

National Pouter and Cropper Club Meet

A group of members of the National Pouter and Cropper Club at the annual meet held in conjunction with the National Pigeon Show at Atlantic City, N.J. in January 1968. Left to right, back row: Orman Forcht, Clyde Crow, Jack Mihelic. Front row: Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bayer, Guenter Wenzel and Don McCoin. — Photo from Guenter Wenzel, Illinois.

National Pouter and Cropper Club History

By MARTIN BAYER, Secretary-Treasurer

This Club was organized in April of 1961 by a group of well-known Pouter breeders from Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa and Kentucky, but today we have members all over the United States including Canada. When we get together at the shows we are one big happy family. At the present time we have about 50 paid-up members. As the name of the club indicates, we welcome any breed of Pouters or Croppers. No matter which variety you breed, this is the club you should belong to. Many of the rarer breeds of Pouters or Croppers have had no chance of popularity at the shows, because there was no club to sponsor them. We have done a lot of work on this matter, and have translated many German Standards of such breeds so that they will all have fair judging at the shows. We are affiliated with the National Pigeon Ass'n and are judging by the N.P.A. standard. New standards have been added and put in print for the judge's use at the shows and for a guide to the breeder of such variety. If you are breeding one of the rare varieties and would like some information about them, please feel free to write to our Publicity Director.

Our Club's dues are \$5 a year and for Junior members up to 18 years old \$3. A News Bulletin is sent out every month, containing our show results and news from all fanciers. A financial report is given once a year, either at the end or beginning of each year which shows the operation of the club.

We hold the following shows: A young bird show usually held on Sept. 1st, and this is one show no one

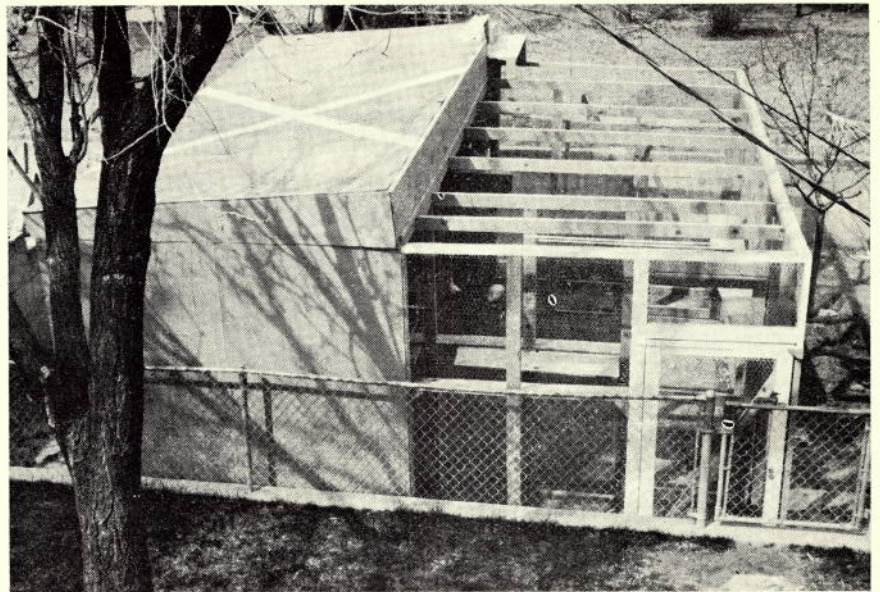
should miss. At least one District Meet in the fall and our Annual Show, the biggest of all, is always held in conjunction with the N.P.A. So in whatever State the N.P.A. holds their show, that is where we will hold our Annual, so we get to visit many different states. This also gives us an opportunity to place our birds in good competition against the birds of other members in the different parts of the U.S.A.

We have held a young bird show every year and they have been well attended by the members, not only from this area, but also from other states. We have held many District meets, most of which have been held in this area, as it is more centrally located to be fair to everybody. Our meets are usually held in conjunction with another club of all varieties. In the event that you breed other breeds than Pouters, then you may show your other breeds with this club and the Pouters will go in our section automatically. This would enable you to show all your breeds without going to two different shows.

We held our 7th Annual Meet in Atlantic City, N.J. and our 8th Annual Meet in Fort Worth, Texas and these shows will be long remembered by all. If you are a member of the National Pouter & Cropper Club, you are entitled to win trophies and special prize money. Non-members will only receive prize money according to N.P.A. rules.

Our members breed the following breeds: English Pouters, Pigmy Pouters, Pomeranian Pouters, Reversewing Pouters, Brunner Pouters and Hanna Pouters, Norwich Croppers, Dutch Croppers, Holle Croppers and Old German Croppers. Our Annual Shows had from 175 Pouters and Croppers to 280 on display. This is a good turnout for the Pouter and Cropper Fancy.

May you be just a beginner or an old timer in the Pouter fancy we would like to welcome you. This club is strong and sound and has gone places in these past years. Much hard work has been put into making this club what it is today and a lot of fun and enjoyment came along with it. We are to promote and strive for the betterment of the breeding and showing of Pouters and Croppers. If you want to help your variety of Pouters then don't hesitate to join our fine club.



Gary McCutchen's Pigmy Pouter Loft

The loft of Gary McCutchen, an enthusiastic breeder of Pigmy Pouters. — Photo from Gary McCutchen, New Mexico.