

Eastern Ontario Open

The Eastern Ontario Poultry and Pigeon Fanciers are making the final preparations for their fall show, held on October 17, 2009. The show will be held in the arena at the Napanee fairgrounds in Napanee, Ontario.

Our judges this year will be Darrel Sheraw (Pennsylvania), Curtis Oakes (Pennsylvania) and Jamie Matts (New York) on Poultry and Waterfowl. The Open Pigeon show entries will be judged by John Hoekstra (Ontario).

Competitive classes are available for all breeds and varieties of pigeons, poultry, waterfowl, guinea fowl and turkeys. We will have the arena open on Friday evening, October 16, 2009, from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. for those who wish to coop in the night before. The show hall will re-open at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, October 17, 2009 for cooping until 9:00 a.m.. Coop out will be 5:00 p.m., October 17, 2009, if all judging has been completed and awards distributed.

This year we are proud to be hosting the APA Canadian National Poultry Show. Also, we will be hosting the American Brown Leghorn National Meet, International Waterfowl Breeders Canadian National and the North American Hamburg Society Canadian National. District meets include the Rose Comb Bantam Federation, Plymouth Rock Fanciers and Old English Game Bantam Club of America. Other club meets confirmed to date are ABA, Cochin International, Rhode Island Red Club of America, American Brahma, Canadian Araucana and American Langshan Club.

For pigeon fanciers we will be hosting the CPFA district meet as well as club meets for the Canadian Show Roller Club, Eastern Tumbler Club of Canada and the Canadian Show Tippler Club.

There are several motels in the area. The Hampton Inn is a new motel located south of the 401 just off 41 Hwy (613-354-5554). The Royal Napanee Inn (613-354-3334) and Masterson's Motel (613-354-9392) are north of the 401 on 41 Hwy. The Fox Motor Inn (613-354-3855) is at 297 Dundas Street West and is about two blocks south of the fairgrounds. Rates for the motels are about \$70/night with the exception of the Hampton which is about \$120/night. Other accommodations will be listed in our show catalogue.

This year we will be hosting a separate junior show and, as with our open show, classes are offered for all breeds and varieties of pigeons, poultry, waterfowl, guinea fowl and turkeys. Entry deadline will be October 5th (postmarked). Entry fees for this year's show will be \$2 for single entries, \$4 for double coops (large fowl), and \$6 for trios.

Other events at the show will include our buy-sell-trade area which, again, will be tailgate format. A limited number of indoor pens will be available in the Fair poultry exhibit building adjacent to the show hall, on a first-come basis.

New for 2009 will be our show hall auction which will be open to all exhibitors who wish to sell. The auction will be open to all exhibitors, birds that are auctioned, must be entered in the show. We are hoping to raise a few dollars to help with show expenses, a 20% commission will be charged on all sales. If you have a pair or two you would like to sell we would be glad to have you participate. Sale entries can be made the day of the show. We hope to have the auction at about 2:30 p.m., October 17, 2009. Birds purchased in the auction must remain in the show until coop out time. We will also be hosting an exhibitor raffle draw and a 50/50 split club raffle during the show.

We hope to have our show catalogues available in late August. If you would like to donate a special to your favourite breed or club, we will accept donations up until show time. As of August 1st we have over \$1000.00 in cash specials donated, along with our regular awards and cash for show and divisional Champions.

For anyone out of area who wishes to ship by air, we will be accepting shipments into Ottawa. Please contact Frank Goodfellow at 613-375-6234 to make necessary arrangements.

We have had huge interest from fanciers all across Canada with a number from the West and East coasts booking arrangements to attend. We hope you can be with us on October 17th and make this truly a Canadian National. See you at the show!

Thanks.

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