



# Canadian Indian Fantail Club



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*Bulletin Special:*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 28, 2014 AT WOODSTOCK FOR 2015**

***Canadian Indian Fantail Club Officers 2015***

*President*

Mike Vito

*Vice President*

Joe Bell

*Bulletin/Website*

Givo Hassko

*Show Secretary*

Ben Fehr

*Band Secretary*

Floriano Lindo

*Treasurer*

Floriano Lindo

### ***CLUB OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2015;***

President; Mike Vito  
Vice President; Joe Bell  
Bulletin/Website; Givo Hassko  
Show Secretary: Ben Fehr  
Band Secretary; Floriano Lindo  
Treasurer; Floriano Lindo



**A Thank you goes to all members that have stepped up to help the club function and move forward.**

*"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."*

-Eleanor Roosevelt

### ***CLUB CONTACT;***

Club contact person for advertising and new members is to be Floriano Lindo. Floriano is going to work on putting a new member package together for members as they join the club initially. It will potentially include a copy of the standard, a membership list, a membership card and the website address.

### ***MEMBERSHIP CARDS;***

Floriano and Sue Lindo organized a set of membership cards for the club that will be given to each member when their membership is paid for the next year. They are terrific cards, thanks to the Lindo family.

### ***Voting for MINDIANS;***

Mini Indian Fantails, or "Mindians" have become more popular in the USA with each year and have made their way to Canada as well in the last few years. The CIFIC held a vote to decide whether or not to accept Mindians into the club as a separate division within each show. Motion passed and they will now become part of the club shows. Initially there will be minimal classes, to be decided primarily by the show chairman, until numbers warrant splitting them up further. The standard is completely the same for Mindians as for standard Indian Fantails with the obvious exception of size.

## ***THE CIFC HAS A NEW WEBSITE; [WWW.INDIANFANTAILCANADA.CA](http://WWW.INDIANFANTAILCANADA.CA)***

This site has been put together and is being administered by Givo Hassko and the club officers also have access to the site as administrators if required. This website will become a major component of the clubs value as we move forward. Givo has great ideas for how to use it to help the club and will welcome any input from members that he can get. The main theme is that we need to make this website the main conduit of information for Indian Fantails; not just for our club in Canada but for Indian Fantails wherever they are being bred in the world. There is no reason this cannot happen if we support it fully and make sure that all information we generate is available for anyone to view no matter where they live. They do not have to be a member of the club, they just need to have an interest in Indians. By being completely open and available our club will become a major conduit of information for the birds for everyone and will certainly help to bring Canada to the forefront of breeding of Indian Fantails

## **BULLETIN;**

Givo Hassko will be taking over as bulletin editor. He is going to take over information sharing in the club and it promises to be different. Details will be worked out over the next while and all members will be able to be part of it. All information generated will be available on the club website so make sure to log on frequently to see what is new!

**[WWW.INDIANFANTAILCANADA.CA](http://WWW.INDIANFANTAILCANADA.CA)**. If you experience any issues getting on the site please contact Givo at [givoz@hotmail.com](mailto:givoz@hotmail.com).

## **IFCA AFFILIATION;**

As the members that have been at the last few annual general meetings are aware of, there has been lots of interest in joining forces more with our American friends that are hooked on breeding Indians as well. The new president in the IFCA is Harvey Addengast. Harvey is going to be a great leader in the States. He and I have had discussions on how to create more interaction between our countries. One of the main ideas is to establish Canadian Districts in the IFCA that could hold joint shows for both of the clubs. If the Canadian members wanted to just belong to one club then they would continue to show as they always have. If they wanted IFCA recognition and master breeder points then they would join both clubs and any wins would accumulate with both clubs. We will have lots of work to do to make sure this works for both clubs equally and is logical. Stay tuned for details. If you have any comments or concerns please call Mike Vito to discuss them as we work to move forward.

## ***CPFA INDIAN FANTAIL SPECIAL COMING IN APRIL 2015;***

The CPFA is hosting an INDIAN FANTAIL breed of the issue in its April-June 2015 bulletin. I have been working on this for a year and it is coming quick! This will be similar to Purebred Pigeon specials that have featured Indians previously. It is likely to be the only CANADIAN Indian Fantail special available in the foreseeable future. You owe it to yourself to be part of this magazine in April. For starters you need to join the CPFA to get a copy. Secondly you need to place an ad in the issue. Colour ads cost \$20 for 1/8 page, \$40 for 1/4, \$80 for 1/2 and \$140 for a full page. All you have to do is forward the info for the ad to me and it will be put together. I need commitments soon so don't leave it to the last minute. There is only so much space available. I have a number of articles being submitted by top breeders in Canada and the USA. I would like as many as possible. If you can commit to writing an article please let me know and then get it to me. I can proof it for you. Pictures to support it would be great as well. I have articles already on file but need more. Write about your history in the breed, why you breed Indians, your loft setup, your favorite bird, your friends in the Indian Fantail hobby, anything you feel comfortable about. This needs to be a well rounded issue with lots of different viewpoints. You may never get another chance to participate in something like this and Canadian to boot so don't miss out!

## ***SHOW INFO FOR 2014-15***

So far in 2014 the CIPC has held a lawn show at Mike Vitos place in August that was well attended and lots of fun. A show report is on the website.

The Woodstock show just completed was arguably the best show we have ever held. We had around 100 birds shown. We had Mindians at the show. We had a huge judging area located in the center of the auditorium thanks to Mike Thompson. We did a great job of setting up the judging area to really make it work for the birds, the exhibitors and the spectators. It would be nice if that became our new standard.

The next show on the agenda is the show to be held in Belleville on Sunday, January 4, 2015. Info for the show will be on the website but suffice it to say that judging will start around 9 in the morning. Judge has to be confirmed for this show yet.

The last show on the schedule for this winter will be the 100th anniversary show being held in Sarnia Saturday February 14-15. Coop in will be mostly done Friday night, judging Saturday, banquet (that you won't want to miss) is Saturday night. You can leave after judging on Saturday but try to make an effort to stay and you won't be disappointed. The show is held at DeGroots nursery in one of their huge greenhouses, truly a great location. There will be an elite auction after judging with some great birds being consigned. Since it is their 100th show the Sarnia club is going all out to make this a great show with lots of prizes and awards. You only get to attend a 100th anniversary show once and these guys want you to never forget it. Details will follow.

## ***SHOW INFO FOR 2015-16***

The first show of the 2015-16 season will be a lawn show to be held at Milt Marshalls house. I haven't seen Milts new house but I am told it is ideal for a lawn show. Date to be confirmed.

The Woodstock show will again be a mainstay for the club next year and is held last weekend of November.

The CIFC is going to sponsor its first ever show west of Ontario next year. It will be held in Vancouver as part of the Western National in early November! This is a great step forward. Givo Hassko is very involved with this show already and will be the member in charge. We will help him with whatever he requires. I have pledged to ship him out some of my birds to be shown under my name and auctioned off after the show. I am hoping that other of our members will see the value in supporting this show with birds as well. Lets give Indian Fantails a huge boost on our west coast and see if we can help to create another Canadian hotbed!

There is a show in Montreal at the beginning of November each year. Floriano attends each year, as have other club members, but the club has never actually had a CIFC sponsored show there. I think it is time and Floriano has agreed to help make it happen! So! Lets all work at supporting this show as well. For the CIFC to truly live up to its name we need to expand our borders from coast to coast. All we need is a member in a region that will agree to put the work into putting a show together. Givo and Floriano deserve huge thanks for starting the process next year both east and west of Ontario.

The assumption is that the club will continue to support the Belleville show in January. That will be confirmed as time moves forward.

Sarnia should become a mainstay show for the club as well, again details to be confirmed as we move forward.

If any other club members can think of other areas to expand into then they need to contact the show secretary with their plans and the club will see if we can make it work.

## ***CLUB SHOW AUCTIONS;***

Many of our main shows now have an elite auction as part of the day. We are trying to make sure that pigeon fanciers take it for granted that this club is dedicated to making sure that all breeders are welcome into our club and that they have a fair chance to purchase good birds throughout the year at club shows.

For these auctions to work we have to make sure that the birds put up for auction are not our culls but rather are good usable birds that can help breeders to produce quality young birds. If you have birds to release that do not meet this criteria then please try to move those birds privately, either at shows or at home.

We are going to start auctions at the shows being held before the judging starts. This way the distraction of viewing and purchasing birds will be done with early in the day and the members can focus on the show for the rest of the day. It should help us to have a more relaxing and focused day this way.

### ***SHOW JUDGING SYSTEM;***

We tried a newly proposed judging system at Woodstock this year. We had enough cages set up to handle an entire class of birds at once and they were all placed together, regardless of sex or age. The birds were then placed from first to last. This sped up the judging immensely as there was only one setup for each class instead of 4 plus the 5th setup to find class champ and reserve. This was a great improvement on our standard judging system. The one downside was that members did not always know how their particular bird placed in a class. This was a simple oversight on the show secretaries part (me). It would have been a simple matter to have told the runners the placing of each bird as it was removed from the judging area. This info would have been recorded on the cage tag so it was obvious how each bird placed.

There is an opportunity to slightly rework this new system as they do at Louisville by simply keeping each division of a class in its own section of judging cages so that they are all judging in their own division and while the class is up the class champ and reserve can be easily selected. That may be more logical and will be discussed prior to the next show. The show secretary will put it together as he sees fit as we work out the kinks in a new and way better judging system.

### ***SHOW COLOUR CLASSES;***

We had 10 colour classes in Woodstock, thankfully, with the number of birds entered. There now seems to be enough entries to justify even more classes in future shows. Again this will be decided by the show secretary as we move forward.

All in all, there was lots of stuff to move through at the AGM this year and the members in attendance did a great job of providing input on all of these items.

Rest assured that we are all working towards the same goal of having fun and breeding great birds and supporting each other. Lets never forget this as we meet different circumstances in the future. This club only works if we work together. I can see Indian Fantails becoming a major breed in Canada and Canada becoming a major force in breeding these great birds.

Mike Vito