

August 9, 2014 Lawn Show

Saturday, August 9 was a beautiful day, which was a good thing since the Canadian Indian Fantail Club and the English Trumpeter Club of Canada were holding a joint Lawn Show in Terra Cotta that day.

As people started arriving it became obvious that it was indeed going to be a great event. They arrived from as far away as Quebec, Kingston, North Bay, Sarnia and Cincinnati, bringing their families with them in many cases. The food that they arrived with was over the top and nobody left hungry! While there were many members of each club there were also many other pigeon breeders that came out for the day to help make it a success. In all there over 40 people there for the day.

This was a "teaching and discussion" show as Rick Leimann discussed all of the young birds presented from the standpoint of strong and weak points and the potential value of each of the birds as breeders and show birds. After the judging and discussions that followed Rick went through how he pulls feathers on young birds to get them ready for the fall shows. Of paramount importance was the discussion about vitamins, nutrition and overcrowding that are critical to the success of growing in new feathers properly. It was certainly a discussion that many of the fanciers present have continued since that day. Any time we can have an open discussion on the health of the birds it is well worth it.

After judging there was an auction of Indians that came from a number of breeders. The auction generated over \$2,000 and Rick Leimann generously donated a pair of young birds to the club for the auction that raised over \$500 alone. Rick also donated \$100 to the top birds of each breed. He also donated his time and costs. His generosity is unmatched and was a prime factor in making the day a huge success.

All in all it was a great day and hopefully one that we can repeat next year.

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