

INDIAN FANTAIL



CLUB of AMERICA

SPRING 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HARVEY ADDENGAST

This addition of the IFCA newsletter starts the election cycle, all elected positions on the club's board of directors are open for nominations. This will include the President and vice president's positions as well as the Sec/treas., and all seven-district director/co-directors. Any member may nominate an IFCA member in good standing for the first three positions (Pres., Vice Pres., & Sec/Treas.). For District Directors only members from their respective district may nominate another district member for the directorship of that district. As always, make sure you check with the person your nominating that they are willing to accept the position, all positions run for a two-year period.

I'd like to thank all present IFCA board members for serving in their capacities over the past two years. I fully realize that most have severed many years in their respective positions, however it is always appreciated. The IFCA would not function and grow or be the outstanding club it's become without individuals willing to serve.

Four years as IFCA president will be enough for me. It's easy to leave office as I think it will be left in good hands. The position of IFCA Sec/Treas. will also be open as Paul Tapia has decided that after 8 years to step down, big shoes to fill. I considered the position of Sec/Treas. as the most time consuming and difficult, yet most important position in the IFCA. It is gross understatement to say we owe Paul a debt of gratitude for his years of service to the club but thank you Paul.

I'd encourage each district to give some thought and discuss who you'd like to represent your area. Again, maybe your district director has served for years and could use a break. Maybe some younger, or newer members wants to try the position or serve as a co-director, or your present director is taking a different position of leadership in the IFCA. All nominations should be sent to election chairman Chris Goedke at (voteifca@yahoo.com), or sent via snail mail to Chris. The nominated persons will be posted and then voted on in the summer newsletter.

The next big topic is the proposal to increase the size of the official IFCA club band from an 11mm band to a 13mm band. This will be the second time that this amendment has been posted in the newsletter and as such will need to be voted on. I'll add that it will require a 2/3rd majority to pass. I'll further direct you to the amendment that will be contained within the newsletter by VP Spud. There will be a paper ballot printed with this newsletter, BUT, I encourage all members to **VOTE, VOTE, VOTE**. Either for or against, just **VOTE!** this is a significant issue. And again, vote either paper snail mail on the included ballot, or preferably E-VOTE to Chris Goedke.

(voteifca@yahoo.com)

Also pertaining to bands, more specifically the shipping of bands. Paul has informed me that the cost of postage has increased. That postal increase along with the fact that we may be shipping larger/ heavier 13mm bands in the future, the cost to ship bands has been increased from 3\$ to 5\$. You'll see the increase in band shipping, also make note of the change of a cost of an IFCA membership to 20\$ reflected in the update membership form as discussed in the last newsletter.

By the time this comes to print most will have started their breeding season. At the Addengast loft I put my pairs together Valentine's day. Here's wishing all a productive and healthy breeding season, my favorite part of the hobby!

Harv

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT SPUD PEUGH

Proposed Band Size Change

Earlier this fall two members from District 6 submitted a request to change the band size of the Indian Fantail. The written proposal was made with the understanding that the best thing we can do for the birds we breed today is to give their legs, muffs or hocks more room in their bands. This request was discussed by the board of directors as per Article 4, Section D, Paragraph 4 of the Constitution and By Laws. Now the issue of changing the band size is being printed in this newsletter and the next so that we can vote for or against a band size change for the 2019 breeding season. **We are proposing changing the official band size of the Indian Fantail to a size 13 metal band.** This band will cost an additional 10 cents per band. The band

will have an 18% larger inside diameter than our current band but will be 1 MM shorter in height or 15% less height. (Please see the attached diagram.) There are other band sizes available from the NPA, however based on discussions at the Louisville Young Bird Show, and by the Board of Directors we feel the proposed band is the best choice for our breed and club affiliation. **If this issue is passed by 2/3 of the members voting any size seamless band smaller than 13 will be recognized by the IFCA as acceptable for both Indian and Mini Indians.** Finally, please read the following article Harvey wrote to discuss the issue with the membership:

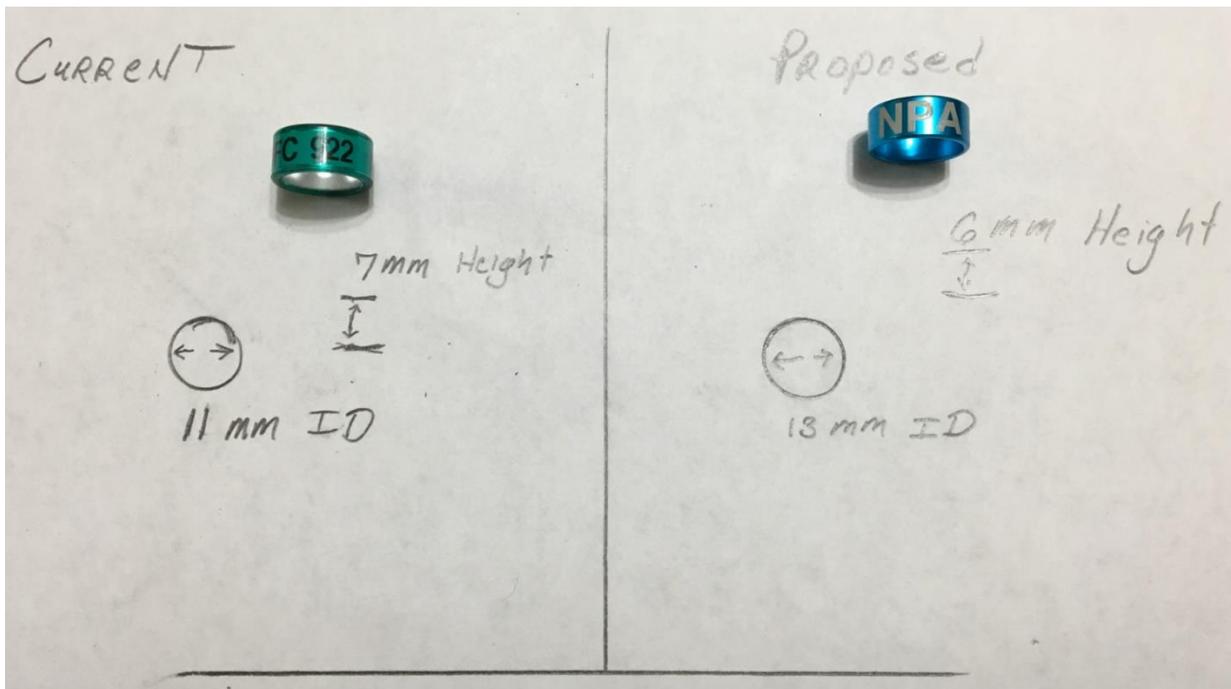
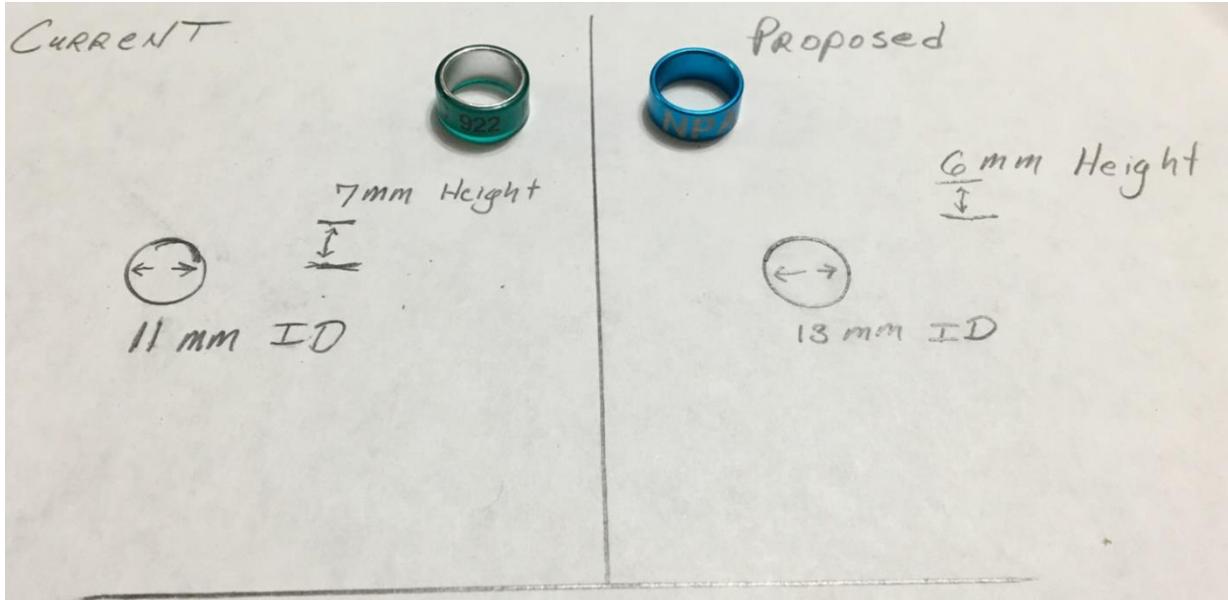
I guess the issue of band size doesn't come as a surprise to me, and I figured it would just be a matter of time before someone would formally request that it be addressed. And I'm not quite sure yet if I'm for an increase in band size or against an increase in band size. However, I thought I'd address it out side of the President's letter and more of as an IFCA member.

First a little history, this is not a new issue, the IFCA has before increased the official band size. In the late 90's the official size was a "J" band which I would guess would be the equivalent of a 10mm sized band. Some members were already starting to breed a larger sized Indian Fantail and larger muffed bird and having to cut bands off these birds. To compensate they started to use the larger "K" bands to accommodate these larger birds, which I'd guess would be equivalent to our present 11mm band. Then in whatever year, I believe 1997 at the NYBS, the top three birds that had won had "K" bands on and were disqualified. The band size issue was brought forward, just as it is now, voted on and passed and today we have our official 11mm size band. So, to our younger and more recent members, again this is nothing new.

The Indian Fantail evolves, from where we started as a small snaky necked groused muffed bird in the 60's and 70's. To the now luxuriously feathered, large body, huge tailed and large muffed bird we have today. In fact, I almost think of the breed as more of a trumpeter with a tail, type bird. I've been fortunate to have had this breed the entire time and witness these changes.

Yes, I must cut bands off, infrequently, always cock birds, and always on larger muffed birds. But by far, I'll estimate 90% plus of my birds are fine with the present size. But the birds I want, and strive to keep are the type of birds I typically need to cut bands on. So, it stands to reason as my breeding program progresses, in the future I will be cutting off bands more frequently as my birds uniformly become the large bodied, large muffed birds I want. I'll also add that I do have "tight" bands on the majority of my birds

I guess the question is do we change a band that fits the disproportionately clear majority of our present-day birds to accommodate those few larger birds that the band doesn't fit? Or conversely do we look at it as this is a proactive move to accommodate clearly the direction in which the Indian Fantail is moving towards, a large, heavily muffed pigeon. One thing I will state is I don't think the argument of too big of band will lead to fanciers slipping bands to misrepresent young birds. If someone wants to win a show that badly, more power to them and they have bigger issues than wanting to winning a pigeon show. I don't hold that as a viable rationale to not increase the size. I do worry that a larger size being way too big on many of our present birds and looking odd. Again, I'm not sure yet how I'd vote on the issue.



Note: Any bird split banded is not eligible for Master Breeder points.

PLEASE FIND BALLOT FOR THIS PROPOSED BAND CHANGE FURTHER IN THE NEWSLETTER

SECRETARY/TREASURE'S REPORT

PAUL TAPIA

Hi everyone, bands have been selling good, when I get your orders I will get them out 1st if the month every month, balance of the club is 4150.50. So we are doing well in that area. Thanks

**WANT INFO SUBMITTED TO THE IFCA WEBSITE? PLEASE CONTACT
GIVO HAS AT: GIVO@HOTMAIL.COM**

DISTRICT 1 DIRECTOR

LARRY BEACH

Hello IFCA! Spring, oh spring, where art thou? Hiding! We had an easy winter, not a lot of snow on the plains but the mountains around got a real good share of snow and temperatures around here are about 30-40 degrees. Now comes spring and we are getting snow and cold.

I mated up early because of the weather and have raised a few but lost a couple due to the cold. I talked to Rick the other night and he was planning a swap and sell for March 3. He told me that he has about 50 extra birds for sale. He also has 15 pair mated right now along with his old pairs that he didn't break up. He said he had raised a few Mindians already.

We had a good turn out at our big show last fall, with almost 60 Indians and Mindians. We had Eric Moore of Washington judge along with Dennis Briggs. That's all for now, have a great season!

A NOTE FROM DENNIS BRIGGS

Just a note from India I'm looking for some of the wild Indian Fantail pigeons here so far I've not seen any I did see some tame ones in a pet store and sent pictures of them to Dan S if I do find some wild ones I'll take pictures for the club

DISTRICT 2 DIRECTOR

GARY GROSSMAN

POOP FROM THE COOP

THANKS TO SARAH FOR DOING THE NEWS LETTER. This morning I went to our sight. SPOKT and all that I saw was baby pigeons, from all over the country. Many of us in the Midwest look at all these pictures and think, the world is way ahead of us with our breeding season. Well, as my little Shirley says all the time. "It is what it is." Yes, we do have a lot more winter, but by the time we all get this we will be off and running. And what a great time of the year. It really is fun to put the birds together and look forward to what we come up with. And as always have one or two of our great hens turn into a cock. When am I ever going to learn to keep back more hens.

This year I am breeding out of four pair of bars and grizzles. So, I kept back six hens, and sure enough I ended up with four hens. That works but I don't have that extra hen or two that I was hoping for. I am also breeding four pair of whites and tailmarks. Total eight pair. That is down four pair from a year ago. I can tell already that I am really glad that I have done that. It really feels so much better to have the extra space. This is not good at all, but I have not talked to many pigeon people at all, a few but not many. So I can't give you much of an update on others. I did do the Dubai trip again this year. They had me judge two shows. A young bird show with 125 birds and an old bird show with 145 birds. It was really fun for me. Dubai is incredible. The hobby is growing very much. I could see a sizable increase in people just from last year. They have great Indians. Where we had the show was in what is called a bird market. Get this, they have this bird mall, brand new and very nice. 88 pet stores, in this mall, and more birds than anything else. Everything seemed about the same as last year, except I feel like I have a closer friendship with many of them the second year. I really like the people. I just had fun. They took me out to what they call farms. We would not call them farms, because they grow no crops, because it's all sand, but farm after farm with pigeons. In the same building that we had our show they had a Russian breeds show. Love the little Russian breeds. Usbeck crack tumblers, Volga's, Novachaquasties. etc. I know I spelled that all wrong. When I was a kid I should have asked the

Nun to just let me stay sitting when we had our spelling bees, because I was always the first one sitting back down. Now a joke or so. 1. I have been in love with the same women for eight years. I sure hope my wife doesn't find out about it. 2. I grew up very poor, but we always had plenty. The reason I know we always had plenty, is, when I asked my dad for seconds, he always said I had plenty. 3..Somebody asked me why I have such a great marriage. I said it's because we go out a lot. She goes out on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. And I go out on Tuesdays, and Thursdays. 4. Some people say I have a drinking problem, but I think I drink just fine. The ten day forecast is really good for Chicago.. Spring is right around the corner.

DISTRICT 3 DIRECTOR

CHRIS RAINES

The last show of the season was a dandy. Paul Tapia made the trek to judge our show and did an outstanding job. We made it tough on Paul, some very nice birds made it to the show.

Spud came out on top with a gorgeous brown hen. Chris Geodeke had reserve with an awesome almond and J.R. took second reserve with a very good saddle. This is my favorite show that I attend. We have plenty of time, we average 80 plus birds, and a great auction. We all get together for diner drinks and stories. What more could you ask for?

Now all the birds are home, healthy and safe. It is time to focus on breeding. I hope everyone has great success. This is an election year. If you have an agenda or direction or just feel a need to serve the club now is the time to step up and run for office.

DISTRICT 4 DIRECTOR

DAN SKILES

Hello from District 4!

As we go into Spring of 2018, It's time to put the birds together. My favorite thing! Then the dance of staying ahead of the threats to the potential new birds, cold weather, scalping bullies, bad parents, etc.

But in spite of all the possible negatives, we all, being an optimistic lot, carry on, year after year, doing the best we can with what nature dishes out! And in the end, come this fall, we'll be happy with some newbie's to show off!

I was able to visit U.A.E. again this year, and had a blast! I recommend it to anyone who can.

I have a few young with possibilities, so far.

Tim Johnson is back at it with some new genetics in the mix!!

Shannon Soberanes and son Robert are already showing off some young.

Jaimie Nunez is back, with several decent pairs, and he's excited to be in the race!

So is Mark Steward. He has saddles and selfs. Mark won 2nd Reserve last year at the Great Western! Welcome back guys!

Gary Cline, will no doubt stir it up this year again in our local shows. Rich Schlais is breeding Mini's only, but he was a founding father of Minidians, and knows them as well as anyone.

Max Long is getting serious, looking forward to good things there along with his buddy Keven Severson, both in Utah. Southern Cal has Debbie Lay and newcomer, Susan Rundles who won best Mindian at the Pageant!

So we have a lot of high hopes for the new season here on the West coast, and we wish the same for you!

DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR

PAUL TAPIA

Hello to all of you, our breeding seasons will all be starting, so hopefully everyone will raise that one special bird or birds. The Kansas show this year will be November 9-10 and Shawnee second weekend in December

DISTRICT 6 DIRECTOR

SPUD PEUGH

On the technical side of things am going to pitch a product that some of the breeders in the mid-west have come to believe in. The product is called Pigeons Nutri-Drops and I believe is available from most pigeon supply companies or can be ordered from Amazon.com. This product contains Vitamins A, B, D, and E, the minerals Selenium, Calcium, Manganese, and Magnesium, and the Specific Amino Acids Methionine and Lysine.

The reason I'm choosing to write about this product now has to do with five of the ingredients, and the fact that many of us are now breeding. I have two dear friends that are currently using the product with their breeders and one stated that he has gotten over 80% fertility in the first round. This product can be used throughout the year and all the benefits are listed on the company's web site at: www.pigeonnutridrops.com

Now on the ingredients important for breeding: Selenium is a mineral known to be deficient in some grains that originate in the upper mid-west. Selenium is a key component of the avian sperm cell and without it the pigeon sperm cannot swim to the egg. Calcium and Vitamin D are both needed in the matrix of the egg shell and are especially critical in the early part of the year when the day length is shorter. (The birds' bodies will synthesize vitamin D if they are exposed to enough natural sunlight). Finally, both Methionine and Lysine are specific Amino Acids (the building blocks of protein) and are two of the three amino acids responsible for feather formation. The addition of these nutrients as per the product label should be beneficial to anyone's breeding program. Good luck, and please let me know if you use the product.

Cast your vote, or nomination via email!

voteifca@yahoo.com

EDITOR'S REPORT

SARAH DIETERICHS

I hope you're all having a great start to your breeding season! Lots to do in this Newsletter, so please take the time to vote and nominate our new officers, and judges for the big shows. Have a great spring!

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For Updates and Corrections, contact Sarah Dieterichs, Editor

BALLOT FOR INCREASING BAND SIZE

The purpose of this letter is to ask the membership to vote on changing the official Indian Fantail Band size to **NPA size 13 metal band**.

Sending a yes vote to Chris Goedeke will indicate you want the 2019 band to be NPA size 13 metal band. All smaller band sizes will still be recognized for young bird classes.

Sending a no vote to Chris Goedeke will indicate you want the 2019 band to remain NPA size 11 plastic coated band.

Please use the following form to vote:

Band size Change

I/WE, _____

Members in good standing with
the IFCA, Vote:

Yes. Change the official band size to NPA size 13 metal band.

No. Keep the official band size at NPA size 11 plastic band.

Please send your vote to:

Chris Goedeke, Elections Officer
16861 HERITAGE HILLS LANE
Henderson, MD
21640

Or email to: voteifca@yahoo.com

NOMINATIONS FOR JUDGES FOR THE NYBS AND THE NPA GRAND NATIONAL

I/We _____

Member/s in good standing with the IFCA,

Nominate _____

To be Judge for the National Young Bird Show in Louisville, KY

I/We _____

Member/s in good standing with the IFCA,

Nominate _____

To be Judge for the NPA Grand National in Myrtle Beach, SC

Nominees must be 100 point Judges

Please check with the Judge before nominating them to make sure that they are willing and able to serve

**Mail nominations to:
Chris Goedeke
16861 Heritage Hills Lane
Henderson, MD 21640
Or email nominations to:
voteifca@yahoo.com**

**NOMINATIONS FOR IFCA OFFICERS
2019-2020**

I/We _____

Member/s in good standing with the IFCA,

From District _____

Nominate:

President _____

Vice President _____

Secretary/Treasurer _____

District 1 Director _____

District 1 Co-Director _____

District 2 Director _____

District 2 Co-Director _____

District 3 Director _____

District 4 Director _____

District 5 Director _____

District 6 Director _____

District 7 Director _____

Any member may nominate an IFCA member in good standing for the first three positions (Pres., Vice Pres., & Sec/Treas.,). For District Directors only members from their respective district may nominate another district member.

Please check with the nominee first to make sure that they are willing and able to serve

**Mail nominations to:
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Henderson, MD 21640
Or email nominations to:
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Indian Fantail Club of America Membership

Application 2018

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 two 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 and Last name/s of member/s _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area code and phone number _____ email address _____

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 emailed 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. **Minimum order is for 25 bands.** A current IFCA Membership is required in order to purchase bands.

IFCA Specialty Bands (year 2018)	# _____ @ \$0.45 each	\$ _____
	Number of bands	total price
Shipping cost for Bands (10 up to 100)		\$ 5.00 _____
*Additional shipping costs apply for overseas members		
Additional Shipping for over 100 bands		\$ 1.00 _____
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? _____

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? _____

Please make check or money order payable to the IFCA Mail application and payment to:
Ardy Prekker
21500 201st Street, Big Lake MN 55309
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