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A word from the editors.....

Dear reader,

As we reach one year of Aviculture Europe digital magazine, we can certainly be proud of our achievements.

So we would like to say thank you to all our authors, photographers, designers, advertisers and not forgetting our subscribers, in short, everybody who supported us during the last year. It sure is hard work for us, but the great success is a reward for our endeavour.

Another step ahead is the issue of our first German edition this month.

During the last weeks we started a big PR campaign to reach the German subscribers, and in order to promote this issue as much as possible, we have decided to offer you all our December issue FREE TO READ. Yes, you read it well; during the next two months, you will be able to read all articles in our digital December issue (not the archived ones, sorry...) So if you ain't a subscriber yet, take your chance and enjoy our articles, a 100 page full colour issue. The February issue will be 'for subscribers only' as usual.

Meanwhile it looks like the shows are going ahead as normal this season; no further restrictions concerning 'keeping poultry inside' any more in Holland and Belgium, so nothing will keep our reporters from visiting the shows and surprise you with beautiful pictures.

We wish you a happy Christmas and happiness and good health in the coming year, and of course all the best in our beloved hobby.

Best regards,
on behalf of the editorial-team,
Nico van Benten





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THE FRAME
December 2006: Which breed is this?



Take your chance to win a free subscription!

Every reader may **GUESS** which Fancy Pigeon breed is portrayed in 'The Frame'. Please mail your answer to redactie@aviculture-europe.nl stating: 'Answer The Frame'.

With the issue of each new edition we will choose a winner amongst the correct entries. He or she gets a **one year free subscription** to Aviculture Europe.*

Answer October Frame:

The CHICKEN in the October Frame was a: Faverolles.

This time we received a lot of wrong answers; the painted chicken in The Frame of October was not an Orloff and not a Thüringer Bearded Chicken. That the chicken was painted very 'true to life' we learned from the many correct answers, whereas several readers mentioned the correct colour (salmon) and even the type: it was a "French" Faverolles, and not the German variety of the Faverolles, which is also called 'Lachshuhn'.

This Faverolles was painted by: Emilio Blasco (ES). Emilio is an international pigeon judge, but he is especially famous for his pigeon and poultry paintings. They represented a perfect reproduction of the animal, but are always enriched in Emilio's peculiar artistic way.

The happy winner of the **one year free subscription** is: **G. Glastra**.

*Only to be won once per person!

PITY THOUGH!

He caught our eyes immediately, standing there proud in his pen at the show. Such a beautiful Welsummer cockerel! The ideal type and stance, perfect and shiny colour, complete and nice carried tail, impressive head and comb..... That one could be the Best in Show today, we thought. Till he turned around and showed his other side. And then we saw that at that side he only had thistiny wattle. Lost in a competitive fight? Or had it simply never developed? We don't know, but having wattles of such unequal lengths it can never be the Champion of the Show. And that's really a pity!



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Eastleigh (UK) Local Show October 2006



Ian Matthews send in some nice pictures from his Local Show which took place on the 21st of October at Eastleigh (GB).

I especialy like the one of Ted Little, one of the pigeon Judges, 'praying' in-front of the pigeons pens. Nice to see Ted down on his knee's for once.....!

Thank you, Ian Matthews.

See more photos in "The Ace of the Show" in our next issue. I hope you like them.

Mick Bassett.



Horseman Pouter

November the 3rd Rob Sekhuis gave a captivating lecture on the Horseman Pouter, at the Club house of the *Eerste Zuid-Hollandse Sierduivenliefhebbers Vereniging (EZHSV)* in The Hague. He drew a full house with an attentive public. That did not come as a surprise, because the Scottish Horseman Pouter resembles very much the The Haque thief pouter.



Photo left: A young female Horseman Pouter in silver dark barred; she could show more crop volume though.



Photo right: A promising blue black barred Horseman Pouter.

The Horseman Pouter is a breed with rising popularity. Since the recognition of the breed at the Avicultura Show in January 2005 the Horseman Pouter has experienced greater enthusiasm in Holland. And this time it looks to be a success, thanks to the enthusiasm of Rob Sekhuis and the Specialty Club of Rare Cropper Breeds, where the breed is protected.

Today the breed has some 40 breeders and an estimated 700 Horseman Pouters in the Dutch lofts.



Left: Rob Sekhuis, a man to whom honour is due as a promoter of the Horseman Pouter. He really got his teeth into the breed, visiting Scotland many times and importing a great number of pigeons. He is a skilful breeder and distributed the birds among interested breeders.

Rob is the secretary of the Rare Cropper Breeds Club, a Club that almost faded out, or 'a bit dozed off' like some raised as an excuse. Rob's enthusiasm took the Club up to 68 members again in short time! Congratulations!

Following the ideas of the Dutch Breeders' club of the Iberian Fancy Pigeon Breeds (SIS), it was agreed that the Horseman Pouter should stay a flying pigeon, apart from being a show pigeon. This is a delicate balance and needs a lot of tolerance on both sides. The SIS, a Club of 350 members, has shown that it is possible, however, there are plenty of examples of breeds that did not make it and were lost as a flying breed, after too much selecting for show quality.

In the meantime there are serious plans to bring back the 'Gelderse Slenk' to the exhibition pens as well. In the larger towns of Gelderland (The Netherlands) a

particular flying game called '*trek en drijf*' was practised with these pigeons. However, this is dying out as well, so showing could be another way to revive the interest in the Gelderse Slenk.

Photos: Aviculture Europe

FASCINATING FEATHERS



Sometimes just looking at a single feather emphasises the beauty and uniqueness of poultry plumage.

Pictured here are feathers of Assendelft bantams in three different colour varieties; gold (upper feather; hackle of a cock) yellow (middle) and silver (below; the little one without the down).

Feathers with this kind of marking are found on many ancient chicken breeds, originating in the coastal area of western Europe; from the French town of Dunkirk in the south to the Danish town of Esbjerg in the north.

At a quick glance Assendelft feathers appear pencilled as in Hamburgs, but upon closer inspection, it is clear this is not the case.

The three colour varieties: golden, yellow and silver differ only in ground colour with all having the same pattern. They appear as black, grain-shaped markings paired along each side of the feather shaft. These markings should stop just short of the edge of the feather vanes and not extend across the feather shaft and because the shaft is the same as the ground colour, the feathers are therefore not striped or pencilled.

You can see by looking at the left feather in the picture that well-defined, grain-shaped markings are not easy to achieve. The colour and markings of the males and females are very different. The females are evenly marked all over, except on the head, hackles and upper breast, while the males have little or no markings on the body at all. They appear almost self-coloured except for the primaries and tail, which are solid black.

There are several other varieties where the markings are also recognised in blue or white. In these, the males have blue or white tails rather than black.



Assendelft bantam hen of Jan and Fred Gahrman, Zoeterwoude (NL).
Left to right: silver, gold and yellow.
Photos: Aviculture Europe.

OBITUARY

Anna Catharina Banning-

Vogelpoel

Born 14 April 1920.

Deceased 31 October 2006

Since childhood, Anna had great interest in all kind of animals. She was born in Amsterdam and after her marriage to Gerrit Banning the young couple moved to Santpoort and lateron to Waardenburg. There she could practice her hobby, keeping poultry, and there she felt at home. In 1960 she entered some of her chickens at a show the first time.



Soon she started to practice being a poultry judge. At the end of the sixties she took her first exam and passed with honours; later she said: if you do something, you had better do it right!

Her first chickens were Silkies and during the years she kept various breeds. She became a wanted and beloved judge, with a broad interest. Strongly concerned with the highs and lows of several Specialty Clubs, like The Silkie Club, Japanese bantam Club, Rosecomb Club, Welsummer Club and French Breeds Club. She wrote lots of articles for the former magazine Avicultura and compiled a number of breed brochures. She kept close contacts abroad, in particular with the American Bantam Association and also could find the time to write several books, in Dutch as well as in English, such as the book *Japanese Bantams*.

During all those years I had a firm bond with Mrs. Banning. As a junior judge I learned a lot from her and I am grateful for that. I used to call her aunt Anna. That's how it was and how it stayed.

When she was invited to judge at a show, she was always accompanied by her husband. When he died in 1989 she was very grieved. Then came the problem; having no driver's license she had become dependent on others. Still she did not sit down in despair; she rearranged her life and started travelling by public transport and only when it was too complicated, she called me and we drove together in my car.

Little by little she became less active in the 'poultry world'. She longed to move to Doorwerth, closer to her daughter's. After she moved, I visited her a few times. She told me how she experienced her removal, and how much she missed her beloved chickens. I have tried to summarize her words for you:

*From my kitchen, I looked into the garden
And I saw one of my cocks
In the middle of the gravel path
He stood, with his hens
Showing all his beauty
His head a bit slanting
The sun was shining bright and I thought
I am leaving*

*I cannot find the words
To say how I feel
But what I mean, is
My birds, I shall miss them so dearly
And in my memories I will always see
That cock, in my garden
Proudly displaying
With his head a bit slanting.....*



Anna lived to be 86 years old; the last years quietly and very well looked after. What was, is no more. Time caught up with her. The memories will stay. Aunt Anna, thanks for everything, thanks for all you meant to me.

Ruud Kreton,
Also on behalf of the French Poultry
Club of the Netherlands.

Photos: by courtesy of Ruud Kreton.



NEDERLANDSE VLIEGTIPLER CLUB

Report of the 4th young bird's match

26 or 27 August 2006

End of August we flew the last match of the season. Winner was **P.F. v.d. Werf**; his 3 blue Tipplers flew 14.58 hrs. In splendid weather they flew in large circles and very high, due to the thermal current. The team of 6 white Tipplers of **W. Westra** flew 14.10 hrs. Third place was for **A. Halma**. His 4 birds flew together with those of W. Westra but landed after 13.40 hrs.

The team of **H.G. v.d. Broek**, 5 Tipplers, 2 blue, 2 blue pied and a blue grizzle, flew 8.21 hrs. They are young birds, not full-grown in wings, and they came down in a rainstorm. The 3 red white flights of **H. de Jong** flew 14.45 hrs, making him very happy, but unfortunately they disappeared in the night, pity!



Photos of the Tipplers of Auke Halma. Mainly from the strain of Piet van der Werf. During the 4th old birds' match this year, the team flew 16.35 hrs. Look how the birds are blooming with health!

Without referee:

Winner was the team of **Th. Reijers**. His blue, blue white flight and blue red flight kept on flying for 14.05 hrs. No fog, dry weather and little wind. Late in the afternoon even some sunshine and Theo almost could not get them to land! What a beautiful day! The 5 young Tipplers of **F. Boonstra** flew 13.05 hrs. His 4 blue white flights and one red flew all day long, sometimes high, and then low. A fine day and a very good season. **W. Vanpoucke** flew his 6 young birds, 6 blacks and a white flight, for 12.42 hrs. There were some showers during the day. In the afternoon they sort of split up into two groups, why? Then at 19.22 pm the whole group landed at the roof, wings below tail, just like the Eastern Rollers! Nice fly and they came in very quick, being thirsty. The 4 blue birds of **H. van Elteren** flew 10.54 hrs. Showers in the morning, sunny in the afternoon and then they went

real high! The last hour was disorderly and he had to call it a day, but as Hans said: "I am a happy man!"

J. Tigchelaar also flew 4 young Tiplers; the 2 blue and 2 blue grizzle flew 9 hrs. Dry and sunny in the afternoon. At 15.30 pm they started nagging, flying with wide tails and in small circles. After calling them in with my white Rollers they hurry down and within 15 minutes they are in the loft. The 5 blue bars **J. v.d. Slot** flew 8.20 hrs. A calm, dark sky and they flew rather well. At 15.00 pm they were forced down by a heavy rainstorm.

At **S. v.d. Pijl's** 4 young white Tiplers flew 3.40 hrs. Lots of rain during the day and 10.10 am they all came down. At 12.00 they started to fly again to stay in the sky until 20.20 pm. The blue, blue white flight and blue pied of **J. Makkinga** flew 3.37 hrs. **J. Van Stalle** flew 3.20 hrs. with 2 blacks and a black white flight. After the last match he had to see a vet, because his birds were not in good condition due to a Hairworm infection. Obviously they are not fully recovered, although it is going better.

Two teams were disqualified:

W. Kroon started with 8 red birds, but they made the same mistake as last time and landed on a roof at the other side of the village. It is just like the match leader stated: You can learn them a lot, but unlearn seems impossible! Hopefully the next season will be better.

Also at **H. de Vries** it went wrong (art.9). A red, a yellow and a brown were out of sight for over an hour.

This is the end of a fine fly season.

One last tip for you: Start selecting now, right after the matches, and don't wait till after moult, for then you will pick other birds. By then, even the worse pigeons will be perfect looking!

Hidde de Jong, match leader, Burgum.

See the latest news and all Fly Season Results at the website of the N.V.C.

<http://home.hetnet.nl/~johan.makkinga/Update.htm>



Some beautiful Tiplers of Jan van der Molen. A large variety; blue pied Irish and red and yellow Sheffields.

Final score General Championship fly season 2006:

When 4 registered flight times at the young bird's flight, the bold printed time drops out being the minor time.

Name:	2e old	3e old	4e old	L-Day	1e Young	2e Young	3e Young	4e Young	Final score
With referee:									
P.F. v.d. Werf	16:15	17:32	19:35	dis	17:38	dis	10:27	14:58	96:25:00
W. Westra	14:40	dis	16:45	14:35	14:28	1:55	15:25	14:10	90:03:00
H.G. v.d. Broek	dis	16:38	18:07	19:28		11:25	15:12	8:21	89:11:00
A. Halma	6:50	15:25	16:35	13:45	6:45	8:20	6:15	13:40	81:20:00
H. de Jong	5:27	dis	18:23	17:09	8:06	dis	8:21	dis	57:26:00
J. Wijma	8:15	9:15	12:52						30:22:00
J. Bouma					dis				
Without referee:									
J. Makkinga	15:20	16:31		17:54	15:18	2:42	15:04	3:37	83:44:00
F. Boonstra	dis	15:32	18:06	dis		7:31	13:51	13:05	68:05:00
H. de Vries	13:07	13:13	15:14	12:34	13:27	dis		dis	67:35:00
W. VanPoucke			12:12	12:35		13:30	12:35	12:42	63:34:00
G. Groot	12:55	15:35	13:30	16:02	dis	4:10			62:12:00
J. v.d. Slot	8:18	12:24	6:45	9:05	6:20	10:55	dis	8:20	62:07:00
B. Korthouwer		13:10		9:00	8:50	9:57			40:57:00
H. v. Elteren					12:10	4:05	7:30	10:54	30:34:00
J. Tigchelaar				dis	10:02	10:53	8:50	9:00	29:55:00
J. Speyer	dis	dis	13:05			6:10	9:13		28:28:00
H.P. Straatsburg	7:15	9:35	dis	10:35	dis	dis			27:25:00
S. v.d. Pijll				5:19	2:46	9:07	9:10	3:40	27:16:00
Th. Reyers				dis	dis	dis	11:40	14:05	25:45:00
G. v.d. Broek	6:21	10:42	7:57	dis				dis	25:00:00
G. Hiemstra	dis			14:35	8:45				23:20:00
J. v.d. Molen					11:30	10:20	dis		21:50:00
T. Awater	1:52	8:18	11:01						21:11:00
W. Kroon	8:07	8:43	dis	3:15	dis	dis		dis	20:05:00
A.S. Knobbout			18:11	dis					18:11:00
G.J. Greijdanus						5:32	10:35		16:07:00
R. Koolstra	dis	dis		14:12	dis				14:12:00
A. v.d. Velden		dis	10:39				dis		10:39:00
J. v. Stalle				dis		dis	2:28	3:20	5:48:00
B. Adams				dis					
A. van Greven				dis					
J. Dijkman				dis	dis		dis		
M. Khodadadze									

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- tentoonstellingen Vlaanderen

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<http://www.vdt-online.de/main/index.html>

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GREAT BRITAIN – pigeons

<http://www.zyworld.com/NPA/Shows.htm>



MERELBEKE – BELGIUM 2006



Photo: Dirk de Jong.

Just anticipating our report of the Merelbeke Show.....

Isn't he pretty?! Look at him standing there, as if he would say: Well, what do you think of me?

By the way, this is a Ronquieres Turkey, partridge colour. He was judged by the Belgian judge Vic Lambrighs and gained 96 points.

The owners are Guido Van Kemzeke and Gert Calkoen. And if your family name is Calcoen (= Kalkoen, which is the Dutch and Belgian word for turkey) no wonder you can breed such pretty turkeys!

The report of this show will be published in our next issue, February 2007.

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ONE OF OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS AT WORK

We are offered a lot of articles and also a lot of pictures, but of course our team is eager to go out by themselves and make nice interviews or show reports for our magazine. A few weeks ago, one of our authors, Monique de Vrijer, (from the series: 'Concerning Poultry') was present at the Brahma Club day with some of her Brahma pullets and permission was granted to photograph the different colour varieties of the beautiful Brahma for the Aviculture Europe magazine. Everybody was most willing to help, still it is not always that easy to get the birds to 'pose'. When rousing did not work, Monique tried to harangue and that would often do the trick! This is how her friend, Bettie Oud Ammerveld, saw her busy with one of the Brahma cockerels and could not resist taking a picture. (Bettie is a member of the Silkie Club that had its Clubday the same day on the other side of the Hall.)

Thanks to Monique's efforts you can admire a whole lot of Brahma and Brahma bantam photos in 'The Ace of the Show' of this issue.

Bettie, thanks for donating this nice picture!





*The Team of Aviculture Europe
wishes all our readers
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

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