching the rollers perform. Her husband has the last remainder of Australian Saddlebacks in New Zealand. One thing people over here make you welcome.

Cheers for now

Garry Edwards

Auckland, New Zealand



Above and Below: Inside Fiona Taylors Lofts



98th Annual Eastern Classic Show Champions 2014

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Congratulations to all the winners

Pictured Right: Reserve Champion Fancy
Pigeon of Show Jacobin - Anne Henderson



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Pictured Right: Best Bird of Show
Blue Brunner - Blenhaven Stud



*Champion Nun:
Trevor Joseph*



Dennis Murphy looking over the champion Nun

98th Annual Eastern Classic Show Winners

Reserve Champion Fantail: M. Davis

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The Bill Turner Peropetual Trophy - Best Fantail : Mal Davis

Reserve Champion and Champion Australian Performing Tumbler: Phil Dew

Reserve Champion and Champion Australian Show Pen Homer: Barry Shoobridge

The Darcy Cook Memorial Trophy for Best Jacobin: Anne Henderson

Champion Nun: Trevor Joseph

The George Elliott Memorial Trophy for Best Blondinette : Mark Woolley

The Bruno Labowski Memorial Trophy for Best Satinette : Mark Woolley

Reserve Champion and Champion English Dragoon : Tim Fairfax

Reserve Champion Racing Pigeon: Blenhaven Stud

Champion Racing Pigeon: Tim Fairfax

Reserve Champion British Show Racer: Blenhaven Stud

Champion British Show Racer: Tim Fairfax

Champion Polish Barb: Peter Ryan

Champion Chinese Owl: Derek Garland

Reserve Champion Show Racer: Jim Mackay

Champion Show Racer: Fred frendo

Champion Helmet Crested: Phil Bachner

Champion Turkish Tumbler : Jason Grech

Champion Holle Cropper: Mark Wilson

Champion Brunner Pouter: Blenhaven Stud

Champion Norwich Cropper: Eddie Klopogge

The Jules De Brenni Trophy for Best Pouter Cropper of Show: Blenhaven Stud

Reserve Champion King: Jacob Ducan

Champion King: John Hickman

Champion Carneau: John Hickman

The S.C. Hickman Memorial Trophy for Best Utility: Blenhaven Stud, French Mondain

Champion Junior Exhibitor: Brendan Vella

Darcy Cook Trophy and Reserve Champion Fancy Pigeon of Show: Jacobin: Anne Henderson

The Dave O'Keefe Memorial Trophy for Best Bird of Show: Blue Brunner: Blenhaven Stud.



Pictured: Champion Exhibitor Tippler – Jim Mackay



**Champion Polish Barb -
Peter Ryan**



**Champion Blondinette -
Mark Woolley**



**Champion Plain-head
Helmet - Phil Bachner**



**Champion Satinette -
Mark Woolley**



**Champion British Show
Racer - Tim Fairfax**



**Champion Australian
Performing Tumbler -
Phillip Dew**



**Champion African Owl –
Shawn Vella**



**Champion Geninue Homer –
Blenhaven Stud**



**Champion Lahore –
Phillip Dew**



**Champion Turkish Tumbler -
Jason Grech**



**Champion Holle Cropper –
Mark Wilson**



**Champion Hungarian
Budpest Highflyer – S.Vella**



Pictured: Terry Stevenson presenting John Hickman his trophies



Champion Pigmy Pouter – Blenhaven Stud



Pictured: Richard Greenwood, Glen Whinspear, Steve Pithers



Champion Norwich Cropper – Eddie Kloprogge



Pictured: Peter Ryan and Mark Wilson



Champion Ice Clean Legged - S.Vella



Focus on our 2014 Junior Champion

*The PFS is proud to support Junior Exhibitors,
2014 has been a successful year for 12 year old Brendan Vella,
Congratulations Brendan*

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Richard Greenwood presenting Brendan one his awards



Brendan with his birds, Egyptian Swifts and African owls, only just some of the pigeons that he keeps

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Richard Brooks, 94, holds a pigeon at the National Pigeon Association's 93rd annual Grand National Pigeon Show in Ontario, Calif.

Flying Into the World of Fancy Pigeons at the 93rd Annual Grand National Pigeon Show

By Stefanie Tuder - February 5, 2015

Some 7,844 pigeons gathered this weekend at the 93rd annual Grand National Pigeon Show, and not one was the average street bird.

Welcome to the world of fancy pigeons, a niche hobby held by thousands around the world — including ex-boxer [Mike Tyson](#) — dedicated to raising and preserving hundreds of breeds of pigeons with unique characteristics such as curly feathers, trumpeting calls and distinct color markings.

"These birds are all hybrid flowers so to speak — they couldn't exist in the wild," Los Angeles Pigeon Club director Bob Nolan told ABC News.

"If they are released in the wild or escape, they die, so that's why you never see any of these pigeons on the street. There are well over 500 breeds, and we're discovering new ones all the time."



Former boxing champion Mike Tyson holding a Roller at the show

The hobby of crossbreeding and raising pigeons for specific characteristics dates back thousands of years and spans nations. Charles Darwin crossbred fancy pigeons, documenting the work in his book, "On the Origin of Species," and [Queen](#) Victoria is said to have raised pigeons, a tradition the current Queen of England continues. Last weekend's three-day show in Ontario, Calif., organized by the LA Pigeon Club, drew hundreds of enthusiasts who traveled from 21 countries to view the over 200 breeds of birds and catch up with friends.

"Pigeon people are a minority to start with, so you and I can go to a party and I can talk to you about politics and sports and current events, but I can't talk to you about pigeons on the same level," Nolan said. "So when I have a friend that can talk to me on that level, we bond."

There's a great friendship that develops among these people because there are so few of us in the total scheme of things."

Hobbyists fall into four categories: racing homers, whose birds race home for hundreds of miles; fanciers, who raise the pretty pigeons for show; tumblers, whose pigeons do somersaults in the air; and squabs, who raise pigeons for food. Birds can be as cheap as \$5 and as expensive as \$600,000 for one racing homer. Beyond hobby, the appeal of raising a pigeon runs deep, and fanciers liken it to raising a dog or cat.

"There are some that are very docile, some wild, some real friendly, some that will slap your hand. A fat one, a thin one, a curly one – anything you want you can find," Nolan said. "We're the best kept secret. Everybody knows what a cow, pig, horse looks like, but how many know what different pigeon breeds look like? We really have something here that's unique."

So unique, though, that the hobby is in danger of dying out as the clubs find it difficult to recruit younger members. "The joke made years ago was that they're flying rats, and that's the image we're trying to get over," Los Angeles Pigeon Club vice president and event organizer Fred Maenpa, 69, told ABC News. "When I was a kid, I couldn't wait to get home from school to take care of my birds. Now they come home and get on the computer."

With names like frillback, archangel, jacobin and more, the unique breeds are very different from the poor reputation street pigeons have gained.

"We're like evangelists; we're trying to recruit new fanciers because we don't want our hobby to die out. Each one of these breeds of pigeons were developed by people who love them and passed it on to the next generation," Nolan, 72, said. "If we don't get new people to follow up after us, all those hundreds of years of development will go extinct."

The state of the art showhall at Ontario Convention Center with 7,844 birds of 300 breeds was decorated like no other show before



The Top 5 Overall Show Champions



**3rd Place Winner –
American Show Racer
– Ralph Whitson**



**2nd Place Winner –
Standard Fantail –
Robert Vincent**



**5th Place Winner –
Fringed Pouter – Tally
Mezzanatto**

Thank you to
Md Shaheed for
contributing pictures
of the LAPC Show
winners



**Overall Show
Champion – Oriental
Frill – Ron Bordi**

**4th Place Winner –
English Trumpeter –
Gerald Wiebe**



Total of 7,844 bird entered.

**Over 300 breeds were
represented.**

(Thanks to LAPC for the use of pics)